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Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 20, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Transformation, Army Birthday ceremony

As the Army celebrates 226 years, so will it be officially transformed on June 14, 2001. Aberdeen Proving Ground is hosting an Army Birthday Review and Transformation ceremony June 14, 4 to 7 p.m. at Fanshaw Parade Field, Raritan Avenue. Everyone is invited to attend.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, will be the reviewing officer with Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, commander, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and Brig. Gen. Dear R. Ertwine, commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command.

Early closings for weekend concert

Many Morale Welfare and Recreation activities will be closed or operate on shortened hours to accommodate the Classic Rock Concert crowd.

The APG Post Exchange and the Commissary will close June 16 at 4:30 p.m., to free up parking for the concert.

Facilities remaining open include the Shore Pool in the Aberdeen Area, the Bayside Pool in the Edgewood Area, and the installation golf courses.

Garrison closes for Organization Day, June 20

U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground will be closed for normal business on Wednesday, June 20, as the garrison observes Organization Day. Emergency requests for operational support will be handled at the Operations Center, 410-278-4500.

Ozone Action Days forecast on the web

Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment sends ozone notification on code orange and code red days only. The flags are hung at various locations across the installation so that residents will know

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Why Flag Day?



June 14, 2001, marks the 224th birthday of the U.S. Flag. In 1777, the Continental Congress adopted the stars and stripes pattern for the national flag. This would follow almost one year after the Declaration of Independence and more than a decade before the U.S. Constitution was finalized.

Flag Day was first celebrated in 1877, the centennial of the U.S. flag's existence. After that many citizens and organizations advocated the adoption of a national day of commemoration for the U.S. Flag. It was not until

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The U.S. Army: evolution from revolution

By coincidence, Flag Day and the Army Birthday histories have been intertwined throughout the years since the formation of a military by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1775 and the Flag Resolution on June 14, 1777.

The only enemies then facing colonists were British King George III's government, marauding native Americans and predatory expeditions by foreign countries. The young army also served as a local police force.

The fledgling Army in colonial times consisted of a militia system. All males of military age were required to serve when called, to provide their own weapons, and to attend periodic musters. In the case of prolonged expeditions or patrols along the frontier, communities called for volunteers or drafted young men into service.

When warfare erupted in the spring of 1775 between the colonists and British troops in Boston, the New England militia bore the brunt of the initial clashes at Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill.

The Second Continental Congress recognized that a regular military force was necessary if the colonials were to have any hope of standing up to the British Army. Congress assembled in Philadelphia and formed a military force on June 14, 1775, to preserve the "liberties of America," when the country sought freedom from 200 years of British rule.

Congress adopted the New England army besieging Boston as an American army and authorized the recruitment under congressional sponsorship of ten companies of riflemen – six from Pennsylvania and two each from Maryland and Virginia. Congress chose George Washington as commander in chief of the new Army.

The Army emerged triumphant in the exhausting six-year war against the British Army. Following the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Great Britain agreed to make peace and to recognize U.S. independence in October 1781.

Over the past 226 years, the United States has grown from a loosely organized confederation of

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Army gets new Web site and celebrates its birthday



WASHINGTON (Army News Service, May 11) — The Army will post a new Web site at www.army.mil when it celebrates its 226th birthday, June 14, said Maj. Chris Conway of the Army Chief of Staff's Office.

"The revised Army Homepage will be a birthday gift for the more than one million visitors who view the current Web site each month," Conway said. "Many of our changes to the site are based on feedback from viewers."

The new Army Homepage will include improved navigation features that will speed viewers to needed information and an enhanced graphics capability that will captivate users with animation as they retrieve information, Conway said.

The site will also be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and it will possess a feedback function so users can continue to have an impact on the design of The Army Web site.

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AER campaign tally goes over the top Installation AER contributions surpass goal

By Sheila Little
APG News

The annual Army Emergency Relief Campaign, which ran March 1 through May 31, is in its closing stages at Aberdeen Proving Ground, with contributions surpassing the goal of \$40,000 by nearly \$1,500.

AER is a private non-profit organization with a mission to help active duty soldiers and retirees, their widows, orphans, and other family members, deal with emergency financial crises through no-interest loans and grants. National Guard members and Reservists who have been on active duty for more than 30 days are also eligible for AER loans and grants.

APG's 2001 AER Campaign Coordinator Maj. Clifton Johnston of Headquarters Support Troops, said the APG campaign was successful because of overwhelming support from soldiers and the military retiree community.

"We had great support for the campaign," Johnston said. "The contributions are from the soldier, for the soldier, and I really appreciate all the help we received from APG soldiers and the entire retiree community."

Marge Fissel, AER Officer for APG, said the closing tally will be available later in the month, as final contributions come in and are added to the total.

"As of close of business May 31, we had a total of \$41,455 in contributions," Fissel said. "But we will accept allotments through June 15."

Fissel thanked Johnston and unit representatives for their hard work and dedication throughout the three month-long campaign, as well as those who donated funds to this year's campaign.

"Thank you to all who helped us reach our goal," she said.

Countdown to Classic Rock Concert

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With 48 hours to go, organizers are making final preparations for Aberdeen Proving Ground's Classic Rock Concert featuring STYX, KANSAS and Survivor, three classic bands whose music spans the last three decades.

Randy Moore, chief Community Recreation Division, said tickets are still available but going fast.

"Sales increased as the concert drew nearer," Moore said, adding that 6,000 concert-goers are expected to fill Shine Sports Field for the June 16 show.

"We've had a good turnout on volunteers and solid backing from post organizations," Moore added. "We expect another winner."

Recording since the 70s, the bands will perform classic hits, old favorites and recent releases. Some of these include the songs "Lady," "Borrowed Time" and "Mr.

Roboto" by STYX; "Carry on Wayward Son," "Dust in the Wind" and "Point of Know Return" by KANSAS and "Eye of the Tiger," "Burning Heart" and "Is This Love" by Survivor.

Shirley Overmiller, point of contact for volunteers, said post units and individuals "have given a great response."

"We count on support from APG units every year," Overmiller said. "Thanks to them we can handle a big turnout."

Debbie Long, administrative assistant at Ruggles Golf Course, said a "mostly vol-

unteer staff of cooks, servers and soldiers will support the food concessions."

"Hot dogs, chips, condiments and Pepsi products will be available as well as Jack Daniels Country Coolers and Miller Beer," Long said.

Commenting on the logistics of a project this size, she added that vendors work closely with APG for a smooth operation.

"Condiments are delivered the week of the concert, the vendors set up the day before and coolers are set up that morning. It's all very organized."

Because she oversees the operation of



Photo courtesy of RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION
Thousands of music lovers like these will descend on Shine Sports Field for the annual Classic Rock Concert featuring STYX, KANSAS and Survivor.

the Ruggles Snack Bar, Long said she already had a good rapport with the vendors and suppliers.

"Good coordination and planning makes any job 'do-able,'" Long said.

Police officers from APG Garrison's Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security will provide security and traffic control.

Tickets to the Classic Rock Concert are available in Morale, Welfare and Recreation outlets like the Post Bowling Alley, through the Information Tours and Registration office in the Post Recreation Center or through Ticketmaster.

Tickets cost \$25 in advance, \$35 at the gate.

Gates open at 6 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m., rain or shine.

Fans should bring chairs and blankets for the lawn-seating event.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4621

Correct wear of the black beret



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of an action day. On code Orange and Red days, APG takes extra steps to help reduce air pollution, such as the closing of military vehicle gas stations (unless there is an emergency), and ceasing paint spray booth operations.

Visit the scrolling screen on the main page of www.apg.army.mil to learn more about code green and code yellow Ozone Action Day.

For information on the APG Ozone Action Days plan, contact Rachel Swearingen, DSHE, 410-306-2268.

EA monthly fellowship meeting

The Edgewood Area monthly fellowship meeting will be held June 20, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the EA Chapel. This month the topic will be heroes of our faith. Elections will also take place at this meeting.

For those wanting to order a lunch, register by calling 410-436-4109 by noon on June 19.

ECF does not meet during July and August.

The Bible study will continue every Tuesday at the EA Chapel from noon to 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call Bob Doherty, 410-436-1759.

Registration open for fall classes at HHC

Registration is currently underway for fall 2001 credit classes at Harford Community College's Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, Building 3146, Raritan Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and alternate Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, call 410-272-2338 or 410-278-0516.

In addition, registration is taking place at HCC 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. Fall classes begin on Wednesday, September 5. Students who register prior to August 6 will be billed, with payment due August 16.

Students may also register for courses by mail or FAX through Sept. 4. Forms and information are included in the Schedule of Fall 2001 Credit Classes catalogue, which will be mailed to all Harford County residences this summer. In addition to the Schedule of Classes being available in the Registration and Records Office, students can access the information at www.harford.cc.md.us.

Prior to registering, students may call HCC's Academic Advising Center, 410-836-4301, to make an appointment to meet with an academic advisor and plan their semester schedule.

Students who have never attended HCC, or who attended before May 2000, should complete an HCC Application for Enrollment prior to registering.

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

ACS offers "Parents and Children Together" classes

Army Community Services will offer three Parents and Children Together, or PACT, lunch and learn classes, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., at ACS, 2754 Rodman Road.

Classes will be held on Thursday, June 28, "What You Need to Know About Your Child (from birth to 4 years old);" Thursday, July 12, "Discipline and Beyond" and Thursday, July 26, "Building Better

Behavior." Military families and APG civilian personnel are welcome to attend. All parents interested in registering may call Diana Hayes, program coordinator at ACS, 410-278-7474/7478.

Wealth building classes

Army Community Services is sponsoring a wealth building series of classes 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn how to manage your money, live debt free, and invest for the future by attending one of the following classes:

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| June 20 | Using Credit Wisely |
| June 27 | Savings and Investing |
| July 11 | Retirement Planning |

Classes are free and open to all civilians, active duty military, retirees and family members. Classes will be held at the Army Community Service Center, building 2754, Rodman Road. Space is limited.

Call Tricia Jewitt, 410-278-4372, to reserve your seat. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch.

will offer a free resume writing class taught by an instructor from Harford Community College on Thursday, June 21, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Classroom and computer based program instruction will be taught at the ACS Career Focus Center, building 2752, Rodman Rd. (located behind the Family Housing Office). Limited seating is available

To register, contact Marilyn Howard, employment assistance program manager, at 410-278-9669.

Army T&E Days Conference 2001

The annual Army Test and Evaluation Days Conference will be held July 10 to 12 at the Von Braun Center, Huntsville, Ala.

The conference registration form, golf registration form, and hotel information is posted to Web site www.testevaldays.com. Continue to view the Web site for updates regarding the agenda, short courses, and other information pertinent to the conference.

AA chapel sponsors stress management class

A Christian Approach to Stress and Worry is a lunchtime gathering using prayer and the Bible to handle stress, worry and anxiety in our lives God's way. The class uses a topical, interactive approach to stress management.

All military and civilian personnel at APG are invited to attend each Thursday, 12 to 12:50 p.m., at the Aberdeen Chapel in classroom No. 3. Bring yourself and lunch; Bibles are provided. Facilitators are Ivan Mehosky and Bruce Erdner.

For more information, call 410-278-4333.

Career Workshop for Teens

The Army Community Service Family Member Employment Assistance Program will sponsor a Career Search Workshop for youth ages 13 to 18, June 27, 1 to 3 p.m., at the ACS Career Focus Center, building 2752, Rodman Road. Retired Navy officer Edward Kreiner Sr., executive of numerous national corporations, will conduct the workshop.

The workshop is designed to motivate youth into thinking about what they want to do in the future and help them find what they need to do to achieve these goals. Topics include Expectation of an Employer; First Impression and Personal Appearance; Filling out an Application; Telephone Contact; Handling the Interview/Losing Your Fear of the Interview Process; Communication Skills; Development of a Basic Resume and Development of References.

For more information or for registration, call Marilyn Howard, ACS, 410-278-9669.

GSA seminar free for federal, military personnel

GSA 101, a free comprehensive seminar for federal and military personnel interested in learning more about GSA products and services, is scheduled for July 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, 21866 Cedar Point Road, Building 2189, Patuxent River, MD 20670.

Learn to use the on-line shopping and ordering system, GSA Advantage, and the GSA Schedules E-Library, the on-line source for complete multiple award schedule contract award information.

For more information, call Angela Griffin, 215-656-3872. Register on-line at www.midatlantic.gsa.gov/fss/seminars or by E-mail to midatlantic.seminars@gsa.gov.

Pollution Prevention



To save energy, turn off lights, computers, fans and televisions when they are not in use.

KUSAHC offers class

A "Take Care of Yourself" class will be held the first and third Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Preventive Medicine conference room located on the first floor of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All patients enrolled in TRICARE Prime are eligible to attend the class.

The purpose of the class is to teach patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home and when to see a doctor. The class will be instructed by a registered nurse using the Take Care of Yourself and Taking Care of Your Child handbooks distributed to TRICARE Prime enrollees.

Attendees will receive a Medicine Cabinet Card which will allow them to request specific over-the-counter medications without having to see a Primary Care Provider. This education class and pharmacy privilege is limited to TRICARE Prime enrollees only.

Added note: If an individual has attended this class at another military medical facility, it must be retaken at KUSAHC in order to draw medications from the pharmacy. To sign up for this class, call 410-278-1725.

ACS offers free resume class

The Army Community Service Employment Assistance Program

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2001 ARMY BIRTHDAY MESSAGE

The following is a joint message for all Army activities and Army family members from acting Secretary of the Army Joseph W. Westphal and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.



Two hundred twenty-six years ago, the Continental Army formed with the goal of ending tyranny and winning our freedom. Since the end of the Revolution, American soldiers, imbued with the spirit of the original patriots, have pledged their allegiance to our Nation through their sacrifices in uniform.

Today, all our forces-heavy and light, Active, Guard, and Reserve-share the heritage of the Continental Army. Whether standing a dangerous watch in Korea, safeguarding schoolchildren in Bosnia, or fighting wildfires in Idaho, you are the finest men and women the Nation has to offer. The thousands of you on point around the globe ensure the freedom our forefathers fought and died for, and do the tough jobs that maintain our American way of life. In the remotest corners of the world, you command respect because you are American Soldiers.

The key to The Army's success has always been both its reverence for the traditions that make our Nation great and its flexibility and willingness to change. Our Army is transforming to an Objective Force that will meet the challenges of the 21st Century. This new Force will be as lethal and survivable as our heavy forces, but also as responsive and deployable as our light forces. Our transformation will thus ensure that The Army remains the best fighting force in the world: unchallenged and unparalleled.

On this, the first Army birthday of the new millennium, as a tangible symbol of our transformation, our unity, and our commitment to excellence as The Army, we will begin wearing the black beret. The color black represents the heritage of both our heavy and our light formations. It is the black of night that hid Washington as he crossed the Delaware and the black of the grease that kept our tanks on track in Operation Desert Storm. The Army flash commemorates our heritage as an Army, bearing both the colors of George Washington's Continental Army at the time of the deciding victory of the Revolution, as well as the 13 white stars of our Nation's 13 original colonies.

You represent what is most noble about our Nation: liberty, freedom and unity. As the symbol of our transformed Army, you are, and will continue to be, respected by your allies, feared by your opponents, and esteemed by the American people. Your courage, dedication to duty, and selfless service to the Nation will remain the hallmark you, the Soldiers of the United States Army, carry into the 21st Century.

Incorrect wear of the black beret



Wearing of the Beret

Description: The beret is a wool-knitted outershell, lined or unlined, with a leather sweatband. An adjusting ribbon is threaded through the binding. The beret is equipped with a stiffener on the left front. Except for color, all classes of berets are the same. The unit flash on the beret should be centered above the left eye of the wearer.

Wear: The headband (edge binding) is worn straight across the forehead, 1 inch above the eyebrow with the top of the beret draped over the right ear with the stiffener positioned over the left eye. The ends of the adjusting ribbon will be cut off and the ribbon knot secured inside the edge binding at the back of the beret. Berets will only be worn with the service uniforms and with the utility uniforms in a garrison environment. Reference AR 670-1 Paragraph 26.3.C-D. (Editor's note: Information above can be found at http://www.sbccom.army.mil/products/cie/beret_wearing.htm.)

The Army Black Beret

By Gen. Eric K. Shinseki
Army Chief of Staff

The Army must change to maintain its relevance for the evolving strategic environment. To provide our nation strategic options for mastering the complexity of that environment, The Army committed, in its Vision a year ago, that "as technology allows, we will begin to erase the distinctions between heavy and light forces."

In the United States Army, the beret has become a symbol of excellence of our specialty units. Soldiers of the Special Forces, our airborne units, and the Ranger Regiment have long demonstrated such excellence through their legendary accomplishments and unmatched capabilities. Their deployability, versatility, and agility are due, in part, to their organizational structure and equipment. But more significant is their adaptiveness, which keeps them ready to take on any mission, anytime, anyplace.

Today, the distinctive emblem of these units is the wear of the beret. But, over the past 50 years, berets have been worn by a variety of Army formations—airborne, armor, cavalry, infantry, ranger, special forces, and others. The black beret was being worn by formations Army-wide, when it was approved by The Army for wear by the Ranger Regiment in 1975. Today, it remains one of our symbols of excellence in The Army as reflected by its wear in the Ranger Regiment.

We are transforming today's most powerful Army in the world from a Cold War Legacy Force to an Objective Force with early entry capabilities that can operate jointly, without access to fixed forward bases, and still have the power to slug it out and win

campaigns decisively. This Transformation will correct the condition in today's Legacy Force where our heavy forces are too heavy, and our light forces lack staying power. To master this strategic transition and to establish the parameters for decisiveness in the 21st century, The Army must become adaptive to be strategically responsive and dominant across the entire spectrum of military operations.

To symbolize The Army's commitment to transforming itself into the Objective Force, The Army will adopt the black beret for wear Army-wide. It is not about increasing recruiting; we achieved our recruiting target of 180,000 recruits last year—without a beret. It is not about retention; for the second year in a row, we exceeded our reenlistment goal by a wide margin—without a beret. It is not about morale; soldiers are ready today to go into harm's way. It is about our excellence as soldiers, our unity as a force, and our values as an institution.

Effective June 14, 2001, the first Army birthday in the new millennium, the black beret will become standard wear in The Army—Active and Reserve Components.

Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley will lead the effort to craft implementing guidelines, including indoctrination standards that all soldiers will meet before they are authorized to wear the beret. Special operations and airborne units will retain their distinctive berets.

Soldiers remain the centerpieces of our formation. We will march into the next millennium as The Army—the strategic joint force of choice for the 21st century.

Straight talk on berets, Transformation

By Sgt. Maj. of the Army
Jack L. Tilley

In recent months, it has become increasingly apparent that opinions on the beret are nearly as numerous as the myths and misconceptions surrounding both the beret's history and our reasons for switching to it.

I've made it a point to talk about the beret with nearly every group of soldiers I've spoken with in my travels. Typically, I've asked for a show of hands from people who think the black beret is a bad idea. As a rule, about 20 to 30 percent of the soldiers raise their hands.

Then, nearly every group has shared some good-natured laughs with me as we take a look at what soldiers really know about the topic.

"What kind of units wore the black beret from 1973-1979," I begin asking the soldiers who raised their hands.

"What was the first unit in the Army authorized to wear black berets?"

"True or false — Rangers wore berets in World War II?"

"True or false — Soldiers graduating from Ranger School are awarded a Ranger tab and a black beret?"

"What is the only course in the Army where soldiers are awarded berets upon graduation?"

"How many years has the Army talked about putting every soldier in a black beret?"

Beginning as early as 1924, armor units in the British Army began wearing black berets for a few very simple reasons. For one thing, the color hid the grease spots tankers often left on their hats when putting them on and taking them off as they worked on their vehicles. Also, the beret allowed tank crewmen to comfortably wear radio headsets and push their faces against the tank's telescopic sights.

Although historians say a few Ranger units unofficially wore black berets during the early 1950s and again during the Vietnam War, the Center of Military History can find no photos or documentation indicating World War II Rangers were ever authorized to wear berets of any color.

The headgear did not become an official part of the Ranger uniform for another 25 years. In 1975, the Army authorized two newly formed ranger battalions to wear black berets — one year after both armor and cavalry units around the Army began wearing black berets.

The Opposing Force units at the National Training Center, Joint Readiness Training Center and Combat Maneuver Training

Center have worn black berets for years. Further, armor and cavalry units throughout the Army were authorized black berets from 1973-1979.

A few months back, one old cavalryman even told me that when Chief of Staff Gen. Bernard Rogers decided in 1979 that only special operations and airborne units would be authorized berets, tankers in his unit objected to the decision and burned "their" black berets in protest.

It is also interesting to note how many soldiers believe that Ranger and Airborne School graduates receive either black or maroon berets upon completing their respective courses. Very few soldiers realize that Special Forces Qualification Course graduates are the only troops in the Army awarded a beret and tab when they complete their school.

Thus far in talking to literally thousands of soldiers about the black beret, only one person—a sergeant at Fort Gordon, Ga. —knew that the Army's leadership had considered transitioning the entire force to black berets for more than a dozen years. Each time, the decision was deferred because of other priorities.

During his first year as chief of staff, Gen. Eric Shinseki concentrated on building up momentum

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DoD backs Army beret decisions

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

The Secretary of Defense supports the Army's decision to adopt a black beret as its standard garrison headgear and to allow Rangers to change the color of their berets to tan.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz announced the Department of Defense's beret support during a Pentagon press brief March 16.

Critics of the Army adopting the black beret have claimed that such a decision belittles the dedication and accomplishments of past and present Rangers who are the only ones to have earned the right to wear the distinctive black beret.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki answered that charge at the press briefing in saying that "...other formations, to include armored units, cavalry units, other infantry units, have worn it over time. And because of that shared history in our Army, the black beret remains the most relevant

color for wear Army-wide today."

Shortly after Shinseki announced last October the decision for the Army to don the black beret on the next Army birthday, June 14, he offered the Ranger community the opportunity to change the color of its traditional beret. Col. P.K. Keen, commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Ga., officially requested to change the color of the Ranger beret to tan in a memorandum dated March 8. Shinseki approved the request March 15.

As Rangers move to a tan beret and most of the Army to a black beret June 14, airborne units will retain their maroon beret and Special Forces will keep the green beret.

Shinseki reminded reporters that his decision regarding the beret was a symbolic and visible demonstration for soldiers to mark the real change the Army is making in transforming from a Cold War force into a more modern one ready for future challenges.

The Army of new millennium gets new Web site

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like earlier versions, will continue to provide a variety of services, Conway said, to include: keeping members of the Army community around the world informed of the latest news, benefits, and opportunities; inspiring young people to join and to continue their service in The Army; and informing and

educating the American public on the role and importance of the Army and the Army's continued service to the nation.

"The Army of the new millennium deserves to have a new official Web site," Conway said.

Other Army Web sites include Army Knowledge Online, at www.us.army.mil, and an Army

Recruiting site at www.goarmy.com.

Army Knowledge Online is an intranet site available to all Army (Active, National Guard and Reserve, DA civilians and retirees), which features the latest Army news, knowledge centers, a lifetime e-mail account, a powerful search engine, and a chat room.

Opinion

The black beret -- Just the right fit



By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

On June 14, 2001, the 226th birthday of the U.S. Army, the black beret became the Army's standard headgear. The brainchild of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, the change symbolizes the Army's transformation "from a Cold War Legacy Force to an Objective Force with early entry capabilities that can operate jointly, without access to fixed

forward bases, and still have the power to slug it out and win campaigns decisively."

To that, I say, "Bravo." "Good move." "Well done." "Huuaaahh!"

It's about time somebody came up with an idea that would truly unite all the elements of the world's finest fighting force.

The proposal to put the black beret, formerly worn only by U.S. Army Rangers, on the head of every soldier in the Army, was a stunning surprise to just about everyone ever associated with the military. When I first heard about it, I thought Shinseki might have had his stars pinned on too tight.

"Doesn't he realize the rangers will never allow that? I thought. Even if he is the chief of staff, everyone knows you don't mess with rangers."

I spent a lot of time around rangers in the early 80s at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. As an aircraft supply sergeant supporting Rapid Deployment movements for the XVIII Airborne Corps, I learned the hard way that Rangers

are no joke. Our commanders liked to hold contests between us lowly supply and maintenance personnel and the 1/75th Ranger Group stationed there for training purposes to see how we'd measured up. Or so they said. In retrospect, I think our fearless leaders might have set those competitions up for entertainment, their own. Whether running PT, map reading or playing war games, we always lost.

Hard as we tried, there was just no beating those professional soldiers.

Shortly after hearing about Shinseki's plans, I read statements from Army Sergeant Maj. Jack Tilley and Ranger regimental commander Col. P.K. Keen, endorsing Shinseki's plan.

Tilley's support was no surprise but I'm betting the walls in Keen's quarters required some mending the next day.

I couldn't imagine that spectacular force surrendering its prized symbol without so much as a whimper. And it didn't. Ranger

alumni roared loud and long over their treasured symbol, but to no avail. Rangers eventually adopted tan berets as their new headgear.

With the uproar over, and everyone adjusting to the surprisingly agreeable sight of our soldiers in black berets, maybe we can all agree that it was a good idea after all.

First, let's acknowledge the fact that the beret, whether green, brown, maroon, black or tan, symbolizes an elite element, distinct in design and superior to units of comparable characteristics. On that note, mentally compare the U.S. Army to any other army in the world.

See where I'm going? Put beside any other force on the planet, the U.S. Army is an elite element, distinct in design and superior to units of comparable characteristics. In short, it is an entity fully deserving of its own unique marker.

If that doesn't work for you, look at it practically. What would have made more sense, putting the

entire Army in black berets or putting the Rangers, Special Forces and Airborne Corps in BDU caps?

We already had elements of our forces in berets. Why not put the whole force in berets?

Since coming up with the idea, Shinseki has faced stiff condemnation from current and former soldiers. The following is an excerpt from a letter written by a former Ranger, who was at first "irate" over the decision to give the rest of the Army the look of an elite force, then changed his mind after considering the whole issue.

"Upon reflection, I have come to realize I had elevated the black beret to a place of virtual idolatry and in so doing I was missing the fact that the beret is just a symbol which points to the reality that we, the Rangers, are the elite of the Army. Always have been and I expect always will be. As such, it is our responsibility to do as our motto says and "lead the way." To not allow ourselves to become mired in the old "us" vs. "them"

games. Instead, we must work toward unifying the whole Army, encouraging all soldiers to strive to be, as we are, The Best. Assisting at all levels of command so that each and every soldier accepts the fact that he or she is essential to the accomplishment of the Army's mission. If the black beret can contribute to the unification of the Army, then — Rangers Lead the Way."

Richard G. Jones
Major
U.S. Army, Retired

In this new millennium of changing missions and expanding responsibilities, maybe it's time to put a new face on this 226-year old Army. Maybe it's time to add something to it that symbolizes unity and pride. Something that encourages soldiers to stand a little taller and walk a little prouder. Something that will make them look like the new, 21st Century Army of One.

The black beret may be just the right fit.

Tilley tests knowledge of berets, speaks to transformation results

TILLEY, from page 3

for our ongoing transformation. Only in his second year as chief did he decide the time was right to wear black berets.

At the end of my beret quiz, I ask soldiers to tell me what they know about the Army and our ongoing transformation. I'm proud to say most of us have a working understanding of the Army transformation.

As I explain it, Gen. Shinseki's intent with transformation is to prepare the Army for the diverse missions our country is now asking us to perform.

Prior to Desert Storm, Saddam Hussein overran Kuwait in a matter of days and stopped his forces at the border just north of oil-rich eastern Saudi Arabia. Mysteriously, he then sat and watched for six months as we reinforced our rapid deploying airborne units. In the end, the mass of our assembled combat power allowed us to achieve a quick, decisive victory.

For the foreseeable future, there will remain in the world a number of countries and leaders who will think it wise to challenge the United States, our interests

and our allies.

Nobody will ever know for certain why Saddam stopped when he had our forces outgunned and outnumbered. Far more certain is the fact that the next dictator to challenge us won't repeat Saddam's mistakes. When future foes mobilize their forces, they will likely move quickly while hoping they can achieve their objectives before we can deploy our forces.

To be ready for that kind of showdown and to better prepare us for missions like those in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia and

Kosovo, Gen. Shinseki is transforming the Army into a force that's more agile, deployable and lethal.

It may be something of oversimplification, but in the end transformation will result in heavy units that are more deployable and agile and light units that are more lethal and survivable. The result will be warfighting formations that can deploy about as fast as today's light units but pack a lot more firepower and mobility.

So, as we move toward that goal, I ask groups to name the one uniform item that could logically

symbolize that transformation — one item that has, over the years, been associated with both heavy armor units as well as the best light infantry unit in the world — the black beret.

Change is never easy, and I understand that. It's especially difficult in an organization as large and grounded in history and tradition as the Army. But, I also understand that we must change if we are to be ready for the challenges that await us in this new century.

For the most part, our military has done a poor job of envisioning and preparing for the next war. Typically, we have trained and equipped our military based on what was true in the last war while failing to see the coming of a different conflict that was often less than a decade or two away.

These mistakes have been costly — they have been paid for in the lives of our soldiers as we have often lost early battles in a number of wars. It is a testament to the greatness of our country and our military that we learned quickly in these conflicts and adjusted our equipment, training and tactics and achieved victory.

But, it makes sense to me to begin changing with the world and design formations that are better suited for future conflicts. Not only could this make the difference in these yet-to-be battles, but it might let us avoid them entirely

as future enemies gauge our capabilities and decide their best course of action is to avoid a fight with us at all costs.

The last question I typically ask soldiers is, "how many of you have ever celebrated the Army's birthday?" Sadly, I would tell you that maybe 25 percent of them indicate that they have.

That, I tell them, is about to change. In the future, we're going to take pride in the Army's heritage to the point that if there's two soldiers in a fighting position on June 14, I expect them to put a match in a piece of MRE pound cake, blow it out and then sing "Happy Birthday" to the Army.

In recent years, the Army has been the silent member of the Defense Department as we have quietly gone about doing our nation's business without calling a lot of attention to ourselves and our accomplishments. There's something to be said for modesty, but we deserve to flex occasionally and tell people who we are, where we've been and where we're going.

I would hope that these thoughts would add a bit to soldiers' understanding of both the Army's transformation and the change to the black beret.

(Editor's note: This excerpt is taken from a letter sent by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley to the Army's command sergeant major community last month.)

Servicemember pay problems being resolved

Courtesy of MilitaryReport.com

Some servicemembers will find less money in their paychecks for a while, thanks to a software glitch that overpaid them since January. According to officials at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, the error under withheld the Social Security contributions of some 5,600 active duty soldiers, 9,000 sailors, and 1,000 airmen. The error has been fixed, but the affected members owe the government money. The American Forces Press Service reports that about 8,100 of the service members owe less than \$120 and should have seen the debt deducted from their end-of-month pay for May. Servicemembers who owe more than \$120 will see partial deductions in their mid-June, July and August paychecks. Paymasters are working with troops on a case-by-case basis to minimize financial hardships, they added.

New Secretary of the Army speaks first to NCOs



Thomas E. White
18th Secretary of the Army

By Phil Tegtmeier
Army News Service

He promised service to soldiers 16 hours a day, seven days a week.

Incoming 18th Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White addressed the graduates of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy Class 51 in El Paso, Texas, May 30 and made two promises to soldiers.

"Every day, I will do my level best to do things that are good for soldiers and their families," he said during his 10-minute from-the-heart remarks. "Second, I will work hard to make the Army Vision become a reality."

In his first opportunity to address soldiers since being confirmed by the Senate May 24, White told Sergeant Major Academy graduates that he is committed to the Army's Transformation. He said the current Transformation will be just as sweeping as the changes that took place to raise the Army from an "abysmal" readiness state after Vietnam to the world-class machine that gave Saddam Hussein his hardest lesson in Desert Storm.

"You know, it was about that time when the Army, for the first time in its history, realized that some of its soldiers were actually married," Secretary White said

jokingly. Then switching to a serious tone, he noted that he agreed strongly with the notion that, "We recruit soldiers; we retain families." The secretary then promised to take action on that premise during his tenure by improving schools, community infrastructure, and family housing.

A retired brigadier general and former "cavalry trooper," White reminded the audience that he was a kindred spirit to the concerns of soldiers and their families.

"I raised my children in Defense Department schools, I've been moved around and sent on deployments," he emphasized. "Being in the Army has got to be fun. You need to get a sense of fulfillment from what you do and enjoy it every day."

Then his, "Heaven knows, we're not in it for the pay," brought down the house.

During his remarks, the new secretary made many new friends, especially when he addressed the critical NCO/officer relationship.

"I have some pretty strong feelings about what leadership entails," he said. "I'm not going to bore you with the details here, but believe me—you'll like them." He did emphasize that he realizes, "leaders like you need to be proficient and you need to be willing to

take risks. I think we need to retain the basics of leadership and have officers conducting officer business and NCOs taking care of soldiers and their families and getting the mission accomplished."

Secretary White comes to his new role from private industry. The company he worked for specialized in providing outsourcing services, and some have said that type of background prepares him for an active role in the Transformation taking place within the Army.

"The CSA has laid out a very broad effort that will help us realize our vision," White said, referring to the revolution begun by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, shortly after moving to the Army's top military job.

"The Transformation is not merely about the revolution taking place in military affairs. It's not just about the interim brigades we're building. We must also change how we run our institutions. We must get more involvement by private-sector sources in revitalizing our infrastructure.

"What everyone needs to realize about the Transformation is that we've done it before (post Vietnam), we have to do it, we're going to do it, and we're committed to doing it," he said. "And I promise you one thing. You're going to enjoy it."

Other issues the newly appointed secretary promised action on were:

- Issuing black berets, and getting brass plaques in U.S. textile facilities that say, "We make the berets for the finest Army in the world!"

- Revisiting the national security goals that drive the currently high operations tempo deploying U.S. forces on missions around the world.

- Reducing the mandatory requirements higher headquarters place on subordinate units to return more training time to local commanders.

- Continuing to integrate the active and Reserve components to make the Army a true Army of One.

- Building an Army personnel system that helps, rather than harms, unit cohesion and readiness.

(Editor's note: Phil Tegtmeier, a retired sergeant first class, is managing editor of the NCO Journal.)

President enacts legislation proclaiming Flag Day observance

FLAG, from front page

1949, that President Harry Truman signed legislation making Flag Day a day of national observance.

The National Flag Day Foundation, Inc. was chartered in December 1982 as a non-profit organization. Its vision is to educate all Americans of the unifying and patriotic significance of the annual National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Foundation's specific mission is to encourage all Americans to observe National Flag Day and participate in the annual National Pause For The Pledge of Allegiance through patriotic educational programs and public awareness campaigns.

The Foundation further desires, through Pledge of Allegiance ceremonies, to provide a stage upon which all Americans, led by the President of the United States, repeat the thirty-one words that honor America to show the world that we truly are a united people.

(Editor's note: Information courtesy of The National Flag Day Foundation, Inc. Web site,



<http://www.flagday.org/Pages/FlagdayHome.html>.)

Community Notes

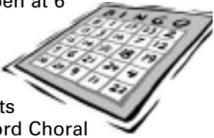
**FRIDAY
JUNE 15
BASKET BINGO**

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.

The fundraiser benefits the Harford Choral Society.

To purchase tickets, call Joanne, 410-939-9642, or Arlene Raymond and Phyllis Gilbert, 410-273-7332.



**SATURDAY
JUNE 16
FAMILY HIKE IN
PERRYVILLE**

The Baltimore Walking Club, your friendly area volk-marchers, are sponsoring 5, 10, and 20 kilometer family hikes in Perryville on Saturday, June 16. Start any time between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Community Park Pavilion. Participation for fun and fitness is free and open to everyone. Optional IVV credit is \$2 per person. For more information, contact Bill, 410-592-8440.

FUNDRAISER AT LOCK HOUSE

The Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House is sponsoring an evening of "Wine and Jazz,"

7 to 11 p.m. at the Havre de Grace Community Center, on Lagaret Drive. This is our ninth annual wine and jazz fundraiser. Music will be by "The Gentlemen of Jazz" for your listening or dancing pleasure. There will also be a special guest appearance by Mickey Light of Baltimore, performing "Sounds of Sinatra."

Gourmet light refreshments will be served with wine and other beverages. There will be a live auction, a silent auction, a raffle, and door prizes, to benefit the museum.

Special auction items include a chair from the old Bayou Hotel, hand painted by one of our local artists, four Ravens tickets with parking, a hull or model of a ship by Martin Hoover, a sculpture of a decoy carver by Jackie Hoover, a 1920s walnut child's desk, an antique silk beaded scarf and other items.

The raffle prize is a \$500 savings bond, and the door prizes are two Longaberger® baskets filled with exciting and delicious items. To order raffle tickets call 410-939-4010, 410-939-2352 or 410-272-3017.

To purchase tickets, call 410-939-4297 or 410-939-5780. Cost is \$25 or \$30 if purchased at the door.



**SUNDAY
JUNE 17
FATHER'S DAY JAZZ
SPECIAL**

A special Father's Day jazz per-

formance featuring "X-TET" will be held 5 to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Aberdeen. Tickets cost \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door. A free buffet will be served

For tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Copeland, 1-877-937-9936.

**MONDAY
JUNE 18
EFMP BOWLING NIGHT**

Exceptional Family Members and their families are invited for an evening of fun at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Bowling Center, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

EFMs and their families will be offered bowling at a reduced rate.

For special accommodations, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, 410-278-7474/7478.

**MONDAY
JUNE 18 to 25
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

The St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, is conducting Vacation Bible School, June 18 to 25, 6:15 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The program will offer Bible study, music, arts and crafts.

Light snacks will be served each night. Classes are available for all age groups.

**SATURDAY
JUNE 23
SHOPPING IN NEW YORK**

A shopping trip to New York City will leave the Edgewood Recreation Center, building E-4140, at 6 a.m.

The bus will arrive in Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, at 10 a.m. and returns to APG at 10 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person.

Deadline for payments is June 14. Call Londa Rosette or Serena Patterson to reserve a seat, 410-836-4992 or 410-836-4703/4712, or cell phone 443-570-5959.

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
SPECIALTY MEAL**

The annual Independence Day Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, noon to 1:30 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 civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.65 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

Independence Day specialty meal menu: Barbecued ribs, barbecued chicken, grilled hamburgers/cheeseburgers, grilled bratwurst, grilled frankfurters, baked beans, buttered corn on the cob, buttered green beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, assorted relish trays, assorted potato chips, assorted fresh fruits, assorted pastries, assorted beverages and assorted condiments.

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

(NOTE: Menu is subject to change without notice.)

**SATURDAY
JULY 7
WACVA MONTHLY
MEETING**

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will hold their July meeting of the Maryland Free State Chapter 10 a.m. at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace at noon. They will have a swearing in of officers, a short meeting and lunch.

All women who have served or

are serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Army Corps, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to attend. Also welcome, as associate members, are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. For more information about the association, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040, or visit Web sites www.wacva.com or www.armywomen.org.

**SUNDAY
JUNE 24
WOMEN'S DAY SERVICE**

Ames United Methodist Church, 112 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, will hold its Women In White Service at 10:30 a.m. The guest minister will be Reverend Cynthia Woods from 3rd Street Church of God, Washington, D.C. Contact Vicky Wright or Debra Levy, 410-838-0161, for additional information.

**SATURDAY
JUNE 30
WACVA BAKE SALE**

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Maryland Free State Chapter No. 70 will hold a bake sale at the Aberdeen Proving Ground PX, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will fund ongoing projects to help women veterans of Maryland. For more information, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040.

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 17
ALABAMA BENEFIT
CONCERT**

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will host the Metris 14th Annual Benefit Concert for Cystic Fibrosis, 7:30 p.m., at the Baltimore Arena. The event will feature Country Group of the Decade, Alabama.

Tickets go on sale 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, and can be purchased from Ticketmaster, 410-481-SEAT. For more information about the benefit concert, cystic fibrosis or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, call 410-771-9000.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50

THE MUMMY RETURNS

Friday, June 15, 7 p.m.



Starring: Brendan Fraser, Rachel Wiesz

A chain of events find the corpse of Imhotep resurrected, the mummy Imhotep walks the earth once more, determined to fulfill his quest for immortality. But another force has also been set loose in the world, one born of the darkest rituals of ancient Egyptian mysticism, and even more powerful than

Imhotep. When these two forces clash, the fate of the world will hang in balance. (Rated PG-13)

The theater will be closed on Saturday, June 16, in preparation for the Classic Rock Concert at 7:30 p.m. at Shine Sports Field.

MWR UPDATE

All craft classes are held at the Edgewood Arts and Crafts Center, building E-4440, which is open Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 to 5 p.m. For information, call 410-436-2153, during operating hours.

Stained glass class

A beginning stained glass class will be held on Saturday, June 23, 9:30 to 1:30 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 June 28, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Students must bring an 8 by 10 inch picture to frame, and pre register in advance. 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. Photographs, diplomas, limited-edition prints, posters, oil paintings or just about anything can be framed. 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.

Two locations are available for all your framing needs, one in Aberdeen in building 2407, and another in Edgewood in building E-4440.

For information, call 410-278-4207 or 410-436-2153.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

New Non-fiction books

Blackbird Singing: Poems and Lyrics, 1965-1999 by Paul McCartney

Mayo Clinic on Managing Diabetes edited by Maria Collazo-Clavell

Sister Wendy's Impressionist Masterpieces by Wendy Beckett



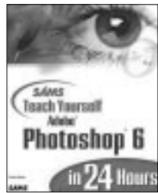
The Japanese Kitchen: 250 Recipes in a Traditional Spirit by Hiroko Shimbo

The Seven Sins of Memory: How the Mind Forgets and Remembers by Daniel Schacter

Severed Trust: Why American Medicine Hasn't Been Fixed by George Lundberg

The Complete War of the Worlds: Mars' Invasion of the Earth from H.G. Wells to Orson Wells (with sound disc) edited by Brian Holmsten

I'm Turning on My iMac, Now What? by Chris Sandlund



Start Small, Finish Big: Fifteen Key Lessons to Start - and Run - Your Own Successful Business by Fred DeLuca

Sams Teach Yourself Adobe Photoshop 6 in 24 Hours by Carla Rose

The operating hours of the Aberdeen Area library are Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, closed and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Edgewood Area library will be closed Sunday through Tuesday and Saturday; and open Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071. Hours are Monday and Thursday, 12 to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 to 7 p.m., and Friday, 12 to 4 p.m.

Two APG-based CHPPM officers named top optometrists for 2001



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Ken Whitwell, seated at the computer, and Air Force Lt. Col. Robert S. Buckingham are part of the team of optometrists from the Army, Navy and Air Force who work together in the Tri-Services Vision Conservation and Readiness offices, located at the U. S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

By Sheila Little
APG News

The Armed Forces Optometry Society has named two Aberdeen Proving Ground military officers based at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine as the top Optometrist and Junior Optometrist of the Year. The awards, based on optometry leadership, service and dedication to the Armed Forces, other service to the Armed Forces, and optometry service to the public, have been awarded since 1993 to a senior AFOS member, with over 10 years experience, and a junior member, under 10 years of service.

Air Force Lt. Col. Robert S. Buckingham, of the Tri-Service Vision Conservation and Readiness Program at CHPPM, has been named Optometrist of the Year. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Whitwell, of the same program, has been named Junior Optometrist of the Year.

This is the first time that two optometrists working out of the same office have been recognized as top senior and junior optometrists by AFOS.

The Tri-Service Vision Conservation and Readiness Program, which had its beginnings at the former Edgewood Arsenal in the 1940s, was officially established at CHPPM in 1997 to serve as the headquarters for an intra-service sharing of eye-injury prevention techniques between the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Prior to the establishment of the Tri-Service office, all three branches were doing similar work.

Brig. Gen. Lester Martinez-Lopez, commander of CHPPM, described Buckingham and Whitwell as great representatives of their military branches and experts in the field of optometry, as well as vital members of the Tri-service program, community participants, and volunteers.

"They are top-notch optometrists, big-time contributors to the command, and very

involved in the community," said Martinez.

"I am very proud of both of them, and very proud to have them at CHPPM," he said.

Lt. Col. Robert S. Buckingham

Buckingham, Defense Vision Information System Manager, has been involved with the program at CHPPM for the last five years. Pleased to be recognized for his career and community contributions, the Michigan native said he is most proud of the success of the vision readiness program.

"We've proven that our program is cost-effective, in that we've saved the Department of Defense between \$4 and \$5 million over the last 4 1/2 years," he said.

Buckingham is credited for being the first program manager for the Tri-Service Spectacle Request Transmission System, that saved the Defense Department over \$300,000 and decreased world-wide turn-around time for eye glasses by an estimated 25 percent, developing a computerized eye injury reporting system, conducting a first of its kind vision readiness study that disclosed nearly 46 percent of warfighters were not optically ready for deployment, and creating a federal service optometry seminar to educate military optometrists, with an estimated annual savings to the Department of Defense of \$25,000, are among his many contributions over the last several years.

In addition, Buckingham has been an active volunteer in the community. He is a merit badge and eagle scout counselor for Boy Scout Troop 429, a volunteer coach for youth services basketball, baseball and soccer, and an active, ten year member of Christmas in April, an organization that assists low-income, elderly and handicapped owners in refurbishing their homes.

Buckingham resides with his wife, Kim, and children, J.J., 13, and Brittany, 11, on Hopkins Loop.

Completing 20 years of military service, Buckingham retires at the end of the month and returns to his native Michigan, becoming Director of Clinics at the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University.

Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Whitwell

A six-year member of the Navy, Whitwell became the Tri-service Education and Training Manager nearly two years ago, following the completion of a MBA and Clinical Management Fellowship at State University of New York (SUNY) College of Optometry. The first navy optometrist to attend the two-year program, his thesis won the Feldman Award for best project for the class of 1999. While attending the program, Whitwell was recognized for his recruiting efforts, and is the only optometrist to have been awarded the Navy Recruiting Gold Wreath of Merit.

Whitwell is credited with revising administrative and eligibility requirements for contact lenses for submariners. He has updated the vision conservation and readiness course, which offers accreditation for optometrists, nurses and industrial hygiene personnel, and developed an eye protection survey to assess eye hazards and protection behavior of Department of Defense personnel for work, home and recreation.

In addition, he is a mentor and consultant for the military's MBA and Fellowship program at SUNY and serves on the executive planning program for the program.

Selected to represent the Navy on a humanitarian mission to Samoa, he provided eye care to the indigent population.

While at APG, he has served his community as a youth services basketball coach and as a youth mentor for Edgewood Middle School students. As a mentor, volunteers spend several hours each week assisting with homework, playing sports, and interacting one-on-one as a positive influence for community youths.

The Navy officer resides on
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Sports & Recreation

HHC 16th overpowers HHC 143rd, 13-1



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

At the plate, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion's Clinton Ham zeroes in on an incoming pitch for a grounder up the middle in the second inning of the June 6 matchup with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion. HHC 16th won 13-1 for a three-way tie for the lead in the American Division with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Noncommissioned Officer Academy and U.S. Marine Corps Detachment.

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground softball teams hit the ground running during the first week of intramural softball. The season got underway June 4 and concludes Aug. 22. Three divisions consisting of 20 teams hold the promise of a long hot battle for the post-season championship.

In American Division action on June 6, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion dominated Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion in a 13-1 thrashing that left the winner a commanding 2-0 start and a share of first place in the division.

"We're looking pretty good so far," HHC 143rd coach Tony Vasquez said, adding that the team finished in second-place in the preseason tournament.

According to HHC 16th coach Joe Jefferson, it was "all good."

"We skipped the tournament but we had a good opening night, a good practice for tonight, and a good defense is our strong suit," Jefferson said.

The team's offense wasn't bad either.

HHC 16th scored the game's first run off a solo shot by Lester Daniels in the bottom of the first inning, but it was the barrage of hits for eight runs in the third inning that put the game away.

A two-run single by Charles Reavill followed a two-run double by Kelvin Callicutt. With runners on first and third and no outs, HHC 143rd coach Tony Vasquez chose to walk Daniels and pitch to Kenneth Davis who cleared the bases with a liner to right that

tipped off the glove of HHC 143rd first baseman Ranch Rolland and sailed into the outfield. With Davis in for a double, Donny Caver drove a run-scoring grounder up the middle.

HHC 143rd pitcher Jason Scott tightened up and retired the next three batters but the damage was done.

Down 13-0 in the bottom of the fourth, HHC 143rd was determined to avoid the shutout. With runners on first and third, and two outs, Jesse Bell drove in the team's only run with a bloop to center. A pop-up ended the inning and that was essentially the end of the game, though it lasted one more inning.

"We didn't come out to play today," Vasquez said of his team's performance.

"They just had too many good hits."

Pleased with the outcome, but "not satisfied," Jefferson said the team has yet to reach its full potential.

"There were too many innings without runs," he said. "By the end of the season we should be dominating," he added, noting that the team goal is to win the post championship.

A major player in the HHC 16th victory was pitcher Kenneth Davis who kept several batters off the bases with strikeouts, pop-ups and grounders.

Recently transferred from Germany, where he played on championship basketball, football and softball teams at the company and community level, Davis said he plans to help the team reach its goal.

"We'll get it back," he predicted. "All we have to do is get out there and play hard."

New rules for APG deer hunting

APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground officials have developed a new set of rules governing deer hunting on post. The new rules, worked out through negotiations with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, allow the installation to manage its deer herd effectively while meeting state natural resource management goals.

"In the past several years the rules the state had adopted, which were designed to increase deer harvests across the state, had a reverse impact on the proving ground," said Jim Pottie, fish and wildlife biologist with the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment. "They had a negative impact on our herd. The new rules should help us manage our herd better. Both the state and the proving ground worked very hard to come up with guidelines that will help everyone."

According to Pottie, APG hunters need to be aware of the new rules to plan their hunting activities this fall at APG.

"Under the final rules," he said, "APG can set the season and bag limits as long as they are within the general framework of the state's season. **Deer taken at APG will not count against the state harvest.** A bonus deer stamp is needed, but out-of-state hunters



may purchase a \$5 federal facility stamp."

Pottie said the rules are similar to those in effect three years ago.

"The only difference is the requirement for bonus stamps," he said. "We gained some useful tools by trying the state's regular and black powder seasons."

During the 1999 and 2000

hunting seasons, deer harvest numbers were down significantly, having a negative impact on both the hunters and the herd, Pottie said. The changes for the 2001 season are expected to reverse the trend. This year APG will stay close to the state seasons but will start the firearms season on Thanksgiving Day.

"This year a hunter may take 12 deer on post, and 12 deer hunting off-post. That should be enough venison for any family," Pottie said. "The results of this year's season will be analyzed to set limits next year. By adjusting season duration and bag limits we can maintain the herd at levels that are healthy for the overall deer population and meet the needs of the on- and off-post

hunting communities. It is especially gratifying to be able to meet APG's requirements and still maintain parity with the state's rules. And because the new framework was established under new state federal facilities legislation, the process is going to benefit all federal facilities in Maryland, not just APG."

Soccer registration June 19

Youth soccer for children ages 4 to 14 is from August to the beginning of November. Registration is Tuesday, June 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522, and at the Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902. Cost is \$30 per person and 10 percent discount for two or more children from the same family.

If your child is not registered with the Youth

Center, this can be done at the same time. The mandatory registration fee is \$15 for the year. Contact Scott Cottrell in the Edgewood area at 410-436-2862 and Eric Henderson at 410-278-4995 in the Aberdeen area.

Coaches and two referees are needed for this program. If interested, contact Bill Kegley at 410-306-2297.

Don't forget to bring your child's sports physical.



Youth tennis lessons

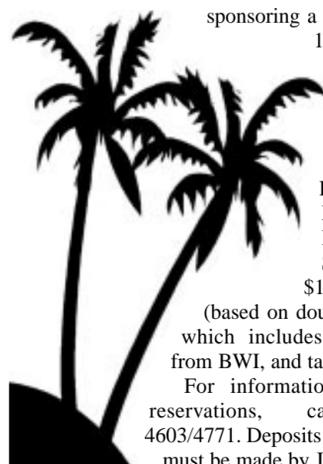
Registration for the youth tennis program in the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Youth centers will be held June 19 and 26, 5 to 7 p.m., building 2522 in the Aberdeen Area and building E-1902 in the Edgewood Area. The cost is \$40 for eligible youth and \$45 for guests.

Classes in Aberdeen will be held Monday and Wednesday beginning June 25 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center (next to the swimming pool). Registrants will report from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on June 25 and will be placed in the appropriate class beginning on Wednesday June 27. For more information, call Eric Henderson at 410-278-4995.

Classes in Edgewood will be held every Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the tennis courts by the Bayside Pool. For more information, call Scott Cattrell at the Edgewood Center at 410-436-2862.

MWR offers Caribbean cruise

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a cruise, Oct. 6 to 13. They will stop at St. Thomas, Tortola, Roseau (Dominican Republic), Martinique, Barbados and St. Kitts. Price is \$1,075 per person (based on double occupancy), which includes cruise, airfare from BWI, and taxes. For information or to make reservations, call 410-278-4603/4771. Deposits and reservations must be made by June 21.



Softball scores

The following results were reported for intramural softball for the week ending June 8.

American Division

Results

June 4

USMC, 18; NCOA, 13
HHC 16, 22; 203rd MI, 7
HHC 143rd, 20; HHC 61st, 3

June 6

HHC 16th, 13; HHC 143rd, 1
NCOA, 20; 203rd MI, 5
USMC, 16; KUSAHC, 3

Schedule

June 19

6:30 p.m., 203rd MI vs. USMC
7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 16th
8:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. HHC 61st

June 20

6:30 p.m., USMC vs. HHC 16th
7:30 p.m., 203rd MI vs. HHC 61st
8:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. KUSAHC

Standings

NCOA	2-0
USMC	2-0
HHC 16th	2-0
HHC 143rd	1-1
HHC 61st	0-1
KUSAHC	0-1
203rd MI	0-2

National Division

Results

June 4

USAF, 22; USMC, 0
Company E 16th, 9; Company C 16th, 4

June 6

Company E 16th, 10; USMC, 3
USAF, 23; Company A 16th, 9
Company C 16th, 16; Company B 16th, 2

Schedule

June 18

6:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. HST
7:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. USAF
8:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. USMC

June 19

6:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company C 16th
7:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. HST
8:30 p.m., USAF vs. Company E 16th

June 20

6:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. Company A 16th
7:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. USMC
8:30 p.m., HST vs. Company C 16th

Standings

Company E 16th	2-0
USAF	2-0
Company C 16th	1-1
USMC	0-2
Company A 16th	0-1
Company B 16th	0-1
HST	0-0

Edgewood Division

Results

June 4

520th TAML, 17; CHPPM, 5
SBCCOM/Company C 143rd, postponed
Company B 143rd, 12; Company A 143rd, 9

June 6

SBCCOM, 20; CHPPM, 0
Company A, 143rd, 10; 520th TAML, 4
Company B 143rd, 13; Company C 143rd, 12

Schedule

June 18

6:30 p.m., 520th TAML vs. Company B 143rd
7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. CHPPM
8:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. SBCCOM

June 20

6:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company A 143rd
7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. SBCCOM
8:30 p.m., 520th TAML vs. CHPPM

Standings

Company B 143rd	2-0
SBCCOM	1-0
Company A 143rd	1-1
520th TAML	1-1
Company C 143rd	0-1
CHPPM	0-2

Soldiers participate in "Relay for Life"

By Ed Starnes
OC&S

The Wheel Track and Recovery Department, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 16th Ordnance Battalion and Edgewood Elementary School teamed up to raise money and spirits during the seventh annual Harford County "Relay for Life."

From Friday evening into Saturday morning at least one member of a 14-member team of soldiers and family members was on the track at Edgewood High School at all times as the group worked to help raise funds for cancer research. During their time on the track, the team ran or walked for a combined total of 60 miles.

On the final lap, the entire team joined in and carried the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion guidon and wore their P.T. uniforms.

In addition to raising \$500 in donations for the

American Cancer Society, the team also provided a camouflage face-painting area and painted the faces of 30 children and 10 adults.

Joining together in the effort from the 143rd

Ordnance Battalion were 1st Sgt. Isauro Lopez, and Staff Sgt. Andrew Climovech, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Holloway, HHC, 143rd Ordnance Battalion and Edgewood Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association president, Staff Sgt. George Henderson, Company B, Jantzen Henderson, HHC, family member, Staff Sgts. Paul Ingham, Luis Lefert, Annette Thompson, HHC, Jeri Thompson, family member, Staff Sgt. James Trunck, HHC, Spc. Timothy Senn, HHC, Pvt. Jeremy Peterson, HHC, and Master Sgt. Donna Lewis, Maryland National Guard and Edgewood Elementary School assistant principal.



Son follows father's lead in off-road racing

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In 1990, a young sergeant attending the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Noncommissioned Officer Academy was featured in the APG News as the first African-American international motocross rider. Today, that NCO is again assigned to APG, this time with a young son who is following in his footsteps.

Aaron M. Diamond, the 12-year-old son of Sgt. 1st Class Darrell R. Diamond, has been riding motor bikes since he was a 4-year old growing up near Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas.

Last year, he won first-place in the 2000 New Jersey State Hare Scramble Championship in the 7 to 11 year-old category riding an 80cc class motorbike, and two weeks ago he won round 5 in the Virginia State Hare Scramble Competition for his age group.

Having recently signed on with the Michelin motorcycle race support group and with the Klotz racing support team, like his father, Diamond said he wants to be a nautical off-road champion.

"Racing is hard work but it's also fun," the younger Diamond said. "I like it so much because it keeps me alert."

He added that the toughest part about competing is evaluating the competition and the courses.

"Off road is a great experience once you have your timing and you're flowing through the woods," he said. "I can't describe the feeling."

A sixth-grader on the Principal's Honor Roll and a student at Aberdeen Middle School, Diamond also plays on the school soccer team and was a member of the Aberdeen Area Youth Center's undefeated 2000 basketball team, the APG Hoopsters. He said math is his favorite subject and that this time next year he hopes to help out his dad as a part-time mechanic.

His father, Darrell Diamond, is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

An accomplished rider since 1988 with more than 10 wins in the U.S.

and Germany under his belt, he was the first African-American to win the National Enduro Series in 1993 and the first selected to the International Six Day Enduro in Tulsa, Okla. in 1994. He stopped competing in 1996 to serve as his son's mechanic and mentor. The only rider in the Armed Forces to ever receive financial backing from the United States Military Sports Association, Diamond said he has enjoyed watching his son grow into the sport.

"He got his first dirt bike at age 4, but he rode it into a fence and didn't like it much after that," the elder Diamond said, adding the Suzuki Jr. bike with training wheels was a gift from a co-worker.

On the way to Korea at the time, he told his son that if he could ride a two-wheeled bike without training wheels when he got back, he would buy him a new 50cc dirt bike.

"By the time I got back he was riding without the wheels," Diamond recalled.

With his first 50cc bike, the younger Diamond entered his first race at age 6 in Murray, Ky., where he finished in fifth place. His first first-place win came in Cadiz, Ky., that same year. He also won the 1998 60cc Motocross championship at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Noting that courses are shorter for young riders, Aaron Diamond said he hopes to return to the south where racing opportunities are more plentiful.

Adequate practice facilities also are hard to come by, with the nearest track in Hanover, Pa., he added.

Though Aaron's mom, Angela Diamond doesn't ride, she attends many of the races when she is not busy with his sister, Desirae, 7, who also is active in sports, and in dance. She said she doesn't worry about safety as much as one might think, because the sport is very safety conscious.

"They require the use of helmets, chest protectors, heavy boots and other precautions," she said. "It's not as scary as it looks."

The Diamonds live in Bayside Village.



Photo by DARRELL DIAMOND
Aaron Diamond zooms through the woods in preparation for an upcoming race.

PMCD recognizes organizations for role in environmental restoration operations



Photo courtesy of Rocky Mountain Arsenal
An operator slides one of six sarin bomblets into the Explosive Destruction System vessel. The EDS safely and effectively neutralized all six bomblets recovered at Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colorado.

By Jeff Lindblad
PMCD

The Product Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel, Lt. Col. Christopher M. Ross, held a special recognition awards ceremony on May 29 at the Edgewood Area Post Theater. James L. Bacon, Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, attended and presented several civilian service awards.

The awards ceremony recognized the many government and contractor employees who played key roles and were instrumental in the successful emergency destruction of six nerve agent filled bomblets uncovered at Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colo., during environmental restoration operations at the installation.

In January 2001, the U.S. Army's Explosive Destruction System, known as the EDS, successfully and safely destroyed six bomblets containing the nerve agent "sarin" at RMA. The first bomblet was destroyed on

Sunday, January 28 and a bomblet was destroyed every other day until Feb. 9.

Removing the risk posed by the six bomblets required the cooperation of several organizations—Army personnel representing the Non-Stockpile Project, the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, and U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit, as well as Army contractor organizations. The success of the operation was the result of five years of design, development and testing of a transportable system that was a mere concept in 1996.

The EDS will be used to support the on-going installation restoration program at Aberdeen Proving Ground whenever an unsafe chemical munition is recovered.

The system is designed to safely treat and dispose of chemical warfare materiel recovered on-site that is determined to be unsafe to handle. One of the driving forces

in developing the EDS was to develop a transportable system to safely detonate unstable recovered chemical munitions inside a sealed pressure vessel and then neutralize any chemical agent, thereby preventing the release of metal fragments and chemical agent into the environment.

The EDS was on display at the ceremony.

The U.S. Army Product Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel is the Army's lead organization for developing treatment systems for the disposal of recovered chemical warfare materiel. The PM NSCM is part of the Army's Chemical Demilitarization Program, established in the mid-1980s, to safely and efficiently destroy the nation's chemical weapons.

For more information, contact PMCD Public Affairs Office, 410-436-4555.

Local trucking firm helps scouts earn merit badge

By Sheila Little
APG News

Price Trucking, located on Philadelphia Road in Aberdeen, played host to a group of 13 to 15 year-olds, as members of Boy Scout Troop 429 were welcomed to the local trucking firm as a part of their quest to complete requirements for a transportation merit badge.

Accompanied by Stanley Edwards, who taught the first merit badge phase at a previous scout meeting, the boys were led through the many aspects of the trucking business, from dispatch to delivery. The visit included a review of safety, dispatch, load tracking and maintenance, and

was topped off with a question and answer period with a long haul driver of 15 years experience. The visitors were granted access to a trucker's rig, where scouts took the opportunity to check out the cab and view the sleeping area of a driver's 18-wheel rig.

Wayne Price, company president, said the firm was pleased to play host to the Scouts, whom he described as pleasant and very interested.

"The Scouts were really attentive, really willing to learn," Price said.

Active in the community, Price added that in addition to helping Scouts earn the trucking merit badge, company representatives

visit area schools and participate in local parades, emphasizing safety and explaining blind spots.

Scott Gaddis, safety director at Price Trucking, served as tour guide for Troop 429. After reviewing safety requirements and showing how to fill out a safety log, Scouts visited the operations center, where dispatchers keep in touch with drivers and their loads via telephone and, in some cases, the Internet.

Moving on, the boys, from a safe distance, were able to view some of the on-site repairs and routine maintenance necessary to keep big rigs running smoothly and safely.

After an overview of the trucking operation, "Popeye" Gillis Goodly answered questions about life on the road and allowed the Scouts access to his cab and sleeping area so they could see the living and working space of a trucker, first hand.

Edwards said touring a trucking firm was one of the necessary requirements for the Scout's transportation merit badge, and he was pleased that Price Trucking was so willing to go out of its way to help the boys earn the badge.

Once the details were worked out and the scouts took the tour, they were surprised at all they learned about the trucking business.

"The boys thought you just got into a truck and drove, so they learned a lot," Edwards said.

The Scouts were especially surprised and impressed with the planning and coordination that went into trucking things from place to place.

"They had no idea of what went on 'behind the scenes,'" Edwards said.

Representing Boy Scout Troop 429, troop member Joshua Edwards and his father re-visited Price Trucking May 21, to thank their tour guides and present a certificate of appreciation to the firm.

Josh said he and other troop members were still talking about their visit, and the great time they had seeing what goes into operating a trucking company and driving a rig.

"I was really surprised about how you have to do those charts ahead of time before you go out on the road," Josh said. "There's a lot of planning that goes into it."

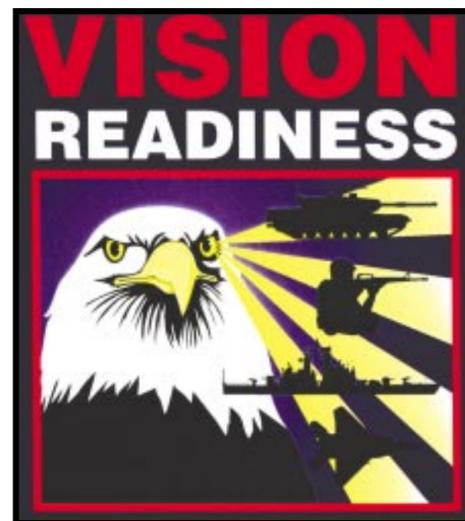
Tracing a shipment from pickup to delivery, the Scouts came to Price Trucking with lots of questions, and left two hours later with their curiosity and appetites satisfied. The teen visitors finished the tour munching on snacks and wearing Price Trucking baseball caps, supplied by the firm. In addition, all 15 participants earned the transportation merit badge.

Remembering previous tours of the trucking company, Gaddis said the experience with Troop 429, "was the biggest and best tour we've done yet."

The merit badge counselor agreed that it was a great experience for everyone involved.

"The boys said it was the best merit badge they've ever earned," Edwards said.

Optometrists focus on excellence



OPTOMETRISTS, from page 8
Scully Road with his wife Amy, and seven-month old son, Zane.

Whitwell said he is honored to be recognized by other members of AFOS, and is pleased that others are becoming more aware of the work of the Tri-Service program.

"We were all doing similar work, before the program was established," Whitwell said. "Now we're able to work on the same issues together, and speak with a unified voice."

He added that results of the program include millions of dollars in savings for the government, a greater influence with three military branches speaking as one, and faster results for program beneficiaries.

Lt. Col. Don McDuffie, also of the Tri-Service team, has worked with both honorees for the past

two years. He said the relatively new optometry program has grown and benefited from the contributions of the AFOS-recognized optometrists.

"The Tri-Service program has been a good learning experience," McDuffie said. "Through the program, we've been able to work with the three services, share information, and create an economy of scale. We've saved money for the Defense Department and improved service to beneficiaries."

McDuffie said Buckingham and Whitwell are two great examples of the caliber of officers participating in the vision conservation and readiness program.

"They are exceptional officers and it's been a great experience being able to work with them," he said.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Joshua Edwards, 13, representing Boy Scout Troop 429, second from right, presents a certificate of appreciation to Wayne Price, president of Price Trucking, while Stanley Edwards, left, troop merit badge counselor, and Scott Gaddis, far right, safety director for Price Trucking, look on.

Army Transformation promotes responsiveness to challenges of 21st century

BIRTHDAY, from front page

13 English colonies scattered along the Atlantic seaboard to a superpower whose influence reaches around the globe.

The U.S. Army has contributed immeasurably to the rise of the American nation, first as the shield of the republic during its vulnerable early years and later as a means to project power in defense of American interests worldwide.

The Army's contributions, however, go far beyond the role of a military force. Its ready availability as a source of disciplined and skilled personnel has made it an attractive option for American leaders confronted with a wide array of nonmilitary demands and crises.

Today's Army continues to perform a long list of missions in support of American foreign policy and in response to domestic needs.

The collapse of the Warsaw Pact has shifted the main focus of the Army's activities since World War II, as ancient hatreds and old rivalries, many released by the demise of the old bipolar international struc-

ture, have created conflict and chaos in many parts of the world. In Korea, the Army still defends an armed border against a powerful enemy dedicated to the reunification of the country under communist rule. Despite the destruction of much of Saddam Hussein's military capability in Desert Storm, further military action in the Persian Gulf region remains likely. The Army continues to support American foreign policy with peacekeeping missions in such locations as Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, and East Timor, and it has worked extensively with foreign and domestic agencies to curb terrorism.

Having become involved in drug interdiction in the 1980s, the Army works closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency, the U.S. Customs Service, and foreign agencies to halt the flow of illicit drugs into the United States.

Initially, the Army merely loaned equipment; now it also trains and transports personnel and shares

intelligence.

From California and Florida to Kurdistan and Somalia, the Army has aided victims of floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, war, famine, oil spills, forest fires, and other natural and man-made disasters.

It has helped with toxic waste removal as part of the Superfund cleanup program. It has even provided helicopters and paramedics to communities lacking the resources to respond to medical emergencies.

While performing all these contemporary missions, the Army has sought to anticipate and prepare for the future.

Transforming the Army in order to be responsive to the diverse challenges of the 21st century will be a continuing challenge.

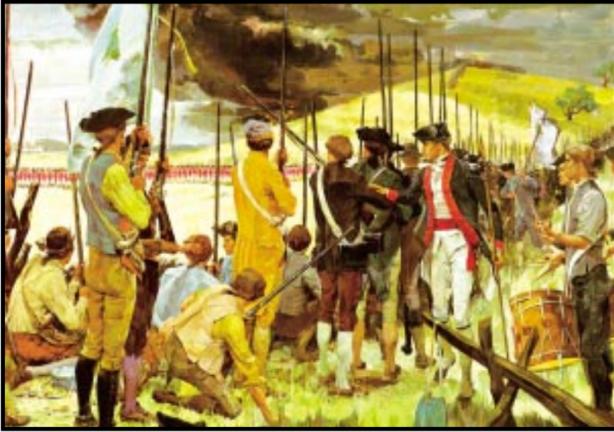
In a sense, the more things have changed for the Army's role over the last 226 years, the more they have stayed the same. Admittedly, the more activist

role of the federal government in American life since 1900 has resulted in an enhanced role for the Army in responding to such challenges as disaster relief, international terrorism, and organized crime. Nevertheless, a review of American history makes clear that the missions of the Army have always included not only its primary mission of national defense but also a number of other tasks reaching beyond defense. The precise character of the Army's missions has varied depending on the needs of the nation at a particular time, whether fighting a war for survival, developing a transportation network with skilled engineers to support it, providing disaster relief, keeping the peace, or supporting American diplomacy.

Today's "Army of One" pledges an oath to defend the U.S. against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Over 226 years, one can truly say of the Army: "When it was needed, it was there."

(Editors note: Information courtesy of Center for Military History Web site: <http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/documents/22/3-9.htm>.)



"...the whites of their eyes," Bunker Hill, Mass., artist unknown



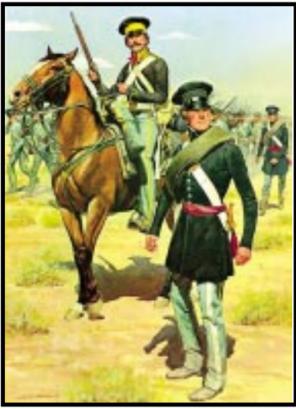
Detail from "American Troops Advancing," Northern France World War I, by Harold Brett



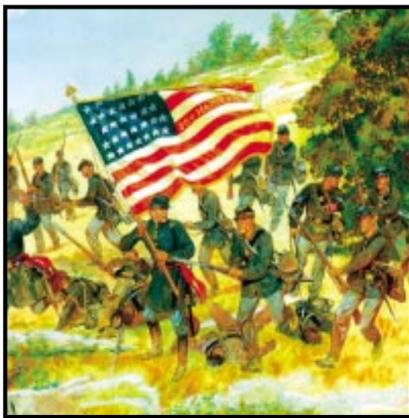
Detail from "Soldiers Getting the Word Before Setting Out from the Forward Area," Vietnam" by Theodore J. Abraham



"Scaling the Wall With a Little Help," Saudi Arabia, by Sgt. 1st Class Sieger Hartgers



"The American Soldier, 1847," The War with Mexico, Artist unknown



"The Twentieth Maine," Battle of Gettysburg, by H. Charles McBarron

Artwork from www.army.mil United States Army Art Collection



"Ready to Roll", Haiti, by Sgt. Jeffrey Manuszak



"Desert Storm 101st Style," by Sgt. 1st Class Peter G. Varisano



Detail from "Peacekeeper," Kosovo, by Master Sgt. Henrietta Snowden

Garrison organization day scheduled for June 20

The APG Garrison will hold its annual Organization Day on Wednesday, June 20, at CAPA Field in the Edgewood Area.

APG Garrison activities will be closed for the day or will be limited to services for emergencies only. All tenants and customers should plan to obtain any necessary support for that day prior to June 20. Organizations needing operational support in the event of an emergency should call 410-278-4500.

Activities for the employees and their families include golf, softball, horseshoe and volleyball tournaments, clowns, face painting, Velcro wall, Sumo wrestling, bingo, magic show, DJ and other entertainment. There will also be pony rides and a petting zoo, plus plenty of food.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6 to 12, and children less than 6 years old will be admitted free.

After June 14, tickets will cost \$15 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6 to 12.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call the following points of contact:

- Adjutant Office/Headquarters Company, Janet Dettwiler, 410-306-2303
- Chaplain Activities Office, Staff Sgt. Anthony Harris, 410-278-4333
- Office of the Commander, Patricia Shires, 410-278-1511
- Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Dave Mial, 410-278-1524
- Directorate of Community and Family Activities, Chris Lockhart, 410-278-4011

Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, Cheryl Rickey, 410-306-0561

Directorate of Information Management, Rita Miller, 410-278-3473, Charlee Lyons, 410-278-1540, Joyce Mauldin, 410-278-2941;

Directorate of Logistics, William C. Vick, 410-306-1610, Liz Payne, 410-306-1614

Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization, Skip Glascock, 410-278-2711

Directorate of Public Works, Carol Remines, 410-306-1126, Michele Miller, 410-278-3604, Sheryl Wright, 410-306-1168, Valeria Jefferson, 410-278-5516, Bernice Johnson, 410-306-2014, Nancy Sewell, 410-436-2067

Directorate of Resource Management, Carol Silva, 410-278-0720, Farrell Driesbach, 410-278-0946

Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, Barbara Coakley, 410-278-2860, Karen Jobses, 410-436-4429

Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office, Chris Vazquez, 410-278-4556

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Nora Farrell, 410-278-1107

AMC Personnel Detachment, Connie Hoffman, 410-436-8184

Dental Clinic, Judy Callahan, 410-278-1798

Defense Military Pay Office, Michelle Manning, 410-306-2370

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Tina Nierwienski, 410-278-1934, and Irene Shelton, 410-278-1902.

Public comment wanted on chemical, biological defense program Aug. 17 is deadline for public comments

By Robert J. Carton
PMCD

The Department of the Army has announced its plans to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. This EIS will assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the Chemical and Biological Defense Program.

The EIS will be used by the Department of Defense to continue to help guide its decisions concerning the CBDP.

The EIS will also provide the public with a single, up-to-date resource on information related to the CBDP.

Information on the EIS process and the Chemical and Biological Defense Program can be found on the Internet at <http://ChemBioEIS.detrick.army.mil>.

The public is requested to comment on the scope of the study and reasonable alternatives that are proposed as part of the study, by Aug. 17.

For further information or to submit comments, visit the Web site above, call 301-619-2004, or write to: Dr. Robert J. Carton, Environmental Coordinator, U.S. Army Medical Research & Materiel Command, 504 Scott Street (ATTN: MCMR-RCQ-E), Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5012, or fax 301-619-4165.

Work begins to cap landfill at Phillips -- truck traffic expected in area

By Hazoor Khan
DSHE

In compliance with the requirements of Code of Maryland Regulations, Aberdeen Proving Ground will begin work to cover the 16-acre Phillips Army Airfield Rubble Landfill.

The work will be performed in two phases. Roy F. Weston was awarded the contract to construct the cap system for the 6-acre Southwest Area, Phase I.

Beginning June 18, trucks will begin transporting soil to cover the landfill as part of the cap construction. Construction personnel and equipment have begun to assemble at the site.

Delivery of approximately 50 to 60 truckloads of material is expected each day, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The trucks will haul soil from White Marsh north on Route 40 entering the Aberdeen Area of APG via Route 715. Proceeding past Ruggles Golf Course, they will turn right at the first light onto Bush River Road, and enter the landfill to the left, just before the security

entrance to the airfield.

Work associated with the transport of soil for Phase I is expected to be completed within two months. Other construction material, such as rolls of geosynthetic liner and drainage net will be delivered by truck beginning in late June. All Phase I work at the site is expected to be complete by the end of August.

Contractor and subcontractor personnel are aware of traffic safety requirements on APG, including the posted speed limits. Personnel will be reminded of those requirements as part of the routine safety briefings each morning prior to commencing work.

Contract for Phase II, the 10-acre Northeast Area, should be awarded by the end of June with work beginning in August. The schedule for Phase II is not yet complete. Additional information regarding Phase II will be provided at a later date.

For more information about the Phillips Rubble Landfill cap construction project, call DSHE, 410-306-2278.

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Phillips Army Airfield Rubble Landfill will undergo closure and capping beginning this month. The Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment is overseeing the project. Completion is expected by the end of the year.

