

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, March 13, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

CAPA Field available for reservations

The Civilian Welfare Fund is taking reservations for personal functions at CAPA Field for \$200 per day.

People attending functions that do not have a military or civilian identification card will have to be escorted through the gate by a person who has a military or civilian ID or be placed on a roster.

For additional information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

Blue Cross Blue Shield to visit APG

Claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) will visit APG on Tues. March 12, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Building 305, Room B-14 (lower level) to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. The representative will not be available in the Edgewood Area. No appointment is necessary. For information call Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

CWF softball league forming

The Civilian Welfare Fund is looking for people interested in playing softball. For more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

Parenting Classes

Parents and Children Together (PACT) presents "Family Matters". The four-session program is designed to provide enrichment to parents. Classes will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Army Community Services, building 2754. Register by March 15. Call Diana Hayes for more information, 410-278-4372.

March 19 - Bonding With Your Baby

March 21 - Education Starts At Home

March 25 - Wise Words On Discipline

March 28 - Fathers Matter

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Wilbert Davis Gospel Night draws hundreds



From left, Tanisha Brown, Tonique Smothers and Charrissa Brown, sing "He is Worthy to be Praised" during Wilbert Davis Gospel Night at the Post Theater on Feb. 24. The women were a part of the singing group, Sisters Singing With Anointed Voices, one of eight choirs to perform at the 29th annual celebration hosted by the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The sounds of harmony and history greeted the hundreds who gathered for the 29th annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night at the Post Theater on Feb. 24.

Hosted by the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, the annual night featured gospel performances by local choirs in honor of Wilbert Davis, a former OC&S employee and Aberdeen resident.

About 600 people attended the performance and OC&S coordinated the signing in of more than 300 people at the gate.

Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, chief of Ordnance and OC&S commander, welcomed the guests, noting the theme for the 2002 Black History Month observance - "The African-American Legacy: Contributions and Service in America's Defense."

"Wilbert Davis is the epitome of that theme," Stevenson said. "Even now, he continues to serve his nation."

Stevenson thanked Davis, who was in attendance, and the command for supporting the

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A 'March' of success

(Editor's note: Part two of the series on successful women focuses on the first female paramedic at Aberdeen Proving Ground. As part of the fire department, she is also trained to assist at fires.)

Female paramedic blazes the trail for others

Sheila Little
APG News

A heart attack can be life-changing for the one experiencing the medical emergency and for those around them. Such was the case for Bessie Bowman, a woman who wanted to help.

In 1974, the wife, mother and former stenographer for the U.S. Army Ordnance Training Center Command approached a car that had been parked in her neighborhood for several hours. Inside she found the victim of a fatal heart attack.

"I was upset because I knew this man had pulled off to the side of the road and died," Bowman said. "I didn't know what I could have done to help, but I felt helpless. I decided to look into some training."

Not comfortable with "the whole hospital thing," the Havre de Grace native didn't look into becoming a nurse, what many would have thought the obvious choice for a woman. Instead, Bowman became one of six females in a class of 25 taking an Emergency Medical Technician course.

Six months later, the middle-aged mother of two successfully completed her training, consisting of emergency medical procedures and fire training.

"We had to show that we could successfully pull someone out of a burning building, climb ladders, use the breathing apparatus, and be familiar enough with the equipment to be of help to firefighters," she said.

Becoming a volunteer with the Level Volunteer Fire Company

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Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

After completing an emergency response call, Paramedic Bessie Bowman checks the tape of a portable EKG machine, part of the equipment and supplies carried on APG's emergency response vehicles.

Army astronaut is quarterback for Hubble mission repair

Don Montoya
Army News Service

When Space Shuttle Columbia launched March 1 from Cape Canaveral, Fla., it had on board an Army astronaut as the flight engineer.

Lt. Col. Nancy J. Currie, veteran of three previous space flights, is one of seven crewmembers on the 11-day shuttle mission. One of her jobs is to control the shuttle's robotic arm that captures the Hubble Space Telescope.

The crew's mission is to deliver and install two powerful solar arrays in the Hubble, along with a new controller to distribute that power throughout the observatory. The crew will also replace the gyroscope to help move the telescope from target to target.

In Currie's flight engineer

role, she'll play quarterback.

During a recent press conference at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Currie said she was combining "a quarterback attitude with a magic touch" for what NASA calls the most complex repair servicing of the Hubble Space Telescope to date.

Her title, Mission Specialist 2, means Currie will be seated just aft and right between the commander, who sits in the left seat, and the pilot, who sits in the right seat.

"Some people refer to us as 'quarterback.' But it's my job as a flight engineer to recognize any malfunctions, to diagnose them, to send this off in an appropriate corrective action, and also keep track of where we are on kind of the

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Photo by NASA

Army Astronaut Lt. Col. Nancy Currie is the flight engineer aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia that blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla. March 1. She also controls the robotic arm that captures the Hubble Space Telescope.

APG 'Volunteer of the Year' nominations

Do you know a special volunteer who goes above and beyond the call of duty? Someone who always goes that extra mile to make the Aberdeen Proving Ground community a better place to live and work? If so, now is the time to tell Army Community Services, or ACS.

Nominations are being accepted until March 15 for the annual APG "Volunteer of the Year" award.

Nominations should include all volunteer service

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Military spouse orientation

Army Family Team Building in conjunction with the Aberdeen Proving Ground Commissary is presenting a class on benefits and entitlements on Wednesday, March 20, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning at Army Community Services, building 2754, Rodman Road and moving on to the commissary. The featured speaker is Commissary Director Richard Nornhold. The class is open to family members with commissary privileges. To sign up, contact AFTB Program Manager Diana Jackson, 410-278-2464, by March 15.

Aberdeen Lions Club offers scholarships

Scholarships from the Aberdeen Lions Club in the amount of \$2,000 are available to high school or college students of any age whose home residence is in the Aberdeen High School district. Application forms may be obtained from Aberdeen High School, Harford Technical High School and the Aberdeen Branch of the Harford County Library. Forms are also available on the club's Web page: www.aberdeenlions.org. Applications must be mailed by March 30 to the Aberdeen Lions Club, P.O. Box 111, Aberdeen, MD 21001. Funds for the scholarships result from the club's fund raising activities.

For more information, call Joyce Landbeck, 410-272-6549.

OC&S instructors of the year honored

Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, the Army's chief of Ordnance, will host a ceremony to honor the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' top instructors for the year 2001.

The ceremony, which is open to the public, will be conducted in the Ball Conference Center at 1 p.m., March 8.

The Instructors of the Year are Capt. Chris A. Byler, Chief Warrant Officer Rocky D. Yahn, Staff Sgt. Emy Davis, and Gregory L. Williams.

For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Ismael Martinez, Equal Opportunity, 410-278-2529.

Bus reservations to military health facilities

Effective immediately, all reservations for the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Ft. Meade, and Bethesda bus must be made telephonically at 410-278-1778. Any patients not calling for reservations will be added on the morning of their appointment. Appointments at other medical treatment facilities should be made between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

New guidelines for immunization of females

New screening procedures will be used for women of child-bearing age requiring immunizations at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Female patients will be provided information concerning immunizations, pregnancy, and on the vaccine or vaccines to be administered. Each female patient will be interviewed to identify potential pregnancies. The interview and general information will be initiated and dated by the patient and the medical personnel conducting the interview and placed in the patient's medical record. If pregnancy is suspected, immunization will be deferred until a pregnancy test is completed. If the test is positive, immunization will only be given if clinically indicated.

Toll free numbers for contacting the VA

For Veterans Administration benefits, information about education, home loans, disability, medical care, burial, life insurance and sexual trauma, call 1-800-827-1000.

For other topics, call:

- Life Insurance, 1-800-669-8477
- Health Care Benefits, 1-877-222-8387
- Income Verification and Means Testing, 1-800-929-8387
- Mammography Helpline, 1-888-492-7844
- Gulf War/Agent Orange Helpline, 1-800-749-8387
- Status of Headstones and Markers, 1-800-697-6947
- Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), 1-800-829-4833

For health care services, contact your nearest VA medical facility. To locate the nearest VA medical facility, go online to <http://www.va.gov/sta/guide/division.asp?divisionId=1>.

To contact CHAMPVA:

- E-mail, hac.inq@med.va.gov
- By telephone, 1-800-733-8387
- By FAX, 1-303-331-7804
- By mail, VA Health Administration Center, CHAMPVA, P.O. Box 65023, Denver, CO 80206-9023.

(Editor's note: Information is courtesy of Veterans Administration Web site, <http://www.va.gov> and <http://www.va.gov/vbs/health/>.)

Volunteer tutors needed

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Tutorial Program provides volunteer tutors to assist local secondary school students who are having difficulty in various subjects.

School counselors select students who need help, want help, and who can benefit from tutorial assistance. The counselor informs the student's parents of the program. The parents then contact the APG Program Coordinator who selects an appropriate tutor from a list of volunteers. The tutor sets up a mutually agreeable place and schedule for help. Most tutors meet with students one to two hours a week.

No teaching experience is necessary to participate in this program, just a desire to help. If you are willing to tutor, provide name, address, telephone number, tutor subject (mathematics, history, foreign language, vocation trade, English, biology, sciences, or other), and preferred geographical area, to Army Community Service, ATTN: Laura Reich, Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program, building 2754. For additional information, contact Reich at 410-278-7478.

Volunteer tutors are also needed for the Free State Challenge Military Youth Corps. Tutoring is scheduled for Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Subject areas are mathematics, social studies, science, literature and writing. If interested in volunteering for this program, contact Dr. Webb at 410-278-6605/4541.

Pollution Prevention



A dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons or more of water every day.

Source: American Water Works Association

Vehicle Registration Office

The Vehicle Registration Office relocated to the Pass and ID office located in the Aberdeen Area in the rear of building 4305. Office hours in the Aberdeen Area are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (excluding RDO day), 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

The Edgewood Area office in building E-4420 is open every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Personnel desiring to register their vehicle(s) must bring their current registration(s), proof of insurance, operator's license and government/civilian identification card. For more information, call the Pass and ID office at 410-306-2380.

Host families needed

Host families are needed for Spanish or French foreign exchange students, ages 13 to 18, visiting Harford County for three- or four-week programs in July. Participation in this program offers families opportunities to discover a unique culture, learn a new language and participate in fun trips and activities. Visiting students can travel with the host family on vacation.

For more information, visit Web site: www.iffusa.org or contact Melissa Hawkins, 410-569-1868 or e-mail: mhawk271@home.com.

CYS summer program begins registration

It is time to make plans for your child's summer vacation. The Aberdeen and Edgewood programs have summer openings for children who will complete first through eighth grade this school year. The program is available for nine weeks, June 17 through Aug. 16, Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tuition is based on total family income and will be determined at the time of registration. Waiting list forms are at the Edgewood Area Youth Services, building E-1902, the Aberdeen Area Youth Services, building 2522 and at the Central Registry Office, building 2752, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Central Registry Office will call single soldiers and civilians, dual military and soldiers with a working spouse on the waiting list beginning March 11. When that list is exhausted, civilians with a working spouse will be called. Contractors and all other soldiers, civilians, and retirees will be notified if any openings remain. Youths who were enrolled in the summer program last year have no priority.

Bring the following items with you to register:

1. Proof of military or Department of Defense affiliation and total family income
2. Child's birth certificate

3. An up-to-date shot record
4. A completed health assessment/physical signed by your physician after Jan. 1.
5. A completed registration packet
6. An annual nonrefundable registration fee of \$15 for each family member, \$35 for families with 3 or more children
7. A nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit of \$20 per week for each child enrolled

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

Kirk offers classes

The Take Care of Yourself class is held in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12), located on the first floor at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Room A-12, the first and third Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m. to noon. The class teaches patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home and when to see a doctor. The class is instructed by a registered nurse using the Take Care of Yourself and Taking Care of Your Child handbooks distributed to TRICARE Prime enrollees.

Attendees receive a Medicine Cabinet Card which allows 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 sign up, call 410-278-1725.

For more information, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Make reservations for 2002

Outdoor Recreation is accepting reservations from Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations for the 2002 picnic season. Call Outdoor Recreation for reservations at 410-278-4124, or visit building 2407.

MCSC to donate funds

The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilians Spouses' Club will donate funds to organizations and charities this spring. Groups interested in placing a request for funds should do so in writing.

Requests should include name of organization requesting funds, the manner in which the funds will be used, list of other fund raising efforts, and a contact person for the organization (name, address and telephone number). Requests must be post-marked by April 1.

Submit requests to: MCSC, P.O. Box 752, APG, MD 21005, Attn: Welfare Chairperson.

TRICARE sponsors free admission

In the wake of the national tragedies, Sierra Military Health Services, Inc., the TRICARE provider for Region 1, sponsors free Sundays during the month of February for active duty military families at Port Discovery in Baltimore and Capital Children's Museum in Washington, D.C.

Several activities are planned for the kids, which may include creating friendship bracelets, drawing their face for the "Faces of Diversity" wall and designing squares for a "Peace Quilt."

The following guidelines are in place at Port Discovery and Capital Children's Museum for active duty family members:

- * Up to four family members may enter free with an active duty military I.D. (one I.D. per family is necessary).
- * Must be active duty in order to receive free admission.
- * Any Sunday throughout the month of February.
- * The museums will also be open to paying visitors.

Port Discovery is open on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and is located at 35 Market Place, Baltimore. For more information, telephone 410-727-8120 or visit Web site www.portdiscovery.org. The Capital Children's Museum is open on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 800 3rd Street NE, Washington, D.C. For more information, call 202-675-4120.

OC&S Library

Beginning Feb. 25, the OC&S Library hours are Monday, noon to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday, noon to 4:15 p.m.

Bowling Center hours change

The Bowling Center, building 2342, has new hours. On Sunday, the center is open noon to 7 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight; and on Saturday, 1 p.m. to midnight.

The Bowling Center offers great lunchtime specials, open bowling, leagues for youths and adults, special parties, organization day events and more.

For more information, call Dave Brewner, manager, at 410-278-4041.

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STRYKER UNVEILED



Photo by STAFF SGT. MARCIATRIGGS
 Master Sgt. Randall Rankin, senior enlisted advisor to the Training and Doctrine Command System Manager's program manager, explains how reinforced netting on the Stryker will prevent rucksacks from being brushed off the vehicle when going through wooded areas. See story on page 5.

Long-time APG employee pens tribute to testers

Mike Cast
DTC

A long-time Aberdeen Proving Ground employee, who retired after 33 years of federal service, wrote a poem paying tribute to testers of Army weapons and equipment. It was published in the January/February 2002 issue of "Army Acquisition, Logistics and Technology" magazine.

"Service to soldiers through developmental testing has been such a big part of my life," said Rick Coski, a former senior management analyst at the Army's Developmental Test Command, when asked about

his poem, Remembering the Ranges.

"There has been an unexpected flood of memories," he said. "Some of them are captured in the poem as my way of saying farewell."

Coski, who retired on Sept. 3, continued a family legacy of working at APG to support Army materiel development. His father, John, began work at APG's Edgewood Arsenal during World War II, supporting research, development and production efforts for the nation's chemical defense program. His mother and grandfather also worked at APG for a time.

Coski began his federal

career at Edgewood Arsenal as a management analyst in 1968.

He "cut his teeth" working at APG test ranges in 1971, and in 1982 began work on force development for the Army Test and Evaluation Command, then known as TECOM, and now known as the Developmental Test Command, or DTC.

Coski said he enjoyed working "behind the fence" with testers, explosive-ordnance detachment troops and military police at DTC's test ranges, and he recalls with pride his role in test programs for the Abrams Tank and Patriot Missile.

Remembering the Ranges

The guard at the gate with his M16
The 105 firing and the rifling ring's scream

Knocked about by the big mortar's blast

Razor wire around "bugs and gas"
Carry your mask, wear your pass

In steel bombproof we huddle
Awaiting bang of grenade
Against bar armor bustle

Stay inside until we hear
The whistle blow all-clear

Serving the 155 with broken ram
Crew sweating in summer sun
Loading big rounds by hand
'til the test is done

Cordite and nitro's acrid smell
Nasty stuff, headaches from Hell

Abrams tank and strong young backs
Swinging hammers and changing tracks
Servicing the Abrams always a dread
When trying to park in an M60 shed

Spine taking a beating
Cross-country by jeep
Or on the Huey's

Hard bench seat

Airdrop test load floating down
From high above we hear the sound
The singing of the snapping shroud
Then crashing load in dusty cloud

Firing 25 millimeter on the run
And the deadly 120 - a smoothbore gun

Patriot Missile's soldier crew
Big, rawboned boys, tried and true

Dothan "International" Airport
Red clay roads to Rucker's Fort
On TDY when Mamma died
Next, Fort Huachuca and C4I

Alaskan winter and biting cold
In the lower 48 far below
Sultry swamp and mighty mosquito
Desert heat and dust storms blow
Wasatch Range and high mountain snow

Block and tackle, crane and cradle
Tanks and towbars, boom-sling and cable
Brothers and Sisters, ready and able

Civilian and Soldier, side-by-side
Serving our nation, testing with pride.
— Richard J. Coski

Smart card technology comes to APG

Adjutant's Office

The Common Access Card, or CAC, will replace current identification cards for military members, government civilians and certain contract employees at Aberdeen Proving Ground beginning late March.

In order to install necessary hardware and train operators on March 18 through 20, the Military Identification Card Section, in room 161 of building 4305, and the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security's Badging and ID Section, in room 101 of building 4305, will be closed those days.

"We apologize in advance for any inconvenience to our customers during this period," said David G. Burdick, adjutant for Garrison APG.

The CAC will not only replace the existing identification card for military members and

government civilian and contractor employees, it will also be used to access local automation networks and applications, said Burdick.

Current Defense Department policy requires initial issue of the CAC be completed by Oct. 1, 2003.

"Given the size of APG's work force, prioritization will be required to ensure this deadline is met," said Burdick.

The issuing facility will coordinate appointments for CAC initial issue with all assigned and tenant organizations.

Until initial issue is completed, walk-ins will only be honored for individuals who are replacing lost or expired cards.

Family members and retirees will not receive the new card, but will continue to use the existing Teslin card. Family members and retirees will continue to be serviced on a walk-in basis. For more information call 410-306-2301.

Nominations

From front page

on or for the APG community between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2001.

Nominations must be received in building 324, First Floor, ATTN: Dudley Laucks, by March 15 to be considered.

Nomination packets may be picked up at ACS, building 2754; Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320; Edgewood Area Library, building E4405 and building 324, First Floor.

Awards will be presented to the most outstanding military, retiree, civilian, family member and youth volunteer at a post wide Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Reception.

For more information on how to nominate a volunteer, call 410-278-2275.

The 2002 Harford County RELAY FOR LIFE

A Team Event To Fight Cancer

TEAM CAPTAIN'S MEETING

When: Thursday, March 7, 2002

Where: Edgewood High School Cafeteria

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Bring your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, church groups!

Everyone Is Welcome!!

Team Captain Kits Will Be Available

PLEASE RSVP TO:

Betty Wilson
410-692-6231
bwilson@iximd.com

Mark Heath
American Cancer Society
410-933-5134
Mark.Heath@cancer.org



Boating Skills and Seamanship Course

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will present a 13-lesson course on Boating Skills and Seamanship, Tuesdays and Thursdays for six weeks, starting April 2, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Joppa-

Magnolia Fire House on Mountain Road and Route 7. Cost is \$30. If you complete six lessons, you will be certified to operate a powerboat or personal watercraft on Maryland waters.

Complete all 13 lessons and you will receive U.S. Coast Guard Certification valid in any state. To register call Charles Shadle, 410-663-9263, or Mike Pace, 410-676-5011.

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Sports & Recreation

HHC 143rd stuns MRICD, 59-42

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The players of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion ended their season with an exclamation point as they upset the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, 59-42 in their final meeting of intramural basketball's regular season.

MRICD closes out the season as the Edgewood Area division champions.

Both teams move on to the post-season tournament that begins this weekend.

Playing with a one-man bench, MRICD took control of the game from the outset, going up quickly, thanks in part to James Mitchell who tacked on two at the free-throw line for an 8-4 lead.

After an HHC 143rd basket, MRICD's David Blair added two more to go up, 10-6.

Blair and Mitchell teamed up to score most of the team's first half points. Mitchell, with his speed and accuracy, complimented Blair's fearlessness up the middle and solid rebounding.

It wasn't long before HHC 143rd figured them out, however, as they capitalized on a

sudden bout of sloppy passing by MRICD players to force turnovers and go up 16-14 with less than five minutes left in the half.

Missed opportunities at the line for both teams led to several scoreless minutes until Mitchell sank two for an 18-16 lead with 50 seconds on the clock.

HHC 143rd's William Lee floated a jumper to tie the score, 18-18, then rebounded an MRICD missed shot to hold the halftime tie.

HHC 143rd coach George McCrea told his players to hang in there.

"There's no reason why we can't win this one," McCrea said. "The worst we can do is get in foul trouble."

MRICD played with no designated coach, though players referred to Blair as the team's leader.

"We're just a team playing together," said guard James Romano. "This is a great team that has played together well all season."

Both teams reentered the game hot, matching each other shot-for-shot until MRICD's Michael Henry broke a 22-all tie with a solid jumper from the perimeter.

HHC 143rd's Shaun Smith put his team up for good with

five unanswered points, a three-pointer and a layup to take a 27-24 lead. From there, it was all HHC 143rd.

Jonathan Jones' three 3-pointers and contributions from Smith, with 11 points, and Irvin Collins and Chad Coleman with eight points each helped HHC 143rd pull away to a 45-28 lead with 11 minutes left.

Poor shooting and turnovers continued to plague MRICD as HHC 143rd enjoyed a 52-32 lead, its biggest of the game.

A 3-pointer from the corner by Romano closed the gap, 52-35 but couldn't make up the difference as HHC 143rd scored only six more points, but contained its opponent with an aggressive defense.

With 20 seconds left, HHC 143rd's Jones sealed a three for the game's final points and a 59-42 win.

Blair said the team was still heading into the playoffs strong.

"We've got a deeper bench. We were just short of players tonight," Blair said. "Our goal is still for the championship."

When asked if the team can rebound and take it all after tonight's game, Romano responded, "Why not? We've been winning all season. We're not going to stop now."

HHC 143rd players said they also are looking forward to the playoffs.

"The pressure was on us tonight but we handled it, Lee said. Now, it's win or go home."

"We see only one thing — the championship," said Scott Gilbert, adding that Company C, 1/115th Infantry may be the toughest opponent in the Edgewood Area.

Collins attributed the win to teamwork and MRICD's short bench.

"We wore them down with a fast pace, Collins said. We made them play our game."



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion's Shaun Smith, 10, drives home a layup during the March 4 match up against the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense in Hoyle Gym. Looking on from left is teammate Irvin Collins, 44, referee Jim Robinson and MRICD's David Blair.

Basketball update

The following results were reported for intramural basketball for the week ending March 1.

American Division Results

Feb. 25
KUSAHC, 65; HHC 1/115th, 49
HHC 61st, 71; HST, 46
NCOA, 45; HHC 16th, 42
Feb. 27
HHC 61st, 40; NCOA, 30
HST, 48; HHC 1/115th, 45
HHC 16th, 39; KUSAHC, 39 (tie)

Standings

HHC 61st 13-0
HHC 16th 9-3
KUSAHC 7-5
NCOA 6-7
HST 2-10
HHC 1/115th 1-12

Edgewood Division Results

Feb. 25
MRICD, 52; Company A 143rd, 39
Company C 1/115th, 37;
Company C 143rd, 24
Company B 143rd, 57; HHC 143rd, 47
Feb. 27
MRICD, 42; Company C 1/115th, 31
Company C 143rd, 56;
Company B 143rd, 48
HHC 143rd, 54; Company A 143rd, 34

Standings

MRICD 9-4
Company C 1/115th 8-5
Company B 143rd 8-5
HHC 143rd 7-5
Company A 143rd 2-9
Company C 143rd 3-9

National Division Results

Feb. 21
USMC, 49; 389th BAND, 43
Feb. 26
Company C 16th, 70;
Company E 16th, 41
Company B 16th, 66;
Company A 16th, 56
USMC, 39; USAF, 26
Feb. 28
Company B 16th, 46;
Company C 16th, 44
USAF, 69; 389th BAND, 34
USMC, 45; Company E 16th, 33

Standings

Company B 16th, 10-0
Company C 16th, 8-2
USAF, 5-4
USMC, 5-5
Company E 16th, 4-6
389th BAND, 1-8
Company A 16th, 1-8

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Army News



Army names interim armored vehicle 'Stryker'

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

The Army named its first 21st Century combat vehicle in honor of two enlisted soldiers who posthumously received medals of honor for risking their lives fighting for their country.

The Stryker, the Army's new wheeled armored vehicle for interim brigade combat teams, was unveiled Feb. 27 by Sgt. Major of the Army Jack Tilley and Robert Stryker, the brother of one of the medal-of-honor recipients. The unveiling took place during the Association of the United States Army's winter symposium at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"I've been a soldier for a very long time," Tilley said. "While I would occasionally wonder where and how vehicles I served on got their names, I never once envisioned myself participating in a ceremony such as the one here today. It would be an honor to simply be present at an event like this one."

The vehicle is named in honor of Pfc. Stuart S. Stryker, who served in World War II, and Spc. Robert F. Stryker, who served in Vietnam. Both soldiers were separated by a generation and fought on battlefields on opposite sides of the globe, Tilley said. But both made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and their fellow soldiers, he said.

Robert Stryker served with the 1st Infantry Division and was awarded the Medal of Honor for saving the lives of his fellow soldiers near Loc Ninh, Vietnam. Stuart Stryker served with the 513th Parachute Infantry and was given the Medal of Honor for leading an attack near Wesel, Germany, which led to the capture

of more than 200 enemy soldiers and freed three American pilots.

The Stryker is a 19-ton wheeled armored vehicle that bridges the gap between light and heavy forces, according to Army officials. The interim armored vehicle has the deployability and sustainability associated with the Army's light forces, and the lethality and survivability common to the heavy forces, officials added.

The Stryker will have 10 variants: the Infantry Carrier Vehicle, Mobile Gun System; Anti-Tank Missile Guided Vehicle; Reconnaissance Vehicle; Fire Support Vehicle; Engineer Squad Vehicle; Mortar Carrier Vehicle; Commander's Vehicle; Medical Evacuation Vehicle; and a Nuclear Biological and Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicle.

The IAV family is the first armored vehicle that the Army has acquired since the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

The Army plans to field six interim brigade combat teams with more than 300 Strykers in each. In October 1999, the Army announced its first two IBCTs would be 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Divisions and the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division both located at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The next brigades to transform will be 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate), Fort Richardson, Alaska; 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment (Light), Fort Polk, La.; 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and the 56th Brigade of the 28th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

Mission

From front page

nominal or normal steps.

"I'm kind of quarterbacking to make sure that everybody's in the right procedure, on the right page, adjusting or helping with any switch throws as necessary."

Currie said there are certain control switches, particularly when everyone is suited, that the astronauts in the front just can't reach.

"I'm flying with some very large guys on this crew. And so, my seating height is quite a bit lower than them. And so, there are actually some things that I can see in the cockpit that they can't see, just because of my seating height. And I can look up and verify talk backs, verify switch positions, and actually direct their hand to certain switches."

Once the shuttle is in orbit, Currie will shift from quarterback to control of the robotic arm. This is where her magic touch comes in as she assists in the repair operations of the Hubble. This involves the capture and redeployment of the telescope, as well as the five space walks to repair and upgrade it.

"I can't think of another mission that will be a better one to be on as the arm operator because, essentially, every single day except launch and landing, we're using the arm on this flight."

The arm will also be used to assist in all five of the extravehicular activities to maneuver the crewmembers around, according to Currie.

"The arm makes a tremen-

dous work platform. They can put a tool stanchion behind them on the arm to hang all their tools that they'll need off of it. And then, finally, when we go to release Hubble, [it] will be the arm [that] maneuvers it in position, releases it, and then we'll back away slowly with the shuttle."

"I don't want to put any pressure on Nancy, but she's one of the best arm operators I've ever known," said Rick Linnehan, mission specialist for EV-2 on this flight.

Currie is aware of the pressure involved in this key aspect of the mission.

"I'm not going to kid anybody: there's an awful lot of pressure. You know, you train day-in, day-out to perform this job."

But Currie knows she has a tremendous amount of backup inside the STS-109 cockpit. Scott D. Altman is the commander and Duane G. Carey is

the pilot. Other mission specialists are: John M. Grunsfeld, Richard M. Linnehan, James H. Newman, and Michael J. Massimino. Newman, Massimino and Altman also have experience operating the shuttle's arm.

"I feel like I've got a lot of support there," Currie said. "And I always tell them that, you know, even though I may have done this before that their help is just invaluable."

As to how Currie became involved with the Space program she said, "I think it's kind of interesting, especially for a woman my age, because when we were kids growing up, women weren't military pilots."

"But I'd say from a very early age, I knew I wanted to fly. I mean, I just dreamed about flying probably from the time I could walk."

Currie is currently one of six mission specialist astro-

nauts from Army Space Command's Astronaut Detachment located at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. The detachment supports NASA's Space Shuttle and International Space Station programs.

"We are proud of Lt. Col. (P) Nancy Currie's key role in this important NASA space-shuttle flight. Participating in her fourth space-shuttle mission, she has contributed much to our Nation's space-exploration program and to our continuing effort to normalize Space for the Army," said Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano Jr., commanding general of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command and U.S. Army Space Command.

(Don Montoya is a member of the U.S. Army Space Command public affairs office.)

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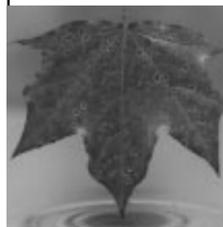
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Tracey Biggs, a biologist with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, uncovers dishes brought in for the Black History Month Pot Luck Luncheon at the Gunpowder Club on Feb. 21. ECBC employees hold the annual luncheon to honor their history and to learn about themselves and each other.

ECBC potluck celebrates black roots, culture

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

African-American employees of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center enjoyed an afternoon of good food, networking, and learning as they closed out Black History Month with their annual Black History Potluck Luncheon at the Edgewood Area's Gunpowder Club on Feb. 21.

The annual event offers a time for employees to relax, renew acquaintances and learn

new things over a good meal, said Tracey Biggs, one of the group's organizers.

Pamela Lamb, ECBC logistical engineer, added that the tradition began as an impromptu meeting in the workplace then grew into a major gathering.

"It's more than a social gathering away from the office," Lamb said, adding that the tradition started about eight years ago.

"Many of us don't see each other outside the office, so this is a good way for us to get together, see new faces and celebrate our heritage at the same time."

About 40 people attended the luncheon, each bringing a homemade dish and pitching in for sodas and condiments.

Two tables of foods such as candied yams, potato salad, ham, dressing, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, fried chicken and fish and a smoked turkey lined the walls as guests formed a line and helped themselves.

The guest speakers included William Starke, a retired toxicologist and former facilitator of Consideration of Others conferences for the U.S. Army

Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and Eric Sheppard, a contractor with SBCCOM's industrial base planning team.

Starke gave a talk on self control and reacting to different situations while Sheppard lectured on genealogy and what to expect when researching one's roots.

As diners ate and listened, many said they appreciated the annual event for its benefit and its intent.

"It helps us to realize our differences," said Melody Goodall, ECBC security specialist. "We come in all shapes and sizes and the way we prepare our foods demonstrates that we enjoy similar things differently."

Noting that the potluck is an organizational event, Theresa Lewis, an electronic engineer with eleven years at ECBC, said there is no plan to extend it beyond that.

"This we do for us," Lewis said. "It's a family thing."

Along with Biggs, Lamb, Goodall, and Lewis, organizers for the potluck included Greg Allen, Becky Stump and David Smiley.

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Aberdeen Test Center boat aids in rescue



Susan Hagan
ATC

A range operations patrol boat from Aberdeen Test Center was the first to respond to a mayday emergency call at approximately 6:45 a.m. Feb. 25 when a tugboat collided with a cargo ship on the Elk River.

The Swift, one of two tugboats towing a barge, collided with the A.V. Kastner, a 550-foot freight ship from Nova Scotia, about a half mile off shore at the mouth of the Bohemia River.

During a conversation with one of the boats, believed to be the A.V. Kastner, it was determined that ATC's boats were closest to the scene of the accident and could be of assistance.

ATC's patrol boat, operated by 1st Capt. Wade Hague and Capt. Wayne Fletcher, was the first to arrive at the scene of the accident and transported the rescued crewmembers to a waiting ambulance and helicopter on shore.

The boats dispatched from ATC were not rescue boats but 42-foot patrol boats used by the test center to patrol Aberdeen Proving Ground's restricted water zones.

According to Ken Fletcher of ATC's marine services, ATC is always glad to assist if there is a problem in nearby waters.

Five people were rescued, according to Lt. Russ Bowman, the Coast Guard's chief investigator in the case.

The bodies of two crewmen were recovered when the Swift was raised March 2.

One of Aberdeen Test Center's range operations patrol boats, used to patrol the restricted waters around Aberdeen Proving Ground, was the first to reach the scene of the accident Feb. 25 when a tugboat collided with a cargo ship on the Elk River.

Photo by ATC

Purchase request submission schedule set

RMAC

The following schedule applies to the submission of purchase requests for fiscal year 2001 and maintenance for fiscal year 2002 for the U.S. Army Robert Morris Acquisition Center.

Noncommercial items over \$100,000 are due by May 15. There may be instance where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

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Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million are due by June 15.

Short-of-Award over \$2,500 are due by June 15. Commercial Items under \$100,000 are due by Aug. 15. Maintenance for fiscal year 2002 are due by June 15.

PD2, the new DoD contracting automated system, has been fielded at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. Experience and updates to the system indicate a continued learning curve. Although the Center purchase request submission schedule has been increased to permit

additional time to process actions through this new system, you are advised to submit your year-end requirements as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year's end. Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Refer questions to Joyce Roberts, APG Branch, joyce.roberts@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0869, or Fred Thomas, Edgewood Branch, fred.thomas@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-436-2554.

TRICARE for Life claims become a DEERS eligibility issue

Jan Spellman
KUSAHC

On Oct. 1, 2001, about 65,000 military Medicare eligible beneficiaries had invalid identification cards that resulted in approximately 35,000 denied claims under TRICARE For Life, or TFL. The remaining 30,000 have not received TFL medical services.

In many instances, a denied claim results in the provider of healthcare services sending a bill directly to the beneficiary.

Military ID cards must be renewed every four years and it is essential that beneficiary information, such as address changes, be updated as they occur.

Per a Feb. 7, 2002 TRICARE Management Activity, or TMA, press release, TMA will re-process denied claims

associated with invalid ID cards without provider/beneficiary re-submissions.

Affected beneficiaries must update DEERS eligibility information by Aug. 1, 2002.

TMA and the Military/Coalition/National Military Veterans Alliance held a Feb. 12 meeting to plan outreach efforts to resolve the ID card issue. Identified activities include a TMA letter to be mailed to the 65,000 beneficia-

ries explaining DEERS eligibility/ID card requirements and how to update eligibility.

Beneficiaries may update their military ID card by visiting the Aberdeen Proving Ground Military Personnel Office located at Building 4305 on Susquehanna Avenue, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The DEERS office number for the Military Personnel Office is 410-306-2389.

Success

From front page

In 1976, Bowman was familiar with being a part of emergency and fire calls when she returned to work at APG in 1980.

Initially assigned to working out of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Bowman became the first female paramedic connected with the APG Fire Department in July of 1996.

Married for nearly 30 years and the mother of two grown sons, she said adapting to being the only female in an all male environment was not much of an issue.

Arrangements for living with men 24 hours a day for 13 days each month were worked out with a minimum of fuss.

For years the lone female, Bowman said she welcomed a second female to the team last year.

She added that over the years her co-workers treated her as if being female was incidental, and she, like the rest of the crew, was judged for her contributions.

While on duty, Bowman and other paramedics take turns at emergency radio dispatch and going out on calls in teams of two. Conducting building inspections is among their additional duties.

"All of us just work together," she said, adding that concentrating on the strengths of each member of the team leads to success for the whole.

"This job is always a challenge; each day is different," she said. "You need lots of patience, a love for people, and a willingness to continually study."

Continuing education is definitely part of the job. Starting with basic courses in first aid and a firefighter basic course, Bowman completed the training as a certified rescue technician. In 1995, she became a licensed paramedic through a course at Essex Community College. Along the way she has successfully completed two firefighter breathing apparatus courses and a special fires course. Trained to start intravenous

therapy, the paramedic is a veteran of many continuing education courses.

In 1998, Bowman was shocked by the sudden death of Ralph Beckwith, a partner she had worked with for many years, including a shift she worked with him just 24 hours before his passing.

Describing Beckwith as a mentor, Bowman said he offered her encouragement, helped her study and was very fun-loving.

"He was very intelligent, loved by everyone, and the number one paramedic at APG," she said.

Married for nearly 48 years

to William Bowman, the grandmother of three shows no signs of slowing down, attending 300 calls as a volunteer paramedic for the Level Volunteer Fire Company in the past year, in addition to her full-time job at APG.

Although Bowman has put in enough years to retire, knowing that she is part of a great team keeps her active on the job and as a volunteer.

"It's very challenging and interesting. You never know what you'll get to do one day to the next," Bowman said. "I love helping people; I'm not ready to consider retiring. This is a great job for me."

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Community Notes

FRIDAY MARCH 8 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit CHPPM Organizational Day will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets can be purchased for \$5. Pit beef, ham and turkey, barbeque, drinks and baked goods will be available for purchase. Tickets are available by calling Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 (home), 410-436-2800 (work), or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

SATURDAY MARCH 9 EA-OWC SPONSORS BASKET BINGO

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club is sponsoring Basket Bingo at the Gunpowder Club, Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground. Doors open at 6 p.m., with bingo proceeding at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and include 20 games of bingo, the opportunity to purchase additional cards at a discount, door prizes and refreshments. All prizes are baskets. Proceeds from the event benefit the scholarship and charitable donations funds of the club, distributed to local schools, military and community organizations and charities each spring. Space is limited for this event. Admission ticket sales the night of the event will be on a space-available basis.

Purchase your tickets in advance by contacting Karen Chambers, 410-676-9142, buying at set locations throughout the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas, or contacting a club member.

BUSTRIPTO DOVER DOWNS AND REHOBOTH OUTLETS

Get away for the day. Take a trip with NET NEMOW (Ten Women spelled backward) to Rehoboth Outlets and Dover Downs, for shopping and gaming. Cost is \$35 per person. A chartered bus will leave the Aberdeen Plaza Shopping Center at 7 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. For information or reservations, call 410-939-1489, 410-272-4902, or 410-272-3744.

SUNDAY MARCH 10 SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Prince of Peace Church in Edgewood will hold a spaghetti dinner from 2 to 6 p.m. Adult tickets cost \$6, seniors, \$5, children 6 to 12, \$3, and children under 6 are free. Menu includes spaghetti and homemade meatballs, Italian bread, salad, homemade desserts and drinks. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, call Dawn at 410-676-7785.

THURSDAY MARCH 14 SHARPER IMAGE

In appreciation of Women's History Month, women from Aberdeen Proving Ground will present Women Sharpening Women, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Top of the Bay. The program will include songs, skits, poetry and modeling of historic uniforms from different time periods. For more information, call Lt. Claudette Blake, 410-278-8732, Capt. Rotunda Prevoo, 410-278-8594, or Sgt. 1st Class Venesia Denson, 410-436-2236. A \$10 donation is requested.

FRIDAY MARCH 15 MCSC BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Area Military and Civilian Spouses Club, or MCSC, will host a Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall on Rogers Street. Doors open at 6 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Tickets cost \$10 for 20 games. Tickets will be available at Aberdeen Proving Ground Main PX on March 9. Call Angie Salamy at 410-272-6712 to reserve your tickets. Proceeds from this event will benefit MCSC scholarship and welfare funds. Players who wear green will receive two extra raffle tickets.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo will be held at Bel Air Elementary School at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

All proceeds will help the Bel Air Braves Travel Baseball Team 12-and-Under achieve their dream of participating in a "Cooperstown Dream" tournament. The local team will travel to Cooperstown, New York, to play other 12-year old teams for a week.

Cost of bingo is \$10 and includes door prizes. For more information, call Cindy Dietz 410-515-4167.

SATURDAY MARCH 16 WOMEN BUILD GALA

Harford Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring a Women Build Gala at Richlin Ballroom, 8 p.m. to midnight. This charity event includes dinner and dancing to Appaloosa and a live auction. A ticket costs \$150, or \$275 per couple. For information or tickets, call 410-297-9378. Proceeds will help defer expenses for the Edgewood home being built by women in the spring.

SISTER SUMMIT 2002

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, are hosting "Sister Summit 2002," 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., a woman's conference to inspire, empower and motivate.

Guest speakers include, Jacqueline Haas, superintendent, Harford County Public Schools, Judge Angela Eaves, Harford County District Court and Imeda Johnson, secretary, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland.

Enjoy a full day of inspiring praise and worship, praise dancers, information and networking. Registration is \$10, Brunch is included. To register, call 410-939-2267 or 410-877-3201.

TUESDAY MARCH 19 IRISH SPECIALTY MEAL

The annual Irish Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to

7:30 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.70 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Irish specialty meal menu includes broccoli and cheese soup, simmered cornbeef, beef pot pie, savory baked chicken, baked knockwurst with sauerkraut, grilled Rueben sandwiches, parsley buttered potatoes, mashed potatoes, fried cabbage, seasoned carrots, brown gravy, cole slaw with creamy dressing, country style tomato salad, assorted breads, carrot cake, snickerdoodle cookies, Boston creme pie, soft serve ice-cream and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

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

THURSDAY MARCH 21 REVIVAL

The women of St. James A.M.E., 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, MD, will host a Revival on March 21 and 22 March at 7 p.m. Rev. Marietta Ramsey, associate minister, Waters A.M.E. Church, Baltimore, will be the guest preacher for both nights. Music will be rendered by St. Stephen's A.M.E. Church, Essex. This event will benefit Women's Day 2002. For more information call 410-939-2267.

SATURDAY MARCH 23 OPEN MIKE POETRY/DANCE NIGHT

Open Mike Poetry/Dance Night will be held 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., at the Holiday Inn, Aberdeen.

The poetry presentation is from 8 to 8:30 p.m. This is a time for poets to showcase their talents; a cash award will be presented for the best poem. All poets are welcome.

Music will be provided by DJ Sir Knight. Ladies and men should dress appropriately - no jeans, boots, bandannas, sweats, or sneakers. You must be 21 years of age to attend. Proper ID is required. Tickets cost \$6 in advance, \$10 at the door. To purchase tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Copeland, 1-877-937-9936.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Water Witch Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary will be held at the VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Anne Gibson 410-378-3338, Stephanie Gibson, 410-378-2672, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

MARCH 24 WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM

The women of St. James A.M.E Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will celebrate their annual women's day program on March 24. Rev. J.B. Redding, will preach at the 11 a.m. service. A concert is scheduled for 4 p.m. For more information call 410-939-2267.

WACVA FUNDRAISER

The Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association is hosting a Bull/Oyster Roast to raise money to purchase a wheel chair accessible van for the transportation of Perry Point VA Hospital disabled veterans.

The DAV Transport not only picks up veterans from their homes so they can make their doctor's appointments, but also takes them home after their appointments. Many veterans are in wheel chairs and unable to transfer themselves onto the vans without help.

The volunteer drivers are not allowed to help veterans on or off the vans, therefore they are not allowed to pick up these veterans and transport them to Perry Point. The van will cost \$35,000 - \$45,000.

The fundraiser will be held at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood, 2 to 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$35. There will also be a Big 6 Wheel, plant wheel, silent auction and a raffle. Donations are needed for the silent auction. Anyone who would like to attend or volunteer should contact Wanda Story at 410-272-5040.

CATHOLIC LENTEN SERVICES



Aberdeen chapel

Each Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross
March 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Adult Lenten Retreat
March 24, 8:30 a.m.. Palm Sunday mass
March 27, 7 p.m, Ecumenical Tenebrae Service
March 28, 11:45 a.m., Holy Thursday mass
March 29, 12 p.m., Stations and Seven Last Words
March 30, 8 p.m., Easter Vigil
March 31, 8:30 a.m., Easter Sunday mass
(The Protestant Easter Contata will be part of the service March 24, 10:15 a.m. at the Aberdeen Chapel.)

Edgewood chapel

Each Thursday, 7 p.m., Stations of the Cross
March 24, 10:45 a.m., Palm Sunday mass
March 26, 7 p.m., Ecumenical Tenebrae Service
March 28, 7 p.m., Holy Thursday mass
March 29, 11:45 a.m., Good Friday Solemn Liturgy
March 31, 10:45 a.m., Easter Sunday mass
For more information, contact the Aberdeen Chapel, located in building 2485, at 410-278-4333.
The Edgewood Chapel is located in building E-4620 and can be reached at 410-436-4109.

MOVIES

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



A WALK TO REMEMBER

Friday, March 8, 7 p.m.
Starring: Mandy Moore, Shane West

Set in a small town in North Carolina during the 1950s, this is the romantic story of the only son of a wealthy

family and the highly unpopular misfit daughter of the town's minister, thrown together during the town's high school Christmas pageant. When the two finally come together, they realize the preconceived notions they had about each other are untrue. (Rated PG)

A BEAUTIFUL MIND (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, March 9
Starring: Russell Crowe, Ed Harris

In 1947, mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. made an astonishing discovery and stood on the brink of international acclaim. But his white-hot ascent into the intellectual stratosphere drastically changed course when Nash's intuitive brilliance was undermined by schizophrenia. Facing challenges that have destroyed many others, Nash fought back, with the help of his devoted wife Alicia. After decades of hardship, he triumphed over tragedy, and received the Nobel Prize in 1994. A living legend, Nash continues to pursue his work. (Rated PG-13)



BLACK HAWK DOWN

Saturday, March 9
Starring: Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor

In 1993, the U.S. sent Special Forces into Somalia to destabilize the government and bring food and humanitarian aid to the starving population. Using Black Hawk helicopters to lower the soldiers on to the ground, an unexpected attack by Somali forces brings two of the helicopters down. From there, the soldiers struggle to regain the upper hand while enduring heavy gunfire. (Rated R)



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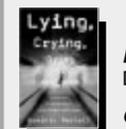
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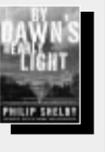
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You can receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically. Contact the library for details.

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Edgewood Area library is only open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071.

Outlook 2002, The Complete Reference by Thomas E. Barich



Dictionary of Psychology by Andrew M. Colman

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Study Guide for use with Production Operations Management by William J. Stevenson

Classrooms for Distance Teaching & Learning: A Blueprint by Michael Hegarty

The OC&S Library hours are Monday, noon to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday, noon to 4:15 p.m.



Aberdeen Youth Services March schedule of events



From cooking to karate, there's always something fun to do at Youth Services. A game room is available with pool tables, foosball and air hockey tables. A library of CD's and movies are available for checkout; check the list of titles. Magazine subscriptions to some of today's popular teen magazines are also available.

For more information about what's available, e-mail Norma.Warwick@usag.apg.army.mil, call 410-278-4995, or visit Youth Services in building 2522, Bayside Drive (beside the Shoppette).
To join Youth Services, the annual membership fee is \$15 per person or \$35 per family.

Youth Sponsorship

Military families are known to relocate every few years. It's a tough time for everyone - leaving somewhere familiar for lands unknown. Youth Sponsorship is all about making the transitions easier and less stressful. Whether you are new to Aberdeen Proving Ground or relocating, Youth Services is here to help. If your family is relocating to APG, call, write or drop an e-mail to Youth Services to let them know when they're coming. Youth Services will answer your questions and help children establish friendships before they arrive.

New arrivals should visit Youth Services and tour the facilities. If you're leaving APG, Youth Services will help you research your new location via the Internet, and also will help you contact the Youth Center at your future home, so you have new friends waiting for you.

Club Schedules and Activities

Tuesday, 6 p.m., The Cooking Club

Learn the important life skill of cooking. For more information, call Paul Walters, 410-278-4995.

Tuesday, 6 p.m., The SMART Girls Club

Members include girls ages 10 to 15. Curriculum discussion and activities are geared toward improving self-esteem, health and nutrition and more. For more information, call Tonya Turner, 410-278-4995.

Wednesday, 6 p.m., The 4-H Fine Arts Club

Arts and crafts projects every week are just the tip of this fun club. For more information, call Paul Walters, 410-278-4995.

Wednesday, 6 p.m., The Torch Club

Members include boys and girls ages 11 to 13. Leadership club where members perform community service projects, plan activities, and more. For more information, call Lonnell Dixon, 410-278-4995.

Thursday, 6 p.m., TEENS Supreme Keystone Club

Members include boys and girls ages 14 to 18 and continues where the Torch Club ends, giving members even more responsibility and leadership opportunities. For more information, call Angela Shannon, 410-278-4995.

Friday, 6 p.m., Movie Night

Call Youth Services for the movie schedule.

2nd and 4th Fridays, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Middle/High School Photography Club

For more information, call Paul Walters, 410-278-4995.

Saturday, 6:30 p.m., D.J. Club

Learn how to set up, operate, and edit music using turntables, CD players and a multi-channel mixer. For more information, call Lonnell Dixon, 410-278-4995.

Friday, March 8, StarCraft One-On-One Tournament

Looking to test your skills? Come participate in our first ever StarCraft One-On-One Tournament from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Mr. Charles Novak, 410-278-4995.

Friday, March 15, Elementary/Middle School St. Patrick's Dance

Youth from first to seventh grades are encouraged to come to the Elementary/Middle School Dance from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$3. The dance is sponsored by the SMART Girls and Torch Clubs. For more information, call Tonya Turner or Lonnell Dixon, 410-278-4995.

Friday, March 15, Teen School St. Patrick's Dance

Youth, ages 13 to 18 can come to our Teen Dance from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$4. The dance is sponsored by the TEENS Supreme Keystone Club. For more information, call Angela Shannon, 410-278-4995.

Saturday, March 16, SMART Girls and Torch Club Bowling Night

An opportunity for the SMART Girls and Torch Club members to have a little free fun from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Aberdeen Bowling Center.

Not a member, but you'd like to bowl? Meet us at the Aberdeen Bowling Center and pay as you go. For more information, call Tonya Turner or Lonnell Dixon, 410-278-4995.

Saturday, March 23, Teen Lock-In

Our doors will be locked from 10 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Boys and girls, ages 13 to 18, are invited. Admission is \$6 (SMART Girls, Torch & Keystone Club members get in for \$3). The snack bar will be open. There will be movies, games, tournaments, and lots more. Does anyone ever sleep? You'll have to find out on your own. For more information, call Angela Shannon, 410-278-4995.

Saturday, March 30, Movie at Regal Cinemas

The SMART Girls and Torch Clubs worked so hard they're off to the movies for a little relaxation and entertainment. This trip is free for SMART Girls and Torch Club members. The bus departs from the Aberdeen Youth Center at 4 p.m. and will return at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Tonya Turner or Lonnell Dixon, 410-278-4995.

(Youth Center is closed on March 30 for renovations to the snack bar.)

Workforce Preparation

Youth Services has a number of ways to help prepare youth to enter the workforce. We partner with other organizations to offer classes and will assist youth to research information on admission requirements, financial aid, majors offered in colleges and universities. For more information, call Angie Shannon, 410-278-4995.

Workforce Preparation Classes, April 19, 4 to 6 p.m.

Tela Vass, from the Bel Air Workforce Center, will conduct this class to assist teens search and secure jobs. Don't miss this course if you're planning to work this summer. Sponsored by CYS School Liaison and Youth Education Services, Youth Services, and Army Community Service. For more information, call Ivan Mehosky, 410-278-2857.

Promise Passport Program (4-H Citizen Club)

The Promise Passport Program is designed to track Community Service hours. Youth can volunteer individually or perform as a group to help the community. Examples include computer lab assistants, tutoring, clean-up projects, and coaching. Come get your Passport and start tracking all of the great things you do for your community.

Homework and Computer Labs.

Homework doesn't have to be a bad word within the walls of Youth Services. The Youth Services staff is more than happy to offer help. The computers labs are always available for use for research requirements and to write reports. Educational software, games and Internet access are just a few of the reasons the Computer Lab is a favorite place. For more information, call Charles Novak, 410-278-4995.

Navigating The Internet Classes

Youth will have a chance to attend this introductory class. Includes basic skills plus some hints at where to find cool web sites. Schedule is as follows: elementary school age, Wednesdays, March 6 and 27, 6 p.m.; middle school age, Wednesday, March 13, 6 p.m.; and high school age, Wednesday, March 20, 6 p.m. For more information, call Charles Novak, 410-278-4995.

Coming soon - 4-H Technology Club

If you love technology, make sure you are a member of this club. For more information, call Charles Novak, 410-278-4995.

Youth of the Year Program

Youth Services participates in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year Program. Competitions are conducted throughout the year at both Youth Centers. For more information, call Angela Shannon, 410-278-4995.

Sports and Fitness Program

APG offers a wide variety of instructional classes, team sports, and clinics to participate in throughout the year. Many of these activities are seasonal or offered in sessions. For more information about Youth Sports, call Bill Kegley, APG's Youth Sports Director, 410-306-2297, or e-mail him at William.Kegley@usag.apg.army.mil.

Gymnastics

Edgewood Area classes begin March 9. If you have pre-registered, visit the Youth Center to fill out the information packet. Classes run Saturdays from March 9 through April 27 for ages 2 1/2 to 5 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; ages 6 and older from 2:30 to

3:30 p.m. Price for eight-week session is \$30.

In the Aberdeen Area, there is space available in the Saturday class for ages 8 and older from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Karate registration open

The third session begins Monday, April 1. Second session participants have priority until March 20. After March 20, registration will be open to the APG Community. Session 3 runs from April 1 to June 28, Monday and Friday, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$60. For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Basketball Tournament, March 9 to 25

APG's youth basketball teams will participate in the Harford County double elimination basketball tournaments. Come cheer for our teams as they battle for county bragging rights. For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Track and Field Meet on May 4

Youth in third to eighth grades are eligible to participate in the May 4 track and field meet at C. Milton Wright High School. Times to be announced. Individuals interested in competing should contact Bill Kegley at 410-306-2297 immediately.

Basketball and Cheerleading Awards Ceremony, Thursday, March 7, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Post Theater

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

Cheerleading Dance, March 29, 6 to 8 p.m. for ages 6 to 12 at the Edgewood Youth Center

This dance is a fund-raiser for the Edgewood Cheerleading Program. Cost is \$3 for 6 to 12 year olds. For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Nike Swoosh Club

Sports-gear Volunteer Program for teens. Referee, coach, prepare sports fields and courts, etc. are just some of the exciting duties to be filled. If interested, call Bill Kegley at 410-306-2297. Minimum of eight members needed.

NYSCA Coaches' Clinic for Baseball & T-Ball, March 23

Open to all volunteer coaches for baseball and T-ball, clinic will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center from 9 a.m. to noon, March 23. The National Youth Sports Coaches Association is a national certifying agency for volunteer youth coaches and officials. For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

British Soccer Camp registration open

That's right, the British are coming. Registration for Soccer Camp, July 8 to 12, has begun. Youths from ages 4 to 5 pay \$69 per person; ages 6 and older pay \$98 per person. More details will be provided at a future date.

Before and After School Program schedule

Hours of operation for the Middle School Before and After School Program during the school season are Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hours of operation for the Middle School and High School Open Recreation Drop-In Program are Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Evening and Weekend Open Recreation Program

Hours for elementary schoolers are Tuesday to Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 3 to 8 p.m.

Hours for middle schoolers are Tuesday to Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 3 to 9 p.m.

Hours for high school youth are Tuesday to Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, 3 to 10 p.m.

The Hunt For Quality Childcare

Interested in either the Elementary or Middle School Summer Camp Programs? Call Child/Youth Services' Central Registry at 410-278-7571 to find out about spaces available during the school year and in the summer.

Middle School/ School Age Services' Parent Advisory Group

If your child is enrolled in the Before/After School programs offered through either the School Age Services, or SAS, or Middle School Program, or MS, you are eligible to be a member of the MS/SAS Parent Advisory Group. Attending board meetings earns you Parent Participation Credits. For more information or the date of the next meeting, call 410-278-4995.



Paintball tournament

On Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m., Robinhood Paintball, Havre de Grace, Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a day of paintball fun with the added dimension of com-

petition with a round-robin tournament. You must register into one of two divisions: Active Duty Division and Open Division, with a team of three (18 years of age or older). Each team will receive all necessary paintball equipment and 1,000 rounds of paintballs. Additional rounds of paintballs will be available for purchase. Awards will go to the top two finishing teams in each Division. Cost is \$140 per team. Registration is limited to the first 20 teams and will be held through March 15 at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407.

Transportation to Robinhood Paintball is not provided.

For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail: charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Lunchtime hand-held computer class

Are you thinking of switching from a date book to a palm pilot or other hand-held computer this year? Do you already own one, but think you can use it more productively? Come learn first-hand what 'hand holds' or palm pilots are, and how they can help you improve your productivity.

Bring your own for hands on training or just come to listen and learn. ClasMWR presents St. Patrick's 3-6-9 No-Tap Tournament

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is sponsoring a St. Patrick's 3-6-9 No-Tap Bowling Tournament, March 17, 3 p.m. The cost is \$9 per person. The prize fund is based on total entries. (Pay each high game and place money.)

Bowl three games, automatically get a strike in the third, sixth and ninth frames. Also if you knock down nine pins, receive a strike for that frame.

For more information, call

the Bowling Center, 410-278-4041.

s will be held March 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Cost is \$15.

Register through March 14 for the class. Class size is limited to 12.

For more information, contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-2621 or e-mail: earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Travel Fair at Carlson Wagonlit, March 14

Carlson Wagonlit Travel is hosting a Travel Fair, March 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation

Center Ballroom, building 3326. Hotel, car, cruise and airline vendors will be available to help plan your next vacation or trip. Stop by for give-aways and sign up for door prizes.

For more information, call Michelle Johnson, 410-272-1178.

Free upgrade at Fallston's Enterprise Ren-a-Car

During March and April ask for Enterprise when booking your rental through Carlson Wagonlit.

For more information, call Michelle Johnson 410-272-1178.

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Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Gospel Choir lift up musical praise during the 29th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night at the Post Theater. From left, Tyesha Perkins, Anne Tisdale, Edward Allen, Reginald Ross and Jeffery Averett.



From left, Cree Jacobs, 10, Machel Maxam, 5, and Janay Watson, 11, of the Zion Temple Praise Dancers of Havre de Grace, gesture skyward during a praise dance.



Pat Hector, right of the Installation Housing Office plays the keyboard for the Mount Zion Male Chorus. She is joined by drummer Kim Cooper and guitarist Frederick Galloway.



A former member of the Aberdeen Gospel Service, Preston Gross, of Bethel Praise in Salisbury, Md., belts out the song "I Thank You."

"We're taking you back to the days when there was no music," Robertson told the audience. "Our main purpose, just as when Wilbert Davis set this up, is to win souls."



The children of the Mount Zion Youth Choir watch choir director Deirdre Sumpter as they step to the beat of one of the two songs they performed.

Gospel

From front page

soldiers, civilian employees, retirees and dedicated citizens of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"The celebration has outgrown its early beginnings," Stevenson said. Once a forum for professional groups, "it is now focusing on local groups and children."

He encouraged all to enjoy the evening's celebration.

"I invite you to tap your feet, clap your hand and sing along," he said.

Davis, who initiated the annual celebration while an OC&S employee, encouraged listeners to "support our military" through the crisis the nation is facing.

"They are following in the footsteps of their fathers," he said.

He added that he was pleased that youth groups were included in the program.

"This sustains our religion and gives them a forum," Davis said. "We must continue to concentrate on youth — they are our future."

The master of ceremonies was Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Lyons, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

Lyons introduced a trio from Bethel Praise

in Salisbury, Md., featuring 16-year old Preston Gross. He said Gross was "a child prodigy" who formed his talents while a member of the youth choir in the Aberdeen Gospel Service.

Gross and backup singers, Andrea Starkey, 14, and Caprese Clark, 15, set the tone for the evening, displaying their vocal talents with the song, "I Thank You." That soon had the audience clapping their hands and singing along, and they received a standing ovation for their efforts.

Lyons kept the spirit going with words of praise and worship as he introduced the next group.

"Thank God for bringing his spirit to Wilbert Davis, Lyons said. The Mount Zion Youth Choir exhibits youth at its best."

Led by choir director Deirdre Sumpter, the youths delivered two selections, delighting the audience with their young, uplifted voices.

The next group, Sisters Singing with Anointed Voices, featured 20 women from Aberdeen churches, led by Carla Harris, who directed harmonious renditions of "Let's Just Praise the Lord" and "He is Worthy to be Praised."

They were followed by the Zion Temple Praise Dancers from Havre de Grace.

Eleven children, dressed in red, black, and green with yellow bandanas, endeared them-

selves to the audience with two synchronized dances.

Opell Byrd directed the group.

Pat Hector led the Mount Zion Male Chorus, a large group of men dressed in black and gold who took listeners back to "old time" religion with two upbeat spirituals.

"The message stays the same, although the method might change," Lyons said after the performance. "New school, don't forget the old school because the old school brought you here."

After a short intermission Lisa Lyons sang "Open Up My Heart" then brought the audience to its feet with a spirited rendition of "King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

The popular APG soloist received a standing ovation and supporting comments from her husband.

"There are people throughout the Army who know how to praise God," Lyons said.

The Aberdeen High School Gospel Choir performed next, led by choir director Christine Robertson. The choir performed an a capella medley of "Amazing Grace," "Jesus Saves," and "Joy."

"We're taking you back to the days when there was no music," Robertson told the audience. "Our main purpose, just as when Wilbert Davis set this up, is to win souls."

Next came the River Rock Safe Church with Evangelist Sherry Dupree who led "Stand for Jesus" and "You Shall Have Peace."

The APG Gospel Choir, called "the home choir," by Lyons, closed the show with two moving selections, then remained on stage to lead the singing of the anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" as the audience joined in.

Col. John R. Hills, HHC 61st Ordnance Brigade, gave the closing comments. On behalf of OC&S, he thanked all "for accepting the invitation to celebrate with us."

A special thank you went to Lyons and "to all the young people who came forth and showed their talent."

"Take that kind of spirit with you into the next week and the coming months," Hills said.

"It was a challenge getting more than 300 signed in and starting the program on time, but we had great coordination," he said thanking the APG Garrison staff and Sgt. 1st Class Ismael Martinez, the OC&S equal opportunity advisor.

He added that the command is already considering plans for next year's celebration, the 30th anniversary.

"Nothing is concrete yet, but we are hoping to bring in a professional group," Martinez said. "Like today, it will be a challenge."