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## POST SHORTS

### Time to fall back

Clocks should be turned back one hour on Oct. 28. Standard time resumes and daylight savings time officially ends 2 a.m. the last Sunday in October in each time zone.

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 31, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb

### CA Briefings

Col Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison commander, will brief the work force on the A-76, Commercial Activities Study Monday at the Edgewood Area Conference Center at 3 p.m. and Tuesday at the Aberdeen Area Post Theater at 1:30 p.m. Briefings are mandatory for all garrison employees.

### New Korean War Veterans Chapter

Attention all Korean War Veterans, 1950 to 1955, and veterans who served in Korea from 1945 to the present. The National Korean War Veterans Association has granted permission for the formation of a new chapter in Aberdeen. Current members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, and other organizations may apply.

Criteria for membership include persons who served in the Armed Forces during the Korean War, June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955, and anyone who served in Korea from September 1945 to a date yet to be determined.

Medal of Honor recipients so honored for service in Korea during the war shall be eligible for lifetime membership.

Former prisoners of war who were held by the North Koreans, Chinese or Russian forces from June 25, 1950 forward, are eligible for lifetime membership.

The next meeting for the new chapter is Nov. 26, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen American Legion post on Rogers Street.

For more information or to apply for membership in the new chapter, write Nick Guerra at P. O. Box 3, Aberdeen, MD 21001 or call 410-272-0458.

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# Veterans honored at 50th anniversary dinner



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON  
Republic of Korea Maj. Gen. Jin Ha Hwang, left, military attaché to the Korean Embassy, congratulates Korean War veteran Robert S. Banker after presenting him with the Korean War Service Medal, with Blair E. Cross, director of the Washington Affairs Korean War Veterans Association in the background. Hwang presented medals to 36 area veterans during the Korean War Veterans Commemorative Dinner at Richlin Ballroom Oct. 18.

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

In Harford County, Korean War veterans continue to receive the recognition and honors they earned 50 years ago.

Area veterans and military and political leaders gathered at the Richlin Ballroom Oct. 18 for the Harford County Korean War Veterans Commemorative Dinner during which 36 veterans received the Republic of Korea War Service Medal or KWSM.

The guest speakers were retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running, director, Department of Defense 50th Anniversary Commemoration Committee, and Republic of Korea Maj. Gen. Jin Ha Hwang, military attaché to the Korean embassy.

Hwang presented the KWSM medals to veterans who submitted documentation prior to the event.

The event was coordinated by Blair Cross, director of Washington Affairs, Korean War Veterans Association; Air Force 1st Lt. Clarence Fry, committee chair; retired Maj. Gen. Joe Brooks, Harford County Korean War Commemorative Committee; and Joyce Oliver, Town of Bel Air administrator.

Oliver said 201 guests were on hand for the dinner, one of several activities planned during the commemorative period that ends on Veterans Day in 2003.

"We assist the commission, usually coordinating events held on town property, Oliver said adding that the partnership will last throughout the three year observance.

"We are here to honor Korean War veterans wherever they are from," Cross said, noting the presence of veterans from Harford and Baltimore counties.

Adding that he was proud to have been one of the originators of the program, he introduced Running as a person whose footsteps he would have liked to follow.

"It is my honor to introduce him to you," he said.

Running told the audience that "Sept. 11 will stand in history as a day of grievous infamy."

"It's ironic that those terrorists were motivated to destroy

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## Taxi cabs running on post with restrictions

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

While Aberdeen Proving Ground's heightened state of security temporarily halted the movement of area taxi cabs on the installation, security concerns have been ironed out and cab drivers may now pick up passengers as long as they adhere to new restrictions, said Rob Krauer, APG provost marshal.

Krauer and the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security worked with Bonnie Maliszewski, small business representative for the garrison, to formulate new rules that would benefit post residents without affecting installation security.

The rules regarding the movement of taxicabs on post will remain in effect until further notice. Taxis are allowed on the installation to pick up passengers when they are called to a specific location. Vehicles will be searched and logged onto the post along with the name of the driver. Drivers will be instructed to

pick up their fare and immediately proceed to their destination. Cruising or parking and waiting for fares is not permitted at any time. Violators will be prohibited from returning to the installation.

"No parking. No cruising. No excuses," Krauer said.

The same policy applies to taxis bringing ID card holders onto the installation. The vehicles will be searched and logged in and drivers will be told to proceed to their destination, then immediately depart the installation.

"The plan went into effect Oct. 5 and so far it is working," he said. "This is the best way to keep young soldiers from walking down dark roadways and getting hit by cars."

Maliszewski advised those needing a taxi to take into account the amount of time required to clear gate security when timing their departure.

"A family going to the airport or the train station will want to call well in advance because the cab will always be delayed," she said.

## Speaker urges relying on God to overcome evil

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

A prayer breakfast was held at Top of the Bay Oct. 11. Welcoming a crowd of participants from the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, said the focus on the power of prayer was timely and appropriate, and the early morning gathering gave participants the opportunity to "recall all the good things about America and remind us of the importance of prayer."

Sponsored by the APG Garrison, the hour-long event included a buffet breakfast, Bible readings, prayer, a patriotic address by Maj. Michael Wallman, APG Chapel resource manager, special music on trumpet by Sgt. Brian Reilly of the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), background music from the band's brass quintet and congregational singing.

Command Sgt. Maj. Walter Litzenberger, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, read Psalm 27, urging confidence in God as the source of strength, safety, and ultimate victory against evil.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings read excerpts from Chapter 8 of the Book of Romans, encouraging the reader to rely on the wisdom and strength of God in all things.

Wallman delivered a message entitled "What kind of patriotism can God truly bless?" The chaplain cited examples from U.S.

history of the successful 'revolution of freedom,' and how leaders relying on Godly principles were able to prevail against, at times, overwhelming odds.

"It is freedom to be responsibly good that so inspires our fervent patriotism," Wallman said. He said our freedoms include the freedom to speak the truth, freedom to worship God, freedom to provide for our own, and freedom from fear and the insecurities of violence.

He said our patriotism should be inspired by those who, in the past, have fought to preserve our freedom.

"It falls to every generation to continue to pay the price for as long as history endures," he said.

Wallman said we should do all we can to bring about the defeat of those who practice terrorism.

"Free people who have accepted the responsibilities of freedom realize that it is not wrong to move against a great evil that threatens. Indeed, the greater evil is to do nothing," he said. "The best thing we can do for our country is to love our creator God, and to draw from Him the wisdom, the strength, the spirit and the where-with-all to accomplish this great task of preserving freedom for us and our posterity."

A combo from the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) provided background music for the breakfast, and band member Reilly, entered

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## Retirees appreciate APG efforts



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON  
Capt. Linda McKinney, right, chief of community health at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, explains the contents of a breast cancer awareness kit to retiree Charles Taylor during Retiree Appreciation Day activities at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Area military retirees gathered at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center on Oct. 13 for Retiree Appreciation Day.

The information-sharing seminar was designed to bring retirees up to date on services and changes affecting their benefits.

Sponsored by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Retiree Council and coordinated by Mary Leftwich, APG Garrison retirement services officer, the event consisted of briefings by representatives of installation activities, health screenings, and lunch at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools dining facility, building 4503.

Military retirees Col. Charles M. Shadle and Command Sgt. Maj. Barry Decker, chairman and co-chair, APG Retiree Council, hosted the event.

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## Caution is key for minimizing mail threats

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

Receiving unexpected mail is, in many circumstances, considered a bonus. But with criminal activity through the mail on the rise, unexpected, unsolicited, oddly packaged or unusually delivered mail should be treated with caution, and approached with common sense.

Al VanKleeck, postmaster for the Aberdeen Proving Ground branch of the U.S. Post Office, said making sure that those handling the mail remain diligent is important for their safety and the safety of the mail recipient.

"Our employees are being updated daily on the procedures and what to look for," he said. VanKleeck added that mail trucks delivering mail to

the proving ground undergo extensive vehicle searches before delivering mail to the installation, including the random use of trained search dogs.



Safety of the mail, however, is not just the responsibility of the mail carrier. Everyone who handles or receives mail should know the basics of what makes a letter or package suspicious.

### What to look for

The U.S. Postal Service has issued the following guidelines for personnel to follow when checking the mail. A description of suspect mail includes, but is not limited to, the following characteristics:

- unexpected letter or parcel from an unknown source,  
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## POST SHORTS

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### 2001 Job Fair to be held off post

The Aberdeen Proving Ground and Harford County Job Fair will be held Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood.

Directions: From I-95, take Exit 77A, Edgewood. Take MD 24 towards Edgewood. At the first light, make a left onto Edgewood Road (Exxon Gas Station/Denny's Restaurant on the corner). Richlin Ballroom is the next entrance on your left.

Parking is available in the front and side of the ballroom. Parking permits are not needed.

For more information, contact Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service, at 410-278-9669/4372 or Denise Carnaggio, Harford Job Fair Council, at 410-638-3059.

### MCSC apple pies available for purchase

Beginning Oct. 23, homemade apple pies made by members of the Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will be available for purchase for \$5 each. You may pick them up that day from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Chapel. Future arrangements for pick-up can be made by calling Angie Salamy, 410-272-6712, or by stopping by the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop. All proceeds benefit the welfare and scholarship funds.

### RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting Oct. 25, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include an update on the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action along with the Graces Quarters and Carroll Island study areas. Board meetings are open to the public. All APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

### Closures at KUSAHC

Effective immediately the After Hours Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed on Sundays and holidays. Patients needing advice on their health care can call the Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-308-3518. If you feel you have an emergency problem, call 911 or go to the emergency room at the nearest hospital.

### ARL sponsors blood drive Nov. 8

The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive on Aberdeen Proving Ground sponsored by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory in building 330, which is located at the intersection of Longs Corner Road and Tower Road on Nov. 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, have no tattoos that are less than one year old, and have no sore throat, runny nose, or productive cough. To clear the 56-day limit between donations, you must have given on or before Sept. 13 to donate on Nov. 8.

Also, Department of Defense blood donor restrictions effective Oct. 1, can be viewed at [www.defenselink.mil/news](http://www.defenselink.mil/news).

To make an appointment, contact Staff Sgt. Darla Laing, 410-278-5873 or e-mail her at [dlaing@arl.army.mil](mailto:dlaing@arl.army.mil).

### Bargains available at EA Thrift Shop

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop, located in building E-1633, is open Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments are accepted on Tuesday, Thursday and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The last Thursday and the first Saturday of the month are Bag Sale Days. All the clearance items you can fit in a paper bag for \$2. Merchandise varies daily. We currently have lots of infant items including strollers, bassinets and a crib.

For more information, call 410-676-4733.

### Sign-up for Christmas Gift Wrap Program

Plans are underway for the 2001 Christmas Gift Wrap Program sponsored by AAFES and coordinated by the Directorate of Information Management. All Aberdeen Proving Ground family support groups, non-profit organizations and volunteer activities affiliated with APG are eligible to participate and should designate a point of contact to be eligible for donations.

Organizations/activities interested in participating must contact James Walker, 410-278-1261, by Oct. 26 with the name and phone number of your contact. All contacts must attend a mandatory meeting Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. in building 324. During this meeting contacts will draw for dates and times for their organization to work the gift wrap booth. Space is limited so sign up early.

AAFES will provide the wrapping paper, limited gift boxes and an area to wrap at the main PX. Organizations/activities will

be responsible for providing the labor, tape, scissors, ribbon, etc., and will receive all the money their group earns. Packages are wrapped for donations only.

Gift wrapping starts the day after Thanksgiving and runs through Christmas eve. To register your organization, call 410-278-1261.

### CWF sponsors two holiday trips

### Pollution Prevention

*Replace old plumbing equipment such as toilets, faucets, and showerheads with efficient low-flow fixtures.*

*APG Pollution Prevention Program, Environmentally Preferable Product and Affirmative Procurement Policy*



On Nov. 16, the Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a bus trip to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater for the annual Christmas Show. The price is \$45 per person, which includes dinner, the show, and charter bus transportation. The bus will depart at 4:30 p.m.

On Nov. 24, the CWF is sponsoring a holiday bus trip to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show, on Broadway, in New York City. There will be time for shopping and lunch before the show. The price is \$99 per person, which includes the show, and charter bus transportation. The bus will depart at 7 a.m.

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

### Organist position available at EA chapel

A contract position is available for an organist in support of the chapel program at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Persons interested in applying for this position for fiscal year 2002 (Oct. 1, 2001 through Sept. 30, 2002) should contact Chaplain Michael Wallman at 410-278-4333/2886.

### New number for leisure travel office

The new Carlson Wagonlit Leisure Travel Office telephone number is 410-272-7124.

### Thrift Shop accepting welfare request applications

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop is accepting applications for Welfare Requests. All requests must be dropped off during regular business hours or mailed to Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop, building 2458, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005. The deadline for requests is Oct. 31. The thrift shop is open Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and every first Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Post closing announcement info

Employees of Aberdeen Proving Ground concerned about whether or not to report to work should call 410-278-7669 (SNOW). Television channels 2, 11, 13 and 45, as well as radio stations WAMD, WXCX, WBAL, WIYY, WPOC, WDEL, WSTW, WSBA, WARM and WROZ will also carry this information. When in doubt, contact your supervisor.

### Gate operations at APG

The Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground closes each weeknight at 8 p.m. The Maryland Boulevard Gate, Route 715, (Tank Row) is the only 24 hour-a-day, seven-day-per-week access point to the Aberdeen Area.

The Harford Gate continues to be closed each Friday at 8 p.m. and remains closed until 4 a.m. on Monday (unless Monday is a federal holiday, then it reopens at 4 a.m. on Tuesday).

Until further notice, the only gate open in the Edgewood Area from 8 p.m. Friday through 4 a.m. Monday is Route 24 in Edgewood.

### Submitting articles to APG News under Force Protection Condition Delta

In preparation for any future Force Protection Condition Delta, an e-mail mailbox is available to receive news for publication in APG News at [editor@apgnews.com](mailto:editor@apgnews.com).

This should only be used when "mission essential personnel"

are reporting to Aberdeen Proving Ground. The paper will then be prepared and published at Homestead Publishing Company in Bel Air rather than at the APG office.

### KUSAHC offers classes

The following classes will be held in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12) at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

For more information and to register for a class, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

**Asthma education:** One two-hour class for asthma patients and parents and sponsors of asthma patients will be held Oct. 25 7 to 9 p.m.

Topics will include an overview of asthma, preventing attacks, developing a personal asthma action plan, triggers that may cause attacks or symptoms and use of a peak flow meter and MDI/spacer. All TRICARE beneficiaries are invited to attend.

**Take care of yourself:** The Take Care of Yourself class will be held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. All patients enrolled in TRICARE Prime are eligible to attend. The purpose of the class is to teach patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home and when to see a doctor.

Attendees will receive a Medicine Cabinet Card which will allow them to request specific over-the-counter medications without having to see a Primary Care Provider.

This education class and pharmacy privilege is limited to TRICARE Prime enrollees only. To enroll, call 410-278-1725.

### School bus drop-off policy reiterated

If the Harford County public schools experience an unscheduled early dismissal and there is not an adult available to meet young children, or if a bus cannot access an on-post bus stop, the bus will take the children to the Youth Centers. Youth Center staff will attempt to contact the parents.

It is imperative that parents tape a card inside each child's book bag with the child's name, address, telephone number, and emergency points of contact. If young children arrive at the Youth Center and do not have this information or do not know how to reach their parents, the Youth Center staff has no way to communicate with the parents.

This policy applies during an unscheduled early dismissal or in the event of an emergency when the bus does not have access to a particular bus stop.

Routinely, if young children are not met by an adult at the bus stop, the bus will return children to the school and school personnel will contact the child's parents.

For additional information, contact Linda Holloway, Aberdeen Proving Ground school liaison officer, at 410-306-4520.

### Counseling through Behavioral Health at KUSAHC

In this time of need, the personnel at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic are doing what they can to assist the military family in the wake of the recent tragedy in New York and at the Pentagon.

Behavioral Health Care Services at KUSAHC is offering services to the Aberdeen Proving Ground community. Military personnel and their family members are eligible to receive services at KUSAHC. Civilians will be evaluated for proper referrals to outside agencies.

For anyone that has been touched by this tragedy, help is just a phone call away at 410-278-1715.

### Army guidance available on Operation Noble Eagle

Breaking news, command messages and guidance for the Army family are now being offered on a new website, sponsored by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command: <http://tradoc.monroe.army.mil/nobleagle>.

Activated Sept. 19, the new site will focus on current news stories about recovery operations, world events and Army activities resulting from the recent terrorist attacks along the east coast.

Linked pages carry information on hotlines and Web sites connected with recovery operations, family readiness, and frequently asked questions addressed via message board.

### Hours curtailed at KUSAHC

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will hold Organization Day Oct. 4 and observe a training holiday Oct. 5. The After-Hours Clinic will be open both days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

KUSAHC will observe Columbus Day on Oct. 8. The After-Hours Clinic will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the holiday observance.

Appointments during curtailed hours can be made through Nurse Triage at 410-278-1751.

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## PET OF THE WEEK



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

### Pretty kitty!

This female domestic shorthair kitten is ready to be the newest member of your family. Just a few weeks old, her distinctive black and white markings hint at the beautiful cat to come. She and other pets are available for adoption at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. You do not have to be active-duty military to adopt a pet. For more information, call the VTF at 410-278-4604.

# Purchase cardholders must give priority to recycled products

**Diane M. Schneider**  
RMAC

Affirmative Procurement, or AP, is the government's effort to increase its use of recycled products and environmentally preferable products and services. Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation Recovery Act of 1976 (42 USC 6962) establishes the AP program that mandates federal purchasing of specific products that meet or exceed the Environmental Protection Agency guideline standards.

The EPA has been directed by Executive Order to monitor federal facility compliance with this law. In addition, the EPA does have the authority to issue notice of violations at federal facilities found to be in violation of RCRA Section 6002.

RCRA Section 6002 requires EPA to designate products that are or can be made with recovered materials and to prepare guidelines to assist procuring agencies in complying with AP requirements. Once EPA has formally designated an item, Section 6002 requires that any procuring agency using appropriated federal funds must purchase those items composed of the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable.

Executive Order 13101 of September 14, 1998, takes its legal authority from RCRA Section 6002 and was intended to strengthen the federal government's commitment to buying recycled content and environmentally preferable products.

To that end, E.O. 13101 requires federal agencies to establish an AP program where AP is actively promoted, EPP products and services are identified and purchased, procedures are used to verify the recycled/recovered material content of delivered goods, and the effectiveness of the AP program is reviewed annually.

After E.O. 13101 was issued, the Federal Acquisition Regulation was amended to implement policy to assist federal agencies carry out the EO. The FAR revision directs federal agencies to establish an AP program, prescribes procedures for the acquisition of EPA designated products and verification of recovered materials used in the performance of contracts.

It is noted that EPA guide-

lines apply to all purchases, even those under the micro-purchase threshold.

As a result, government purchase cardholders must buy designated items that meet or exceed EPA minimum standards for recovered materials unless an approved waiver is obtained prior to making the purchase.

Requests for exemption shall be approved by the Directorate of Safety, Health, and Environment or activity environmental coordinator (AEC) based on a written determination that the items are not available at reasonable prices, to appropriate performance standards, or competitively within a reasonable period of time. In addition, cardholders must place a copy of the approved waiver in the purchase card file.

The EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines designates the products that must contain recovered materials when purchased by Federal agencies. The EPA publishes purchasing guidance and recommendations for recovered material content levels in the Recovered Materials Advisory Notice for each of the CPG designated products.

As a minimum, the recovered material contents of the CPG designated products must meet the percentages found in the RMAN for those products. The RMANs are published in the Federal Register and are updated to reflect current market conditions.

To facilitate the purchase of EPA designated products, all cardholders are encouraged to keep a copy of the RMAN handy for quick reference. Cardholders can also view EPA's list of designated products and the accompanying recycled-content recommendations on EPA's Web site [www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm](http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products.htm). This Web site also lists manufacturers, vendors and suppliers for each of the designated items. In addition, cardholders can purchase EPA designated products at the Office Eagle store or on the internet by visiting the GSA, DLA, DoD EMALL, JWOD or UNICOR online shopping Web sites.

For more information contact Diane Schneider, U.S. Army Robert Morris Acquisition Center, 410-278-0848.

# CFC still climbing

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Thanks to the giving spirit of Aberdeen Proving Ground personnel, the 2001 Combined Federal Campaign totals continue to climb.

As of Oct. 22, the total donations accumulated stood at \$106,652.42. Also, 102 Oriole, 55 Cardinal, 25 Falcon and 32 Eagle awards have been distributed.

Wayne Doyel, CFC chair, said donors wanting more information before contributing, may contact their unit representatives or the CFC staff in building 2477, the Red Cross building across from the Aberdeen Area Chapel.

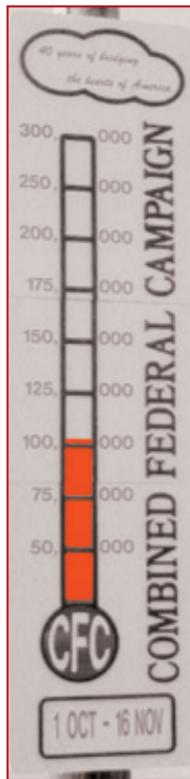
"We are available to Maryland homepage at answer any inquiries about [www.cfcmd.org](http://www.cfcmd.org).

the campaign," Doyel said.

He added that 42 agencies listed in the Contributor's Guide are helping with the Sept. 11 tragedies, but that no one charity is reserved for any specific event, such as the plane crash at the Pentagon.

"For those who want to give locally, the Army Community Service and Child and Youth Services performs a tremendous service for children and installation employees," Doyel said. "They are doing a marvelous job with emerging needs since the Sept. 11 attacks.

For more information about donating to CFC, contact Doyel at 410-278-3131 or visit the CFC Central



# Research debunks media-driven myths

**Dr. Richard Fafara**

CSFC

*(Editor's Note: This is the second of a two-part series. Part I, which appeared in the Oct. 18 issue of APG News, and provided details on areas of spouse satisfaction that contribute to soldier retention.)*

Research helps debunk a number of negative, misleading media-driven myths and misunderstandings about the stability of marriage, quality of family life, and child-rearing in the 21st century U.S. Army.

## Divorce in the military

Some news reports cite mission deployments and military separations as direct causes of excessive soldier divorce rates and "problem" children.

In fact, an overwhelming majority of active-duty Army marriages (92 to 94 percent) currently and over the past two decades are stable. Marriage stability is consistently high for the all-volunteer force.

Divorce rates in the Army are about half that of the comparable civilian divorce rate for similar age and gender groups. Military research and U.S. Census demographics make it clear that active duty status supports marriage and family formation, and discourages divorce and family disintegration.

Among the 6 to 7 percent of soldiers who divorce each year, higher rates occur among enlisted personnel — mainly junior and mid-level noncommissioned officers and second term junior enlisted soldiers. Female soldiers are at greater risk of early divorce than are male soldiers (across all ranks) by a ratio of nearly 2:1. Recently divorced male soldiers are more likely to remarry soon than are divorced female soldiers.

Much has been made of anecdotal reports that the stresses of a geographically mobile Army life undermine Army family well-being and marital satisfaction. Over the past decade military personnel downsizing and increased operational tempo have raised the frequency and length of military separation from spouses and children.

Contrary to the belief that marriage stability is undermined by soldier absences, these changes have not resulted in higher soldier divorce rates from year to year throughout the 1990s. Army surveys consistently reveal that marital satisfaction levels are better among Army personnel and their spouses than for the U.S. general population in their age groups.

Not surprisingly, divorce rates are lowest when soldiers are deployed. The number of new divorces rises for a brief time once large numbers of soldiers return from overseas missions. Then, divorces decline from a post-deployment peak to normal seasonal levels. Similarly, pregnancies and births in Army families are temporarily lowered by long/more frequent soldier deployment

absences, rising back to normal levels during periods of garrison duty.

## Violence in the military home

For most soldiers, Army service means a full-time paid job and income security, with substantial fringe benefits and insurances. Military community resources such as morale, welfare, and recreation programs provide social support for soldier families and children and help prevent or reduce violence against spouses and children.

Survey and documented data show the incidence of soldier-initiated family abuse has decreased over the past decade in response, in part, to active family advocacy programs.

## Command communication is key

Research reveals programs that communicate leadership concern by disclosing information about Army policies clearly, accurately, and in a timely manner to families contributes positively to soldier and spouse well-being. Direct, effective Army communication to spouses raises family readiness for deployment as well as spouses' preference that their soldiers remain in the Army.

Pro-active Army information and training programs, such as newcomers' briefings and Army family team building, help soldiers and family members feel welcomed and get settled at new duty stations. This results in reduced stress with permanent changes of station and higher soldier and family emotional well-being. Use of support programs contributes to real reductions in duty time lost to family adjustment problems and improves soldiers' and spouses' ability to cope with serious family problems.

Soldiers who clearly perceive that family and personnel support programs are there when and where they need them report significantly higher overall satisfaction with Army life despite powerful military stressors and resulting strains on their family life. They exhibit much less psychological depression and report more satisfaction with their Army family quality of life than do soldiers who understand less about the availability of Army supports and claim that the Army community does not care about their families and children.

In summary, a quality and caring environment that supports soldiers and families and gives them a sense of belonging is an important contributor to readiness and retention.

Unit and installation policies and programs, such as MWR family support programs, reinforce soldiers' and spouses' desire to continue choosing the Army as a way of life.

*[Editor's note: Permission was granted to reprint this July 2001 Feedback article from author, Richard Fafara, senior research analyst in the Strategic Planning and Policy Directorate, U.S. Army Community & Family Support Center. He has devoted most of his 20 years of federal employment developing studies of Army soldiers and their families, and translating results to influence resource, policy and program decisions. Fafara is a graduate of Seton Hall University and earned a masters and doctorate from the University of Toronto. Dr. Joel Teitelbaum, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, contributed to this story.]*

## CA Update

### Employee asks question about the reshape of the APG Garrison

The following question and answer about the garrison's Commercial Activities Study have been provided by the CA Team.

**Question:** *How is it possible that we could have a continuing CA study and a Reshape at the same time. The last time, everything was frozen in place. If we are still under the same CA study, how can the Reshape occur?*

**Answer:** The garrison is not in the process of continuing the same CA Study. Last summer we were directed by Army to re-compete without child and youth services. Because the study had gone on for so long, the

commander recognized that due to attrition and the change in mission requirements it would be necessary to reshape the Garrison prior to re-soliciting. The Reshape was required to prepare a current and accurate Performance Work Statement. During this time, there was not a freeze on personnel actions because the vacancies were first cleared through another source.

The Commercial Activities telephone hotline at 410-278-7414, and CA e-mail hotline at CA.Hotline@usag.apg.army.mil, are available to provide updates and answers to your questions concerning the CA Study.

In addition, CA is now showing up as a choice on the first page of the APG Web site, [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil).

## Golden Corral celebrates Veterans Day

Golden Corral announces Military Appreciation Night Nov. 12 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Every Golden Corral Restaurant across the country will be offering a free dinner buffet with choice of beverage to any veteran, as well as active duty military personnel who visit any Golden Corral.

No IDs or uniforms will be required for veterans or active duty military. All that is necessary is that they identify themselves at the register when they come through the line.

Veterans and active duty military may represent Golden Corral's largest single demographic group of regular customers.

And while some companies place a local ad saying "thank you" to these men and women,

Golden Corral is making a unified commitment to honor them with a free meal.

This is a great opportunity to nationally connect Golden Corral with this unique and meaningful cause of honoring these unsung heroes. As an added bonus, this promotion is poised to receive considerable attention from national and local media.

Golden Corral will be exclusively partnering its fund-raising efforts with the national Disabled American Veterans organization in all the communities served.

Partnering with local community's DAV creates a patriotic event that promotes goodwill, make the restaurant team local heroes in your hometown, and raises positive

awareness for Golden Corral among all segments of the media, local, national and military, as well as increases restaurant traffic.

"The Disabled American Veterans are sincerely grateful that Golden Corral restaurants are honoring our organization and the men and women who served and greatly sacrificed for our nation," said Arthur H. Wilson, the organization's national adjutant.

"We salute Golden Corral for opening its doors to veterans and active duty military, and for partnering with DAV in the first nationwide Military Appreciation Night."

For more information visit the Golden Corral Web site at [www.goldencorral.net](http://www.goldencorral.net).

## Relief Act only for pre-active duty debt

*Courtesy of Military.com*

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act will lower military members' mortgage interest to 6 percent — but only if the loan existed before the member came on active duty. The law's relief provisions apply to existing debts when members come on active duty.

The law has no effect on debt incurred while on active duty.

In addition, the act protects military renters from being evicted from their property, and allows them to terminate leases without penalty if doing so is in their own interests.

HUD officials advise affected Guard and Reserve members on active duty to contact their lenders immediately to take advantage of the mortgage rate cap.

The act prohibits any mortgage lender from initiating foreclosure action against persons in military service while on active duty and three months thereafter without court approval or an agreement between the parties.

All affected personnel should call a new toll-free number, 888-297-8685, for more information or visit the HUD Website at [www.hud.gov/](http://www.hud.gov/).

Servicemembers who are not eligible for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act have other options. If you who bought your home when interest rates were higher, or if you have an adjustable-rate mortgage, refinancing could save you thousands of dollars, lower your monthly payments, and shave years off your mortgage. Military.com has an easy one-page form to help servicemembers apply for refinancing. For more information visit [www.military.com/Finance/Content?ESRC=mr.nl&file=refinance\\_leader.htm&area=Content](http://www.military.com/Finance/Content?ESRC=mr.nl&file=refinance_leader.htm&area=Content).



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Lt. Col. Allison Mirakian, right, deputy commander of nursing at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, shares a laugh with Ann Lewis, left, while checking her blood pressure during Retiree Appreciation Day activities in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Lewis and her husband James, a 1984 retiree from the former U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, traveled from their Newark, Del., home to attend the event.

## Retirees

### From front page

Leftwich said organizers were pleased with the turnout and hope to keep the information-sharing opportunity as an annual event.

"There are so many retirees in this area who don't know where to go for information," Leftwich said. "We want them to know that APG is aware of them and is here to provide them support."

She commended the Retiree Council "for supporting us," and the other service providers on hand that helped make the day a success.

Shadle attributed the program's success to "the great support received from all organizations involved."

"It went better than I expected in light of the security situation," he added. "We were pleased with the turnout and the level of information that was exchanged."

He thanked the guest speaker, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard D. Murray, president of the National Association for Uniformed Services, who spoke on the efforts to implement changes in TRICARE and pharmacy privileges and the need for local and congressional representatives to receive retiree input.

"I think everyone came away better informed about their benefits and the importance of staying informed," Shadle said.

Decker thanked the Retiree Council members and Leftwich "who did so much for us behind the scenes."

"A lot of people don't realize the function of the council and how they affect the retiree community," Decker said, adding that all retirees are encouraged to "attend meetings and get more involved with issues facing all of us."

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, also offered remarks.

Displays were set up by post and local organizations

offering services. Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic provided complimentary cholesterol, blood pressure and weight screenings, a breast cancer awareness display, and a TRICARE information booth manned by Ellen Bradley, health benefits advisor.

Bradley said that most attendees expressed concern about TRICARE for Life issues and senior pharmacy programs.

"Many don't realize they spend a lot on Medicare supplements they no longer need," Bradley said, adding that TRICARE is covered by the same laws that regulate military retired pay.

"It's a permanent service that's not going away," she said.

At the breast cancer awareness display, Capt. Linda McKinney, chief of community health, briefed women and men on the importance of self-examination.

She said many were surprised to learn that men also get breast cancer.

"One gentleman kept encouraging other men to stop here because a lump was recently discovered in his left breast," McKinney said. "It was an eye-opener for many of them."

John Freel fielded questions for the Social Security Administration, and Marianne Peterson, member services representative, briefed retirees on services offered by the APG Federal Credit Union.

Both said attendees asked informed questions about their programs.

"Most of them asked about our prime partners membership program for retirees over age 50," Peterson said.

"They want to know the latest news affecting disability and retirement benefits," added Freel.

An unexpected bonus for man, was the issuance of post motor vehicle decals. Sgt. Michael Van Akin, of DLES motor vehicle registration, who issued about 50 decals after verifying licenses, registrations and insurance, said the day was a good opportunity to eliminate some of the more than 1,600 pending applications.

"With just two of us to

process applications the process is moving very slowly," Van Akin said adding that the heightened security status has slowed the process even more.

Most of the more than 50 retirees who attended expressed their satisfaction and their intentions to return next year.

"We think it's a great idea," said Gitta Kryszowski, the wife of retiree Michael Kryszowski, as she submitted a blood sample for cholesterol screening. "We got valuable information here today."

"They put out a lot of good information in a condensed environment so you didn't have to do a lot of running around," observed retired Staff Sgt. Charles Taylor.

A 2001 retiree, Taylor returned to APG from Fort Lewis, Wash., and now is an instructor with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

"We liked this area," he said of his decision to return. "It's good to see they care about retirees as well as active-duty personnel."

Many enjoyed a meal in the OC&S dining facility at the program's end.

Briefings and services were offered by representatives from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, the Office of the Adjutant, the Defense Commissary Agency, the Social Security Administration, the Department of Veterans Affairs, APG Federal Credit Union, and the directorates of Community and Family Activities, Information Management, Law Enforcement and Security, and Logistics and Public Works.

Organizers also thanked the Public Affairs Office, the APG News and the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own).

The APG Military Retiree Council is looking for new members. Input from retirees is essential to improve installation support in planning pro-

grams for active duty and retired personnel and their families. For more information, contact Shadle at 410-663-9263 or Decker at 410-306-1153.

# Revised NCO-ER to reflect Army values

**Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs**

*Army News Service*

A change to the Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report will require that soldiers be rated on the Army's seven core values beginning in November.

The current Army values that were instituted in June 1998 - loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage - will be listed on the new NCO-ER in Part IV.a., Values and NCO Responsibilities.

Next to each value, raters will check either "yes" or "no" to indicate whether the soldier demonstrates that quality. Most of the time the block checked is yes, said Sgt. Maj. Anthony Everette, the chief and policy maker for the Enlisted Evaluations Branch.

"Even though the raters are not required to write comments if they mark

"yes," they should take that time to highlight the soldier's strong points," Everette said. "Also if the rater determines that a "no" check is warranted in one or more Army values, then he must clearly explain what the deficiency or shortcoming is."

Values are the moral, ethical and professional attributes of character, Everette said. Unquestionably, a "no" check will result in a non-selection for promotion for the rated NCO, Everette added.

This is the first revision to the form in 13 years, which is the longest an NCO rating system has gone without being revised. However, the change to the current rating system is minor, Everette said, because this is one of the best systems that the NCO corps has had in evaluating its soldiers.

"The current NCO-ER is working very well," Everette said. "It gives a pretty good snapshot of an NCO's performance

and contributions. Therefore, we decided to adjust the system only to address the current Army values."

The NCO-ER will change to Department of the Army Form 2166-8, and the NCO Counseling and Checklist, which is used in conjunction with the NCO-ER, will change to DA Form 2166-8-1. Both forms are currently available online.

When the rater and soldier sit down for a counseling session with the revised worksheet, the Army values will be a prominent topic, Everette said.

"We all can recite the Army values, but that doesn't mean we all fully understand what they mean," Everette said. "So I expect for the rater to sit down face to face and one by one go through and explain to the soldier what is expected of him to demonstrate those values."

## Caution

*From front page*

- outdated address or is addressed to a former employee,
- no return address or an illegitimate return address,
- unusual weight for the size, or is lopsided or oddly shaped,
- restrictive endorsements such as 'personal' or 'confidential,'
- protruding wires, strange odors or stains,
- city or state in the postmark that does not match the return address,
- residue of a powdery or unusual substance on the outside,
- excessive postage, misspellings of common words, or is poorly handwritten or typed,
- wrapped with an unusual amount of tape.

### Remain calm and focused

If you identify a piece of mail that meets the above criteria you should remain calm and focused. Do not handle the item any further, but gently place it on a desk or the nearest available surface. Follow your organization's procedures for a possible letter or package bomb, i.e. calmly evacuate the area and call 911.

Anyone who handled the item may wash his or her hands with warm soapy water.

**IF the package contains anthrax your actions are VERY important**

Joe Kaffl, chief of the Intelligence Division, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, offered the following guidance for the APG community.

If you receive a letter or package that claims to contain Anthrax, or one containing a powdery substance (usually determined after the item has been opened), the actions you take next are very important.

Remember, if the letter or package contains Anthrax you want to reduce the chance of the material becoming airborne, your movements should be gentle and slow.

NEVER try to clean up the material. If you have a plastic zip-lock bag handy, place the suspect item inside of it.

If you would have to move around to get a bag, don't. Instead place the item gently into a trash can and cover the can with a handy item, i.e. a coat or jacket, a clip board etc. If none of the above options are possible, just place the package on a desk and move away from it.

Next, alert those in the area of the situation and have them move outside the room and close the door.

Have someone ensure that no one enters the area until emergency responders arrive.

Have someone call 911 and report the situation with as much detail as possible to include specific location and a call-back number.

Have someone notify your chain of command.

## Students send roses to Pentagon workers

Photo by RUDI WILLIAMS

*Army Reserve Maj. Gen. Sue B. Dueitt, assistant deputy chief of staff for Army personnel, poses with the bouquet of donated roses she received. The flowers were the idea of three girls in Fallbrook, Calif., who held a "Pennies for the Pentagon" drive to raise money for 189 bouquets.*



If possible have someone shut down the air handler that services that section of the building.

You and any other people present in the room where the item was opened should go to the nearest rest room and wash your hands with warm soapy water and stay there until emergency responders arrive.

Do not touch your face or other surfaces with your hands. If possible have someone else who has not touched the material open doors for you and make the phone call.

### Telephone calls threatening anthrax

If you receive a telephonic call threatening the presence of anthrax:

Obtain as much information as possible from caller and fill out an EAP Form 1104, Telephonic Bomb Threat Checklist.

Call 911 on post. Calmly provide as much information as you can, to include a call-back number.

Additional measures, such as evacuation or control of the ventilation system, will be based on information available at the time, but should not be necessary unless a device or package is found.

VanKleeck said incidents of mail terrorism are relatively few and far between. If everyone uses caution and is alert to suspicious mailings, most will never be affected by terrorism through the mail. Those handling the mail on a daily basis remain vigilant.

"We are all on heightened alert status and are keeping our eyes open," he said.

## Third annual Letters to the Front writing contest benefits winners and soldiers

Show U.S. soldiers your support by entering the third annual "Letters To The Front Writing Contest," now through Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Write a letter of 100 to 150 words to an American service member on 8 1/2-by-11 paper, beginning "Dear service member, I just want to say thanks for...."

The letter, attached to an entry form, should be mailed to: Letters To The Front, P.O. Box 25348, Alexandria, VA 22313. All letters must be postmarked no later than Nov. 11.

Local prizes will be judged in three categories: ages 12

and under, ages 12 to 18, and 19 and above. All local and regional winners are automatically entered into the competition for the grand prizes: children under the age of 18 can receive a \$3,000 scholarship award, and the 19-and-over grand prize winner receives a computer system valued at \$3,000.

Entry forms are available at the entrance of the APG Commissary, or they can be downloaded from the Web Site <http://www.letters-from-the-front.com>

The contest was first sponsored in 1999, inspired by Marsha Roberts, producer of

"Letters From The Front: WWII," now in its 10th anniversary tour. Roberts was struck by the feeling of loneliness and estrangement expressed by many of the soldiers they met during overseas tours of the play. Since the play was centered around correspondence, Roberts felt a letter-writing contest would let them know how much they are appreciated by Americans back home.

The contest is open to legal citizens of the United States, except employees (and members of their immediate family households) of the Defense Commissary Agency, General Mills, Inc., M&M/Mars, Best Foods, Rector Roberts Productions, Inc. and C. Lloyd Johnson Company, Inc.

This year, with the recent deployments, the contest is particularly needed - by the service members who will receive the letters, and by Americans of all ages who feel a need to express their thanks.

# Sports & Recreation

## Company B 16th downs USMC, 28-14

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion successfully defended its undefeated record with an Oct. 17 win over the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, 28-14.

Navigated by quarterback/defensive end Kevin Jenkins, who also doubles as coach and drill sergeant off the field, Company B scored on its first possession and never looked back.

"Right now, we're setting the tone," Jenkins said after the early score.

He added that the secret to his players' success is their desire to win.

"This is one team, one fight. If they want to win bad enough, they'll win."

On the other side of the ball, USMC was making a statement as well. Anchored by quarterback Ron Claver, USMC took over

and scored on its next drive, then the defense held Company B to four-downs-and-out to give its offense another shot.

"We're still working and we're still in it," said USMC coach Alfred Dixon adding that turnovers and other commitments have damaged the team's stability.

"We have to swap in and out for missing players but we're working around it," he said. "We're not done yet."

Company B drove to the 20-yard line when a fourth down penalty pushed them back. With the clock running down to half-time, Jenkins, flushed out of the pocket, scrambled away from defenders, rushing inside the 10 for a first down, then scampered in for the touchdown on the next play. Company B missed the extra point to take a 13-6 lead.

Keeping the team's overconfidence in check, Jenkins gathered them up and told them everything they had to work on during the second half.

"Don't talk like it's over," he warned. "You can talk about this

game after we win this game."

Dixon told his players to "play the best you can play."

"They might be a thrown-together team but they're playing their hearts out," he said.

USMC opened up the second half but an interception on second down led to another Company B 16th score as receiver Robert Suber caught a 25-yard bullet from Jenkins in the center of the end zone for the touchdown.

Company B never trailed as it went on to a 28-14 win. Standout players included USMC's Claver and receiver Kenneth Butler on offense and Bryan Stymacks and Eric Epperson on defense.

Company B 16th's Suber and running back Keith Strayhorn bolstered the ready offense of the division's only undefeated team.

"We stay motivated and we come ready to play," Suber said after the game. "We're the ones to beat."

### Soccer Update

The following results were reported for intramural soccer for the week ending Oct. 20.

**Results**

*Oct. 16*  
Company A 143rd, 3; MRICD, 2  
Company C 16th, 1; USMC, 0  
Company E 16th, 2; Company C 143rd, 1  
*Oct. 18*  
Company B 143rd, 1; USMC, 0  
Company C 16th, 7; Company C 143rd, 0

**Schedule**

*Oct. 25*  
6:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company C 143rd  
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. MRICD  
8:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. Company E 16th  
*Oct. 30*  
6:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. MRICD  
7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. Company B 143rd

**Standings**

**Aberdeen Area**  
Company E 16th 3-2  
Company C 16th 3-2  
USMC 2-4  
Company A 16th dropped  
**Edgewood Area**  
MRICD 4-1  
Company A 143rd 4-1  
Company C 143rd 2-2  
Company B 143rd 0-3

### Football Update

The following results were reported for intramural flag football for the week ending Oct. 20.

**American Division**

**Results**

*Oct. 15*  
NCOA, 24; HHC 61st, 20  
Company E 16th, HHC 16th, rescheduled  
*Oct. 17*  
HHC 16th, 19; NCOA, 6  
Company E 16th, HHC 61st, rescheduled

**Schedule**

*Oct. 29*  
6:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. NCOA  
7:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. Company E 16th  
*Oct. 31*  
6:30 p.m., NCOA vs. Company E 16th  
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. HHC 61st

**Standings**

HHC 16th 5-1  
Company E 16th 2-2  
HHC 61st 2-3  
NCOA 2-4

**National Division**

**Results**

*Oct. 15*  
Company B 16th, 30;  
Company A 16th, 0  
Company C 16th, 30; USMC, 0  
*Oct. 17*  
Company B 16th, 28;  
USMC, 14  
Company C 16th, 24;  
Company A 16th, 0

**Schedule**

*Oct. 29*  
6:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. Company C 16th  
7:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. USMC  
*Oct. 31*  
6:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company A 16th  
7:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. Company C 16th

**Standings**

Company B 16th 6-0  
Company C 16th 4-2  
Company A 16th 2-5  
USMC 0-6

**Edgewood Division**

**Results**

*Oct. 15*  
Company A 143rd vs. HHC 143rd, rescheduled  
Company C 143rd vs. Company B 143rd, rescheduled  
*Oct. 17*  
HHC 143rd, 26; SBCCOM, 20  
Company C 143rd, 32;  
Company A 143rd, 0

**Schedule**

*Oct. 29*  
6:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. SBCCOM  
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company A 143rd  
*Oct. 31*  
6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Company A 143rd  
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company C 143rd

**Standings**

HHC 143rd 4-0  
SBCCOM 3-2  
Company C 143rd 3-3  
Company A 143rd 0-3  
Company B 143rd 0-3

### Deadline for all-Army boxing, wrestling registration

*Courtesy of Army News Service*

Soldiers interested in being considered for Morale, Welfare, and Recreation all-Army boxing and wrestling trial camps must submit applications to their installation sports offices by Nov. 5. Women are also encouraged to apply for both sports.

For women boxers, the weight classes range from 95-pound featherweights to the 201-pound super heavyweights. Weight classes for women wrestlers range from 101.25 pounds to 165 pounds.

Although there has never been an Armed Forces Wrestling championship for women, women from the Marine Corps have wrestled in the national championships.

Female soldiers will participate in both boxing and wrestling as long as they have an opponent in their weight class from one of the other services.

Since the number of slots available for women is yet to be determined, all interested women should submit an application.

The All-Army Boxing Trial Camp is scheduled for Jan. 4

to Feb. 10 at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. The Army box-off will be held Jan. 22 to 25. The All-Army Wrestling Trial Camp will be held Feb. 4 to Mar. 27 with the Army championships set for Mar. 1 and 2.

Interested soldiers must submit a Department of the Army Form 4762-R, Athlete's Application, through their installation sports offices. Details are available from local MWR sports directors.

Each soldier's participation is contingent upon his or her commander's approval and release. The Army sports program is a Morale, Welfare and Recreation activity of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

For information about Army sports programs at APG, call Donna Coyne, Community Recreation Division, 410-278-3929, or e-mail donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil.

She is located in Aberdeen Area building 3330.

*(This story was submitted by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs Office.)*

# Community Notes

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 26 USO-METRO JOB FAIR

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services, or JETS, will co-host a job fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SOSA Recreation Center, Fort Belvoir, Va. All members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and Department of Defense and Coast Guard civilian personnel are eligible to attend. Representatives from high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies, among others, will attend.

For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth, 703-696-2552.

## COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non profit organization, sponsors country western dancing each Friday at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing will be held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The instructor will announce lessons. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$10 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

## PARKS AND REC BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Football will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5.

For tickets, call Pat Guary, 410-272-4445, or Brenda Conjour 410-273-7332.

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 27 100 CHRISTIAN WOMEN IN BLACK

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 617 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will present "One Hundred Christian Women in Black" at 7 p.m. Reverend Cynthia Laurie of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Chesapeake City, Md., is the guest speaker. Music will be provided by The Voices of Faith.

For more information, call 410-939-2267.

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2 ABERDEEN LIONESS CLUB BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Aberdeen Lioness Club will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5.

For tickets, call Sandy Pierce, 410-273-7184.

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3 WOMEN'S WORKSHOP

The women of the APG Post Chapel Gospel Service will host a one day Women's Workshop entitled "Through It All, I Will Trust The Lord!" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Military Christian Center on Rt. 40 in Aberdeen. Elder Linda Logan of Breath of God Christian Fellowship will be the keynote speaker. There will be no admission cost.

For more information or to register, call Mrs. Ross at 410-297-6654.

## WACVA MONTHLY MEETING

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will meet 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center. All women who have served or are serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Army Corps, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to attend. Also welcome, as associate members, are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

For more information about the association, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040

## CHPPM ORGANIZATION DAY BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine will be held at the Elk's Lodge, Route 40, Havre de Grace, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5.

For tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 (home), 410-436-2800 (work), or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

## FREE FINGERPRINTING FOR CHILDREN

VFW Post Auxiliary 5337 will sponsor free fingerprinting for all children, from infants to 16 years, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The VFW is located at 3705 Pulaski Highway, Abingdon. Fingerprinting will be done by the Maryland State Police.

For more information, call VFW Post 5337, 410-676-4456.

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4 BAKE SALE

The Maryland Free State Chapter 70, of the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, will hold a bake sale at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Main Exchange from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds help maintain ongoing programs for the women veteran patients at Perry Point.

For more information, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040.

## WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7 UMUC HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

University of Maryland University College will hold an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. to showcase its programs and services in Harford County. The open house will be held in the Education Services building 3146, Raritan Avenue and Bel Air Street. Advisors and representatives will be available to answer questions. A representative will be present to answer questions about the EXCEL program, which enables students to receive college credit for learning acquired through work and life experience. Students may complete admissions applications and register for Spring classes during the open house.

For more information, call UMUC office at APG, 410-272-8269, or 410-278-4632.

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9 BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Proving Ground-Edgewood Area Child Development Center will host basket bingo to benefit their Parent Child Care Association at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and include 20 bingo games (three cards per game) with door prizes, specials and raffles.

For tickets call the APG-EA Child Development Center, 410-436-8361, Tracy Geier 410-838-0193 or Leeann Domanico, 410-836-5618.

## COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing each Friday at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing will be held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The instructor will announce lessons. Everyone is welcome.

Cost of admission is \$10 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels. For more

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16 CWF SPONSORS TRIP TO 3 DINNER THEATER

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a bus trip to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater to see the annual Christmas Show. The price is \$45 per person, which includes dinner, the show, and charter bus transportation. The bus will depart at 4:30 p.m.

For reservations or more information call Angela Keithley or Jaqueline McKeever, 410-278-4603 or 4771.

## HARFORD COUNTY YMCA BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Harford County Family YMCA will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5. Three Quickie games will be held throughout the night.

For tickets, call Janet Nelson, 410-836-5075, or Lisa Greene, 410-273-7931.

## MWR serves lunch

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Snack Bar, located in building 3326, is now serving lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The menu includes but is not limited to cheeseburgers, cheese steaks, hot sandwiches, appetizers and snacks. Daily specials are also available. The snack bar will be closed on garrison RDO Fridays. For more information, call 410-278-2621.

## ITR presents Disney on Ice, Toy Story 2

Information, Ticketing and Registration has tickets for Disney on Ice and Toy Story 2 for \$16.25 each. Show dates at the Baltimore Arena are Nov. 3 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. There are only 20 tickets for each show, so they will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Also, the 2002 Entertainment Books are available for \$25 each and can be purchased at ITR,

building 3326. For more information, call 410-278-4011.

## Chesapeake Challenge nears end of season

With just one more week-end to go before the season ends, the Chesapeake Challenge is offering three unbeatable specials.

- Buy two go-kart rides at \$8 and receive a third one free. Save \$4.
- Buy six batting tokens for \$3 and receive 10 tokens (a value of \$5).
- Buy one round of golf and get one free. Save \$3 each time you play.

The Chesapeake Challenge is located on Springfield Street near the commissary. Hours of operation are Oct. 27 and 28, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., For more information, call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

## Registration for winter youth sports

Aberdeen Proving Ground cheerleading and boys and girls youth basketball

(league) registration will be held Monday through Friday during regular business hours Oct. 25 to Nov. 9 by appointment with Amie Przygoda is also providing walk-in registrations in the evenings in Aberdeen, building 2485, Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and 7, 5 to 7 p.m. Registration in the evenings at Edgewood will be Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and 8 from 5 to 7 p.m., building E-1902. The season runs November through March.

Cheerleader's age as of Dec. 31, 2001 must be between 7 and 14 in order to register. Bring your child for a cheerleader uniform fitting at the Aberdeen Youth Sports Nov. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Nov. 14, 6 to 8 p.m. The Edgewood program will have Cheerleader uniform fittings on Nov. 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Fee is \$30 per player or cheerleader and 10 percent off siblings.

Basketball clinics for ages 4 to 6 (age as of Nov. 1, 2001)

will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10 and 17, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 29, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Fee is \$15 (for tee shirt and award). Registration will be held the same dates and times as basketball league registration.

Anyone interested in volunteering as a coach for the clinics should call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

## Nike SWOOSH Club

Nike SWOOSH Clubs are teen leadership groups that promote physical fitness, interest in sports and the potential for athletics-related careers. Held in Boys & Girls Clubs across the United States, NIKE SWOOSH Clubs enroll males and females ages 13 and older. Teen NIKE SWOOSH Club members are trained to coach, officiate, keep score, conduct sports-related community service project and assist staff with sports clinics and camps. Club members who complete at least 25 volunteer hours are eligible to

attend a NIKE Sports Leadership Camp.

## Edgewood Arts & Crafts

Edgewood Arts & Crafts is open to active and retired military, civilians, and contractors working on Aberdeen Proving Ground and their dependents. Located in building E-4440 next to the military police station near the troop store, hours of operation are Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 410-436-2153 during listed hours.

**Ceramics class:** A basic ceramics class will be held, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class teaches the basics of mold pouring, glazing, and painting. Cost is \$7 plus supplies.

**Porcelain Dolls:** A porcelain doll class will be held Nov. 1, 8 and 15, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$30 plus supplies. Class participants will make a Sugar Britches doll, a great gift for friends or

family. Class size is limited and pre registration is required. This is a progressive class so participants should plan on attending all three sessions.

**Woodshop Orientation:** The woodshop will hold a safety orientation, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is a \$3 user fee. This class is required in order to use the woodshop.

**Stained Glass:** A beginning stained glass class will be held Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students will make a simple sun-catcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.

**Framing Class:** A beginning matting and framing class will be held Nov. 29, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame. Register in advance, because class size is limited. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

## MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50  
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard



## JEEPERS CREEPERS

Friday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 27, 9 p.m.  
Starring: Justin Long, Gina Philips

After making a horrific discovery in the basement of an old abandoned church, Trish and her brother Darryl watch their routine road trip home from college turn into a heart-stopping race for their lives. They find themselves the chosen prey of an indestructible force that relentlessly pursues them. (Rated R)

## JAY AND SILENT BOB STRIKE BACK (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Oct. 27, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
Starring: Jason Mewes, Kevin Smith



When Jay and Silent Bob learn that a "Bluntman and Chronic" movie is being made featuring their comic book counter parts, they drool at the thought of fat movie checks rolling in. But when the pair find that there won't be any royalties coming their way, they set out to sabotage the flick at all costs. (Rated R)

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Garrison Library has new books for your reading pleasure. Come by and check out some books.



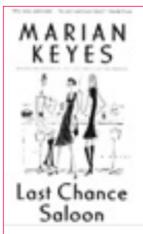
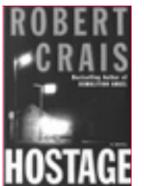
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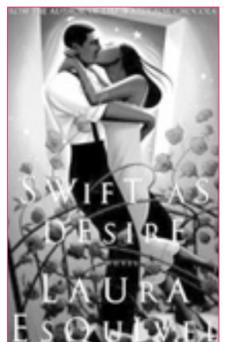
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**Suspicion of Vengeance** by Barbara Parker

**Last Chance Saloon** by Marian Keyes



**Swift as Desire** by Laura Esquivel

**Officer of the Court** by Bill Mesce



Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Operating hours of the Edgewood Area Library are Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071. Hours are Monday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 7 p.m., and Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

# MWR UPDATE

# Korea — 50 years ago this week, Oct. 4-10, 1951

## U.N. forces capture last Heartbreak Ridge objective

**Jim Caldwell**  
TRADOC PAO

Taking the high ground on and around Heartbreak Ridge, U.N. forces caught the Reds further south by surprise — inflicting heavy casualties — 50 years ago this week in Korea.

As the fighting continued, liaison officers from both sides of the frontlines prepared to move the peace talks from Kaesong to Panmunjom.

**Oct. 4, 1951** — The death of Col. Wesley M. Platt, 1st Marine Division, is announced. He was killed Sept. 28 and becomes the highest-ranking Marine to die in battle in Korea.

**Oct. 4-10** — Only liaison officers from the United Nations Command and the communist forces are talking at Kaesong. The U.N.C. officers are pressing to change the site of the negotiations. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, commander of U.N. forces wants a site that is on the front line. That way, both sides can protect the neutrality of the area. Kaesong is in communist-held territory.

On Oct. 7, liaison officers reach an agreement to move the site to Panmunjom, which meets Ridgway's demands. The general orders Gen. James Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, to take the high ground east of Panmunjom, but only after an agreement has been made and a date set to resume top-level talks. Also on Oct. 7, a B-26 pilot violates the airspace above Kaesong. The crew later receives an official reprimand.

On the battle lines on Oct. 4, 49 U.N. fighter-bombers work over the enemy in front of the 2nd Infantry Division in preparation for the Oct. 5 offensive.

Task Force Sturman begins raiding in the Sa'ae-ri Valley. Named for commander Maj. Kenneth Sturman of the 23rd Infantry Regiment, the task-force includes the 23rd Tank Company, 2nd Reconnaissance Company, a French pioneer platoon and an infantry platoon from the special divisional security forces. They aim to destroy communist bunkers on the east side of Heartbreak Ridge, and to decoy fire from the 23rd ID soldiers still on the ridge.

Early in the evening on Oct. 5, the division's artillery begins hammering enemy units in the Mundung-ni Valley facing the 9th and 38th IRs.

After the artillery lets up, Marine Corsairs strafe the Reds and hit them with rockets and napalm.

The enemy regiments dug in on Heartbreak Ridge and on Hills 867, 636, 974 and 931

had been mauled by 2nd ID actions throughout September. All had less than 1,000 men and were severely under strength when artillery hit them.

Hill 931 on the Ridge is spared the artillery and tactical air barrages to make them think they're not an objective in the action. Helping to make the North Koreans think the threat is from the north, the 23rd IR's 1st Battalion feints toward Hill 851, while the French battalion feints toward 931.

Meanwhile, 23rd IR's 2nd Battalion slowly makes its way up 931, with the 3rd Battalion in support. Before they near enemy positions, the 37th Field Artillery Battalion opens up on 931, taking out all known enemy mortar position. They are so effective that the 2nd suffers only light losses as they close with the enemy.

On the hill, the GIs use flamethrowers, grenades and small arms to finally clear the bunkers that had enabled the North Koreans to hold on for so long. They control the south half of the hill by 3 a.m. on Oct. 6.

They dig in for the expected counterattack, and when it comes, they knock it back.

At daylight, the 2nd and 3rd Battalions resume their advance. They link up with the French battalion, whose feint becomes a real movement south. The three battalions clear 931 by noon.

The 1st and 2nd Battalions, 38th IR, make rapid progress with little loss, as well. By Oct. 7, they hold Hills 728 and 636 that overlook Mundung-ni Valley. Now they can cover the 2nd Engineer Battalion as engineers complete the tank road up the valley.

The engineers finish the road Oct. 10. Soon after, Sherman tanks from the 72nd Tank Battalion roll up the valley along with a company from the 38th IR and an engineer platoon.

They catch the lead elements of the Chinese 204th Division, 68th Army in the open as they relieve the remnants of the North Korean V Corps. The tanks open up on the Chinese. They race through to the town of Mundung-ni, suffering losses but inflicting more on the Chinese. They cut off supply routes up the western side of Heartbreak Ridge. Stationing themselves at 100-yard intervals, the tankers are able to cover each other while firing at targets of opportunity.

The enemy was caught because they had not reckoned on tanks coming up the valley.

On Oct. 10, the 1st and 3rd Battalions of the 23rd IR and the French battalion move toward the last objective on

Heartbreak Ridge, Hill 851. The Chinese who made it to the hill and the North Koreans have to be killed or badly wounded before they stop resisting. Very few prisoners are taken.

**Oct. 10** — The Defense Department releases the weekly American casualty count. As of Oct. 5, the total casualties stand at 89,382. Of that figure, 15,063 are dead.

**Oct. 11-17** — Month-long U.N. battle for Heartbreak Ridge ends.

Fighting to take Heartbreak Ridge in the U.S. X Corps sector continues. The 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division and a French Battalion attached to the 23rd fight from bunker to bunker on Hill 851. Hill 851 is the last objective on Heartbreak Ridge still held by the enemy.

The end to the 33-day battle comes on Oct. 13. French troops charge the crest of the hill at daybreak wiping out the last surviving North Koreans.

Winning Heartbreak Ridge and surrounding ridges and peaks resulted in 3,700 casualties in the 2nd ID. About half of the casualties were in the 23rd IR and the French Battalion.

In the west, I Corps wraps up Operation Commando on Oct. 12. The operation moves the corps a few miles north to a new defense line named Jamestown, except in the 1st Cavalry Division sector. The Republic of Korea 1st Division, the British Commonwealth Division, 1st Cav, 3rd Infantry Division from I Corps, from left to right, and the 25th ID from the IX Corps on the east flank fought in the operation.

The X Corps soldiers also received heavy artillery and close air support during the eight-day battle.

On Oct. 16, Operation Polecharge goes into action in the 1st Cavalry's area. Reinforcing the 5th Cavalry Regiment is the Belgian Battalion from the 3rd ID.

The 1st Cav immediately runs into heavy enemy firepower. By Oct. 17, all of its regiments are making little headway against well-entrenched Chinese troops.

U.S. Air Force F-86 pilots report downing nine MiGs over northwestern Korea to one damaged American fighter. It's the largest one-day kill total for U.N. Command pilots.

**Oct. 17** — The Defense Department announces the American death toll in Korea is 15,401 as of Oct. 12. The total casualty count stands at 90,935.

**Oct. 18-24** — Peace talks move forward, troops rest.

As the peace talks moved forward, a battle lull between ground forces ensued. Despite the lack of action on the ground, the Air Force continued its bombing attacks deep behind the North Korean lines and experienced one of the fiercest air battles of the war.

Peace talks continue at the liaison level.

Ridgway is insisting on rules that will prevent or minimize infractions of the neutral area at Panmunjom. The communists will accept nothing less than a five-mile perimeter. The United Nations finally concedes, but also insists that the U.N. camp at Munsan-ni have a similar circle of protection.

The United Nations is

exempted from responsibility for violations of the neutral zone by partisans, which has happened before.

Air Force Col. Andrew Kinney informed Col. Chang, the Korean LO, that U.N. troops were taking over the hill east of Panmunjom to prevent an unwanted clash at this stage.

Adm. Turner Joy, lead negotiator, sends a letter to Gen. Nam, the North Korean who leads the communist team, telling Nam that he has signed the LO agreement, and that negotiations would begin just as soon as he receives Nam's ratification.

Nam signs the document Oct. 24 and the first meeting at Panmunjom is scheduled for the next day. With the resumption of peace talks, a lull settles over the combat front. Gen. James Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, uses this time to put a couple of fresh divisions on the front line. He moves the 2nd Infantry Division and the attached French Battalion from X Corps to IX Corps where they serve as the corps reserve. He replaces 2nd ID with IX Corps' 7th Infantry Division and an attached Ethiopian Battalion. He swaps the Republic of Korea 5th Division from X Corps to the ROK I Corps reserve for the ROK 3rd Division.

On Oct. 18, a flight of nine B-29s from the 19th Bomb Group attack the airfield near Saamchon and drop more than 19 tons of bombs on target. Nine more B-29s from the 98th Bomb Wing assigned to hit Taechon miss the rendezvous with their fighter escort and fly on to a secondary target.

On Oct. 22, 24 F-84s escort eight 19th BG B-29s to the Taechon airfield. After the big planes drop their bombs, they're hit by 40 MiG-15s. Because of the shootout, one bomber crashes into the sea. The entire crew is later rescued.

Again on Oct. 23, eight bombers from the 307th Bomb

Wing head for Namsi, escorted by 55 F-84s. They drop their load on the Namsi airfield and are swarmed by 50 MiGs. At the same time, 100 MiGs attack a group of 34 F-86s loitering several miles away, keeping them out of the fight around the bombers. In the 20-minute battle, three B-29s are shot down. Of the five other bombers, only one escapes major damage.

**Oct. 20** — Soviet Premier Josef Stalin answers North Korean dictator Kim Il Sung's letter of thanks. He wishes the country "success in its heroic struggle for the freedom and independence of its homeland."

**Oct. 22** — Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force chief of staff, says in Washington that radio transmissions among MiGs in Korea are in Russian. "There sure as hell are no Chinese or Red Koreans flying those MiGs," he says.

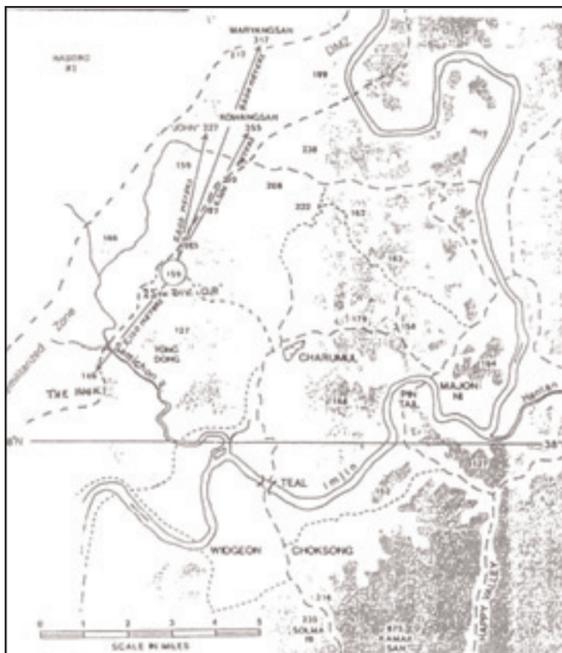
Also in Washington, Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, says the reds are losing about 7,000 trucks a month.

**Oct. 23** — A report from Eighth Army headquarters says that from Oct. 13-19 its soldiers inflicted 29,275 casualties among communist Koreans and Chinese.

**Oct. 24** — The U.S. casualty count as of Oct. 19 is 92,997, with 15,688 dead.

Speaking at a cornerstone-laying ceremony for the District of Columbia Red Cross building, the president says he hopes the Soviet Union leaders and its satellites "come to see that it is utterly foolish to oppose the united will of all the other peoples of the world for peace and justice."

*(Editor's note: Jim Caldwell is a journalist with the Training and Doctrine Command Public Affairs Office, Fort Monroe, Va.)*



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<http://rt66.com/~korteng/smallArms/ronccf.htm>

Map of Chinese trench at the Hinge in October 1951.



Photo courtesy of <http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/photos/korea/kwengin/mineclr.htm>

Men of the 2nd Platoon, B Co, 10th Engineer Battalion check a tank for booby traps and the area for mines Oct. 8, 1951.

# Veterans

*From front page*

everything you fought so hard to preserve," he told the veterans.

He noted that the Korean War was not only a war fought over Communism.

"You were not just defending that beautiful land of morning calm," he said. "You were defending freedom for all people."

He encouraged all veterans to go into schools and share their stories with "children who don't know what you did or why you did it."

"Take the initiative and ask teachers if you can become a real person to these students who won't know otherwise."

"Freedom is not free, he added. "For those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, we remember every one of you. This grateful nation appreciates your courage, commitment and sacrifice."

Running is responsible for coordinating efforts that recognize the 1.9 million military veterans who served in the Korean War. Before retiring in 1997, he served as the vice-commander of the 12th Air Force and U.S. Southern Command Air Forces, Davis-Monthan Air Base, Ariz.

Hwang extended his deepest sympathies to the nation on behalf of the government and people of Korea for the great loss suffered during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Fifty years ago, the world witnessed other atrocities against a people," Hwang said. "American soldiers answered the call and changed the course of history."

Since then, he added, Korea has evolved into a thriving democracy, becoming the 12th largest economy in the world.

"Now we are in a war against terrorists," Hwang added. "We are standing firm beside you as you did during the Korean War. As we work together, we will prevail. May God bless the United States and the Republic of Korea."

Hwang is a graduate of the Korea

Military Academy and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He holds a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University and is pursuing a doctoral degree in politics and diplomats at Kyung Nam University.

Retired Maj. Gen. Joe Brooks directed the posting and retirement of the colors, performed by the commemoration committee honor guard and the Remembrance Ceremony, detailing the meaning of the prisoner of war/missing in action table and directing the placement of red carnations with the unsheathed saber and service caps representing the six military services.

He said the function of the ceremony was to provide the American public a clearer understanding of the history and sacrifice associated with the Korean War.

"I trust we have provided some enlightenment to everyone here this evening in our recognition of those who served," Brooks said. "Evenings like this will go a long way toward making the forgotten war one of remembrance."

Brooks retired from the U.S. Military Traffic Management Command and the U.S. Army Reserve.

Harford County Executive James Harkins also offered remarks, commending the speakers, committee members and veterans.

"A new generation is taking up the fight for freedom," he said. "They will prevail."

Maryland delegates Joanne Parrott, Mary-Dulaney James and Charles Boutin marked the program with a Proclamation from the Maryland House of Delegates.

Rounding out the evening was the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) Jazz Quintet which provided music, including Taps performed on trumpet by Staff Sgt. Robert Bauerle and the songs "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America" sung and played on guitar by Staff Sgt. Robert Dietz.

The women of the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8672 supplied mini-corsages of red, purple and white silk flowers for female attendees.

Auxiliary member Jan Cross explained the colors.

"White signifies the Rose of Sharon or purity, red represents Veterans of Foreign Wars and purple is for the Military Order of the Purple Heart," she said.

The recipients of the Korean War Service Medal on Oct. 18 were, William Alli; Raymond J. Astor; Robert S. Banker; Joseph Bond; Charles W. Bravard; Robert V. Bullis; Mitchell S. Ciborowski; Raymond B. Connolly; Leo F. Crowder; Robert H. Elliott; Ralph R. Denton; Robert J. Donovan; Charles B. Elder; Alan P. Edelstein; Arthur Garrett; George F. Grimmel; Nicolas Guerra; Arthur P. Hackett; Everett L. Handy Jr.; Bernard T. Helmer Jr.; Earl A. House; Alden Wallace Hyde; Leonard M. Kirk; Michael J. Kozub; John G. Kreiner; Henry Lobdell; Gardner R. Long; Richard B. Lowe; Ralph Marlow; Millard E. McKay; Lloyd C. Nicholson; Robert N. Patrick; John Henry Saunders; Roy B. Staton; Ralph G. Strappelli and Lawrence E. Watters.

Korean War Veterans or their next of kin may obtain information about the Republic of Korea Service Medal by writing the U.S. Air Force Personnel Center at HQ AFPC/DPPRA, 550 C Street West, Suite 12, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas 78150-4714; call 1-800-558-1404; fax 210-565-3118 or visit Website [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards). Do not contact the Department of Defense Commemoration Committee.

If the required documentation is not available to the veteran or the next of kin, it may be obtained by contacting the National Personnel Records Center at Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

For information about becoming a Commemoration Partner in honoring Korean War veterans during the commemoration period, contact the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee at 1213 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 702, Arlington, VA 33303-4303 or visit Web site: <http://korea50.army.mil>.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON  
Korean War veteran retired Maj. Arnett Powers salutes the colors during the national anthem.



Left, Ray Glock, honor guard captain, leads Bob Donovan, front, and Sal Penella, rear, and the rest of the Korean War honor guard in posting the colors.



The American and Korean flags, a single carnation, an unsheathed saber, a memorial wreath and military service caps adorn the Remembrance Table at the Harford County Korean War Veterans Commemorative Dinner Oct. 18.

Photos by SHEILA LITTLE

From left, Col. Kone Brugh, commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade, Maj. Ernest Vermont, chaplain, 61st Ordnance Brigade, and Master Sgt. Keith Koob, director of Law Enforcement and Security, join Chief Warrant Officer Jerry Standridge, director of the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), right foreground, Tim McNamara, director of Safety, Health and Environment, right background, and other Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers in the buffet line at the garrison-sponsored prayer breakfast held Oct. 11 at Top of the Bay.



Sgt. Brian Reilly, a member of the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), adds to the prayerful focus of the early morning event by offering a trumpet medley of well-known hymns.

# Prayer

*From front page*

tained the audience with trumpet arrangements of well-known hymns.

The program, which included several prayers asking for

comfort for the bereaved as well as protection and guidance for the country and the military, concluded with the congregation joining together in singing "God Bless America."

Retired Lt. Col. Monroe Manning, a member of the APG Chapel since 1969, described the speaker as an

excellent Bible scholar and instructor, and complemented Reilly for his wonderful job on trumpet. He added that both he and his wife thought the prayer breakfast was a great idea and, considering current world circumstances, came at an especially appropriate time.

"Anytime you can get a group together to pray, it's

always good," he said.

Contacted several days after the prayer breakfast, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, expressed disappointment at not being available to address the prayer breakfast attendees.

Originally scheduled as the

guest speaker, Doesburg was informed the day before the breakfast that he was needed to brief the Secretary of the Army about homeland defense and security issues.

The installation commander said times of great trials, where our future is dependent on the decisions we make today, call for us to pray for

guidance for our president and all of our nation's leaders.

Doesburg said prayer is more important now because of the type of enemy we face.

Describing the terrorists as "having no moral code," he said we have the opportunity and the means to win if we rely on guidance found through prayer.

# Soldier Show comes to APG

Photo by  
HARRIET RICE,  
CFSC

*"Yeah, baby..."*  
Spc. Jeffrey Larson  
from Ft. Stewart,  
Ga., has audiences  
in stitches with his  
portrayal of Austin  
Powers in a  
production number  
from the 2001 U.S.  
Army Soldier  
Show, a Morale,  
Welfare and  
Recreation produc-  
tion now touring  
the U.S. and the  
Pacific, and  
coming to APG's  
post theater Nov.  
12 and 13.

Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host two performances of the Soldier Show, 7 p.m., Nov. 12 and 13 at the post theater. The Nov. 12 performance is open to U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools personnel.

The Nov. 13 showing is open to the public for anyone with a current government identification card.

There is no admission charge for either performance and attendees are urged to arrive early to ensure seating.

For more information, contact Gwen Meadows, Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing specialist, 410-278-4497, fax 410-278-9537, or e-mail [gwen.meadows@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:gwen.meadows@usag.apg.army.mil).

