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Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before turning in for the night on Saturday. Daylight-saving time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday.



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Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, April 4, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

AER seeks donations

The Army Emergency Relief campaign will run through May 31. This non-profit program endeavors to ease financial hardships experienced by Army family members. Ninety-five cents of every dollar donated to AER can be used for such things as food expenses, rent, utilities, travel emergencies, etc. Maj. Clifton Johnston, commander of Headquarters Support Troop is this year's chairman and can be reached at 410-278-2104.

Time to check smoke detectors

Having an operating smoke detector increases the chances of surviving a fire at night by 50 percent according to Andre Fournier, fire protection specialist, Fire Emergency Services Division.

When the clocks are changed twice a year, take the time to change the battery in your smoke detector. Battery-operated smoke detectors should be tested weekly, but monthly is acceptable. Since their 9-volt batteries expire within a year, it is a good practice to change them every six months.

Government housing smoke detectors are electrically hard wired so they do not require batteries. They should be tested monthly by following the manufacturer's instructions. They should be dusted every six months because dust collects in the ventilation system and can cause false alarms.

Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years because they become desensitized.

Urgent Care Clinic changes hours

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

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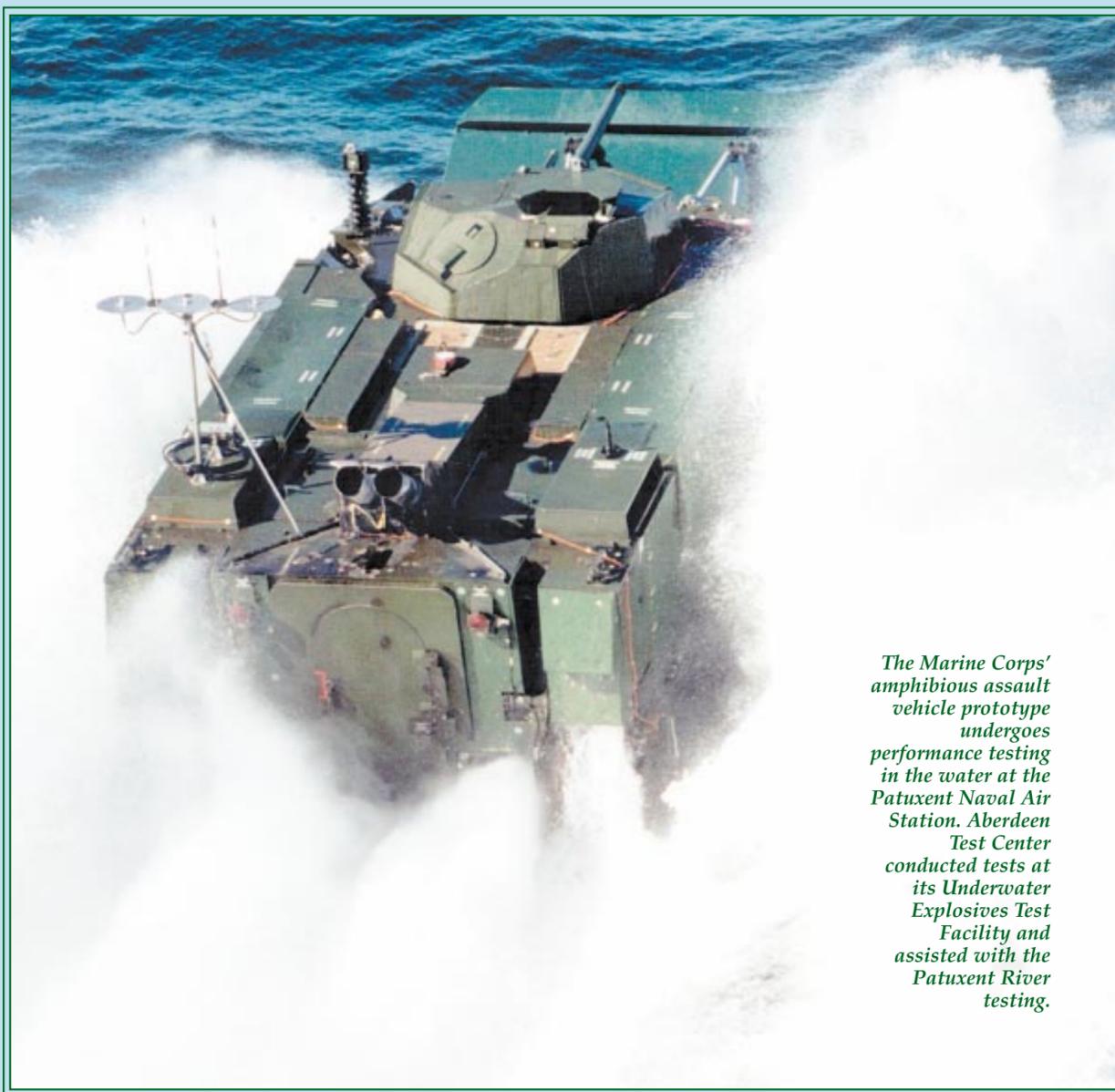
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Eagle Scout
Jake Rennebaum inducted



The Marine Corps' amphibious assault vehicle prototype undergoes performance testing in the water at the Patuxent Naval Air Station, Aberdeen Test Center conducted tests at its Underwater Explosives Test Facility and assisted with the Patuxent River testing.

Photo by MARINE CORPS GUNNERY SGT. SHAWN HAAG

ATC tests Marine Corps' amphibious prototype

By Mike Cast
DTC Public Affairs

The U.S. Marine Corps is developing a "revolutionary" amphibious assault vehicle that can be launched many miles from shore, hydroplane to shore like a jet boat, and convert to a highly mobile armored personnel carrier on land that packs a punch. The Developmental Test Command's Aberdeen Test Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground has been testing a prototype.

The Advanced Armored Assault Vehicle is designed to carry 17 combat-equipped infantry troops and a crew of three. It is also designed to run on a turbocharged diesel engine powering two high-power water jets in the rear that can propel the craft at speeds over 20 nautical miles per hour. Designers expect the engine's high horsepower to move the AAV up to 45 miles per hour on land and achieve a cross-country mobility similar to the Abrams M1A1 tank.

Tests of AAV prototype performance in the water began in January at the Patuxent Naval Air Station, Md., with another prototype arriving at ATC in July to begin testing of the system's safety and performance on land. ATC's Underwater Explosions (UNDEX) Test Facility, assisted

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APG retiree writes about women's history

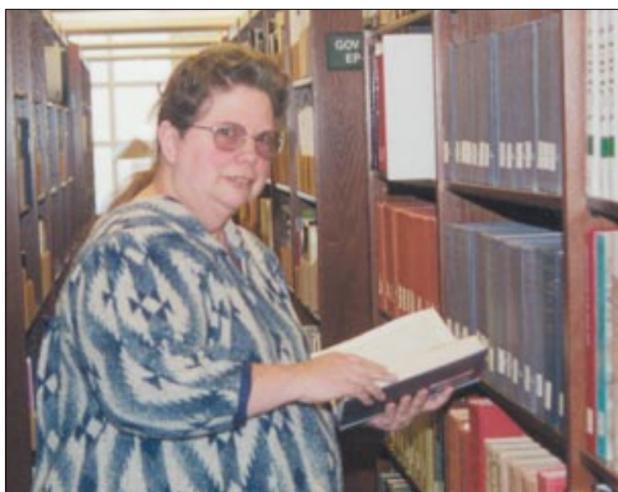


Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Alice Deck supplements her internet research on women's history by consulting texts at the Harford Community College library.

By Sheila Little
APG News

If automobile improvements, scientific discoveries, and mining innovations are not part of the list you come up with when contemplating the contributions of women in the world, you are not alone.

Over the years, women have not always received credit for their inventions and accomplishments. Explorers, political leaders, and historical figures portrayed in text books and on the screen are generally men as well, but women also have succeeded in many arenas throughout the years.

For a more complete grasp of the role of women in history, you may want to add a soon-to-be released book on the subject by local author and former Aberdeen Proving Ground employee Alice H. Deck, to your library.

The book features vignettes on well over one thousand women, covering inventors, artists, teachers, lawyers, explorers, those in the military, political arena, and medical field, among others, and lists firsts for women from around

the world, with an impressive number of "firsts" from Maryland.

Readers may not be surprised to learn that women are credited with all sorts of domestic inventions, including the ironing board, the first dishwashing machine, and an embroidery attachment for sewing machines, but may be surprised to learn that women were also behind the first solar-heated house, the laser used to read bar codes, and a spark plug insulator.

One of the first automobile turn signals is among the many inventions of a silent film actress, and she is just one example of those successful women included in the first work by Deck.

The book covers women's suffrage from the first country to grant the right to vote to all its citizens, Pitcairn Island, 1838, to Qatar, 1999, and includes chapters on African, Arabic, Asian, European, North, South and Central American women, those from the Caribbean, and Oceania women.

Female "pioneers" include Nancy "Nan' yehee" Ward, who, in

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APG hosts Army Unicenter TNG user conference

By Sheila Little
APG News

Today's modern Army may be judged by the sophistication, reach and reliability of their computer programs.

Aberdeen Proving Ground hosted The Next Generation or TNG User Group, a new federal user group chartered last summer to assist the Army and its workers procure the best financial deal, and organize and maintain a good working relationship with the software provider, March 6 and 7.

After conferences in Herndon, Va. and Anniston, Ala., over the last several months, a group of interested clients and potential TNG users braved the threat of a forecasted snow storm and visited the Enterprise Management Center at APG to compare notes, hear the pluses and minuses of the program, and speak one on one with those using the system at APG.

The EMC, in building 316, monitors and manages desktop support for the APG Garrison and the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, using TNG software from Computer Associates.

Personnel from the center highlighted their mission, handling networking issues such as problem

prediction and system failures, and showed conference attendees how proper implementation and use of the new software decreases cost and personnel, by eliminating time and manpower previously needed to solve problems.

Attendees learned many tasks can be accomplished via desktop including prediction and location of potential problems, leading to a desktop fix rather than an on-site trip to the computer.

Don Meynig, director of information management for the U.S. Army Materiel Command headquarters, and founder and chairman of the Army Unicenter TNG User Group, said the outside business community has had great success with their user groups, and thought it was time for the Army to take the lead and form one for the benefit of on-site users at military installations throughout the United States.

"I knew there were other user groups, but no federal ones," Meynig said. "My question was 'Why not?'"

He said the site on APG was chosen because the DOIM at APG Garrison is one of the first to implement the TNG software, has expertise in the TNG

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Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Senior Systems Engineer Nancy Keehan, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison's Directorate of Information Management, seated at a console in the Enterprise Management Center, demonstrates how center personnel use TNG software to manage computer operation.

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AFAP symposium addresses quality of life

Everyone is invited to attend the Army Family Action Plan Symposium XVI, intended to identify quality of life issues, April 10 through 12 at Top of the Bay. Representatives from throughout APG will participate in one of four workgroups. A special youth work group will be meet April 11 to discuss issues that concern youth in the community.

If you are interested in being a delegate or would like to find out more about the AFAP process, call Alice Surette, 410-278-5469. Everyone is also invited to the outbriefing of issues April 12, 1 p.m. at Top of the Bay.

Immunization Clinic changes hours

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

NAACP seeking nominees for award

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

ITR is selling Orioles tickets

The Information, Ticketing and Registration office is selling Orioles baseball tickets. Call 410-278-4011/4612 or stop by building 3326. Patrons can prepay to order tickets using VISA or Mastercard through April 1. All tickets have a \$2 handling fee included in the price that is nonrefundable. After April 1, tickets should be available in the ITR office.

GSA seminar for federal personnel

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

Red Cross pays tribute to heroes

The American Red Cross is looking for individuals or groups who have demonstrated an act of heroism or who have shown kindness, courage and unselfish character in helping others between March 1, 2000 and March 1, 2001. A committee of community leaders will select the award recipients. Awards will be presented at the Hometown Heroes Breakfast on June 18.

To be considered for a Hometown Heroes Award an individual must reside or be employed in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford or Howard counties only. The awards categories for employee or volunteers include Adult Good Samaritan for adults over 21; Blood Services for recruitment of donors or a blood donor; Education at any school in central Maryland; Emergency Medical Services for emergency medical technicians or ambulance personnel; Fire for city, county, state or military; Healthcare Provider at a medical center, hospital or clinic; Holocaust Center for training service or volunteer; Law Enforcement for city, county, state or military; 911 Dispatch for city, county or state; Occupational Safety for private industry, city, county or state; and Youth Good Samaritan for those under 21 years old.

The award nomination should include the details of the event and explanation of why individual is being nominated, and copies of any reports, news articles or names of witnesses. Mail nomination form to Lenora F. M. Henry, American Red Cross, 4700 Mt. Hope Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215-3231. Nomination deadline is April 13. For information or nomination form, call 410-764-7000 ext. 6278 or 1-800-737-0265.

Scholarship offered for best hero story

High school and college students are invited to send an essay about a "true hero" and compete for a \$1,000 scholarship prize for the best story. Visit www.yourtruehero.org for details, or call Gary Hale, 1-860-930-5178.

Spaces available in the RV storage lot

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

Volunteers needed

The education centers in both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas are looking for volunteer receptionists to help with the day-to-day office operations. Some duties include directing phone calls, filing, providing general information to visitors and assisting with special projects.

All of the volunteer hours accumulated, training received and skills acquired are documented and can be used to advantage when filling out future job applications.

Anyone interested in learning more about these positions should contact Dori Lawton, education specialist, at 410-278-3515 or Alice Surette, volunteer coordinator, at 410-278-5469.

Volunteer Connection seeking help

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

Lunchtime Tobacco Cessation class

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m., April 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the preventive medicine conference room (Room A-12) at Kirk Army Health Clinic. All military beneficiaries are invited to attend. For more information and to register for the first class, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964. Class size is limited.

Evening Tobacco Cessation class

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., April 3, 10, 17 and 24 in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12) at Kirk Army Health Clinic. All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are invited to attend. For more information and to register for the first class, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964. Class size is limited, so call to register.

"Healthy Eating" class

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., April 5, 12, 19 and 26 in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12) at Kirk Army Health Clinic. All TRICARE beneficiaries with a desire to learn more about healthy eating, parents and sponsors of children with healthy eating concerns, are invited to attend. For more information and to register for the first class, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Diabetes education classes

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., April 3, 10, 17 and 24 in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12) at Kirk Army Health Clinic. All TRICARE-enrolled individuals with diabetes or parents or sponsors of a diabetic are invited to attend classes taught by a certified diabetic educator and registered dietician. For more information and to register for the first class, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

MCSC has funds for charities, organizations

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

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

Summer program has openings

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

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

ets and appointments will be available at the Central Registration Office, building 2485, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

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

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

Ambulance transfers for pediatric patients

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

Wealth-building classes offered by ACS

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

April 4, Banking and Checking, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Microsoft-USO Defenders Run

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

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

2001 purchase request submission schedule set

The following schedule should be used for the submission of purchase requests for fiscal year 2001 and maintenance for fiscal year 2002 for the U.S. Army Robert Morris Acquisition Center to avoid unobligated funds at year end.

Noncommercial items over \$100,000 should be submitted by May 15. There may be instances, though, where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date. Noncommercial items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 should be submitted by June 15. Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million should be submitted by June 15. Short-of-Award over \$2,500 should be submitted by June 15. Commercial items under \$100,000 should be submitted by Aug. 15. Maintenance for fiscal year 2002 is due by June 15. PD2, the new Defense Department contracting automated system, has been fielded at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood sites. Experience and updates to the system indicate a continued learning curve.

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

547th Engineer Battalion Reunion

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

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

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

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PET OF THE WEEK

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON



Spring is here and so is Sunshine!

'Sunshine' will make you happy with his lovable antics and perky personality. The Beagle/Lab mix is pale-yellow in color, weighs 30 pounds and is about 1-year old.

He and other pets are available for adoption at the post Veterinary Treatment Facility. You do not have to be active-duty military to adopt a pet. For more information, call 410-278-4604.

TRICARE Prime Remote for active duty family members

Courtesy of TRICARE Management Activity

With passage of the National Defense Authorization Act for 2001, TRICARE Management Activity is planning to implement a new benefit, TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members.

Beginning Oct. 1, active duty family members who reside with their TRICARE Prime Remote eligible sponsors in remote locations will be eligible to enroll in TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members. Locations designated as TRICARE Prime Remote are generally more than 50 miles in distance or a one-hour drive time from a military medical treatment facility or clinic.

The 2001 Defense Authorization Act also eliminates cost shares and deductibles for active duty family members who accompany their sponsors on a remote assignment.

"While details for enrolling in the new program are still in the development stages, there is a 'waive of charges' clause which will provide interim relief to active duty family members who reside with their TRICARE Prime Remote eligible active duty sponsor," said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Robert Styron, TRICARE Prime Remote regional operations officer, TMA.

"Active duty family members living in remote locations with their TRICARE Prime Remote eligible sponsors will be eligible to have their cost shares and deductibles waived for one year until the TRICARE Prime Remote program for Family Members is implemented," said Styron. "Sponsors and family members are encouraged to keep track of all fees paid from Oct. 30, 2000, (the day the President signed the NDAA into law) forward, in order to apply for reimbursement once the program details are finalized."

Starting Oct. 1, 2001, enrollment in TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members will be optional for active duty family members who reside with their sponsors in designated remote locations. You can verify your sponsor's TPR eligibility on the TRICARE Prime Remote web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/remote.

Previously, the only option available to family members living in these areas was to seek care with authorized civilian providers using the TRICARE Standard benefit. Consequently, sponsors with fam-

ily members residing in remote locations paid more for health care than sponsors with family members living on or near military installations.

Under TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members, eligible active duty family members choosing to enroll will enjoy a TRICARE Prime-like benefit. The TRICARE Prime access standards, cost shares and other benefits will apply. Family members will also be required to use TRICARE authorized providers. Active duty family members residing with their TPR eligible sponsors in remote locations who choose not to enroll in TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members can continue using the TRICARE Standard benefit.

According to Styron, active duty family members often tell him: "My sponsor and I were assigned where there is no military health care available except TRICARE Standard, which costs me money. If we were assigned to a military installation or lived within close proximity to an MTF, we could get all of our healthcare for free." This new program corrects that inequity.

The TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members affects approximately 137,000 uniformed services active duty family members. The active duty sponsors include military recruiters, Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructors and their staffs, educational instructors on permanent duty assignments and any other active duty personnel on permanent duty assignments as designated by the Secretary of Defense.

Active duty sponsors are encouraged to contact the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System to verify that information for themselves and their family members is correct. Eligibility for TRICARE Prime Remote for Family Members will be based on DEERS data. Sponsors may call DEERS personnel at the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office toll-free at 1-800-538-9552. Sponsors and family members can also update their addresses for DEERS on the Military Health System/TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/.

Additional information on the TRICARE Prime Remote benefit for active duty family members, and the waive charges clause is available on the TRICARE Prime Remote Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/remote.

Public comment period open on proposed plan for groundwater at J-Field area

Corrective measures currently underway

The U.S. Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground is seeking public comment on a proposed plan for groundwater at APG's J-Field area. The 45-day comment period ends April 23.

APG is proposing access and use restrictions, expansion of an existing phytoremediation project, closure of several wells drilled into the lower aquifer, continued groundwater sampling, and monitoring of the natural biodegradation process. The phytoremediation project involves the use of specially-bred trees to clean up the groundwater.

Citizens may request a fact sheet on the proposed plan by calling APG's Environmental Information Line at 410-278-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Written comments must be postmarked by April 23 and can be sent to Ken Stachiw, Directorate of Safety, Health, and Environment, ATTN: AMSSB-GSH-ER, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, 21010; or Steve Hirsh, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street (3HS13), Philadelphia, PA, 19103; or, John Fairbank, Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, MD, 21224.

The J-Field area is located at the southern tip of APG's Edgewood Area peninsula. The Army has used the J-Field area for the testing and disposal of high-explosive and chemical munitions. J-Field has had only limited use since 1980. The Army occasionally uses the Robbins Point Demolition Area and the White Phosphorous Pits for the destruction of explosive items. The Army conducts these activities under permits and in accordance with applicable regulations.

"Over the past 10 years, we completed extensive environmental studies at J-Field to determine the impact from historic activities," said John Wrobel,

APG's project manager. "These studies determined the impacts were limited to areas of soil and groundwater near the former burn pits."

In 1996, APG and the Environmental Protection Agency signed an agreement outlining planned actions for the removal of soil, construction of a protective soil blanket, and implementation of protective measures to reduce shoreline erosion in this area.

"For the past several years, we have examined various technologies to find an effective way to clean up the groundwater," said Wrobel. "Unfortunately, no current technology would effectively clean up the groundwater to meet federal standards. Working with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment, we developed an alternate remedial strategy which takes advantage of the natural degradation process already occurring, plus the innovative use of trees, and continues to monitor the area to ensure human health and the environment are not impacted. We also will aggressively look for new technologies that might be developed in the future and be effective at this site."

According to Wrobel, the cost of the proposed action is \$1.7 million.

The Army may modify its preferred alternative, or select a new alternative, based on public comments.

Community members can review copies of the proposed plan and other reports for the J-Field Study Area at the Joppa and Aberdeen branches of the Harford County Public Library and Miller Library at Washington College in Kent County. Copies of the proposed plan are also at the Edgewood and Cecilton libraries.

For more information:

Web site

You can review the proposed plan and provide comments through the APG Web site at www.apg.army.mil; "Garrison," "Safety, Health & Environment," "Environmental Cleanup Web Site," and then "Documents" to review the document, and "Public Participation" and "e-mail response form" to submit comments.

Information line

If you have any questions, call the

Environmental Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

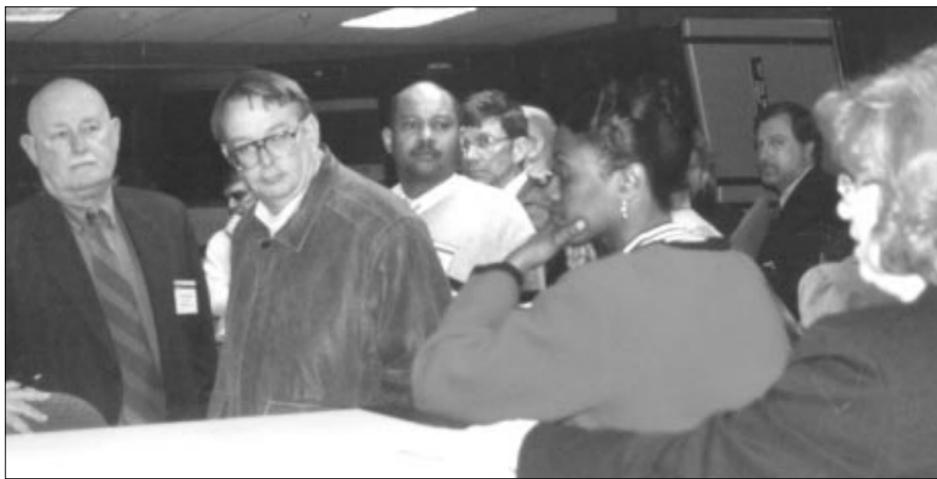
Mailing list

To be added to the mailing list for current fact sheets and newsletters, send your name, address and telephone number to Ken Stachiw, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, ATTN: AMSSB-GSH-ER, 5179 Hoaldley Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010.

User group tours EMC

Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Project manager Linda Hogan, right foreground, of the Enterprise Management Center at APG, answers questions at the federal user conference. Don Meynig, director of the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Directorate of Information Management and chairman of the Army Unicenter User Group, is pictured on the far left.



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package, and is very familiar with the pluses and minuses of adapting and dealing with issues related to the software.

Nancy Keehan, a certified Unicenter engineer, technical lead for the EMC and one of the conference presenters, said attendees were generous in their praise of the APG conference.

"We got a lot of positive feedback from attendees saying that this was the most informative user group meeting to date," Keehan said. "The general consensus was that the attendees got a lot of good information to take back home to their installations."

"Our goal is to share information about the product, its pieces and parts," Meynig said, adding that the Army does business differently than the business community. He said the goal of getting the best deal is still the same.

By traveling to APG and other installations, "users in various stages of implementation can share information, including lessons learned, and save the Army money."

Shannon Shaw, a systems analyst at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., said everyone she spoke with said the two-day seminar was extremely helpful. Anticipating purchasing a software package, Shaw said when potential buyers talk with companies, the

seller often emphasizes only the positive aspects of their product.

Shaw said the user group offered suggestions on what questions to ask before purchase, how to set up for implementing the program, and valuable information regarding company response after the product has been purchased.

"We wanted to hear the reality," Shaw said. "We were able to get that here."

Linda Hogan, project manager for the EMC, said that although the March conference highlighted TNG, other packages are part of the computer software management process.

"In addition to TNG, APG has implemented a whole suite of Enterprise Management products that enable us to deliver software, effect desktop changes and to inventory all of the hardware and software without ever leaving the center," she said.

Hogan added that APG's DOIM employees worked together to assure what was described by many attendees as "the best user conference to date."

"The success of the conference was a direct result of coordinated effort on the part of each member of the EMC team," Hogan said.

For additional information on the Army Unicenter TNG User Group visit www.amc.army.mil/causergrp/index.html.

Women's history highlighted by retired APG employee

BOOK, from front page

1755 became a Cherokee tribal leader, Sally Tompkins, in 1861 the first and only commissioned officer in the Confederate Army, and Oveta Culp Hobby, in 1905 the first director of the Women's Army Corps and the first female colonel.

Readers can also expect to glean information about female newspaper publishers, surgeons, college presidents, business owners, scientists, police officers, Secret Service agents, astronauts, and political figures.

Deck, a retired Edgewood Area maintenance clerk, said she got the idea, did the research and wrote most of the book in her spare time, while holding down her job at APG. Used to accomplishing a lot, the author said she also completed an associates degree and fought serious illness while working full-time, so writing a book was not much of a stretch.

Deck said she found the time to do the research, mostly done at the library of Harford Community

College, and put the book together because she enjoyed the subject and loved exploring the internet.

"I did most of my research and writing on weekends and in the evenings," Deck said.

The Harford County resident said she was inspired to do research on women's history after attending a Federal Women's Program celebration at APG in 1995. That year, the program highlighted the accomplishments of Susan B. Anthony, noted suffragette and civil rights proponent, and Deck said the fact sheet she received in conjunction with the seminar, inspired her to do additional research on Anthony and other women in history.

Armed with an associates degree in internet research from Harford Community College, Deck, who admits she "loves doing research," decided to confine most of her fact-finding mission to the information available thorough the internet, and over the next two to three years, gathered so much information on women from various walks of life around

the world, that a book was the next step.

"Initially, writing a book was the last thing on my mind," Deck said, "but as I gathered information, I figured I had to do something with it."

Sticking with her success on the internet, Deck made some publication inquiries which led to an electronic publisher.

Now working on her second book, one covering the history of Poland, Deck said she is back to doing what she considers the most interesting part of writing, internet research, and looking forward to her first foray into publication.

Tentatively entitled Women in History, the book is due to be published by 1st Books Library, with a scheduled July release date.

Interested readers can look for the book at the 1st Books web site, www.1stbooks.com, the Amazon or Barnes and Noble sites, www.amazon.com or www.bn.com, or any bookseller that offers print-on-demand.

Opinions

You've got "The Look"-- a celebration of 'twinhood'



By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

After two years with the APG News, I can honestly say, "It's been fun."

In fact, it's been a riot mainly because I have the good fortune of working in the same community as my sister, Eva Mims.

Eva works in the Edgewood



Photo by Ralph Broth
Eva Mims

Area and her home is just up the street from mine.

That's the fun part.

Eva is not only my sister, she's my identical twin.

That's the riot.

In our youth, Eva and I often played practical jokes on unsuspecting strangers, teachers, boyfriends and even our parents.

Now that we're older, (much older), we're not much for pranks anymore but, as they say in radio land, "the hits just keep on coming."

Hardly a week goes by without someone mistaking me for her or her for me.

We've gotten used to this over the years and more or less expected it here, but the unique configuration of the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas has helped to keep the old prank flames burning.

This has afforded me a unique perspective on the life stages I refer to as 'kidhood' and 'grownuphood.'

A child, when confronted with a perplexing situation, will uninhibitedly scratch his cranium, rake his hair with his fingers or stomp his feet in frustration until he figures out the problem.

Adults are so much more entertaining.

Laden with societal restrictions compounded by terminal 'grownuphood' we tend rather to

maintain our cool (AT ALL COSTS) and handle the situation logically and expeditiously. In short, play it off.

All this helps to explain the interludes Eva and I have come to affectionately refer to as "The Look."

"The Look" is something only twins can see. I see it all the time.

Whether I'm in the commissary shopping or covering an assignment, I'll be moving along, minding my own business when WHAM! I run right into "The Look."

"The Look" doesn't have a voice, but it speaks.

Sometimes it says, "Now which one is this one?"

At other times, "Why is she acting like she doesn't know me?" and most often here on APG, "What's wrong with you!?"

Nearly every evening Eva and I have an after-work chat on the phone. Typically, one of us will recall running into someone who knew the other one that day.

"Really, what did he say?"

"Nothing, but I knew he knew you because he had ... the look."

"The Look" is different with children. Sometimes you can't see it at all.

Most children will unabashedly pull on your sleeve and demand an explanation.

"Do you know who you are?" one youngster once asked me.

Even after I explained that I was not the "Sister Eva" who used to teach his Sunday School class the child still looked at me as if I were in the early grip of some dementia-causing ailment.

The quiet ones just look at you with their mouths forming donut holes and their eyes protruding past their lids as mom or dad explains "There are two of them, honey. She's not the one."

Living in the APG community has reaffirmed my belief in the notion that man is above all other animals not only because of his ability to think but also because of his ability to laugh at himself.

Back in the mid-70s when I was just beginning my career in

the military, an old sergeant major gave me some of the best advice I ever received.

"You'll be faced with some of the downright dumbest situations in the world because somebody higher up thought it was a good idea," he said. "Through it all, you've got to keep your sense of humor. Good soldiers know how to laugh at themselves."

I think I was a good soldier. Now I'm trying to be a good reporter and I hope in your eyes I have been.

But even if I haven't, I still have to say thank-you to APG.

You afforded me my first writing job and the opportunity to meet and get to know more people than I've met in my entire life.

I've watched you grow, I've written your stories and I still can't get enough of you. As communities go, you may not be the ultra-modern metropolis others claim to be but you've got something they haven't got.

You've got "The Look." And I love you for it.

Sports & Fitness

HHC 16th sweeps away preseason tournament from Company C 143rd



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion's Stacey McGinnis, 00, looks on as teammate Albert Jones, 44, spikes one over the net past Company C 143rd Ordnance Battalion's Earl Shaffer, 21 and David Boyd, 25, during the second match of intramural volleyball preseason finals. HHC 16th won, 14-7, 14-9. Volleyball season began March 26 with games in the Aberdeen Area, Monday thru Friday and in the Edgewood Area, Mondays and Wednesdays.

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In a precursor to what should be an exciting 2001 intramural volleyball season, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion let loose a dominating offense to win the preseason tournament, 14-7, 14-9 over a scrappy Company C 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

Volleyball season began March 26 and runs through May 10 with games held Monday through Thursday in the Aberdeen Area and on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Edgewood Area.

Nine teams participated in the preseason tournament. The final was held March 21 in the AA Athletic Center.

Dominating at the net, HHC 16th went up quickly, 6-0 before Company C 143rd's Earl Shaffer took the serve and got his team on the board with four points. A mis-play by Company C's Denra Hargrove caused a turnover, giving the ball back to HHC 16th, who relinquished it only once more while pulling away to a 14-7 victory.

During the break, Company C 143rd coach Caroline Brooks said she told the team to "settle down, control the ball and set up."

A drill sergeant and coach of the company's 2000 soccer team, Books added that she is willing to take the floor whenever necessary to help the team.

"We have a dynasty to uphold," she said.

In the second match, HHC 16th overcame a 5-2 deficit to advance to a 12-8 advantage, courtesy of dynamic net offense by Albert Jones, Carl Woodruff and Hernandez Dabid.

HHC 16th coach Manu Tufuga said the 143rd Ordnance Battalion teams especially challenged his team and that his players look forward to the rest of the season.

"Our plan for the season is to win," said Tufuga, a return player from last year's squad.

Jones is one reason the team could be a dominant force in the Aberdeen Division.

Stationed on APG "off and on" since 1989, Jones returned from Korea in early March.

A player for all of his 19 years in the Army, Jones said the team is "definitely ready for the season."

"We're playing well together and our communication is good," Jones said adding he also assists coach Tufuga when needed.

Check this week's Volleyball Update for upcoming games.

VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

Aberdeen Division	NCOA	0-0
	HHC 61st	0-0
	USAF	0-0
	USMC	0-0
Schedule		
<i>April 2</i>		
6:30 p.m., NCOA vs. Company E 16th		
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company C 16th		
<i>April 3</i>		
6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. HHC 16th		
7:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. USAF		
<i>April 4</i>		
6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. NCOA		
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company A 16th		
Standings		
Company A 16th	0-0	
Company C 16th	0-0	
Company E 16th	0-0	
HHC 16th	0-0	

Edgewood Division

Schedule		
<i>April 2</i>		
6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Company C 143rd		
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company A 143rd		
<i>April 4</i>		
6:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. CHPPM		
7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. Company B 143rd		
Standings		
CHPPM	0-0	
Company A 143rd	0-0	
Company B 143rd	0-0	
Company C 143rd	0-0	
HHC 143rd	0-0	



Racquetball awards

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings, left, presents a trophy to Air Force Lt. Col. Bob Buckingham from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine during the racquetball awards ceremony in the Aberdeen Athletic Center. Buckingham won first place in the Men's Masters division during the post's annual Racquetball Tournament. For other winners, see the Racquetball Finals.

RACQUETBALL FINALS

Winners of the 2001 Racquetball Tournament are as follows:

Men's Open
1st place, 2nd Lt. Michael Coronado, Company E 16th
2nd Place, Sgt. 1st Class

Herbert Johnson, DTC
Men's Seniors
1st Place, Sgt. 1st Class Blas Rueda, HHC 16th
2nd Place, Sgt. 1st Class Winston Worrell

Men's Masters
1st Place, Lt. Col. Bob Buckingham, CHPPM
2nd Place, Staff Sgt. Joe Snyders, USMC
Civilian Men
1st Place, Rick Stevenson
2nd Place, Chuck Ferris

Military Women
1st Place, Pvt. Patricia Jarrell, Company C 16th
2nd Place, Pfc. Sharla Seale, USMC

Civilian Women
1st Place, Tracey Biggs



Pvt. Patricia Jarrell, Company C 16th Ordnance Battalion, accepts her first place racquetball trophy. Jarrell won the Military Women's category.

Military.com launches free employment services

Job finder service e-mails job matches to candidates

Military.com's new Job Finder Service makes finding civilian jobs easier for transitioning personnel, spouses and prior service members. Users of the free Job Finder Service can have jobs that match their skills e-mailed to them.

Military.com Career Services have quickly grown into the largest job resource for the military community. Over 100,000 job seekers actively use the services to connect to top tier employers like AT&T, USAA, Arthur Andersen and Nokia. Premier firms in the telecommunications, consulting, information technology, aerospace and defense industries are posting jobs with Military.com.

Unlike traditional job boards that rely on resumes and depend on companies with a deep understanding of military skills, Military.com Job Finder Service is skills-driven. Users simply input their skills and describe the type of job they seek. Jobs meeting their profile are displayed, and e-mails are sent when new matching jobs are posted by employers.

"Translating resumes from military to civilian terms is a difficult task. Our system alleviates the skills translation barrier by focusing on skills, not job titles. Employers like our system because they can conveniently access the military talent pool without worrying about understanding military job titles," said CEO Christopher Michel, Naval Reservist and founder of Military.com, the largest online military destination and the Internet presence of Military Advantage.

"The goal of our career service is to help transitioning and prior servicemembers make the most of military experience in their



civilian careers," said Michel. "We make it easy for employers to reach job seekers with military experience, and we communicate the value of military service to employers who have not traditionally sought candidates with military backgrounds."

To learn more about the free Military.com Job Finder Service, visit www.military.com and click the "Careers" tab, or visit www.careers.military.com.

Poison prevention week targets accidental poisoning of children

By Ken Giles
CPSC

Each year, unintentional poisonings from medicines and household chemicals kill about 30 children and prompt more than 1 million calls to the nation's poison control centers. The 40th observance of National Poison Prevention Week, March 18-24, aimed to help prevent those childhood poisonings by reminding people to check their homes now.

The three most important safety messages to prevent poisonings are — use child-resistant packaging because it saves lives, keep medicines and household chemicals locked up out of reach and out of sight of young children because some children can open child-resistant packaging, and keep the poison control center number next to your telephone and call immediately if a poisoning occurs.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission requires child-resistant packaging for 28 categories of medicines and household chemicals and is considering such packaging for a group of chemicals known as hydrocarbons.

"Child resistant-packaging saves lives," said CPSC Executive Director Pamela Gilbert. "For aspirin and oral prescription medicine, special packaging has saved the lives of over 900 children since the early 1970s."

National Poison Prevention Week is organized each year by the Poison Prevention Week Council, a coalition of national organizations working to prevent poisonings.

According to William W. Bradley, Chairman of the Poison Prevention Week Council, "For 40 years, National Poison Prevention Week has emphasized the responsibility of parents, grandparents, and other caregivers in preventing poisonings. Children are curious, and they act fast. So do poisons. Keep chemicals and medicines locked up out of reach and out of sight. Poisonings can, and must, be prevented."

Child-resistant packaging is not child-proof. If a young child swallows a medicine or chemical, parents must call the poison control center immediately. Dr. Alan Woolf, President of the American Association of Poison Control Centers, said, "By treating poisoning in the home instead of the emergency room, poison centers save the United States \$350 million annually."

The "Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act" will provide a stable source of federal funds for poison centers and make them more accessible to the entire nation. The new funding will support poison center programs throughout the United States.

At a news conference three-year-old Stevie Carrico and his parents, Debbie and Steve Carrico, told the story of his poisoning. Stevie swallowed some cough and cold medicine. His parents called the poison center, which recommended that they give him ipecac syrup to make him vomit. He is fine today.

To get a free packet of poison prevention publications, write to "Poison Prevention Packet," CPSC, Washington, DC 20207.



Poison prevention tips

- Use child-resistant packaging properly by closing the container securely after each use.
- Keep all chemicals and medicines locked up and out of sight.
- Call the poison center immediately in case of poisoning. Keep on hand a bottle of ipecac syrup but use it only if the poison center instructs you to induce vomiting.
- When products are in use, never let young children out of your sight, even if you must take them along when answering the phone or doorbell.
- Keep items in original containers.
- Leave the original labels on all products, and read the label before using.
- Do not put decorative lamps and candles that contain lamp oil where children can reach them. Lamp oil can be very toxic if ingested by young children.
- Always leave the light on when giving or taking medicine. Check the dosage every time.
- Avoid taking medicine in front of children. Refer to medicine as "medicine," not "candy."
- Clean out the medicine cabinet periodically and safely dispose of unneeded and outdated medicines.



Hospitality race scheduled for April 21

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

To register, mail the entry form to MCSC, P.O. Box 752, APG, MD 21005. The entry fee is \$10 for those registered by April 10; \$12 for those registered by April 20; and \$15 the day of the race from 7:30 to

8:30 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female winners. Medallions will be given to the first three finishers in each category. The first 200 participants registered will receive a free T-shirt. For more information call Diane Wilson, 410-297-8508, or Amy Carlson, 410-939-6429. USPA & IRA, APG Federal Credit Union, and the Ordnance Corps Association are sponsors of the race. All proceeds will benefit welfare and scholarship funds.

MCSC Hospitality Run 5K Registration Form

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

Age _____ M or F _____ SHIRT SIZE: XS S M L XL

As a condition to my participation in the MCSC 5K Run, I hereby for myself and heirs, executors and administrators waive and release any rights and claims for damages for personal injury or otherwise, which I may have against the United States of America, the U.S. Army, Community Recreation Division, MCSC and agents thereof and any other group of persons involved in the MCSC Hospitality Run, for claims of liability. By my signature, I hereby acknowledge reading and understanding this clause and certify that I am physically fit and have trained sufficiently for this event.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Parent/Guardian signature is required if participant is under 18 years of age.

Parent or Guardian signature: _____ DATE: _____

Make checks payable to: MCSC and mail to: MCSC, P.O. Box 752, APG, MD 21005, or fax to 410-436-7165.
Registration forms can also be picked up at the Hoyle Gym, the Athletic Center, APG Thrift Shop, PX and the Commissary.

Join Spesutie Island Boating Activity



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

Eligible personnel include all active duty and retired military, APG civilian employees, retired APG civilian employees, civilian contractors (with identification cards) and Baltimore Area Corps of Engineers employees.

Eligible patrons are required to provide proof of insurance and registration for their boat.

Activity fees are: \$10 per foot for mooring, \$7 per foot for parking lot storage, and \$6.50 per foot for ramp access.

This activity is headquartered in building 36 just down the road from Top of the Bay.

Interested patrons can call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-04124.

Community Notes

FRIDAY MARCH 30 BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, will hold a Longaberger Basket Bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 (three paper cards); extra cards are available at \$5 per set. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be food, drinks and baked goods available. To purchase tickets, call Nicki Leonetti, 410-272-8275 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332. The fundraiser benefits the Aberdeen High School Junior and Senior Prom.

COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association sponsors country western dancing every Friday at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing will be held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The instructor will announce lessons. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$10 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels.

SATURDAY APRIL 7 SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Roye - Williams Elementary School will hold a Spring Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be lots of crafters, food and fun.

WEDNESDAY April 11 EAWC MONTHLY LUNCHEON

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

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

SUNDAY APRIL 15 EASTER BUNNY TO APPEAR AT EASTER BRUNCH

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

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

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

FRIDAY APRIL 20 LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

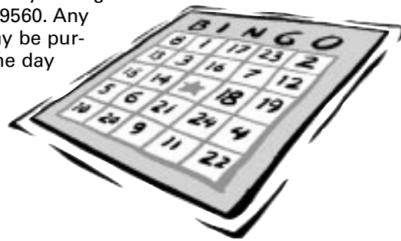
The Bakersfield Elementary School Parent Teachers Organization will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen. Doors open at 6 p.m.; food, drinks, and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket (three cards), and \$5 for additional sets of three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

FRIDAY April 27 BASKET BINGO

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

ST. PAUL'S PLAYERS PRESENTS "OLIVER"

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



SATURDAY APRIL 28 BASKET BINGO

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

SUNDAY APRIL 29 NATURE SEARCH AND TREK

Join local Naturalist Bob Chance on a herpetology (reptiles and

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

All About Vegetarian Cooking by Irma von Starkloff Rombauer

Armed and Dangerous: Memoirs of a Chicago Policewoman

by Gina Gallo

Assess Your True Risk of Breast Cancer by Patricia T. Kelly

Blackbird: The Story of a Daughter Lost and Found by Jennifer Lauck

Cloning edited by Lisa Yount

Her Way: Young Women Remake the Sexual Revolution by Paula Kamen

The Martha Stewart Living Cookbook by the editors of Martha Stewart Living

The Not So Big House: A Blueprint for the Way We Really Live by Sarah Susanka

Speed Reading by Tina Konstant

What do You Want to do When You Grow Up?: Starting the Next Chapter of Your Life by Dorothy W. Cantor

The Aberdeen Area Library is located at building 3320 on Aberdeen Boulevard. Temporary operating hours are Monday through Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday closed, and Saturday and Sunday open from 1 to 5 p.m.

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

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3 CHILDREN \$1.50

MONKEYBONE

Friday, Friday, March 30, 7 p.m.

Starring: Brendan Fraser, Bridget Fonda

Life couldn't be better for Stu. He's happy, in love, and on the verge of big success, as his comic strip is about to become a national television show. But on the night Stu is to propose, he is struck down in a freak accident. Now, he must outwit Death before the doctors pull the plug. (Rated PG-13)

SAVING SILVERMAN

Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m.

Starring: Jason Biggs, Steve Sahn

Darren, Wayne and J.D. have been best friends since the fifth grade when they swore nothing could break them up. Now, enters Judith, a great-looking but cold-hearted and manipulative psychiatrist who digs her claws into sweet-natured Darren, snatches him from the friendship and even breaks up the band. (Rated PG-13)

SWEET NOVEMBER (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, March 31, 9 p.m.

Starring: Keanu Reeves, Charlize Theron

Sara is a charming spirit who brings out the best in men. Nelson is a workaholic executive whose only intimate relationship is with the bottom line ... until he meets Sara. Intrigued, but not quite ready to commit, they settle on a one-month trial, no expectations, no pressure, and no strings attached. (Rated PG-13)

LEAVE DONATION

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

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

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

LENT AND EASTER 2001 CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

Aberdeen Area Chapel - Catholic

April 4 Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.
April 11 Ecumenical Tenebrae 7 p.m.
April 8 Palm Sunday mass 8:30 a.m.
April 12 Holy Thursday mass 11:45 a.m.
April 13 Good Friday service 11:45 a.m.
April 15 Easter Sunday mass 8:30 a.m.

Aberdeen Area Chapel - Protestant

March 29 Christian study 6 to 6:45 p.m.
April 5 Christian study 6 to 6:45 p.m.
April 8 Easter Cantata 10:15 a.m.
April 12 Seder supper 6 p.m.
April 13 Community Good Friday 12 to 2 p.m. service (Grace United Methodist Church Downtown)
April 15 Sunrise service at EA's McBride Field 7 a.m.

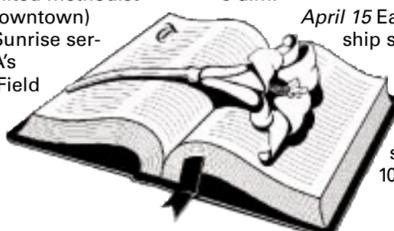
Edgewood Area Chapel - Catholic

March 29 Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.
April 5 Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.
April 8 Palm Sunday mass 10:45 a.m.
April 10 Ecumenical Tenebrae service 7 p.m.
April 12 Holy Thursday mass 7 p.m.
April 13 Good Friday service 7 p.m.
April 14 Easter vigil 8 p.m.
April 15 Easter Sunday mass 10:45 a.m.

Edgewood Area Chapel - Protestant

April 13 Good Friday service 5 p.m.
April 15 Easter sunrise service 7 a.m. (EA's McBride Field)
April 15 Reception 8 a.m.

April 15 Easter worship service 9:15 a.m.
April 15 Easter Bible study 10:30 a.m.



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

MWR UPDATE

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

Woodshop Orientation

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

Ceramic Class

A basic ceramic class will be held April 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class teaches the basics of mold pouring, glazing, and painting. Cost is \$7 plus supplies.

Porcelain Dolls

A porcelain doll class will be held on Fridays for three weeks April 6, 13 and 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 plus supplies. Class participants will make a Sugar Britches doll, a great gift for friends or family. Class size is limited and pre registration is required.

Stained Glass

A beginning stained glass class will be held April 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will make a simple suncatcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.

Framing Class

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



Photo courtesy of ATC

The Marine Corps' amphibious assault vehicle prototype is put through its paces on one of the test-track facilities at the Aberdeen Test Center.

Ergonomic issues tested on amphibious vehicle prototype

ASSAULT VEHICLE, from front page

by the Navy's Underwater Explosions Research Department, conducted a series of explosive-shock tests in December and January. Live-fire tests on ATC land ranges will help the system's developers determine its lethality and vulnerability to enemy fire.

This test program is unusual, according to test directors, because it involved joint efforts by the Marine Corps, Army and Navy while the AAV was still in an early phase of development.

"When the program first got here, it was in its program definition and risk reduction phase," explained Todd Morris of ATC's Automotive Instrumentation Team, directing land-mobility tests on the AAV. "Usually in that phase you don't have a prototype, but are looking at a lot of paperwork and a cardboard mockup, or something like that."

Like most prototypes, the vehicle that arrived at ATC in July had a few operational problems in the beginning, Morris said. ATC testers collected a variety of data from instruments in the vehicle as it negotiated test tracks, and the manufacturer used the information to fix problems and make design adjustments.

Testing at the Patuxent Naval Air Station also included an ATC team, Morris said, adding that ATC sent a van with instrumentation to Patuxent to collect data. The team worked to "flush out the performance envelope" for the vehicle in the water.

Hazel Cassidy of ATC's Vulnerability/Lethality Team directed ballistic hull and turret tests and said the program is unusual for her group because the UNDEX pond at APG is normally used for shock tests on systems such as boats and submarines rather than amphibious vehicles.

"This was our first shot at taking data on a vehicle such as this

in the water," she said. "So we worked with the Underwater Explosions Research Department to get down exactly what the AAV program office needed."

Cassidy said the test did not require an operational vehicle loaded with components, but it had to act like one in the water, so the test team added the necessary weight.

"The hardest part was to add all that weight and do the measuring to make sure the center of gravity was correct," she said.

About \$300,000 worth of test instrumentation was used to collect 124 separate channels of data inside and outside the vehicle — ranging from stress measurements on the hull from explosions at varying distances, to effects on mannequins inside, wired with gauges.

Marines representing passengers and crew came to APG for timed trials to determine how easily they could enter and exit the vehicle during the day and in nighttime conditions. These trials also led to design changes, said Jack Bailey, the Marine Corps' project manager overseeing the land-mobility testing.

"This is the first time we've taken all of the technology and put it into one platform," Bailey said. "We're going to have some problems, but we want to test to learn, not test to pass or fail. It was a very unique opportunity to learn before you get into low-rate or full-rate production. It gives us a chance to influence the design early."

The need to alter equipment inside the vehicle was one lesson, he said.

"We learned a lot when we got into the human-factors issues," Bailey said. "How comfortable are seats? How do they fit when a real, live person sits down in them? We met the criteria for ingress and egress, but we found there were things we could do better. We learned about placement of people — how they had to

turn to get into some areas."

Several "human-factors elements" have been built into the vehicle, Bailey added.

"We want to make sure the Marines on the inside are able to fight when they get there," he said, "and that means an environmental control system, an NBC overpressure system, room to store gear on the inside. It is a complex vehicle, but simple enough for a 19-year-old high-school graduate to operate, once he goes through the school. We would like to make this vehicle as user friendly as we can."

"We have had users from the fleet involved in this program since day one," he added. "Nine active-duty Marines are assigned to the program office and detailed to the prototypes. We refer to them as the developmental test Marines. The prototype at Aberdeen has two active-duty Marines assigned to it — one on a daytime shift and one at night. We're getting valuable feedback not only during the day when we're operating the vehicle, but also at night when we're doing maintenance. We're reviewing the interactive electronic technical manuals, tools, processes and procedures, and we're getting valuable feedback from them the whole time."

Support from ATC's testers is also critical to the success of the AAV, Bailey added.

"They make it a habit of not putting up brick walls, but helping me to find a way to get something done," he said. "They have been instrumental in helping us thus far and have bent over backward to help us succeed. With that kind of teamwork, you can't miss."

School Age Services recognized as leader in child care

By Vaun Smith
Child and Youth Services Division

Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison's School Age Services has been awarded full accreditation by the National School-Age Care Alliance.

As part of the accreditation process, SAS under the Child and Youth Services Division underwent a self-study process that involved center staff, children, families and community members. A self-study team was formed to determine how SAS was meeting the national standards for quality. After working to meet the 144 NSACA standards for quality, SAS applied for an endorsement visit.

Two trained school-age professionals observed the program for 24 hours and met with families, program staff and community leaders. A detailed report was sent to NSACA, and they determined that School Age Services met the criteria for accreditation. As one of the first school-age programs in the nation to be accredited by NSACA, SAS is recognized nationally as a leader in quality care for children before and after school, according to the study.

NSACA accreditation symbolizes a

commitment to quality school-age care. School Age Services met or exceeded NSACA's requirements for accreditation based on 144 Quality Standards for Quality School-Age Care. The 144 standards describe the best practices in after school programs. They are focused on human relationships, indoor environment, outdoor environment, activities, safety health & nutrition and administration.

Organized in 1987, NSACA is a professional membership organization with state affiliates and over 8,000 members nationwide. NSACA members are leaders in the school-age field that serve over 3.2 million school-age children and youth. NSACA developed the national accreditation system to recognize programs that are offering stimulating, safe and supportive programs for children and youth ages 5 to 14. The need for after-school care is great. An estimated 17 million parents need care for their 24 million school-age children ages 5 to 14. NSACA accreditation is a sign to parents and families that programs are offering quality care. For more information on after-school programs and the work of NSACA please visit their Web site at www.nsaca.org.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Youths enrolled in the Edgewood Area's School Age Services display a quilt they created for Project Linus, one of many supportive community service projects initiated by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Child and Youth Services Division. From left front, sitting, Alexszandria Matthew, Jazmine Chance and Mikayla Brennecke. From left, standing, Mia White, Billy Crowley, Project Linus representative Pam Painter, Jazmyn Troy, Chelsea Williams, Destiny Wright, Jaron Ellison, SAS site supervisor Renee Main, Alexis Alexander and Precious Edmondson

Troop 429 inducts newest Eagle Scout

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Accolades and offerings from local and national leaders were bestowed upon a member of Aberdeen Boy Scout Troop 429 as he ascended to the rank of Eagle Scout during a ceremony in the Edgewood Area's Gunpowder Club.

Jake Rennebaum, a 14-year old eighth-grader in Edgewood Middle School, attained scouting's highest rank after completing months of leadership-building projects including the clean up and renovation of the Skippers Point Recreational Complex in August.

During the ritual, hailed as the "Eagle Court of Honor," scout advancements chairman Judy Hannon listed the numerous letters and citations sent to Rennebaum from former scouts, politicians and organizations from around the world.

"The attention this achievement receives from influential people and organizations emphasizes the importance of attaining the rank of Eagle," Hannon said.

Rennebaum received letters of congratulations from former President George Bush and his wife, Barbara; former presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter; U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Henry

Shelton; Pope John Paul II; Maryland Governor Parris Glendening and Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend; Baltimore's Mayor Martin O'Malley; U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes; Representative Wayne T. Gilcrest and U.S. astronaut Scott E. Parazynski.

Maryland Senator Nancy Jacobs delivered an official citation from the Maryland Senate. Carl Aumann, representing U.S. Congressman Robert Ehrlich, presented Rennebaum with a certificate of special congressional recognition and a U.S. Capitol flag, and Amy Epstein, representing Harford County Executive Jim Harkins gave a Harford County certificate of congratulations.

Other awards included a Governor's Citation from Glendening; a certificate from Joanne Parrott and the Maryland General Assembly and a U.S. Army Ordnance certificate and coin from Col. John R. Hills, commander, 61st Ordnance Brigade.

Organizations hailing Rennebaum included the Baltimore Orioles, Ravens and Blast; the American Legion; the Military Order of World Wars; the National Rifle Association; the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Academy.

In a touching presentation, Rennebaum's younger brother Luke gave an overview of the Skippers Point project, noting the hours his brother spent coordinating with post organizations and the Directorate of Public Works.

"We cleaned up campsites, replaced tables and benches, installed new grills, leveled the latrine area, and put in a new handicap-accessible campsite," Luke Rennebaum said of the three-day operation.

"But the best part was camping out and playing in the pool afterward," he added gleefully. "Good job, Jake."

Retired Lt. Col. Jon Dart, Boy Scouts of America district advancement chairman, called Rennebaum's parents Lt. Col. Rick and Lynn Rennebaum forward to witness the administration of the Eagle oath.

Dart encouraged Rennebaum to maintain the standards he acquired on the way to his prestigious achievement.

"Remember the Scout oath, law, motto and slogan and let these principles carry you through the rest of your life," Dart said. "The torch you carry is not only yours, it is ours also."

Rennebaum, in his acceptance speech thanked his family and scout leaders for helping him achieve his goal.

"I didn't do it on my own," Rennebaum said. "Without the help of my fellow Scouts and adult mentors I wouldn't be here."

Addressing the obstacles he faced while coordinating the Skippers Point project, Rennebaum said he owed a debt of gratitude to those who constantly encouraged him and he acknowledged the expectations now surrounding him.

"I understand that I will be held to a higher standard," Rennebaum said. "Please continue to challenge me to do my best."

He challenged all Scouts to "continue to strive for that goal."

"We're very proud of him. He's worked hard and deserves it," Lt. Col. Rick Rennebaum said about his son after the program.

Citing his belief in strong programs that teach values and citizenship, he credited the troop parents and leaders who "accomplish good things."

"A wholesome staff makes for better leaders and better citizens," he said.

Lynn Rennebaum agreed, adding her other two sons, Luke and Josh, are "following in their brother's footsteps." Luke Rennebaum also is a member of Boy Scout Troop 429 while Josh is a Tiger Cub.

The 61st Ordnance Brigade Color Guard and Boy Scout J.J. Buckingham performed the posting and retiring of colors for the ceremony. Spec. Luke Jefferson, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), closed the program with "Taps."



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Harford County's newest Eagle Scout Jake Rennebaum, far left, a member of Aberdeen Boy Scout Troop 429, poses with his family shortly after taking the Eagle Oath in a ceremony at the Edgewood Area's Gunpowder Club. Rennebaum headed the cleanup and renovation of the Skippers Point Recreation Area in August propelling him to scouting's highest rank. Accompanying Jake are (from left to right) Josh Rennebaum, 5, Lynn Rennebaum, Luke Rennebaum, 11 and Lt. Col. Rick Rennebaum.