

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, March 20, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### AER update

For 60 years, Army Emergency Relief, or AER, has helped more than three million soldiers and family members during financial emergencies. Last year, thanks to contributors, AER assisted more than 57,000 people, providing nearly \$39 million in emergency assistance.

The 2002 AER campaign donation period is through May 15.

As of March 11, the following units have turned in donations totaling \$2,494 for the 2002 AER campaign:

Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion

Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion

U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense

520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory

For information on donating to AER, contact your unit representative or AER campaign chair, Maj. Hugh D. Shoults at 410-278-2104/3000 or e-mail hugh.shoults@usag.apg.army.mil; or Marge Fissel, AER coordinator, at 410-278-2508 or e-mail marge.fissel@usag.apg.army.mil.

### Smart card technology comes to APG

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security's Badging and ID Section, in room 161, and the Military Identification Card Section, room 161, building 4305, will be closed March 18 to 20 for installation of hardware and training of operators on the new Common Access Card, or CAC, system. The CAC will replace current identification cards for military members, government civilians and certain contract employees at Aberdeen Proving Ground beginning late March. For more information, call 410-306-2301.

### USAREC conducts WO briefings

A warrant officer recruiting team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will conduct briefings on qualifications

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# APG welcomed to Harlem



Earlene Allen, right, a Morale Welfare and Recreation program manager, welcomes travelers from the Aberdeen Proving Ground community to Sylvia's Also, the banquet area of Sylvia's Restaurant in Harlem, N.Y., during the Black History Month Harlem Experience tour sponsored by the Community Recreation Division.

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation office celebrated Black History Month in February with a trip to Harlem, N.Y.

Every seat was filled on the chartered bus that transported travelers from Aberdeen Proving Ground and the surrounding community to uptown Manhattan.

Earlene Allen, MWR program manager, led the tour which included lunch at Sylvia's, New York's flagship soul food restaurant, and stops at the Shabazz Outdoor Market, the Schomburg Center of Research in Black Culture, and a driving tour past the world famous Apollo Theater and other landmarks.

"We're looking forward to a great day," Allen said, adding that "interest in daylong excursions is high in the Aberdeen community. People are already inquiring about when we plan to have another one."

The bus pulled into Manhattan about 10:45 a.m., moved uptown on Broadway to Amsterdam Avenue and into the heart of Harlem. The bus moved up 125th Street/Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard and crossed St. Nicholas Street, as passengers took in the look of the "new and improved" Harlem, which is in the midst of a massive revitalization project. Progress was evident everywhere.

In central Harlem, along the  
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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

## Postal Service warns of mail fraud schemes

**Archie B. Ford**  
AMC

A warning from those who deliver your mail: If you receive an offer that sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

In February, the U.S. Postal Service announced five of the most common mail-fraud schemes.

**Advance-fee loans.** A letter offers the recipient a guaranteed loan, but it asks for a fee to be paid in advance. Once the fee is paid, the swindler takes it, and no loan is given.

**Prizes or sweepstakes.** Be wary of any letter that says you've won a prize to be revealed later. Such a letter asks for a processing fee to be paid before you find out what the prize is.

**Charity fraud.** Be certain

that the charity listed on the letter is legitimate, and that your money will go there. Several letters ask for donations for a charity that doesn't exist. Others ask on behalf of a real charity, but the money goes to a swindler.

**Failure to render merchandise or services.** Sometimes mail orders or Internet orders are made with people who have no intention of delivering. Be sure about the legitimacy of the merchandise or service provider before you pay.

**Employment schemes.** Sometimes swindlers offer lists of governmental job openings for a fee. Information on such job openings is available for free.

Senior citizens, the Postal Service said, are frequent targets of con artists.

## A 'March' of success

(Editor's note: The third in a series for Women's History Month on successful Aberdeen Proving Ground women focuses on the Army officer who commands the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.)

## Test Center commander says she's a 'soldier first'

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

When Col. Mary K. Brown, commander of the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, or ATC, was growing up, her parents emphasized the importance of getting a college education. They never considered that their only daughter would pursue a military career. After reading a brochure about the opportunities, travel and financial assistance available through the Reserve Officer Training Corps, the New York City native entered the ROTC program when she began her

freshman year of college.

"I thought I would just give it a try since there was no initial obligation," Brown said.

With two younger brothers, Brown said she was used to being around males and appreciated the challenge of trying a path that, in the 1970s, was a little unusual for a woman.

With the support of her parents who "always encouraged me and were thrilled for me," she took the ROTC classes, and due in large part to "great military professors," completed the program.

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Photo by SHEILA LITTLE  
Col. Mary K. Brown

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Senator Barbara Mikulski comments on a U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, or MRICD, display during a stop in Aberdeen Proving Ground's Edgewood Area on March 4. Also pictured from left are MRICD's Maj. Mike McMahon and Sgt. 1st Class Richard McCarthy.

## Mikulski optimistic about future of APG

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

During a March 4 visit to the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, or SBCCOM, U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski called its employees "the best of the best" and confirmed her support for an expanding role in Homeland Defense for Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The visit consisted of briefings and demonstrations by SBCCOM representatives and a tour of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, or ECBC.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, SBCCOM and APG commander and Jim Zarzycki, ECBC technical director, escorted the senator.

Before the tour, Mikulski met and took pictures with several members of the Maryland National Guard and Tennessee Army Reserves who are augmenting the security forces on APG.

"These are just some of the sons and daughters, husbands and wives here today who have been supporting us," Doesburg said as he presented the soldiers. "They are just a small picture of our great community."

Mikulski first stopped in ECBC's Sensor Laboratory and the Automated Biological Analysis division where biotechnicians explained sample processing and detection systems used in the collection

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and application procedures to soldiers interested in becoming U.S. Army warrant officers at the Aberdeen Area Post Theater, March 21, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Soldiers interested in becoming warrant officer technicians or aviators are encouraged to attend.

More information can be found at [www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant), or by calling Joy Buckman, Personnel Operations, 410-306-2351.

### Software turn in continues

The Software Turn-In Program resumed March 5 and will continue every other Tuesday until further notice. Software can be turned in 8:30 to 11 a.m. at building 4021.

For more information, call Sandy Schiller at 410-278-8883.

### Purchase request submissions schedule

Early customer support in identifying and submitting purchase requests will assist the Robert Morris Acquisition Center's, or RMAC's, ability to meet customer needs. Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end.

The following schedule should be used for the submission of purchase requests for fiscal year 2002 and maintenance for fiscal year 2003.

- Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 by May 15. There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.
- Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 by June 15.
- Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million by June 15.
- Short-of-Award over \$2,500 by June 15.
- Commercial Items under \$100,000 by Aug. 15.
- Maintenance for fiscal year 2003 by June 15.

PD2, the Department of Defense contracting automated system, is used at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood sites. Although the RMAC purchase request submission schedule has been increased to permit additional time to process actions through this system, year-end requirements should be submitted as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year 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](mailto:joyce.roberts@sbccom.apgea.army.mil), 410-278-0869; or Cynthia Phillips, Edgewood Branch, [cynthia.phillips@sbccom.apgea.army.mil](mailto:cynthia.phillips@sbccom.apgea.army.mil), 410-436-2554.

### CAPA Field available for reservations

The Civilian Welfare Fund is taking reservations for 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.

### VTC unites military family members

Army Community Service has set up a free video teleconference, or VTC, available for military families to get in touch with their deployed loved ones. The VTC is located at ACS, building 2754, Rodman Road. Families will be able to see each other on a wide screen while they talk. To set up an appointment, call ACS, 410-278-2453/7474.

### HCC Spring Term II Courses

Students can earn credits toward a degree in seven weeks in a spring session beginning Monday, March 25 through May 14. Students may register in person or add a class through March 19 at Harford Community College's Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, building 3146 Raritan Avenue, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For more information, call 410-272-2338 or 410-278-0516. Spring term II includes courses in Automotive Technology, Computer Information Systems, Criminal Justice, Environmental Science, History, Interior Design, Nursing, Physical Education, Sociology, and Speech.

Registration is also ongoing at HCC's Student Center, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Payment is due at the time of registration; HCC accepts major credit cards. Mail-in and fax registrations must be received by March 23, accompanied by credit card payment information, including account number, expiration date, and signature. HCC fax registration forms are available in the Schedule of Credit Classes catalogue, which was mailed to all Harford County residents, or from

HCC's Office of Registration and Records. For more information, call 410-836-4222 or stop by the Registration and Records area in the Student Center.

Spring Term II schedule of classes, application for enrollment, and registration form are available on the college's Web site at [www.harford.cc.md.us](http://www.harford.cc.md.us).

### PIE for exceptional family members

Army Community Service sponsors the Parent Information Exchange for exceptional family members from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., every second Monday of each month at ACS, building 2754. Space is limited for child care - call in advance if needed. For more information, call 410-278-7474/7478.

### Pollution Prevention



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### Youth Services accepting Youth of the Year applications

Aberdeen Area and Edgewood Area Youth Services centers are now accepting applications for the Youth of the Year leadership competition, a Boys and Girls Club of America program.

In its second year, the program seeks APG teens of military or civilian personnel who are either a freshmen, sophomore, or junior in high school, maintain at least a "C" average, and are a member of the youth center. Leadership, community service, values, and school are the key components of the program.

The Youth of the Year winners will be selected from the winners of the first six months competition period ending in June, and the second six months competition period, which ends in December. Youth of the Year winners will be automatically entered into the Boys and Girls Club of America state competition in January-February 2003. Applications can be picked up at either youth center. For more information, contact Angela Shannon or Norma Warwick, Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522, 410-278-4995/9059, and Catherine Hanlon or Carlos Phillips, Edgewood Area Youth Center, building E-1902, 410-436-2862/2098.

### 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 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 Service, building 2754. Register by March 15.

- March 19 - Bonding with your baby
  - March 21 - Education starts at home
  - March 25 - Wise words on discipline
  - March 28 - Fathers matter
- For more information, call Diana Hayes 410-278-4372.

### 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.aberdeenslions.org](http://www.aberdeenslions.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.

### Bus transportation 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.

### 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.

### Make picnic 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.

### New hours for Bowling Center

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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## MORE PARKING



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Bryan White, a contractor with the T.G. Simon Company, paves the new parking lot behind the Swan Creek Inn. The lot will provide about 20 additional parking spaces and access to existing parking lots and walkways connected to the building. The project was two years in planning and funded by Non-Appropriated Fund assets.

# A night of patriotism, dance

**Susan Hagan**  
ATC

Disc Jockey DaveyB, or Dave Burcham, as he's known to U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, donated four hours of music and entertainment the evening of Feb. 23 to the military personnel at the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

A small but enthusiastic crowd joined Burcham at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center for a mix of patriotic, top 40 and dance music.

"I think it's awesome! [that Burcham

donated the time]," Pvt. 1st Class Nichola A. Behling said.

Burcham donated the time because, "I wanted to give back. I was in the military myself."

The idea was to give military personnel an evening to relax and have a good time. During the evening, T-shirts, bottle openers and drink holders were given away.

Five years ago, Burcham started Pro Productions, because he was disappointed with the disc jockeys he'd been seeing at

events he attended. His first job was a retirement party which he did with just a boombox and some CDs.

Now, Burcham has an elaborate sound system and includes a light show.

Burcham came to Aberdeen Proving Ground in 1976 after serving four years in the U.S. Air Force.

He has been employed by ATC since 1980. He currently works with large caliber experimental weapons in the Firepower Core.



Photo by TERRY WHALING

DJ Dave Burcham sets up equipment for four hours of entertainment donated to the military community at Aberdeen Proving Ground Feb. 23.

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## Alert for government employees

ABC-C

The Army Benefit Center - Civilian, or ABC-C, was just alerted that there are phone calls being made to government employees from some company (possibly out of Arkansas) telling them that they have been contracted with (this one said contracted by the U.S. Corps of Engineers) to provide retirement counseling and estimate services. They ask your grade, salary, length of service, etc. and say they can provide you with an estimate of your retirement earnings.

The only offices that currently could contact you regarding this would be the

ABC-C and it would not normally be unless you had specifically requested information from them.

ABC-C counselors work from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time so there may be calls after what you might think are "normal working hours."

Even the Office of Personnel Management would not normally place calls to you unless you had already retired.

Be cautious when responding to anybody calling asking for personal information unless they can clearly identify themselves.

For more information regarding this alert, contact ABC-C.

## Troops to Teachers program reinstated

MilitaryReport.com

American Forces Press Service reports that the Department of Defense and the Education Department have resurrected the Troops to Teachers program with an \$18-million infusion from the fiscal 2002 federal budget, which gives retiring or separating servicemembers a chance to become teachers. The Fiscal 2002 Defense Authorization Act adds a new eligible group: servicemembers who separate after six years or more of service, are not eligible for retirement, and agree to serve three years in one of the Reserve components. The program will pay servicemembers up to a \$5,000 stipend to help cover the costs of a teacher certification program.

Some participants may receive a \$10,000 bonus in lieu of the stipend if they accept a job in a "high-needs" school district.

Those who enroll in the program must teach for at least three years.

For more information on the Troops to Teachers program, visit your installation education office or the program Web site at <http://www.voled.doded.mil/dantes/ttt>. For more on education benefits and programs, see Military.com's Education Channel at <http://www.military.com/Careers/Education/1,,112,00.html>.

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# Army News

## Army announces selective Stop Loss 3

Army News Service

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Reginald J. Brown approved a third increment to the Army's limited "stop loss" program. This stop loss increment expands the coverage of the two previous stop loss increments to additional skills and specialties for both the Active Army and the Ready Reserve. The affected skills and specialties are those considered essential to the national security of the United States. Stop loss allows the Army to retain soldiers in the service beyond their date of separation or retirement for an open-ended period. Those affected by the order generally cannot voluntarily retire or leave active duty or separate from the service as long as reserves are called to active duty or until otherwise relieved by proper authority.

Officer and Warrant Officer Specialties, and Enlisted Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) for Active Army and Ready Reserve soldiers subject to Stop Loss 3 are:

**Officer specialties:**

- 15C35 Aviation All Source Intelligence
- 31 Military Police
- 35 Military Intelligence
- 45A Comptroller
- 48E Foreign Area Officer (Eurasia)
- 48G Foreign Area Officer (Middle East/North Africa)
- 51C Contract & Industrial Management

**Warrant officer specialties:**

- 155E C-12 Pilot
- 155G O-5A/EO-5B/RC-7 Pilot
- 311A CID Special Agent
- 350B All Source Intelligence Technician
- 350D Imagery Intelligence Technician
- 351B Counter Intelligence Technician
- 351C Area Intelligence Technician
- 351E Human Intelligence Collection Technician

**Enlisted military occupational specialties:**

- 352G Voice Intercept Technician
- 33W Intelligence Electronic Warfare Repairman
- 74B Information Systems Operator
- 81T Topographic Analyst
- 92R Parachute Rigger
- 95B Military Police
- 95C Intermittent Specialist
- 95D CID Special Agent
- 96B Intelligence Analyst
- 96D Imagery Analyst
- 96H Imagery Ground Station Operator
- 96R Ground Surveillance System Operator
- 96Z Senior Intelligence NCO
- 97B Counter Intelligence Agent
- 97E Human Intelligence Collector
- 97L Translator/Interpreter
- 97Z Senior Human Intelligence NCO
- 98C Signals Intelligence Analyst
- 98G Voice Interceptor - Cryptologic Linguist
- 98H Communications Interceptor
- 98J Electronic Intelligence Analyst
- 98K Signal Collection Analyst
- 98Z Senior Signal Intelligence NCO

Stop loss does not affect most involuntary separations or retirements, nor does it generally limit laws, regulations, or policies that lead to involuntary separations, retirements, or releases from active duty.

The Army will reevaluate stop loss on a monthly basis and use it as a tool to maintain unit readiness.

*(Editor's note: For media queries or more information, call U.S. Army Public Affairs Media Relations Division, Personnel and Human Resources Team at 703-697-5343 or 703-697-7487. Soldiers should contact their servicing personnel activity for more details or questions.)*

## Air Force releases some specialties from Stop-Loss

MilitaryReport.com

Air Force Print News reports that Air Force personnel officials have developed a plan that will lift Stop-Loss restrictions on a number of career fields as early as March.

The Stop-Loss "exit plan" includes 24 officer and 40 enlisted career fields, and is

based on the strategies of operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, personnel officials said. An initial 30-day review, conducted in early November, resulted in the continuation of Stop-Loss restrictions on all Air Force specialties.

Stop-Loss measures were instituted by the Air Force on Oct. 2 to ensure personnel levels were adequate to prosecute the war.

Subsequent reviews will take place at 60-day intervals.

The officer career fields released from Stop-Loss restrictions include: 13S, 21A, 21M, 21S, 35B, 36P, 38M, 42B, 42E, 43A, 43D, 43M, 44D, 44H, 44J, 44Z, 46G, 47B, 47D, 48E, 65A, 65F, 65W and 84H.

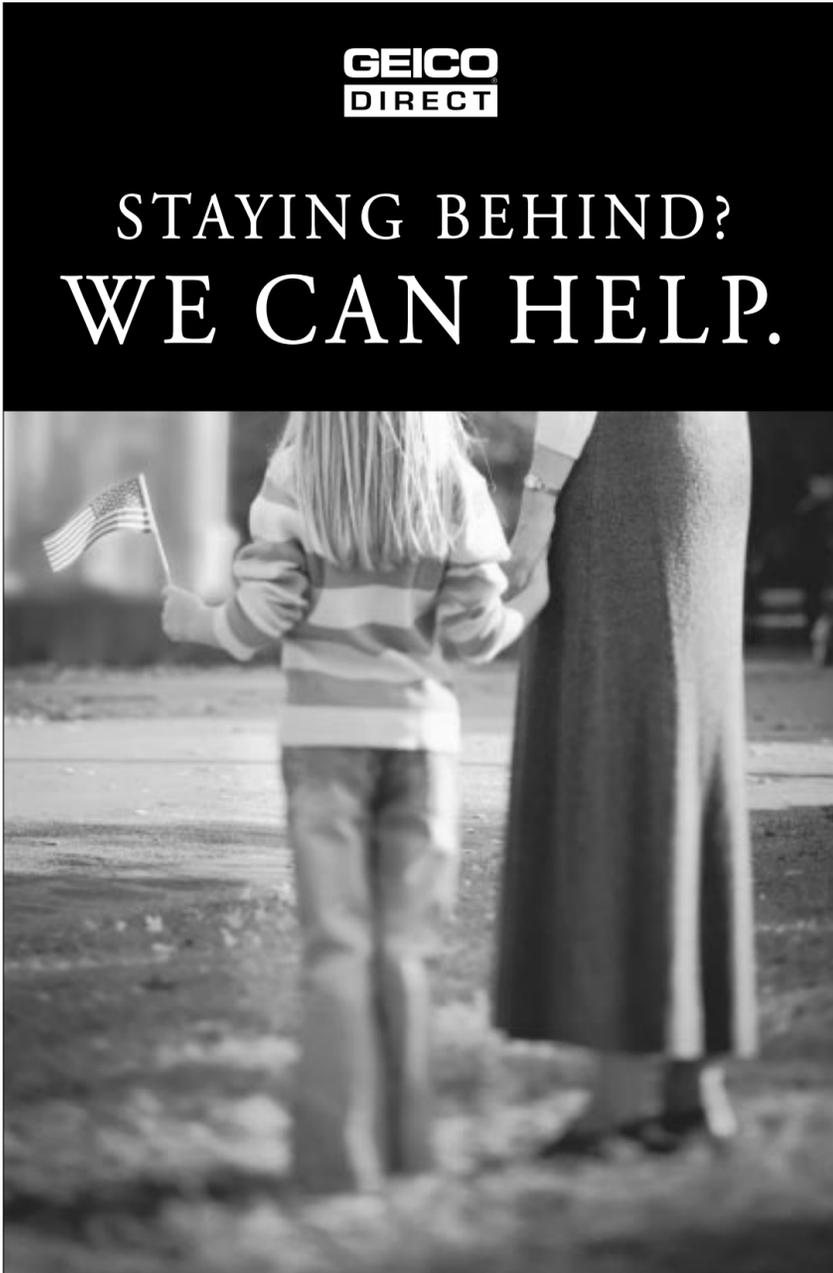
Enlisted career fields released from Stop-Loss

restrictions include: 1C6XX, 1S0XX, 1T0X1, 2A000, 2A0X1, 2A1X1, 2A1X2, 2A1X3, 2A300, 2A3X1, 2A3X2, 2A3X3, 2A4X1, 2A4X2, 2A5X3, 2A6X3, 2A7X4, 2M0XX, 2P0XX, 2R0XX, 2R1XX, 2T3X5, 2T3X7, 2W0XX, 2W1XX, 2W2XX, 3A0XX, 3C0X2, 3C3X1, 3H0XX, 3N0XX, 3N1XX, 3N2XX, 3U0XX, 4J0XX, 6FXXX, 8FXXX, 8MXXX, 9DXXX and 9E000.

Those people in the released Air Force specialties with retirement or separation dates already established in the personnel system will be allowed to retire or separate beginning in March, following an established "admin period" during February.

People who are deployed in support of operations Noble

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## Registration opens for Army Knowledge Symposium

Army News Service

Registration is open for the 2nd Annual Army Knowledge Management Symposium, titled "Know-ledge Dominance: Transform-ing the Army," scheduled for April 1 to 4 in Kansas City, Mo.

Senior Army leaders and some of the nation's top Knowledge Management, or KM, professionals will be sharing ideas and experiences on how to use KM to improve performance and transform into a knowledge-based force, officials said.

The symposium is sponsored by the Army Chief Information Officer/G6, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's Center for Army Lessons Learned and the Association of the United States Army.

The symposium will show how Army Knowledge

Management links to the overall Transformation of the Army, G6 officers said. One said attendees "will discover practical ways to improve results by applying knowledge management strategies to mission-critical tasks."

The symposium will focus on key KM fundamentals, such as communities of practice, e-learning, KM tools and technologies, intellectual capital, culture, and managing tacit and explicit knowledge. Working group sessions will take place and there is a special general officer/SES track offered.

Online registration and additional information is available at <http://call.army.mil>.

For more information on symposium seminar registration, call Catherine Nevins, at 913-684-9517 or e-mail [AKS2002.Register@us.army.mil](mailto:AKS2002.Register@us.army.mil).

## Clothing allowances increase

Courtesy of [www.Militaryreport.com](http://www.Militaryreport.com)

New rates in military clothing allowances are now in effect, reports Air Force Print News. Uniform allowances for fiscal year 2002 are:

Enlisted male: basic \$205.20 and standard \$291.60  
Enlisted female: basic \$230.40 and standard \$331.20  
Permanent-duty civilian clothing allowance: \$811.46  
Permanent-duty civilian clothing annual replacement allowance: \$270.48

Temporary-duty, or TDY, civilian clothing allowance (15/30 rule): \$270.48

TDY civilian clothing allowance (30/36 rule): \$540.97

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For more on general pays and allowances, visit [http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=Active\\_Duty\\_Pay.htm](http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=Active_Duty_Pay.htm).

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## Brown

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Graduating with a degree in accounting from Siena College in upstate New York, Brown was commissioned into the Ordnance Corps, getting her first look at Aberdeen Proving Ground through the officer basic course in 1977.

Her first duty assignment as a second lieutenant began in 1978, with the Maintenance Division in Berlin, Germany. For the young female lieutenant, working with more experienced enlisted men and officers did not pose a problem.

"I felt like I was accepted, and I always tried to pull my own weight," she said. "I was subject to jokes and kidding, but felt it was because I was a young officer, not because I was a woman."

Her intention of joining the military for one tour changed as her work assignments changed. Brown's successes led to assignments of increased responsibility.

"I found that I really liked the challenges, the travel and the opportunity to work with a lot of great people," she said, adding, "I stayed in because the jobs kept getting better."

Brown's assignments included two tours as a company commander, executive officer to the deputy chief of staff for readiness at the U.S. Army Materiel Command, or AMC, headquarters, deputy G-4 (logistics officer), Chief Maintenance Branch at Camp Casey, Korea, and assignments

located around the nation's capital, including procurement liaison officer in the Army Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison and military assistant to Secretary of the Army in 1996. Brown assumed command of the Cold Regions Test Center, Ft. Greely, Alaska, before attending the Army War College.

Having completed the officer basic and advanced courses at APG nearly 20 years previously, Brown returned to the installation two years ago as the deputy for Business Management, Office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization.

She assumed command of ATC in June 2001.

Brown said that throughout her military career her mentors have been men. Duties at the AMC headquarters in Alexandria, Va., brought her into contact with a number of senior officers who took an interest in her career. She also named her husband of 13 years, Col. Mark Brown, as a mentor and the primary person she turns to for advice. He is the commander of the Defense Contracting Management Agency located in Baltimore. Currently the couple resides on Plumb Point Loop, but not all of their assignments have been so close. Early in their marriage she served in Korea for a year, while he remained stateside, and another assignment moved her to Alaska, while her husband served in Florida.

Brown said she has succeeded because she was counseled by experienced leaders, is willing to listen to and consider constructive input and has learned from mistakes,

both hers and others.

"We all make mistakes, but the important thing is to recognize and learn from them," she said. "My success comes through listening. Make sure you have all the facts. Listen to all sides of each story before making a decision."

"Throughout my career I've been fortunate to have worked with a lot of great people," Brown said, adding that she is particularly pleased with her current job as ATC commander. "It's a wonderful job, my number one choice," she said.

Brown added that she has a lot of people to thank for any success she's achieved. She said being a woman has not hindered her career, because in the military she is "a soldier first and a woman second," and she always works as part of a team.

"I've had the best of both worlds," Brown said. "Throughout my career everything that I have done has really been a joint accomplishment. Success is all about the other people that have helped me along the way," she said. "I have a lot of people to thank."



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## Stop loss

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Eagle or Enduring Freedom or related operations, and Reserve and Guard component people who are involuntarily on active duty (partial mobilization) or voluntarily on active duty in support of operations Noble Eagle or Enduring Freedom or related operations, will not be released until they return from deployment or are demobilized.

More information regarding the Stop-Loss exit plan is available at installation MPFs.

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Shirley Murray, a personnel management specialist with the Civilian Personnel Assistance Center, looks at T-shirts at a souvenir stand in the Shabazz outdoor market.



Aberdeen High School student Nathan play at the Shabazz outdoor market.



Mosque 1, where Malcolm X practiced, sits on the corner of Lenox Avenue and 116th Street.



A wood carving from the Congo is part of the African Art exhibit in the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.



Inside the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, original paintings look down on the candles near an altar.



Diners enjoy a hearty meal at Sylvia's Restaurant.

**From front page**

main thoroughfares, national chain stores and restaurants like Old Navy, Ruby Tuesday's and the Disney Store replaces many locally-owned businesses; crumbling roughhouses are replaced by modernized brownstones; new office buildings stand in the place of dilapidated edifices, and potted plants decorated the freshly-swept streets.

The most telling sign of change is the amount of whites who move along the streets, shopping, heading to lunch or in tour groups, their presence was proof-positive that Harlem has changed dramatically. There are still street vendors and the occasional smattering of graffiti, but now they add to instead of take away from Harlem's ambience.

The bus turned onto Lenox Avenue/Malcolm X Boulevard past the Slice of Harlem Pizzeria and stopped in front of Sylvia's Restaurant, about 11 a.m.

Seated in the restaurant's banquet area, purple tablecloths

adorned the long tables, photographs, and paintings of Jazz greats such as Nat King Cole and Billie Holiday decorated the walls.

Passengers were served large bowls of steaming rice and collard greens, platters of cornbread, fried chicken, barbecued ribs, fried fish and potato salad, by friendly waitresses. All ate heartily.

During dessert, which consisted of assorted cakes and pies, passengers were serenaded by Lonnie Youngblood, aka The Prince of Harlem, a saxophonist and recording artist from Newark, N.J.

Tour guide, Beverly Cumbo of City Site Tours, met the passengers as they re-boarded the bus at Sylvia's and directed the rest of the tour, offering insights into Harlem's history as they moved along its streets.

She pointed out the Apollo Theater, the Cotton Club, the building containing the office of former President Bill Clinton and the home of the National Black Theater on 5th Avenue.

Noting new businesses such as Starbuck's Coffee House, Cumbo said the presence of people like Clinton encourages the

economy.

"People are finding that this is a good place to prosper," Cumbo said, adding that most locally owned businesses are benefiting from the revitalization as well.

"Harlem was not built as a slum," Cumbo said. "It was built for the well-to-do and middle classes in the 1880s and 90s."

The bus stopped at the Shabazz Outdoor Market on 116th Street where passengers shopped for artwork and souvenirs or walked down the street to photograph Mosque 1, where Malcolm X preached.

From the market, the bus passed the entrance to Central Park North at 110th Street, then stopped at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, the largest gothic cathedral in North America, on Amsterdam Avenue.

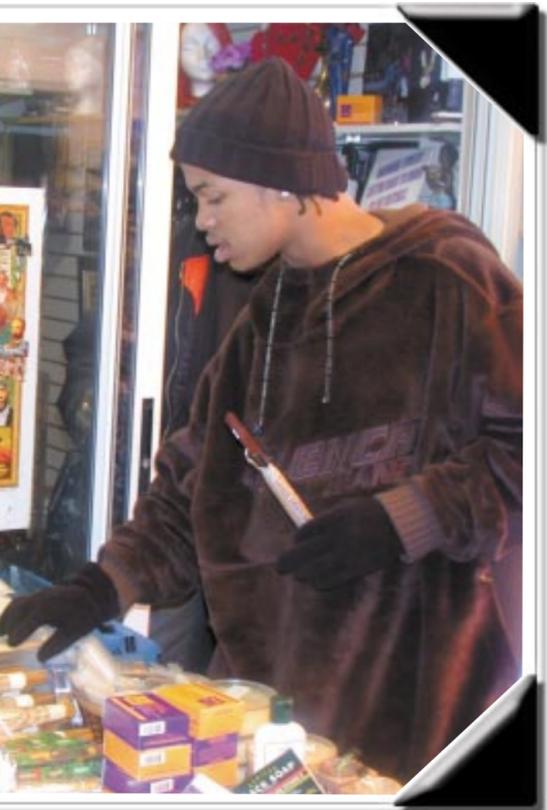
A brief stop in the cathedral's foyer gave passengers a look at the inner structure with its vast ceiling, huge stained-glass windows and a stone sculpture of Elijah in the entranceway.



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The entrance to the Shabazz outdoor market sits on 116th Street near Lenox Avenue.



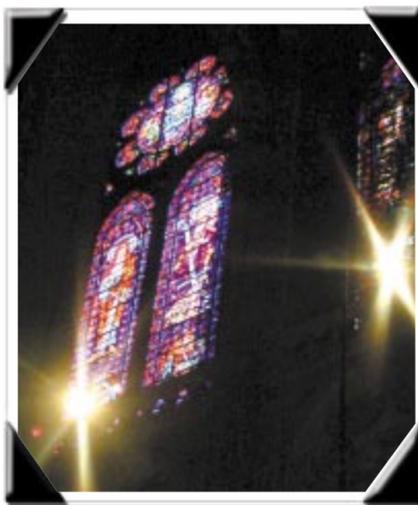
Grimes, checks out an incense and scented oil dis-



A sculpture signifying the union of families and medicine decorates the entrance to Harlem Hospital.



...ant before beginning their tour of Harlem.



The sun shines through one of the cathedral's massive stained-glass windows.



A stone statue of Elijah stands near the entrance of the historic Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine on Amsterdam Avenue at 112th Street.

The tour continued up Amsterdam Avenue past St. Luke's Hospital and the sprawling campus of Columbia University, and the Riverside Church, which takes up an entire city block. As the bus passed the Manhattan School of Music and the Jewish and Catholic theological seminaries, Cumbo noted that Harlem is a thriving community. "It's very alive," Cumbo said. "You see almost no stragglers. Everyone is coming from or going someplace." Back in Central Harlem, the group arrived at The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, a famous museum, library and cultural center across from Harlem Hospital on Malcolm X Boulevard at 125th Street. The museum's exhibits included carvings from African nations and a photographic exhibit titled "O Write My Name" by Carl Van Vechten, of black entertainers, authors, athletes and statesmen such as W.E.B. DuBois, Contee Cullen, Ralph Bunch and Bessie Smith. The main gallery contained the Langston Hughes Auditorium

where Hughes' ashes rest beneath a marble floor, decorated with a seismograph depicting the story of his poem, "The Negro Speaks of Rivers." After a stop in the gift shop, the tour ended in lower Manhattan where participants took in the city on their own before departing for home. Many agreed that the tour met their expectations. "It was a great learning experience," said Shirley Murray, a personnel management specialist with the Civilian Personnel Assistance Center. "The best part is we didn't have to drive," added Beverly Hartgrove of the Aberdeen Area Family Child Care Center. Shonda Rencher, of Baltimore, and a native New Yorker, said it was one of the best tours she's taken. "The food was excellent and I got a lot of shopping done for my grandchildren," Rencher said, adding it was "good to go home and see things from a fresh perspective."

Chantay Averett of the Edgewood Child Development Center agreed, saying she enjoyed the market place where she purchased African artifacts to add to her collection. "It was my first visit to the market but not to New York," Averett said. "I look forward to hearing about more trips like this one." Most came away with the understanding that Harlem is a thriving metropolis and not the sprawling slum of yesterday, though it remains a work in progress. There are still many ramshackle buildings in need of razing and all of its inhabitants are obviously not benefiting from the revitalization efforts. But there are more thriving businesses than struggling, and its rising popularity in tourism and business is attracting more entrepreneurs and bringing more jobs to the area. With the proliferation of businesses like Rite Aid, Jennifer Convertibles and Leathers and AT&T Wireless, Harlem is a city in the midst of its second renaissance.

# Community Notes

**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 Prevo, 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 Rubeen 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.

**SUNDAY  
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.

**TUESDAY  
MARCH 26  
BACK TO THE WORKFORCE CLASS**

The Army Community Service Family Member Employment Assistance Program will hold a Back to the Workforce class, 9 to 11 a.m., building 2752 (second floor). Topics to be taught include transferable job skills and resume format, by Tela Vass, Maryland job service instructor; and building self-esteem, by ACS Army family team building. For more information or registration, call Marilyn Howard, Family Member Employment Assistance Program, 410-278-9669.

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 31  
EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH**

Top of the Bay will hold an Easter Sunday Brunch with two seatings: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The late seating fills first, so make reservations early.

The menu will include an omelet station, French toast, waffles, sausage, bacon, creamed beef with biscuits, home fries, grits, Danish, muffins, cereal, carved top round of beef, smoked turkey and ham, seafood creole, baked cod with white wine sauce, pasta, potatoes, rice, vegetables, desserts, and beverages, including champagne and bloody Marys. The Easter Bunny will pay a visit and pass out candy.

Make reservations by Thursday, March 28, 4:30 p.m., by calling 410-278-2552/3062. Advance payment with a major credit card will be accepted.

**THURSDAY  
APRIL 4  
ACS OPEN HOUSE**

Join the Army Community Service staff for their annual Open House at 8:30 a.m., building 2754, Rodman Road. Light brunch will be served from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. for unit commanders and first sergeants. Light lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the civilian work force and partnership agencies. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for military members and their families. To R.S.V.P., call 410-278-7572 by March 21.

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 6  
WACVA MONTHLY MEETING**

The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will hold their next meeting 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 or visit Web sites [www.wacva.com](http://www.wacva.com) or [www.armywomen.org](http://www.armywomen.org)



**MOVIES**

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



**THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO**  
Friday, March 15, 7 p.m.  
Starring: James Caviezel, Guy Pearce

Edmont Santes, a sailor falsely imprisoned in an island prison for treason, eventually escapes, becomes rich, and wreaks revenge upon the men who framed him. (Rated PG-13)

**THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES (FREE ADMISSION)**

Saturday, March 16, 7 p.m.  
Starring: Richard Gere, Laura Linney



John Klein is a Washington Post reporter whose wife dies shortly after a bizarre, seemingly unexplainable car accident. He later finds pictures she drew during her final days of a bizarre looking winged creature. Two years later, his car breaks down and in the space of 90 minutes he has somehow managed to travel 400 miles to Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Here he becomes aware of the many strange happenings in the town. (Rated PG-13)

**SLACKERS**

Saturday, March 16, 9 p.m.  
Starring: Devon Sawa, Jason Schwartzman



Dave, Sam and Jeff are about to graduate from college with honors in lying, cheating and scheming. They have proudly scammed their way through the last four years and during the final exams, these big-men-on-campus are about to be busted by the most unlikely dude in school. (Rated R)

**LIBRARY BOOK CORNER**

March is National Women's History Month. To learn more about the contributions women have made to the United States Armed Forces, check out the list below.

**American Women in World War I** by Lettie Gavin

**We Band of Angels: the untold story of American nurses trapped on Bataan** by the Japanese by Elizabeth Norman



**GI Nightingales: the Army Nurse Corps in WWII** by Barbara Tomblin

**Thank You Uncle Sam: letters of a World War II Army Nurse from North Africa and Italy** by Eugenia Kielan



**American Daughter Gone to War: on the front line with an Army Nurse in Vietnam** by Winnie Smith

**Ground Zero: the gender wars in the military** by Linda Bird Franke

**Women War Heroines** by George and Anne Foley

**Generally Speaking: a memoir by the first woman promoted to three-star general in the United States Army** by Claudia Kennedy



**Women in Combat: the battle for equality** by Richard Worth

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.

**CATHOLIC LENTEN SERVICES**

**Aberdeen chapel**

Each Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross  
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 Cantata 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.

**OC&S LIBRARY**

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



**Word 2002 for Dummies** by Dan Gookin

**The Encyclopedia of World History, 6th ed.** by Peter N. Stearns

**2001 TOEFL Success** by Bruce Rogers



**TOEFL Practice Tests** by Bruce Rogers

**Passkey to the TOEFL** by Pamela J. Sharpe, Ph.D



**Automatic Arms, Their History, Development and Use** by Melvin M. Johnson Jr.

**Certain Victory, United States Army in the Gulf War** by BG. Robert H. Scales Jr.

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.







# National Poison Prevention Week begins March 17

**Col. George J. Dydek**  
CHPPM

National Poison Prevention Week is from March 17 to 23. The focus of the campaign is to raise the awareness of the dangers of unintentional poisonings and to promote preventive measures in the community.

The theme every year for the campaign is "Children Act Fast...So Do Poisons!" This theme clearly sends the message that a key component to

ensuring that our children are not harmed is to take preventive measures and keep a watchful eye. Some good preventive measures recommended by the Poison Prevention Week Council are:

- Use child-resistant packaging properly by securely closing the container (if it is a cap and vial closure) after use.
- Keep all chemicals and medicines locked up and out of sight.
- Call the poison control center immediately in case of

poisoning. Keep a bottle of ipecac syrup on hand, but use it only if the poison center instructs you to induce vomiting - This is important because some poisons can do more harm to your child if vomiting is induced.

- When dangerous products are in use, never let young children out of your

- sight.
- Keep items in original containers.
- Leave the original labels on all products, and read the label before using.
- Do not put decorative lamps and candles that contain lamp oil where children can reach them because lamp oil is very toxic.



- Always leave a light on when giving or taking medicine. Check the dosage every time.
- Avoid taking medicine in front of children. Refer to medicine as "medicine" not "candy".
- Clean out the medicine cabinet periodically, and safely dispose of unneeded medicine.

The American Association of Poison Control Centers operate a toll-free hot line, 800-222-1222, that automatically connects callers to their local center, where a specially trained pharmacist, nurse, or physician will provide information on responding to poisoning emergencies and answer poison-related questions. Visit the Web site at <http://www.1-800-222-1222.info>.

## Household items lead to children's illnesses

**Capt. Charlotte Lee**  
Madigan Army Medical Center

Are there any cleaning products, detergents, paints, pesticides, over-the-counter or prescription medications within reach of your children? When asked, most people would say "no," however, each year there are thousands of cases of accidental poisonings reported to poison-control centers in the U.S., and many more that go unreported.

As a pediatrician in training at Madigan Army Medical Center, I have seen many household poisoning cases in my short career. One case involved a 2-year-old boy who had sprayed oven cleaner into his mouth and was admitted to the hospital because he couldn't eat or drink due to pain.

Another case was that of a young girl who was copying what she had seen her grandmother do so many times - taking pills. Grandma left her pills out on the dining-room table, and the child took almost a week's worth of diabetes and high-blood-pressure medication. In the emergency room, she was found to have low blood pressure, dizziness, and frequent vomiting, requiring hospital admission.

A common type of overdose can result from something that almost everyone has in his or her home - acetaminophen. While used commonly for headaches and fever, an overdose can cause severe liver damage. Ingestion is most frequent in toddlers who find open bottles of acetaminophen lying on bedside tables or bathroom countertops; infants who are able to open the child-resistant caps on medication bottles; or from incorrect dosing by well-meaning parents.



Equally dangerous are household and outdoor cleaning products and pesticides. Most of these products have strong smells, which might make you think that children would avoid them. However, many are colored brightly or come in attractive packaging, which makes curious youngsters notice them. Virtually

every cleaning product has been ingested by toddlers, including powders, liquid dishwasher detergent, bleach, tub-and-tile cleaners, window cleaner, even toilet-bowl cleaner. These products are quite dangerous to the sensitive tissues in the mouth, throat, and stomach, causing severe burns.

For these reasons, cleaning products should never be left within reach of young children. Keep in mind that many accidental poisonings happen when parents take these products from proper storage, use them, and leave them out in the open.

As a pediatrician, the things I recommend to parents to prevent poisonings are:

- Regularly walk around your house looking for potential hazards.
- Keep both over-the-counter and prescription medications out of reach of children. Never leave pills where children can reach. Remember that herbals and supplements can also be dangerous to children.
- Never refer to medication as "candy."
- Never let children play with bottles of medicine.
- Read label directions carefully and follow your doctor's advice on dosage.
- Keep all cleaning products on high shelves, out of reach of children, and put them away immediately after use. When relatives or friends are visiting, remind them to do the same.
- If traveling, be especially watchful of your children, as other homes may not be as safe as yours.

(Editor's note: Capt. Charlotte Lee is a pediatric resident at Madigan Army Medical Center, Wash.)

## 2002 changes may increase tax credits

MilitaryReport.com

Changes to the earned income tax credit law may put extra money in the pockets of some servicemembers and families when they file their 2002 federal income tax returns next year. The Earned Income Tax Credit, or EITC, reduces the tax for those with earned income below an annual threshold.

For tax year 2001, nontax-

able and deferred benefits, such as military employee basic housing and subsistence allowances, combat zone compensation, and contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan, were counted as earned income. However, for 2002, earned income will be figured solely on compensation that is taxable in 2002.

Thus most military personnel who currently claim EITC

will be entitled to a larger credit next year. Moreover, some with earned income too high for EITC for tax year 2001 will become eligible.

For more information, visit the IRS at <http://www.irs.gov>.

For a handy guide on taking care of taxes, visit [http://www.military.com/Finance/Content?file=taxes\\_main.htm&area=Content](http://www.military.com/Finance/Content?file=taxes_main.htm&area=Content).

## Mikulski

From front page

and identification of chemical and biological agents such as Anthrax.

Noting the Anthrax threats that plagued the nation's capitol last year, Mikulski said she was impressed "to find apparatus not even available on the open market," and that the technology in use on APG is "needed to be able to detect these agents."

"Our first job is to protect the protector" Mikulski said. "This could be a way to minimize exposure."

"These folks are so much out on the leading edge, many capabilities would not exist if not for them," Doesburg added.

A briefing on homeland defense by Suzanne Milchling detailed the organization's work with emergency responders around the country to prepare them for chemical and biological emergencies and its Web site, which was rated in the top 10 on Home Security by the National Journal.

"City authorities can search the Web site and determine if what we offer meets their needs," Zarzycki said.

Mikulski noted that her office continues to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help federal employees.

Other displays included Material Evaluation Team apparatus with industrial masks certified as chemical/biological detectors; a briefing by the ECBC Forensic Center; a Roadway Simulator demonstration by personnel from the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center; a slow-motion, high speed photography demonstration by the International Imaging Center; a briefing on chemical casualty training by personnel from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense and a briefing on Health Information Operation and Deployment by the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Lt. Col. Stanley H. Lillie, commander of the U.S. Army Environmental Center, led a demonstration of new technologies that identify harmless and dangerous ordnance and the organizations' monitoring of sites to save the Chesapeake Bay.

"Clearly, APG has the only facilities to do this kind of work," Lillie said. "Our priority is determining what needs to be cleaned up."

At a display by the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit, commander Lt. Col. George

LeCakes conducted a demonstration of how the presence of chemical agents is confirmed. As Mikulski watched, personnel wearing protective suits and masks demonstrated collection and identification procedures for suspected chemical and biological agents.

"These are some of the same personnel who worked on the Maryland post office and in the capitol during the Anthrax outbreak," LeCakes noted.

At the demonstration's end, Mikulski thanked them "for coming to our rescue."

"Not just for lawmakers, but for all employees," Mikulski said. "I took an oath to serve this country. Cafeteria workers didn't but they were just as threatened."

The final display was by the SBCCOM Chemical/Biological Rapid Response Team led by Capt. Sean Crockett, who briefed on the deployable response and graphic operation network system, the deployable communications system and SBCCOM's situation map and reporting procedures.

Mikulski thanked Doesburg and Zarzycki for "bringing it all together," and the employees of APG for their service to the nation.

"I encourage FEMA and Tom Ridge, who heads the Homeland Defense office, to visit APG and see how military research and technology is protecting the battlefield and the nation," Mikulski said.

Acknowledging that the nation did not recognize the significance of homeland defense before Sept. 11, Mikulski said her office is pursuing a \$100 million budget, up from \$66 million last year.

"We were able to get \$44 million for the new chemical building which is crucial to the work done here," she added. "APG's role is on the rise due to homeland defense and technology for bio-assessment and forensics," Mikulski said, adding her support for the placement of a bio-terrorism school at APG.

"This is the best of the best," she said. "We encouraged a closer look at the APG mission and campus and have worked closely with the state department in deciding this is the best place to do it."

She added that the president and his staff recognize the importance of APG.

"The research and development going on here, and the focus on the safety of our first responders is of primary importance," Mikulski said calling APG "absolutely crucial."

"We fight for APG because APG fights for us," she said.

## Step up to a cure

Do something healthy for yourself and your community at the Maryland Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's 'MS Walk in Bel

Air,' starting at Bel Air High School on Saturday, April 20. By walking the five miles, you'll not only keep yourself in shape, but you'll get the

chance to help local residents living with MS.

For more information, visit [www.nationalMSSociety.org](http://www.nationalMSSociety.org) or call 1-800-FIGHT-MS.

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# Patient Safety Awareness Week begins March 11

MEDCOM

March 11 to 17 has been designated as Patient Safety Awareness Week. The objective is to promote education and communication about patient safety and foster partnerships between patients and healthcare providers to improve patient safety.

Medical errors are one of the nation's leading causes of death and injury. A recent report by the Institute of Medicine estimates that "as many as 44,000 to 98,000 people die in the U.S. hospitals each year as a result of medical errors" and cost the nation \$29 billion in added health care costs. This means that more people die from medical errors than from motor vehicle accidents, breast cancer, or AIDS."

What are medical errors? A medical error occurs when something that was planned as part of medical care doesn't work as expected or when the wrong plan was adopted in the first place. Medical errors can happen in hospitals, clinics, homes, in outpatient surgery centers, doctor's offices, nursing homes and pharmacies. They can involve medicines, surgery, diagnosis, equipment and lab reports.

Medical errors result from problems created by today's complex health care system. Errors also happen when health care providers and patients have problems communicating.

The government, medical treatment facilities, medical providers and others are working hard to prevent medical errors. The U.S. Army Medical Command, or MEDCOM, has established a Patient Safety Program to further improve patient safety and the quality of healthcare throughout the MEDCOM. Key personnel throughout MEDCOM have been trained in current problem solving tools and techniques needed to promote this safety initiative.

A MEDDAC-wide Patient Safety Committee has been implemented at Kimbrough to serve as the representative for the MEDDAC comman-

der in ensuring a "culture of safety" throughout the Fort George G. Meade MEDDAC. This committee will work in concert with other committees to investigate all aspects of patient safety and to recommend an action plan for improvement.

How does that pertain to Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, or KUSAHC? A representative from KUSAHC is a member of the MEDDAC committee and acts on behalf of Lt. Col. David Krieger, KUSAHC commander, for all events that relate to KUSAHC.



What can patients do? Be involved in their own health care. Report errors.

A "Near Miss" report form will be available for patients in military treatment facilities. Reporting a near miss is a key component of improving safety by proactively identifying hazards that have the potential to result in harm. A "near miss" or "close call" is defined as an event that could have resulted in harm, but did not, either by chance or timely intervention.

This reporting process is a "no blame" process of reporting potential hazards. The goal is to focus on preventing and minimizing future risk. Suggestions are welcomed from beneficiaries.

To help improve Patient Safety, become a more informed health care consumer; work with your medical provider and other health care professionals as a team; involve a family member or friend in your care, and follow your medical provider's directions.

Additional patient safety information is available at [www.ahrq.gov/consumer](http://www.ahrq.gov/consumer) or at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic during Patient Safety Week. Look for the "Near Miss" reporting form at the health clinic. Working together, medical errors can be avoided and a strong Patient Safety Program will evolve.

## Tips to help prevent medical errors

(Adapted from [www.ahrq.gov](http://www.ahrq.gov))



- The single most important way you can help to prevent errors is to be an active member of your health care team.
- Make sure that all of your medical providers know about everything you are taking. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medicines, and dietary supplements such as vitamins and herbs.
- Make sure your medical provider knows about any allergies and adverse reactions you have had to medicines.
- When your medical provider writes you a prescription, make sure you can read it.
- Ask for information about your medicines in terms you can understand-both when your medicines are prescribed and when you receive them.
- When you pick up your medicine from the pharmacy, ask: Is this the medicine that my medical provider prescribed?
- If you have any questions about the directions on your medicine labels...ask.
- Ask your pharmacist for the best device to measure your liquid medicine. Also, ask questions if you're not sure how to use it.
- Ask for written information about the side effects your medicine could cause.
- If you have a choice, request a hospital that has the procedure or surgery you need.
- If you are in a hospital, consider asking all health care workers who have direct contact with you whether they have washed their hands.
- When you are being discharged from the hospital, ask your medical provider to explain the treatment plan you will use at home.
- If you are having surgery, make sure that you, your medical provider, and your surgeon all agree and are clear on exactly what will be done.
- Speak up if you have questions or concerns.
- Make sure that someone, such as your primary care manager is in charge of your care.
- Make sure that all health professionals involved in your care have important health information about you.
- Ask a family member or friend to be there with you and to be your advocate (someone who can help get things done and speak up for you if you can't).
- Know that "more" is not always better.
- If you have a test, don't assume that no news is good news.
- Learn about your condition and treatments by asking your medical provider and nurse and by using other reliable sources.

## Correction notice

In the Feb. 7 issue of APG News an article on turkey hunting season stated that "multi-year contractors on the essential personnel roster" may participate when it should have read "multi-year contractors who are mission essential."

A photograph of Theresa Lewis in a March 7 APG News article entitled, "ECBC potluck celebrates black roots, culture," was incorrectly identified as Tracey Biggs.

The APG News regrets the errors.



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## Basketball update

The following results are the final standings for the intramural basketball regular season. Post-season play is March 11 to 18 at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center and Hoyle Gym. The championship game will be played March 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Athletic Center.

### American Division Results

**March 4**  
HHC 16th, 58; HHC 1/115th, 52  
NCOA, 54; HST, 41  
HHC 61st, 70; KUSAHC, 48

**March 6**  
HHC 61st, 60; HHC 16th, 49  
NCOA, 50; HHC 1/115th, 27  
KUSAHC, 48; HST, 35

### Standings

\*HHC 61st 15-0  
HHC 16th 10-4  
KUSAHC 8-6  
NCOA 8-7  
HST 3-12  
HHC 1/115th 1-14

### Edgewood Division

**March 4**  
Company C 1/115th, 47;  
Company B 143rd, 36  
Company C 143rd, 48;  
Company A 143rd, 43  
HHC 143rd, 59; MRICD, 42

**March 6**  
MRICD, 48; Company C 143rd, 42  
Company B 143rd, 55;  
Company A 143rd, 38  
HHC 143rd, 46; Company C 1/115th, 44

### Standings

\*MRICD 10-5  
HHC 143rd 10-5  
Company C 1/115th 9-6  
Company B 143rd 9-6  
Company C 143rd 4-10  
Company A 143rd 2-12

### National Division

**March 5**  
USAF, 55; Company B 16th, 46  
Company C 16th, 45; USMC, 37

**Standings**  
\*Company B 16th 11-1  
Company C 16th 9-3  
USAF 7-4  
USMC 6-6  
Company E 16th 4-7  
389th Band 1-9  
Company A 16th 1-10  
(\* - Division Champion)

## LEAVE DONATION

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

Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)	Mary E. Pettway
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg)	Angela L. Reeves (maternity leave)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Jennifer Keetley (maternity)	Michael Reynolds
Tammy Budkey	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Jane E. Calahan (surgery)	William Klein	Denise Robinson (maternity)
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Nicole L. Klein (broken ankle)	Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)	Carrie L. Lambert	Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Geraldine S. Cragg	Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)	Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)	Jennifer W. Sekowski
Rene de Pontbriand	Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)	Sherry Schaffer
Tricia Lin Dietz	Geraldine Martin (surgery)	Lena Shelton
Fred Dill	William B. McLean (kidney failure)	Motoko Stahl
Joseph R. Dugan	Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)	Debra S. Stark (surgery)
Messina Enderlein	Stacy Miller (maternity)	Rachel Swearingen
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)	Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)	Hilary P. Talbot
Denise M. Fox (maternity leave)	John E. Mogan (surgery)	Alison Tichenor (surgery)
Joyce C Green	Vincent L. Mohr (knee replacement)	Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)	Shirley A. Murphy (terminal illness)	Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)
Fern L. Hitchcock (surgery)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)	Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasitosis, fibromyalgia condition)	Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)	Michael R. Willard
Nina M. Holley	Karen S Pense	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
John C. Houck		Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)		Wanda L. Waldon (surgery)
Wayne A. Jaynes		Josephine O. Wojtechowski (care for elderly parents)

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**MWR 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.

**Carlson Wagonlit offers free upgrade**

During March and April ask for Enterprise when booking your car rental through Carlson Wagonlit and get a free upgrade using Fallston's Enterprise Rent-a-Car.

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

**Self Defense Class begins April 1**

Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Community Recreation Division will sponsor a self-defense class every Monday and Wednesday for eight weeks, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Edgewood Area Recreation Center.

Learn the basics of self-defense in real life situations by using martial arts fundamentals from Grandmaster Dr. Rocky Farley. Practice punching, kicking, striking and releasing techniques.

Register by March 29 at the Edgewood Area Fitness Center, building E-4210, 410-436-7143; the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-2621; or the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E-4140, 410-436-2713. Participants must be at least 18 years of age to attend the class. The cost is \$40 per person.

For more information, contact Stacie Edie at 410-278-3931 or Stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil

**Lunchtime hand-held computer class scheduled**

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. Class will be held March 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

Register through March 14. Class size is limited to 12. Cost is \$15.

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

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

**Ceramics class**

A basic ceramics class will be held April 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class teaches the basics of mold pouring, glazing and painting. The cost is \$7 plus supplies.

**Porcelain dolls class**

A beginning porcelain doll class will be held April 5, 12 and 19, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 plus supplies. Class participants will make a Sugar Britches doll. Class size is limited and pre registration is required. This is a progressive class so participants should plan on attending all three sessions.

**Woodshop orientation class**

The woodshop will hold a safety orientation class April 6, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is a \$3 user fee. This class is required to work in the woodshop.

**Framing class**

A beginning matting and framing class will be held April 25, 5 to 9 p.m. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame. Register in advance, because class size is limited. The cost is \$15 plus supplies.

**Stained glass class**

A beginning stained glass class will be held April 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and May 19, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students will make a simple suncatcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25, including supplies.

**ITR has Orioles tickets**

Tickets for Orioles Baseball games at Camden Yards are now available at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office. First game is April 7; last game is Sept. 29. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$20.

For tickets or information, call Pat Topper, 410-278-4011.



**Off to see the Wizards**

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is sponsoring a bus trip to see basketball's Washington Wizards play the Denver Nuggets at the MCI Center in Washington, March 26. Game time is 7 p.m. The bus will depart the APG Recreation Center, building 3326, at 4:30 p.m. Cost of the trip is \$50 and includes ticket and transportation. Seating will be in lower level.

Signup deadline is March 20. To purchase tickets, call the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office at 410-278-4011.

For more information, call Earlene Allen, 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.



**Springtime at Longwood Gardens**

Come see the Easter display of lilies, hydrangeas, majestic trees, sweet blooms and the opulent architecture at Longwood Gardens. Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Community Recreation Division is hosting a bus trip to Longwood Gardens, March 29.

The bus will depart at 8 a.m. from the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, and return at 6:30 p.m.

Purchase tickets by March 21 at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office in the AA Recreation Center for \$25 (adult) and \$20 (children, 17 and under).

For more information contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

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**Travel Fair at Carlson Wagonlit, March 14**

Carlson Wagonlit Travel is hosting a Travel Fair, March 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in 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.

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