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## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, April 11 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Burger King recalls toddler toys

Burger King Corp. is voluntarily recalling 400,000 "Rattling, Paddling, Riverboat toddler toys" distributed between Jan. 15 and Feb. 13 and offering free replacement. The recall affects those Burger King restaurants owned and operated by AAFES.

AAFES Burger King customers are being instructed not to return the toy to Burger King. Instead, a consumer hotline has been set up to receive calls.

The contact number is 1-800-661-9173 and is printed on signs located inside Burger King facilities.

### USFHP/TRICARE briefings scheduled

Johns Hopkins Medical Services Corporation will hold briefings on the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan, a TRICARE Prime designated provider, at the Ball Conference Center in Dickson Hall, building 3074, on April 10 and 16, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. each day.

The USFHP at Johns Hopkins is a TRICARE choice available to military dependents, military retirees, their dependents and survivors. The open enrollment period ends April 30 for retirees, their dependents and survivors. Active duty dependents may enroll at any time.

For reservations, call 1-800-808-7347.

### Passport, DA photos taken at Photo Lab

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Photo Lab takes passport photos every Thursday, 2 to 3:30 p.m., on a walk-in basis. DA 201 File photos are taken by appointment only every Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Head and shoulder (i.e., chain of command, wall display) photos are by appointment only on Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For information about this and other photographic services, call 410-278-3391.

### AA Thrift Shop closes for spring break

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop will be closed April 11 and 12 for spring break.

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More Women's History Luncheon photos



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Sgt. 1st Class Mitchelene Cyrus and her daughter Tia, 6, dance to a Northern drum song at the Aberdeen Proving Ground National Women's History Month Luncheon at Top of the Bay. Cyrus is the equal opportunity advisor for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

## Women's History Month luncheon celebrates women of courage and vision

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Applauding the evolving roles of women in society, members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community gathered to observe National Women's History Month during a luncheon at Top of the Bay March 29.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, delivered the welcome address, listing some of the milestones marking the history of women in the military from WWII to present, noting the Women's Army Corps did not become a permanent branch of the Army until 1948.

"One of the greatest changes made was the admission of women to West Point in 1976," Doesburg said.

"Today, when we think of soldiers, there is no distinction between men and women. We visualize soldiers," he observed.

Doesburg introduced Jacqueline Haas, superintendent of Harford County Public Schools, as "a lady of great talent whose characteristics include 30 years as an educator."

Haas said the two main objectives of Women's History Month are to "increase consciousness and knowledge of women's issues and to recognize contributions of notable and ordinary women."

"This celebration should also be meaningful to men, many of whom have sisters or daughters for whom they have hopes and aspirations," Haas said. "Perhaps you'll listen as a father, brother or husband."

Revealing aspects of her struggle to adopt a child while handling the challenges of her career, Haas said the struggle for women has become "less of a challenge on the professional side and more on the personal side."

"At home, I find ways to turn criticisms into positive things," Haas said.

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## Legal services online for military

Army News Service

The U. S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps has launched a legal services Web site, designed as a portal of legal information for military members and their families.

Http://www.jagcnet.army.mil/Legal, creates a "virtual" legal information and resource knowledge center, said officials. It includes information on personal legal assistance, claims, trial defense, and victim and witness information for the Army. It provides preventive law information and helps users find the nearest legal assistance office - of any military branch.

The JAG Corps legal site aims to provide soldiers and spouses with information to make informed decisions on personal

legal affairs, maintain legal well-being, readiness, avoid consumer scams, and otherwise minimize "legal" distractions.

The idea, said Maj. Gen. John D. Altenburg Jr., the assistant judge advocate general and JAG Corps' chief information officer, "is to provide soldiers and family members 24 hours a day, seven days a week, desktop access to useful information for their own legal preparedness. It is a great tool for soldiers and spouses to maintain their personal legal affairs."

It is designed to be a doorway to Internet-based legal information and services for those eligible for military legal assistance under Title 10 United States Code, Altenburg said. He explained the

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## ECBC sponsors first international symposium on CB defense

By Jim Allingham  
ECBC

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command is sponsoring the first International Symposium on Application of Enzymes in Chemical and Biological Defense in Orlando.

The symposium, scheduled for May 13 to 18 includes researchers from Israel, France, Germany, Russia and Italy. Stateside organizations repre-

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government and military (Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Oak Ridge National Laboratory) to academic (Harvard Medical School, University of California, Riverside; Miami; Pittsburgh, Texas A&M University) and others (Battelle, Mayo Clinic, Maxygen).

The keynote speakers are Dr. John Deutsch of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, former director of Central Intelligence, who will discuss the chemical and biological threat, and Dr. Alexander Klibanov, also of the Massachusetts Institute of

Technology, a leading authority on the use of enzymes in extreme environments.

The symposium will provide a forum where scientists can present the latest research on both medical and non-medical applications of enzymes. Topics include detection, protection, decontamination, prophylaxis and therapy. Emphasis is on the sensitivity of enzymes in detecting chemical agents and the neutralizing affects that enzymes have on chemical and biological warfare agents, pesticides, and related materials.

The registration fee is \$250 and includes breakfast and lunch during the symposium. To request a registration form, contact Deborah Bilotto at 410-612-8247. Deadline for registration is April 13.

ECBC is sponsoring the conference along with the U.S. Army Research Office, the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

For more information about the conference or ECBC, visit the Web site at http://www.sbccom.apgea.army.mil or contact the Public Affairs Office, 410-436-4347.

## Survivors receive extension of benefits

Courtesy of TRICARE Management Activity

Under the provision of the National Defense Authorization Act passed last October, surviving family members of deceased active duty uniformed services personnel are authorized a two-year extension of their medical and dental benefits.

The benefit extension, also authorized for survivors of deceased active duty Select Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve personnel, was projected to be implemented on April 1.

As a result of the legislation, survivors of active duty members who died on or after Oct. 30, 1997, remain eligible for TRICARE medical benefits at the active-duty dependent rate for an additional two-year period. At the end of the three-year period, TRICARE eligibility for these survivors will continue, but at the retiree dependent rate.

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## Aberdeen Re-Nu-It Center suffers damage

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

The back entrance of the Aberdeen Re-Nu-It Center stands exposed after sustaining an estimated \$50,000 in damage in a March 28 fire. Except for smoke and water damage, the majority of the building was unscathed and will be open for business as usual, according to Manager William Settles. The cause of the fire is being investigated.



## POST SHORTS

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### HCC spring open house

Harford Community College will hold a spring open house, Wednesday, April 11 and Tuesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. each day, in the Chesapeake Center. Information will be available for high school juniors, seniors and their parents on the college and its programs. Meet faculty members, explore career and transfer options, gain knowledge of financial aid opportunities and learn about student life. To register for the open house or for more information, call 410-836-4222.

### AER seeks donations

The Army Emergency Relief campaign will run through May 31. This non-profit program endeavors to ease financial hardships experienced by Army family members. Ninety-five cents of every dollar donated to AER can be used for such things as food expenses, rent, utilities, travel emergencies, etc.

Maj. Clifton Johnston, commander of Headquarters Support Troop is this year's chairman and can be reached at 410-278-2104.

### Red Cross offers "The Shining Star Tribute"

Is there a very special person who has made a great influence on your life? When was the last time you acknowledged that fact?

The American Red Cross offers "The Shining Star Tribute" to recognize the influence and inspiration they made on your life. For every \$25 donation, you can recognize an individual and let them know how much he or she has meant to you. They will receive a certificate, suitable for framing.

All submissions must include name of the person to be honored, their address and relationship to you, your name and address, and any special remarks you would like mentioned and a check payable to American Red Cross. Send to The Shining Star Tribute, American Red Cross, 122 South Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014. All proceeds received through this project will benefit the programs and services of the American Red Cross. Contributions are tax deductible.

For more information, call 410-838-4568.

### Ambulance transfers for pediatric patients

Children treated at the Harford Memorial Hospital Emergency Room who require hospitalization will be transported to Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Bel Air. TRICARE beneficiaries may be charged a copayment for the civilian ambulance transfer to Upper Chesapeake Medical Center for pediatric admissions. However, if your child should require emergency medical services for life threatening conditions such as poisoning, convulsions, high fever and other acute conditions, call 911 or seek care at the nearest civilian hospital emergency room.

### Urgent Care Clinic changes hours

The new Kirk Urgent Care Clinic hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and training holidays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday and holidays. Call Nurse Telephone Triage at 410-278-1751 for Urgent Care Clinic appointments. The Nurse Telephone Triage line will be open for calls at 8 a.m. on weekdays and one half hour before the clinic opens on weekends and holidays.

### Immunization Clinic changes hours

The new Immunization Clinic hours are Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, 8 to 11:30 a.m. and Preparation for Overseas Replacement 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### Local amusement park tickets available at ITR

Information, Ticketing and Registration Office has tickets available for the National Aquarium, Maryland Science Center, Hershey Park and Paramount's Kings Dominion. All other park tickets will become available closer to their park's opening dates.

As a reminder, tickets for Colonial Williamsburg are special order (just like the Disney Passes).

Call 410-278-4011/4612 or stop by building 3326.

### Child care providers needed

Applicants interested in providing home-based child care, especially in the Edgewood Area, are encouraged to apply for positions as child care providers. Interviews will be conducted April 17 and 18.

Family child care training will be conducted April 23 to 27. Being a professionally trained provider in a warm, home environment offers many benefits: up to \$500 per week, self employment, free training in a marketable profession, transferable credit to Army installations world wide, free use of toy lending library, free referrals by Central Registry, free monthly newsletter, free workshops (child development, nutrition, health, safety, CPR, taxes), participation in the National CDA credential program and participation in the USDA food program.

For more information in the Aberdeen Area, call Gail Smith, 410-278-7477/8720 or Kathy Reese in the Edgewood Area at 410-436-2692/3355.

### NAACP seeking nominees for award

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is seeking military personnel and Department of Defense civilians as nominees for the Roy Wilkins Renown Service Award. This award is for someone who made a significant contribution to his or her country in the area of civil or human rights, race relations, equal opportunity, affirmative action, human resources or public service. Nominees may include supervisory or non-supervisory personnel at any grade or occupational level and any ethnic group. If you are interested in nominating someone else or yourself, call Penny White, equal employment opportunity specialist, 410-278-7074. Nominations must be received by May 21.

### GSA seminar for federal personnel

GSA 101, a free comprehensive seminar for federal civilian and military personnel interested in learning more about General Services Administration products and services, is scheduled for May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel, 700 King Street in Wilmington, Del. Learn to use the on-line shopping and ordering system, GSAAAdvantage, and the GSA Schedules E-Library, the on-line source for complete multiple award schedule contract award information.

For more information, call Angela Griffin, 215-656-3872. Register on-line at [www.midatlantic.gsa.gov/fss/seminars](http://www.midatlantic.gsa.gov/fss/seminars) or by e-mail to [midatlantic.seminars@gsa.gov](mailto:midatlantic.seminars@gsa.gov).

### Volunteer Connection seeking help

If you are 55 or older, looking for adventure, a chance to meet new people and use your talents and skills while helping the community, Volunteer Connection RSVP needs volunteers. For opportunities as tour guides, arts and crafts assistants, partners in reading, or helping with community safety, call Sally Drumm or Dale Neeper at 410-638-4444, or fax 410-638-3069, or-email [rsvp@co.ha.md.us](mailto:rsvp@co.ha.md.us).

### Wealth-building classes offered by ACS

Army Community Service is presenting the following classes on how to manage money, live debt-free, and invest for the future at the ACS, building 2754 on Rodman Road:

April 11, Using Credit Wisely, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

April 18, Savings and Investing, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

April 25, Retirement Planning, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Classes are free and open to all civilians, active duty personnel, retirees and family members. Space is limited. Call Tricia Jewitt, 410-278-4372 to reserve your seat. (Bring a lunch.)

### Microsoft-USO Defenders Run

Microsoft, GEICO, Comprint Military Publications, and WMZQ 98.7 FM, will sponsor the Microsoft-USO Defenders 10-mile Run on Sunday, May 6. The race will begin at the Pentagon at 8 a.m. Awards totaling \$10,000 will be presented to the top male and female finishers. Participants will be allowed use of the ChampionChip(r), a certified, fast course, pre-race expo at the Sheraton National Hotel and course entertainment. First place male and female finishers will each receive \$2,400 and special awards will be given to the first place male and female from each branch of service. Individuals and teams are encouraged to participate. Team categories include military (male, female and co-ed), embassies, Corporate Challenge, Open (male, female, co-ed) and Masters (male, female). All proceeds from the race go directly back into USO-Metro programs and services for military personnel and their families. Cost of registration is \$20 until April 23, and \$25 after April 23.

For more information on the Microsoft-USO Defenders Ten-Mile Run, call Beth Bradner, 703-696-3279, or visit [www.runwashington.com](http://www.runwashington.com) (online registration available).

### 547th Engineer Battalion Reunion

The 547th Engineer Battalion (Cbt) Association and its attached units (552nd and 1328th) will hold its 15th annual reunion Thursday, Aug. 2 through Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Radisson Governors Inn, Durham, N.C. The Radisson Governors Inn is located on I-40, Exit 280 at Davis Drive, Research Triangle Park.

For reunion pre-registration, call John Joyner, 919-596-7940, 2114 Baltic Ave., Durham, N.C. 27707; or Ursula Allen, 253-582-4649, 9111 Forest Ave. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498.

For hotel reservations, call 919-549-8631 or 1-800-333-3333.

### EA Thrift Shop open

The EA Thrift Shop is open for business in our regular location, building E-1633, Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The consignment room is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on all of the above days. For information call, 410-676-4733.

### New counseling hours at EA Education Center

The Edgewood Area Education Center offers counseling on Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The EA Army computer learning center's hours are Monday through

Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. but will be closed every other Friday for RDO.

For more information, call Rosalind C. Strickland, 410-278-3385.

### Legal Office offers advice

For emergency legal advice, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Garrison Legal Assistance Office, continues to see eligible clients on a walk-in basis every Thursday in building 310, wing 2, 8 to 11 a.m.

For more information, contact the Legal Assistance Office at 410-278-1583/1584. For any non-emergency situation, call the office to schedule an appointment.

### Spaces available in the RV storage lot

Attention all active duty military residing on Aberdeen Proving Ground in the Aberdeen Area. Avoid getting tickets for parking a boat, camper or small travel trailer in the family housing area. There are several available spaces in the AA RV storage lot. The fee is \$12 per month up to 20 feet and 60 cents per foot for anything over 20 feet. Call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124/5789.

### Join Spesutie Island Boating Activity

The Spesutie Island Boating Activity is accepting applications for the 2001 season from those authorized to participate in Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs.

Eligible personnel include all active duty and retired military, APG civilian employees, retired APG civilian employees, civilian contractors (with identification cards) and Baltimore Area Corps of Engineers employees. Eligible patrons are required to provide proof of insurance and registration for their boat.

Activity fees are: \$10 per foot for mooring, \$7 per foot for parking lot storage, and \$6.50 per foot for ramp access. This activity is headquartered in building 36, just down the road from Top of the Bay.

Interested patrons can call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124.

### Outreach Office offers stockpile information

Get answers about how the Army is safely eliminating the mustard agent stockpile stored at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Call or visit the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office located in the Woodbridge Station Shopping Center, 1011B Woodbridge Center Way, Edgewood. The Outreach Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 410-676-6800 or visit Web site [www.pmc.dapgea.army.mil](http://www.pmc.dapgea.army.mil).

### Technology expo to be held April 24

The U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Information Management and the Corporate Information Office, U.S. Army Soldier Biological and Chemical Command are hosting the Spring 2001 Information Technology Products and Services Expo, Tuesday, April 24 at Top of the Bay, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Exhibitors include Avaya, Canon, CDW-G, Charrette, Comarl, Compaq, Dell, FAA/ICE-MAN, Future Enterprises, Gateway, GTSI, Hewlett-Packard, iGov.com, Intelligent Decisions, Logicon/FDC, Micro GCS, NEC/Mitsubishi, Oce' USA, Panja, PictureTel, Professional Products Inc., Ricoh, Telos, Westwood Computer and more that haven't registered yet.

The expo is free to all Defense Department government or contractor personnel. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the Federal Direct Access Exposition toll-free line, 1-877-332-3976.

### AMCAC website offers information

The U.S. Army Materiel Command Acquisition Center has posted a government purchase card web page designed to be a user-friendly network of information to meet the unique needs of organizations interested in obtaining and maintaining the card. The website supports AMCAC's service commitment toward its credit card customers. Information concerning the government purchase card program, its administration, required training, references and procedures is contained on this website.

The website includes items of particular interest concerning use of government credit cards such as: local news and regulations, required training, discussion areas, policy letters and links to related websites.

There is also an automated e-mail link to the agency/organization coordinator for the AMCAC Government Purchase Card program. The website is available at <http://www.sbccom.apgea.army.mil/srs/amcac/CC/index.html>.

### ACS needs volunteer drivers

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

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## A SOLDIER'S TROPHY



Photo by LA'MONT HARBISON

Outgoing 16th Ordnance Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, right, accepts the shell casing fired during his change of responsibility ceremony from Sgt. 1st Class James Burrell, left, non-commissioned officer in charge of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company 16th Ordnance Battalion salute battery. Command Sgt. Maj. David M. Bashford assumed command of the battalion. The ceremony was held at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools headquarters following the battalion run. Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Ayers, OC&S, and Jeffrey Cathcart, 61st Ordnance Brigade, led the ceremony.

# New legislation provides military health care benefits for older retirees

Courtesy of TRICARE Management Activity

Uniformed services beneficiaries age 65 or older are being informed by the Department of Defense and TRICARE Management Activity of their potential entitlement to expanded benefits under TRICARE.

The Defense Department recently sent approximately 1.4 million letters to uniformed services retirees, spouses and survivors who will attain the age of 65 prior to April 1, 2001. Many TRICARE beneficiaries did not receive this communication because the information used to contact them is missing or incorrect. These include beneficiaries who have not used their military benefits for several years, some of whom may be living in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. They may not have updated their addresses with the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or renewed their expired Uniformed services identification and privilege cards.

Uniformed services retirees are generally defined as those who served 20 or more years on active duty or in the reserves, and are eligible for retired or retainer pay. New legislation passed last October provides TRICARE pharmacy and medical benefits to retirees and their eligible family members who are age 65 and over and eligible for Medicare Part A.

In order to become entitled to TRICARE benefits outside a military hospital or clinic, a beneficiary age 65 or older must have Medicare Part B. There are a few exceptions. Uniformed services beneficiaries may use the new pharmacy benefit, called the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program, without Part B enrollment if they are currently 65, or turned 65 before April 1, the effective date for the senior pharmacy program. Medicare-eligible beneficiaries age 65 and over can use military treatment facility pharmacies, the National Mail Order Pharmacy program and retail pharmacies. Additional information about the pharmacy benefit is available by calling 1-877-DOD-MEDS.

Another exception to the Part B requirement includes uniformed services beneficiaries age 65 and over who are enrolled in the Uniformed Services Family



Health Plan in some areas of the country. They will continue to receive the TRICARE Prime benefit, including retail and mail order pharmacy, within the USFHP network. They are prohibited from using other services within the Military Health System and may be disenrolled for using Medicare for duplicate services. While they are encouraged to pay Medicare Part B premiums, USFHP enrollees aged 65 and older are only required to qualify for Medicare Part A.

The medical benefits provided by the new legislation, called TRICARE For Life, will start Oct. 1, 2001. Eligible beneficiaries who continue to receive medical care from their current Medicare providers will have TRICARE as their second payer, beginning Oct. 1, for medical care that is payable under both Medicare and TRICARE. After Medicare makes its payment on a beneficiary's medical claim, Medicare will submit the remaining charges to TRICARE.

For medical care that is a covered benefit under Medicare but not TRICARE, the beneficiary will be responsible for any Medicare cost share or deductible. For medical care that is a benefit under TRICARE but not Medicare, the beneficiary will be responsible for any TRICARE cost share or deductible. Medicare-eligible beneficiaries may obtain care from a military treatment facility, or they can use TRICARE-authorized civilian providers.

Overseas beneficiaries who turned age 65 on or after April 1, must enroll in Part B to participate in the TRICARE For Life and TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program even though there is no

Medicare benefit overseas.

Dental coverage through the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program has always been available to Medicare-eligible uniformed services retirees. The TRDP is administered by Delta Dental Plan of California and offers a comprehensive dental benefits package to all retired members of the uniformed services entitled to retired pay. Information about the TRDP and how to enroll in the program is available by calling Delta Dental at 1-888-336-3260 or at [www.ddpdelta.org](http://www.ddpdelta.org).

To participate in TRICARE For Life and the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program, Medicare-eligible beneficiaries age 65 and over do not have to "sign up" or enroll. However, they do need to be enrolled in DEERS. Retirees are automatically enrolled through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Family members holding valid ID cards are also enrolled in DEERS.

Medicare-eligible family members and survivors age 65 and over who do not possess a valid ID card will need to enroll in DEERS and obtain one from their local Realtime Automated Personnel Identification System ID card facility. They can also contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office at 1-800-538-9552 to review their DEERS records and obtain the address and phone number of the nearest military installation for details.

Generally, all beneficiaries should update their DEERS record with their correct addresses and any changes in family status in order to receive mailings about their health care benefits. Medicare-eligible beneficiaries age 65 and over, and others, may

update their DEERS address by:

- \* Going to the nearest military personnel office that has an ID card facility;

- \* E-mailing changes to [adrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil](mailto:adrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil);

- \* Faxing the address change to DSO, Attn: COA, 1-831-655-8317;

- \* Mailing changes to the DSO, Attn: TFL, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771; or,

- \* Calling the toll-free number for the DSO at 1-800-538-9552.

Beneficiaries who need to update their DEERS information other than address changes should contact or visit the nearest military ID card issuing facility. Other options include mailing or faxing the appropriate documentation to the DSO as referenced above, to include an attention line, Attn: R&A. The beneficiary MUST include the required documentation for DEERS enrollment, which DSO can explain. Requests without documentation will be returned unprocessed.

If beneficiaries are not enrolled in Medicare Part B, and want to use TRICARE For Life and the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program, they should apply to the local Social Security Administration office. The front of their Medicare card will indicate Part B enrollment status. The general enrollment period for Medicare Part B is held Jan. 1 through March 31 of each year, and Part B coverage starts on July 1 of that year. For details on enrollment in Part B, beneficiaries may call the SSA toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or visit any Social Security office. They also can find information on the Medicare Web site, <http://medicare.gov>. Additional information and updates about TRICARE For Life are posted on the TRICARE Web site, [www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa).

According to TRICARE Management Activity officials, who will administer the new benefits, eligible seniors should NOT immediately cancel their current Medigap insurance coverage. The Department of Defense is working with the Health Care Financing Administration (the organization that administers the Medicare benefit) to provide the most accurate information on the appropriateness of continued enrollment in Medigap insurance policies.

## Co-pay changes will simplify TRICARE pharmacy benefit

Courtesy of TRICARE Management Activity

TRICARE Management Activity is announcing a new simplified co-pay structure-for-prescription-drugs provided to eligible uniformed services beneficiaries through its pharmacy program.

The change in the co-pay structure is in response to direction from Congress last year to streamline the pharmacy benefit through greater use of generic drugs, a simplified set of co-pays and a uniform formulary.

This year, Congress directed the Department of Defense to extend its robust Pharmacy program to include age 65 and older beneficiaries, who are Medicare-eligible. Called the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program, it provides them pharmacy coverage that includes the use of the National Mail Order Pharmacy and retail pharmacies at the same co-pay rate as other eligible beneficiaries. They also can continue to use military treatment facility pharmacies with no co-pays, a benefit that already was available to those who were within driving distance of such a facility. Beneficiaries must be Medicare-eligible and enrolled in Part B if they turn 65 on or after April 1, 2001, to use the Senior Pharmacy Program.

TRICARE's current co-pay structure is extremely complex, and is based on the beneficiary's TRICARE enrollment status, the beneficiary category - such as active duty family members or retirees, and finally - their choice of pharmacy. The new co-pays of \$9 and \$3 create a single co-pay for the entire pharmacy benefit. The amounts will not be finalized until the federal rule making process is complete.

"Basically, all TRICARE beneficiaries will pay a standard \$9 co-pay for brand name prescription drugs from the National Mail Order Pharmacy or a retail network pharmacy. However, beneficiaries will experience substantial savings through the use of generic medications, which will have only a \$3 co-pay," explains Dr. H. James T. Sears, executive director of TMA. "While some beneficiaries will see a slight increase in their co-pays for brand name drugs, most will see a reduction in their overall co-pays under this simplified co-pay structure."

If TRICARE Standard beneficiaries use a non-network pharmacy, their co-pay will be \$9, or 20 percent of the cost for a 30-day supply, whichever is greater. Applicable deductibles will also apply if the beneficiary uses a non-network pharmacy.

The best value for all beneficiaries remains the military treatment facility pharmacy, where all TRICARE beneficiaries can receive their prescriptions without any out-of-pocket costs.

The most economical way for TRICARE beneficiaries to fill their prescriptions outside the military treatment facility will be the NMOP. They will receive up to a 90-day supply of "brand name" drugs for \$9 or generic drugs for \$3, compared to a 30-day supply for the same co-pay at a neighborhood network pharmacy. Use of the NMOP is advised for filling "maintenance" medications, such as those prescribed for control of blood pressure or reduction of cholesterol.

The new co-pays became effective April 1, and apply to eligible active duty family members, under 65 retirees and their dependents, and all the 65 and over beneficiaries who become eligible for the Senior Pharmacy Program on that same date. Active duty members have no co-pays.

Changing the co-pays to coincide with the start-up of the Senior Pharmacy Program on April 1 will enable most beneficiaries to enjoy cost savings before implementation of the uniform formulary later in the year, and it minimizes changes to the pharmacy benefit over the course of the year.

Information about the new TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program will be sent to those Medicare-eligible beneficiaries whose addresses and other information is up-to-date in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

Additional information can be found on the TRICARE Web site, [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

Beneficiaries also can use a toll-free telephone number, 1-877-363-6337, between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, to find out more about their benefits

## TRICARE offers two-year extension

### EXTENSION, from front page

Some survivors may be eligible to apply retroactively for the active duty dependent rate for medical benefits and are encouraged to contact their local TRICARE service center for assistance.

To be eligible for continued dental coverage under this provision, survivors must be enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program as of the date of the sponsor's death. Survivors who were within their original one-year period of eligibility for dental benefits as of Jan. 31, 2001, will be authorized an additional two years of dental coverage, for a total of three years.

During the extended dental benefit period, the Department of Defense will continue to pay the survivor's insurance premiums. At the end of the three-year period, the eligibility status of the survivor will change to retiree status. As a retiree, surviving family members are no longer eligible for the TDP. However, surviving family members are eligible to enroll in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program by visiting their Web site, [www.ddpdelta.org](http://www.ddpdelta.org).

For up-to-date information on medical benefits, survivors are encouraged to contact their local TRICARE service center representatives, beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators, or the health benefits advisers at any military treatment facility.

For additional information about TRICARE, visit the

Military Health System/TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

For general information on the TRICARE Dental Program, eligible survivors may call United

Concordia Companies, Inc., the TRICARE Dental Program administrator, at 1-800-866-8499, or visit the UCCI Web site at [www.ucci.com](http://www.ucci.com).

## Purchase request submission schedule set for FY 2001

By Rita Maclary  
USARMAC

PD2, the new Department of Defense contracting automated system, has been fielded at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood sites. Experience and updates to the system indicate a continued learning curve this fiscal year. Although the Center purchase request submission schedule has been increased to permit additional time to process actions through this new system, year-end requirements should be submitted as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

The following schedule should be used for the submission of purchase requests for FY 2001 and maintenance for FY 2002 for the U.S. Army Robert Morris Acquisition Center:

- Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 - May 15
- Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 - June 15
- Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million - June 15
- Short-of-Award over \$2,500 - June 15
- Commercial Items under \$100,000 - Aug. 15
- Maintenance for FY 02 - June 15

There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Refer questions to Joyce Roberts, APG Branch, at e-mail: joyce.roberts@sbccom.apgea.army.mil or call 410-278-0869 or Fred Thomas, Edgewood Branch e-mail: fred.thomas@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, or call 410-436-2554.

# Soldier's management of legal affairs goes virtual



## LEGAL SERVICES

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### JAG WEB, from front page

site does not offer legal advice, rather, information that site users should consider to prevent legal problems or before consulting an attorney.

The legal site has several main areas or pages:

- A "Home" page listing subject pages and additional information links
- A "Locate Legal Assistance" page displaying links to installation legal assistance Web sites and connecting to sites with instructions for finding military legal services information worldwide
- A "Locator" page helping site users find a private attorney, find a Defense Department regulation, publication, or form, and connecting to several people locator services for military members
- Connecting information pages to Army Claims and Military Criminal Matters information sites
- A site-wide navigation bar with quick links to the Home, Locate Legal Assistance, About, Feedback, More Info, JAGCNet (the Army JAG Corps' legal knowledge home for Department of Defense attorneys), and the JAG Corps Recruiting site
- A "More Info" page with many URLs organized alphabetically by topic
- A Site Index that lists the site's contents alphabetically.

"The Feedback feature is particularly important as we continue to improve the functionality of our site," said Altenburg. "In the short term, our site will be continuously available and informative. We solicit user feedback from the people who matter - the military members and their spouses who we support - as we add and update content, and consider improving the site for transactional matters, (e.g., possibly requesting a power of attorney from your local legal assistance office). Soldiers and spouses eventually should be able to do business securely with us - submit information for a power of attorney or schedule an appointment '24-seven.'

"Our site does not replace our personal service - private attorney-client consultation, but it does give soldiers an opportunity to decide when to seek counsel and to prepare better for that meeting. Soldiers, spouses, and others eligible for legal assistance should use the site to obtain general information before seeing an attorney (either military or civilian). The site should immediately improve how many soldiers

obtain legal assistance. Site users will have content available to research the law, obtain information, and prepare better for seeing an attorney.

"Soldiers and spouses who use our site will have more timely information that they can use to avoid legal difficulties," said Altenburg. "Eventually many Army users may use the portal as their legal home page, where they store electronic copies of legal documents prepared at military legal offices. It is difficult to imagine all the possibilities for this technology. But one need only look back over the past 10 years to see how much things have changed, to see how differently we all work today. This portal is a tool that will significantly improve a soldier's management of legal affairs.

"The JAG Corps legal site will help soldiers obtain general legal information on their schedule - at home or deployed, via the Internet. This near-term initiative eventually may become a comprehensive legal services portal where soldiers and other clients may not only obtain basic preventive law information, but also schedule legal appointments and complete requests for basic legal documents, such as power of attorney, online. We must first be certain that personal data is secure.

"Our portal gives us a powerful legal knowledge-sharing capability '24-seven,' really on-demand of those we support. For now, our purpose is to have legal information soldiers need available when they want or need it. Site users will quickly obtain information and make better, more informed decisions rather than relying on after-the-legal-problem-occurred assistance. An ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure.

"Our site makes it possible to reach people we could never reach before, deliver legal information resources where there were none, and do so conveniently for the soldier," said Altenburg.

Since the formal founding of Legal Assistance in War Department Circular No. 74, March 16, 1943, almost six decades ago, the Army JAG Corps has provided legal services to our soldiers and families. Preventive law information - information in advance of problems to make smart, informed decisions thereby avoiding legal problems has been one important component of those services.

"This site now makes that knowledge base more readily available - on demand of those we advise," Altenburg said.

## U.S. Army transfers technology to assist in detecting chemical spills

By Jim Allingham  
ECBC

The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center has transferred a first-time detection technology it developed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7.

The technology, known as project SAFE-GUARD, will protect the public in the event of a chemical spill from either a train car derailment or a chemical plant emergency.

The EPA will use this technology to assist local firefighters, police, and emergency response personnel to identify and map the area of hazard for a chemical spill.

Project SAFEGUARD uses sensors mounted on an aircraft to scan a wide-area and pro-

vide data on the location and concentration of chemical vapors as the airplane flies over an accident site.

The sensors have been evaluated in a number of extensive open-air measurement experiments.

Several large chemical manufacturing operations within the U.S. provided evaluation sites for the aircraft sensor equipment.

The U.S. chemical manufacturing operations are supporting the technology evaluation program to improve the warning time, and reduce the response time for the public in the event of a chemical spill.

Dr. Mark Thomas, U.S. EPA Region 7, states, "The chemical imaging technology has

rapidly matured and is now a reality because of the significant cooperation of the U.S. Army, the U.S. EPA, and the chemical manufacturing industry."

ECBC is the Army's principal research and development center for chemical and biological defense technology, engineering and services, and is under the auspices of the U.S. Army's Soldier Biological and Chemical Command.

For more information about this technology or ECBC, visit [www.sbccom.apgea.army.mil](http://www.sbccom.apgea.army.mil), or contact the ECBC Public Affairs Office at 410-436-4347.

## A smart approach to stress management

Courtesy of Sierra Military Health Services, Inc.

Health problems can arise when stress persists for a long period of time. Work, family and money can all be contributors to high levels of stress. Stress affects a body's immune system and can be a contributing factor to some diseases including hypertension, heart disease, kidney disease, gastrointestinal disorders, ulcers, headaches, insomnia, depression and anxiety.

How people manage stress determines general health and longevity. There are many ways to prevent prolonged stress, including relaxation, exercise and a balanced diet. Regular exercise, soothing music, meditation, therapeutic massages, deep breathing, talking to a friend and keeping a journal are all methods of stress relief.

Another important part of stress management is attitude. Improving social skills and having a sense of humor will help maintain emotional control. Do not worry about issues that are beyond control.

Time management techniques also work by increasing efficiency and organization. Use time-management principles like prioritizing, goal setting and avoiding procrastination. Effective use of these principles results in more time for leisure activities. The end result is less stress and anxiety.

To relieve stress, some people resort to destructive behaviors such as drinking too much alcohol, overeating and using stimulants. These unhealthy behaviors increase stress levels. Both caffeine and nicotine artificially boost energy levels and can be very addictive. When the body needs rest, stimulants allow people to push themselves beyond healthy limits. Stimulants may also cause a sleep deficit, which negatively affects the body's ability to manage stress and fight off infections. Caffeine increases one's heart rate; causes loss of important minerals in the urine; and can lead to sleep disturbances, irregular heartbeat and stomach problems.

Stress can also cause lack of sleep. To get a better night's sleep, try exercising regularly, but not right before bedtime. Avoid alcohol, caffeine, soft drinks, chocolate, coffee and tobacco. Review medications with a doctor to ensure that they are not interfering with sleep. Block out distractions like light and excessive noise. Finally, remember to reserve the bedroom for sleep. Do not use it as a home office or workout area.

# Defense Department serum repository locates in Maryland

By Evelyn B. Riley  
AMSA

The Department of Defense Serum Repository, the world's largest serum repository, was dedicated at a ceremony held on March 13 at its new secure facility in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The repository is maintained by the Army Medical Surveillance Activity, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Brig. Gen. Lester Martinez-Lopez, commander, CHPPM, opened the ceremony and introduced Maj. Gen. Patrick Sculley, deputy surgeon general of the Army, who was the keynote speaker.

Maj Gen Sculley, former commander of CHPPM who fully supported this endeavor, said, "The most important aspect of this new facility is the magnitude of the work that can be done here. This is the world's largest repository of its kind, with nearly 27 million serum specimens from 6.8 million service members. These specimens are linked with demographics, military assignment history, and medical history. They provide the ability to conduct important seroepidemiological studies that will advance the health of service members and science.

"I believe the best example of

this capability is found in the recent study of the prevalence of Hepatitis C in active duty service members. It has been variously reported that veterans reflect a 10 to 20 percent prevalence of Hepatitis C. The prevalence in the U.S. population under age 40 is 2.6 percent. It has been theorized that there are some unique aspects of military service that result in higher prevalence of Hepatitis C. Using specimens from the serum repository, we have been able to conclusively refute that notion.

"In a classic seroepidemiological study, researchers used specimens from the repository to show that the prevalence of Hepatitis C in active duty service members was .48 percent, actually a prevalence lower than that of the U.S. population. This type of information is absolutely critical to military decision-makers and civilian policy-makers. The beauty of having a repository like this is that a study can be conceived, brought to fruition, and research published in terms of months, not years.

"I predict that, in the years to come, medical surveillance, supported by this serum repository and the great scientists, physicians, and health care professionals who work here, will be perceived as one of the greatest advances in military medicine."

The Defense Department Serum Repository was established in 1989 as the Army/Navy Serum Repository to store serum that remained following mandatory HIV testing within the active and reserve components of the Army and Navy. Since that time its mission has expanded to include the collection and storage of operational deployment specimens, as well as the addition of Air Force specimens.

It currently houses in excess of 26 million specimens in large walk-in freezers, and continues to grow by approximately 2 million specimens per year. The new facility has a storage capacity of over 40 million specimens.

Its mission is to receive and store remaining serum specimens from HIV testing programs within the Department of Defense, and to receive and store serum specimens related to operational deployments worldwide.

The mission of AMSA includes retaining relevant personnel and other information on individuals serving within the military to include information on serum specimens in the repository.

The availability of serial serologic specimens that can be linked to relevant demographic, occupational, and medical information within the databases at AMSA

establishes a unique and powerful resource for the conduct of military medical surveillance, clinical care, and seroepidemiologic investigations.

Specimens contained in the repository are available to researchers/investigators within the Defense Department for the purpose of conducting militarily relevant investigations. Access to the specimens is regulated by AMSA as specified in the document, "Guidelines for Use of Specimens Stored in the Department of Defense Serum Repository," available on-line at AMSA's Web page <http://amsa.army.mil>.

All questions regarding use of the serum repository should be addressed to AMSA.

## Hospitality race scheduled for April 21

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Area Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will host a 5-kilometer race beginning at 9 a.m. at APG's Fanshaw Field. Age categories are 15 and under, 16 to 20, 21 to 30, 31 to 40, 41 to 50, 51 to 60, 61 and over. A majority of the race will be run on Plumb Point Loop, APG.

To register, mail entry form to MCSC, P.O. Box 752, APG, MD 21005. The entry fee is \$10 for those registered by April 10; \$12 for those registered by April 20; and \$15 the day of the race from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female winners. Medallions will be given to the first three finishers in each category. The first 200 participants registered will receive a free T-shirt. For more information call Diane Wilson, 410-297-8508, or Amy Carlson, 410-939-6429. USPA & IRA, APG Federal Credit Union, and the Ordnance Corps Association are sponsors of the race. All proceeds will benefit welfare and scholarship funds.

## Military family association recognizes volunteers

### Nominations accepted until April 18

The National Military Family Association's Very Important Patriot Program will recognize volunteers who have contributed to improving the quality of life in their military or local civilian communities. The top five winners will receive a trip to Washington and a \$1,000 cash award.

All Army Community Services, Guard and Reserve Headquarters and Reserve Component Family Readiness Offices can nominate up to two individuals for consideration. The nominations are due by April 18 and the winners will be notified in May.

There will be 15 winners in all, and they will come from a pool of nominations from all military branches. The top five recipients, each with a guest, will be flown to Washington in

November to meet with the senior leaders of their respective services, their elected officials on Capitol Hill and attend the NMFA annual meeting. They will also receive \$1,000.

Monetary awards also will be given to the other 10 recipients. Five will be named Award of Honors winners and will receive \$250, and the others will be named Award of Merit winners and will receive \$100.

Nominations may be made by mail or through the NMFA web site, [www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org).

The VIP program is sponsored by the Kellogg Company, Minute Maid Corporation, Clorox Company, Tyson Foods and H.J. Heinz Company.

*(Editor's note: This information is courtesy of the National Military Family Association Public Relations Department.)*

# Chamber of Commerce offers eight scholarships

The Harford County Chamber of Commerce has scholarships available both for graduating high school seniors and an adult who desires to resume his or her pursuit of post-secondary education. The eight scholarships are funded through a combination of the Chamber of Commerce, the Harford Community College Foundation, Inc. and local businesses, some of who provide internships as part of the grants in developing the future work force.

Anyone attending a Harford County public or non-public high school, or who attends an out-of-county school but lives in the county is eligible for the scholarship.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors two to three \$1,000 scholarships, which will be awarded to students who are plan-

ning to pursue a post secondary education in the following areas:

- The Technical Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who is planning to pursue post secondary education in a technical field of study or certification program.
- The Teacher Education Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who is planning to pursue a degree in teacher education.
- The Returning Adult Scholarship is awarded to a Harford resident planning to enroll in at least six credits or equivalent technical program per semester.

The remaining five scholarships will provide two year, full tuition grants (up to \$1,900) to a high school senior who is planning to attend Harford Community College and who maintains at least a 3.0 grade point average while at HCC. The scholarships were added two years ago to those awarded through the

Chamber and represent a unique partnership between the business group, HCC and local businesses.

Two-year, full tuition scholarships, up to \$1,900, will be awarded through the HCC Foundation and a participating business in the following areas:

- The Business Scholarship and paid internship will be awarded to a high school senior planning to attend HCC and who intends majoring in business. The award may also include a separate paid internship with the Harford Financial group, which also co-sponsors the scholarship.
- The Medical/Health Scholarship and internship will be awarded to a high school senior planning to attend HCC who is interested in pursuing a degree or certificate in a medical/health related field. The award may also include a separate unpaid internship with Upper Chesapeake Health, which also co-sponsors the scholarship.

Three High Performance Manufacturing scholarships and

possible paid internships will be awarded to high school seniors planning on attending HCC in pursuit of an associate of science degree.

The first may involve a separate paid internship with the Clorox Products Manufacturing Company.

The second may include a separate paid internship with Independent Can Company.

The third may have a separate paid internship with Johnson Controls, Inc. The respective companies co-sponsor the HPM scholarships.

Applications are available at area high school guidance offices, at the Chamber Office on Bond Street in Bel air, or at the Harford Community College Financial Aid Office. Deadline for receipt of applications is April 16, 2001.

Anyone interested in contributing to the scholarship fund or receiving more information on the program may contact the Chamber Office at 410-838-2020.

## Aberdeen Lions Club scholarships

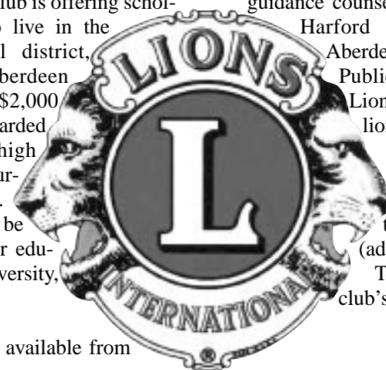
The Aberdeen Lions Club is offering scholarships to students who live in the Aberdeen High School district, which includes Aberdeen Proving Ground. The \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to three graduating high school seniors or those currently enrolled in college.

The scholarships must be used at schools of higher education, either college, university, or trade schools.

guidance counselors at Aberdeen High School or Harford Technical High School, the Aberdeen branch of the Harford County Public Library, or on the Aberdeen Lions Club Web page [www.aberdeen-lions.org](http://www.aberdeen-lions.org).

The application and a current, official transcript must be post-marked by April 20 and mailed to the club's scholarship committee (address shown on application).

The scholarships are funded by the club's fund-raisers throughout the year.



Application forms are available from

## Scholarship offered for best hero story

High school and college students are invited to send a 375- to 1,000-word essay about a "true hero" to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship prize. Send name, address, telephone number, school or college currently attending and essay to Your True Hero, P.O. Box 4048, Amity Station, New Haven, CT 06525. Envelope must be postmarked by midnight EST on June 15. (Note: True hero should not be a 'famous' person.)

Visit [www.yourtruehero.org](http://www.yourtruehero.org) for details, or call Gary Hale, 1-860-930-5178.

# APG bicycle patrol reminds community of bike safety

**Maj. Joseph J. Darabasz**  
DLES

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Services Division was augmented in April 1997 with the addition of the Police Bicycle Patrol.

The bicycle patrol is another approach to effective law enforcement and service to the APG community. It provides a way for police services personnel to interact with the community as well as a means to patrol APG's unique environment.

"The bike patrol's mission is to provide a partnership with the APG community through high visibility," said Maj. Joseph Darabasz, chief, Police Services Division. "You won't see them all the time, but they will be around—where the children are playing on the basketball court or parents and teens are volleying on the tennis court or shooting a round of golf at Ruggles."

The APG Police Bicycle Patrol is currently working with the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas youth centers to promote bicycle safety by scheduling training. Look for dates at your area youth center.



Photo by STAFF SGT. ROBERT MASON  
*Officers Amber Vanakin and James Toscano are two of the eight officers assigned to the APG Police Bicycle Patrol.*

## Bicycle Safety Tips

On behalf of the bicycling public on APG, the APG Police Bicycle Patrol would like to remind our community and visitors of some very important "Bicycle Safety Tips."

### Protect your head

Wear a helmet (its our law). Studies have shown that using a bicycle helmet can reduce head injuries by up to 85 percent. Select a helmet that has a snug but comfortable fit. Look for helmet labels that show they are recommended by either the American National Standards Institute or the Snell Memorial Foundation.

### See and be seen

Wear proper clothing. Wear clothes that make you more visible. Clothing should be light in color and close fitting to avoid being caught in the bicycle's moving parts. Also, be sure that books and other loose items are secured to the bike or are carried in a backpack.

### Go with the flow of traffic

The safe way is the right way. You must obey the rules of the road. These include all traffic signs, signals, and road markings. Ride on the right side of the street in single file. Use proper hand signals. Never weave from lane to lane or tailgate moving vehicles.

### Look both ways

Be aware of traffic around you. Seven out of 10 car-bicycle crashes occur at driveways or other intersections. Before you enter a street or intersection, check for traffic and always look left-right-left. Walk your bicycle across busy streets at corners or crosswalks.

### Stay alert

Keep a lookout for obstacles in your path. Watch out for potholes, sewer gratings, cracks, railroad tracks, loose gravel, and broken glass. Before going around any object look ahead and behind you for a free gap in traffic. Plan your move, and then signal your intentions. Be especially careful in wet weather, as water can make you slip and make your brakes work improperly.

### Beware the dark side

Be cautious when biking at night. If you have to ride at night, display front and rear reflectors and lights on your bicycle. Wear reflective clothing or materials, especially on your ankles, wrists, back, and helmet. Ride in areas that are familiar and on streets that are brightly lit.

### Go off road

Follow designated bike routes if available. Special signs or lines mark bicycle routes. Bike paths are special areas reserved for

bikes. Become familiar with such accommodations for cyclists in your area.

### Fix it up

Make sure your bicycle is adjusted properly. Your bicycle should be correctly adjusted to fit you; your feet should rest on the ground while sitting in the seat. Before using your bike, check to make sure that all parts are secure and working. The handlebars should be firmly in place and turn easily; the wheels should be straight and secure.

### Stop it

Check your brakes before riding. Control your speed by using your brakes. If your bicycle has hand brakes, apply the rear brakes slightly before the front brake. Remember to ride slowly in wet, slippery weather and to apply brakes earlier since it takes more distance to stop.

### Don't flip your bike

Wheels should be securely fastened. Check wheels before every ride, after every fall, or after transporting your bike to be sure that they are fastened and secure. Make sure that tires are properly inflated.

### Lock it

Remember to always protect your bike against theft, LOCK IT UP.

# NCOA shuts out Company A 16th, finishes week 2-0



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON  
The Noncommissioned Officer Academy's Chhamboni Simmons, 31, sends up a serve against Company A 16th Ordnance Battalion. Simmons' serve faltered but the team went on to win both matches.

**By Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

The first week of volleyball got off to a bouncing start with some teams still looking for their first win while others bounced quickly to the top of their divisions.

In the Aberdeen Division the Noncommissioned Officer Academy team finished the week in first place at 2-0, after a March 28 drubbing of Company A 16th Ordnance Battalion, 15-9, 15-0.

Also undefeated were Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade and the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, both at 1-0.

In the Edgewood Division, Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion shared a 2-0

lead.

A key matchup for the coming week will be when NCOA meets USMC, April 9, 7:30 p.m. in the Aberdeen Athletic Center.

In the first match of the NCOA/Company A 16th game, the teams started out playing tough defensively with neither team holding a serve through more than two consecutive points.

NCOA, suddenly pulling away to an 11-8 lead, bolstered by key defensive plays by Edgar Rodriguez and Robert Lopez and a stifling offense led by Dino Buchanan.

NCOA allowed only one more point, as Samson Vongsy served up four points of his own for the unit's 15-9 win.

At the break, NCOA coach Denois Howze said the team, which had only two days to practice together, melded quickly.

"They all think alike," Howze said. "It's coming together."

In the second match, it came together in the form of a bulldozer.

Yielding nothing, NCOA cruised to a 15-0 win against an unproven squad.

After the game, Company A 16th coach Shavar Hyman said his team could only improve.

"It's early and we had some people playing for the first time," Hyman explained.

"They just need to practice more and get everybody on the same sheet of music," added Etevisse Leaana, a Company A 16th soldier who, while unable to play, vigorously cheered the team from the sidelines.

Buchanan closed the game out serving up the team's final six points.

He said NCOA "just might be the team to beat."

"When we practiced, we planned our attack and everything went pretty much as planned," Buchanan said. "We're definitely ready for the season."

## Volleyball update

The following results were reported for intramural volleyball for the week ending March 30.

### Aberdeen Division results

**March 26**  
Co. C 16th defeated Co. A 16th, 15-5, 16-14

USMC vs. HHC 61st, rescheduled

**March 27**  
Co. E 16th defeated HHC 16th, 7-15, 15-13, 15-12

NCOA defeated USAF, 15-12, 15-9

**March 28**  
NCOA defeated Co. A 16th, 15-9, 15-0

Co. E 16th defeated Co. C 16th, 15-7, 15-2

**March 29**  
USMC defeated HHC 16th, 15-13, 15-3

HHC 61st defeated USAF 5-15, 15-6, 15-7

### Schedule

**April 5**  
6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. Co. E 16th

7:30 p.m., USAF vs. HHC 16th

**April 9**  
6:30 p.m., Co. C 16th vs. HHC 61st

7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. USMC

**April 10**  
6:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. Co. A 16th

7:30 p.m., Co. E 16th vs. USAF

**April 11**  
6:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 61st

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

### Standings

Co. E 16th	2-0
NCOA	2-0
HHC 61st	1-0
USMC	1-0
Co. C 16th	1-1
HHC 16th	0-2
Co. A 16th	0-2
USAF	0-2

### Edgewood Division results

**March 26**  
Co. C 143rd defeated Co. A 143rd, 15-2, 15-8  
HHC 143rd, 1; CHPPM, forfeit

**March 28**  
HHC 143rd defeated Co. B 143rd, 17-15, 15-7  
Co. C 143rd defeated CHPPM, 15-4, 15-7

### Schedule

**April 9**  
6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Co. A 143rd

7:30 p.m., Co. B 143rd vs. CHPPM

**April 11**  
6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. CHPPM

7:30 p.m., Co. C 143rd vs. Co. A 143rd

### Standings

Co. C 143rd	2-0
HHC 143rd	2-0
Co. A 143rd	0-1
Co. B 143rd	0-1
CHPPM	0-2

In the March 29 racquetball update the Men's Open winner, 2nd Lt. Martin Coronado, Company E 16th Ordnance Battalion, was incorrectly identified as Michael Coronado. APG News regrets the error.

# Community Notes

## SATURDAY APRIL 7 SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Roye - Williams Elementary School will hold a Spring Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be lots of crafters, food and a scholastic book fair. A spaghetti dinner will follow from 4 to 6 p.m. The cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 years and under. Dine in or carry out will be available. Roye-Williams Elementary School is located at 201 Oakington Rd., Havre de Grace. For more information call Donna Dease at 410-273-1487 or call 410-273-5536.

## WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS VETERANS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Maryland Free State Chapter No. 70 will hold its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center. All women who have served or are serving in the Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Army Nurses Corps, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, or the Women's Army Corps are welcome.

For more information about the Association and the meeting, call Wanda Story at 410-272-5040 or visit the WACVA Web site at [www.wacva.com](http://www.wacva.com).

## SUNDAY APRIL 8 SUPER BINGO

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, is holding a Super Bingo at 1:30 p.m. It's super because of the jackpots: a \$1,000 jackpot, three \$500 games and other jackpots totaling over \$6,000. The minimum purchase of \$7 buys a book with seven games, specials are \$1 and the jackpot prize games are \$2.50 for a strip of three. The snack bar will be open. Complimentary coffee will be served. For more information, call 410-278-2621.

## WEDNESDAY April 11 EAOWC MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club is holding its monthly luncheon at The Grille & Pub at Mountain Branch at 1827 Mountain Road in Joppa. Social hour and appetizers begin at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Nutritionist Wendy Harrison, Ed. D., of The Healthy Options Natural Health Center, will present "Nutrition for the 21st Century."

Luncheon entrees include a choice of branch burger, chicken Caesar wrap, turkey club and chopped roast turkey cobb salad. Sandwiches and chicken Caesar wrap are served with french fries and slaw. The cost is \$13 and includes appetizers, an entree, soft drink or iced tea, hot tea or coffee, tax and gratuity. Call Diane Payne, 410-569-5116 or Jenna Edens, 410-459-5467 with your reservation and entree selection by Friday, April 6.

## SATURDAY APRIL 14 EASTER EGG HUNT

The Aberdeen Main Exchange will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. The big event will take place in the large field adjacent to the PX parking lot. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny, prizes, refreshments and fun for all age groups - 1 to 4, 5 to 8 and 9 to 12. There will be a special prize for the golden egg in each age group.

## SUNDAY APRIL 15 EASTER BUNNY TO APPEAR AT EASTER BRUNCH

The post's Sunday brunch series continues with Easter Brunch slated for April 15. The first seating will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; the second seating is from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The late seating fills first, so make your reservations early.

The menu will include an omelet station, French toast, waffles, sausage, bacon, creamed beef with biscuits, home fries, grits, Danish, muffins, cereal, carved top round of beef and smoked ham, seafood creole, roast leg of lamb with peaches and mint jelly, pasta, potatoes and rice, vegetables, desserts, and beverages, including champagne and bloody Marys.

The Easter Bunny will give baskets to children. Cost is \$13.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children ages 6 to 11 and free for children under age 6. Price does not include gratuity. Make reservations by April 12. Advance payment with a major credit card will be accepted. For reservations, call 410-278-3062/2552.

## MWR UPDATE

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.

### Woodshop Orientation

The woodshop will hold a safety orientation April 7 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is the \$3 user fee. This class is required in order to use the woodshop.

### Ceramic Class

A basic ceramic class will be held April 14 from 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 Fridays for three weeks April 6, 13 and 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 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.

### Stained Glass

A beginning stained glass class will be held April 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 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 April 26 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame and register in advance, because class size is limited. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

## FRIDAY APRIL 20 LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The Bakersfield Elementary School Parent Teachers Organization will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen. Doors open at 6 p.m.; food, drinks, and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (three cards), and \$5 for additional sets of three cards. For tickets, call Sandy Pierce at 410-273-7184. Proceeds benefit the Bakersfield Elementary School PTO.

## 4PM LIVE IN CONCERT

4PM will perform live at the Edgewood High School auditorium, 2415 Willoughby Beach Road, at 7 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center. The concert is being hosted by Jojo Girard of WMIX106.5 Radio. Special guests include Big Daddy Country and Erica Martinez.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. To order tickets, call 410-671-7354 or e-mail [forpositivemusic@aol.com](mailto:forpositivemusic@aol.com). 4PM's latest album, "For Positive Music," will be on sale at the concert for \$12.

## TUESDAY APRIL 24 HEAT CENTER OPEN HOUSE

An Open House will be held at the Higher Education and Applied Technology Center from 4 to 7 p.m. The Open House will allow participants to explore opportunities in upper level undergraduate and graduate degree programs offered at the site by the College of Notre Dame, Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering, Towson University, University of Baltimore, University of Maryland College Park and Villa Julie College.

Some of the specializations include Business (B.A.), Education (B.A. and M.Ed.), Engineering (M. Eng.), Nursing (B.S.N.), and Paralegal Studies (B.S.). Representatives from partner institutions will be available during the open house to discuss their programs and answer questions. Representatives from HCC's Business and Community Services Division will be on hand to discuss opportunities in computer certification, MCSE, CISCO, CCNA, A+, Web Authoring and Web Design that are offered at the HEAT Center.

For more information, call 410-638-2500. The HEAT Center is located at Rt. 22 and I-95 in Aberdeen.

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 25

University of Maryland University College will hold an open house in the Education Services building 3146 on Raritan Avenue, Aberdeen Proving Ground, from 4 to 6 p.m. to showcase its programs

## MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3 CHILDREN \$1.50

### 3000 MILES TO GRACELAND (FREE ADMISSION)

Friday, April 6, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 7, 9 p.m.

Starring: Kurt Russell, Kevin Costner

Posing as Elvis impersonators, Michael, Murphy and their three cohorts boldly enter the Rivera Casino in full Presley garb, armed with guitar cases full of weaponry. Their cunning plan is executed with near precision as they steal away with millions in a dramatic helicopter escape from the rooftop of the hotel. But the body count is high, the casino is in ruins, and dissension amongst the five thieves leads to betrayal, chaos and greed. (Rated R)

### RECESS: SCHOOL'S OUT

Saturday, April 7, 7 p.m.

Animated

There's only one thing better than recess, and that's summer vacation. T.J.'s plans go awry, when he finds out that all his pals are going away to summer camp without him. It doesn't take long for boredom to set in. He soon becomes desperate for something to do, and begins looking for mischief. (Rated G)

## LENT AND EASTER 2001 CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE



### Aberdeen Area Chapel - Catholic

April 8 Palm Sunday mass

8:30 a.m.

April 11 Ecumenical Tenebrae

7 p.m.

April 12 Holy Thursday mass

11:45 a.m.

April 13 Good Friday service

11:45 a.m.

April 15 Easter Sunday mass

8:30 a.m.

### Aberdeen Area Chapel - Protestant

April 5 Christian study

6 to 6:45 p.m.

April 12 Seder supper

6 p.m.

April 12 Easter Cantata

10:15 a.m.

April 13 Community Good

Friday 12 to 2 p.m. service

(Grace United Methodist Church Downtown)

April 15 Sunrise service at

EA's McBride Field 7 a.m.

### Edgewood Area Chapel - Catholic

April 5 Stations of the Cross

7 p.m.

April 10 Ecumenical Tenebrae

service 7 p.m.

April 12 Holy Thursday mass

7 p.m.

April 13 Good Friday service

7 p.m.

April 14 Easter vigil

8 p.m.

April 15 Easter Sunday mass

10:45 a.m.

### Edgewood Area Chapel - Protestant

April 13 Good Friday service

5 p.m.

April 15 Easter sunrise service

7 a.m. (EA's McBride Field)

April 15 Reception 8 a.m.

April 15 Easter worship service

9:15 a.m.

April 15 Easter Bible study

10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Edgewood Area Chapel, 410-436-4109, or the Aberdeen Area Chapel, 410-278-4333.

and services in Harford County. The \$30 admission fee will be waived for new students who register at the open house for their first UMUC Course. Advisors and representatives will be available to answer questions. Students may complete admissions applications and register for summer classes during the open house. For more information, call UMUC's APG office at 410-272-8269 or 410-278-4632.

## FRIDAY April 27 BASKET BINGO

Roye-Williams Elementary is holding a Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. For tickets call Donna Dease, 410-273-1487.

## ST. PAUL'S PLAYERS PRESENTS "OLIVER"

The St. Paul's Players will present its spring production of the award-winning Lionel Bart musical "Oliver" on April 27 and 28, May 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. and April 29 and May 6 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 201 Mt. Royal Ave. in Aberdeen. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and may be purchased in advance by calling 410-642-3362 or 410-879-9560. Any remaining tickets may be purchased at the door the day of the performance. For information call 410-272-3111.

## SATURDAY APRIL 28 BASKET BINGO

Aberdeen High School, Paradise Road (South Building), will hold Longaberger Basket Bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per ticket (three paper cards); extra cards are available at \$5 per set. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be food, drinks and baked goods available. The fundraiser benefits the Aberdeen High School lacrosse team. To purchase tickets, call Brenda Griffey, 410-272-5228, or Vicki Simpson, 410-272-6935.

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Garrison Library has fiction books for your reading pleasure. Visit the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out some books.

**1921** by Morgan Llywelyn

**Changer of Worlds** by David Weber

**Dark Inheritance** by W. Michael Gear

**Krondor, Tear of the Gods** by Raymond E. Feist

**The Program** by Stephen White

**Scarlet Feather** by Maeve Binchy

**This Heart of Mine** by Susan Elizabeth Phillips

**Through the Darkness** by Harry Turtledove

**The Vendetta Defense** by Lisa Scottoline

**You Only Die Twice** by Edna Buchanan

The Aberdeen Area Library is located at building 3320 Aberdeen Blvd., 410-278-3417. Temporary operating hours are Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, closed and Saturday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

The Edgewood Area Library is located at building E-4405 Austin Rd., 410-436-3589. Temporary operating hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, closed and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

## LEAVE DONATION

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

Jodie A. Ables (herniated disc)	Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)
Ameneh M. Arasten (maternity)	Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Stacy Miller (maternity)
Brenda K. Bielat (car accident, severe pain)	Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)
Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)	Mary V. Overstreet (twisted and sprained wrists and legs)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Tammy Budkey	Mary E. Pettitway
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)	Michael Reynolds
Geraldine S. Cragg	Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Bonnie K. Day (surgery)	Denise Robinson (maternity)
Tricia Lin Dietz	Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Fred Dill	Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Surinder K. Dillon	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Joseph R. Dugan	Ralph A. Scutti (care of daughter)
Messina Enderlein	Sherry Schaffer
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)	Lena Shelton
Willa Freisheim	Rita R. Sloder (surgery)
Penelope K. Galoff (maternity)	Gail H. Smith (death of husband)
Norman L. Greear	Motoko Stahl
Rose M. Hill (vertigo)	Rachel Swearingen
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)	Ronald L. Taylor (chronic pulmonary disease)
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasitosis, fibromyalgia condition)	Frances L. Thomas
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity)
Wayne A. Jaynes	Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Carole Jones	Beverly King (caring for husband)
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	William Klein
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)	Michael A. Lattin (heart surgery)
Beverly King (caring for husband)	Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)
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Michael A. Lattin (heart surgery)	
Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)	

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









Above, from left, Lee Ann Masters, Sandy Nook and Millie Myers, the APG Chapel Women's Trio, open the program with the national anthem.



Lisa Pullen, a dancer with Warriors Inter-Worship Dance Ministry in Baltimore, begins a musical dance selection to the song, "I'll Remember You," by Yolanda Adams.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg presents a plaque to Tia Cyrus in appreciation of the Native American dance selection she and her mother, Sgt. 1st Class Mitchelen Cyrus performed.

## Haas recounts importance of notable and ordinary women



Jacqueline C. Haas, superintendent of Harford County Schools, addresses the audience as guest speaker at the National Women's History Month Luncheon.

### WOMEN, from front page

Proclaiming a deeper understanding of oneself as the key to valuing those around you, Haas challenged the audience to "define what you value in life and how it relates to those important to you."

"I challenge you to seek a deeper level of knowledge of who you are and what you hope to accomplish," Haas said.

A diverse group of women augmented the ceremony, which was organized by the installation's equal opportunity advisors.

Staff Sgt. Kay Reynolds, a clarinetist with the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), was the mistress

of ceremonies.

The Aberdeen Area chapel Women's Trio, featuring Lee Ann Masters, Millie Myers and Sandy Nook, sang the national anthem then performed "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Good Old Gospel Singing."

Two musical dance selections rounded out the entertainment.

The first was a spiritual selection performed by Lisa Pullen of the Warriors Inter-Worship Dance Ministry in Baltimore. Pullen danced to the song, "I'll Always Remember," by gospel recording artist Yolanda Adams.

Finally, Sgt. 1st Class Mitchelen Cyrus wearing

a Jingle Dress, and her daughter, Tia, 6, wearing a fancy shawl danced to a Native American Northern drum song.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Kenneth Kolenbrander delivered the invocation and benediction.

Organizers for the event included equal opportunity advisors, Sgts. 1st Class Herbert Johnson, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, Ismael Martinez, 61st Ordnance Brigade, Shelton Torbert, SBCCOM, Mitchelen Cyrus, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Rodney Yelder, 61st Ordnance Brigade, Patricia Belcher, SBCCOM and Sheryl Coleman, U.S. Army Research Laboratory.



## Army Golden Knights jump into 2001 season

### Army News Service

Upon the team's return in March from annual intensive training at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., the Black and Gold Demonstration Team will begin performances across the United States for the next eight months. The team is also scheduled for overseas appearances.

Performances on this year's schedule include the Department of Defense Joint Services Open House, May 19 to 20, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; Air Fete 2001, May 26 to 27, Mildenhall, United Kingdom; and the Notre Dame vs. Nebraska collegiate football game, Sept. 8, Lincoln, Neb.

"We hope the Golden Knights will impress the millions who will see them in person or through the media with the quality of their professionalism, teamwork, spirit, skills and drive for excellence," said Lt. Col. David J. Liwanag, commander of the U.S. Army Parachute Team.

The Golden Knights' Formation Skydiving Team, and the Style and Accuracy Team also compete in national as well as international parachuting competition, usually capturing top honors.

For information about the team's schedule and appearances, log onto [www.armygoldenknights.com](http://www.armygoldenknights.com) or contact Golden Knights Operations at 910-396-2036/5620.

