



POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Dec. 19 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Holiday gate access limited during holidays

Aberdeen Proving Ground will be operating limited gate access to the installation during the upcoming holiday period. The holiday gate schedule will be in effect 8 p.m., Dec. 21 until 4 a.m., Jan. 2.

During that period, the Maryland Boulevard (MD Route 715) gate in the Aberdeen Area will be the only open gate. In the Edgewood Area, the Route 24 gate will be the only operational gate. Limiting access points to the installation will provide an increased measure of security during this special time of the year.

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security wishes the entire Aberdeen Proving Ground community a joyous and safe holiday season.

Re-Nu-It Center holiday hours

The Re-Nu-It centers will close for the holidays Dec. 21. The Edgewood Center reopens 8 a.m., Jan. 2 and the Aberdeen Center reopens Jan. 3 at 8 a.m.

For more information, call William Settles, 410-278-8814/8815.

Refuse, tree pickup over holidays

During Christmas and New Years weeks refuse normally picked up on Tuesday will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 24 and 31. The normal pickup schedule will be followed the remainder of each week.

The ONLY pickup date for Christmas trees for all Aberdeen Proving Ground housing areas will be Monday, Jan. 7.

For more information, contact Chris Barwick, 410-836-2349.

VTC unites military family members

Army Community Service has set up a free video teleconference

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APG emphasizes celebrating safely

Tips cover decorating and fire hazards, poisoning and childhood accident prevention, and drinking and driving

Sheila Little
APG News

The thermometer may not reflect what the calendar tells us, but if you take a look around Aberdeen Proving Ground, the signs of the upcoming holiday season, from red ribbons to greenery to lights, are everywhere.

While residents are encouraged to get into the spirit of things, they are reminded that a celebration can quickly turn tragic if safety is not stressed.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, deputy installation commander, said while residents on APG are encouraged to celebrate, they should not let their guard down when it comes to safety.

"The Christmas season is traditionally a time of celebration. Don't let celebrating lead to decreased awareness and accidents," Mark said.

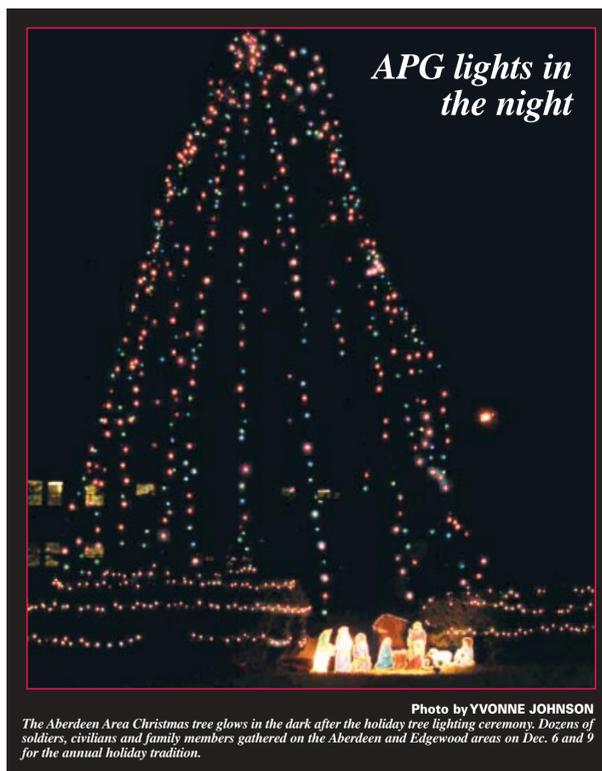
The APG Fire Department, in coordination with the family housing division, distributed a letter to housing residents last week, detailing ways to avoid fire during the holiday season. Highlights are featured in this article, along with other ways to ensure an incident-free transition into 2002. All on-post residents are expected to abide by the safety regulations.

Decorating on APG

The traditional Christmas tree can be an object of great enjoyment, but it can also be the source of a fire if precautions are not followed. If purchasing a live tree, keep it watered. Check it daily, as cut trees soak up a lot of water. All trees should be well-supported, and not block hallways or exits. The installation pickup of live-cut trees is scheduled for Jan. 7. Have your tree free of ornamentation and at the curb by 7 a.m.

Lights are permitted on trees and to decorate windows and doors as long as they do not hinder entrances and exits, have a safety decal from Underwriters Laboratory and the wires are not worn or frayed.

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APG lights in the night

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

The Aberdeen Area Christmas tree glows in the dark after the holiday tree lighting ceremony. Dozens of soldiers, civilians and family members gathered on the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas on Dec. 6 and 9 for the annual holiday tradition.

Youth Services recognizes youths of the quarter, year

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Completing the inaugural year of its Youth of the Quarter program, Child and Youth Services closed 2001 with its final quarterly award and announced the winners of the installation's youths of the year award during a ceremony in the Edgewood Area Youth Center on Dec. 4.

Cassandra A. Lampkin is the EA Youth of the Year and Heidi A. Greenleaf is the Youth of the Year for the Aberdeen Area.

The Youth of the Quarter award went to Brandon D. Beverley from the Aberdeen Area and to Tyshuna M. Bolton from the Edgewood Area.

Ivan Mehosky, child and youth services coordinator, hosted the program and Col. Mardi U. Mark, Aberdeen Proving Ground garrison and deputy installation commander, gave the remarks.

Noting that the installation youth centers have been designated Boys and Girls Clubs of Maryland, Mark thanked Mehosky, Carlos Phillips and Norma Warwick, program managers for the EA/AA centers for the work they put into the organizations.

"This partnership allows for many benefits we don't normally have, particularly the scholarship program," Mark said.

She congratulated the four youths and encouraged them to maintain the effort they exhibited for future rewards.

"You worked hard, set goals and made them achievable," Mark said. "You surely will become leaders in your community. Don't be distracted from your goals. Stay focused."

Mehosky read short bios and announced the winners, who came forward to receive Certificates of Achievement, signed by Mark and Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

All high school students with different goals and interests, the honorees shared unmistakable similarities.

The EA Youth of the Quarter, Bolton, a senior at Edgewood High School, lettered in track and field, maintained high grades, was a teen delegate to the 2001 Army Materiel Command Army Family Action Plan Conference. She puts in many hours of volunteer service and said she is preparing herself for a career in medicine as a neurosurgeon.

"I'll need motivation, stamina, endurance and drive," Bolton said about her busy schedule. "I'm preparing myself now. It sounds like a lot, but for me, it's usual."

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President declares Christmas Eve a holiday

On Dec. 6, the president signed an executive order declaring Monday, Dec. 24 a holiday for federal employees.

The same rules for holiday leave/pay apply to this additional holiday. For instance, part-time employees are entitled to holiday leave if actually scheduled to work that day. They are not eligible for "in lieu of holiday."

Full-time employees are entitled to an "in lieu of holiday" if that day is their regular day off. Those employees required to work that day are entitled to holiday premium pay for the scheduled work hours.

Employees with "use or lose" annual leave balances will have to reschedule the annual leave that would have normally been reported for that day. "Use or lose" balances are reflected on the Leave and Earnings Statement. However, consideration should be given to any corrected timecards that are pending.

The leave year ends on Jan. 12.

(Editor's note: Information provided by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Customer Service Office, based on a White House Press Release dated Dec. 6.)



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Family Assistance Center up and running on APG



Photo courtesy of RETIRED COMMAND SGT. MAJ. GODFREDO POSADAS

From left, Pvt. Jason Rossam, Nacole Ball, under table, James McCanness and Matthew Halderson, Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion, put the finishing touches on the Family Assistance Office after helping to install the center's furniture and equipment.

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

When disasters or emergencies strike, whether they are natural or man-made, having a viable emergency plan can make all the difference between handling and succumbing to the situation.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas leads a major plan that addresses the needs and welfare of Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers, their families and civilian employees in case of unforeseen emergencies.

Posadas, the deployment and mobilization manager at Army Community Services heads the newly established Family Assistance Center or FAC program at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Working from the ground up, with guidance from Army regulations and the Directorate of Information Management's Standard Operating Procedure 608-1-14, Posadas established

a system of support services on APG that addresses the assistance needs for personnel and family members during deployments, evacuations or natural disasters.

Posadas said the FAC is a mobilization contingency plan designed to handle emergencies and disasters as well as support military operations or deployments.

"We are also putting together a family readiness group that will consist of soldiers, family members, extended family members, volunteers and friends, anyone interested in the servicemember's well being," he said.

In case of mobilization, the APG Army Community Service Center becomes the FAC program at Aberdeen Proving Ground. From which a full range of information and referral, relocation, financial assistance, Family Advocacy, counseling and child care services will be accessible on a 24-hour-a-day

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(VTC) available for military families to get in touch with their deployed loved ones. The VTC is located at ACS, building 2754, Rodman Road. Families will be able to see and talk on a wide screen. To set up an appointment, call ACS, 410-278-3137/7474.

Army Band requests

Requests for the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) should be submitted to Staff Sgt. Kay Reynolds, 410-278-7953. Requests should be submitted a minimum of 60 days in advance of an event.

Santa suits for rent

Santa Claus suits are available for rent at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407, for \$10 per day. Suits include jacket, wide black belt, pants, boot covers, white gloves, beard, wig and hat.

The center is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. to noon and closed on Wednesday.

For more information or to rent a suit, call 410-278-4124.

Santa is coming to APG

Army Community Service is sponsoring a holiday party Monday, Dec. 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Bring your family for an evening of fun with Santa Claus. There will be free photographs, face painting, music, games, prizes and food.

Reservations must be received at ACS, 410-278-7474/7478, by Dec. 10.

Help for holiday blues

The Army Substance Abuse Program and Dr. Mary Taylor-Ennis will present "Holiday Blues or Is It Depression?" on Dec. 13, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., at the Civilian Personnel Training Area, building 5442, and from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Edgewood Conference Center Auditorium, building E-4810. Military personnel, civilian employees and all family members are invited to attend.

For more information, call Derrick Copper, 410-436-3477.

Choir to perform cantata off post

The Aberdeen Area Post Chapel Choir will present the annual Christmas Cantata "Come and Adore Him" on Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. In order to ensure that everyone who wants to attend is able, the performance will be held at Grove Presbyterian Church, 50 E. Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen. Light refreshments will follow.

For more information or if you need a ride, call the chapel at 410-278-4333.

Weight Watchers at Work

Lunchtime Weight Watchers classes are continuing on post and new participants are welcome. To learn more about the Weight Watchers at Work Program at APG, call 410-278-1151.

EOC changes phone numbers

The Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground Emergency Operations Center is now under the direct control of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment/Fire Department.

The new telephone numbers for the EOC are 410-278-3182 and 410-278-3183.

The old 410-278-4500, 410-278-5225, and 410-278-5226 will remain with the S3 Operations Office assigned to the Directorate of Installation Operations.

AFTB back at APG

Army Family Team Building is a program that stresses military mission readiness and family readiness. The mission is to educate and train all of America's Army. AFTB shares knowledge, skills and behaviors designed to prepare Army families to cope successfully with today's military. Diana Jackson, the AFTB program manager, will schedule courses that focus on adapting to military life, accepting challenges, managing change and developing life skills.

Dec. 16 is Army Family Team Building Day. Take time on that day to remember those who lost loved ones on Sept. 11. The AFTB celebration will be included in Army Community Services' New Year Open House. For information on classes, briefings and volunteer opportunities, contact Diane Jackson, 410-278-7474.

Kirk medical records move temporarily

The Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Medical Records Section will be updating their filing system to a new Medical Records Tracking System through Jan. 2. During this time medical

records will be temporarily located in Room CO3. Please follow the signs to the new location. For more information, contact Nancy O'Rourke at 410-278-1924 or Capt. Jennifer Gerald at 410-278-1723.

EA Thrift Shop seeks bookkeeper

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop is seeking an individual to fill the salaried position of bookkeeper. The position requires 40 hours per month plus one Saturday and includes an annual paid vacation. A month of volunteering/training is required. If interested, pick up an application at the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop, building E-1633 or call 410-676-4733, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or leave a message.

Closing date for submitting applications is Dec. 20.

Pollution Prevention



Use non-toxic glue and water-based markers for your arts and crafts projects.

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

CPQC Web site updated

The new Telegraph is now available on the Civilian Personnel Operations Center homepage <http://cpolrhp.army.mil/ner/telegraph/tele1001/tellyframe.htm>.

EA library hours change

The Edgewood Area library is **only** open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Re-Nu-It centers announce winter hours

Winter hours for the Aberdeen Re Nu It Center are 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The Edgewood center is open the same hours on Wednesday and Friday.

Register now for HCC's spring credit classes

Registration is currently underway for Spring 2002 credit courses at Harford Community College's Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, building 3146 Raritan Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and alternate Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, call 410-272-2338 or 410-278-0516.

Students may also register at the HCC Student Center Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Spring classes begin on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Students who register through Dec. 17 will be billed, with payment due on Jan. 10.

For more information about registering for spring credit courses at HCC, call the Registration and Records Office at 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222.

La Gregg's offers special through Dec. 15

La Gregg's food operation, located in building 4311 on Aberdeen Proving Ground is offering a Thanksgiving special through Dec. 15. Purchase any combination meal and receive 10 percent off.

La Gregg's features sandwiches and items from the grill to include hamburgers, French fries and hotdogs. La Gregg's also carries a variety of beverages including specialty coffee blends and cappuccino.

La Gregg's is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch; Monday through Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m. for dinner; and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. La Gregg's is open to the public.

TRICARE recipients urged to save receipts

TRICARE officials remind all beneficiaries that some of the programs called for in the National Defense Authorization Act went into effect on Oct. 1, but some programs are scheduled to be phased in over time. For this reason, beneficiaries are advised to save all receipts and other information related to claims for all services and benefits received since Oct. 30, 2000, until notification has been received that all programs have been put into practice. One such program is the reduction of the catastrophic cap from \$7,500 to \$3,000 and coverage for school-required physicals for dependents under age 11. Keep in mind that physicals required to play sports are not a covered benefit.

Having documentation available will ease the reimbursement process from the health services contractor, Sierra Military Health Services, Inc. Information on the latest TRICARE benefits and when they take effect can be found on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil.

Also, you can contact Sierra Military Health Services at your nearest TRICARE Service Center or talk with a Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator at a military treatment facility. *(Editor's note: Reprinted with permission from The Pulse, a TRICARE Northeast publication.)*

Technology convention to focus on Homeland Security

The 2002 Federal Convention on Emerging Technologies will take place Jan. 7 to 9 at the Riviera Hotel and Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nev.

The convention, which focuses on homeland security, is open to all federal employees and contractors sponsored by the federal government.

The convention will include the 2002 Federal IT Pavilion, the newest addition to the largest trade show in North America, International CBS. Seminars include Homeland Security, Information Assurance, Cyber Threats/Terrorism, XML, Metadata, Collaboration Tools, Next Generation Search Engines, GSM and Global Wireless Communications and more.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Ruth A. David, president and chief executive officer of ANSER.

For more information about the convention or to register, call NCSI at 888-603-8899 or visit www.federalevents.com.

TSP open season approaches

The Thrift Savings Plan Open Season lasts until Jan. 31. During the open enrollment period employees may elect to enroll in TSP or change their current TSP deduction. TSP Open Season Update Pamphlets will be distributed to agency administrative offices upon receipt in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Employees are now required to contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian, or ABC-C, at 1-877-276-9287 or www.abc.army.mil to enroll in TSP or change the amount of their contribution. Employees must also contact the TSP Office at 1-504-255-8777 or www.tsp.gov if they wish to change their fund allocation. Personal Identification Numbers are required for both ABC-C and TSP. Employees who wish to change the way their current balance is invested must request a TSP Interfund Transfer. Interfund transfers can be made by calling the TSP office, using the Web site, or completing a TSP-50.

For more information, contact your servicing personnel assistant, Aberdeen Proving Ground CPAC.

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.

Defense Commissary Agency announces scholarships for military children program

Applications for the second annual Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children Program are available at the commissary and for download at www.commissaries.com.

Qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military ID card holders, to include active duty, retirees, and Guard/reserves, may apply for the \$1,500 scholarships. Eligibility of applicants, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the Defense Department ID Card Directive. The complete package must be received at the commissary no later than Feb. 5.

Two major changes are in the 2002 program. Students will not have to show ID at the commissary when turning in their applications. Student eligibility will be verified through the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, before scholarships are awarded.

Sponsors should ensure that their children are enrolled in DEERS prior to applying for a scholarship. Students are encouraged to hand deliver applications, but they can be mailed to the nearest commissary.

AA meetings held at APG chapel

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the Aberdeen Post Chapel, building 2485, every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is an open discussion meeting available to the entire Aberdeen community, military and civilian. Light refreshments.

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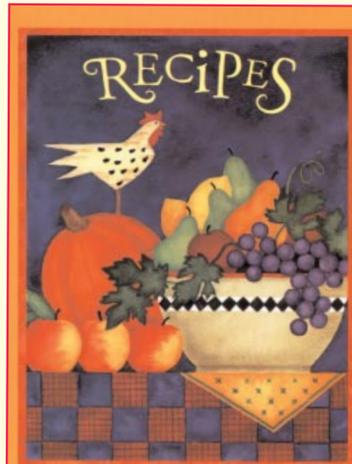
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MCSC COOKBOOK

MCSC shares cooking secrets

The APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club has put together a community cookbook with more than 280 recipes. This collection has been tried and tasted by servicemembers all over the world. A special section features recipes from active duty personnel in every branch of the military.

The cookbook will be available for purchase on payday weekends at the PX and commissary and at the Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop. It sells for \$8 and all proceeds will benefit the local community. You can also purchase the cookbook by calling Angie Salamy at 410-272-6712. She will deliver to your office on post. These make great teacher gifts or a great treat to take home for the holidays.



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AEC commander honors employees

Neal Snyder
U.S. Army Environmental Center

Colonel Stanley H. Lillie, commander of the U.S. Army Environmental Center, presented awards to staff members Nov. 20 at the U.S. Army Soldier Biological and Chemical Command conference center.

The awards ceremony took place following the renewal of the 5-year partnership between AEC and Edgewood Elementary School. (See accompanying article below.).

Scott Belfit, Scott Farley and David Guldenzopf received Superior Civilian Service Awards for their part in developing the Army Alternate Procedures, or AAP, to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Commander's Award for Civilian Service went to:

Valerie Hauser, for her contributions as Army Affairs Coordinator for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation 1997 to 1999 during the development of AAP.

David Berwick, for work as Army Affairs Coordinator for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation 1999 to 2001 during the development of AAP.

Susan L. Taylor, for efforts February

2001 to August 2001 in the development of AAP as Advisory Council on Historic Preservation liaison to USAEC.

Mark L. Hampton, for his work in AEC technology demonstration and transfer programs July 2000 to June 2001, particularly his leadership in developing the Army Environmental Quality Technology program fiscal 2004-09 Program Objective Memorandum.

Louis Kanaras, for valuable pollution prevention technical expertise to Army Acquisition Program managers July 2000 to June 2001.

Doenee L. Moscato, for exceptional technical support to the Navy Field Activity Support Technology Transfer team as it assessed pollution programs at Department of Defense installations July 2000 to June 2001.

Janmichael Graine, for exceptional service during the planning, construction and operation of the joint AEC - U.S. Forest Service exhibit at the 2001 Boy Scout Jamboree, Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

Robert Shifflett, for technical expertise during the planning, construction and operation of the joint AEC - U.S. Forest Service exhibit at the 2001 Boy Scout Jamboree.

Capt. Anissa M. McNeill, chief of the

AEC Range Sustainment Branch, received an Army Achievement Medal for her exceptional leadership, motivation and ability in presenting the Army environmental stewardship message at the 2001 Boy Scout Jamboree.

Lloyd Holly of the Information and Environmental Reporting Division, Army Systems Branch, was honored for 40 years of civilian service, and Darlene Edwards received a 25-year pin. Other service awards went to Richard O'Donnell, James Daniel and Robert DiMichele (20 years); Robert Snyder (15 years); and Scott Farley, Laurie Haines, George Robitaille and Richard Hoffman (10 years).

Robert Shakeshaft and William Tagalico received a note of appreciation from Maj. Gen. James E. Donald, U.S. Army Forces Command deputy chief of staff for personnel and installation management, for their support of the FORSCOM Hazardous Waste Program Manager's Workshop.

William Nelson received a letter of appreciation from Col. Christopher J. Young, U.S. Army Materiel Command deputy chief of staff for installations, for his service as AMC liaison for AEC, January to September 2001.

Army increases chemical stockpile security

Kathy DeWeese

ECA

Army officials announced plans for additional measures designed to increase the security of its chemical agent stockpile at Aberdeen Proving Ground Dec. 10.

Earth-covered, reinforced igloos will be built to protect the mustard agent stockpile that has been stored outdoors without incident since the World War II-era. The stockpile of bulk liquid mustard agent will then be moved into these structures. The chemical agent stockpile does not contain explosively configured weapons.

"We are implementing these additional measures to assure the public and the work force that the storage site will remain safe and secure pending disposal of the mustard agent stockpile," said Maj. William P. Huber, commander of Edgewood Chemical Activity, the APG organization responsible for stockpile storage.

After the Sep. 11 terrorist attacks, the Army took immediate action to increase force protection at APG and other stockpile sites in the United States. This additional measure is another phase intended to enhance safety until the mustard agent stockpile can be safely neutralized.

"We have a great work force and our procedures have been effective, but we recognize the threat for the nation has changed," said Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG deputy installation commander. "Rest assured that the security of this installation and the continued safety and well-being of our employees and the surrounding communities are my top priorities."

APG officials routinely coordinate all stockpile-related missions with APG's emergency preparedness partners, including Harford, Kent and Baltimore counties, Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland State Police, Maryland Department of Environment and the U.S. Coast Guard, among others. Specific details on these upcoming measures will be coordinated with these partners.

School partnership renewed in on-post ceremony



program to take place on the installation rather than at the school. Construction at the school and increased security led to a smaller ceremony during the Center's periodic "town hall" assembly.

Col. Stanley H. Lillie, commander of AEC, Allyn Watson, principal of Edgewood Elementary, and Nancy Spence, partnership coordinator for Harford County Public Schools, signed the renewal.

"A partnership this strong doesn't grow overnight," Lillie said. "Over the course of the past four school years, you [AEC professionals] have volunteered your valuable time to fill the classrooms of Edgewood with educational opportunities such as February science nights, our April Earth Day celebrations, and our mock trials in May."

Lillie thanked the volunteers.

"They have improved my science grades and I'm pretty sure other students' science grades, too. Just by coming and entertaining and teaching they have taught us to keep the environment clean, what we can do to keep it clean and what makes the world matter," Williams said.

The renewal took place in the U.S. Army Soldier Biological and Chemical Command auditorium on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, the first such

community as a whole."

Spence said she frequently uses the AEC partnership with Edgewood Elementary as a model. A partnership, she said, first "takes strong leadership on both partners' parts. Second, it links partnership activity to specific student and school needs."

Formalizing the commitment with a ceremony gives the partnership greater credibility, Spence said. "I commend you for your role in this partnership. Partnerships can and do make a difference in the lives of students in Harford County Public Schools."

Fifth-grader Brittainy Jones, who, like Williams, read a speech as part of the ceremony, shared the sentiment. "Because of our partnership with them, AEC has done many wonderful programs for the students," she said.

"We've added to the educational upbringing of these students as no one else can, because we bring our own unique experiences and knowledge to the classroom each time we participate in an activity," he said.

Programs supported by AEC have become an important part of the Edgewood curriculum, Watson said. "You are modeling for our kids good things about reading and about what you do for the benefit of the environment and the com-

Edgewood CB Center co-sponsors workshop on bioterrorism for DC judges

Kelly Buckingham

ECBC

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, or ECBC, was a co-sponsor of the "Bioterrorism & The Courts," in November for the Einstein Institute for Science, Health and the Courts, or EINSHAC. EINSHAC is a voluntary educational and research organization affiliated with the Judicial Branch of Government.

The purpose of the work-

shop was to familiarize District of Columbia judges with bio-defense technologies. In the courtroom, judges are being faced with new challenges associated with biological threats. The information presented during the workshop will help judges make decisions in the event of a biological incident in their courtrooms and also in cases that may involve biological threats.

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'Support Our Troops' care packages program for holidays

Courtesy of Military.com

Americans who would like to show their support for active duty military personnel this holiday season can now send care packages through Military.com. The "Support Our Troops" CarePackage program, in cooperation with CarePackages.com, allows Americans to send care packages to an authorized military facility in Idaho, from where they will be distributed to servicemembers deployed throughout the world.

You can choose from a variety of pre-packaged bundles, or create a custom package. For more information on the program, or to send a carepackage, go to: <http://www.military.carepackages.com/>

DoD discusses vaccine safety

Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

Military allergy and immunization specialists have worked hard to educate healthcare providers on vaccine safety. But in light of rising bioterrorism concerns, they've ratcheted up their efforts.

Army Dr. (Col.) Renata Engler is the medical director of the Vaccine Healthcare Center Network, which recently opened its first center at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. She explained that vaccines are tools to protect Department of Defense's members, but they also need to be afforded the same care, respect and safety precautions given other prescription medicines.

DoD and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta became partners this summer to provide a network of clearinghouses for information on vaccine safety and procedures throughout DoD.

The new initiative was in response to "the growing challenges that have arisen in the context of immunization healthcare," Engler said, particularly concerning the public controversies surrounding immunization safety in general as well as the DoD Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program specifically.

"Knowledgeable resources had to be developed to support the providers and the small outlying immunization clinics who are

dealing with the challenges and to support special, complex patient issues that local medical facilities might not be resourced to handle," she said.

Engler said her work has come into a whole new light in the aftermath of Sept. 11 – the contamination of the mail with anthrax has made the threat of bioterrorism clear to Americans.

She said her organization has been involved in developing plans for possible new or changing vaccination programs for servicemembers.

Any possible use of smallpox vaccine is of particular concern, since America's stockpiles of vaccine for this deadly, disfiguring disease are old and were made with outdated technology, experts have said. Engler and her staff are consulting with various agencies to work up contingency plans in case experts decide there's a need to vaccinate Department of Defense as well as emergency response personnel against smallpox, she said.

"There are some concerns about adverse events related to that vaccine," Engler said. "We've gotten busier faster than we wanted to in response to new bioterrorism threats that are arising." But this is why the organization was created in the first place.

"The Vaccine Healthcare Center is really a resource to address the need for outreach education in this rapidly changing world of immunization challenges," Engler said. "We need to do everything we can to give the right shot to the right person at the right

time in the right way."

She said servicemembers 20 years ago received "a handful" of vaccines, but now routinely take more than 50 shots during their careers. And another 30 vaccines are at various stages of the developmental pipeline and may be introduced into the immunization requirements over the next five years.

Adverse reactions and drug reactions occur in 1 percent to 2 percent of people with any drug, Engler said. That small percentage, she noted, can mean big problems in a large enough population.

"That's 20,000 to 40,000 people in a population of 2 million," she said. "Improving our understanding of rare adverse events would enhance vaccine safety surveillance and lead to higher quality immunization healthcare delivery overall."

The Vaccine Healthcare Center Initiative began in September and is scheduled to expand to include several regional centers in the future. Several more are set to open in regional DoD medical centers in the United States in 2002, leading up to a total of 15 regional centers by 2006, Engler said.

"These vaccine healthcare centers would work as a network to share information, not just internally but with the Food and Drug administration, CDC, and the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, too, as questions arise surrounding a vaccine," she said.

TRICARE explains benefits, announces new project

Courtesy of U.S. Army Medical Command

Members of the Reserves and National Guard who are called to active duty under Executive Order 13223, in response to the Sept. 11, terrorist attacks are eligible for the same health care and dental benefits under TRICARE as other active duty servicemembers. For their eligible family members, TRICARE is offering newly enhanced health benefits under the TRICARE Reserve Family Demonstration Project. The demonstration supports continuity of health care for Reserve and Guard family members. The demonstration applies to all covered health care services provided on or after Sept. 14, 2001, and before Nov. 1, 2003.

The demonstration project does not change eligibility requirements for health benefits -- family member eligibility begins on the effective date of the orders to active duty, provided the orders are for more than 30 days. Health care will be provided by uniformed services military treatment facilities, and by authorized civilian health care providers. New under the demonstration are the waiver of deductibles; authority for TRICARE to pay above the TRICARE allowable rates for care provided by non-participating providers; and waiver of the requirement for a non-availability statement for inpatient care.

Families of Reserve and Guard members

who are called to active duty for 179 days or more may enroll in TRICARE Prime, if they live where Prime is offered.

The Prime benefit remains the same, with no enrollment fees or co-payments for medical care for active duty family members. Enrollment forms must be completed and military treatment facilities and/or TRICARE Prime network providers must be used. There are no pharmacy co-payments at military hospitals or clinics, but there are modest pharmacy co-payments associated with the use of retail pharmacies and the National Mail Order Pharmacy program.

Reserve and Guard families who have continuing relationships with providers who aren't in the TRICARE networks may find that enrolling in TRICARE Prime (and thereby having to use only providers who are part of the TRICARE Prime network) is not the best choice for them. Under these circumstances, using TRICARE Standard may be a better option.

Families of activated Reserve and Guard members become eligible for TRICARE Standard or Extra on the first day of the military sponsor's active duty, if the sponsor's orders are for a period of more than 30 consecutive days of active duty. For active duty families, TRICARE Standard pays 80 percent of the TRI-

CARE maximum allowable charge for covered health care services that are obtained from authorized, non-network, civilian health care providers.

TRICARE Extra offers discounted cost shares (15 percent of negotiated fees) when TRICARE network providers are used.

Under the demonstration, three things are improved for family members.

First, the annual deductible was waived for family members who use TRICARE Standard or Extra. The deductibles were waived to avoid undue financial hardship for families who may have already paid an annual deductible under their health insurance provided by their non-military employer.

Second, family members who receive care from "participating" or "non-participating" providers pay the same amount: 20 percent of the allowable charge. Family members are not legally responsible for the balance above the TRICARE allowable charge that some non-participating providers charge.

TRICARE will pay up to 15 percent above the TRICARE allowable charge for eligible Reserve Component families.

Third, the requirement to obtain non-emergency inpatient care from a military treatment facility was waived. This waiver allows continuity of health care by the families' civilian

provider. Family members, however, are not prevented from using military treatment facilities and are encouraged to inquire about local military facility specialty capabilities.

Persons who are covered by other health insurance (such as a civilian employer's health plan) should be aware that TRICARE pays after those plans have made their payments for health care services. The only time TRICARE is not second payer is when Medicaid (a public assistance program) is involved, or if the patient has a health care insurance policy that is specifically designated as a TRICARE supplemental policy. In those cases, TRICARE pays before the other insurance.

TRICARE Standard users should make sure that the provider from whom they seek health care has been certified by the regional TRICARE contractor as an authorized provider of care for TRICARE patients (check with the provider, or with the regional TRICARE contractor). If they receive services from a provider who is not authorized, the cost of services -- even though they might otherwise be covered by the program -- will not be shared by the government.

Activated Reserve and Guard members should update their information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or

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TRICARE Mid-Atlantic Designates Reserve Liaison Officer

Courtesy of TRICARE Mid-Atlantic

The TRICARE Mid-Atlantic Region now has a reserve liaison officer, or RLO, in its Norfolk office to help activated guardsmen and reservists and their family members understand and use TRICARE, the military health care benefit.

When reservists are called to active duty, they must quickly prepare their families to manage all aspects of the household while they are activated. Part of that preparation is becoming knowledgeable about TRICARE.

"When reservists are mobilized, they may wonder how

their families will access TRICARE," said Rear Adm. Clinton E. Adams, TRICARE Mid-Atlantic Lead Agent. "We've designated our new RLO to answer their questions by phone and e-mail, as well as to physically go to reserve units to explain the military health care benefit."

Families of activated reservists and National Guard members become eligible for health care benefits under TRICARE Standard or TRICARE Extra on the first day of the military sponsor's active duty, if his or her orders are for more than 30 consecutive days of active duty. When the orders

for active duty are for more than 179 days, family members may enroll in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote. To use this option, they must complete enrollment forms and use military medical facilities and TRICARE Prime network providers. Family members who live in North Carolina and Virginia (excluding Northern Virginia) are in the TRICARE Mid-Atlantic Region, regardless of where the service member's mobilization station is located.

Captain David W. Munter, TRICARE Mid-Atlantic Executive Director, said, "Our

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KUSAHC announces civilian flu shot schedule

Sheila Little

APG News

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is now offering influenza vaccine to civilian workers through the Occupational Health Clinic, located on the second floor.

Military personnel who missed their scheduled immunization formation may be immunized at KUSAHC, building 2501, on Tuesday and Thursday, 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Starting Dec. 12, military retirees and military family members may be immunized every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 to 11:30 a.m. in the Aberdeen Area at KUSAHC, and 1 to 3 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Health Clinic, building E-4110.

Department of the Army and Department of Defense civilian employees who have an occupational risk or hazard

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Army News



Art helps heal after Pentagon attack



Joe Burlas

Army News Service,

While Pentagon visitors can still see scars of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the building, they can also view an outpouring of sympathy and patriotism of thousands of Americans in a myriad of posters and other artwork displayed throughout its miles of corridors and hallways.

Patty Shinseki, wife of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, hosted a tour of the children and adult creations for a delegation from the International Child Art Foundation, based in Washington, D.C., Nov. 21.

"Art has the most amazing way of giving children the opportunity to be part of something bigger than themselves — it's immediate and whole," said Harriet Fulbright, chairman of the foundation's board and editor-in-chief of its quarterly magazine, ChildArt. "The artwork I've seen here today is so expressive of how children across the country want to comfort those who suffered because of the terrorist attacks."

Within a few days of the attack, a steady stream of letters, posters and other artwork expressing sympathy and support for the nation's military and addressed to the Pentagon began piling up in local post offices. As Pentagon mail service was halted due to security concerns for several weeks following Sept. 11, much of it soon festooned the walls of the Family Assistance Center established in a hotel across from the building to help family members of attack victims. Toward the end of September, the artwork began migrating into the Pentagon and donning its walls.

And the posters continue to arrive. Every week another section of bare Pentagon wall gets covered with simple and elaborate creations from young and old alike.

Some of the art were simple poster boards with crayon drawings and short messages on large-ruled notebook paper stating, "God bless America," "We love you," and "Keep safe" from young elementary school students.

Most incorporated the colors of red, white and blue. Several used stars, outlined hands or hand prints — each signed by an individual with a short note — to form a U.S. flag.

Among the more elaborate creations was a paper lei that runs along both sides and across more than 100 feet of one hallway. Containing thousands of individual paper petals, each again with a signature and short message, the lei was given by Hawaiians from the island of Oahu. The lei project was initiated by an Army family support group at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

One of the more somber pieces used the drab-gray newsprint of newspaper articles describing the terrorist attacks in Washington, D.C., and New York on a dark blue and black depiction of city skyline.

For Sgt. Maj. Steve Wilson, who accompanied the tour from the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, the 4-feet by 10-feet poster with remarks and signatures of hundreds of Colorado's Columbine High School students was the most touching.

"It tugs at my heart every time I walk by it," Wilson said. "I mean here are people from the site of one national tragedy reaching out to reassure those impacted by another national tragedy."

Dr. Ashfaq Ishaq, International Child Art Foundation founder and executive director, said he saw in the children's posters, notes and drawings, messages of hope in a very troubled time.

Shinseki said she saw healing in the artwork for both the creators and those who view them.

ChildArt will feature children's work from the Pentagon wall art collection in its next issue. It is scheduled for release in January.

Photo by JOE BURLAS

Patty Shinseki, wife of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, views a poster Colorado's Columbine High School sent to the Pentagon giving messages of comfort following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the building.

Help with post-Sept. 11 stress

Courtesy of Military.com

The emotional effects of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon will be felt for a long time by people everywhere.

Veterans Administration mental health officials offer these tips for helping family members, loved ones, friends and co-workers affected by these traumatic events. Coping with stressful events is easier when people support each other.

For persons needing extra help in coping with trauma, the VA offers the following Web sites:

National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, <http://www.ncptsd.org> provides general information about trauma responses, research and treatment. It recently posted information about self-care, treatment, veterans, primary care clinicians and phases of responses in the aftermath of terrorism.

PTSD Alliance <http://www.PTSDAlliance.org> provides educational information on PTSD to patients, families, and professionals. Also call 877-506-PTSD toll-free to receive a free package of information about PTSD, including a video.

The Sierra-Pacific Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center, at <http://mirecc.stanford.edu>, offers presentations and journal articles on post-traumatic stress.

'Any servicemember' Web sites announced

Courtesy of DoD

The Department of Defense announced an alternative to the "Any Servicemember" and "Operation Dear Abby" programs, which were suspended indefinitely in the wake of anthrax mail attacks.

The Navy has developed a Web-based alternative to benefit members of all services. The program can be reached at the Navy LIFELines Services Network at <http://www.LIFELines2000.org> or <http://AnyServiceMember.Navy.mil>.

Those who want to send a message of

support or holiday greeting to military servicemembers will find a simple process for delivering messages at these sites. The "Any Servicemember" program allows participants to select from one or all branches of the military.

To receive a message of support, servicemembers will log onto the Web site and choose messages for their branch of Service and home state. Those sending a message who wish to receive a response may include a return e-mail address. Since all messages are viewed on the Web, the military's regular e-mail service is not affected.

"Operation Dear Abby" was founded by a newspaper advice columnist and has delivered mail to servicemembers overseas during the holiday season for more than 17 years. The "Any

Servicemember" mail program began during Operation Desert Storm in 1990, and continued to grow during operations in Bosnia, starting in 1995.

Other alternatives for supporting deployed servicemembers were announced in an Oct. 30 news release, available at http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Oct2001/b10302001_bt556-01.html.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left, Tyshuna M. Bolton and Cassondra A. Lampkin, the Edgewood Area's Youth of the Quarter and Youth of the Year, respectively, Aberdeen Area's Youth of the Year, Heidi E. Greenleaf and Youth of the Quarter Brandon D. Beverley, share a moment together after the Dec. 5 award ceremony.

Youth

From front page

She said she hopes to attend Mount St. Mary's in New York, Morgan State or the University of Science in Philadelphia in pursuit of her dream, undaunted by the prospect of nearly 10 more years of school.

Bolton thanked Catherine Hanlon, lead team program coordinator for her guidance and encouragement.

"She was my motivator," Bolton said.

Beverley, the AA Youth of the Quarter, is a junior at Aberdeen High School. He plays football and was a teen delegate to the 2001 Army Materiel Command Army Family Action Plan Conference. The president of the Teen Supreme Club, he volunteers at the Youth Center and in the local community. Beverly plans to attend college and major in Sports Management. A graduate of

the Prudential Youth Leadership Institute in Virginia, he trains teens in leadership skills. An assistant basketball coach at the center, Beverley said he hopes to attend the University of Florida.

Greenleaf is an honors sophomore at Aberdeen High School. She plays volleyball, basketball and softball and rides horseback. She was a teen delegate to the Army Materiel Command Teen Discovery Program and she volunteers at the APG Auto Craft Shop. Her goals include college and becoming a professional softball player or a marine biologist.

She said she was proud of her accomplishment.

"I didn't see it coming," Greenleaf said adding that she's been keeping busy doing positive things. She thanked her family "for putting up with me, fixing dinner and chauffeuring me around."

Lampkin is a senior at Joppatowne High School. She

is a member of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, is listed in the "Who's Who Among American High School Students," took first place in the Future Business Leaders of America in the regional competition, is a student representative to the Harford County Board of Education, and finished first in the Harford County Forensics League finals. Lampkin was a teen delegate to the Teen Discovery program. Her goals include college where she plans to major in journalism and eventually own a publishing company.

Describing the honor as the "most incredible because it comes from my community," Lampkin said she was motivated by her family and God, thanking Hanlon, Phillips and Cardelia Lee, whom Hanlon replaced.

"They're like my family. Always supportive and pushing me in the right direction," Lampkin said.

Les Brownlee sworn in as under secretary of the Army

Courtesy of Army News Service

Les Brownlee was welcomed as the new Under Secretary of the Army today in a formal swearing-in ceremony conducted by Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White in his office at the Pentagon.

"I am honored and delighted to have Les Brownlee as the Under Secretary of the Army. His years of experience working with the Senate Armed

Services Committee and his distinguished military career greatly enhance the Army team," White said. "As the Army transforms to meet the defense needs of the nation in the 21st century his contributions will be vital to our success."

Brownlee said, "It is both an honor and a privilege for me to return to the Army I have loved, and in which I

proudly served for 22 years. I am especially grateful for President Bush's and Secretary White's trust and confidence in me to be the Under Secretary of the Army at this critical time in our nation's history."

As Under Secretary, Brownlee assists the Secretary in fulfilling statutory responsibilities including recruiting,

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goal is to help the families transition into TRICARE. We don't want reservists on active duty to be distracted worrying about health care for their families."

Currently, the RLO is Lt Col Dominic Ubamadu, an activated reservist who is a veteran of the TRICARE program. He has several years of TRICARE operations experience, which includes a recent Active Duty tour as department head of Communications and Customer Service at TRICARE Mid-Atlantic.

"I've worn many hats: first as an Army Reservist, then as active Army, followed by active Air Force. I'm now an Air Force Reservist privileged to work in the TRICARE office. I'm eager to help our activated service-members and their families understand TRICARE," said Lt. Col. Ubamadu. "Many of them have never used the benefit, or it's been a while since they were covered by TRICARE. We hope to ease some of their health care anxiety while the reservist is away."

Capt. Munter encourages reserve and guard

units within the region to contact the TRICARE Mid-Atlantic office to schedule meetings or briefings for their servicemembers or family members once they receive their mobilization warning orders.

The RLO may be contacted at 757-314-6080 or via e-mail at reserve.liaison@mh.tma.med.navy.mil

Activated reservists and National Guard members should check with their reserve centers or unit commanding officers to make sure that all information about themselves and family members is current and accurate in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, database. Incorrect information can result in enrollment and appointment disruptions, delayed claims processing, problems with pharmacies and the National Mail Order Pharmacy, or NMOP, benefit, and other difficulties. For information about DEERS enrollment, they may contact DEERS toll free from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific time, at 1-800-538-9552.

For specific information on TRICARE for reservists, log on to the TRICARE Mid-Atlantic Web site at <http://www.tma.med.navy.mil> and click on "Reservists."

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DEERS, database by visiting their local military ID card issuing facility. They should bring proper documentation to update their family file, such as a marriage certificate, birth certificate or divorce decree. Incorrect information can result in delayed claims processing, problems with the use of retail pharmacies and the National Mail Order Pharmacy benefit, and other difficulties. Beneficiaries may go online to find the three closest personnel offices or ID card facilities at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsi/>. For more information about DEERS enrollment, beneficiaries may contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office Telephone Center at 1-800-538-9552.

Activated Reservists or

National Guard members may get more information about their family's TRICARE Standard benefits from the TRICARE Standard Handbook.

The handbooks are available at the nearest uniformed services hospital or clinic, or any TRICARE service center, or by writing to the TRICARE Management Activity, 16401 E. Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9043. Information is also available on the TRICARE Web site <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>, from the Reserve Affairs Web site <http://www.defenselink.mil/ra>, or by calling the worldwide TRICARE Information Center toll-free at 1-888-DoD-CARE (1-888-363-2273).

All active duty service-members are provided with dental benefits at no cost through military dental treatment facilities. Reservists and

National Guard members called to active duty for a period of more than 30 consecutive days who are enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP), will have their individual coverage discontinued during their period of active duty.

They are eligible for dental care in military treatment facilities. In addition, activated reservists whose family members are not currently enrolled in the TDP may enroll them for the period of time the member is on active duty. Also, TDP-enrolled family members of activated reservists will receive the same 60 percent discount off their TDP monthly premium payment as active duty family members. For more information about the TDP, call United Concordia Companies, Inc., toll free, at 1-800-866-8499, or visit Web site <http://www.ucci.com>.

West Point accepting applications

Maj. Kirk W. Gohlke
U.S. Military Academy

The United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., is the world's premier institute of leader development. Graduates not only receive a bachelor's degree in science but also a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, gaining practical leadership experience that is virtually unmatched in any other profession.

Each year approximately 250 soldiers (active, Reserve, and National Guard) and more than 100 dependents of military members are offered admission to West Point or the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

For a dependent to be eligible, he or she must be the son or daughter of a career military member. The term "career military member" refers to members of an armed force (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard) who are on active duty (other than for training) and who have served continuously on active duty for at least eight years, or who are, or who died while they were, retired with pay or granted retired or retainer pay.

Also included are service-members currently serving in the Reserve Component who are credited with at least eight continuous years of service computed under section 12733 of Title 10, United States Code (i.e., at least 2,880 points). Finally,

Reservists who would be, or who died while they would have been, entitled to retirement pay except for not having attained 60 years of age, are also included in this category.

The school prepares soldiers for success at West Point through an intensive curriculum focused on English and mathematics. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, unmarried with no legal obligation to support dependents, high school graduates, under 23 years of age prior to July 1 of the year entering USMA (under 22 years of age prior to July 1 of the year entering the Prep School), of high moral character and must have a sincere interest in attending West Point and becoming an Army officer.

Soldiers and dependents who meet the basic eligibility requirements, have achieved SAT scores greater than 1,000 or ACT composite scores of 20 or higher and achieved good grades in a college preparatory high school curriculum, are especially encouraged to apply.

All application requirements must be met by April 1, 2002, to be considered for an appointment to West Point or the USMAPS in July 2002. Those who are interested should contact Capt. Cliff Hodges at DSN 688-5780 or 845-938-5780, e-mail tc2324@usma.edu, or fill out the request form at <http://forms.admissions.usma.edu/cb>.

CFC campaign exceeds installation goal

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The final numbers for the 2001 Combined Federal Campaign are in and Aberdeen Proving Ground has again been generous in giving.

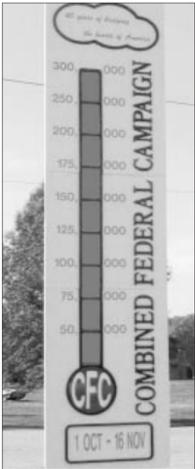
The total payroll, pledges, cash and check contributions received at the Baltimore headquarters totals \$383,159.50, or 127.72 percent of the installation goal. Employees contributing numbered 2,646 or 26.5 percent of the workforce.

Oriole awards distributed for contributions of \$100 to \$249 totaled 487. Cardinal awards for contributions of \$250 to \$499 totaled 277. Falcon awards of \$500 to \$999 were given to 130 contributors and 99 joined the Eagle Club with contributions of \$1,000 or higher.

"The success of this year's program was due to the determination of key personnel," said Wayne Doyel, CFC chairperson.

He added that anyone needing assistance or having questions about the 2002 campaign may contact John Belcher, next year's chairperson through distribution at the CFC Office, building 2477, or send an e-mail to: john.belcher@usag.apg.army.mil.

"As we end the 2001 campaign, I want to thank the com-



Reading has it rewards

Sheila Little
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Summer Reading Program, designed to encourage students from elementary to high school to read during their summer break from school, has announced the participants and winners for 2001.

The summer reading event, which ran from July 11 through Aug. 29, included a "Read to Me" program for preschoolers. Participating were: Kenneth Ashley, Patricia Comstock, Anjelica Cook, Nicole Cook, Nikkie Dorsey, Arlena Durant, Teanna Durant, Rose Lockhart, Thomas Lockhart, Kayleigh Migaleddi, Kristine Migaleddi, Kamele Shizura, Haley Sturgill, Nathan Sturgill, Nicholas Testerman, Jasmine Townsel, Michele Townsel, Micah Torbert, and Megan Torbert.

Elementary school participants were asked to read at least 20 books; middle school students were asked to read 10 or more;

and those in high school were asked to read five. Prizes awarded to the top finishers in each age group included a free game of bowling at the APG Bowling Center, one free activity at Chesapeake Challenge, a certificate from the Department of Education for a Pizza Hut personal pan pizza, and a \$100 savings bond from the APG Federal Credit Union. Haley Sturgill and her brother Nathan Sturgill, won the savings bonds in their age groups.

The program was coordinated by Tina Pinnex-Broome.

The Aberdeen Area Garrison Library, building 3320, and the Edgewood Area Branch Library, building E-4405, carry reading materials for all age groups. Operating hours for the garrison library are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Aberdeen branch can be reached at 410-278-3417. The Edgewood branch facility, 410-436-3589, is open every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

MWR announces flag design program

Harriet Rice
Army News Service

As Americans work through the healing process following the tragic events of Sept. 11, Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation has a creative outlet to help members of the military express their feelings.

It's called Operation Healing Arts USA, designed by two Delaware-based artists and available through the Army's MWR Arts & Crafts program.

"The concept is to get a group of people together to create and design an American flag or a patriotic banner made out of individual fabric squares," explained Jan Osthus, Arts & Crafts program manager at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, headquarters for Army MWR.

The goals of the program, according to its authors -- Marietta Dantonio Fryer and Joel T. Keener -- are to empower, uplift and give hope to all people, to foster patriotism, and to allow self-expression of deep emotions with art as the medium.

"The idea is to finish the project by Flag Day 2002 and have people across the nation exhibit their flags and banners in appropriate locations to share with their friends, families and communities," said Osthus.

She has partnered with Child and

Youth Services staff at CFSC to give the program visibility through installation Youth Services programs.

"You could have Girl Scouts or Boy

scouts, painted, dyed, rubber-stamped, silk-screened, or imprinted. Artists can apply beads, buttons, or ribbons. It takes 28

squares to make a minimum size 70-by-40-inch traditional flag; there is no upper limit to the size of the finished product.

When the project is finished, the directions call for participants to take a digital photo of themselves and their artwork and send the image to CFSC for inclusion on the Army MWR web site.

"It's not a competition or a contest," said Osthus. "I think if families, children and even the soldiers themselves are

involved in this project, their stress levels will be reduced and it will help them heal."

Fryer's background as an art therapist helped her develop Healing Arts USA. But, said Osthus, "you don't have to be an art therapist to conduct this program; you just need some awareness of the arts."

"If there isn't an arts and crafts center or staff at your installation, then I'd suggest partnering with an art teacher at school or at parks and recreation and getting the local community involved," she said.

To download the booklet, visit www.armymwr.com and find Operation Healing Arts USA on the front page.

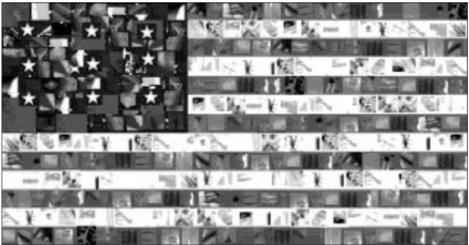


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MWR UPDATE

Directorate of Community and Family Activities

Activity	Tuesday Dec. 18	Wed. Dec. 19	Thursday Dec. 20	Friday Dec. 21	Saturday Dec. 22	Sunday Dec. 23	Monday Dec. 24	Tuesday Dec. 25	Wed. Dec. 26
Arts and Crafts - AA	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Arts and Crafts - EA	Closed	Closed	1 to 9 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Athletic Center	5 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Closed	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Automotive Crafts	Closed	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Bowling Center	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	11 a.m. to 10 p.m.	11 a.m. to 10 p.m.	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.	1 to 11 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Equipment Resource Center	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Exton Golf Course	Closed for the Season								
Fitness Center - AA	5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	5:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed
Fitness Center - EA	5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	5:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed
Hoyle Gymnasium	5 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Closed	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
ITR	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Library - AA	Closed	11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Closed	1 to 5 p.m.	1 to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Library -EA	11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Plumb Point Golf Course	Closed for the Season								
Recreation Center - AA	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 10 p.m.	12 to 10 p.m.	12 to 6 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
Snack Bar	11 a.m. to 1:30p.m.	11 a.m. to 1:30p.m.	11 a.m. to 1:30p.m.	11 a.m. to 1:30p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Recreation Center - EA	Closed	Closed	6 to 10 p.m.	6 to 10 p.m.	12 to 10 p.m.	12 to 6 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
Snack Bar	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Ruggles Golf Course *	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Closed	8 a.m. to 4:30 pm

Community Recreation Division

Thursday Dec. 27	Friday Dec. 28	Saturday Dec. 29	Sunday Dec. 30	Monday Dec. 31	Tuesday Jan. 01	Wed. Jan. 02	Thursday Jan. 03
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	1 to 9 p.m.
5 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Closed	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	12 to 9 p.m.	12 to 9 p.m.
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.	1 to 11 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 a.m. to 10 p.m.	11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed for the Season							
5:30 to 10:30 a.m.	5:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	5:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Closed	5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
5:30 to 10:30 a.m.	5:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	5:30 to 10:30 a.m.	Closed	5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
5 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Closed	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Closed	1 to 5 p.m.	1 to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Closed for the Season							
6 to 10 p.m.	6 to 10 p.m.	12 to 10 p.m.	12 to 6 p.m.	Closed	Closed	10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.	10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
6 to 10 p.m.	6 to 10 p.m.	12 to 10 p.m.	12 to 6 p.m.	Closed	Closed	11 a.m. to 1:30p.m.	11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
6 to 10 p.m.	6 to 10 p.m.	12 to 10 p.m.	12 to 6 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
8 a.m. to 4:30 pm	8 a.m. to 4:30 pm	8 a.m. to 4:30 pm	8 a.m. to 4:30 pm	8 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Closed	8 a.m. to 4:30 pm	8 a.m. to 4:30 pm



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Actual photograph of the 2001 White House ornament for sale.

White House ornaments on sale at ITR

The Information, Ticketing and Registration Office has White House ornaments on sale for \$16.25 each. If you buy four, the fifth one is \$14.25. For more information, call ITR at 410-278-4011.

Post Commissary holiday hours

The post Commissary will be closed on Christmas day, Tuesday, Dec. 25; Wednesday, Dec. 26; New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1; and Wednesday, Jan. 2.

The post Commissary will be open on: Sunday, Dec. 23, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 27, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 29, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 31, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 3, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 4, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 5, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The post Commissary will resume normal operating hours on Jan. 6.

ITR has ski lift tickets

Ski lift tickets are available for Whittail, Ski Roundtop, Ski Liberty and Windham Mountain from Information, Ticketing and Registration, building 3326. Cost of tickets is \$25 for night lifts from 5 to 10 p.m.; 8-hour midweek/non-holiday tickets cost \$31; and 8-hour weekend/holiday lift tickets cost \$41. Ski lessons and a snowboarding package are also available at Liberty, Roundtop and Whittail only for \$55. For more information, call ITR at 410-278-4011.



Golf course information

Exton Golf Course located in the Edgewood Area, located in building E-1260 closed Dec. 3, but is projected to open in the spring of 2002. For more information, call 410-436-2213.

Ruggles Golf Course, located in building 5601 continues to operate 8 a.m. to 4:30 daily. For more information, call 410-278-9452.

CRD basketball league signup

All military, civilian employees and family members ages 18 or older are eligible to sign up for the Community Recreation Division Basketball League. Entry fees cost \$350 per team and can be made by cash, credit card, or check made payable to IMWRF. Payments will be accepted at the Athletic Center, Hoyle Gym, AA and EA Fitness Centers, or mail payments to 3330 Raritan Avenue, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5001. Entry deadline is Jan. 4. Include the team's point of contact and a telephone number with payment. The season will run on Fridays, from Jan. 11 through March 15; games start between 6 and 6:30 p.m. The post-season tournament will be held March 22 to 23. Games will take place at the Athletic Center or Hoyle Gymnasium. ID cards will be checked. For more information or to register, call Stacie Eddie, 410-278-3931 or send a fax to 410-278-9537, or e-mail Stacie.eddie@usag.apg.army.mil.

MWR CRAFTS

Edgewood Arts & Crafts
Edgewood Arts & Crafts is a Morale, Welfare Recreation facility and is open to active and retired military, civilians, and contractors working on Aberdeen Proving Ground and their dependents. We are 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., 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 Jan. 12, 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 on Jan. 10, 17 and 24, 5:30 to 8:30 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 Jan. 5, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is the \$3 user fee. This class is required in order to use the woodshop.

Stained Glass
A beginning stained glass class will be held Jan. 19, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Students will make a simple suncatcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.

Framing Class
A beginning matting and framing class will be held Jan. 31, 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.

Disney World, Disneyland salute armed forces with discounts

Courtesy of Military.com

From January to the end of April, "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" will offer discounts at both the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and the Disneyland Resort in California. Active U.S. military personnel, with proper U.S. military identification, are eligible, including active members of the United States Coast Guard and activated members of the National Guard or Reservists.

At Walt Disney World Resort, each active member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary seven-day ticket during the offer period (Jan. 1 to April 30, 2002).

U.S. active military personnel are also eligible for discounts at select Disney resorts, starting with a \$49 per night rate (plus tax) at Disney's All-Star Resorts.

At the Disneyland Resort, each active servicemember may purchase at a 50 percent discount tickets to the Disneyland Resort theme parks for up to five friends and family members. Additionally, the servicemember accompanying the party will receive the same ticket for free.

For more on these and other discounts, call 407-939-7424 (Disney World) or 714-781-4565 (Disneyland), or contact the Information, Ticketing and Registration office, 410-278-4011/4621.

Entertainment Books available at ITR

2002 Entertainment Books are available for \$25 each and can be purchased at Information, Ticketing and Registration office, building 3326. The books are filled with discount coupons for local restaurants, Baltimore City attractions, and even a section on Ocean City. For more information, call 410-278-4011.

Holiday sale at Ruggles

Ruggles Golf Course Pro Shop, located in building 5601, announces a holiday sale for the month of December.

All regular-priced, in stock merchandise to include bags, clubs, hats, clothing and more will be offered at 20 percent off.

There will also be weekly, unadvertised specials. Sale is open to all installation personnel. Stop by any Sunday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or call 410-278-9452.

Community Notes

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15 CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Christian Education Department of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615-617 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will present a Christmas play entitled "No Room" at 5 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16 CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Edgewood Baptist Church and the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Chapel choirs invite the community to a Christmas Cantata, 7 p.m., at Edgewood Baptist Church, 422 Edgewood Road, Edgewood. "The Road to Bethlehem, Just the Beginning," is a free concert for everyone. Nursery service will be provided. For more information, call Edgewood Baptist Church at 410-676-5838.

MONDAY DECEMBER 17 SANTA IS COMING TO ACS

Army Community Service is sponsoring a holiday party 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. All military and Department of Army civilians are invited to bring their family for an evening of fun with Santa Claus. There will be free photographs with Santa, face painting, music, games, prizes and food. Reservations must be received at Army Community Service, 410-278-7474/7478, by Dec. 10.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19 FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The Edgewood Christian Fellowship luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Chapel. As in the past, we will be having a pot luck lunch and a time for caroling. Donated cookies, sodas, chips and dip are requested.

EXODUS SUPER SUPPER

The annual Exodus Super Supper will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m. During this event, family members, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.70 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

For more information, call Edward Parylo or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1399/1393/1398.

Menu
Old fashioned bean soup
Grilled steaks w/mushrooms
Savory baked chicken
Baked potato w/sour cream
Seasoned mushroom & onion
Broccoli w/cheese sauce
Seasoned corn on the cob
Macaroni salad
Potato salad
Assorted salad bar
Brown n' serve rolls
Macaroni salad
Potato salad
Jellied fruit salad
Pineapple upside down cake

LEAVE DONATION

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

Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	Angela L. Reeves (maternity leave)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg)	Michael Reynolds
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Jennifer Keetley (maternity)	Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Denise Robinson (maternity)
Tammy Budkey	William Klein	Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Jane E. Calahan (surgery)	Nicole L. Klein (broken ankle)	Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)	Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)	Sherry Schaffer
Geraldine S. Cragg	Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)	Lena Shelton
Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)	William B. McLean (kidney failure)	Motoko Stahl
Rene de Pontbriand	Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)	Debra S. Stark (surgery)
Tricia Lin Dietz	Stacy Miller (maternity)	Rachel Swearingen
Fred Dill	Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)	Alison Tichenor (surgery)
Joseph R. Dugan	John E. Mogan (surgery)	Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)
Messina Enderlein	Vincent L. Mohr (knee replacement)	Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)	Shirley A. Murphy (terminal illness)	Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Denise M. Fox (maternity leave)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)	Michael R. Willard
Susan G. Grendahl (maternity)	Suaquita R Perry (maternity leave)	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)	Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)	Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinitis, fibromyalgia condition)	Karen S Pense	Wanda L.Waldon (surgery)
John C. Houck	Mary E. Pettitway	Josephine O. Wojiechowski (care for elderly parents)
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)	
Wayne A. Jaynes		
Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)		

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

Soft serve yogurt
Assorted condiments
Assorted beverages
Short order
(NOTE: Menu subject to change without notice.)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21 CHRISTMAS 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.

SATURDAY JANUARY 12 GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held at the school, 810 Aikens Avenue, Perryville, 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 the Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

ATOAST TO THE LADIES

A "Toast To The Ladies" will be held for ages 30 and over from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. at the Colonel's Choice, Aberdeen. Proper ID and dress is required; no jeans, boots, bandannas, sweats or sneakers. There is a \$100 prize for the best-dressed female. Tickets cost \$6 for ladies, \$7 for men, and \$10 at the door. Music will be provided by DJ Sir Knight. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Copeland, 877-937-9936.

FRIDAY JANUARY 18 ROYE WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY PTA BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Roye Williams Elementary PTA will be held at the Elks 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 the Roye Williams Elementary School, 410-273-5536, or Vicki Simpson, 410-272-6935. In case of inclement weather, listen to local radio and television stations for the Harford County School system. Snow date is Friday, Jan. 25.

FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY MARCH 1 TO 3 CWF SPONSORS SKITRIP

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a ski trip, March 1 to 3. Lodging will be at the Ramada Inn, in Somerset, Pa., which includes a pool, jacuzzi, game room, lounge and restaurant. Transportation and four "all-you-can-eat" meals are included, along with a welcome reception, fireplace, Pajama Dance Party, free shuttle service to Seven Springs, and 12 hours of open bar. Other optional activities include snow boarding, snow tubing, roller skating, shopping and bowling.

The price per person is as follows: \$235 per person based on two in a room, \$225 per person based on three in a room, and \$205 per person based on four in a room. A \$50 per person deposit is due by Jan. 3. Lift tickets cost \$38 per person for one day and \$75 per person for two days and include a free ski lesson.

Call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever for reservations or more information at 410-278-4603/4771.

MOVIES

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



RIDING IN CARS WITH BOYS

Friday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.
Starring: Drew Barrymore, Steve Zahn

A single mother, with dreams of becoming a writer, has a son at the age of 15 in 1968, and goes through a failed marriage with the drug-addicted father. (Rated PG-13)



DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
Starring: John Travolta, Vince Vaughn

Frank Morrison, a divorced father, discovers that his son Danny's new stepfather, Kurt, is not what he made himself out to be. Danny tells his father that he saw Kurt murder someone. Nobody believes Danny, except his father. Frank sets out on a mission to rescue his son from a life-threatening situation. (Rated PG-13)

K-PAX

Saturday, Dec. 15, 9 p.m.
Starring: Kevin Spacey, Jeff Bridges



In the aftermath of a mugging at Grand Central Station, the police turn Pret over to Dr. Powell, a psychiatrist at the public hospital. Powell has treated plenty of delusionals in his career, and figures it's only a matter of time before he cracks Pret's veneer and gets him to talk about what's really going on.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Garrison Library has books for your reading and cooking pleasure for the holidays. Come by and check them out.



Aquagenesis: the Origin and Evolution of Life in the Sea by Richard Ellis

Home Networking with Microsoft Windows XP Step by Step by Matthew Danda



Violets are Blue by

James Patterson



The Longest Night: a military history of the Civil War by David Eicher



The Reconstructionist by Josephine Hart

The Crusader: a novel by Michael Eisner

Peanuts: the art of Charles M. Schulz by Charles M. Schulz



Libraries holiday hours

Aberdeen:
Dec. 22: 1 to 5 p.m.
Dec. 23, 24, 25: closed
Dec. 26, 27: 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 28: closed
Dec. 29: 1 to 5 p.m.
Dec. 30, 31 & Jan. 1: closed
Jan. 2, 3: 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Edgewood:
Dec. 19 to Jan. 7: closed

OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071.

The OC&S Library will be closed Dec. 24 to 31. Regular hours will resume Jan. 2. Normal hours are Monday noon to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 7 p.m., Thursday, noon to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

Thursday 13 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, Family Support Group
Marcey Perez, 410-676-6994

Friday 14 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (AIT)
Warrant Officer Association
CW4 Pete Hill, 410-278-4979

Saturday 15 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, Soldier Support
Sgt. 1st Class Jesus Perez, 410-436-7147

Sunday 16 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic
NCO Fellowship
Staff Sgt. George Torbert,

410-278-1765

Monday 17 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Edgewood Elementary PTA
Billie Brantley, 410-676-6045

Tuesday 18 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Protestant Women of the Chapel
Nancy Brugh, 410-272-1098

Wednesday 19 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
389th Army Band (AMC's Own)
Staff Sgt. Kay Reynolds,
410-278-8769

Thursday 20 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, Soldier Support
Sgt. 1st Class Jesus Perez,

410-436-7147

Friday 21 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic
Family Support Group
Joyce Steininger, 410-278-1801

Saturday 22 – 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, Family Support Group
Marcey Perez, 410-676-6994

Sunday 23 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
FCC Parent Advisory Board
Ellen DiCunzio, 410-272-5349

Monday 24 – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
203rd MI Family Support Group
Darlene Wayland, 410-278-7825

Gift Wrap Schedule

SBCCOM know-how goes to war

Soldier food knowledge provides humanitarian aid for the Afghan people

You have seen them on TV: bright yellow packages that the people of Afghanistan are picking up. What are they, how did they get on the ground in useable condition and where were they developed?

America's efforts to deliver humanitarian aid to the people of Afghanistan have been as much in the news as airborne gunships and Special Forces troops. Since the beginning of the battle against terrorism, U.S. military planes have airdropped food rations to help feed the many men, women and children who are unfortunate bystanders in the current conflict. U.S. Army Soldier Biological Chemical Command technology from the Soldier Systems Center, or SSC, located in Natick, Mass., has made both the delivery and the products themselves possible.

According to Jerry Whitaker, public affairs officer at SSC, both the airdrop technology, known as the Triad System, and the humanitarian rations can trace their roots back to the labs at Natick. By design, both technologies are especially appropriate for the current relief missions.

The Triad System is the product of SSC's airdrop division, led by mechanical engineer and amateur skydiver Ed Doucette. Doucette and his team are in charge of the military gear used to airdrop soldiers and supplies, as well as humanitarian aid for the Afghan people, into the war zone.

Stemming from lessons learned during the Persian Gulf War, including anecdotal evidence of people on the ground being injured by one-ton crates of airdropped humanitarian rations, the Triad System more safely distributes the aid rations over a wider area. The system consists of massive cardboard boxes designed to break apart in the air when pulled out of the plane by a parachute.

The rations are released from the cardboard boxes, often dropped from about five miles above the ground, and flutter to the earth in a widely dispersed area. This serves two purposes: to more widely distribute the rations for safer collection by those on the ground, and to ensure that nobody is hurt by large, heavy crates falling from the sky.

"The Triad Airdrop System enables us to disperse the humanitarian rations over a wider range than was allowed previously," said Whitaker. "When you have a large group of people trying to reach one crate of rations, it doesn't work too well."

The rations, which, according to Whitaker, weigh about two pounds each, are very close relatives to the Meal-Ready-to-Eat, or MRE, that was developed to sustain American soldiers engaged in combat. However, the nutritional needs of someone receiving humanitarian aid and those of a healthy young mobile soldier are likely to be somewhat different.

Janice Rosado, a physical scientist with the combat feeding program, says that it was a team effort to develop the Humanitarian Daily Ration, or HDR. Here, too, experience from the Desert Storm operation shaped today's new product.

"In Desert Storm, troops were using MREs for humanitarian feeding," Rosado said. "That product wasn't appropriate, as it was developed for soldiers, and humanitarian rations have to meet different requirements."

Using the MRE as a guideline, SSC teamed with many of the vendors who package and produce the soldier ration to develop a similar product that could serve as an effective means of feeding large populations of displaced persons or refugees under emergency conditions. Like the MRE, the HDR is

composed of pre-packaged, ready-to-eat thermostabilized entrees and complementary components. Soldiers won't find HDR Menu 1-C in their MREs, however. The 1-C menu contains beans and rice in tomato sauce, herb rice, biscuit, vegetable, crackers, fruit bar, peanut butter, strawberry jam, fruit pastry and shortbread. There are fifteen possible menus, each costing about \$4, according to Rosado.

"While the technology is the same, the contents are different," said Rosado. "SSC's role was to evaluate the product for this alternative use, highlight areas where change was needed, and work with our vendors to make those changes."

The HDR, which stays fresh for three years at 80 degrees Fahrenheit, is designed to provide a full day's sustenance to a moderately malnourished individual. While the soldier will consume three MREs per day, the HDR contains a full day's sustenance of two or more entrees in one bright-yellow package. Containing 2,200 carefully metered calories from protein, fat and carbohydrates, the HDR takes into account the various religious and cultural dietary traditions found in different parts of the world. With this in mind, the HDR uses no animal products or by-products, no alcohol and minimal dairy product. A spoon, napkin and moist towelette round out the contents of the HDR.

The scientists at the SSC labs work every day to find new uses and applications for their technologies through technology transfer and industry partnership. The HDR and Triad Airdrop Systems are excellent examples of SBCCOM technology finding another high calling to help those in need.

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SBCCOM Soldier Systems Center wins R&D award

The U.S. Army Soldier Biological Chemical Command's Soldier Systems Center, or SSC, won the 2000 Department of the Army Research and Development Organization (Small) of the Year Award. It is one of the most prestigious awards that the Army presents annually to a research and development organization.

Competition is open to seven eligible research and development organizations in the "small" category, which includes organizations with less than 600 employees.

Philip Brandler, SSC director, was one of three directors of finalist institutions invited to present their formal nomination package to the Department of the Army. The last time SSC competed and won was in 1993.

"This award is a big deal," Brandler said. "Anything that puts us at the forefront in the minds of decision-making individuals and shows that we're a valuable asset to DoD is important."

He said the presentation highlighted the more significant role SSC is taking on in supporting the Army transformation vision with Objective Force Warrior, which cuts across multiple Army research and development organizations. The award improves the commitment and confidence of customers choosing SSC to support their programs.

His presentation highlighted many significant

SSC technical accomplishments, with the Military Operation in Urban Terrain Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration, or MOUT ACTD, as the centerpiece, as it represents a notable advance in military capability that has transitioned to the field.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense praised the MOUT ACTD, a "kit" of approximately 25 different technology products to help soldiers and Marines perform their missions in urban environments, as a model for successful technology demonstration, and commended its partnerships with the user community, its affordability initiatives and its rapid transition technologies to the field.

The major management accomplishment that Brandler highlighted was the effort to retain and rejuvenate the work force. To keep up the pace of innovation and meet customer needs, SSC's work force needs to remain viable. A highly competitive recruitment environment combined with evolving business area needs, and the fact that one-third of the work force will be eligible for retirement by 2005, drove development of a five-year human resources plan. It tackles such issues as targeted skills-recruitment, tailored training programs and improved human resource processes.

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Safe driving tip

Situation: Imagine driving 55 mph and suddenly, without warning, there is a sheet of water covering the lane in the road up ahead. What should you do?

A. Hard brake and turn left to avoid hitting the water.

B. Hard brake and release before hitting the water, hold wheel tightly and steer straight ahead.

Answer A. Not recommended at 55 mph. Driver should "hard brake and release before hitting the water, hold wheel tightly and steer straight ahead." Here, speed is the critical factor, both if trying to swerve from hitting the water and if driving straight through. Driver needs to slow down to keep from hydroplaning and ensure the vehicle's wheels are straight so when coming out of it, the vehicle will be headed in the intended direction. Now read Answer B.

Answer B. Good choice! The decision to "hard brake and release before hitting the water, hold wheel tightly and

steer straight" is the thing to do. At this speed, the car will hydroplane. The tires will float on the water and won't have contact with the road surface. This occurs when tire inflation pressure, the speed of the vehicle, the depth of the water on the road, and the condition/design of the tire tread are combined in such a way as to cause tires to lose contact with the road. When this happens, drivers have no control of their vehicle.

There's a formula that will tell drivers when total hydroplaning will occur: compute the square root of the tire pressure and multiply it by 10.35. Partial hydroplaning may occur at lower speeds. The depth of water needed to hydroplane is dependent upon whether or not water can escape from beneath the tires. Many of today's tires are designed with good "escape" routes, but for practical purposes, if tire pressure is 32 psi, the vehicle would hydroplane at about 59.5 mph, if 36 psi hydroplaning would occur at about 62.1 mph.

Outlook Tip #3



Using the Out-of-Office Assistant

From the Tools menu, select Out of Office Assistant.

Select the radio button "I am currently out of the office."

Enter an appropriate message for the recipient, including when you expect to return as well as whom to contact in your absence.

See Outlook Tip #5 located in the Outlook Tips Public Folder for more details.

Select Public Folders, then All Public Folders, then APG, then Outlook Information and finally select Outlook Tips.



Photo by JIM GARAMONE

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld speaks as an American flag hangs from a construction crane as a backdrop for a Dec. 11 ceremony commemorating the three-month anniversary of the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon.

Soldiers pause to remember Sept. 11 attack

Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

From Texas to Germany, soldiers paused for a moment of silence this morning to remember those killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

At the Pentagon, a remembrance ceremony at 9:30 a.m. marked the spot and time three months ago that a jetliner commandeered by terrorists crashed into the building.

Rows of construction workers in hardhats stood alongside service members and Pentagon employees as the U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own) played the national anthem.

A 40-ton crane had raised a huge American flag in front of the construction site prior to the ceremony. As the band played, another 35-ton crane continued to lift reinforcing steel for concrete columns to rebuild the three rings of offices that had been cleared away.

About 200 Pentagon personnel had waded through mud and puddles near the construction site to participate in the outdoor ceremony as the morning's misty drizzle subsided.

Before the remembrance officially began, a volley of musketry echoed from nearby Arlington National Cemetery.

"Three months ago today at this hour, at this place, some 184 people died," said Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, including the plane's passengers in his number, but not the five terrorists aboard.

"They died because they were Americans... They died because they were here at this place that symbolizes the power of freedom and strength of American purpose," Rumsfeld said.

"We will remember their lives and the reason for their deaths until freedom triumphs over oppression," Rumsfeld said, referring to a

Taliban communique last month suggesting that Americans should forget Sept. 11.

"We will remember them and the other victims of that day ... and the heroes, both living and dead," Rumsfeld said about those who pulled the injured out of fire and rubble.

Rumsfeld said that those who died would have been proud to see how the nation has united in defense against terrorism.

"In Afghanistan today, our forces are teaching the Al Qaeda a lesson," Rumsfeld said. "No weapon in the world is as powerful as the will of free men."

At many installations across the world, soldiers also paused for a moment of silence either at the time the first plane struck the World Trade Center (8:46 a.m.) or when the aircraft hit the Pentagon.

At Fort Hood, Texas, soldiers in the III

Corps headquarters building said a prayer led by their chaplain, after the playing of the national anthem and a moment of reflection.

In Germany, members of the 21st Theater Support Command remembered the Sept. 11 attack by flying their flags at half-mast and observing a moment of silence at 2:45 p.m.

At Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., the 399th Army Band played the National Anthem, followed by a moment of silence at 7:46 a.m. central time. Then Maj. Gen. Anders Aadland, post commanding general, spoke to the audience before they joined in singing God Bless America.

"We didn't interrupt the training either," said Spc. Guadalupe Stratman of the Fort Leonard Wood public affairs office. She explained that firing continued on post ranges, except that "a moment of silence was held at the ranges as well."

Army candle-lighting honors Pentagon attack victims

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

The office that suffered the most casualties during the attack on the Pentagon held a memorial service Dec. 7 to remember fallen comrades and to seek relief and restoration.

The Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army lost 40 people — 32 of those were from Resource Services-Washington, a division of OAA.

The memorial began with the lighting of 40 candles representing each of OAA's heroes and continued with poems, musical tributes and remarks.

"Less than three months ago all of our lives were changed. It was a day that families lost fathers, mothers, children, and we at the Pentagon lost co-workers and friends," said Col. Henry Haynes, Pentagon chaplain. "They were suddenly gone, buried in the rubble. Who knew that it could all end so suddenly,

without warning."

The intimate memorial ceremony held for OAA personnel was their formal way of saying goodbye, said Joel Hudson, the administrative assistant for the secretary of the Army. Since the day of the attack he said he has witnessed and been on the receiving end of people around the country who have paid tribute in their own way.

"Tribute occurred in a small town of 1,102, when 350 people showed up to pay tribute to one of their sons," Hudson said. "Tribute occurred when two high schoolers drove here from Pennsylvania to give us a banner and \$1,500, which is a lot of money for a small school to collect."

The Department of Defense held a joint memorial service at the Pentagon Oct. 11 and another remembrance Dec. 11 to honor the 189 victims that lost their lives in the Sept. 11 attack there. The separate ceremony held for the office that provides major com-

mand and base operations support for the Department of the Army headquarters was to give members of that office a chance to mourn and remember as a group, said Tom Scullen, director of Executive Services for OAA.

More than three months after the attack, it's still hard for some to adjust to the loss they said. The candles that were lit during the opening of the ceremony were extinguished one at a time when individual names were read off. As "Amazing Grace" played in the background tears flowed, and muffled were heard in the audience.

The office that will be known for suffering the most casualties in the Pentagon attack tries to carry on with business as usual, and with the help of others each day gets better, Scullen said.

"It was amazing how volunteers from other organizations offered support. People who knew what we needed just stepped up," Scullen said

Flu vaccines

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identified by the OHC may report to the local OHC to receive the vaccine. If adequate supplies of the vaccine remain, all DoD civilians will have the opportunity to receive their immunizations at KUSAHC.

For more information, contact Sgt. Elida Bush, Immunization Branch, 410-278-1746, or Lt. Col. Allison Mirakian, deputy commander for Nursing, 410-278-1902.

Other vaccine sources

The Harford County Health Department is also holding two flu clinics for those desiring inoculation against the latest flu strain.

Those county residents 65 and older and those with a doctor's prescription detailing high health risk, can receive the shots at no cost.

Those under the age of 65 with no doctor's note of high risk factors may receive the shot for \$5.

A clinic will be held on Friday, Dec. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Havre de Grace American Legion Post 47, 501 St. John Street, Havre de Grace.

A second clinic will take place on Thursday, Dec. 20, 1 to 3 p.m., at the Bel Air United Methodist Church, 221 Linwood Avenue and Emmorton Road (Route 924) in Bel Air.

Army Times seeks letters to war front

The military publications Army Times, Air Force Times, Marine Corps Times and USAWeekend are soliciting original letters for postings on a special Web site or for publication. "Letters from a Two-Front War" is a joint project to collect letters to and from troops deployed in support of the war on terrorism. All participants, families and soldiers, should send letters written to a specific parent, spouse, child or friend - a personal letter expressing love, hopes, fears, patriotism, pride in service, etc.

The letter should not be shared with anyone so the loved one can see it for the first time in print. Beginning Feb. 10, letters and photos will be posted on a special Web site. The best ones will be published in forthcoming editions of the Times and USAWeekend publications.

Writers should not refer to the upcoming holiday season nor should the letters exceed

250 words in length.

For security concerns, writers may choose to be identified by first name, last initial and hometown. All letter writers must provide a full name, address, and if possible telephone number for verification purposes.

Deployed servicemembers may use the name and address of a public affairs point of contact.

The Army Times prefers e-mailed submissions but will accept all mail. Send letters to: Letters From a Two-Front War, c/o Times News Service, 6883 Commercial Drive, Springfield, VA 22159

Send e-mails to: twofront-war@atpco.com. For more information, contact Maj. Merideth Bucher at 703-602-4399. (Editor's Note: This information was gathered from Department of Army letter, Dec. 4, subject: Army Times; Letters from a Two-Front War.)

Under secretary

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organizing, supplying, equipping, training and mobilizing the Army and managing its \$80 billion annual budget and more than 1.3 million active duty, National Guard, Army Reserve and civilian personnel.

Brownlee has served on the Republican staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee since January 1987, under both Sen. Strom Thurmond and Sen. John Warner. From 1987 to 1996, he was the principal Senate Armed Services Committee Professional Staff Member responsible for Army and Marine Corps programs, special operations forces and drug interdiction policy and

support. In addition, as deputy staff director, he was deeply involved in policies and programs relating to ballistic missile defense, strategic deterrence and naval strategy, shipbuilding and weapons programs.

In March, 1996, Brownlee was designated Staff Director of the Senate Committee on Armed Services by then Chairman, Sen. Thurmond. In January, 1999, he was designated Staff Director for then Chairman, Sen. Warner, serving through the recent change in control of the Senate.

Brownlee is a retired Army colonel. He was commissioned in 1962 as a lieutenant of infantry as a distinguished honor graduate of the ROTC program at the University of Wyoming.

He is a distinguished honor graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger Course, an

honor graduate of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course and the Command and General Staff College, and a graduate of the Army's Airborne Course and the U.S. Army War College. Brownlee served two tours in Vietnam.

During the last two and a half years of a four and a half year tour in the Pentagon, before retiring in 1984, he was Military Executive to Under Secretary of the Army James Ambrose.

His military decorations include the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart. He holds a masters degree in business administration from the University of Alabama.

For additional information, contact Army Public Affairs at (703) 697-2564.

River Lodge breaks ground on the Edgewood Area

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Edgewood Area will soon join the ranks of other quality lodging facilities in the Aberdeen Proving Ground community. Bulldozers broke ground on Nov. 8 for the River Lodge, a new lodging facility that is scheduled for completion in mid-summer 2002.

The new 18,000 square foot building will contain meeting rooms, an office area, 64 guest rooms, a dayroom and an enclosed porch or Florida Room.

Carol Lamp, manager of the Swan Creek Inn, said the groundbreaking for the new Army Lodging Office was the result of two years of planning and labor.

"The River Lodge is being built with non-appropriated Army Lodging funds," Lamp said, adding that the age and condition of the current facility prompted the need for more comfortable accommodations

for guests and staff.

"Our staff works out of one small room in the Gun Powder Club," Lamp said. "This will definitely enhance their work environment."

Other benefits include a computer center with Internet access for guests, added Barbara Adams, Swan Creek administrative officer.

"The new office and reservation desk will be closer to the billeting office and will provide a much nicer first impression for arriving guests," Adams said.

"Security concerns and convenience are the driving force for many who choose to stay in on-post facilities as opposed to downtown," Lamp added.

She said in the future, to meet the demands of a growing military and transient community, a 100-room facility with meeting rooms and amenities comparable to commercial hotels will probably be needed.



Photo courtesy of SWAN CREEK INN

A bulldozer breaks ground for the new River Lodge office on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. The new lodging facility is scheduled for completion in mid-summer 2002.

Sports & Recreation

APG youth soccer team wins classic tournament

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Aberdeen Area Youth Center girls' soccer team, the Lazers, are tops in the Eastern Southern Soccer League, ESSL, region thanks to a 1-0 win over the Havre de Grace Comets during the under-10 Fall Classic Tournament. The tournament included 14 teams from eastern and southern Harford County.

Coach Darrell Diamond, a noncommissioned officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, said the two reasons for the team's successful season were "hard work and parental support."

"I honestly believed these girls worked harder in practice than any other team in the league," Diamond said.

Bi-weekly practices included calisthenics, a half-mile run, circuit training and a 25- to 30-minute scrimmage with the boys' 10-and under team.

Diamond said the hard work paid off in the team's last 11 games that included the tournament as they outscored their opponents 31-3 with eight shutout games.

"Parental support was outstanding," he added. "Parents worked together, getting the

girls to practice and games on time and providing snacks and drinks at halftime and after the games. They were all true role models."

He said the team's top two scorers, Bianca Whiteside and Emily Kappauf, defensive stand-out Desirae Diamond and mid-fielder Nichelle Rodriguez, are among seven players that can return next season.

"If all seven return and we get a few more quality players, we will try for a repeat," Diamond said.

Bill Kegley, youth sports director, said the center was proud and pleased with the team's accomplishment.

"Soccer is gaining in popularity among our youth, especially among girls," Kegley said. Noting that six players will have to move up to the under-12 co-ed team, he added that ample sign-ups next year may result in the creation of a new team.

"If we can get 14 or more to sign up for the under-12 team next season, we can start a girls only team for the ESSL."

The center will host its soccer camp July 8 to 12, 2002. For more information on youth sports, contact the AA/EA youth centers at 410-278-4995 or 410-436-2098.



Photo by Sheila Little

The Army Corps of Cadets lines up in Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia, Pa., prior to the 2001 Army-Navy Game, held Dec. 1. President George W. Bush attended the game in which Army came out victorious. Among other dignitaries in attendance were Secretary of the Army Gen. Eric Shinseki and retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, both West Point graduates.

Cadets win 26-17 in Army-Navy classic

Joe Burlas

Army News Service,

While it is a long standing truism in sports that you need a good offense to win, Army had great help from its defensive unit in its 26-17 win over Navy in Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium Dec. 1.

The Black Knight defense, led by senior linebacker Brian Zickefoose and freshman Ardell Daniels, severely limited Navy access to the end zone — keeping Navy scores mostly to field goals despite an Army fumble and four intercepted passes.

"I'm a senior and it feels great to know that my class came in with a (Army-Navy) win and is going out with a win," said Cadet Todd Hieldebrant, who watched the game with the rest of the Corps of Cadets from stadium seating. "While the win feels great, I was most impressed with all the civilians who came out to watch the game. Whether they came to root for Army or for Navy, it's nice to see them supporting the military."

President George W. Bush attended the game and conducted the coin toss at the start of the game. Navy won the toss and elected to receive.

Navy's luck didn't last long. Starting on the Navy 28-yard line after the kickoff, Zickefoose caught Navy quarterback Ed Malinowski in the backfield for a 2-yard loss on the first offensive play of the game. Army linebacker Ryan Kent batted down a 10-yard pass on the next play. Despite a successful 8-yard pass, Navy couldn't convert for the

first down.

Five plays into Army's first offensive series, running back Ardell Daniels scooted up the middle for 60 yards and the first touchdown of the game and the young freshman's collegiate career. Kicker Derek Jacobs' kick was good for a 7-0 Army lead.

Strong Army defense held Navy to just five plays with no points on board from the next Midshipmen offensive attempt.

Army scored again on its second drive downfield. From the Navy 42, quarterback Chad Jenkins nailed wide receiver Brian Brueton with a deep pass and another six points. The extra kick missed and Army remained on top, 13-0.

Five minutes later, Navy defensive back Paul Clark picked off an Army pass and returned it to the Navy 35. Cadet defensive tight end Seth Langston helped keep the Midshipmen at bay and to just four plays with a 4-yard sack to end the first quarter.

Driving down to the Army 29 on the next Navy possession, the Midshipmen were stopped cold at the 27-yard line. Navy kicker David Hill booted the pigskin through the uprights for a 13-3 score.

In the last minute of the half, Cadet wide receiver Anthony Miller blocked a Navy punt and Daniels recovered it on the Navy 20. With only five seconds before half-time, Jacobs nailed the field goal. Army led, 16-3.

The Cadets started the second half with a bang. Army wide receiver Omari

Thompson fielded the kickoff from the Army 4-yard line. Speed and artful dodging took Thompson 96 yards to the end zone for a score. The extra point was good and Army held a dominating lead, 23-3.

Navy could only respond with two field goals in the third quarter as the Cadet defense denied the Midshipmen the red zone.

With a little more than 10 minutes left in the game, Navy intercepted another Army pass. Not able to move more than 6 yards during the drive, Navy faked a punt and Daniels nailed the Navy runner for a six-yard loss.

With a little more three minutes left, Army scored its final points - a field goal. Army continued to dominate, 26-9.

Two Navy passes, with less than 30 seconds left, were good for a Navy touchdown and two-point conversion. It wasn't enough. Army won, 26-17.

"To me, the meaning of Army-Navy game is not about the competition itself, but about two great institutions coming together on the football field," Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John M. Keane said. "You have to remember that every player on that field has taken an oath to serve this great nation. When you remember that sworn duty each has voluntarily undertaken, the meaning of the game transcends who wins or loses."

Army leads the 102-game classic series 49-46-1. Army ended the season 3-8; Navy, 0-10.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Go Lazers!

Coaches and members of the Aberdeen Area Youth Center girls' 10 and under soccer team, the Lazers, pose with their trophies and a banner proclaiming them the winner of the 2001 Eastern Southern Soccer League Fall Classic Tournament. The Lazers defeated the Havre de Grace Comets 1-0. From left, front row, Brian Lukey, assistant coach, Ana Ables, Kayla Schroeder, Emily Kappauf, Nichelle Rodriguez, Camille Lukey, Casey Yowell and Darrell Diamond, coach. Second row, Desirae Diamond, Darlene Ney, Olivia Merchant, Michelle Camiola and Mikayla Brennecke. Back, Bianca Whiteside and Jamie Neyens. Not pictured, Ashley Whiteman and Chastity Jeffers.

A look at girls' sports participation

Courtesy www.sportingkid.com

A study by the Big Ten on female participation in youth sports covered issues ranging from healthy childhood development to adult disease prevention. Some of the more compelling discoveries included:

* If a girl does not participate in sports by the time she is 10 years old, there is only a 10 percent chance she will participate when she is 25.

* Research suggests that girls who participate in sports are less likely to get involved with drugs, less likely to get pregnant in high school and more likely to graduate from high

school than those who do not play sports.

* One to three hours of exercise a week over a woman's reproductive lifetime, from teen to about 40, can bring a 20 to 30 percent reduction in the risk of breast cancer, and four or more hours of exercise a week can reduce the risk almost 60 percent.

* Approximately 80 percent of women identified as key leaders in Fortune 500 companies participated in sports during their childhood.

* Regular physical activity can help girls build greater peak bone mass, thereby reducing the adult risk of osteoporosis.

Mobile Digital Imaging System - SBCCOM supporting new capability

Medical equipment, shelter device delivers essential care to battlefield soldiers

An expandable shelter system designed at the U.S. Army Soldier Biological Chemical Command, Soldier Systems Center has enabled state-of-the-art medical digital imaging equipment to move to the troops, providing essential emergency care in a timely fashion. The Air Force has been the first of the services to include the Mobile Digital Imaging System, or MDIS, in its training and planning.

"This is a new capability to bring to the field," said John Roche, project engineer. "The Air Force wanted to bring out high-tech equipment normally only seen in a fixed facility." Placed next to existing medical facilities, doctors and technicians are training with the units for deployment, said Roche.

This past year, the Mechanical Prototype Shop at SSC in Natick, Mass., fabricated and assembled three MDIS units and delivered them to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.; and Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Personnel can use the shelter for procedures such as orthopedic and vascular surgery on wounded troops.

"It's very important for locating shrapnel wounds before (surgeons) start operating," said Bill Synder, chief of base operating support for Air Force Medical Logistics at Fort Worth, Texas. "When you have those types of injuries, you can bleed to death before reaching permanent or semi-permanent facilities." Synder said he anticipates the Air Force will order two more of the systems.

"SSC did an excellent job of adapting a (commercial off-the-shelf) item for us to use now, in wartime," Snyder said. "It's highly impressive that we can set up and repack the shelter so that none of the high-dollar equipment gets damaged. This is a great step ahead in field medicine." Used along with TEMPER tents in a field hospital, four people can set it up and be functional in less than one hour.

The primary piece of equipment is the C-

Arm X-Ray. The C-Arm is relatively lightweight and compact for easy maneuverability inside the shelter and can provide a 360-degree scan. A transport tie-down system with a head bracket was designed to stabilize it during transport. Along with the C-Arm, a workstation with two high-resolution monitors to view and store digital images is included.

Outlets are located on each side of the container. A data access panel that is built into one wall consists of phone and LAN jacks, bare copper wiring for basic communication equipment, and fiber optic connectors. "Without that panel, if (medical personnel) brought a connection in or out of the shelter, they'd have to cut a hole or leave the door open. The team at Natick had some great innovations," Roche said.

The expandable shelter used for this system is designed to expand on two sides to triple the available space if needed. Roche said the shelters are readily customized and modified for a variety of purposes. Everything required fits into a designated place in the compacted shelter during transportation.

The Air Force has been the only customer for the C-Arm system so far, but Roche said the item has application in other services and government agencies.

"The Federal Emergency Management Agency could benefit from this during disaster relief," Roche said. "If an earthquake hits, you can have a whole system you can send for medical assistance."

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander SBCCOM, commented, "This is another example of quick thinking by the staff of SBCCOM to support a customer need. It also demonstrates that our personnel are considering both military and civilian applications of their efforts."

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ASMC sponsors local family for the holidays

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Chesapeake Chapter, is sponsoring a needy family for the Christmas holiday.

The family is comprised of a single father and two sons, ages 8 and 10.

They are in need of: four

kitchen chairs; winter clothing - boys sizes 10 and 12 for coats, pants, shirts and undergarments; sizes 4 1/2 and 5 in sneakers; sizes 5 and 6 for socks.

The boys' Christmas list also includes action figures such as GI Joe and games for

Game Boy.

Nonperishable foods and cash donations are also welcome.

If you wish to contribute, contact Peggy Morrison, 410-278-1229; Mae Wallace, 310-278-3491; or Tina Allen, 410-436-7208, by Dec. 19.

Safety

From front page

Fire Protection Specialist Andre Fournier said those decorating with live trees need to use extra caution to avoid fire.

"Because of the drought conditions on the east coast, trees have not received adequate water to keep them fresh for a long period of time, even if the tree is constantly kept in water," Fournier said. "When selecting the tree, tap the tree on the ground or shake the tree a few times. If only a few needles fall off, the tree is fresh." He added, "Regardless of freshness, the trees will not last as long as in previous years." Fournier said that as a fire prevention measure, residents should remove Christmas trees from their quarters no later than Jan. 6.

Residents should not use nails, screws or staples to attach lights to their quarters, and absolutely no roof decorations are permitted. Lights should be turned off by 11 p.m., with the exception of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, when they can remain on until midnight. Keep energy conservation in mind. If you are not at home, the lights should not be on, and all lights should be out when residents retire for the night.

Candle policy

No candles are permitted in office buildings or in the barracks. There is no exception to this policy during the holiday season. Due to the amount of fires attributed to candles, their use is also greatly discouraged in family housing, especially around trees or other combustibles. If residents choose to use candles, they should use hurricane shades, never leave lit candles unattended, and make sure all candles are out before retiring for the evening.

Partying on and off the installation

Party goers planning to drink alcohol should designate a non-drinking driver for the evening, call a taxi, or make arrangements to stay at the location until sober. The deputy installation commander reminds residents that with the 100 percent identification check-in policy at the gate, those who choose to drink off post and return to the installation run an increased risk of being stopped for suspicion of driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence.

"We don't want to arrest you, but we will," she said.

Poisoning hazards for children, pets

Marilyn Spence, engineering technician with the family housing division, in conjunction with Susie Ashby of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, said that the parents of young children and pets have increased areas of responsibility. Parents and pet owners are reminded that holly and mistletoe berries are considered poisonous when ingested. The Christmas Rose, Christmas Cactus and amaryllis are also poisonous. In addition, the traditional poinsettia can be a source of stomach distress. Parents should consider placing the plants in areas where children and pets cannot reach, or purchase artificial decorative plants instead.

When placing decorations on the tree, keep breakable and tiny ornaments out of the reach of children and pets to avoid accidental ingestion, cuts, or a toppling tree incident as children grab for their favorite decoration.

Gift wrap and poisonous fumes

Colorful holiday gift wrap is treated with a chemical solution to assure color adherence. Under no circumstances should you burn gift wrap, as the fumes given off are toxic. Discard used gift wrap in the trash.

"The holiday season is traditionally a time of celebration and with family and friends," said Spence. "By following housing guidelines and fire prevention rules, you can help keep the holidays safe."

FAC

From front page

basis.

"The FAC is prepared for any eventuality at any time," Posadas said, noting that he was briefing the plan on Sept. 11 when news of the terrorist attacks came in.

"Sept. 11 caught the country by surprise but we had a plan ready and were ready to react," Posadas said.

Family assistance plans are being incorporated into military installations worldwide. The plans address all levels and phases of deployment or mobilization and will be incorporated into overall installation contingency plans.

Posadas said that in order to have a workable approach to handling emergencies, several elements should already be in

place.

"We've formed a community coalition with several installation, local and state agencies to assist when the situation calls for it," Posadas said.

Some of those agencies include the Harford/Cecil County

Department of Social Services, local ministers and churches, volunteer organizations, Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliaries, the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.

Along with the ACS on the Aberdeen Area and the Youth Centers on both the AA and Edgewood Area, an off-post FAC at a designated facility will be available for those unable to gain access to the installation.

Since Sept. 11, the pace has picked up with the plan being distributed to all ACS offices within the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

Last month, volunteer soldiers from Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion spent a day helping Posadas set up his offices on the second floor of building 2754.

"They were very enthusiastic once they learned what it was all about," Posadas said. "Some said they realized an organization like this could be looking after their families one day."

He said that since setting up, the office has been inundated with calls from other installations requesting assistance in setting up their programs.

"I've had calls from small depots with only several dozen people to large commands with hundreds of people to look out for," Posadas said.

"We've always been serious about looking out for our servicemembers and employees," he added. "Sept. 11 reminded us how important that is."

Christmas Season Chapel Schedule



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

In front of the Edgewood Area chapel, a tranquil nativity scene decorates the lawn.

Aberdeen Area:

Catholic

Dec. 15, mass, 5 p.m.

Dec. 16, mass, 8:45 a.m.

Dec. 19, advent penance service, 7 p.m.

Dec. 22, mass, 5 p.m.

Dec. 23, Sunday mass, 8:45 p.m.

Dec. 24, Carols and midnight mass, 11:30 p.m.

Dec. 25, Christmas day mass, 9 a.m.

Dec. 29, mass, 5 p.m.

Dec. 30, mass 8:45 a.m.

Dec. 31, Vigil mass, 5 p.m.

Jan. 1, Mary, Mother of God mass, 9 a.m.

Gospel

Dec. 16, worship service, 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 23, worship service, 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 30, worship service, 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 31, watch night service, 7 p.m.

Protestant

Dec. 16, worship service, 10:15 a.m.;

Christmas cantata will be held at 7 p.m., at Grove Presbyterian Church

Dec. 23, Christmas cantata and pageant, 10:15 a.m.

Dec. 24, Ecumenical Christmas Eve candlelight service, 7 p.m.

Dec. 30, worship service, 10:15 a.m.

Edgewood Area:

Catholic

Dec. 15, stable mass, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 16, mass, 10:45 a.m.

Dec. 23, mass, 10:45 a.m.

Dec. 24, family mass, pageant, 5 p.m.

Dec. 25, Christmas Day mass, 9 a.m.

Dec. 30, mass, 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 1, Mary, Mother of God mass, 11 a.m.

Protestant

Dec. 16, worship service, 9 a.m.

Dec. 23, worship service 9 a.m.

Dec. 30, worship service, 9 a.m.