



POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Feb. 21, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Munitions removal

Contractors for the U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground this week begin a removal operation of munitions-related items at a disposal site along the Bush River in the installation's Aberdeen Area.

The removal project is in response to shoreline erosion, which has exposed a large number of items. The action will require periodic restriction of access to the Bush River during the operation. APG marine police and other post security officials will patrol the waters to enforce the restrictions. The project is expected to be completed by April.

For more information contact George Mercer, garrison public affairs officer, at 410-278-1147.

KUSAHC observes training holiday

Kirk U.S. Army Clinic will observe a training holiday Friday, Feb. 16 and Presidents Day Feb. 19. The Urgent Care Clinic will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments can be made through Nurse Triage at 410-278-1751.

Warrant Officer career briefings

The Army's Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Knox, Ky., will brief on opportunities to become a Warrant Officer March 12, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater.

More information can be found on the Internet at www.usarec.army.mil or by contacting Jessie Street, 410-306-2351, or Chief Warrant Officer Garrett Smiley, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, at 1-800-223-3735, extension 60478 or e-mail garet.smiley@usarec.army.mil.

Flu shots

TRICARE beneficiaries who have not yet received the influenza vaccine may receive an inoculation through the Immunization Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Monday through Friday, 8 to 11 a.m. Call the clinic, 410-278-1746, for additional hours

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APG selects NCO and Soldier of the Year



Photo by RALPH BROTH

Staff Sgt. Christina H. Hays
APG NCO of the Year

By Sheila Little
APG News

Staff Sgt. Christina H. Hays and Spc. Joshua W. Vincill were named APG Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year 2001, respectively, at board proceedings held at garrison headquarters Jan. 30.

Both were among the honorees at the Service Members of the Year luncheon held at the Sheraton Four Points in Aberdeen, Feb. 7. Also honored were the U. S. Army Drill Sergeant of the Year, the U.S. Army and Air Force Instructors of the Year, and the U.S. Marine and Air Force NCOs of the Year.

Hays, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Directorate of Laboratory Services at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, has been a service member for nine years.

Hays credits her soldiers with helping her achieve the top honor at APG.

"My soldiers really inspire me. This year all of the CHPPM Soldiers of the Quarter came from my squad," she said, and added that both NCOs and soldiers helped her prepare for the board by quizzing her on the study materials.

Hays said the competition for APG NCO of the Year was very tight.

"Everyone seemed really squared away," she said. "It was a really, really stiff competition."

APG Soldier of the Year Vincill has been in the military since 1997. Completing his first military assignment as a saxophone player with the 389th Army Band, (AMC's Own), Vincill is also the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command Soldier of the Year. He credits a fellow band member with helping him prepare for the installation board.

"Sergeant Steven Serisky, band member, sat down and drilled me, and took a lot of his own time to help me out," Vincill said. Serisky is the current SBCCOM NCO of the

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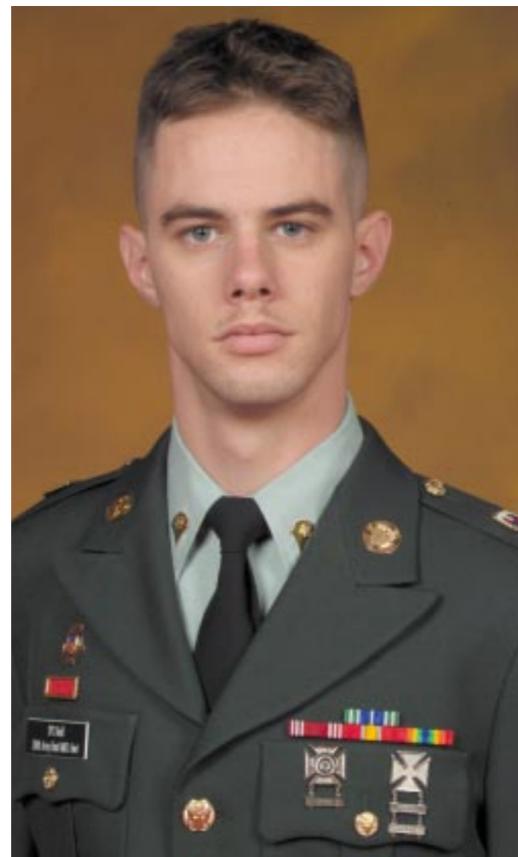


Photo by RALPH BROTH

Spc. Joshua W. Vincill
APG Soldier of the Year

Army Family Action Plan seeks ideas

By Alice Surette
AFAP Coordinator

Do you have a suggestion to improve the quality of life at Aberdeen Proving Ground? If so, now is the time to submit it for consideration at the APG Army Family Action Plan Symposium, which will be held April 10 through 12 at Top of the Bay, building 30.

The symposium is held to identify quality of life issues, which then become the APG AFAP XVI. This plan serves as the management tool for implementing initiatives identified at the symposium. The purpose of the plan is to define soldier, civilian, family member and retiree concerns, determine actions, and assign agencies to resolve the issues.

Many problems that surface during the symposium are local in nature and are resolved right here at the installation. Others, deemed to serve the Army as a whole, are forwarded to U.S. Army Materiel Command and then sent to the Department of the Army for consideration at the AFAP Planning Conference. Some issues are low cost with a high payoff and receive immediate action, while other initiatives have a high cost and need to be studied to determine the specifics for implementation.

To be really effective, the AFAP needs your input. Opinions need to be expressed on actions to improve the welfare and morale of America's Army family.

Topics you may wish to address could include medical, dental, commissary, AAFES, housing, youth, education, employment, safety and relocation. To describe suggestions answer the following questions: What is the problem? Why is it a problem? What is the solution?

All suggestions must have your name and telephone number in order to be considered. Send them to building 324, First Floor, ATTN: Alice Surette, or FAX 278-7011 no later than March 20.

If you would like to participate in the symposium or would like more information on the AFAP process, call 410-278-5469.

Partnering logistics for success

By Emerson McAfee
USAMC Logistics Support Activity

This year's U.S. Army Materiel Command Logistics Support Activity symposiums have been combined into one function in order to reduce costs for both the sponsoring activity and those organizations sending personnel to Redstone Arsenal to attend. By combining the symposiums, travel costs for participating organizations have decreased and attendees have the opportunity to participate in both functions in one event.

The Department of Defense Government/Industry Supportability Engineering Exchange and the Department of the Army Integrated Logistics Support symposiums will be conducted as the Joint-Government/Industry Supportability Information Exchange Symposium 2001. It will be held May 7 to 11 at two different venues.

The Huntsville Hilton is designated as the location of the symposium and will be the official lodging location. Please ask for

the block of rooms set aside for the GISIE if you are coming to Huntsville for the symposium. A government rate of \$58 plus tax has been established for all attendees.

There will be three logistics working groups assigned to meeting rooms at the Hilton, Wednesday, May 9, 8 to 11 a.m. The final reports from these groups will be conducted in the Grand Salon at 1 p.m.

Another function at the Hilton will be the working luncheon held in the Heritage Ballroom, Wednesday, May 9, 11:30 a.m. Dr. William Baylis, an engineer from Northrop Grumman, will be presenting "Mission Rehearsal and Synthetic Training." The luncheon is part of the symposium fee and everyone is invited to attend.

The major portion of the presentations will occur at the 700-seat Bob Jones Auditorium, located in the Sparkman Complex, on Redstone Arsenal. Presentations are scheduled for Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Thursday, and Friday morning.

A couple of the high points this year are the Department of the Army ILS Annual Awards Presentation and three Department of Defense speakers addressing logistics architecture, Department of Defense Directive 5000, and the acquisition workforce. Also on the agenda are speakers from the Johnson Space Center and the Boeing Company, who will be addressing logistics issues of the International Space Station and Boeing's logistics involvement with the government.

Friday morning has been devoted to presentations from the Army, Navy, and Air Force Services Logistics Offices and a one-hour forum to follow. This is a chance to have questions answered by representatives from the top-level logistics offices of the services.

Two other optional activities include Logistics Support Activity developed software training and a tour of some of the NASA International Space Station facilities.

Space for a booth or display can

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Traffic pattern change imminent on APG

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Picture this...you are sitting at the traffic light, north-bound, in the through lane of Maryland Boulevard, heading towards Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, with the Post Commissary on your right and the Ordnance Museum across the road on your left. The light changes to green and you advance quickly across Aberdeen Boulevard, but instead of maintaining your acceleration you have to hit your breaks and yield for traffic merging from Aberdeen Boulevard's two turning lanes on your right.

If the traffic gods are with you, you will not be rear-ended by the motorist behind you who is either not paying attention or is new to Aberdeen Proving Ground and not familiar with the unusual traffic pattern at that intersection.

A study by the Military Traffic Management Command found the existing traffic pattern unusual and not in keeping with standard patterns encountered outside the installation's gates.

As a result of the findings, the Directorate of Public Works will initiate a trial traffic pattern change suggested by the MTMC.

Beginning in mid-March, the two west-bound lanes of Aberdeen Boulevard that merge with north-bound Maryland Boulevard traffic at the triangle-shaped intersection will be reduced to one lane. In addition, motorists in the through lane will be permitted to turn right onto Maryland Boulevard at the traffic light.

"This is an effort to resolve the problems being encountered at that

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

On Aberdeen Proving Ground, a vehicle exiting Aberdeen Boulevard, merges into the north-bound lanes of Maryland Boulevard headed toward Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Beginning Saturday, March 10, the two turning lanes entering Maryland Boulevard will be reduced to one lane as part of a trial traffic pattern change recommended by the Military Traffic Management Command Transportation Engineering Agency. See map on page 14 for more details.

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and more information.

The Occupational Health Clinic is no longer offering flu shots to civilian employees not covered by TRICARE. Civilians wishing an inoculation against the virus are urged to call the Harford County Health Department, 410-638-8459, or their private physician, for more information.

APG new employee orientation

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Newcomer Orientation will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, on Feb. 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited to attend.

Representatives of support agencies and organizations will be present to discuss their activities. New employees are invited to visit display tables featuring information about community services and activities.

For more information contact Marilyn Howard, relocation manager, Army Community Service, Directorate of Information Management, at 410-278-3137/4372.

APG "Volunteer of the Year" nominations

Nominations are being accepted until Feb. 21 for the annual APG "Volunteer of the Year" award. Nomination packets may be picked up at Army Community Service, building 2754, Aberdeen Area library, building 3320, Edgewood Area library, building E-4405 and building 324, first floor. Nominations should include all volunteer service on or for the APG community between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31. Nominations must be addressed to Alice Surette, Installation Volunteer Coordinator, and received in building 324, first floor, by Feb. 21 to be considered. Awards will be presented to the most outstanding military, retiree, civilian, family member and youth volunteer at the post-wide Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Reception on April 26 at 7 p.m. at Top of the Bay. Everyone is invited to attend this free annual event to recognize exemplary achievement in volunteer service at APG.

For more information on how you can recognize your very special volunteer, call 410-278-5469.

USO-METRO and JETS co-host job fair

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services will co-host a Job Fair on Friday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Spates Hall, NCO Club, Ft. Myer, Va.

More than 60 companies with full or part-time positions have been invited. Job seekers can talk to representatives from high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies, among others. The fair is free and open to all members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and Department of Defense and Coast Guard civilian personnel.

JETS and USO-Metro work together to produce quarterly job fairs. JETS is a consolidation of the Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force Transition Services formed to provide employment information to transitioning service members and their families. The USO of Metropolitan Washington provides social services for the 300,000 military personnel and family members stationed in the greater Washington metropolitan area. USO-Metro is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and receives no federal, state or local funding. For more information, contact Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth at 703-696-2552.

ARL to conduct blood drive

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive at the BRL Hall, building 330, on Feb. 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Department of Defense policy provides up to four hours of administrative leave to donate blood and additional time if unusual recuperation is required. This policy applies only to Department of Defense employees.

To donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, have no tattoos that are less than one year old, and have no sore throat, runny nose or productive cough. To clear the 56-day limit between donations, you must have given on or before Dec. 26 to donate on Feb. 20.

BRL Hall, building 330, is located at the intersection of Longs Corner Road and Tower Road, and is normally in a secured area. However, for this blood drive it will be directly accessible from Tower Road without having to go through normal security procedures.

Call or e-mail Staff Sgt. Laing, 410-278-5843, dlaing@arl.army.mil for an appointment.

Learn the dangers of a high risk lifestyle

Does your personality and lifestyle leave you at high risk for ill health, injury, debt, family problems or even an early demise? To learn more, the Employee Assistance Program is sponsoring a lunchtime four-week series, which includes classes on high-risk life styles, financial planning, performance nutrition and parenting. Classes will be conducted from 12 to 1 p.m. on Feb. 20, and 27 at the Army Community Service, building 2754, located behind the Housing Office. Classes in Edgewood will be held at the Chapel on Feb. 15, 22 and Mar. 1 and 8

from 12 to 1 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch.

For more information, call Paul Papp or Emmanuel John at 410-278-7474/5319.

MCSC offers scholarships

The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses Club is currently accepting applications for scholarship money. Applicants must be spouses or children of military members (active duty, retired, or reserve). Applications are available on Aberdeen Proving Ground at the Post Office, library, Thrift Shop, and Education Center. They are also available at Harford Community College and local high schools. The deadline for applying is March 15. For more information, contact Tannia Ross at 410-297-4972.

MCSC has funds for charities, organizations

The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will donate funds to organizations and charities this spring. Groups interested in placing a request for funds should do so in writing. Requests should include name of organization requesting funds, the manner in which the funds will be used, list of other fund raising efforts, and a contact person for the organization (name, address and telephone number). Requests must be postmarked by April 2. Submit requests to the Military and Civilian Spouses' Club, P.O. Box 752, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005.

For more information call MCSC at 410-273-9663.

Black History Month luncheon

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense is sponsoring a Black Employment Program, to celebrate Black History Month on Feb. 21 at Top of the Bay. Guest speaker Allan T. Morris, an engineer at NASA Langley Research Center, will speak on "Creating and Defining the African American Community, Family, Church and Politics." Lunch is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. Tickets cost \$9 and must be purchased in advance before Feb. 14, by contacting Helen Wells at 410-436-2455, Carleen Jackson at 410-436-2463, Sgt. James Mitchell at 410-436-3606, Robin Burch at 410-436-4865 or Darlene Johnson at 410-436-2461.

EAOWC to donate funds

The Edgewood Area officers' Wives Club will donate funds to services and charities this spring. If your group or organization is interested in receiving a donation, submit a request in writing by March 15 to: Susan Burnett, EAOWC Services and Charities, #3 Plumb Point Loop, APG, MD 21005. Be as specific as possible in stating the purpose for which the funds will be used. Also, include the name, title, address and phone number of a contact person.

Scholarships offered by EA Officers' Wives Club

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club will administer a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of the United Services Planning Association and Independent Research Agency Educational Foundation. Additional scholarships will be offered as funds allow.

Applicants must be a high school senior or college student and the child or spouse of an active duty, retired or deceased servicemember who will attend college during the 2001-2002 school year. Reserve and National Guard members are not currently eligible. Applications may be obtained at all Harford County high school guidance offices, the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop and the EA branch library. Completed applications must be received by March 14.

(The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses Club is also administering USPA and IRA scholarships using identical forms. Students can apply for both scholarships, but may win only one of the two.)

Restoration Advisory Board meeting

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 22, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic will be the O-Field study area. Meetings are open to the public; all Aberdeen Proving Ground employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Summer program has openings for first through ninth graders

The Aberdeen and Edgewood School Age and Middle School Services has summer openings for children who are presently enrolled in first through ninth grades. The program, June 19 through Aug. 18, Monday through Friday, 6:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., offers safe, fun-filled, developmental opportunities for your school age child, such as swimming, bowling and field trips. You may sign up for the weeks that fit your summer schedule.

Tuition fees are based on total family income and will be determined at the time of registration. Mark your calendar. Spaces are limited. Open registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration packets and appointments will be available at the Central Registration Office,

building 2485, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

March 19 to 23 is registration for single military and civilians, dual military and military with a working spouse. March 26 to 30 is registration for civilians with a working spouse. April 2 to 6 is registration for contractors and all other civilians and military personnel.

For questions or further information, call the Central Registration Office at 410-278-7479/7571.

Tuskegee Airmen to be honored by Military Librarians Group of D.C.

The Military Librarians Group of Washington will hold a meeting, "Conversations with some Tuskegee Airmen," on Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the U.S. Naval Heritage Center, 701 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 123, Washington, located on the yellow and green lines at the Archives/Navy Memorial stop. A parking garage is also nearby.

This will be an evening honoring the bravery and tenacity of World War II pilots and support staff known as the Tuskegee Airmen. Dr. Alan Gropman, historian and faculty member at the National Defense University, will moderate a panel of four retired U. S. Air Force officers who were among the Tuskegee airmen: Col. Elmer Jones, Col. Charles McGee, Col. Harry Shepherd and Lt. Col. Woody Crockett.

Tickets cost \$20 and include appetizers and desserts. Deadline for registering for this meeting is Feb. 19. Students and retirees receive discount of \$10. For more info call, Sharon Lenius at 703 601-2709 (email: leniussa@pmorcas-arng.ngb.army.mil).

Cultural diversity workshop

The Black Employment Program Committee will sponsor a Cultural Diversity Workshop on Monday, Feb. 26 at Top of the Bay. The workshop will be held in celebration of African American/Black History Month. Two sessions are planned: from 8 to 10 a.m. for managers and supervisors; all other employees can attend from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The workshop will be given by John Gray Associates, Inc., a Management Diversity Consulting Firm specializing in the resolution of issues related to stereotyping, affirmative action, equal employment opportunity and reduction of "socialisms." This workshop is predicated upon top-level decision-makers and a cross-section of the organization being present. Participants will gain skills and awareness in managing diversity and working with personal prejudices and institutional practices that make differences difficult. The workshop is free and open to all civilians and military personnel. For more information or to register, submit your name and telephone number to Penny White, Equal Employment Office, 410-278-7074 or Sgt. 1st Class Shelton Torbert, 410-278-1534 by noon, Thursday, Feb. 22. Seats are limited, so sign up early.

APG Red Cross blood drives

Give the gift of life - donate blood at any of the upcoming Red Cross blood drives at APG. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 4 to 8 p.m., 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 1st Lt. Amanda Akers, 410-436-3301. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Staff Sgt. Darla Laing, 410-278-5843. Thursday, March 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aberdeen Test Center, Ginger Loeschner, 410-278-2661. Monday, March 12, 5 to 9 p.m., 16th Ordnance Battalion, Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas, 410-278-8595. Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Edgewood Chapel, Larry Kaye, 410-278-2087. Tuesday, March 20, 4 to 8 p.m., 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 4 to 9 p.m., 1st Lt. Amanda Akers, 410-436-3301.

Register now for HCC college classes

Registration is currently underway for credit classes in Harford Community College's Spring Term II. Classes begin March 19; students may register in person or add a class up to March 17. Courses for the session include Accounting, Automotive Technology, Business Administration, Biology, Criminal Justice, Interior Design, Mathematics, Physical Education and Psychology.

Registration is accepted at HCC's Aberdeen Proving Ground Center Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and alternate Fridays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Feb. 16 and March 2 and 16.

For more information, call 410-272-2338. Students may register in person in the Office of Registration and Records in HCC's Chesapeake Center: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Payment is due at the time of registration. The college accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Mail-in or fax registrations, with payment by credit card, will be accepted through March 17. Registration must be accompanied by credit card payment information, including account number, expiration date, and signature. The fax registration number is 410-836-4169. Forms are available in the Schedule of Credit Classes catalogue, which was mailed to all Harford County residents, from HCC's Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, or from HCC's Office of Registration and Records.

For more information, call 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222, or stop by the Registration and Records area in the Chesapeake Center on campus.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON



Picture purrrfect!

You couldn't find nicer cats anywhere. Both of these male, domestic short hairs are about one year-old. They are friendly, sweet-tempered and both are neutered.

"Gray Boy," left, has greenish-gray eyes and is covered with distinctive gray and white patches while "Cinnamon," below, is orange and white in color with matching orange eyes.



Gray Boy, Cinnamon and other cats and dogs are available for adoption at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. You do not have to be active duty military to adopt a pet. For information, call the VTF at 410-278-4604.

Remembering the "Forgotten War"

Korea — 50 years ago this week, Feb. 8-14

By Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

WASHINGTON (Feb. 6) — Fifty years ago this week in Korea, U.N. forces retook the South Korean port of Inchon against no enemy resistance.

Despite allied successes in the east, a North Korean and Red Chinese attack mauled U.N. units in the west.

Feb. 8 and 9, 1951 — Operation Thunderbolt, led by U.S. I Corps, continues. Maj. Gen. Frank Milburn, I Corps commander, thinks his troops will face the North Korean Peoples Army 47th Division. When the 25th Infantry Division attacks the next day, there is no enemy on Kwanak Mountain, the final natural barrier to Seoul on the western front. The division advances to within two miles of the Inchon-Yongdungpo Road. South Korean forces, ordered to take Kangnung on the east coast, accomplish that on Feb. 8. Expected opposition by the NKPA 69th Brigade never materializes.

The 3rd ID on the right advances several miles. Task Force Meyer, an armored force attached to the 3rd ID, makes a dash up Route 55 and becomes the first U.N. unit to return to the Han River. One of the 1st Corp's armored units moves to within sight of Inchon and can see no enemy activity. That night Milburn cancels a mock landing by the U.S. Navy, which had been requested by Lt. Gen. Matthew Ridgway, Eighth Army commander, to try to draw part of the anticipated enemy facing the 25th ID away to fortify the port city. Milburn now doesn't want the landing to draw defenders back into the city. A North Korean force of about 4,000 soldiers mauls the ROK 27TH Infantry Regiment Feb. 8 and 9. The enemy soldiers were part of the NKPA II Corps believed to be shifting west to join its sister V Corps, which is geared up to face X Corps.

Feb. 10 and 11 — The 25th ID reconnaissance company and an Eighth Army ranger company enter Inchon Feb. 10, where they meet ROK Marines, who just came ashore. The enemy has left the city. That same day the 24th and 35th Infantry divisions, along with the ROK 15th Regiment reach the Han. A South Korean patrol crosses the frozen river into Seoul, but is chased back by enemy small arms fire. The sixth day of Operation Roundup, Feb. 10, finds the U.S. X and IX Corps and the ROK III Corps making slow progress in the rough terrain on Thunderbolt's right.

By evening of Feb. 11, the ROK 9th Division moves nine miles up the Han Valley and makes contact with the ROK Capital Division, from I Corp's Operation Thunderbolt. The 21st Regiment of the ROK 8th Division is entrenched nine miles north of Hoengsong while the 10th and 16th Regiments are 10 miles northwest of the city. Lt. Gen. Matt Ridgway is concerned that Chinese movements eastward were signs of an enemy buildup for an offensive down the west central area of South Korea. Late on Feb. 11, he orders Maj. Gen. Edward M. Almond, X Corps commander, to halt all advances in Operation Roundup. Ridgway does not want X Corps to run

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Remembering Harford veterans



Photos courtesy of RALPH DENTON

Ralph Denton, far right, poses with members of his platoon in Korea during the summer of 1951. Denton remembers them only as, from left, the radio operator; Lt. Elness, his platoon leader and Cpl. Meade, the medic. They were assigned to the 2nd Platoon, Headquarters C Battery, 82nd AAA Automatic Weapons Battalion, (Self Propelled).

An active life means acting 'up' for Korean War vet

Busy veteran slows down for commemoration

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Ralph Denton is one of an entire generation of men born too early or too late, depending on your perspective. They came along just in time for two of the most misunderstood conflicts in American history; the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

A veteran of both conflicts, Denton joined the U.S. Army at age 16 and went to war two months before his 19th birthday.

He was a member of the 82nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (self-propelled) when he received the wound that earned him a Purple Heart in 1951.

Hit in the legs while manning a 50-caliber machine gun atop an M16 half-track vehicle, he also received wounds to his eyes and fingers during "earlier scrapes." "After I returned from recuperating, the battery commander said I had enough points to leave, but he asked me if I'd stay," Denton said. "I told him I would but only until it got cold again."

The point system, which Denton said was dropped after Korea, was used to determine when a person could be transferred out of the war zone.

"You got so many points for front line duty, so many for support and so many for the rear area," Denton said, adding that it was "different in Vietnam."

"In Nam, you had a certain amount of time to do no matter where you were," he said.

Denton noted that Jan. 17 marked the 50th anniversary of his wounding. He said the most remarkable thing he remembers about the Korean War was "getting out of there alive."

"The thing about my outfit is we had one battery with each regiment and one with DIVARTY (division artillery)," Denton said. "They would have two batteries on line with each regiment. Because we only had two platoons, we had to be on line no matter what."

After he left Korea, Denton went on to complete a 23-year career and retired as a sergeant first class.

He is the former chief of Resident Training Management, which was changed to the Scheduling Branch, for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, and he now lives in the Pylesville area with his wife, Nancy who was head nurse at APG's Kirk U.S. Army hospital facility.

Like many other veterans of that era, Denton has remained active throughout the years.

After the military, Denton went back to school and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from Charleston Southern University and a Bachelor of Arts in Speech and

Drama from the Citadel. He returned to the Citadel for his Masters degree then began teaching at the Indiana Institute of Technology in Fort Wayne, Ind.

After other career moves that included working sales and service for the American Van Lines moving company and for the Saudi Arabian Navy under a U.S. Navy cooperative management program, Denton retired for good.

Now in his 38th year of retirement, he admits he never really slowed down.

The three things that have consumed his time are competitive shooting, veteran's affairs and acting.

"Stage struck" since he was a young boy, Denton has enjoyed an impressive career in radio, on stage, in television and film.

Denton has appeared in numerous roles in major Hollywood productions. His most notable roles include a 'D.C. businessman' in the latest Michael Douglas film, "Traffic," a 'blue collar worker' in Morgan Freeman's "Along Came a Spider," a 'senator' in Christian Slater's, "The Contenders," a 'retired general' in "Rules of Engagement" with Tommy Lee Jones and Samuel L. Jackson and as a 'fan-spectator' in "Major League II."

On television, he has appeared on NBC's "The West Wing," The Discovery Channel's "FBI Files," and in numerous commercial and promotional films. Fans of the film "The Silence of the Lambs," may spot Denton in the newly released sequel "Hannibal," in which he plays a government executive.

Nearing 70, Denton confirmed that he is not about to stop now.

"Slowing down scares me," he said. "You can't let minor physical limitations keep you from living."

As much as he loves acting, he said his passion remains with veterans and their issues. He set up his personal collection of Korean War memorabilia in the Bel Air Post Office as his contribution to the 50-year commemoration of the war.

Denton said the war forced him to grow up fast, yet provided him valuable memories and experiences that helped shape his life. He encourages all veterans to utilize their VA health benefits, particularly in the areas of stress-related illness and to get involved with their local veteran's organizations.

"It's a wonderful way to unite with people who shared your experiences," Denton said. "The more you become involved, the more you will want to contribute."



Ralph Denton

Top NCO, soldier for 2001

NCO AWARDS, from front page
Year, and was honored as APG's NCO of the Year in 1999.

NCOs and specialists competed in front of separate boards at garrison headquarters. All competitors were quizzed on topics that included, but were not limited to, the U.S. Constitution, flags, military courtesy, military history (civil war battle emphasis), weapons, drill and ceremonies, Army programs, current events, APG history, uniform, awards, map reading, land navigation, leadership, chain of command, security and code of conduct.

Spc. Robert Spencer, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, said he could tell the competition was tough from the difficulty of the questions, and admitted that he didn't know all the answers.

"If you knew the answers to all those questions, you deserved to win," he said, adding that he was glad to have the opportunity to compete.

"It was a good experience," said Spc. Samang Top, CHPPM. Participating in his first APG Soldier of the Year board, Top joined others in pacing the floor outside the rooms where the boards were meeting simultaneously. "I was really nervous," he said.

Sgt. Jerrick Bourgeois, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 143rd Ordnance Battalion, said he's experienced 19 such boards over the last two years, and is always somewhat



Photos by SHEILA LITTLE

Top, Soldier of the Year board members pause for a photo during the Jan. 30 APG selection proceedings for 2001. Pictured from left are 1st Sgts. Enrique Alcaraz, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), Terry Lee, 16th Technical Support Equipment Division, panel chief Sgt. Maj. James West, 143rd Wheel, Track and Recovery Division, and First Sgts. Robert Kyler, Noncommissioned Officer Academy commandant, and Douglas Upperman, 203rd Technical Intelligence Unit. Bottom, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 2001 panel chief Command Sgt. Maj. Sam Brinson, center, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, discusses the selection process with his panel. Members surrounding Brinson from left, are Sgts. Maj. Brian Carter, CHPPM, Frederick Hurley, 61st Ordnance Brigade, Robert Levy, 520th TAML, and Willie Weeks, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

nervous. He said being nervous is a good thing.

"If you don't get a little nervous, you're not going to do well," he said.

Adding to the excitement of the day, both boards held tie-breakers to name a clear winner, after interviewing all the candi-

dates. Notification of this year's winners was held until the day following the competition.

Those who competed for APG NCO of the Year, in addition to Hays and Bourgeois, were Staff Sgt. Stephanie McGee of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, Sgt. Ophelia Begay,

520th TAML, and Sgt. Eric Hall, of the 203rd Technical Intelligence Unit.

Participating in the Soldier of the Year competition, in addition to Vincill, Spencer and Top, was Spc. Adrienne Taylor of Kirk U. S. Army Health Clinic.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald E. Stallings said he is pleased with all who participated in the success of this year's boards, and hopes to build on that success in the future.

He said the competition is a tool APG uses as a way of showing that working hard and doing a great job in the military does not go unnoticed.

"The APG NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year boards are a great way to recognize our outstanding service members," Stallings said.

He said that two close competitions for the APG honors demonstrates that the installation possesses NCOs and soldiers of high caliber, and board personnel dedicated to the difficult job of determining the best of the best.

"Once you get to this level," Stallings said, "everyone is a winner."

He urged all APG tenant organizations to consider participating in the future.

"Everyone came together to do something good, to recognize our finest, and I want to thank all who participated and encourage others to participate next year."

SAFE DRIVING TIP

Situation: Imagine you're driving on a city four-lane divided highway in the right hand lane. You're going the legal speed limit of 35 MPH. There is traffic on your left. Ahead you see a pedestrian standing on the curb. He's not at a crosswalk. You obviously have the right of way and can't imagine that he would step out into traffic, but he does, 75 feet in front of your car. What should you do?

A. Hard brake, ease up to medium brake and steer up over the curb, or

B. Honk, stomp on brake and hold.

Answer A. Your choice to "hard brake, ease up to medium brake and steer up over the curb" is the only possible decision. There just wasn't any possibility of stopping. Whenever a human life is involved there's no question about what to do. It's possible that the pedestrian would get out of

your way when he hears your horn and squealing brakes, but it is just as possible that he wouldn't. You already know that he's not very smart, that he's sick or preoccupied, because he stepped out in front of you in the first place, so you can't count on him to do the predictable thing now. You chose the only way to be sure you won't hit him.

Answer B. Your choice to "honk, stomp on brake and hold" is not a wise decision. You wouldn't be able to stop. Going 35 miles per hour, it'll take you at least 105 feet to stop. The thing you were probably hoping is that the pedestrian would hear your horn and squealing brakes and get out of your way. But you can't count on that and you aren't going to have a second chance if you're wrong. "Hard brake, ease up to medium brake and steer up over the curb" is the only possible decision under these circumstances.

Military.com launches comprehensive education resource for the military community

Free access to over \$300 million in scholarships

By Anne Dwane
Military Advantage

Military.com, the largest online military destination and the online presence of Military Advantage, Inc., announced comprehensive education resources to help military personnel and veterans take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

- Military.com provides easy-to-use guides to:
- Schools offering veteran discounts (free books, free tutorial sessions etc.)
- Schools accepting military training for academic credit.
- Comparisons of ROTC programs.
- Distance learning program.
- GI Bill benefit information by state.
- Direct access to over \$300 million in scholarships.

"Our information, guides and tools connect active duty and veterans to the educational benefits they've earned," said Christopher Michel, CEO of Military Advantage and a reservist.



"Our goal is to ensure that servicemembers and veterans can conveniently access all free financing options for education."

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, half of all servicemembers eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill do not use the valuable benefits they have earned.

Education resources can be found at www.careers.military.com.

Military Advantage serves the 80 million Americans in the military community, offering solutions to consumers and the government agencies that serve them.

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be reserved on a first available basis by calling 256-955-0808, or email: emerson.mcafee@logsa.army.mil.

Corporate sponsorship is being solicited this year to offset the cost of conducting the symposium.

The pre-registration policy has changed this year. A \$75 check or credit card payment must be received by Apr 9. Cash payments only will be accepted at the door and will require an additional fee of \$100.

The two options available for registration are online and facsimile.

To register online, visit the symposium web page at www.logsa.army.mil/alc/conf/index.htm. Facsimiles should be sent to 256-955-9078.

You may copy the registration form and send it by regular mail to: USAMC LOGSA, ATTN: Monique Tolbert, Building 5307, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898-7466.

Put a little love in your heart

By **Capt. Lawrence Rowe**
KUSAHC

(Editor's note: The author passed away suddenly on Feb. 6 but wrote this article for APG News for National Heart Month. It is being printed with permission of his family and KUSAHC.)

Valentine's Day and those omnipresent red-shaped hearts signal the anniversary of lovers, but they also act as a reminder of American Heart Month. During this national observance, the American Heart Association wants people to know there are things they can do to reduce their risk of heart disease - the single largest killer of men and women in this country. Every minute, someone dies from coronary heart disease, according to the AHA.

From the moment it begins beating until the moment it stops, the human heart works tirelessly. In an average lifetime, the heart beats more than two and a half billion times, without ever pausing to rest. Like a pumping machine, the heart provides the power needed for life.

Most heart disease is caused by arteriosclerosis, the thickening of the artery walls, which begins in young adulthood and becomes more prevalent with advancing age. Anyone that is a smoker, has high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, or a family history of coronary heart disease, is at even greater risk for heart disease. The more risk factors, the harder it is on the heart.

The clock cannot be stopped and family history cannot be changed, however, according to the AHA, those risk factors that can be changed, treated or modified include: smoking and exposure to second-hand smoke, high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure, physical inactivity, obesity and overweight, and diabetes.

Stop smoking

Quitting smoking is one of the best things a person can do to prevent coronary heart disease. A smoker's risk for heart attack is more than twice that of a nonsmoker. A 40-year old smoker is seven times more likely to die from a heart attack than a nonsmoker of the same age. The AHA considers cigarette smoking to be the single greatest risk factor for sudden cardiac death -- a smoker has two to four times the risk of a nonsmoker. Also, a smoker who has a heart attack is more likely to die and die suddenly (within an hour) than a nonsmoker. Evidence also indicates that chronic exposure to second-hand smoke may increase the risk of heart disease.

If it is difficult to quit on your own, check out a smoking cessation program. Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic offers classes monthly for TRICARE Prime enrollees. Call 410-278-1964 to sign up for the day or evening classes coming up in March.

Reduce high blood pressure

High blood pressure can damage blood vessels and raise risk of heart disease and stroke. High blood pressure usually doesn't cause symptoms, so blood pressure should be checked regularly. If you have

high blood pressure, talk to your doctor about ways to lower it, such as exercise, a healthy diet, or medicine. Start an exercise program

When it comes to exercise, surveys show Americans just don't get enough. Fifty-four percent of adults get some exercise, but they don't do it regularly or intensely enough to protect their hearts. The AHA says even low-to-moderate exercise, such as walking, dancing, and gardening, done for as little as 30 minutes a day, can bring benefits.

Vigorous aerobic activities, such as brisk walking, running, swimming, bicycling, roller skating and jumping rope, done three or four times a week for 30 to 60 minutes, are best for improving the fitness of the heart and lungs, according to the AHA.

Lose the weight and control cholesterol

Next to smoking, being seriously overweight is one of the greatest risk factors for heart disease. People who have excess body fat are more likely to develop heart disease and stroke even if they have no other risk factors.

Obesity not only puts a strain on the heart, but it can raise blood pressure and blood cholesterol and make diabetes more likely to develop, all of which increase the risk of heart disease.

Modifying diet and making exercise a regular part of your lifestyle are important first steps in weight control, and they help control blood cholesterol, diabetes and can help lower blood pressure in some people. If those steps alone are not enough, doctors can prescribe medication to treat the conditions.

The AHA's recommended diet for a healthy heart has two components — foods low in saturated fats (a chief culprit in raising blood cholesterol) and foods rich in fiber. The average American man consumes about 360 milligrams of cholesterol a day; the average women between 220 and 260 milligrams.

The AHA advises limiting average daily cholesterol to less than 300 milligrams. Cholesterol is found in foods that come from animals, such as meats, poultry, fish, seafood and dairy products. Foods from plants, such as vegetables, grains, nuts and seeds, do not contain cholesterol.

TRICARE Prime enrollees who want to learn more about healthy eating, can call KUSAHC at 410-278-1964 to schedule for the next healthy eating class, which begins Feb. 15.

Control diabetes

Diabetes causes sugar to build up in the blood and, over time, can damage blood vessels and lead to heart attack and stroke. Anyone with diabetes can reduce the damage it may cause by controlling blood sugar level.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic offers a diabetes education class starting March 6. For more information, or to sign up for the first class, call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964. For more information you can call the American Heart Association at 1-800-242-8721 or visit their web site at www.american-heart.org.

SMA tells soldiers to stay focused

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

Seven months into the job as the Army's top noncommissioned officer, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley is urging soldiers to stay focused in their lanes of responsibility and not worry about what they cannot change or affect.

That was one of several messages Tilley delivered to more than 230 active, Reserve and Guard senior noncommissioned officers at the first Nominative Command Sergeant Major Conference, held Jan. 8 to 12 at the Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas. Typically, nominative command sergeants major are those who serve at one-star commands or higher.

Staying in your lane is also the main message Tilley takes to the field. Since starting as sergeant major of the Army June 23, Tilley has talked to more than 30,000 troops at 40 Army installations in the United States and overseas.

"Too often people get concerned and off track worrying about things they are not responsible for nor have any control over," Tilley said. "My message to all soldiers is to stay focused on the things within your lane of responsibility — let others take care of the things they are responsible for."

One thing soldiers should not be concerned with, according to the sergeant major, is the black beret. Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Eric K. Shinseki announced in October that Army troops will start wearing the beret in garrison June 14 to symbolize the Army's transformation to a lighter, more deployable force.

"The decision has been made and it is not up for discussion," Tilley said. "It is time to move on and start preparing our soldiers by teaching them now how to wear and maintain the beret."

Backing those words with action, Tilley scheduled a class to instruct conference attendees on the proper wear and maintenance of the new headgear.

In addition to delivering his own messages to the field, Tilley also gives updates of Department of the Army issues that directly affect soldiers during his visits. The top issues soldiers want to hear about are pay, quality of life, retention, TRICARE and retirement, Tilley said.

"I have always been a field soldier and I still consider myself to be one," the sergeant major said. "I see my job as getting out there — taking the pulse of the Army by talking to soldiers and bringing the issues I don't have the answers for back to the Department of Army."

Prior to his current assignment, Tilley had never held an Army staff job at the Pentagon.

"I never really knew what exactly went on around here until I had been in the job for a couple of months," he said. "I now know there are all sorts of people here at the Pentagon who are genuinely concerned about soldiers and who are constantly working for their benefit.

"I think the sergeants major who attended the conference caught a glimpse of that concern and of how important NCOs really are when they saw the secretary of the Army, the chief of staff of the Army and more than a dozen other senior Army leaders show up at the conference and take the time out of their busy schedules to brief them about what is going on within our Army."

As an outcome of the conference, Tilley now has a new NCO vision for the Army with five messages he will take to the field. Those messages are: lead by example, train from experience, maintain and enforce standards, take care of soldiers and adapt to a changing world.

Attendees chose these leader skills the Army needs today by consensus from among about 25 choices, said Tilley.

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APG News is now available at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil. Readers can access the current copy of the newspaper from this site, direct questions to the editor, submit a letter to the editor, access prior issues and APG weather, enter discussion groups and submit articles, suggestions and information to the editor.

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- Deadline for information to be published in the APG News is noon the Thursday before the paper is published, i.e. if paper is published on Mar. 1, the editor must have final coordinated copy, pictures, cutlines (captions), and byline (who wrote the article) by noon on Thursday, Feb. 22. Writer must note in the article the requested date(s) of publication.

- Any photographs of children must be accompanied by a permission slip from a parent or guardian to publish their picture in the paper. Names and explanation (student, son of or daughter of...), as well as a cutline (caption) must accompany the

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Wear and care of black beret

By Master Sgt. Jon Connor
Army News Service

During the first-ever "Sergeant's Time" at the Pentagon Jan. 23, soldiers packed an auditorium to learn the "dos" and "don'ts" about the wear and care of the black beret.

Master Sgt. Kittie Messman, the Army's noncommissioned officer who oversees uniform policy, presented a Powerpoint slide class. She brought with her actual berets for inquisitive soldiers to try on and learn how to correctly wear the service's upcoming standard headgear.

June 14, which is the Army's birthday, is the date when soldiers throughout the Army will begin wearing the headgear which has brought much debate since it was announced last October.

Messman's presentation included information about how the beret should be worn, its care, and debunked some myths floating around the field.

One interesting tidbit was that the new black berets will not have liners compared to those made

before them.

"The Army figured if everyone was going to cut them out, to not put them in," she said.

One slide stated "Females may not pack hair into the beret," in accordance with Army regulation 670-1.

Female soldiers will have to adjust their hair style to the beret, and not the beret to the hair style normally worn, Messman said.

As for the maintenance aspects of it, Messman said many of these care methods used by other beret wearers handed down over the years are not recommended by the manufacturer and can actually damage the beret because of its wool material.

For example, one of the so-called care methods discussed was soaking the beret in warm water, which could actually shrink it, a slide stated.

Soldiers that care for their beret in any manner not authorized will not be reimbursed or reissued a new one, but will be replaced at the soldier's expense, Messman's class noted.



In memory of Mary Mathiowdis

In memory of Mary Mathiowdis, who tragically died on Feb. 5, the United States Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity established a trust fund for her 10 and 12-year old daughters, Laura and Jessica Stansbury.

Mary worked at USAMSAA since 1987 as an operations research analyst and will be missed by all her coworkers.

Contributions to this trust fund can be sent to: AMSAA Special Fund, c/o USAMSAA, AMXSY-SA, 392 Hopkins Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5071. Checks should be made payable to the Laura/Jessica Stansbury Trust.

Sports & Fitness

HHC 143rd wrestles win from Company A 143rd in overtime thriller

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

It might not have been a rumble in the jungle, but it sure came close.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, intramural basketball's defending championship team, slashed its way through a tough defensive showing by Company A 143rd Ordnance Battalion, to snatch a 55-49 overtime victory over its division rival.

At the game's start, the two teams were tied for second place in the Edgewood Division.

In the low-scoring first half, defense ruled. Turnovers were rampant as both teams scrambled for several loose balls and several players picked off steals.

HHC called a time out just four minutes into the game after several miss-plays sent Company A's Averille Dansby to the foul line where he cleared both baskets for a 4-1 lead.

Down 3-4 after the break, HHC's Carlos Patterson tied it up, going one for one at the foul line. Patterson scored another basket after a Company A turnover, making his layup, while-falling-side-ways, look smooth and easy.

Dansby heated up, leading his team to an 8-6 lead off consecutive layups, the second off an assist by Marco Green, in which Dansby, missing the first time, caught his own rebound and laid it in for the score.

After more than two minutes of no scoring, HHC's offense kicked in with Patterson, Gerard Allen and Roderic Forts contributing six unanswered points for a 14-10 lead with five minutes left in the half.

Company A coach Brian Roberson called a much needed time out, as much to break up HHC's rhythm as to regroup his players.

Trailing 16-10, Company A's Dansby struck back with a jumper to close within four points, 16-12.

Two more turnovers and a scramble that saw the ball kicked the length of the court by three different players, ended with a key basket by HHC's Vincent Phillips that put the team ahead for good. Dansby missed an opportunity to close within two at the break, missing both free throws at the line as time ran out with HHC leading, 18-14.

At the break, Roberson said his team, which may be the

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion's Roderic Forts, 22, leaps high for a layup as Company A 143rd's Averille Dansby, 44, and Bertran Tiller, 23, defend. HHC 143rd, intramural basketball's defending champions, sealed the victory, 55-49 to break a second-place tie with Company A in the Edgewood Division.

Basketball Update

The following results were reported for intramural basketball for the week ending Feb. 9.

ABERDEEN DIVISION RESULTS

Feb. 5

NCOA vs. USMC, rescheduled
Company C 16th, 52; Company A 16th, 41

Feb. 7

HHC 16th, 61; Company A 16th, 52
Company C 16th, 49; HHC 61st, 47

Feb. 8

Company E 16th, 46; KUSAHC, 41
Company C 16th, 62; HHC 16th, 57

Schedule

Feb. 20

6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company E 16th
7:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. USMC

Feb. 21

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

Standings

HHC 61st	9-1
USMC	7-3
NCOA	6-3
Company C 16th	8-4
HHC 16th	8-4
KUSAHC	5-6
Company E 16th	5-6
Company A 16th3-8	

EDGEWOOD DIVISION RESULTS

Feb. 5

Company A 143rd, 59; 520th TAML, 37
Company B, 143rd vs. HHC 143rd, rescheduled
Company C 143rd, 2; Nat. Guard, forfeit

Feb. 7

Company C 143rd, 70; Company B 143rd, 56
HHC 143rd, 45; 520th TAML, 40

Schedule

Feb. 21

6:30 p.m., 520th TAML vs. HHC 143rd

7:30 p.m., 143rd's Company C vs. Company B

Feb. 26

6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Company B 143rd

7:30 p.m., 520th TAML vs. Company A 143rd

Standings

Company C 143rd	9-0
HHC 143rd	5-3
Company A 143rd	5-4
Company B 143rd	3-5
520th TAML	2-7
Nat. Guard	dropped out

The weeks' high scorers

ABERDEEN DIVISION

Feb. 5

Company A 16th, Fails 16, Jackson 10, Williams 10
Company C 16th, Wilkins 10, Windham 7

Feb. 7

Company A 16, Fails 29; Johnson 9
HHC 16th, Perez 22, Caver 12, Hester 11, Dingle 10
Company C 16th, Wilkins 16, Flemister 10
HHC 61st, Hewitt 12, Thompson 14, Upperman 11, Thomas 10

Feb. 8

Company E 16th, Gievens 12, Gibson 9
KUSAHC, Thach 11, Cosby 10
Company C 16th, Windham 16, Wilkins 13, Williams 13
HHC 16th, Caver 15, Hester 15, Perez 12

EDGEWOOD DIVISION

Feb. 5

Company A 143rd, Dansby 27; 520th TAML, Blair 12

Feb. 7

Company C 143rd, Coleman 14; Company B 143rd, Montes 24
HHC 143rd, Ham 19; 520th TAML, Bryant 12

2001 youth baseball/softball registration

Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Youth Services will conduct baseball/softball registration during the month of February.

Registration will only be available at the AA Youth Center, building 2522 on Feb. 22 and 29 from 5 to 7 p.m., and at the EA Youth Center, building E-1902 on Feb. 15, 20, and 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. Sorry, no late registrations will be accepted due to team entry deadlines.

Children can sign up for T-ball (ages 4-6), coach pitch (ages 7-8), kids pitch (ages 9-15), and softball (ages 9-18). Age is as of July 31, 2001. Cost for registration fees is \$30 per child; \$20 for T-ball. Practice will begin the first week of April.

At registration time, all children need to bring a completed: sports physical, Youth Services annual registration fee, baseball/softball registration fee and birth certificate or military identification.

Volunteer coaches are also needed.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Community Notes

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15 USA WARRANT OFFICER ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter of the United States Army Warrant Officer Association will hold its February meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay in the Gunpowder Room. Please come and bring a fellow warrant. Lunch is available. For more information contact Chief Warrant Officers Pete Hill or Jane Jones at 410-278-4979.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17 SUCCESSFUL SISTERS

Sisters Striving for Success, Inc. will sponsor a Valentine's dance featuring Baltimore's Best, "The Spindles," 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at VFW Post 10028, behind Aberdeen Wal-Mart. Tickets cost \$20 and include free dinner before 11 p.m. To purchase tickets, call Selena Watson, 410-273-6367, Valerie Robinson, 410-676-7934 or Carmen Hill, 410-297-9207. Proceeds will benefit Sisters Striving for Success, Inc.'s scholarship fund.

PRAYER LUNCHEON

The Women of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace will host a prayer luncheon, noon until 3 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person. The luncheon will benefit the church's 93rd Annual Women's Day program on March 25.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18 WILBERT DAVIS GOSPEL NIGHT

February is Black History Month. The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools is sponsoring Wilbert Davis Gospel Night at 4 p.m. at the Post Theater. For more information contact Master Sgt. James Davis, OC&S Equal Employment Opportunity office, at 410-278-5598, Sgts. 1st Class Ismael Martinez, 410-278-2529, Rodney Yelder, 410-278-5598 and Michelene Big Man, 410-278-7381.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20 THE ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH MEAL

The annual Black History Month meal is scheduled in the Aberdeen Area Dining Facility, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area Dining Facility, building E-4225 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. During this event all military, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine. The standard meal rate of \$3.20 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$2.65 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu includes old-fashioned bean soup, barbecued spareribs, fried and baked chicken, fried catfish, roast beef, pulled pork, black-eyed peas & ham hocks, baked macaroni and cheese, steamed rice, corn on the cob, greens with ham hocks, corn bread with bacon bits, assorted salad bar, potato salad, jellyed fruit salad, fruit salad, cole slaw, assorted pies, banana pudding, fresh fruit, soft-serve ice cream and assorted beverages. Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

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

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21 CHRISTIAN CHARM COURSE FOR GIRLS AGES 11 AND OLDER

A free 10-week course for girls ages 11 and older will be held on improving outer appearance while discovering inner beauty, Feb. 21 to April 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the EA Chapel. Topics will include principles of faith/spirituality, diet, exercise, facial beauty, fashion and wardrobe, hair styling, etiquette, and self-esteem. A fashion show will be conducted at completion of the course.

Call Gwen Bryant during business hours Tuesday through Friday at the EA Chapel office, 410-436-4107/4109, or in the evenings, call Audrey Vermont, 410-272-3803.

LIBRARY UPDATE

The Garrison Library has new military books for your reading pleasure. Come by either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out some books.

The 761st "Black Panther" Tank Battalion in World War II by Joe Wilson

The Civil War on the Web: A Guide to the Very Best Sites by William G. Thomas

A Complete Guide to All United States Military Medals, 1939 to Present by Frank C. Foster

Implosion: Downsizing the U.S. Military, 1987-2015 by Bart Brasher

Marines under Armor: The Marine Corps and the Armored Fighting Vehicle, 1916-2000 by Kenneth W. Estes

Military Innovation in the Interwar Period edited by Williamson Murray

Retreat to the Reich: The German Defeat in France, 1944 by Samuel W. Mitcham

SOG: The Photo History of the Secret Wars by John L. Plaster

To Hanoi and Back: The U.S. Air Force and North Vietnam, 1966-1973 by Wayne Thompson

Unexpected Journey: A Marine Corps Reserve Company in the Korean War by Randy Keith Mills

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

MOVIES

The Post Theater will be closed Friday, Feb. 16 and Saturday, Feb. 17 for the "Wilbert Davis Gospel Night" performances.

JOB FAIR

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Community and Family Activities is sponsoring a job fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Aberdeen Sheraton Four Points Hotel for positions at all salary and education levels located on APG. Full time, part time and flex positions are available. Regular full-time and part-time positions receive annual and sick leave, paid holidays, medical and life insurance and 401K.

A partial listing of jobs we need to fill includes: arts and crafts assistants, Chesapeake Challenge amusement park summer staff, small engine repair mechanic, food and beverage manager, food and beverage staff (multiple facilities), golf pro shop assistant manager, assistant greens superintendent, gardner and tractor operators, golf course summer staff, bowling center staff, health and fitness staff, aerobic instructors, recreation center team leaders and staff, child care and youth service workers, custodial staff (lodging), motor vehicle operators, desk clerk (lodging).

No childcare is provided on site. No photocopying services will be provided, so anyone interested should bring copies of their resume. There is no limit to the number of interviews available. For more information, call 410-306-2013.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25 BASKET BINGO

Aberdeen Memorial VFW 10028, 821 Old Philadelphia Road (located behind Wal-Mart), will hold a Longaberger Basket Bingo at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. For more information, call 410-838-1278 or 410-836-0524.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27 NATIONAL PRAYER LUNCHEON

The garrison Chaplain's Office is sponsoring a National Prayer Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay. The guest speaker is Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) David Hicks, deputy chief of chaplains, headquarters, Department of the Army. The suggested donation for the luncheon is \$5. Tickets and information can be obtained from the Post Chapel, building 2485, at 410-278-4333. Call to reserve your ticket.

PANCAKE DINNER

The Women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will host a pancake dinner at 4 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$5 per person. The dinner will benefit the church's 93rd Annual Women's Day Program on March 25.

SATURDAY March 3 WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS VETERANS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter 70 will hold their meeting at 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center. All women of the Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard who are active duty or retired or honorably discharged may join as members of our chapter or as members at large (this includes the women who served in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, the Women's Army Corps and the Army Nurses Corps). Women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard may join as associate members. For more information call Wanda Story at 410-272-5040 or check their web sites at www.wacva.com and www.armywomen.org.

EA OFFICERS' WIVES CLUB BASKET BINGO AND BASKET RAFFLE

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club invites everyone to play Longaberger Basket Bingo at the Gunpowder Club. Doors will

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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. Our hours of operation are Thursday 1-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9-5 p.m. For more information call during our hours of operation at 410-436-2153.

WOODSHOP ORIENTATION

The woodshop will hold a safety orientation on Saturday, March 3 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 on Saturday, March 10, 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 beginning porcelain doll class making a Sugar Britches doll will be held on Fridays, March 9, 16 and 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class size is limited. Pre registration is required. Cost is \$30 plus supplies.

STAINED GLASS

A beginning stained glass class will be held on Saturday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will be making a simple sun-catcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.

FRAMING CLASS

A beginning matting and framing class will be held on March 29 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame and pre register in advance because class size is limited. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

CUSTOM FRAMING

A professional picture framer is available to help with all of your framing needs. We frame photographs, diplomas, limited edition prints, posters, oil paintings or just about anything. There is a wide selection of mats and frames to choose from. Large or small pictures can be framed for your home or office. Visa or Master Card are accepted, including Government Visa Cards. We do quality work at reasonable prices.

Noted military artist Don Stivers is featuring his print signing of his latest work entitled "Service on the Line" in May, for Ordnance Week. To celebrate this special signing, the Arts and Crafts Center is offering \$10 off custom framing labor for any Don Stivers print, custom framed at the Arts and Crafts Center Feb. 9 through June 30.

open at 6 p.m. and games will start at 7 p.m. All prizes will be Longaberger baskets. Advance tickets are \$10 and include admission, 20 games of bingo and door prizes. Refreshments will be available. To purchase tickets contact Karen Chambers at 410-676-9142. Attendance is limited so at-the-door-ticket sales are not guaranteed.

Three Longaberger baskets are also being raffled: the Oval Laundry Combo Basket, valued at \$198; the Large Mail Basket, valued at \$115 and the Small Wash Day Basket, valued at \$139. Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5. Raffle tickets are being sold at various locations on post, including the EA Thrift Shop and the APG Post Exchange.

Contact any EA Officers' Wives Club board member or Karen Chambers at 410-676-9142. The drawing will be held on March 3.

All proceeds from this event will benefit local charities.

LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The Good Shepherd Catholic School located on 810 Aiken Ave., Perryville, will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be a bake sale and drinks available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (three cards), and \$5 for additional sets of three cards. For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School at 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332. Proceeds benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School.

SUNDAY MARCH 4 BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, will hold a 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 Water Witch Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.

FRIDAY MARCH 23 LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Football Program will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be food, drinks and baked goods available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (three cards), and \$5 for additional sets of three cards. For tickets, call Pat Guary, 410-272-4445, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332. Proceeds benefit the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation football program.

SUNDAY MARCH 25 SHRIMP AND BULL ROAST

The Ladies Auxiliary of Aberdeen Memorial VFW Post 10028, 821 Old Philadelphia Road (behind Wal-Mart) is sponsoring a shrimp and bull roast. The menu consists of steamed shrimp, pit beef, Chesapeake chicken, Italian sausage w/peppers, a side-dish buffet offering a wide variety of salads and vegetables, plus draft beer and soda. Food will be served 1 to 5 p.m. DJ music will be 2 to 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$23 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call 410-272-1218 or 410-569-0127 for more information.

FRIDAY MARCH 30 MORE BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, will hold a Longaberger Basket bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per ticket (3 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. To purchase tickets, call Nicki Leonetti, 410-272-8275 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332. The fundraiser benefits the Aberdeen High School Junior and Senior Prom.

LEAVE DONATION

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

Ameneh M. Arasten (maternity)	shoulder injury)
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Nicholas J. Lombardo, Jr. (heart attack)
Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)	Stacy Miller (maternity)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Mary V. Overstreet (twisted and sprained wrists and legs)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Tammy Budkey	Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Mary E. Pettitway
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Geraldine S. Cragg	Michael Reynolds
Bonnie K. Day (surgery)	Janice M. Rice (assist ill mother)
William H. Davis (recovering from illness)	Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Tricia Lin Dietz	Denise Robinson (maternity)
Fred Dill	Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Surinder K. Dillon	Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Joseph R. Dugan	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Messina Enderlein	Ralph A. Scutti (care of daughter)
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)	Sherry Schaffer
Willa Freisheim	Lena Shelton
Penelope K. Galoff (maternity)	John E. Smith
Norman L. Greear	Motoko Stahl
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)	Rachel Swearingen
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasitosis, fibromyalgia condition)	Ronald L. Taylor (chronic pulmonary disease)
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Frances L. Thomas
Wayne A. Jaynes	Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity)
Evelyn K., Johnson (surgery)	Cecelia Walton (respiration problems)
Carole Jones	Willie Williams
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)	Amber M. Vanakin (care of husband)
Beverly King (caring for husband)	William Klein
William Klein	Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)
Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)	Angela R. Little (neck and

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

Bush pledges more money for military pay, housing, healthcare

By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem, USA
American Forces Press Service

President George W. Bush announced Feb. 12 a significant increase in funding for quality-of-life issues affecting U.S. service-members during a visit to Fort Stewart, Ga.

Speaking to a group of roughly 6,000 3rd Infantry Division soldiers and their family members, Bush pledged an additional \$5.7 billion in 2002 to be spent between military pay increases and improving military housing and healthcare.

The president got a rousing round of applause when he announced he plans to spend \$1.4 billion on a pay raise for service-members — “pay increases on top of the increases the Congress

passed (during) the last couple budget cycles,” he said.

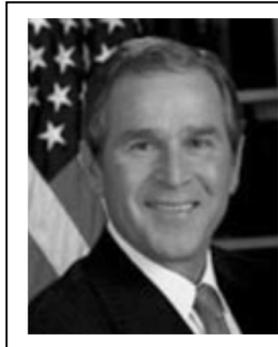
Bush also said he plans to spend \$400 million on military housing and an additional \$3.9 billion to improve healthcare.

But he really gained the crowd's support with a well-timed “hoo-ah!” The soldiers' responding shout was deafening.

“Because of you, America is secure. Because of you, the march of freedom continues,” Bush said. “Our nation can never truly repay our debt to you. But we can give you our full support, and my administration will.”

He said the nation owes its servicemembers and their families a decent quality of life, necessary training and equipment, and solid defense policies.

“When we send you into



harm's way, we owe you a clear mission with clear goals,” he said.

Bush called the soldiers the foundation of America's military readiness.

“But while you're serving us well, America is not serving you well enough,” he said.

The president said problems like low pay and poor housing reach across the services with predictable results. Frustration is up, while morale and recruitment are down, he said.

“This is not the way a great nation should reward courage and idealism,” Bush said. “It's ungrateful, it's unwise, and it is unacceptable.”

The president opened his speech by asking for prayers for the nine people missing since Feb. 9 when a U.S. submarine surfaced under a Japanese fishing vessel off Hawaii and sank it. He called for a moment of silence for “those missing, their families and our friends, the people of Japan.”

In his first visit to a military base since taking office Jan. 20, Bush also visited a single-soldier

barracks unit and had lunch with soldiers in one of the post's military dining facilities.

The president's Georgia visit kicks off three days of visits with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to military bases to explain some of his national security policies. Feb. 13 he is scheduled to visit Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va., and, on Valentine's Day, the two will visit National Guard and reserve troops in Charleston, W.V.

Maj. Gen. Walter L. Sharp, 3rd Division commander, told Bush he couldn't think of “a better place to see what soldiers and their families are doing in the Army today.”

The president agreed. “You've been called the most highly trained and rapidly deployable

mechanized force in the world,” he told the soldiers. “That is high praise, and you have earned it.”

Throughout the presidential campaign, Bush promised to take a hard look at increasing amounts of military deployments. Much of the manpower from those deployments comes from 3rd Division, he said.

Bush noted many division soldiers are currently deployed to Bosnia and still more will replace them in March. In addition to the current and upcoming Bosnia missions, Fort Stewart soldiers are currently training for a May deployment to Kosovo as well.

“You volunteered for this job. You decided to serve a cause greater than yourself,” Bush told the troops. “I'm proud to lead you and I'm committed to serve you.”

Even the bench busted a sweat

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Cinderella team of the division, is “looking pretty good.”

“If I can get them to settle down a little bit, we'll do some things,” Roberson said. He added that his instructions for the second half were for them to “box out and take it to the hoop.”

Coach Lloyd Cook said pressure would be the key to an HHC 143rd victory.

“I told them to keep pressure on the ball and don't worry about the shots. They'll come,” Cook said.

“Most of us are over 30 so we have to play smart and use wisdom against these youngsters,” he added.

Early in the second half, Company A jumped out to its first lead of the game off a three-pointer by Dansby that drew two fouls and a tech on Patterson, sending Dansby to the line where he made one of two for a 25-19 lead.

HHC's Allen and Mickey Sams followed with easy layups against Company A's suddenly struggling defense. Clinton Ham gave HHC the boost it needed with a tie-scoring jumper to make it 30-30.

Both offenses heated up to deliver a high intensity second half that had the benches busting a sweat.

With 45 seconds in regulation, down 41-38, Forts made one of two free throws to close within one. A stunning layup by Allen with 12 seconds on the clock forced a 41-41 tie for overtime.

If Company A was the jungle, then Allen was the bushmaster. He was nearly uncontainable as he

led HHC to a 55-49 win, despite spectacular performances by Company A's Green and Dansby. Company A had no choice but to foul repeatedly in the final seconds.

“We're coming together as a team,” said an undaunted Dansby after the game. “We lost a few players but we've got something to work with now.”

“I love the team and I hate to lose,” Green said about his comrades' impressive outing despite the loss.

Chastising himself for not playing better, he added, “Dansby kept us in the game.”

Coach Cook said he told his team to “take it to them” after Company A's Brown fouled out in overtime.

“We slacked off a little in the second half, but we came back,” Cook said. “We're back on track and ready to defend our title.”

Allen, a veteran player with two years in the APG league, added that the team won the game on pride.

“We wanted to defend our title and we didn't want to lose to these kids,” Allen said.

Adding that he likes the teams' chances of taking it all this year, Allen said they capitalized on the momentum shift during overtime.

“Everybody better watch out,” he said. “We're older, but we're also wiser.”

Allen, with 20 points and Dansby, with 25 were the games' high scorers. Patterson had 15 points.

Referees Joe Dominick and Luke Yackley called the game.

Tips for buying a used car

By Capt. Phyllis L. Brown
Garrison SJA Office

Thinking about buying a car? Before you start looking for a car, you should do a little homework.

Check out the car's repair record, maintenance costs, and safety and mileage ratings in consumer magazines or online. Be prepared to negotiate the price by looking up the retail and wholesale value for the vehicle. Visit Kelly Blue Book online at <http://www.kbb.com> or any of the other sites that offer this service.

If you are planning to finance the car over time, shop around for the best interest rate.

Ask for the car's maintenance record from the owner, dealer, or repair shop. To be certain about the vehicle's history, obtain a report on the specific vehicle from one of the organizations, such as Consumers Union, which offer this service for a small fee.

Test-drive the car alone. Test-drive the car on hills, highways, and in stop-and-go traffic.

Have the car inspected by a mechanic you hire. Check for hidden damage from a prior accident.

Check out the dealer with local consumer protection officials. Contact the Better Business Bureau at 410-347-3990 or write to Better Business Bureau, 2100 Huntingdon Avenue, Baltimore,

MD 21201.

Be aware that if you buy a car “as is,” you'll have to pay for anything that goes wrong after the sale.

You have the right to see a copy of the dealer's warranty before you buy the car. Make sure that you know what the warranty covers and get the warranty in writing.

Warranties are included in the price of the product; service contracts cost extra and are sold separately.

Buying from a dealer? Look for the Buyer's Guide that should be posted on the window of the car. It's required by a federal regulation called the Used Car Rule.

Make sure all oral promises are written into the Buyer's Guide.

The Used Car Rule generally doesn't apply to private sales.

WARNING: Soldiers have come to the Client Services office with problems with a used car dealership in Virginia that directly markets to military members. Before you purchase a vehicle from such a dealer, please call Client Services, 410-278-1583/1584, to make an appointment with a legal assistance attorney or visit the office on Thursdays during walk-ins from 8 to 11 a.m.

Corrections

In a photograph on page 4 of Army Community Service employees in the Feb. 1 edition of the *APG News*, Marilyn Howard was incorrectly identified as Wanda Pelt.

A photograph of U.S. Marine Corps Detachment powerlifter Jason Kloet was incorrectly identified as Capt. Pete Conboy on

the front page of the Feb. 8 edition of the *APG News*.

Also in the Feb. 8 edition the weight lifted by the Women's Heavyweight champion, Janet Rhodes in the Bench Press Competition results, was inadvertently left off. Rhodes lifted 175 pounds.

APG News regrets the errors.

APG News is now online

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photograph. Photographs will be returned if a return address is provided. If digital photographs are being sent, send them in 200 DPI or greater resolution as “.jpeg” or “.tif” files.

Articles, letters to the editor, etc., can be e-mailed to editor@apg.army.mil, or mailed to Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen, Attn: *APG News* Editor, 2201 Aberdeen Boulevard, Building 324, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5001. Faxed information is not encouraged, because retyping and formatting takes too much time..

In order to reduce editing time, format is important. Dates should be civilian, i.e. Feb. 1 to Sept. 6; time should be 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; do not use all capital letters; full names are required on first mention in an article, after that only the last name is needed without the title, i.e. do not include Mr., Mrs., Dr., Maj. All copy should only have one space between the end of one sentence and the start of a new sentence (unlike the government style of writing). Please contact the editor if you have any questions about format before submitting.

If sending a chart, it could be preferred by this office to have it “photo ready.” This way it can be scanned and no further editing would be required.

The editor can be reached at 410-278-1150, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. This office is on the compressed work schedule with every other Friday off beginning Feb. 23.

MWR TRAVEL UPDATE

WASHINGTON, PHILADELPHIA, NEWYORK CITY TRIPS OFFERED BY ITR

The Information, Ticketing and Registration office, building 3326, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, but closed on government holidays. The office is offering trips to Washington, for \$20 on March 31, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, Aug. 18 and Sept. 29; New York City for \$45 on March 31, April 28, May 26, June 30, Aug. 18, Sept. 29 and Oct. 20 and 27; and Philadelphia

for \$35 on May 12, June 9, July 14 and Oct. 6. All trips last eight hours.

Buses leave from building 3326 at 8:30 a.m. except New York City, which leaves at 7:30 a.m. Return times will be announced at a later date. Trips must be paid at least two weeks prior to the departure date. Prices vary for groups of thirty or more. Trips are roundtrip transportation same day. For more information call 410-278-4621/4011



ITR ANNOUNCES 2001 FLORIDA ATTRACTION PRICES

The Information, Ticketing & Registration office, building 3326, has tickets available for Florida attractions. All tickets must be prepaid and ordered in advance. ITR needs at least two weeks ordering time. Tickets are not in stock. All tickets are non-refundable. Prices are subject to change. Please call 410-278-4011 or 410-278-4621.

Walt Disney World Park passes 4 and 5 Day Hopper

(Patron can visit only the following parks: Magic Kingdom, EPCOT, MGM Studios or Animal Kingdom. You can visit multiple parks. Any unused days are valid until used.)

4-day hopper	adult	\$190	child (3-9)	\$150
5-day hopper	adult	\$215	child (3-9)	\$170
5-day hopper plus (includes one water park)	adult	\$245	child (3-9)	\$195
6 and 7-day hopper plus (same as 4 and 5-day hoppers, but they include Pleasure Island; Disney World water parks; Discovery Island park & Disney World sports complex.	adult	\$274	child (3-9)	\$220
6-day hopper plus	adult	\$304	child (3-9)	\$245
7-day hopper plus	adult	\$38	child (3-9)	\$31
Busch Gardens, Tampa, Fla.	adult	\$42	child (3-9)	\$34
Sea World, Orlando, Fla.	adult	\$44	child (3-9)	\$35
Universal Studios, Orlando	adult	\$44	child (3-9)	\$35
Islands of Adventure	adult	\$79	child (3-9)	\$64
2-day Escape Pass Universal Studio and Islands of Adventure	adult	\$101	child (3-9)	\$81
3-day Escape Pass Universal and Islands of Adventure	adult	\$101	child (3-9)	\$81

ITR staff can also order Disneyland passes. Disneyland, Calif. (Feb. 8 thru June 20) one-day \$32 Disneyland, Calif. or Disneyland California Adventure (Feb. 8 thru June 20) two-day \$72, three-day \$86

MWR OFFERING TRIPS TO LAS VEGAS, PARIS

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office is offering trips to Las Vegas or Paris for a group of 20 or more.

Las Vegas: Nov. 18 to 22

Trip includes round-trip air transportation between Philadelphia and Las Vegas via National Airlines, round-trip transfers between the airport and hotel, four nights accommodations at the Mirage Resort & Casino, two buffet breakfasts and one buffet dinner at the hotel, admission pass to Dolphin Habitat at the hotel, baggage handling, hotel tax and gratuities. Price per person for five days/four nights is \$525 - double occupancy and an additional \$60 per person for airport taxes. Space is subject to availability at time of deposit. A \$250 deposit due is due by June 8. Final payment is due by July 30.

Paris: Dec. 1 to 8

Trip includes round-trip non-stop airfare between Philadelphia and Paris via US Airways, complimentary meals and beverages served inflight, accommodations for six nights at the De Castiglione Hotel (superior-first class hotel), round-trip transfers between the airport and hotel, panoramic sightseeing tour of Paris including such sights as the Louvre, Eiffel Tower, Invalides, Arc de Triomphe, Musee d'Orsay, Champs Elysees and a visit to Notre Dame Cathedral. Also included is a cold buffet breakfast daily, consisting of juice, coffee, cereal, breads, cheese, fruit and other selections, baggage handling and gratuities at your hotel with bags delivered directly to your room (one bag per person) and entrance fees to the Notre Dame Cathedral. Price per person for seven days/six nights is \$1,020 - double occupancy, and an additional \$80 per person for taxes and fees (subject to change). A \$520 deposit is due June 8. Final payment is due July 30.

If you have any questions please call Chris Lockhart or Janie Waiters at 410-278-4011/4621.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Headquarters and Headquarters Company's Gerard Allen, 3, watches an airborne battle as HHC 143rd Ordnance Battalion's Mickey Sams, 51, defends against a layup by Company A 143rd Ordnance Battalion's Lokeni Faatafuna, 55, during the second half of their Monday night game.

United Nations forces retake Inchon, Reds launch their attack

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smack into a Chinese human-wave assault.

That night the Chinese launch an attack with three divisions toward Hoengsong. The ROK 8th Division engages the Reds, but in what has become a typical tactic, the Chinese infiltrate units behind defending units to stop withdrawals. Before the day is over, the 8th Division is essentially wiped out, losing an estimated 323 officers and 7,142 soldiers. In addition, many of its trucks, artillery pieces, radios, mortars, antitank guns, machine guns, rifles and carbines are lost.

Complicating the desperate situation is the control that Almond has placed on his commanders, requiring them to get his permission to move. In a lot of cases, permission comes too late because units are forced to fall back. Verbal messages up and down the chain tend to be altered because of the number of echelons they pass through.

Feb. 12 and 13 — American and other ROK units fight their way south, losing trucks, tanks and artillery as they go. Most of them are trying to join 2nd ID's 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment at a road junction near Hoengsong.

The allies pass through Hoengsong on their way to Wonju. A Netherlands battalion holds off Chinese attacks from the northeast. Early in the fight, the enemy breaks through Dutch lines, reaching the command post. A report says the Chinese pretended to be South Koreans to get to the command post. Reportedly they borrowed ammo for their captured American weapons and opened fire on the staff. The commander, before being killed, and his surviving staff repel the Chinese. The Dutch withstand more attacks through Feb. 12.

About 1 a.m. on Feb. 13, the Netherlands battalion follows the last units toward Wonju. Chinese rush into the city but do not pursue the U.N. forces. The confused situation makes it almost impossible to count the exact number of allied troops lost in the Chinese offensive, but an estimate is 9,800 South Koreans, 100 Dutch and 1,900 Americans.

Feb. 14 — Ridgway blames poor leadership for the high numbers of equipment, weapons and

Senior leaders praise revival of time-honored ceremony

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With all the pomp and circumstance of a time-honored tradition, four noncommissioned officers were welcomed into the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic NCO Corps during a recent induction ceremony at the health facility.

The inductees were recently promoted Sgts. Corey Coley, Efreem Dicochea, Wesley Hudson, and Cpl. Kelly Rouzan.

Kirk commander, Col. Walter Egerton, led the large group of witnesses to the smartly executed ceremony. The official party consisted of APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings, Sgt. Maj. Brian Letren, senior medical NCO and Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Bergeron, the medical detachment sergeant.

Staff Sgt. George Torbert was the ceremony's narrator.

After the seating of the official party and a playing of the National Anthem, Staff Sgt. Michael Jackson delivered the invocation followed by a reading of "The Making of a Leader" by Staff Sgt. Ernest Whitfield.

Torbert told the audience the induction ceremony "signifies the transition of the soldier from follower to leader."

"This solemn ceremony is designed to welcome newly promoted NCOs into the corps and familiarize them with the duty, honor and responsibility that every member of the NCO Corps holds dearly," Torbert said.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Sgt. Maj. Brian Letren, second from right, senior medical noncommissioned officer of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, presents plaques to the newest members of the Kirk Noncommissioned Officer Corps during the organization's NCO Induction Ceremony. From left, Staff Sgt. Corey Coley, Sgt. Efreem Dicochea, Sgt. Wesley Hudson and Cpl. Kelly Rouzan. Assisting Letren is Staff Sgt. Michael Jackson.

The four inductees entered beneath drawn sabers and took their positions in front of the room. With each entrance, the NCO's sponsors stood and recited a brief biography of the inductee.

Sponsoring Hudson, Koley and Dicochea were Staff Sgts. Michael Jackson, Stephen Clark and William Vernon while Sgt. Alvin Hughes sponsored Rouzan.

The rite of passage included a presentation of plaques bearing the NCO Creed to each inductee by Letren, a reading of the "Charge of the NCO" by Bergeron, and a recitation of "A Soldier's Request" by Pvt. John

Elliott.

In a special gesture, two Kirk employees were made honorary inductees into the NCO Corps; David Bish, a retired sergeant first class who works in the Pharmacy and Carmen Hammond, a former staff sergeant now working in the Primary Care Clinic.

Both recipients received honorary NCO Corps plaques.

Stallings, in a keynote address, said he was moved by the ceremony.

"If you haven't felt something here today you may need to change your occupation," Stallings said.

He applauded Letren for bringing back a tradition that had "fallen by the wayside."

Noting the period of "transformation from a soldier to a leader" that faces every new NCO, Stallings encouraged the inductees to constantly seek knowledge from experienced NCOs "that can lead you up the right path."

"Becoming an NCO is a growing and learning process you won't achieve in one day," Stallings said. "Maintain your Army values and remember we are a time-honored corps, the backbone of the Army."

Soon to depart APG, Letren

gave a farewell address tinged with emotion. He thanked Egerton and Kirk officers for their support of Kirk enlisted servicemembers and the civilians of the Kirk family.

"I never worked with a better group in my military career," Letren said.

To the NCOs and soldiers of Kirk, he offered a final commendation, praising them for making his tour of duty "so good for me."

"I will always appreciate the support each and every one of you showed me," Letren said. "I will miss it."

men lost during the fighting.

A 2nd ID investigation later proves that leaders had kept a bad situation from becoming a total disaster. But he maintains that the "loss or abandonment to the enemy of arms and equipment in usable condition is a grave offense against every member of this command."

He vows to take harsh actions against commanders who lose equipment and orders his corps commanders to do likewise.

When the units fall back to Wonju they are placed in a defensive line that stretches from east of Wonju west to Chipyeong-ni, where elements of Operation Thunderbolt meet those from Operation Roundup.

Defenders at Chipyeong-ni had already inflicted heavy losses on attacking Chinese in two days of fighting. In the afternoon, a division-sized Chinese force moving on Wonju is spotted from the air. As the enemy tries to assault U.N. lines, U.S. artillery batteries lay down a deadly barrage. The action is called the "Wonju Shoot" by the soldiers that were there.

"An artilleryman's dream,

cross-fire, continuous heavy firing," reads an entry in the official diary of the 96th Field Artillery Battalion, a reserve unit from Fort Sill, Okla. "The artillery had saved Wonju and halted a major attack."

As losses mount, the Chinese withdraw. An official estimate of Chinese losses in the fighting at Wonju is estimated at 3,200 killed and 2,500 wounded.

The Army announces that National Guard draftees will be given 14 weeks of training and shipped to Korea to bring each U.S. division there up to its 18,900 maximum strength. It will require 25,000 to 30,000 additional troops. South Koreans serving with American units will be replaced by April.

The Senate Armed Services Committee approves a bill to lower the draft age to 18. However, every eligible man in the 19 to 25-year-old bracket must be drafted before selecting 18-year-olds. The bill, which replaces the current Selective Service Act of 1948, requires 26 months of military service for draftees.



Aberdeen ceremony

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Brig. Gen. Dean Ertwine, right, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, presents the flag of the United States to Aberdeen Mayor Douglas S. Wilson in the Aberdeen Municipal Center during the dedication for the new facility which houses the Aberdeen Police Department headquarters and City Hall offices. Ertwine represented U.S. Representative Robert Ehrlich, Jr. in the ceremony.

DPW, DLES to oversee single-lane traffic cone trial

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intersection," said Harry Greveris, deputy director, Department of Public Works. "The plan is to decrease a conflict at the point where three lanes merge together; one through lane on Maryland Boulevard and two turning lanes from Aberdeen Boulevard onto Maryland Boulevard."

The change is being implemented as an effort to increase the safety of the off-post commute. The MTMC study found an incidence of 12 accidents with three injuries in a 12-month period at that site, declaring it a High Accident Location.

Greveris said the down side may be some stacking of cars in the approach to the turn along Aberdeen Boulevard during the evening rush hour.

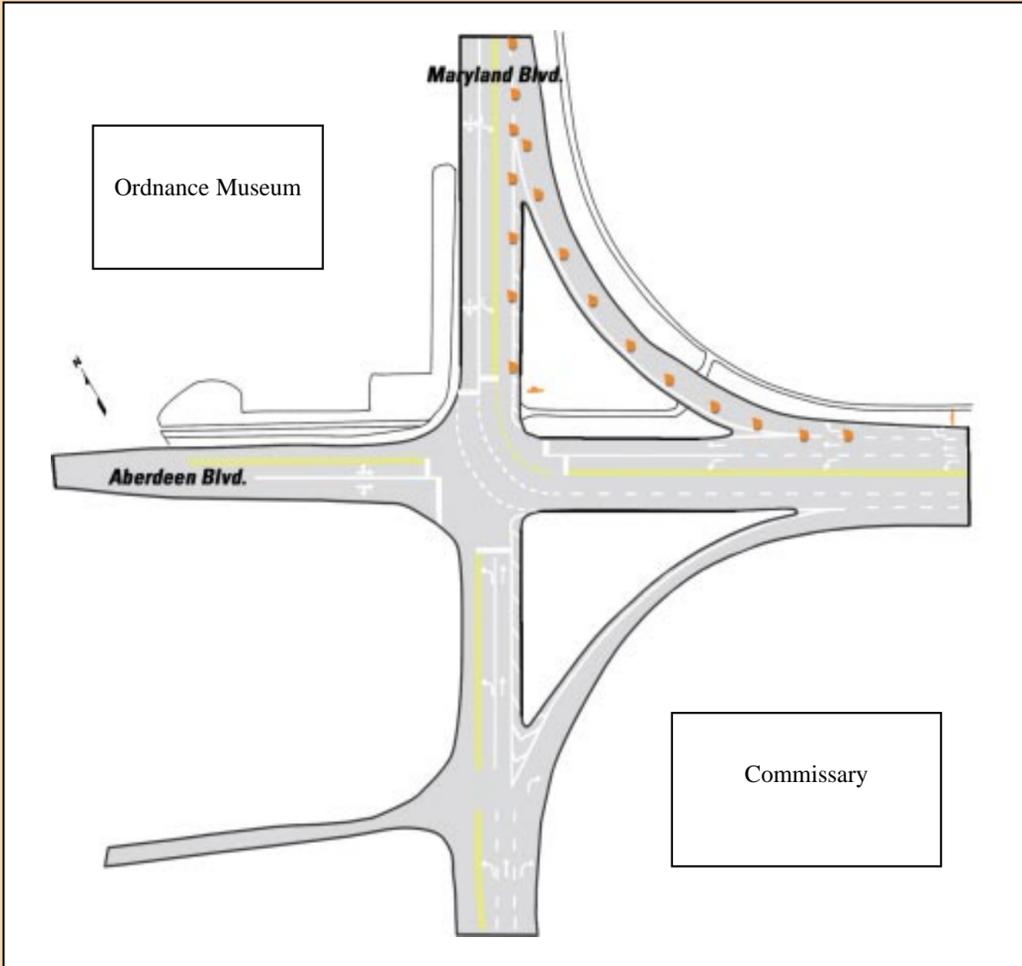
Traffic control devices are scheduled to be installed beginning Saturday, March 10, to prepare for the Monday morning commute. Motorists should be on the look out for orange cones that will mark the lane changes and for directions from the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security traffic police who will be monitoring the situation.

At a logistical meeting between DPW and DLES personnel, Greveris said the trial, set to last 30 days, could become a permanent solution, depending on findings.

"Eventually the lights will be changed to reflect the new pattern."

Future changes include the Maryland and Harford boulevards and High Point Road intersections near Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and the Aberdeen Boulevard, Collieran and Longs Corner Road intersection near building 305.

The MTMC Engineering Agency is the Department of Defense executive agency for transportation engineering matters. The agency executes the Highways for National Defense Program, including the Defense Access Road and Traffic Engineering Programs, and provides engineering consulting expertise to the military services.



In an upcoming trial traffic pattern change at the Aberdeen and Maryland boulevards intersection, the merging lanes will be reduced to one lane. Motorists that remain in the thru west-bound lane of Aberdeen Boulevard will be able to turn north (right) at the traffic light. Directorate of Public Works and Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security will implement the change March 10. Motorists should look for orange cones that will mark the lane changes and for directions from the DLES traffic police who will be monitoring the situation.