



POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 3, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Post gas stations temporarily close

The post gas stations will be closed on Friday, Sept. 28 from 7 to 10 a.m. The purpose of this closure is to conduct the monthly inventory and to recode the fuel keys for new fiscal funding. For more information, contact Elen Baldwin, 410-306-1632.

Weekend gate operations at APG

Effective 8 p.m., Sept. 27, the Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground will close each weeknight. The Maryland Boulevard Gate, Route 715, (Tank Row) will be the only 24 hour-a-day, seven-day-per-week access point to the Aberdeen Area. The Harford Gate will continue to be closed each weekend beginning on Friday at 8 p.m. and remain closed until 4 a.m. on Monday (unless Monday is a federal holiday, when it will reopen at 4 a.m. on Tuesday).

Until further notice, the only gate open in the Edgewood Area from 8 p.m. Friday through 4 a.m. Monday will be Route 24 in Edgewood.

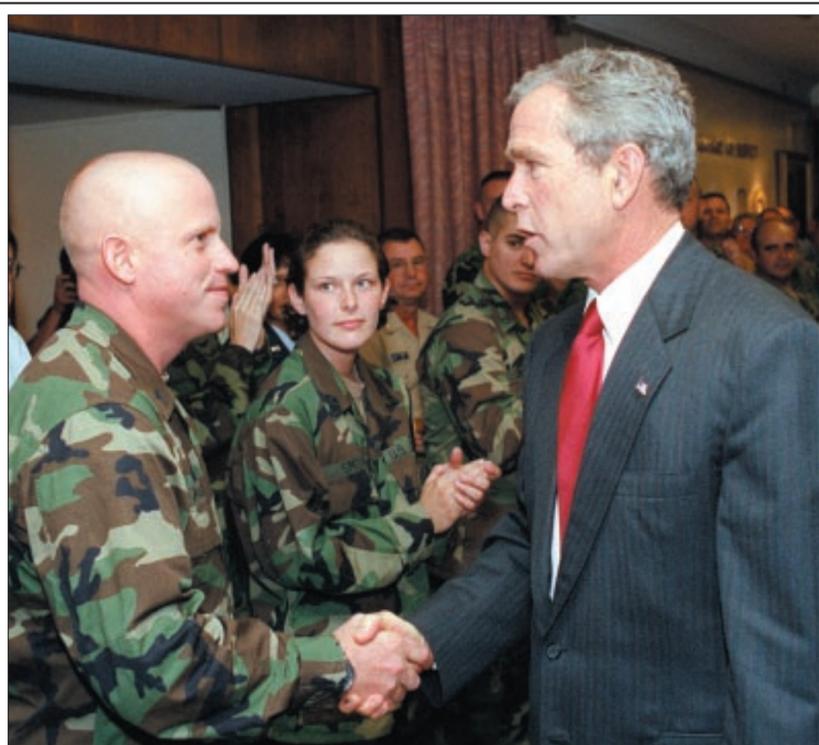
Base closing announcement info

Employees of Aberdeen Proving Ground concerned about whether or not to report to work should call 410-278-7669 (SNOW). Television channels 2, 11, 13 and 45, as well as radio stations WAMD, WXCX, WBAL, WYYY, WPOC, WDEL, WSTW, WSBA, WARM and WROZ will also carry this information. When in doubt, contact your supervisor.

Temporary road closure in EA

Webster Road in front of building E-5126, will be closed Sept. 27 while

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DoD photo by HELENE C. STIKKEL
President George W. Bush shakes hands with an Army Reservist at the Pentagon Sept. 17.

Bush calls on Americans to help neighbors

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

"Last week was a really horrible week for America, but out of our tears and sadness we saw the best of America as well," President Bush said during a Rose Garden speech Sept. 18.

Bush said there has been an outpouring of money, food and other goods from Americans all over the country to help those affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. He called on all Americans to continue their generous ways.

"For those who suffer today, we've got a lot of work to do as a nation," he said. "These good, charitable, compassionate efforts need the full support of Americans everywhere."

The president said people across the nation want to help.

One way is through online donations via the American Liberty Partnership at www.libertyunites.org. The money goes to 30 charities involved in relief efforts in the affected areas. To date, the online community has raised more than \$55 million, Bush said.

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'Noble Eagle' needs 35,000 reservists

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

President George W. Bush authorized a partial mobilization of the reserves Sept. 15 for homeland defense and civil support missions in response to the terrorist attacks Sept. 11 at the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

While the authorization legally allows Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to call up to a million reserve soldiers, airmen, sailors, Marines and Coast Guard members for

up to two years of active duty, service chiefs said they only need about 35,000 between them for the stated missions collectively dubbed Operation Noble Eagle.

The Army share of the presidential order is about 10,000 soldiers from the Army Reserve and National Guard Bureau. The Air Force plans to call up around 13,000 reservists; the Navy, 3,000; the Marine Corps, 7,500; and the Coast Guard, 2,000.

"The kinds of units that

might be called up include air defense, airlift, intelligence support, military police, medical, logistics, engineers, search and rescue, civil affairs, chaplains and so forth," said Craig W. Duehring, principal deputy for the assistant secretary of defense for Reserve Affairs. "The last partial mobilization order occurred on Jan. 18, 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, when 265,322 National Guard and Reserve members were mobilized."

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Mark addresses post security

By Sheila Little
APG News

Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander for Aberdeen Proving Ground, called the

All personnel wishing access to the installation must show valid photo identification and submit to vehicle checks. In addition, on the weekends, at night, and during federal holidays,

Heightened security topic of APG Town Hall meeting

Held at the APG Recreation Center and broadcast live on WAPG-TV Channel 3, Mark answered questions from the audience and from those who called in during the broadcast.

Referring to terrorist activities that took place Sept. 11, Mark discussed security measures and procedures designed to enhance the protection of the installation.

"What you now see happening at our gates, that's for everybody's protection," Mark said. "What happened last Tuesday, quite frankly, we never expected to happen on our soil. America will grow from this, we'll be better positioned."

Gate procedures, the latest updates

Addressing installation entrance measures, Mark said that although the installation had several open, unmanned gates before the recent incidents, only two gates are being manned currently in each of the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas, Monday through Friday.

From 8 p.m. on Friday through 4 a.m. on Monday, the weekend, weeknight and holiday entrance for the Aberdeen Area is the Maryland Boulevard. All delivery vehicles must enter through the Maryland Boulevard Gate, regardless of the day of the week. Maryland Boulevard is located off Route 40 and is commonly referred to as Tank Row. The additional gate open during weekdays is the Route 22, Harford Gate. The Harford Gate is closed at night and on weekends and holidays.

In the Edgewood Area, the Edgewood Gate on Wise Road and the Route 24 Gate on Hoadley Road are open Monday through Friday during the day. In the Edgewood Area, on the weekends, at night and during holidays, the only entrance open and manned is the Hoadley Road, Route 24 Gate. The Hoadley Road entrance is the only Edgewood entrance for delivery vehicles.

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Evacuation procedures clarified

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Some of the questions raised during last week's town hall meeting highlighted the need for a clearer understanding of Aberdeen Proving Ground's emergency evacuation procedures.

"Residents and workers should understand that certain situations call for certain actions," said APG fire chief, Charles Jones. "Whether the emergency is a bomb threat, a fire or a suspected biological or chemical hazard, employees and residents need to know what to do to stay safe."

In the event of a bomb threat, personnel should evacuate the building and move to a designated gathering point a safe distance away, Jones said, and at that point, a head count should be conducted.

"Arriving emergency responders will need to know right away if everyone is accounted for," he added. "That information pretty much dictates what we do upon arrival."

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Symbolic re-enlistment ceremony draws area veterans

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In a passionate show of patriotism, veterans from Harford and Baltimore counties reaffirmed their loyalty to the nation during a symbolic re-enlistment ceremony held Sept. 19 at the U.S. Armed Forces Recruiting Station in Bel Air.

In the bright September sun, veterans from World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and the Gulf War raised their right hands and swore the Oath of Allegiance before a crowd of more than 200 family members and friends at the Festival Shopping Plaza in Bel Air.

The event was the brainchild of Bob Banker, a member of Harford County's Korean War Veterans Association. Banker said the idea, which came to him on the Friday following the Sept. 11 attack on America, was the result of the frustrations he and most Americans felt after the disaster.

"The more I thought about it the madder I got,"

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Front row, from left, Arnett Powers, Ray Astor, Blair Cross and Sam Fielder salute the colors during a re-enlistment ceremony held Sept. 19 at the Armed Forces Recruiting Station in Bel Air. Korean War veteran Bob Banker assembled veterans from Harford and Baltimore counties for the symbolic ceremony in the wake of the Sept. 11 attack on America.

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Whiteford contractors install a steam line under the road. For more information, call Rich Dunham at 410-306-1163.

Attention APG teens

Friday, Sept. 28, is the last day to submit 'Youth of the Quarter' applications to the Youth Services Centers. For more information, contact the Aberdeen Area Youth Center at 410-278-4995, the Edgewood Area Youth Center at 410-436-2862, or Ivan Mehofsky, 410-278-2857.

School bus drop offs reiterated

If the Harford County public schools experience an unscheduled early dismissal and there is not an adult available to meet young children, or if a bus cannot access an on-post bus stop, the bus will take the children to the Youth Centers. Youth Center staff will attempt to contact the parents.

It is imperative that parents tape a card inside each child's book bag with the child's name, address, telephone number, and emergency points of contact. If young children arrive at the Youth Center and do not have this information or do not know how to reach their parents, the Youth Center staff has no way to communicate with the parents.

This only applies during an unscheduled early dismissal or in the event of an emergency when the bus does not have access to a particular bus stop. Routinely, if young children are not met by an adult at the bus stop, the bus will return children to their school and school personnel will contact the child's parents.

For additional information, contact Linda Holloway, Aberdeen Proving Ground school liaison officer, at 410-306-4520.

Counseling through Behavioral Health at KUSAHC

In this time of need, the personnel at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic are doing what they can to assist the military family in the wake of the recent tragedy in New York and at the Pentagon.

Behavioral Health Care Services at KUSAHC is offering services to the Aberdeen Proving Ground community. Military personnel and their family members are eligible to receive services at KUSAHC. Civilians will be evaluated for proper referrals to outside agencies.

For anyone that has been touched by this tragedy, help is just a phone call away at 410-278-1715.

Red Cross schedules upcoming drives

During this most difficult time, the American Red Cross continues its commitment to ensuring an adequate, safe blood supply. The next public blood drive will be Tuesday, Oct. 2, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center. To schedule an appointment, call the APG Red Cross office at 410-278-2087.

Future American Red Cross drives include:

- Nov. 13 Edgewood Chapel
- Nov. 8 U.S. Army Research Lab
- Dec. 3 U.S. Aberdeen Test Center

The Mad Cow deferral criteria remains unchanged until approximately Oct. 15, 2001. The current criteria excludes donors who spent a cumulative time of six months or more in the United Kingdom between 1980 and 1996. Those donors are deferred indefinitely.

The American Red Cross appreciates everyone's support. For more information, contact Daria Lynne Avila, American Red Cross Blood Services, 800-728-5411, 410-939-7084 or pager, 410-232-5814.

Army guidance available on Operation Noble Eagle

Breaking news, command messages and guidance for the Army family is now being offered on a new U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command-sponsored Web site: <http://tradoc.monroe.army.mil/nobleagle>. Activated Sept. 19, the new site will focus on current news stories about recovery operations, world events and Army activities resulting from the recent terrorist attacks along the east coast. Linked pages carry information on hotlines and Web sites connected with recovery operations, family readiness, and frequently asked questions addressed via message board.

APGFCU accepting donations

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union is collecting donations for the Army Emergency Relief Fund, American Red Cross and the Salvation Army to help disaster victims and families through the current crisis, which resulted from the terrorists attacks on Sept. 11. Collection jars are located in all branch locations. For more information, call Tina L. Ripken, APGFCU market development director, 410-893-7359.

Submitting articles to APG News under Force Protection Condition Delta

In preparation for any future Force Protection Condition Delta, an e-mail mailbox is available to receive news for publication in APG News at editor@apgnews.com. This should only be used when "mission essential" personnel are reporting to Aberdeen Proving Ground. The paper will then be prepared and published at Homestead Publishing Company in Bel Air rather than the APG office.

Hours curtailed at KUSAHC

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will hold Organization Day Oct. 4 and observe a training holiday Oct. 5. The After-Hours Clinic will be open both days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

KUSAHC will observe Columbus Day on Oct. 8. The After-Hours Clinic will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the holiday observance.

Appointments during curtailed hours can be made through Nurse Triage at 410-278-1751.

Pollution Prevention

Make "Green" choices: Use borax or baking soda instead of bleach, or use non-chlorine bleach.

APG Pollution Prevention Program, Green Building Initiative Policy



KUSAHC offers classes

The following classes will be held in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12) at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. For more information and to register for a class, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Lunchtime tobacco cessation: Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m., Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25. All military beneficiaries are invited to attend.

Evening tobacco cessation: Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24. All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend.

Asthma education: One two-hour class for asthma patients and parents and sponsors of asthma patients will be held Oct. 25 7 to 9 p.m. Topics will include an overview of asthma, preventing attacks, developing a personal asthma action plan, triggers that may cause attacks or symptoms and use of a peak flow meter and MDI/spacer. All TRICARE beneficiaries are invited to attend.

Take care of yourself: The Take Care of Yourself class will be held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. All patients enrolled in TRICARE Prime are eligible to attend. 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. **To enroll, call 410-278-1725.**

Public notice - KUSHAC included in accreditation survey

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Fort George G. Meade, Md., Oct. 30 to Nov. 2. Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic at Aberdeen Proving Ground, being part of the Fort Meade MED-DAC, is included in this accreditation survey.

Anyone believing that they have valid information about quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representative at the time of the survey.

Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins; e.g., Oct. 23, and must indicate the

nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to: Ambulatory Care Service Team, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181.

The interviewee will be notified of the date, time and place of the meeting.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield service visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground on Oct. 9, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will be available from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room 211.

The representative will be available in the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Thrift savings for military

The Thrift Savings Plan is coming to the Uniformed Services starting Oct. 9. TSP, a retirement savings and investment plan, has been available to civilian employees of the federal government since 1987. It offers savings and tax benefits to participants similar to many private corporations' "401(k)" plans.

For a unit briefing on the TSP, please contact Tricia Jewitt, financial readiness coordinator at the Army Community Service, 410-278-4372.

The TSP briefing contains information on enrollment, how to elect money into the various TSP accounts, how to designate a beneficiary, and benefits of the TSP.

ABC-C's new module eases access

The Army Benefit Center - Civilian's web-based Employee Benefits Information System has a new point-of-entry module making it easier for employees to create their POE account.

As of Aug. 22, the point-of-entry application was modified, allowing existing EBIS users to enter their Social Security Numbers to access the information system, eliminating the need to create a separate user identification.

If passwords are forgotten, users can change passwords online without having to call ABC-C or the help desk. Users can also choose to be notified of successful or unsuccessful attempts of a change to a password. Presently, the email notification feature is not available. Users will be notified when this feature is activated.

There is still an eight-day waiting period between password changes. Also, if your password expires, you will receive a warning notice and you must reestablish your password. The same password cannot be used within a six-month period. If your password is soon to expire, you will also receive a warning notice that passwords must be changed every 90 days.

If you are a new user, you will need to create a POE account. Follow the guidance in creating your password. Examples are provided on the POE "Create Password" screen in the POE module. Additionally, ensure the correct information (service computation date, civilian pay plan, grade, step, etc.) is entered identifying you as a user of this application.

Users may find additional information on the ABC-C home page under the "Announcement" section at www.ABC.army.mil.

"These POE changes will allow easier access to EBIS, thus enabling employees to become more self-sufficient in managing their federal benefits and entitlements," said Kathy Cole, chief of the ABC-C.

Commercial Activities Hotline available

The CA telephone hotline at 410-278-7414, and CA e-mail hotline at CA.Hotline@usag.apg.army.mil, are available to provide updates and answers to your questions concerning the CA Study.

In addition, CA is now showing up as a choice on the first page of the APG Web site, www.apg.army.mil.

ABC-C Web site address changes

On Sept. 5 the ABC-C Web site address changed from <http://www.abc.army.mil> to <https://www.abc.army.mil> to allow Army personnel who are not coming from a .mil domain to be able to access the Web site.

Simply type the letter "s" after http and you will be able to gain access to the site. The ABC-C portion of our Web site still requires 40-bit encryption.

Call the ABC-C automated line at 1-877-276-9287 or the SWCPOC Help Desk at 1-785-239-2000 (DSN 856-2000) if you are experiencing difficulties accessing this Web site.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
 Staff Sgt. Paul Tatum directs a canine inspection at the Maryland Boulevard gate.

Hi,
 I want to let someone know how impressed I am with the individuals who have been manning the gates. They are always friendly and courteous, even when standing in the rain. Others have told me that they have experienced the same thing.

I just think they should be recognized for their consistently friendly and professional composure while maintaining our safety and security. Thanks.
 Linda Schnick,
 U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command

AFAP addresses housing, soldier and youth activities, day care and health issues

By Sheila Little
APG News

The Army Family Action Plan symposium, held at Aberdeen Proving Ground in April, brought up concerns raised by military, family members, retirees and civilians. After studying the issues raised, installation agencies answered the issues. This article is one of a series covering concerns of APG community members.

Issue: Inadequate housing availability information

Because the agency can be left out of the loop, the APG Housing Office is unable to accurately predict on-post quarters vacancies. Soldiers receiving inaccurate information from housing go off post and rent more expensive quarters, then are informed that on-post housing is available. Soldiers are usually unable to break their lease, and end up living in less convenient and more expensive quarters, off the installation.

Recommendation: Make it a part of the moving procedure for the military personnel office and the military members to furnish housing with copies of permanent change of station orders as soon as they are received, and provide for better communication between the housing office and incoming and outgoing military personnel.

Resolution: The Military Personnel Office has been asked to provide PCS orders to housing officials. Housing personnel continue to brief incoming and outgoing military on the appropriate sign-in and sign-out procedures. Representatives from the housing office attend briefings for incoming soldiers and will attend out briefings for service personnel if they are made aware of the briefing dates. In addition, the housing office has been added to the distribution list for all PCS, expiration term of service, retirement and change in rank orders. It is expected that these changes, when fully implemented, will provide housing

customers with more accurate projections of available quarters.

Issue: Separate activities for permanent party servicemembers

Permanent party servicemembers have no place to gather for off-duty functions and activities. Current locations also serve as a gathering place for temporarily assigned personnel.

Recommendation: Provide separate facilities and programs for permanent party servicemembers.

Resolution: Personnel from Morale, Welfare and Recreation schedule activities and events for permanent party personnel, especially when requested by and coordinated with a unit or group, within existing facilities. Permanent party personnel are invited to use the non-commissioned officers room in the APG Recreation Center, a room that is often used for set events. In addition, the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program often holds events for the sole enjoyment of permanent party personnel.

MWR will continue to schedule soldier activities, but will hold events within existing facilities.

Issue: Edgewood Area Youth Services expansion

Youth Services in the Edgewood Area does not offer equivalent programs to those in the Aberdeen Area, due to insufficient space, and lack of equipment and staff.

Recommendation: Increase the size of the existing facility and staff, and purchase needed equipment.

Resolution: The Edgewood Area Youth Services operates within the scope of available staff and space. There is a plan to expand the facility to accommodate additional programs, and the issue is being addressed at higher levels.

In addition, funds for such an expansion are being requested. As soon as the funds are granted, plans for an expansion will proceed.

Issue: Quality of customer service with TRICARE contractors

A customer complained that TRICARE service representatives can be discourteous, unprofessional and disrespectful to beneficiaries. Every beneficiary should be offered respect and receive professional service.

Recommendation: Reinforce the use of appropriate customer service skills and courtesy through training, and monitor telephone service by reserving the option to occasionally record customer service calls.

Resolution: Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic values quality customer service. Individuals may provide specific complaints, including a name if possible, to the Patient Advocate by calling 410-278-1724. Verbal complaints are taken, but complaints in writing, with specific information regarding the time, the name of the representative, and the discourtesy are better. From there, the issue will be directed to Sierra Military Health Services for follow up.

If you would like a personal response from Sierra, state that in your initial complaint, along with a contact number or address.

Issue: Childcare fees

Income used to determine the amount a patron pays for childcare includes subsistence and housing allowances. This policy takes into account the income of servicemembers not received in pay, and can lead to financial hardship.

Recommendation: Use gross income based only on base pay.

Resolution: Department of Defense policy requires total family income to include subsistence and housing allowances. Possible changes in this policy are being addressed through the chain of command, but the policy will not change until directed to do so by the Department of Defense.

TRICARE For Life myths about MEDICARE dispelled

Courtesy of TROA

On Oct. 1, military Medicare-eligible beneficiaries will become eligible for TRICARE For Life, under which TRICARE will provide second-payer coverage to Medicare. Such major and expensive benefit changes are frequently accompanied by rumors and misinformation, often spread by well-intentioned but worried people. While one can never fully protect against Murphy's Law, everything we see indicates TFL will be implemented and funded as planned on Oct. 1. So it's time to put the kibosh on those TFL myths.

Myth 1: "TFL is not a permanent program and Congress is looking at cutbacks because of its high cost."

Reality: TFL is set in permanent law, in the same way as Social Security, Medicare, and military retired pay. As such, annual action by Congress to re-authorize TFL is not required. Public Law 106-398 established a Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Health Care Trust Fund, to be effective October 1, 2002. The fund will be resourced with annual mandatory contributions from the DoD and the U.S. Treasury. Congress certainly has the power to change any program, including Social Security, Medicare, military retired pay, or TFL, but that would take another law change. There has been no discussion in Congress of any TFL cutback. Congress and the DOD are committed to bringing TFL on line, on time, as promised.

Myth 2: "TFL has not been funded for FY 2002 so the program can't begin on Oct. 1, 2001."

Reality: It's technically true that Congress has not yet passed the FY 2002 Defense Appropriations Act, but this is merely a formality as far as TFL is concerned. First-year TFL funding of \$3.9 billion was included in the President's Budget and in the FY 2002 Budget Resolution, which set Congress's spending agenda. Therefore, funds are already earmarked for inclusion in the FY 2002 Defense Appropriations Bill when Congress takes it up next month. If this defense-spending bill is not passed by Oct. 1, Congress will approve a Continuing Resolution to sustain funding for previously authorized initiatives. TROA has confirmed with the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the DoD's General Counsel that, since TFL authority is already on the law books, it will still be implemented and funded on Oct. 1 under the terms of the

CR, even if no Defense Appropriations Act has been enacted by that date.

Myth 3: "My doctors will not accept me as a TFL patient because they don't participate in TRICARE."

Reality: Under TFL, all Medicare-approved providers are automatically "TRICARE-approved providers." If Medicare pays the doctor, TRICARE will too-automatically. There is no requirement for the doctor to formally participate in TRICARE. In the worst case, a skeptical doctor may ask you to pay the Medicare copayment up front until he can be sure TFL will pay on time. Next month's TROA magazine will be accompanied by two copies of TROA's new TRICARE For Life Handbook for Providers. TROA designed this eight-page handbook specifically to show doctors how TFL will work, and persuade them that they won't need to require such upfront copayments.

Myth 4: "Doctors who treat

TFL patients will have to file a secondary TFL claim for the supplemental coverage that my Medigap insurance now pays."

Reality: For the vast majority of cases, all the doctor has to do is file the claim with Medicare, with no extra paperwork for TFL. Most providers already bill Medicare. Medicare will process the primary claim and send the Medicare payment directly to the provider. The paid Medicare claim will be automatically forwarded to TRICARE, which will generate a TRICARE copayment directly to the provider. You will get an Explanation of Benefits statement from both Medicare and TRICARE showing that both programs have paid their share of the bill and that you owe nothing. (Note: This automatic payment system will be in place for beneficiaries age 65 and over as of Oct. 1, but won't be available until sometime next year for disabled Medicare-eligibles under 65. In the interim, a separate paper

claim to TRICARE will still be necessary for the under-65 Medicare-eligibles.)

Myth 5: "Before I can get any benefits under TFL, I must have a new Uniformed Services Identification Card that shows eligibility for health care."

Reality: A new ID card is not required. Eligibility for TFL is based on your having correct information in DEERS, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. Even if the back of the Military ID Card

indicates, "No civilian medical care is authorized" (after a stated date), TFL benefits will be paid so long as your DEERS information is accurate. In addition, TRICARE contractors mailed out a letter in late July and early August to all uniformed services beneficiaries 65 and older with a wallet-size "Information Card" that can be shown to a provider. The card states the provider should "file claims (for reimbursement) in the usual manner to Medicare." It also shows that the patient has

no copay or deductible for TRICARE and Medicare-covered benefits and provides contact numbers for TFL information.

Myth 6: "Because I am enrolled in a Medicare HMO or have other health insurance (OHI) coverage, TFL will not benefit me."

Reality: We believe you won't need other health insurance under TFL, but if you decide to keep it anyway, you will not get all the benefits of your premium-free TFL cover-

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lift up someone else.

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Marcia Glenn

By Marcia Klein
AMSC

A personnel staffing specialist with the Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency, graduated Aug. 10 from the Sustaining Base Leadership and Management program at the Army Management Staff College, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Marsha Glenn was board selected to attend the 12-week resident program based on her potential to assume top-level leadership and managerial roles in today's Army.

AMSC educates the future leaders of the Army's sustaining base -- the agencies and programs that support those soldiers on point for the nation.

Col. Philip L. Wilkerson Jr., AMSC's commandant, compares the sustaining base to the handle for a bayonet: "We're training soldiers as the pointed edge of the bayonet from basic training all the way through the War College. But the hilt, the part that supports the pointed edge, we have frequently [ignored]. How effective can the point be, even though it's very sharp, if the

'handle' doesn't sustain it?" Wilkerson said. "The sustaining base -- those future civilian and military leaders we are educating -- gets the soldiers 'on point,' and makes sure they have what they need to do their job and, oh by the way, also covers all the areas that support their families ... to get those concerns out of the soldiers' minds."

The students receive instruction in leadership, management, decision making, resource management, acquisition, logistics and more. The material is presented in a mix of lectures, group discussions, hands-on practical exercises, case studies, briefings by senior Army leaders and field trips.

Classes stress critical thinking and active learning, intensive self-preparation and in-depth analysis of various problems and situations.

Applicants can apply online, streamlining and shortening the process. For more information about AMSC and the SBLM program, visit Web site www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil.

Customer applauds ATC's live fire test team

By Marlene Townsend
ATC

On behalf of the Abrams Project Manager, members of the Live Fire Test Team were recognized during an awards ceremony at U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.

Col. Mary K. Brown, commander ATC, presented each team member with an ATC Commander's Coin and a monetary award to show her appreciation for excellent customer relations.

The team was commended for exemplary performance in the conduct of the Live Fire Vulnerability Test of the M1A2 Abrams System Enhancement Package, or SEP, tank.

"It is always great to acknowledge super employees who are recognized by our customers," Brown said. "I am pleased to present these awards for PM Abrams."

The test program stretched over a nine-month time frame and involved testing of two production M1A2 SEP tanks. Sixteen ballistic events were executed to evaluate the vulnerability of the system. The team's contribution was invaluable and, because of their efforts, the superior survivability of the Abrams series of

tanks was maintained.

The high degree of technical skill and dedication of the team, coupled with their valuable experience in working with this highly sophisticated system, contributed immensely to a successful test.



The test director, Doug Blankenbiller, was commended for his exemplary leadership, technical expertise, and ability to orchestrate such a complex test program and to complete it well under budget.

"Doug is the kind of worker that every customer wants; he is technically astute and gets things done,"

said Charles Valz, the Survivability/Lethality Core Director.

Team members include: Bruce K. Taylor, C. Michael Osborne, Glenn P. Smit, James R. Brown, Jesse L. Meerdink, Robert M. Cavanaugh, Stella M. Woosley, William Foad, William L. Sumpter, William P. Sanginette, Albert Clark, Mark L. Mullen Jr., William J. White, Robert L. Brown, Robin T. Gibson, Steven G. Hensley, Andrew J. Engle III, Bradley C. Lewis, James R. Stauffer, Jeffrey A. Adams, Beverly Childers, Douglas Atwell, Geraldine P. Thompson and James A. Brogan

A message from Major General John C. Doesburg

Dear staff and friends of the U.S. Army Soldier and Chemical Biological Command:

During this time of tragedy in our nation's history, I want to assure you that my prayers and thoughts are with the victims and their families.

I am proud of the way our nation has come together to help and offer prayer to our Heavenly Father. Let our prayers as a community be joined together for one nation under God.

John C. Doesburg
Major General,
Commanding

Council on Historic Preservation approves proposed AAP

By Melissa Plummer
AEC

In a unanimous vote, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation gave its approval to the proposed Army Alternate Procedures designed to streamline Army compliance with federal historic preservation regulations July 13. Upon publication in the Federal Register, the AAP will become an option for installations seeking to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

"The Army is the only federal agency that has stepped up to the task of defining a new agency-wide direction for its compliance with Section 106," said Cathryn Slater, former chairperson of the council. "Without the full support of Army headquarters in this effort, meaningful change would not have been possible."

The AAP builds upon the concept of the Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan, a requirement established by Army Regulation 200-4. The ICRMP covers all planned actions involv-

ing cultural resources for a five-year period.

The AAP allows installations to undertake the actions outlined in the ICRMP, which had been agreed upon in consultation with interested stakeholders -- such as State Historic Preservation Offices and Native Americans and Native Hawaiians -- without needing to go through project-by-project consultation.

The Army could avoid \$1.5 to \$4.2 million annually in delay costs as installations choose the AAP over the standard method detailed in 36 CFR Part 800, based on a 1999 study by the Center for Army Analysis. In addition to saving money, such streamlined compliance will also save time and allow projects to be completed on schedule.

"The creation of these procedures shows how the Army cultural resources programs are supposed to work," said Col. Stanley H. Lillie, U.S. Army Environmental Center commander. "By adapting federal codes to the unique needs

of the Army, we can both properly care for our historic properties and use the savings to support readiness."

"Much of the success of our ongoing partnership is derived from the active leadership role taken by the Army to preserve its heritage resources," said Slater.

The council showed its appreciation of the massive effort on the part of AEC in bringing the AAP to fruition by bestowing the Chairman's Citation for Achievement in Historic Preservation to David Guldenzopf, chief of the Cultural Resources Branch, and Scott Farley, Office of Counsel, for developing the concept and guiding it to completion. These were the first such awards ever to be presented by the council.

The award recognizes individuals that demonstrate leadership in historic preservation, promote historic preservation values and partnerships, and develop effective and creative solutions to problems in historic preservation.

Reserves

From front page

Most of the reserve-component soldiers who will be called up to augment the active force for homeland defense and civil support will likely be volunteers, reserve leaders told reporters, as thousands have already called in to say they are ready to report for duty wherever needed. Some of them are already at work at the World Trade Center and Pentagon in an extended annual training status, they said.

Under a "handshake" agreement with the White House, Rumsfeld will have to coordinate with the president for any call up exceeding 50,000 reservists, Duehring said. The current call up is just for homeland defense and civil support. However, nothing in the order precludes it from expanding to include a call-up of the reserves for "Infinite Justice," the name recently given the operation which covers retaliatory action the country might take against terrorists.

Duehring praised Colorado Springs Utilities, Advance Auto Parts and Georgia Pacific for calling into the Department of Defense to ask how they can assist in easing the transition of many of their employees to federal service.

"To those of you who are employers of these people, we ask you to help make their transition an easy one as they leave their homes and families to perform their military service," Duehring said. "For those of you who know a member of the National Guard or the Reserve, take time to thank them for the sacrifice they are making as they join the ranks of the heroes who are even now working so hard in New York City and just outside our building here at the Pentagon."

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Changes in food operations available at APG

By Alan Petty
AAFES

Patrons and tenants on Aberdeen Proving Ground have a variety of options open to them for food, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Those options are about to change to include closings, openings and relocations. But before any changes are made to food operations on military bases, food assessment studies must be completed.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, or AAFES, and the major Army command's Community and Family Support Center finalized and approved a Memorandum of Understanding in the fall of 2000, which provides guidance and procedures to follow for all new food operations, which would be operated and managed by AAFES and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Under the terms of the MOU, food assessments would be requested and accomplished by CFSC and AAFES for the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas and the commercial outlets surrounding the installation. Recommendations would then be provided to the garrison commander.

This MOU also directs that AAFES and MWR review all existing food operations and when to not renew existing concessionaire food contracts once the current contracts expire.

Based on that information, the following changes can be expected in the near future. Estimated to open by spring 2002, AAFES, has plans to construct a Church's Chicken with drive through access, to be attached to the existing Aberdeen Area Shoppette.

A new construction project is planned for a shopping center, which, once approved by Congress, will result in new food operations.

Selections of food concepts for this will be studied and recommendations provided to the garrison commander after the project is approved and funded.

The AAFES Sprinkles Concessionaire at Aberdeen and Edgewood permanently closed as of Sept. 21 at their request.

The AAFES Patio Drive-In Food Concessionaire is another operation identified to close permanently Sept. 28.

All AAFES and MWR food operations are open to all members of the communi-

ty. It is not necessary to have identification cards for food operations on the installation.

Listed below are current food operations that are open to all tenants, as well as family members on Aberdeen and Edgewood.

AAFES food operations in Edgewood Area Mini Mall with Shoppette

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Building E-4010 (Shoppette)
Monday thru Friday 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday closed
Telephone: 410-671-6198

Krispy Kreme Shoppette
Building E-4010
Monday thru Friday 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Telephone: 410-671-6097

AAFES food operations in Aberdeen Area Krispy Kreme
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Sunday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Telephone: 410-272-1681

Anthony's Pizza
Building 2401 (foyer of PX)
Monday thru Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Telephone: 410-272-9008

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Telephone: None

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Sunday noon to 7 p.m.
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Myths

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Myth 8: "TRICARE For Life will pay for long-term nursing care services, so I won't need long-term care insurance."

Reality: TFL does not cover long-term custodial care. Medicare and TRICARE cover certain "medically-necessary" skilled nursing care either in a Skilled Nursing Facility or at home.

Such services are very different from long-term care services. SNF care may be needed following a period of hospitalization for rehabilitation or for stabilization of a condition.

Long-term care, also called "custodial or personal care", is for people who require permanent assistance in activities of daily living, such as eating, bathing, dressing and physical movement. Beneficiaries are solely responsible for paying for custodial services. Beneficiaries desiring such coverage may want to purchase long-term care insurance, but they will have to meet certain "medical underwriting conditions" as determined by an insurance carrier.

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Army News



National Guard medics assist during Pentagon attack

By Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
Army News Service

The Pentagon's 17 miles of rings and corridors can be a confusing maze on the best of days. Toxic, ink-black smoke and searing heat turned them into dark passageways to potential death for two Army National Guard medical soldiers determined to get people out after a hijacked jetliner slammed into the western side of the United States' military center Sept. 11.

Yet, National Guardsmen Master Sgt. James Smith and Maj. Gary McKay put caution behind them and groped and crawled through the crash site while helping search for victims before leaving the building themselves to assist burned and choking people in the Pentagon's center courtyard.

"It's lucky we were at the right place at the right time to help other people," said Smith about having to crawl low along the corridors and hold a water-soaked T-shirt to his mouth so he could breathe.

"We saw people running down the hall, lights going off, and we decided we needed to do something at that time," Smith told WIS-TV from his hometown of Columbia, S.C.

Smith is the chief medical noncommissioned officer and McKay is the medical standards officer for the chief surgeon's office at the Army Guard's Readiness Center in Arlington. Smith was just five days shy of 30 years in the National Guard when death and destruction knocked on his and McKay's doors.

Human chains of eight to 10 people stretched as far as they could along smoke-filled corridors behind the crash site, yelling and searching and dragging people out of the smoke and heat before the rescuers, too, were forced back by the heat.

"They were glad somebody could find them," Smith said of the victims. "A lot of them couldn't see because of the smoke in their eyes. They couldn't breathe."

Smith's most vivid memory of that day involves sticking an intravenous needle into the arm of a badly burned civilian man, after others could not find a vein, in the center courtyard. Smith is a nurse and emergency medical technician and Desert Storm veteran.

McKay, a physician's assistant and former deputy sheriff, most clearly recalls treating a

young woman who was failing fast from smoke inhalation during a painfully slow, five-mile trip in a privately owned van through congested traffic to an Arlington, Va., hospital. One colonel drove the van, and another colonel sprinted ahead ordering other drivers to get out of the way, McKay said.

He returned to the Pentagon where he helped other medical people attend firefighters who were overcome by the smoke, McKay added.

"We put people in utility carts and anything else we could find to get them out of there," McKay explained. "We had that area cleared in just a few minutes."

"People wearing every color of uniform came together and did what they had to do," Smith said.

Smith and McKay were attending a meeting at the Pentagon that morning when they learned that two jetliners had struck the World Trade Center's twin towers in New York City. A hijacked Boeing 757, American Airlines Flight 77, which had taken off from nearby Dulles International Airport plowed into the Pentagon at 9:38 a.m.

"This can't be good," was McKay's first thought when the building rumbled from the impact and explosion. "You've got to be kidding me," he responded to another person's suggestion that it was an airliner. "I figured it was some kind of military attack," said the former Army Guard machine-gunner from Minnesota.

"I wondered where the next round would go," he added.

Both have encountered danger and death before.

"This was just a lot more of it," said McKay who explained he had been shot at and entered burning buildings during his 14 years as an Olmsted County Sheriff's deputy in Minnesota.

Smith recalled seeing many badly burned and dying people during the five months he served with the South Carolina Army Guard's 251st Evacuation Hospital in Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War. That hospital treated 38,000 patients during his duty in the desert, he said.

(Editor's note: Master Sgt. Bob Haskell is assigned to the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C.)

Family Assistance Center gives aid to victims' families

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs and Master Sgt. Jon Connor
Army News Service

About 110 family members representing 30 known victims of the terrorist strike against the Pentagon Sept. 11 are receiving counseling as the search and recovery effort continues.

The Department of Defense has organized a Family Assistance Center at the Sheraton Hotel in Arlington, Va., to answer questions and meet the specific needs of family members.

Marine Maj. Ben Owens, a DoD public affairs officer and FAC spokesman, said that the FAC is enhancing the military's normal notification procedure for any personnel who are placed in the status of missing, injured or killed.

The Army has attempted to notify the next of kin of its 21 soldiers and 47 civilians, who are unaccounted for, but as of Sept. 13 not everyone had been contacted, said Army officials. The problem is that family members have left

home and are traveling to the Washington, D.C., area, officials said.

Family members of victims who are seeking counseling assistance are encouraged to call 1-800-487-3450. FAC staff will then determine how they can best tailor their services to meet the particular needs of the family.

"They just want to know the status of what their loved ones is," Owens said. "They're very special people," he said of the family members.

All victims who were evacuated to hospitals have been identified, Owens said. Those found dead in the Pentagon will be taken to Dover Air Force Base, Del.

Another question that has cropped up: can family members see the crash site at the Pentagon themselves. Owens said that question is being channeled up the chain of command for an answer.

The focus of the FAC is to first determine what the family wants, then to set them up with an expert who can meet

their needs, Owens said. These family members can receive as much counseling and other related services provided as often and as long as they want it, Owens said.

About 100 volunteers are offering services in their expertise and helping to man the center 24-hours a day in three eight-hour shifts, he said.

The FAC is commanded by Army Lt. Gen. John Van Alstyne, and is made up of chaplains, Family Advocacy counselors, mental health experts from Arlington county and from organizations like the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, Owens said during an impromptu press conference in the hotel's lobby Thursday morning.

Two briefings are being given by Van Alstyne to update family members on the ongoing search and recovery effort. Alstyne then gives family members the opportunity to ask any questions on the situation. The briefings are held at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

Chaplains help victims of Pentagon tragedy

By Sgt. Thomas N. Orme
Army News Service

Sgt. 1st Class Ronnie L. Corbett thought the boom he heard sounded a little different than the normal volley he often hears as the Old Guard practices with its muskets on Fort McNair in Washington, D.C.

Corbett, noncommissioned officer-in-charge at the chaplain's office for Arlington National Cemetery, stepped outside his living quarters to see smoke rising from the Pentagon. He had just seen the news about the attacks in New York. He guessed correctly that the Pentagon had just been attacked.

"We received the call immediately after the incident. At that time we were notified by the chaplain's office to start a roster of chaplain's assistants to assist the chaplains here," said Corbett. "My initial reaction was to be upset, then I thought about the people in the Pentagon."

Lt. Col. Carl A. Pfeiffer, the chaplain for the 1st Basic Combat Training Brigade in Fort Jackson, S.C., was in Crystal City near the Pentagon, on temporary duty working on a special project with the Army chief of chaplains.

"We had to evacuate our building. When we got to the street we saw smoke coming from the Pentagon. We went over and immediately began helping out. The fire was humongous and there was wreckage everywhere," said Pfeiffer. "Firefighters and medics were already there. We'd help lift stretchers with people suffering from smoke inhalation into trucks that took them over to the initial triage area under a bridge."

Chaplains and assistants came together from throughout the military and quickly set up a chaplain operations center by the following day of the attack. Chaplains were divided into teams to care for the different needs of the rescuers and the victims. The comfort team listened to family as well as rescuers stunned and

grieved by their personal tragedies. The mortuary team worked alongside the mortuary affairs specialists, providing prayer when victims were taken from the rubble and solemnly carried out.

"We are here to give dignity and respect for those that died in the defense of their country. We attempt to provide a profound witness effect for all around. We can say it is really sacred work," said Pfeiffer. "I'm here as a Catholic to do confession and counseling."

Family members of victims were brought to the Pentagon to view the site from an area close by and lay memorial items to their loved ones.

"Part of the reason to allow victims to come to the Pentagon is when they see the building there is a sense of closure," said Pfeiffer. "It helps them to accept the full dimensions of the tragedy that occurred. We are there for them to deal with their feelings of grief."

Corbett said the chaplain assistant's mission is to maintain the operations center to ensure communication, publicize religious services and talk to soldiers. Assistants may sit and talk with soldiers and refer them to chaplains if they have deep religious issues, because that is their expertise, Corbett said.

"If a soldier wants a confession, I will locate a priest for them," Corbett said. "One of the Tennessee rescue squads wanted a mass and a Protestant service. We set both services up to take care their needs," he said.

"Just working with the other branches, the professionalism — how we all came together as a functioning unit — was great," Corbett said.

Pfeiffer echoed the sentiment, noting how the assistants were an invaluable asset to maintaining the communication and order that allowed the chaplains to tend to their main duties.

(Editor's note: Sgt. Thomas N. Orme is assigned to the 214th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, U.S. Army Reserve.)

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Army educates soldiers on commercial life insurance fraud

By **Tesia Williams**
Army News Service

The Department of the Army is placing a "renewed emphasis" on programs that teach junior soldiers how to recognize deceptive insurance practices.

Currently, the Army's Financial Counseling Education and Assistance program is implementing several initiatives to assist soldiers with their insurance needs by expanding personal finance training to all Army schools, providing new recruits with information on insurance and developing a life-cycle education program.

These programs will be in addition to the insurance classes available at each installation and various Web sites that provide information, said Isaac Templeton Jr., consumer affairs program manager for the Army Community and Family Support Center.

"The Army has had a financial counseling program for over 20 years," Templeton said. "We're just trying to improve on what we have and increase resources."

Junior enlisted soldiers have historically been the targets of corrupt insurance salesmen attempting to, and sometimes suc-

ceeding in swindling the unsuspecting soldier, Templeton said.

"Manipulative salesmen will often engage in practices such as selling policies with restrictive clauses that would limit payment should the soldier be killed or injured in the line of duty, or equating life insurance with mutual funds," said James Davis, Army program coordinator for personal commercial solicitation. "Therefore, the soldier will ultimately buy policies under the false assumption of earning interest on investments."

It is always important to encourage the soldier to ask for a third party review through the Judge Advocate General or other qualified individuals, said Davis. The key is command and installation involvement, he added.

Commanders are responsible to ensure that all agents who have been given permission to solicit on their installation know the rules and solicitation practices. If the agent is found to violate solicitation practices, commanders should forward any information to the DA through their major command.

"Anytime a person takes advantage of a soldier, that's a big problem," said Davis. "That's why we make sure we have an educated force."

The proactive approach to educate soldiers began in April

with an electronic Military Personnel message focusing on commercial solicitation procedures on Army installations. It comes at a crucial point in time in which a three-year worldwide bar will be lifted off Academy Life Insurance Company.

The Department of Defense prohibited Academy Life from selling policies on military installations in 1998 because of "inherently deceptive and manipulative practices."

"Young soldiers don't understand insurance and risk management," Templeton said. "Most agencies will sell large policies without looking at the real needs of the soldiers. Effective training programs are imperative to keeping soldiers informed."

As of fiscal year 1999, new enlistees are required to take two hours of personal financial readiness training as part of the Basic and Advanced Individual Training curriculum as well as eight hours of mandatory personal financial readiness training at their first duty station.

Each training session includes information on Servicemember's Group Life Insurance and commercial life insurance.

Survey gauges Army civilian attitude

By **Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs**
Army News Service

Technology will give more Army civilians the chance to share their opinions of the transforming Army with senior leaders in an online survey being administered now through the end of September.

An online version of the Army Civilian Attitude Survey is being offered for the first time since its implementation more than 20 years ago. Also for the first time, results will be provided to installation commanders along with Army Secretary Thomas White and other senior leaders at the general-officer level.

The annual survey is used to track and evaluate the morale and welfare of the civilian workforce, said Murray Mack, a personnel psychologist for the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army.

The survey is voluntary and can be accessed through the following URL, <http://cpol.army.mil/survey/dasurvey>.

"In the past, the survey was only mailed to employee's home addresses, and the project costs were high, primarily due to printing and postage — approximately \$200,000," Mack said. "Only 15,000 people Army-wide were being sampled, and last year's response rate was 40 percent."

However, for \$40,000 Mack is hoping to receive responses from each of the 225,000 appropriated and non-appropriated fund civilian personnel.

The survey, which Mack estimates will take 15-20 minutes to complete, is authorized to be accessed during the regular duty day.

All civilians are encouraged to express their opinions regarding the Army's vision, working conditions and business practices, which White listed as one of his top priorities, said Lee Mudd, a personnel psychologist for the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army.

"Secretary White supports this survey and our belief is that individuals will be more motivated to respond, not only because of his support but because of the ease of taking the survey at the workplace," Mudd said.

In a memorandum signed by White, individuals were asked to be candid in responding. Names will not be collected to protect privacy, only group results will be reported, the memorandum stated.

Mack said he's excited about the online version of the survey because technology is offering new opportunities for change management.

"Five years ago we saw a decrease in satisfaction levels with downsizing and regionalization of personnel services," Mack said. "But now we can clearly see the levels moving in the right direction."

"Although individuals are tired of surveys, this one survey will alleviate the need for a lot of other general-attitude surveys because these results can be used by local commanders in conjunction with their strategic planning."

Infantry general conveys Uncle Sam's respect, sympathy to victim's families

By **Linda D. Kozaryn**
Army News Service

Each day at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., a veteran Army officer with a strong, mellow voice calmly assures grieving families that Uncle Sam is doing everything he can to find their loved ones.

"I am not a public affairs officer," Lt. Gen. John A. Van Alstyne announced at the Sheraton Crystal City. "I am not a spokesman for anyone. I am an infantry officer of 35 years of service," he affirmed in testimony to his credibility. "I deal in facts."

Van Alstyne, deputy assistant defense secretary for military personnel policy, knows these people's lives changed forever when a hijacked jet slammed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11. Their loved ones were among the 189 servicemembers, civilian employees, contractors, passengers and crew either inside the building or on the plane.

They were among the more than 5,000 victims of the day's terrorist attacks on America. As rescuers worked around the clock, families could only wait. The Defense Department's Military Communities and Family Policy Directorate set up a Pentagon Family Assistance Center minutes away from the crash site.

More than a thousand calls have reached the center since it opened Sept. 12. People want to help in any way they can. Some volunteer their services, others donate food, others stuffed animals and blankets. Family members of the missing call in for news and information. Others, who live nearby, come in seeking chaplains and counselors.

About 40 family members were on hand for Van Alstyne's first briefing Sept. 12. As time went on, more relatives arrived from around the country. About 200 came in for the general's second and third briefings. For each, the conference hall was nearly full.

Families assembled quietly. Some tightly clasped the hands of another as they entered the room. Others clung to volunteer escorts that had met them in the lobby. Each was alone in his or her grief, yet united with their comrades in sorrow.

After his introduction, Van Alstyne reported the latest information on the around-the-clock rescue operation. He described the scene at the Pentagon, noting that there was a "peripheral area, an unstable area," and the impact area, now referred to as the "pancake area."

"All those who've seen the pictures, and lived with them, know the area I'm talking about," the general said. "It's the area right at the point of impact, all the way back to the B Ring."

Rescue workers were engaged in dangerous and stressful work, he explained to the families.

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Evacuation

From front page

In the event of missing personnel, search and rescue takes priority," he added.

For suspected chemical or biological hazards, inhabitants should take up a "shelter-in-place" posture.

"Stay buttoned up until notified to evacuate," Jones said. "Your first inclination will be to get out of there, find your kids and go home. It's understandable but it's also the worst thing you could do in that situation."

With thousands of people working on the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas, a mass exodus would not only tie up traffic, it would leave emergency responders unable to do their jobs.

"The fire department and the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security have limited

resources with a primary responsibility of responding to incidents," Jones said.

"We can't do that with thousands of people taking off in different directions. Until we can do a systematic evacuation, please remain in your buildings."

Although the Aberdeen Area doesn't have the chemical stockpile like the Edgewood Area, a chemical or biological attack is still possible," he cautioned, adding that even small amounts of hazardous materials can produce dire consequences.

"Common sense is your best guide," Jones said. The situation should dictate your actions. Naturally, you don't shelter in place in the event of a fire. In the event of a suspected terrorist attack at the main gate, however, you want to stay put until we come around and issue evacuation procedures."

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Bush

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money to aid those affected by the attack are the Army Emergency Relief Society Pentagon Victims Fund, 703-325-0463, www.aerhq.org; the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society Pentagon Assistance Fund, 703-696-4904, www.nmcrcs.org; and the Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund, 303-933-7580, www.feea.org.

Bush urged Americans to remain involved. He said many of the charities have been overwhelmed by the public response to the disaster. The Web portals and phone lines may be busy, but Americans should be patient and continue to try to get through, and eventually they will, Bush said.

He asked Americans to keep sight of the mission. "We will fight terrorism on all fronts. We will not be terrorized so that our hearts are hardened," he said. "Nobody can threaten this country. They may be able to bomb buildings and disrupt lives, but we're too great a nation to allow the evildoers to affect our soul and our spirit."

Security

From front page

Visitors to APG are being asked to schedule visits to avoid the morning rush hour, sign in at the gate and be escorted onto the installation by an approved sponsor.

Mark said personnel can assist in alleviating the morning rush, which has been very much affected by new gate procedures, by requesting supervisor approval to stagger reporting times. In addition, all workers should know if they are considered key or essential personnel. Check with tenant commanders and leaders for clarification on this issue.

If a heightened threat is perceived, enhanced security measures will be taken and installation recreational and social activities will be curtailed. Mark asks that all APG workers and residents be patient and expect delays.

Reporting suspicious activity

Suspicious activity should be reported to the installation police desk. In Aberdeen, the number is 410-306-2222, or 4-2222. In the Edgewood Area the number is 410-436-2222, or 5-2222.

Drinking water precautions

All entrances to the Van Bibber and Hanson Reservoirs are secured, as is the water treatment plant in Abingdon. In addition, Baltimore City has a contingent of police in place at the Loch Raven Reservoir. All sites are considered safe at this time.

Community and family activities

"Every effort is being made to keep activities up and running," said Mark. "However, expect some changes when the threat level rises." During the highest force protection level, activities open will be limited to the child development centers, before and after-school age program facilities, Army lodging, possibly the gymnasiums and, for lunch, the bowling center.

On-post sports participants and league and class members should expect curtailment of activities when the threat is high. Scheduled events, including wedding receptions,

may be allowed to proceed through use of an access roster. **School bus procedures**

If the situation permits and school children are dismissed early, they will be bussed to their homes. In the case of younger children who are generally met at their stops by adults, if adults are unavailable to meet the children, or if the bus cannot drop off at the housing area, they will be taken to the area youth center. Center staff will contact parents using a card with the following information taped to the inside of the child's bookbag: name of child, name of parents, and home and work emergency contact numbers. Do not expect your child to remember your unit, work phone, home phone, or even your full name in an emergency situation.

Help for families — spiritual, legal, educational

The Aberdeen and Edgewood area chapels are open for prayer and counseling. Reach the Aberdeen location at 410-278-4333/2886. The number for the Edgewood facility is 410-436-4107/4109. Emergency situations may call for contacting the Emergency Operations Center. If you are in the midst of what you perceive as a true emergency, dial 9-1-1.

The Military Personnel Office is open Monday through Thursday and as a participant in the scheduled day off program, every other Friday. (The next scheduled Friday off is Oct. 5.) Those military and family member ID card holders, those in the area on emergency leave orders and those needing casualty assistance are eligible for help at the center. For casualty assistance, call 410-306-2348. For military and family ID card issues call 410-306-2353. For valid emergencies or after duty hours, call 410-278-5225.

Classroom education on post and off post continues according to the set schedule during lower Force Protection Conditions. The Education Center, 410-278-3385, will be closed if the installation is open only to key and essential personnel. Students should check with schools to see if their class has off-post meeting arrangements for Delta situa-

CFC and terrorism relief

Wayne Doyel, chairman of the Combined Federal Campaign, announced that the CFC has a list of organizations cleared to accept donations for those affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist activities. Call 410-278-3131 for more information.

Health care access

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is being affected by restricted gate access. A program is in place to increase the number of evening clinic hours during the week and not holding Sunday and holiday clinics until further notice.

Evacuation plans

Charlie Jones, chief of the APG Fire Department, said all tenants and residents should have evacuation plans in place and practice evacuation procedures. Evacuation procedures include safe routes of exit and a meeting place. Once an emergency responder appears on the scene, the supervisor should have completed a headcount to determine if anyone failed to evacuate.

However, unless you are at the scene of an immediate emergency (such as a fire), you should shelter-in-place (remain in your home or work place with doors and windows closed and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems shut down) until public safety officers or police officers direct you to relocate.

"People are our number one concern, you are our number one concern," said Jones. "If you are having problems with this (setting up evacuation procedures), call us and we will work with you." The fire department can be reached at 410-306-0572/0573. (See related article on front page.)

Terrorist attack on post

Rob Krauer, acting provost marshal, addressed the procedures to be followed if an emergency occurs at an installation gate. He said police will respond to the situation and personnel should remain where they are until they are notified to evacuate. The Emergency Operations Center has a call roster to notify tenants. Those on both areas of APG may be notified to evacuate via the emergency siren, public address system or other

APG closing announcements

If the installation is closed, is experiencing a delay in opening or if liberal leave is in effect due to weather or other emergency situations, check for postings on the local television and radio stations (listed below), WAPG-TV Channel 3 (on Aberdeen Proving Ground), or call 410-278-SNOW (7669). A recorded telephone message will contain updated information and should begin at about 5 a.m.

Announcements about federal offices in the greater Baltimore metropolitan area do not apply to APG; listen for those that name APG specifically.

For general information, call 410-278-1147, the APG Public Affairs Office.

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Station	Frequency	Location
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WXCX	FM 103.7	Havre de Grace
WBAL	AM 1090	Baltimore
WIYY	FM 97.9	Baltimore
WPOC	FM 93.1	Baltimore
WDEL	AM 1150	Wilmington, Del.
WSTW	FM 93.7	Wilmington, Del.
WSBA	AM 910	York, Pa.
WARM	FM 103.3	York, Pa.
WROZ	FM 101.3	Lancaster, Pa.
WBAL-TV	Channel 11	Baltimore
WMAR-TV	Channel 2	Baltimore
WBFF-TV	Channel 45	Baltimore
WJZ-TV	Channel 13	Baltimore

means.

Until such notification occurs, "personnel should remain in place," Krauer said.

Other questions

Personnel asked questions regarding specific activities and cancellations, ID cards for children under 10 and other friends without picture ID, liberal leave versus administrative leave, and the safety of the shoreline.

Basically, if the installation is under any of the lower levels of Force Protection, retirement ceremonies and the like will most likely take place.

At the gates, parents will vouch for their children under 10. Young installation visitors without identification will have to sign in at the gate and will not be allowed on post during heightened levels of force protection.

Tenants are urged to set leave procedures in place so personnel will know the procedure if the situation arises again.

There are 144 miles of shoreline to monitor. Workers and residents are asked to act as eyes and ears for the community, and if anything is seen that appears unusual, call the police desk.

Hunting, blood donations

Hunting has resumed on APG but is currently limited due to logistical and security issues. The commander recognizes that APG is overpopulated with deer and efforts are being made to increase the number of hunters allowed and perhaps opening additional areas. For current information, call 410-436-4841.

Those wishing to donate

blood may do so at the next installation blood drive, scheduled for Oct. 2 at the APG Recreation Center. (Other installation blood drives are listed in the Post Shorts section of this week's paper.)

"What we do at APG is important and the mission is going on," said Mark. "Thank you for your support. We will get through this," she said.

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TRICARE for Life ready to kick off Oct. 1

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

"TRICARE for Life is green — all signs are go" for the program to begin as scheduled Oct. 1, Air Force Col. Frank Cumberland said.

"It's going to happen. It's funded. Let's press on," said

Cumberland, director of communications and customer service at the TRICARE Management Agency in Alexandria, Va.

The TRICARE for Life program extends TRICARE benefits to military retirees who are over age 65 and Medicare-eligible. The fiscal 2001 National Defense Authorization Act directed Department of Defense to extend the medical coverage to this previously ineligible population.

For eligible retirees and their spouses who are over age 65 and enrolled in Medicare Part B, TRICARE will become a second payer to Medicare starting Oct. 1. This will end their need to pay many out-of-pocket expenses, and most will probably conclude they no longer need to buy "Medigap" supplemental insurance, TRICARE officials said.

The only requirements for beneficiaries are that they check their enrollment information in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System, or DEERS, to ensure its accuracy and that they be enrolled in Medicare Part B.

All but about 70,000 of the 1.5 million retirees eligible for TRICARE for Life are enrolled in Medicare Part B, said Steve Lillie, TRICARE's director of over-65 benefits. Those

70,000 can take care of business during Medicare's next general enrollment period

of January through March 2002, he said.

As individuals start to use the program, questions are bound to crop up. Lillie recommended beneficiaries take full advantage of the newly expanded TRICARE for Life call center at toll-free 1-888-DOD-LIFE (1-888-363-5433). He also said beneficiaries can use this number to help educate healthcare providers who are unsure of the expanded benefit.

"There are people there who can explain the program

to the provider," he said. The call center staff helped many people iron out details when the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Benefit began in April. "We'd have a three-way call with the beneficiary, the pharmacist and the call-center representative, helping them through the process and acquainting them with the program," Lillie said.

Lillie wanted beneficiaries to know the program will begin on schedule even if Congress and the president

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Community Notes

**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 27
RAB MEETING**

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting from 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics include updates on the Lauderick Creek Chemical Warfare Materiel Removal Action and the Western boundary area. Board meetings are open to the public. All APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information call 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 28
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing each Friday at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing will be held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The instructor will announce lessons. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$10 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 29
LIFE SKILLS – TEENS COPING WITH GRIEF, LOSS**

Army Community Service and Aberdeen Proving Ground Youth Services are partnering together to bring Dr. Joshua Okundaye to the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522 on Sept. 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Teenagers can discuss and learn how to cope with the tragedies that have struck our nation. Parents are encouraged to attend with their teenagers.

There will be refreshments and a dance to follow at the Aberdeen Youth Center. If you would like to attend this event contact, Laura Reich at Army Community Service, 410-278-7474, or Aberdeen Youth Services, 410-278-4995.

VFW SPAGHETTI DINNER

Weeden-Elliott VFW #8126, 300 Lodge Lane, will hold a spaghetti dinner, from 2 to 6 p.m. Donations for the dinner are \$6.50 and will benefit community service programs.

TEA PARTY

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a Tea Party at the Hays House, 324 S. Kenmore Avenue in Bel Air, Sept. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. Presentations will be given on the history of tea and language of the fan. Touring of the museum is welcomed and questions will be answered by costumed docents. Custom blended teas, iced tea punch, pastries, scones and finger sandwiches are included. The price per person is \$14.00.

Please contact Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771 for reservations.

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 3
LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Weeden-Elliott Ladies Auxiliary VFW No. 8126, 300 Lodge Lane, Havre de Grace, will hold their monthly membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 6
WACVA MONTHLY MEETING**

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will meet 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center. 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

**MONDAY
OCTOBER 8
AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Unit 47 to the Joseph L. Davis American Legion 47, 501 St. John Street, will hold a monthly membership meeting at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 9
VFW MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Weeden-Elliott VFW No. 8126, 300 Lodge Lane, Havre de Grace, will hold a monthly membership meeting at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 10
ON THE WWII HOMEFRONT**

The Baltimore Museum of Industry will host the second annual reception for women workers of World War II and their families to form a Maryland Chapter of the American Rosie the Riveter Association. The reception is an opportunity to share stories, photos and memorabilia of working experiences. The American Rosie the Riveter Association celebrates the contributions women workers made in the war effort. Parking is free and transportation is available for this event. All women who worked in the 1940s are encouraged to attend. For more information or to register, call 410-727-4808.

EA OWC WELCOME COFFEE

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club is holding a free welcome coffee to greet members for the new year at the Gunpowder Club, building E-4650, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are not necessary. Those eligible for membership in the EA-OWC include military officers and spouses, active and retired, government employees of GS-7 and above, and American Red Cross personnel.

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 12
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing each Friday at the American Legion located on Parke Street, Aberdeen. Dancing will be held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The instructor will announce lessons. Everyone is welcome.

Cost of admission is \$10 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 13
RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Retiree Council will sponsor Retiree Appreciation Day, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. The guest speaker will be a representative from National Association for Uniformed Services. Command officials will address attendees and installation activity representatives will be available to field questions.

The APG Military Retiree Council is currently looking for interested retirees to join. Input from retirees is important to improve installation support in planning programs for active duty and retired personnel and their families. The council meets three or four times a year.

For more information, call retired Col. Charles M. Shadle, 410-663-9263 or retired Command Sgt. Maj. Barry Decker, 410-306-1153.

DELTA CARDIFF HOLDS HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Fifth Annual Delta Cardiff Heritage Festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Main Street and Pendyrus Street, Delta, Pa., at the Peach Bottom Community Center and the Rehoboth Welsh Chapel. The theme for this year's festival is "Saluting our Service Men and Women, Honoring our Civilians."

Admission to the festival is a non-perishable food, personal care or household item (commercially packaged foods, soups, toothpaste, toothbrushes, detergent, shampoo, etc.). All admission proceeds will be donated to the Mason-Dixon Food Locker.

Activities include breakfast at Trinity AME Zion Church, located across the street from Rehoboth Welsh Chapel; demonstrations of slate splitting and welsh dancing; various singing groups; and exhibits by local organizations, churches and businesses, games, face painting, a petting zoo, a silent auction and more. The Old Line Museum also will have a large display.

No alcoholic beverages or weapons are allowed on the premises for this event. For more information, call Don and Ruth Ann Robinson, 717-456-7124, Nancy L. Smith, 717-456-5580, or David Glenn, 717-862-3538.

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 17
VFW LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING**

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Maryland, will hold a meeting at 7 p.m., to plan the 2002 National President's Homecoming. The meeting will be held at the Aberdeen Memorial VFW #10028, behind Aberdeen Wal-Mart. Anyone who is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Maryland, may attend.

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 18
DINNERTO HONOR KOREAN VETERANS**

The Korean War Commemoration Committee is holding a dinner honoring living and deceased Korean War veterans at 6 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, I-95 and Route 24 in Edgewood. Maj. Gen. Jin Ha Hwang, Republic of Korea military attaché, will present ROK service medals to those who submit a DD Form 214 by Sept. 25. The guest speaker will be retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running. Music will be provided by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own). Tickets cost \$27 per person and should be purchased by Oct. 15. Checks payable to Town of Bel Air, should be sent to 39 Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014. For more information, contact Ray Astor at 410-939-1369 or Blair Cross at 410-893-8145.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 20
POTOMAC MILLS SHOPPING**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to the Potomac Mills Mall in Virginia on Oct. 20. This mall features 220 stores, offering discounts up to 70 percent on favorite name brand merchandise. Potomac Mills also features a 15-theater movie cinema, 25 eateries and several restaurants. Get a head start on holiday shopping!

The price is \$20 per person for charter bus transportation. Call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603 or 4771 for reservations.

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 3
WACVA MONTHLY MEETING**

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will meet 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center. 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

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 9 to 16
ABERDEEN LIONS PLAN VALENTINE CRUISE**

The Aberdeen Lions Club is sponsoring a seven-night Valentine cruise to the Western Caribbean in 2002. The public is invited to join the Lions on the newest Norwegian Cruise ship. "Norwegian Sun," from Miami to Georgetown, Grand Caymen; Roatan, Bay Islands; Belize City, Belize; and Cozumel, Mexico. Snorkel on the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere, swim with dolphins or stingrays, or just relax on the ship.

The package includes complimentary round-trip transfers from Aberdeen to Baltimore-Washington International Airport, round-trip air from BWI to Miami, all meals and entertainment, all port charges and taxes, and a pre-cruise get-together. Call now and receive a \$50 shipboard credit per stateroom. Enjoy a romantic Valentine cruise while helping the Aberdeen Lions Club raise funds for their community service activities.

For information, call Lions club members Joyce or Ron Landbeck, 410-272-5649. For reservations, call Accent-on-Travel, 1-800-848-3273.

MOVIES

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

AMERICAN OUTLAWS

Friday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m.

Starring: Colin Farrell, Nathaniel Arcand



As confederate soldiers in the Civil War, the James boys and their cousins the Youngers, became expert killers able to live off the land for long periods of time and practice attacking their enemy supply lines. The gang would later use the skills they gained from the war against railroads and banks. (Rated PG-13)

THE PRINCESS DIARIES (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Sept. 30, 1 p.m.

Starring: Julie Andrews, Anna Hathaway



Teenager Mia Thernopolis is thrown for a loop when she learns that she's a real-life princess! She must make the biggest decision of her life, whether to remain with her family or leave everything behind to accept the royal responsibilities that come with being the Princess of Genovia. (Rated G)

AMERICAN PIE 2 (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 p.m.

Starring: Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan



The summer after their first year at college, the boys rent a beach house and vow to make this the best summer ever. As it turns out, they discover that time change and people change, but in the end it's all about sticking together. (Rated R)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Post Library has military history books for your reading pleasure. Visit either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out the selections.

Mourning Glory by Warren Adler

Thunder in the Deep by Joe Buff

Enemy Within by Robert Tanenbaum

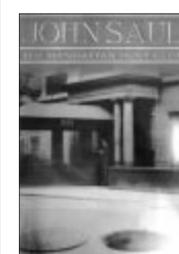
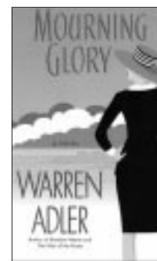
Blue Diary by Alice Hoffman



Open Season by Linda Howard

Aztec Blood by Gary Jennings

Naked came the Phoenix by Nevada Barr



The Manhattan Hunt Club by John Saul

You Never Can Tell by Kathleen Eagle



Murder in Havana by Margaret Truman

Blood & Iron by Harry Turtledove

The operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library effective September 9, 2001 are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The operating hours of the Edgewood Area Library are Tuesday 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

OC&S LIBRARY

The following Hispanic heritage books are available at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools library:

The Hispanic presence in North America from 1492 to Today by Carlos M.

About Hispanic Americans by Channing L. Bete

Viva: a Look at the Hispanic-Americans by Domingo N. Reyes

Peoples of the world, the culture, geographical setting, and historical background of 42 Latin American peoples/Latin Americans by Joyce Moss

The multicultural student's guide to colleges, what every African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic, and Native American applicant needs to know about America's top schools by Robert Mitchell

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







Maryland NG soldiers assist in Pentagon recovery

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Two National Guardsmen from the Edgewood Area's 29th Infantry Division didn't have time to wait for a call up following the Sept. 11 attack on America. Quick thinking got them on the scene shortly after a hijacked passenger plane slammed into the Pentagon killing nearly 200 people and partially collapsing the building's west side.

Staff Sgt. Clifton Dalton, 129th Air Traffic Services and Spc. Brian J. Krogman, 104th Medical Company, live and work in northern Virginia.

Anticipating a call up, the two tried to reach their Edgewood units but could not penetrate the gridlock on the Washington, D.C. beltway.

They contacted their commander and were told to report to Fort Belvoir, Va., where other units were moving out. Shortly after reporting in they were matched up with supporting units

and flown to the site on UH-1 (Huey) helicopters.

Dalton arrived first. He said the scene was much worse than it appeared on television.

"It was unbelievable. Television doesn't prepare you for it up close," Dalton said.

Set up only 200 yards from the building's gaping wound, he and other air traffic controllers had a "birds eye view" of the search and rescue and recovery efforts. Dalton assisted emergency responders the first two days when he was not helping to control the busy military air traffic overhead.

He worked Tuesday to Saturday before being relieved.

"The whole scene was sad," he recalled. "The gravity of the situation was overwhelming."

Though he will remember those days for years to come, he said he could not hesitate in answering the call.

"I just did what any good National Guard soldier would have done," he said.

Krogman flew to Walter Reed Army Medical Center for med-

ical supplies before heading for the Pentagon. Upon his arrival, the fire was still raging out of control. Krogman said medical technicians had to evaluate casualties in the adjoining highway's high occupancy vehicle, or HOV, lanes.

His unit set up a treatment/triage area for injured victims and recovery workers, firemen and security personnel, also near the area of impact.

"The fire departments and mass casualty units were fully occupied but they had the situation in hand," Krogman said adding that most of the seriously injured had been transported to area hospitals before he arrived.

With training as a paramedic and firefighter to his credit, Krogman said he still was not prepared for the horror of the disaster's early hours, but has no regrets about the role he chose to play.

"We're America's guardians with a duty to perform," he said. "We can't sit and watch CNN like everyone else."

OC&S instructor's missing brothers found alive

By Sheila Little
APG News

When Staff Sgt. Luis Camacho answered his home telephone in the early evening of Sept. 11, he received terrible news. "My sister told me my brother Manuel was missing," he said.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground resident, one of eight children, has three siblings living and working in the Manhattan area. His brother is an employee for a firm located in one of the World Trade Center towers.

If the news that Manuel was missing was not devastating enough, Camacho was about to receive a second blow. Knowing that his brother Edwin was scheduled to be in the vicinity of the Manhattan towers that day, he asked if she had further news. "I asked her about Edwin, and she said she would find out," he said.

Twenty very tense minutes later, while trying to think of the best course of action to choose in the face of devastating news, Camacho's sister called again and told him that Edwin, too, was missing. She

asked her brother to call their father in Puerto Rico and break the news to him.

"I didn't know what to do," Camacho admitted. "I was kind of numb."

Trying with great difficulty to protect his wife and family from the devastating news as he planned what to do, Camacho contemplated breaking the news to his father and other members of the immediate family. He hesitated in telling his father, who suffers from poor health, fearing the shock would be too much for the elderly man. Camacho said he felt like he was losing control.

"Your reaction is 'let me take control of this,' but your mind is on a roller coaster," he said. "All you can do is have hope and pray that everything will be all right."

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools instructor decided to contact his unit, the 16th Ordnance Battalion, and received words of support and encouragement as the news of a soldier intimately affected by the terrorist activity passed up through the chain of com-

mand.

Surrounded by his wife and family, the Camacho's were soon being ministered to and supported by the battalion chaplain, company commander and others who knew of the crisis. "Everyone really rallied around," he said.

The next afternoon, still contemplating how to break the devastating news to his father, Camacho received the message he had hoped for. A sister living near their father called and said both Manuel and Edwin had contacted family members in Puerto Rico. Manuel was not in the building at the time of the terrorist incidents, and both brothers were well and unharmed.

A few emotion-packed telephone calls later, Camacho said he and his brothers now realize the value of family communication and support. The soldier added that he is grateful to the Army family as well, for offering support in his hour of need.

"There are no words for the relief you feel," he said.



U.S. Army photo by STAFF SGT. JOHN VALCEANU
Family members of victims killed during the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon created a makeshift memorial with photographs, cards, flags and flowers, dedicated to their lost loved ones outside the damaged building.

Donations being accepted for relief, recovery efforts at Pentagon

Courtesy of OSD

The following information concerning unsolicited gifts to the Department of Defense is provided in response to public inquiries regarding donations in support of the relief and recovery effort for the Pentagon after the terrorist attack Sept. 11.

The organizations listed below have established assistance that may be used by DoD organizations; other federal, state or local agencies; or by DoD personnel and/or their families. Donations may be made as follows:

Monetary donations for victims and/or their families may be made to one or more of three relief societies or funds. (NOTE: All three are "501(c)(3)" organizations under the Internal Revenue Code. As such, contributions may provide tax benefits as permitted by law for donors who itemize expenses for income tax reporting purposes.)

The Army Emergency Relief Society, Alexandria, VA

Contact: Col. Greg Mason at 703-325-0463
Web site: www.aerhq.org

The Navy & Marine Corps Relief Society, Arlington, VA

Contact: John Alexander at 703-696-4904
Web site: www.nmcrcs.org

Name of Fund: The Pentagon Assistance Fund

The Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund, Littleton, CO

Contact: 1-800-323-4140 or 303-933-7580
Web site: www.feea.org

Name of Fund: The Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund

Send checks to: FEEA World Trade Center/Pentagon Fund, 8441 W. Bowles Avenue, Suite 200, Littleton, CO 80123-9501

Other donation locations

Donations of food and clothing for victims, victims' families, or the Pentagon emergency response teams, contact the Salvation Army at 703-979-3380.

Donations of building equipment and materials, contact the Pentagon Renovation/Emergency Operations Site at 703-528-9524.

Donations of volunteer services at the emergency site (e.g., rubble removal), contact the Arlington County (Virginia) Emergency Operations Center at 703-228-7506.

Information Technology Support, contact Gen Loranger at the Network Infrastructure Services Agency - Pentagon at 703-695-3934.

Chaplain support, contact Col. Henry Haynes, Pentagon Chaplain's Office at 703-695-3336.

Additional information regarding donations may be obtained from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Web site at www.fema.gov.

Respect

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They'd had to shore up collapsed walls and put out rekindled fires. The peripheral area had been searched. Rescue workers were now entering the unstable area.

Next, the general addressed some logistical and administrative concerns. Personal remains would be taken to Dover Air Force Base, Del., for identification. Families of missing civilians needed to bring in medical and dental records. They would be hand-carried, not mailed, to Dover, the general said.

Such concrete details of the tragedy were hard to deal with. Everyone in the room knew it. Yet, they had to go on.

A Red Cross worker announced the relief agency would provide transportation for immediate family members of the missing. The general announced arrangements for families to meet with others whose loved ones worked in the same office. Military officials were arranging buses so relatives could retrieve loved ones' cars parked at the Pentagon.

The general then offered to personally deal with overly persistent or intrusive reporters.

"The ball is in your court," he told the families. "You control whether you wish to speak to someone, with a microphone or someone with a pen and paper. If you find a reporter is particularly persistent, if you will provide me his or her name and publication, I will endeavor to take an action to preclude that."

Breaking the flow of announcements and instructions, the general asked the families to stand, and an aide turned on a recording of the national anthem.

No one sang as the Star Spangled Banner played. The group stood silent. Some faces seemed frozen in shock. On others, tears streamed unnoted.

"May I remind each of you as you experience these very difficult days, that this country is at war," Van Alstyne told the solemn group. "Remember in your heart always, that on the 11th of September of the year 2001, in that war, your loved one, currently listed as missing, was at their place of duty in the military headquarters of the United States of America. They were at their place of duty just as surely as any sailor at sea in the Persian Gulf or as any soldier on peacekeeping duty in the Balkans," the general said.

After several minutes of silence, with aides standing

by to check facts, Van Alstyne began to take questions. He would continue until there were no more.

In the long weeks ahead, each day at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., this veteran Army officer would answer each family member's questions with the utmost patience, concern and respect.

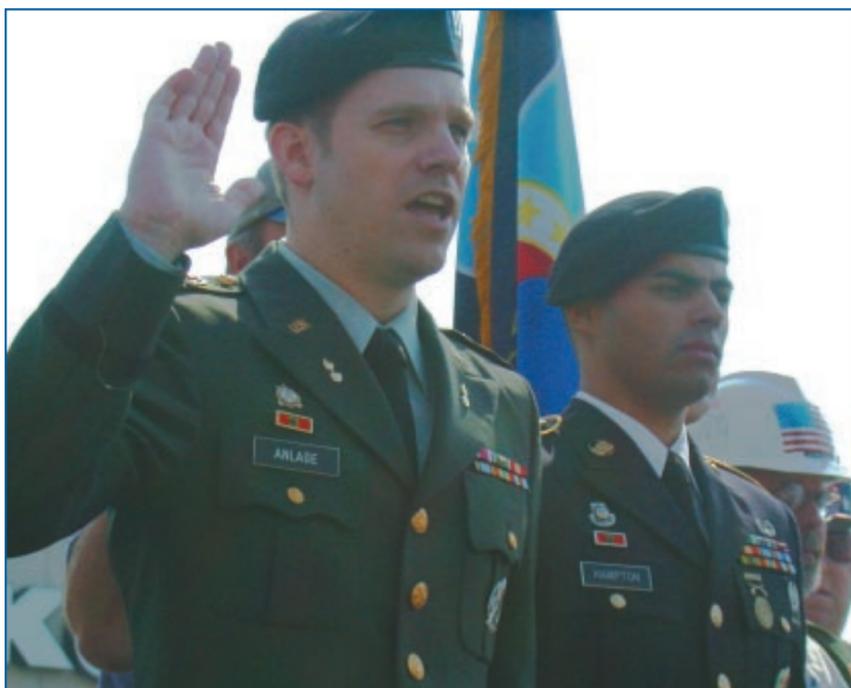
On this day, as a several hands rose throughout the room, Van Alstyne systematically dealt with each question honestly — no matter how hard. He confirmed for one man that, yes, his loved one's workplace was at the point of impact. He told a young woman that there was a definite possibility some remains would never be recovered given the force of the crash, resulting fireball and intense heat.

At the end of the briefing, Van Alstyne met one-on-one with family members to answer any personal questions and to share their grief. The gray-haired infantryman in dress greens did not hesitate to put his arms around those in need of comfort. For these families, Sept. 11, 2001, would forever mark the day that shattered their hearts and homes.

(Editor's note: Linda D. Kozaryn is a journalist for the American Forces Information Service.)



U.S. Army photo by STAFF SGT. JOHN VALCEANU
Family members of victims who were killed in the Pentagon during the Sept. 11 terrorist attack comfort each other while looking at the building. Victims' families were allowed to visit the Pentagon Sept. 15 and look upon the area where they lost their relatives.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Capt. Michael Anlage, company commander, Baltimore Recruiting Command, issues the Oath of Enlistment to Harford and Baltimore County veterans as Staff Sgt. Aaron Hampton, right, looks on during the symbolic ceremony held Sept. 19 at the U.S. Armed Forces Recruiting Station in Bel Air.

Veterans

From front page

Banker said. "I felt that if I could reenlist I would. Then I thought, 'why not?'"

He said he took the idea to Blair Cross, chair of the KWVA Commemoration Committee who told him to "run with it."

He then approached the recruiting station staff that was "more than happy to help."

"As far as anyone knows, this had never been done before," said Capt. Michael Anlage, company commander, Baltimore Recruiting Command. "When we called our headquarters for guidance, we were told to use our best judgment because this was a first."

"They wanted to show their support and we thought it was a great idea," added Staff Sgt. Aaron Hampton, recruiting station commander.

Hampton said they were amazed at the large turnout brought about by "word of mouth."

Banker spread the word by phone, by radio and by putting in a personal appearance on FOX 45 TV evening news.

Carrying their American and organization flags, the veterans gathered in the parking lot near the recruiting station in the Festival Shopping Plaza. In an unexpected occurrence, a bus bearing disabled veterans from the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Perry Point pulled up to the assembly as the ceremony was about to begin. Thunderous applause and a few tears greeted each of the wheelchair-bound warriors as they were lowered to the ground then wheeled to the front of the assembly.

The ceremony was a mixture of military pomp and civilian ingenuity.

U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Charles Motley, called out commands for the Pledge of Allegiance then delivered an "all present" before turning the ceremony over to his commander, and Korean War veteran Sam Fielder, recited his poem, "The Flag" as deputies from the Harford County Sheriff Department joined the gathering.

Before the oath was administered, Banker asked for representatives of America's last four major conflicts to come forward. They were Arnett Powers, Battle of the Bulge; Eric Enoch, Korean War; Jack Jolley, Vietnam and Greg Buffer, the Gulf War.

Anlage told the veterans that it was a "dis-

tinct honor" for him to take part in the event.

"This is the single proudest moment of my career since I first recited the oath," Anlage said.

With right hands raised and voices soaring, the veterans repeated the treasured oath that once launched their military careers.

Afterward, Banker said all were caught up in the symbolism of the moment, happy with the fact that although they can no longer serve, they could show the world that they would if they could.

"I really believe that in our hearts we all feel the same way," Banker said. All agreed.

"It just felt good to say those words again," said William Ryan, a Perry Point patient who was escorted by his grandson, Harford County Sheriff deputy John Ryan.

"We thought it was beautiful," added Thomas Chalk, a Perry Point trainee and Vietnam veteran who escorted World War II and Korean War veteran Jean Clancy of Baltimore.

At 82, Clancy said he was saddened by the attack on America but uplifted by the chance to do something about it, even if it was only a symbolic gesture.

"After what happened last week, this made me feel better," Clancy said. "It was a wonderful initiative."

Jolley said he heard about the ceremony on the radio and thought it was a "neat thing to do." The retired Army major, and one time Aberdeen Proving Ground provost marshal is the director of the Anne Arundel County Department of Corrections. He said he was glad he took the time to participate.

"Just seeing the disabled veterans in the front row was moving," Jolley said, adding that he made sure to shake their hands. Having served one wartime tour, he said he was satisfied with the U.S. response thus far.

"I think the reaction is on line with where we should be at this point," he said. "I'm confident in the president, the vice president and the secretary of state. I think they make a pretty good trio."

Maryland delegate Joanne Parrott added that she found the ceremony "inspiring."

"They came together in spirit, knowing what they went through to inspire those to follow," Parrott said. "It makes you certain that we will move forward and stand tall."



Thomas Chalk, center, a Perry Point patient assistant trainee, and fellow veterans repeat the oath that began their military careers long ago.



Staff Sgt. Aaron Hampton, recruiting station commander, welcomes disabled veteran Fred Loving to the reenlistment ceremony. Several veterans from Perry Point Veterans Administration Medical Center were bussed to the event.

Korean War veteran Ralph Denton raises a replica of the 15-star, 15-stripe flag that once flew over Fort McHenry. "It was the kind of flag flying the last time the United States was under attack," Denton said.



Risk

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firefighter who felt a breeze coming from the doorway to the outside as smoking debris continued to fall around them.

According to Bernard, one firefighter said he didn't think it was safe to go through the doorway area, but finally they linked up together and formed a human chain and emerged successfully outside. When Bernard made it out of the building he saw something that would change his life even more.

"There were bodies strewn across the street and cars burning-it looked like a war zone," he recalled. "My first thought was to find Brown, but amid all the confusion and dust it became impossible. People were running around all bloodied and screaming, so I tried to find a clear area towards Broadway, and that's when the second building collapsed and the force knocked me down."

Covered in ash and realizing that his search for Brown was futile, he decided to get out.

Bruised and battered, Bernard struggled to safety covered in ash from head to toe and choking on the dust, finally making his way to a more stable area. Scared, exhausted and wanting to see his family, he headed uptown to join hundreds of others to cross the Manhattan Bridge.

"I went halfway and sat down thinking that the bridge might blow up as well, and that I should try to get home some other way," he said. But, he traveled on and safely made it to the U.S. Army Times Plaza Recruiting Station in Brooklyn and then was transported to the

Veterans Affairs hospital.

When the first tower collapsed, Brown fled the scene with flying glass and ash at his heels, finally finding a semi-safe area where he continued to help those in need of medical care.

"We set up another triage center and I continued to evacuate people away from the scene," he said.

Afterward, Brown—who didn't know that Bernard was in the tower when it collapsed, was also searching to find his sergeant.

"It was impossible to see anything-all I kept thinking was that I hoped he made it out alive," Brown said.

Brown realized that he needed medical attention and made his way across the Brooklyn Bridge where he was picked up by a civilian and driven to Fort Hamilton. A military policeman escorted him right next door to the hospital where his friend, Bernard was recovering from his wounds after his trek over the Manhattan Bridge-they finally found each other.

"I was so happy to see him," said Bernard, who suffered minor injuries. "I was in the emergency room when he arrived in a wheelchair-it was amazing."

On that Tuesday morning, Sgt 1st Class Michael Bernard and Spc. Alex Brown could have stayed in the car and headed back to the safety of their homes at Fort Hamilton. When asked what made them get out of the car, they both simply said that it was their duty as soldiers in the United States Army.

"We just felt that it was our job to help," said Brown.

(Editor's note: Paul Morano is a member of the Fort Hamilton public affairs team.)

Kickoff

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don't pass a fiscal 2002 Defense Appropriations Act by Oct. 1.

"The program will start even under a continuing resolution because it is an expansion of an existing program to new beneficiaries rather than a brand-new program that might be affected by the rules in a continuing resolution," he said.

Lillie also said he believes TRICARE for Life will continue to be fully funded in the future. "The bills that enacted TRICARE for Life passed the House and Senate by overwhelming majorities, and there is no indication of any diminished support for the principles embodied in it," he said.

Program officials said beneficiaries can get more information on TRICARE for Life and on checking their DEERS enrollment status by visiting the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil or by calling 1-888-DOD-LIFE (1-888-888-5433).

Answers to TRICARE For Life related questions may also be obtained by e-mail by sending your messages to TRICARE_Help@amedd.army.mil.

More NG, Reserve units called to active duty

Courtesy of US Department of Defense

Approximately 826 Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members are being called to active duty as part of the partial mobilization authorized by President Bush.

These soldiers and airmen called to active duty in this announcement serve in 17 different units from 10 states and the territory of Puerto Rico. Among the specialties represented in these units are com-

munications, intelligence, security, mortuary affairs and military police support.

In addition, the Naval Reserve Force has called to active duty approximately 835 Naval reservists across the United States who will serve in security and law enforcement capacities. This brings the total National Guard and Reserve called to active duty to about 14,000 to date.

A list of the major units and duty stations can be found at www.defenselink.mil/news/S

Ready

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while the Army will move forward on consolidating its staff directorates and Army Secretariat into one streamlined organization.

"Let me be very clear that we have a bunch of initiatives on better business practices that we as service secretaries, in particular as the business managers of the departments, are pushing hard on," White said. "...We have to drive the business case to squeeze every last dollar of inefficiency out of this if we're going to buy the capability that we think is necessary."

The secretary talked briefly about his visit Sept. 19 to New York City, calling his stop at the World Trade Center disaster site a sobering experience and Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani an incredible leader. He said the emergency preparedness officials he met were "quite pleased with the support we've provided."

White touched on his recent trip to Germany, Bosnia and Kosovo in the week prior to the terrorist attacks where he said he saw National Guard and Reserve soldiers working seamlessly with their active Army counterparts.

OBC class project yields a trimmer OC&S landscape

By 2nd Lt. Yolanda Bodrick
OC&S

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools has a new look, thanks to the efforts of 28 students from OC&S Officers Basic Course 08-01, who helped landscape the area around Vincent Hall, building 3073, and Billingsley Hall, building 3147, Sept. 7.

After coordinating with Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Kitt, Support Operations, Command and Staff department, OC&S, the class trimmed hedges along the building front, mowed the grass, cleaned flowerbeds, edged the sidewalks and performed other tasks.

The community service project was completed in time for the influx of students for upcoming classes.

"Our class was very happy that we could contribute something back to the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools," said 2nd Lt. Kelly Goodrich, class leader.

Members of the class are 2nd Lts.: Crystal Ballard, Sarah Biggerstaff, Adam Bird, Yolanda Bodrick, Wes Childs, Amanda Clerc, James D'Agostin, Meghan Devine, David Foster, Kelly Goodrich, Brian Heckman, Emma Hernandez, Alfred Horridge, Matt Jenkins, Jenn Kramb, Quinton Leath, Nathe Martin, Dave Moore, Emily Potter, Adam Schrader, Larry Smith, Ronald Veldhuizen, Nate Vodila, Ben Wunderlich, Tamara Yolo, 1st Lt. Jason Kulakowski, Capt. Jovito Pelias and Maj. Chiun-Shen Liao.



2nd Lt. Wes Childs and Second Lt. Ben Wunderlich pull weeds from a flower bed at Billingsley Hall at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

Photo by AMANDA CLERC



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left, Staff Sgts. Eric Odette, Kenneth Bierle, Edward Goodloe, Brian Blake and Aric Green spruce up the Aberdeen Area chapel grounds. Nineteen soldiers from Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course class 17-01 participated in the community service project on Sept. 14.

BNCOC students lend a hand gardening at chapel, daycare

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With the events of Sept. 11 still fresh in their minds, a group of soldiers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course busied themselves beautifying a small part of the post in a big way on Sept. 15.

Led by Staff Sgt. James Caetano, small group leader, members of class 17-01

descended on the Aberdeen Area chapel and the adjacent day care facility to spruce up the grounds as part of their community service project.

A requirement for all OC&S classes, community service projects must in some way serve the inhabitants of Aberdeen Proving Ground or the surrounding community.

"A lot of other classes go off post but they agreed to look for something that would serve

the installation," Caetano said.

Serving that day meant raking leaves, edging lawns and walkways, removing deadfall and trimming shrubbery.

Thanks to loaned equipment from the post Re-Nu-It center, obtained by the chapel staff, the mission was accomplished.

"All they had to do was bring themselves and a willingness to work," said Lt. Col. William Knight, chaplain, adding that the group's focus was to do something for the installation. "Their desire to serve is wonderful," he said.

Staff Sgt. Edward Goodloe, platoon sergeant, said the class agreed on the project then elected to show their solidarity by wearing their class T-shirts with their names, class number and the OC&S emblem on the front and their classmates' names listed on the back.

"We're holding up well, keeping the casualties and families in mind," said Staff Sgt. John Okerson about how they were coping with the recent tragedy.

Confronted with the possibility of participating in a new kind of conflict, he added, "It will definitely be a new experience."

Members of the class who participated included Staff Sgts. James Caetano, small group leader, Kenneth Bierle, Brian Blake, Rodney Cassidy, Leunda Clark, Randy Comstock, Edward Goodloe, Aric Green, Eric Odette, John Okerson, Calvin Roney, John Wheway, Shawn Williamson and Sgts. Cordell Childs, Roberto Del Rio, Leslie Gregg, Rodney Martin, Elois Person, Melba Staton and

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APG Youth Karate classes to begin

The Youth Centers in Aberdeen Proving Ground's Aberdeen and Edgewood areas will hold Karate Class instruction beginning Oct. 1. Weekday evening classes cost \$60 for a three-month session (youths must be current members of Child and Youth Services). Classes will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Fridays at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. For registration, call Amie Pryzgod, 410-278-7571. Classes will be held 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at the Edgewood Area Youth Center, building E-1902. For pre-registration, call Scott Cottrell, 410-436-2862, or send e-mail to scott.cottrell@usag.army.mil.