

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Aug. 7, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

WRAMC, Kimbrough, Bethesda bus transportation

Effective Aug. 5, all patients requiring bus transportation to other military treatment facilities must make reservations by calling 410-278-1778. Appointments at these facilities are to be made between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The bus will leave Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic at 6:45 a.m. The bus will leave the WRAMC departure point at 3 p.m.

Those patients NOT at the departure point may be forced to find their own transportation back to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Alternative return transportation information to APG via Metro/train is available through the WRAMC concierge.

For more information, call Janice Spellman at 410-278-1724.

AA chapel Vacation Bible School begins Aug. 5

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel, Aug. 5 to 9, 6 to 8:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Brave Believers" featuring extreme faith stories from the Old Testament. Children ages 2 through 12th grade are welcome.

For more information or to register, call the chapel at 410-278-4333. Adults wishing to volunteer are also welcome to call.

Route 22 gate open for concert-goers

The Route 22 gate will be the only open gate for the REO Speedwagon, Eddie Money, Night Ranger Rock Concert Aug. 17.

Concert-goers 16 and older must bring a photo ID and should plan their arrival to allow time for parking.

Tickets on sale for summer concert

Headlined by REO Speedwagon, opens for the Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m. Morale, Welfare and Recreation 2002 Rock Concert are Night Ranger
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DOIM offers the latest in visual technology



Photo by LA'MONT HARBISON

This six-foot scale model of the RAH-66 Comanche is part of the DOD Technology Exhibit, one of dozens of exhibits produced annually by Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Directorate of Information Management's Visual Information Services Division. VISD personnel create a wide variety of products ranging from small free-standing or portable displays to permanent installations and exhibits in excess of several thousand square feet.

Sheila Little
APG News

This May, Directorate of Information Management, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison, became the first DOIM to showcase the abilities of their unique, full-service Visual Information Services Division at the Information Management Conference in Atlanta. (See accompanying Army News Service story, page 4.)

Larry Dumm, chief, VISD, said that the division is engaged in a variety of projects, throughout the U.S. and the world, including the current Department of Defense technology exhibit at the Farnborough International Air Show in Great Britain. New exhibits being prepared for the fall include the AMC Europe Land Combat Expo in Heidelberg, Germany, and the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting in Washington.

The Visual Information Support Division merged with the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Exhibits Division in 1999, forming the Visual Information Services Division.

"As a result, we now have a melding of talents, synergy and decades of design experience," said C. Byrne Huntley,

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Security is top priority

Sheila Little
APG News

The Department of the Army announced reduced force protection levels for some Army installations July 18, but no reduction was announced for Aberdeen Proving Ground.

APG remains at Force Protection Condition CHARLIE.

Force protection conditions are implemented to reduce vulnerabilities and are based on an analysis of the perceived threat of hostile activity. According to the Department of Defense Force Protection Condition System, CHARLIE applies, "when an incident occurs or intelligence received indicates that some form of terrorist action or targeting against personnel or facilities is likely."

Under FPCON CHARLIE, those wishing entrance to APG should present a photo ID at the gate if they are 16 or older, and be prepared for vehicle searches.

Capt. Tom Hawes, APG's antiterrorism/force protection officer, said that in addition to continuing security activity at the gates, personnel who travel on and around the installation should remain alert to suspicious activity and report it in a timely manner.

"Awareness is one of the most important components of any antiterrorism program,"

Hawes said. "We are very dependent upon the community to stay alert and be our eyes and ears and report any suspicious activity to law enforcement."

If you observe suspicious activity, do not attempt to approach or remedy the situation yourself.

Personnel should immediately inform the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, 410-306-0550 in the Aberdeen Area and 410-436-2222 in the Edgewood Area, if any of the following is observed:

- the theft of government IDs, restricted area badges, firearms or explosives,
- suspicious persons, particularly those carrying suitcases of other containers, or those loitering, observing, photographing, or asking questions about military operations or security measures,
- unidentified vehicles parked or operated in a suspicious manner on or in the vicinity of U.S. installations, units or facilities, or
- someone not from your building placing something in a nearby dumpster.

"If you see something suspicious, report it. Your timely reporting of this information could be a key to the safety of the installation," Hawes said.

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Drought tip

In an effort to help the personnel of Aberdeen Proving Ground cope with the area drought, the APG News is offering weekly water conservation tips. All residents and personnel of APG are urged to look for and practice water conservation for the duration of the drought.

Repair all leaks

A dripping faucet is more than annoying, it is expensive. Even small leaks can

waste significant amounts of water. Hot water leaks are a waste of water and of the energy used to heat the water.

Leaks inside the toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. Toilet leaks can be detected by adding a few drops of food coloring to water in the toilet tank.

If the colored water appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking.

If you have a leaking faucet or toilet, stop pouring money down the drain and repair it.



Field hospitals protected from chem/bio threats

NATICK, Mass. — Army field hospitals will acquire the ability to ward off the ill effects from a nuclear, biological or chemical attack when Chemically Protected Deployable Medical Systems, or CP DEPMEDS, are fielded.

Sent to a threat area, the protective kit will be assembled with the conventional hospital. The result will be a functional barrier against harmful warfare agents or fallout, that allows the hospital to treat casualties without the use of protective gear or causing further harm.

"These hospitals are very large and difficult to move in a short amount of time. If attacked, you have to be able to protect the patients and staff for at least a 72-hour mission," said David Haley, CP DEPMEDS manager on the Survivable Shelters Team at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center (Natick), a subordinate command of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground. "There may be no opportunity to move the patients to another hospital."

A series of TEMPER tents and ISO containers linked together with passageways offer nearly 32,000 square feet of treatment space. Up to 140 staff members can treat as many as 236 patients for three days in a clean, climate-controlled atmosphere.

The M-28 Simplified Collective Protection Equipment, a major component of the CP DEPMEDS, consists of chemical-resistant liners, litter and ambulatory tunnel airlocks, protective entrances, blowers and filters integrated into the hospital. To prevent contaminated air from entering the protected shelter, a generator-powered environmental control unit along with the M-28 blowers and filters create a steady overpressure by drawing in outside air, filtering it, and then blowing it into the shelters.

An audible and visible alarm located at the end of each tent activates if the pressure drops too low. The environmental control unit also warms or cools the air to a comfortable temperature.

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Patients stay in the airlock area of the Chemically Protected Deployable Medical System for one minute to purge any remaining contaminants before inprocessing in the facility.

Photo by SARAH UNDERHILL



Above, Sharon K. Smith of Stewartstown, Penn., right, watches approvingly as her daughter, cadet candidate Amanda K. Brush, following the orders of academy cadre, tucks in her shirt before being admitted to in-processing. Right, "You're on my time now, son," Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Sykes, Freestate ChalleNGe Academy instructor, tells cadet candidate Marcus Ruffin, 17, of Washington, D.C., upon his arrival to the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.



Parents, teens prepare for military youth corps ChalleNGe

Story and photos by Eva Mims
SBCCOM

Noted author, Joshua J. Marine wrote, "Challenges are what make life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." If this is true, then the candidates who enrolled in the Maryland Army National Guard's Freestate ChalleNGe Academy are in for the most meaningful experience of their young lives.

On July 20, 165 cadet candidates and their parents converged on the Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center to sign up for 22 weeks of intense training and rigorous mental and physical conditioning.

The cadet candidates were met by Sgts. 1st Class Kermit Bond and Kenneth Sykes. Both retired Army Reservists offered the same greeting to arriving cadets, "Drop and give me 15."

Despite the military-style greeting, MDARNG chaplain, Lt. Col. Ronald Martin-Minnich, director of the academy, explained that the academy, now in its ninth year, is not a "boot camp" for troubled youth; it's an opportunity for "at risk" youth to succeed in getting their lives started on the right path, to develop and mature through an intensive residential and post residential program.

"We are 'quasi-military'," Martin-Minnich said. "This is a voluntary program. Youths must apply and be accepted and they cannot use the academy as a way to avoid adjudication for juvenile offenses."

He added that applicants must be drug free, 16 to 18 years old and high school dropouts.

Applicants cannot have a criminal record, and must be able to read at the ninth grade level to pass the GED exam.

The 'ChalleNGe' doesn't stop at graduation. Academy graduates are required to complete a 12-month Post Resident Action Plan, that includes a written plan of action stating their

goals and objectives. Graduates are mentored for a 12-month follow-up period. Successful graduates receive a Maryland High School Diploma, a Maryland Drivers Education Certificate, and value-centered learning experience that will last a lifetime, Martin-Minnich said.

"Seventy-one percent of our graduates have received their high school diplomas through this program," he said.

For the parents of many of the cadet candidates, the ChalleNGe Academy is an answer to prayers.

Canda Baker, who brought her son, Perry Beckwith, to the registration, said she learned about the program through a friend.

"We looked at some alternative programs, but they were for kids that had worse behavioral problems and learning disabilities. We made a joint decision to come here," Baker said.

"Perry knows he needs an education," she added. "This is his second chance."

Beckwith's concerns, however, were of a more immediate nature.

"The thing I'm looking forward to the least is having them yelling in my face and waking me up at 5:30," he said.

He added that he is not worried about push-ups, "but the running is going to be a challenge."

Running is just one of many challenges the cadets will face over the next five months, and parents can look forward to being challenged as well. Some parents said they were not looking forward to being separated from their children for the first time.

"I'm going to cry all the way home," said Sandra Massey of Bowie, as she watched her 16-year old daughter, Rachel, sign in.

"But we'll resume life and communicate with her to keep her in a positive frame of

mind."

Her husband, Joseph Massey, a Washington police sergeant, said he learned of the Academy through the Washington, D.C., area Child Services Bureau.

"The program pretty much sold itself," Massey said; because it focuses on the values he and his wife want most to instill in their daughter.

"Our hope," said Sandra Massey, "is that Rachel learns discipline, improves her self esteem, and learns to live a more structured lifestyle. Hopefully, she will come to me one day and say, 'Mom, I really love you for what you made me do.'"

Statistics show 10,000 high school dropouts in Maryland each year, all of whom need a second chance, said John McGinnis of the Academy's advisory council.

"The school system isn't available for everybody," McGinnis said.

"We'd love to see this program expand" to accommodate more of these kids who need that second chance, he added.

The current class is scheduled to graduate Dec. 14 at the APG Post Theater.

Some of the recruits who registered on Saturday won't be there, having found the challenge to excel to be too great, he said.

Dr. Richard E. Young, a retired MDARNG colonel and the academy's deputy director, said the hardest part for some cadets will be getting through the first 24 hours of adjusting to the routine and unfamiliar setting.

"For those who make the adjustment, the long-term prognosis is excellent," Young said.

He said that the majority of graduates become productive citizens and "are not a statistic, or if a statistic, at least they're a positive one".

Some of the best advice the recruits received during registration may have come from Col.

William Aleshire, Maryland Defense Force and a member of the Academy's Advisory Council, who greeted each recruit with words of advice at the drug screening station, a mandatory part of registration.

"Your journey begins now. Get your mind and your head together that you're going to pass this course," Aleshire said.

To the parents he added, "Get ready for a 22-week vacation."

APG is one of the original 10 ChalleNGe Academies in the United States.

Nationwide, there are 35,000 graduates from 32 ChalleNGe academies, 16 percent of which entered the military.

For the first two weeks, the students are referred to as 'cadet candidates.' It's only after the cross-over ceremony, scheduled for Aug. 9, that applicants become official cadets.

Martin-Minnich said he believes the scope of the academies have changed from being community-centered to being both community and state-centered.

"Graduates from ChalleNGe academies are fighting in Afghanistan right now. A graduate from Alaska's academy helped collect the remains of victims from the September 11th attack on the Pentagon," Martin-Minnich said.

"These programs are now a national security issue", said Martin-Minnich. If you can intervene in the lives of at risk youth, and help them become productive citizens, then you help society."

To learn more about the MDARNG Military Youth Corp Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, visit the Web site at: <http://www.mdang.af.mil/challenge/challenge.html>.

(Editor's note: Eva Mims, executive secretary to the technical director of Edgewood Chemical and Biological Command, covered this event in the absence of her twin sister, Yvonne Johnson.)

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PET OF THE WEEK



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Lovin' armful

With eyes full of wonder, and a little discomfort, four little darlings look out on the new world. Playful and cuddly, the four kittens will be ready for adoption Aug. 6. Come see the rest of the kittens and cats in search of new homes at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. You do not have to be active duty military to adopt a pet. For more information, contact the VTF at 410-278-4604/3911, or visit the APG Web site at: <http://www.apg.army.mil/garrison/Veterinary/adoption.htm> to see photos of other pets up for adoption.

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and Eddie Money.

Tickets are on sale for \$25 through Ticketmaster, 1-800-551-SEAT, or at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, 410-278-4011.

Tickets will also be available the day of the concert for \$35.

Due to security considerations, only the gate located on Route 22 will be open to concert-goers, who will be directed to designated parking. Those 16 and older should bring a photo ID and plan their arrival time to accommodate personal and vehicle searches.

Although the tailgate party will no longer be held, a live broadcast by radio station WOCT will be held at the main gate from 3 to 6 p.m. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., and will be held rain or shine.

Volunteers needed for rock concert

Morale, Welfare and Recreation needs volunteers for the APG Classic Rock Concert, Aug. 17, at Shine Sports Field.

Jobs include gate workers, ticket sellers, concession workers, sponsorship assistants, warehouse workers and photographers.

Licensed bus drivers and parking attendants are also needed. Staff T-shirts and training will be provided. Volunteers must be 18 or older and available to work from 4 p.m. to midnight.

For more information about volunteering, contact Ruth Overbay, 410-278-9536, or e-mail her at ruth.overbay@usag.apg.army.mil.

For general information, call 410-278-4011/4621, TTY 410-278-4110.

IMUC to host EXCEL orientation

Earn college credit for knowledge acquired in work and life experiences. Find out the details at an EXCEL (experiential learning) orientation, Aug. 14, 4 to 6 p.m. in building 3146, located on the corner of Raritan Avenue and Bel Air Street on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For information and to reserve a seat, call UMUC's APG office at 410-272-8269, or 410-278-4632.

Childcare openings

The Aberdeen Area Childcare Center has immediate openings for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years. For information or directions, call Ruth Strauss at 410-278-7111.

The Edgewood Area Child Development Center, building E-1901, has limited openings.

To make a tour appointment for the EA center, call Tracy Geier at 410-436-2077.

Base quarters childcare providers offer tours

To make an appointment with a Family Child Care provider in on base quarters, call the following numbers:

Aberdeen Area
Sherry Johnson, 410-297-9842

Sian Mosier, 410-297-6960
Sarah Lee, 410-297-8441
Tamara Shamlee, 410-272-2625

Edgewood Area
Net Ball, 410-676-3414

Commemorative Prayer luncheon

The Aberdeen Area Post Chapel will hold a prayer luncheon on Sept. 12, 11:30 a.m., at Top of the Bay. Guest speaker will be Patty Shinseki, wife of Gen. Erik Shinseki, Chief of Staff, United States Army.

Tickets cost \$5 each and will be available at the end of July.

To purchase tickets, call the AA chapel, 410-278-4333, the Edgewood Area chapel, 410-436-4109, or the Garrison Command Office, 410-278-1511.

For more information, call the AA chapel, 410-278-4333.

Preventing violence in the workplace

Are communication prob-

Pollution Prevention

Donate empty margarine tubs, juice cans, paper towel and toilet paper rolls to a school or community center for arts and crafts projects.



APG Pollution Prevention Program

lems creating a hostile workplace?

The Workplace Assessment Team offers a variety of Communication and Conflict Resolution classes designed to help with interpersonal problems and workplace productivity.

For more information or to schedule a class, call Paul Papp, 410-306-1079, or e-mail paul.papp@usag.apg.army.mil

Volunteers needed at EA Thrift Shop

Volunteers are needed at the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop located across from the golf course on Stark Road.

For more information, call 410-676-4733, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Violence Prevention lunchtime classes

Paul Papp of the Work Assessment Team will hold the remaining Workplace Violence Prevention workshops in the Edgewood Area.

Classes will be held every Monday in building E-4430 in the Conference Room. Class dates are Aug. 5, 12, 26 and Sept. 9 and 16.

Topics include Introduction to Workplace Violence Prevention, Refining Your Communication Skills, Conflict Resolution, Managing Workplace Stress and Religious Tolerance in the Workplace. Bring a lunch and join in.

For more information, call Paul Papp at 410-306-1079 or e-mail him at Paul.Papp@usag.apg.army.mil.

Join the boat club

The Spesutie Island Boating Activity, or SIBA, is accepting applications for the 2002 season.

Requirements to join are: possess a government identification card for Aberdeen Proving Ground, boat registration, and proof of insurance. Costs are: for a moored boat - \$11 per foot, for a boat on trailer in parking lot space - \$8 per foot, for ramp access - \$7.50 per foot.

Membership requirements include the member performing eight hours of work for the club and standing security watches.

Membership is open to active duty military, full-time Army National Guard, retired military, Department of the Army civilians employed at APG, retired APG civilians, and full-time contractors with government ID cards. Details can be found in Army Regulation 215-27.

Applications can be picked up at the SIBA clubhouse,

building 36, or at Outdoor Recreation.

For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124.

Food Handlers Class

The Environmental Health Section of Preventive Medicine Services conducts a Food Handler's Class on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, room A-14.

This is a 90-minute class from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and is mandatory for all food service personnel (military and civilian) in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Managers, directors or non-commissioned officers in charge of all food service establishments on post will ensure that their personnel attend this class.

Attendance at this class will be a requirement for hiring new civilian employees.

Registration should be made at least three days prior to the class date.

Class size is limited and is based on first-call, first-served basis.

For more information, contact Spc. Chris Roberts at 410-278-1956.

Use both lanes

Drivers are urged to use both lanes as they approach the gates to APG's Aberdeen Area.

At the barricades, motorists should alternate the right of way - allowing every other car to move into the primary entrance lane, like a zipper.

This more efficient movement of traffic will speed up the process.

The provost marshal warns drivers who pull out in front of other vehicles, block traffic lanes or exhibit other aggressive tendencies, that they are driving on a federal installation and are subject to citations through the federal court system.

AA meetings held at APG chapel

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the Aberdeen Post Chapel, building 2485, every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is an open discussion meeting available to the entire Aberdeen community, military and civilian.

Army Band requests

Requests for the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) should be submitted to Staff Sgt. Stephen Stewart, 410-278-4376, a minimum of 60 days in advance of an event.

Commercial Activities Hotline available

The CA telephone hotline at 410-278-7414, and CA e-mail hotline at CA.Hotline@usag.apg.army.mil, are available to provide updates and answers to your questions concerning the CA Study. In addition, CA is now a choice on the first page of the APG Web site, www.apg.army.mil.

After Hours Clinic

Effective immediately the After Hours Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is closed on Sundays and holidays. Patients needing advice on health care can call the Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-308-3518.

If you feel you have an emergency problem, call 911 or go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

EOC phone numbers

The Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground Emergency Operations Center is under the direct control of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment/Fire Department. For information, call 410-278-3182 and 410-278-3183.

Within your reach

Get answers about how the Army is safely eliminating the mustard agent stockpile stored at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For information, call or visit the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 1011B Woodbridge, Center Way, Edgewood, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 410-676-6800, or visit Web site [www-pmcd.apgea.army.mil](http://www.pmcd.apgea.army.mil).

CPOC Web site updated

The new Telegraph is now available on the Civilian Personnel Operations Center home page <http://cpolrhp.army.mil/ner/telegraph/tele1001/tellyframe.htm>.

Garrison employee receives Ordnance award

Sheila Little
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Adjutant, David Burdick, was honored by the U. S. Army Ordnance Corps, July 9, when he was presented with the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe, by Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, OC&S commander and Ordnance chief, at a surprise ceremony held in the garrison headquarters conference room.

The order is a means of recognizing individuals who have

served the Ordnance Corps with the highest integrity, character and professionalism.

Stevenson said Burdick was recognized as one who "provides extraordinary support to the Ordnance Corps. He's a bright star, one who really cares."

Although those in the chain of command recognized Burdick's service, the student soldiers also had a hand in the nomination.

Stevenson said when ordnance soldiers leave APG,

they are required to critique their APG experience, and Burdick's helpful, caring ways were often noted in the remarks of the young soldiers.

"In that way, the people he served nominated him," Stevenson said.

"It is truly an honor to receive such a prestigious award, especially since my background is not ordnance," Burdick said. "But such recognition would not be possible without the full support and cooperation of a great staff

and, of course, our ordnance partners—the soldiers, drill sergeants, operations sergeants, senior noncommissioned officers and command teams."

The award is named for the first man charged with taking care of ordnance in the new world. Samuel Sharpe was appointed by the government of the Massachusetts Bay Colonies in 1628, to take care of the five pieces of ordnance held by the colonists.

The position was expanded to Master Gunner of Ordnance, in 1629, when Sharpe was charged with the care of "ordnance, shot, powder, match, ladles, sponges, wormes, cartridges, armes, fireworks, and the rest of the gunners."

The Sharpe Award was initialized in 1994 as a way to recognize those who consistently perform above what is expected in their service to those of the Ordnance Corps. Although more than 3,000 awards have been granted,



Photo courtesy APG PHOTO LAB
Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, commander, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, presents the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe to David Burdick, garrison adjutant, as Burdick's wife, Darlene, looks on. Burdick received the award July 9, in a ceremony held at garrison headquarters.

only 138 have gone to civilians.

Burdick served 20 years in the Adjutant Corps before becoming a civilian federal

employee in 1986.

He moved to APG to become the garrison adjutant in May of 1991.

The Havre de Grace resident thanked his wife of 36 years, Darlene, for her love and support throughout his years of military and civilian service, and said that cooperation between the garrison and tenants of APG make his job a pleasure to do.

"This is really about taking care of soldiers, something I have enjoyed doing for 37 years," Burdick said.

White praises IT warriors

Patrick Swan
Army News Service

The information war is an ongoing battle that Information Technology warriors fight every day, Army Secretary Thomas E. White said to the more than 2,000 attendees at the 2002 Directorate of Information Management Conference in Atlanta May 13 to 16.

"The efforts put forth by men and women in DOIMs around the world are vital to the Army and the nation," White said in his keynote remarks. "This asymmetric threat will continue to grow and it will require vigilance and innovation on your part to overcome."

White said that while people in the Pentagon can establish policy and guidelines, the heavy lifting to carry out those policies and guidelines is done by DOIMs. "And you've never failed," he said.

Lt. Gen. Peter Cuvillo, the chief information officer/G-6, also addressed the conference.

"Our top priority is transforming the mindsets and behaviors of Army senior leaders to the enterprise management of the [iInformation technology] world," Cuvillo said. "We have highly skilled resources dedicated to our five Army Knowledge Management goals, and we are getting excellent results."

Those goals are to reshape IT investment strategy; integrate knowledge management and best-business practices into Army processes; manage the infostructure at the enterprise level; scale Army Knowledge Online as the enterprise portal; and harness human capital.

The CIO/G-6's Director of Enterprise Integration, Miriam Browning, said there is a great deal of interest in the realignment of the Army's information management community and in the transformation of the Army's installation management world.

Maj. Gen. Jim Hylton, commanding general of the new Network Enterprise Technology Command, and Jan Menig, deputy assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, provided - at the plenary session. They discussed the regionalization of

61st Brigade prepares for change of command



Photo courtesy of U.S. Army

Col. Paul D. Meredith

E.C. Starnes OC&S

Command of Aberdeen Proving Ground's largest troop unit will change hands at 9 a.m., Aug. 5, at Fanshaw Field.

Col. Paul D. Meredith returns to APG to assume command of the 61st Ordnance Brigade and the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School from Col. John "Rocky" Hills. Meredith commanded the Brigade's 143rd Ordnance Battalion July 1997 through July 1999. Hills took command of the Brigade in August 2000 and will be moving to a new position at the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army.

Scheduled to assist in the passing of the colors are Brig. Gen. Arthur Nuttall, deputy commanding general for Mobilization and Training, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Cathcart, 61st Ordnance Brigade and U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School.

Joining in the honor contingent will be soldiers, airmen and Marines of the brigade and the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own).

Incoming

Meredith returns to APG from an assignment with the Ordnance Enlisted Branch, Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, Va.

The Washington native grew up in Issaquah, Wash., and attended the University of Washington on an Army ROTC scholarship. He was commissioned as second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps in 1979.

He has served at Fort Lewis, Wash.; the Pentagon; and overseas in Bamberg, Germany; Rotterdam, the Netherlands; and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Meredith's military and civilian schooling includes the Ordnance Officer Basic and Advanced courses at APG; Babson College in Boston, Mass., where he earned a master's in business administration; the Army Command and Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.; and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C., where he earned a master's in national resource strategy.

His awards include five awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, two awards of the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Overseas Service Ribbon with two oak leaf clusters.

He and his wife, Paula, have two daughters, Leslie and Anna Grace.

Outgoing

Hills also received his commission through Army ROTC. He holds a bachelor's in industrial education from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps in 1976.

He also holds a master's in management from Webster University and a master's in national resource strategy from the National Defense University. His military education includes the Ordnance Corps Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Services Staff School and Command and

General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Hills has served at Fort Riley, Kans.; Fort Irwin, Calif.; the Pentagon; and in Alexandria, Va. His overseas assignments include Fulda and Kitzingen, Germany.

Hills awards include three awards of the Legion of Merit, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. He is authorized to wear the Army Staff Badge.

He and his wife, Ninon, have two children, Jarrod and Erin.

(Editor's Note: The U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School was formerly known as the U.S. Army Ordnance School. It is one of two ordnance schools under the direction of OC&S, commanded by Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, Army Chief of Ordnance.)

Sports & Recreation

Company C 16th upends 1/115th, 14-8

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In a battle for second place in intramural softball's National Division, Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion defeated the Maryland Army National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1/115th Infantry Battalion, 14-8 on July 25.

Company C, 16th, at 8-2, moved closer to the division-leading U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, which remains undefeated at 10-0.

Company C, 16th, was led by coach Kevin Olson, who noted his players are "volunteers who just like to play the game."

"They're a good bunch of guys and we've had a good season despite the turnovers," Olson said before the game. "We'll be in there for the post season."

R.D. Golden coached the MDARNG unit that has been assisting in post security operations since October 2001. He said participating in the installation sports program helps unit morale.

"It helps the time go by faster, giving us something to do besides the mission," Golden said.

Jumping out to a 6-1 lead in the first inning, HHC 1/115th seemed to have the game well in hand until a bad series of pitches and four errors produced a five-run inning for their opponents in the fourth.

With two outs and a runner on first base, Company C's Leon Fierge dropped a blooper into left field. Larry Eskew followed with a dribbler to center to load the bases and Joshua Manuel pounded in the run with an RBI single to right to make it 6-2.

Next came Richard Montijo who placed a line drive between first and second bases to score two more runs and close within two at 6-4.

Carlos Rodriguez added the team's final two runs of the inning with a liner between second and third, and James Bernard grounded to short to end the inning.

HHC 1/115th regained the lead, 7-6 in the bottom of the inning with a lead off solo homer by Marvin McClellan that cleared the fence line.

A two-run homer by HHC 1/115th's John Taylor tied the score 8-8 in the fourth inning and it looked like anybody's game, but miscues again plagued the Guard players in the fifth inning, allowing Company C 16th players to post five more runs for a 13-8 lead and the eventual win.

Players of the game for Company C, 16th, were left fielder, Eskew and Brian Foxhall, first base, who posted a key fifth inning homer and McClellan was the MVP for HHC 1/115th.

Teams finishing with 500 or better records advance to the post-season tournament for a shot at the post championship, tentatively scheduled for Aug. 12, 6:30 p.m. at Shine Sports Field.



Joe Jackson, Company C 16th swings through a pitch as HHC 1/115th catcher Jeremy Warren looks on.

Softball update

The following results were reported for intramural softball for the week ending July 26.

American/Edgewood Division

Results

July 22
HHC 16th, 15; HST, 3
NCOA, 11; KUSAHC, 4
HHC 143rd, 18; HHC 61st, 12
Company C 143rd, 11;
Company A 143rd, 8
TEU, 11; Company B 143rd, 7

July 24

HHC 143rd, 20; HST, 19
NCOA, 21; HHC 61st, 9
HHC 16th, 16; KUSAHC, 5
SBCCOM, 16; Company C 143rd, 12
Company A 143rd, 11;
Company B 143rd, 9

Schedule

Aug. 5
6:30 p.m., HST vs. NCOA
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. HHC 143rd
8:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. KUSAHC
Aug. 7
6 p.m., HHC 61st vs. KUSAHC
7 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. KUSAHC
8 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. HHC 143rd

Standings

HHC 16th 14-0

HHC 143rd 10-3
KUSAHC 7-5
NCOA 7-5
HHC 61st 7-7
HST 7-8

Edgewood Division

Schedule

Aug. 5
6:30 p.m., SBCCOM vs. Company A 143rd
7:30 p.m., TEU vs. Company C 143rd
Aug. 6
6:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. TEU
7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. SBCCOM

Standings

SBCCOM 6-5
Company C 143rd 5-5
Company A 143rd 4-5
TEU 2-9
Company B 143rd 0-13

National Division

Results

July 23
Company A 16th vs. USMC, postponed
Company E 16th vs. Company C 16th, postponed
HHC 1/115th vs. Company B 16th, postponed
July 25
Company C 16th, 14; HHC 1/115th, 8
USMC, 13; Company B 16th, 1
Company A 16th, 13;
Company E 16th, 9

Schedule

Aug. 5
6:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. Company B 16th
7:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. USMC
Aug. 6
6:30 p.m., HHC 1/115th vs. Company C 16th
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company B 16th
8:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. Company A 16th

Standings

USMC 10-0
Company C 16th 8-2
HHC 1/115th 6-4
Company E 16th 3-6
Company A 16th 3-8
Company B 16th 0-10

APG holds Lanes to Links Tournament

Carl Corriggio

MWR-Community Recreation

An exciting and unique tournament combining bowling and golf begins Aug. 24. The Department of the Army Community Family Support Center sponsored program, "Lanes to Links," will take place at most Army installations during the final weeks of August.

The event is open to eligible military and civilian personnel, active or retired, (male, female, junior or senior). Teams will consist of four people. You may form your own team or sign up individually and let the tournament organizers form the team.

The entry fee is \$30 per person and includes golf, golf cart, bowling and amenities. Each participant receives a sports bottle as a memento for playing in the event.

Numerous awards to be given away include a \$100 gift certificate to each winning team member. The following prizes will be awarded:

- Best Overall Team - \$100 gift certificate

to each member

- 2nd Place Best Overall Team - shoe bag
- Best Team in Golf - carry-on bag
- 2nd Place Best Team in Golf - umbrella
- Best Team in Bowling - carry-on bag
- 2nd Place Best Team in Bowling - umbrella
- Worst Team in Golf - crying towels
- Worst Team in Bowling - crying towels

A minimum of 12 teams is required to stage the event; tournament maximum is 30 teams. Teams will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Players can register at Ruggles Golf Course, Exton Golf Course or the APG Bowling Center, building 2342.

The tournament begins with a 7:15 a.m. check-in at Ruggles Golf Course followed by a continental breakfast for entrants. A nine hole-scramble, shotgun start tees off at 8 a.m. Using the "Scramble" format, or Captain's Choice, each player tees off, the team selects the ball with the most desirable placement. The other three team members move their balls to this location and prepare to hit

their next shot. Once again the team selects the best second shot position and moves the ball to that location. This procedure continues until the ball is holed out.

Bowling will take place following the golf portion, approximately 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Bowling will consist of the "Baker" System format for a total of five games. Bowlers will alternate frames throughout the game to end with a single score; '8 pin, no tap' will be in effect (get 8 pins on first ball, counts as a strike). The lead off bowler will bowl the first frame; the second bowler bowls the second frame; the third bowler the third frame and the fourth bowler the fourth frame. Then the first bowler resumes in the fifth frame, and so on. This continues until the team finishes the five games.

While bowling, the competitors will be served a buffet lunch in the bowling center. At the conclusion, scores for the combined event will be tallied and awards presented.

Mystery Bowl Winners



July 20
Annelle McLeod
Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic



July 27
James Miller
U.S. Aberdeen Test Center

Community Notes

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 2
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 3
CLUB BEYOND INFORMATION MEETING**

To find out how to become involved in an exciting youth program at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Club Beyond will hold an information meeting at 10 a.m. in the APG Post Chapel, building 2485. Younglife, Youth For Christ, Campuslife, Campus Crusade and Club Beyond will be discussed. Donuts will be provided. For more information, call Alan Leavell, 410-278-4333.

VFW HOSTS GROWN FOLKS PARTY

Radio Personality Tim Watts and DJ Slice from MAGIC 95.9 FM will bring their "Grown Folks Party" to VFW Post 6054 Aug. 3. The show starts at 9 p.m. Advance tickets are available for \$10 and \$15 at the door the night of the event. Patrons that present a valid 95.9 Club Card will receive \$2 off the admission.

Age restrictions and a dress code will be strictly enforced. No jeans, Timberland boots, T-shirts or athletic wear of any kind will be allowed. The event is designed for mature adults ages 25 and up only; bring photo ID. Entry into either the bar or ballroom area of the VFW will require paying the entry fee: no exceptions. For tickets or more information, contact Junior Vice-Commander Keith Hammitt or Senior Vice-Commander Suzette Shields at 410-272-3444.

**SATURDAYS
AUGUST 3 THROUGH AUGUST 18
VFW HOSTS SATURDAY CINEMA FOR CHILDREN**

Every Saturday until Aug. 18, noon to 3 p.m., VFW Post 6054 and the Ladies Auxiliary Youth Activities Committee will sponsor a free "Saturday Cinema" for children ages five and over. The event includes free popcorn, drinks, music and a "G" rated movie. Parents are asked to pro-

vide adult supervision for younger children for the duration of the event. This event is open to all children living in Harford County, and is a "thank you" for supporting the VFW Post 6054 through 50 plus years of service to the community. For more information, contact Junior Vice-Commander Keith Hammitt or Senior Vice-Commander Suzette Shields at 410-272-3444.

**SUNDAY
AUGUST 4
BASKET BINGO**

There will be a luncheon and basket bingo, 11:30 a.m. at the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Hall, to benefit the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research and education. Events will include information on breast cancer education, a featured guest speaker, silent auction, door prizes and raffles. For more information or tickets, call Christi Dolinar, 410-557-6220. Cost of donation is \$30.

**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
AUGUST 5 to 9
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

The First Baptist Church Aberdeen, 219 E. Bel Air Ave., invites children ages pre-kindergarten thru 6th grade to join the Amazon Outfitters: On Expedition With the One True God, 9 a.m. to noon. Through stories, art, music, and fellowship, children will see how God is with us on every journey in life. For more information, call 410-272-2845.

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 10
CWF SHOPPING AT POTOMAC MILLS**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a shopping trip to Potomac Mills for \$20 per person, which includes charter bus transportation. The bus will depart Aberdeen Proving Ground at 8 a.m. and depart Potomac Mills at 4 p.m. For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
AUGUST 10 AND 11
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ABERDEEN CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Aberdeen Church of Christ, 90 Mt. Royal Ave., will celebrate its 50th anniversary the weekend of Aug. 10, 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. Saturday, and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served on Saturday and a fellowship dinner will be served on Sunday. Activities include bible study, singing, and worship services for children and adults. Registration begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. For information, call 410-272-5450.

**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 14
BLOOD DRIVE**

American Legion Post 128, 44 N. Parke St., Aberdeen, will hold a blood drive 3 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-9822.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
AUGUST 17 AND 18
FIRST ANNUAL MARYLAND ARCHERY 'SHOOT FOR THE CURE'**

Deer Creek Archery and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation are teaming up to hold a 3D 'Shoot for the Cure.' Archers will be shooting the new Genesis by Mathews and will be shooting at IBO approved 3D targets by Delta Targets, supplied by Deer Creek Archery. Arrows will also be furnished. The cost of the shoot is \$20 with \$10 going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. All registrants will be eligible for door prizes donated by Deer Creek Archery, archery manufacturers, and friends of Deer Creek Archery. There is also a silent auction for a Mathews MQ1 and a Bostick Plantation three-day, two-person bow hunt (license and travel expenses are not included). To register for the shoot, visit www.deercreekarchery.com or contact George Bennett at 410-734-9554.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES

EFMP SWIM

Exceptional Family Members and their families are invited to swim for a \$1.50 at the Shore Pool each Wednesday through Aug. 14 from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call Reeshemah Bugg, Exceptional Family Member program manager at 410-278-2420.

BABY BOOT CAMP BEGINS AT APG

The New Beginnings Class will begin on Aug. 19 at Army Community Service building 2754, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Come and explore new life with your baby. New Beginnings will focus on a variety of topics including baby's appearance, crying and comfort, health, safety and of course, "Mommy pampering." Moms and dads are encouraged to attend. For additional information, call Diana Hayes, Parents and Children Together coordinator at 410-278-4372. RSVP by Aug. 15.

RELOCATING WITH AN EFM

A big part of military life is relocation.

There are many military assistance programs available to help deal with issues that arise during a move. For a family with an exceptional family member who has special needs, the confusion can be particularly stressful. To avoid some of the less desirable "adventures," it may be a good idea to map out a strategy before moving. This is especially important regarding special education needs, and medical or housing issues. To get assistance for an upcoming permanent change of station with an exceptional family member, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP manager at 410-278-2420.

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS COURSE

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will hold a course in Basic Computer Skills, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday evenings, through Aug. 29, at Joppa Hall, Harford Community College. Basic Computer Skills is a hands on course designed for those with little or no background in computers.

Learn basic skills needed to operate a computer; learn how to use commercial software packages that run in Windows; and learn how to access the Internet. Adult family members of active duty personnel/retirees with valid I.D. have priority. For registration or more information, call Marilyn Howard, employment readiness manager, ACS, building 2754, 410-278-9669/2435.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS WORKSHOP

The ACS Employment Readiness Program will hold an Employment Readiness Workshop, building 2752 Rodman Road, second floor. Classes will be held Aug. 19 and Sept. 16, 1 to 3 p.m. Topics include a job skills workshop; finding the perfect career; Internet tools; resume pointers; and other ideas to help with a job search. Military family members have priority. For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Readiness Program, 410-278-9669. Space is limited.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON UPDATE

CLASS ON CHARTING HIGH SCHOOL YEARS AND BEYOND

School Liaison/Youth Education Services and Army Community Service class entitled "Academic Passport-How to Chart Your Course Through High School and Beyond" is rescheduled for Aug. 21, 4 to 5:30 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Presented by School Liaison/Youth Education Services, Army Community Service Employment Readiness, and Harford Community College, and sponsored by the Military Child Education Coalition, this program is highly recommended for all middle school and high school students and their parents. The program will give many tips, insights and resource information that will be a help for all students and their parents. Take home resource packets will be provided. To sign-up or for more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857 or Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669/9675.

HCPS WEB SITE

Stay tuned, keep in touch, be current, know what's going on that affects a child's education. For the latest information and school updates, visit the Harford County Public Schools Web site at www.co.ha.md.us/harford_schools.

Local, state, and national sites are available along with such topics as updated enrollments, attendance area boundary maps, student dress code policy, performance review of Harford County public schools, wireless communication device policy, safety and security plan, addressing the "achievement gap" in test scores, guidelines for evaluating boundary exception requests, high school assessment timeline and materials and U.S. Department of Education's "No Child Left Behind" Program, just to name a few.

PTA's are now forming for the 2002-2003 school year. The Web site shows how to get involved.

To get a copy of the 2002-2003 school calendar, print a copy from the Web site and share with the neighbors.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

BNwly arriving military personnel with children in Kindergarten through 12th grades, should go to one of the following schools to register your children as soon as possible: APG Aberdeen Area-Roye Williams Elementary School, 201 Oakington Road, Havre de Grace, MD 21078, 410-273-5536; Aberdeen Middle School, 111 Mount Royal Avenue, Aberdeen, MD 21001-2492, 410-273-5510; Aberdeen High School, 251 Paradise Road, Aberdeen, MD 21001-2399, 410-273-5500; APG Edgewood Area-Edgewood Elementary School, 2100 Cedar Drive, Edgewood, MD 21040-2502, 410-612-1540; Edgewood Middle School, 2311 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood, MD 21040-3497, 410-612-1518; Edgewood High School, 2415 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood, MD 21040-3496, 410-612-1500.

PTA

One of the most important things parents can do is become active in the local school Parent-Teachers Association. What better way to get first-hand information than by being in the school and meeting the teachers and administrators where children learn? Become your child's best advocate-best guidance counselor by getting involved today. Parental support has been steadily declining over the last five years, but parents can be part of reversing this trend. As an example, congratulations are in order for the good, solid start of the Edgewood Area military parents group that has made the commitment to actively support the Edgewood Elementary School PTA.

IN/OUT PROCESSING AT APG COMING SOON

All newly arriving or departing military personnel who have school age children Kindergarten through 12th grades are required to stop by the School Liaison/Youth Education Services Office, building 2752 to in/out process.

MOVIES

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



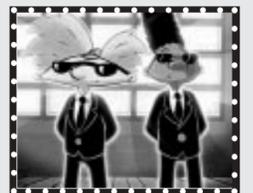
JUWANNA MANN

Friday, Aug. 2, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 3, 9 p.m.
Starring: Miguel Nuez, Vivica Fox

When a bad boy ballplayer gets booted out of professional basketball, he wants so much to return to the game that he disguises himself as a female all-star, "Juwanna Mann," and joins the Women's Basketball League. (Rated PG-13)

HEY ARNOLD (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Aug. 3, 7 p.m.
Animated



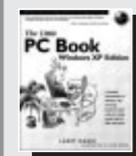
Arnold is up against a powerful industrialist who invades the city and buys everything in sight so he can knock it down and erect a huge "mall-plex." Can Arnold and his best friend Gerald find the document that will stop the bulldozer? (Rated PG)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The APG Garrison Library has the following books for your reading pleasure:

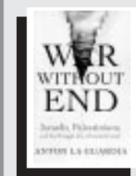
Secret Soldiers: The Story of World War II's Heroic Army of Deception by Philip Gerard.

In 1943, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. convinced the Army to recruit 1,000 men for a top-secret mission. The goals were twofold: to deceive the German army into thinking that the allies had more soldiers and weapons than they actually had; and, to draw the enemy's fire so the real troops could advance unimpeded. Incredibly, these special troops took part in more campaigns with more different allied armies than any other unit in the European Theatre.

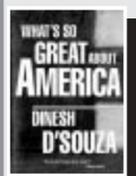


The Little PC Book: Windows XP Edition: A friendly introduction to Windows XP, choosing hardware and software, using e-mail and the Web, and more by Larry Magid

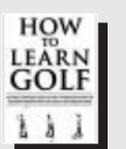
For a 'Christian America': a history of the Religious Right by Ruth Murray Brown



War Without End: Israelis, Palestinians, and the struggle for a Promised Land by Anton La Guardia



How to Learn Golf: the first complete guide to golf instruction based on exclusive sessions with the game's top teaching pros by Harry Hurt III



What's So Great About America by Dinesh D'Souza

Monarch: the life and reign of Elizabeth II by Robert Lacey

You can receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically. Contact the library at 410-278-4991 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 open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.



MWR Web site coming

The MWR Web site, www.apgmwr.com, will be live effective Oct. 1. Watch the MWR section of APG News for more details.



www.Linganore-wine.com

Bayou Wine Festival at Linganore Winecellars

Come spend the day at the annual Bayou Wine Festival and hear two Zydeco bands playing the music of the Bayou, Aug. 18. Bus will pick up from the Aberdeen Shopping Center at 8:30 a.m. and drop off at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$28 for adults over 21 and \$20 for ages 3 to 20. For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

Beginning racquetball

Learn racquetball basics, including game rules, strategies, equipment and general court information, Aug. 5, 7 to 8 p.m. at the APG Athletic Center for four weeks. Cost is \$20. Players must register by Aug. 1. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Beginning Chess class

Learn the fundamentals of chess and join in

the competition every Thursday, Aug. 6 to 27, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center from 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$15. Players must register by Aug. 2. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail him at charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Learn to skate

Learn to skate every Thursday, Aug. 14 to Sept. 18, at Ice World, 7 to 9 p.m., for \$85. Price includes six two-hour sessions, a 20-minute lesson each session, rental skates and fun time. Skaters must register by Aug. 7 at the AA Fitness Center, building 320. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil



www.iceworld.com

College Fair

A college fair will be held Aug. 21, at the AA Recreation Center, 4 to 6 p.m. Participating institutions include Cecil Community College, College of Baltimore, College of Notre Dame of MD, Johns Hopkins, Morgan State University, University of Phoenix, and many more. For more information, call the APG Education Center at 410-278-2481/3515/2380.

APG Skate night

APG Skate night will be Aug. 1 at Ice World from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$7.50 per person and includes skate rental and a 20-minute skating lesson. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

AIT Student Day at Ice World

Advanced Individual Training students can skate Aug. 4, at Ice World from 1 to 3 p.m. for a

cost of \$7.50 per person, which includes skate rental and a 20-minute skating lesson. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail him at charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Craft classes

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

Woodshop orientation

The woodshop will hold a safety orientation Aug. 3 and Sept. 7, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. There is a \$3 user fee. This class is required in order to work in the woodshop.

Ceramic class

A basic ceramic class will be held Aug. 10 and Sept. 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class teaches the basics of mold pouring, glazing, and painting. Cost is \$15 including supplies.

Framing class

A beginning matting and framing class will be held Aug. 29 and Sept. 26, 5 to 9 p.m. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to class to frame and register in advance because class size is limited. Cost is \$15, plus supplies.

Aberdeen Area Arts & Crafts, building 2407, will also conduct classes Aug. 2 and Sept. 6, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the same cost.

Custom framing by a pro

A professional picture framer is available to help with all of your framing needs. Photographs, diplomas, limited-edition prints, posters, oil paintings or just about anything can be framed. There is a wide selection of mats and frames to choose from. Large or small pictures can be framed for your home or office. VISA or master card are accepted, including government VISA cards. Two locations are available for your convenience, one in Aberdeen in building 2407, and another in Edgewood in building E-4440. For information, call 410-278-4207 or 410-436-2153.

Security

From front page

A card listing contact numbers is to the right of this article and can be cut out and placed near all phones. If suspicious activity is observed, it can be immediately reported using these numbers. Timely reporting is important.

In addition, other observations such as a description of the approximate age, sex, clothing, and number of individuals involved, a plate number and description of vehicles involved, and time of day and location of the incident will be useful with the investigation.

Antiterrorism/Force Protection classes for all military personnel, family members, civilian personnel and contractors will take place beginning next month.

"We have seen evidence of how an alert individual can thwart a terrorist incident, and have also seen the results of the failure of people to report such sightings," said Hawes. "The lesson learned is clear. The more we can instill Anti-terrorism/Force Protection awareness in all personnel, the safer we will be."

Contact Card for reporting suspicious activity

To report suspicious activity to the APG police desk in the Aberdeen Area, call: 410-306-0550 or on post 4-0550
410-306-0564 or on post 4-0564
410-306-0565 or on post 4-0565
To report suspicious activity to the APG police desk in the Edgewood Area, call: 410-436-2222 or on post 5-2222
410-436-2022 or on post 5-2022
410-436-2628 or on post 5-2628

Cut along lines and fold over as a wallet reference card.

Earn \$\$\$ participating in studies on human hearing

Kim Fluitt
ARL

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory will conduct three studies at Aberdeen Proving Ground Aug. 1 to 24: an outdoor field study on sound detection and distance estimation, and two indoor studies on speech intelligibility.

Volunteers must be 18 to 25 years of age and not afraid of field elements (flies, bees, ticks, beetles, etc.).

The total listening time will be approximately 12 hours (1 1/2 days).

Each listener will be paid \$10 per hour for each study, whether they participate in 1 or all three of the studies.

Interested volunteers should call 410-278-5850, or e-mail kfluitt@arl.army.mil; or Martha Dennison, 410-278-5918, or e-mail mjdennis@arl.army.mil, between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.



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

Beginning immediately, the new forms to use for the Voluntary Leave Program are OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A,

Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under

the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program need to contact Dave Mial, 410-278-1524, so that they can complete a termination form.

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For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877. (*An asterisk indicates employees working at the APG office of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. Call Susan Goldberg, 301-394-1080, regarding ARL employees.)



Army News



Summit suggests 50 ways to help mobile students

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

The Army's summit on secondary education last week (July 7) resulted in more than 50 recommendations, ranging from creating a commander's handbook to providing schools with soldiers' family care plans.

Delegates from 22 states came up with suggestions briefed to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, July 10, at the end of the summit. One work group focused on approaches to help Army families gain favorable in-state college tuition policies. Six others came up with strategies to implement a memorandum of agreement on secondary education.

The Army began a study in 1999 to better understand the effects of mobility on high school students and provide recommendations to ease the impact. Out of the study came a memorandum of agreement, which officials said is the framework for establishing common practices among school systems.

"There were no recommendations made to improve the 'Secondary Education Transition Study and Memorandum of Agreement,'" said Dr. Elaine Hinman, director for DoD's Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools. She explained that the focus was on strategies to "institutionalize" the SETSMOA initiatives among the 92 school districts that have signed it and others that have yet to sign.

Change happens through professional development, said Hinman, who oversees schools in seven states along with Guam, Puerto Rico and Cuba. School counselors and school district leaders need consistent high-quality training on the highly mobile military child, she said.

Adding SETSMOA instruction to regular training for both military leaders and civilian educators was one summit recommendation. Others included: establishing a SETSMOA handbook for installation commanders; providing schools a copy of soldiers' family care plans; and creating practices that are consistent among all who sign the memorandum of agreement.

Some inconsistent practices among school districts are: how

school records are released to students, criteria for extracurricular activities and grading practices, Hinman said. These discrepancies can be resolved by SETSMOA partners sharing their best practices, she said. The challenge is going to be communicating standard practices when personnel changes take place, she added.

During the summit, when Shinseki asked how many installation commanders were aware of the Army's memorandum of agreement, only half raised their hands. Continuity dies after personnel changes because the word isn't getting out to new parents or commanders, said Lt. Gen. James Hill, the I Corps and Fort Lewis, Wash., commanding general.

"Out of the nine commanders who originally pushed for the memorandum, only two are here today - including myself, which goes to the heart of the problem," said Hill. "So as we move forward, we need to address how to keep the momentum going as installations change personnel."

Not only do people change, but school district policies frequently change, said the spokesman for the SETSMOA workgroup.

"Each school district has its own set of policies, and they often get in the way of successful transition for school children," Hill said.

The Education Summit is how the Army is taking care of its own, but parents have the primary responsibility for managing their children's education, Shinseki said.

Students who attended the conference recommended that the best way to get the word out to parents on the SETSMOA is through a commercial.

Forces Command volunteered to get started on creating a video that would highlight the SETSMOA, to get more parents educated on its existence. Maj. Gen. James Donald, FORSCOM's deputy chief of staff for Personnel and Installation Management, took on the project.

"Forces command is the largest major command, and it is appropriate that we share in the responsibility of making this

endeavor work," Donald said.

The SETS study was started to benefit the transitional high school student, officials said. Summit recommendations, though, covered grades beginning with kindergarten and extending through college.

Recommendations on how to obtain in-state college tuition rates for more military families was briefed by Michael Tevnan, a program manager in the Education Division at U.S. Total Army Personnel Command. He said ideally, military family members should have in-state status in both their state of legal residence and the state in which they are residing. In addition, he said students should retain in-state status if they are enrolled in a school prior to a family move.

"Soldiers are working in these states, raising their kids in these states, but they never qualify for the benefits of living in these states," Shinseki said. "This is a problem, and we're hoping that it can be solved."

The largest problem is that criteria vary for determining the eligibility for in-state tuition, Tevnan said.

"The Army is not trying to dictate education policies for the states," Tevnan said. "Research must be conducted to clarify the actual policy for each state and determine if it is uniformly applied throughout the state."

State policies can be viewed at the following Web sites: <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/refpubs/index.htm> and <http://www.collegeboard.com/about/association/international/residency.html>.

To keep the momentum going on the tuition initiative, Shinseki assigned a general officer to organize a steering committee.

"I envision an organization made up of commanders from all services, civic leaders and educational representatives making recommendations to steer everyone in the right direction," said Brig. Gen. Antonio Taguba, commanding general for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

Army astronaut training for space underwater

Donald Montoya
Army News Service

Army Lt. Col. Jeff Williams and two other astronauts are in the middle of a nine-day space-flight-training mission, 60 feet underwater and 3.5 miles offshore in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

The mission is the third of its kind between NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and is being conducted under the project name NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations, or NEEMA. Basically, NASA astronauts live and work underwater using Aquarius — a laboratory and habitat.

Aquarius is the only undersea research platform of its kind and is owned by NOAA and operated by the National Undersea Research Center at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Measuring only 12 by 43 feet, this inner space station provides a similar environment to that found on the International Space Station.

"In planning for the mission we have come to realize that the challenges associated with going to 'inner space' are very similar to the challenges of going to outer space," Williams wrote in his on-line journal entries for July 9 and 13. He made the comments during a week-long training session prior to descent to Aquarius.

"As a result, our experience and lessons-learned will apply directly to future space flights on the Space Shuttle and the ISS."

The similarities to working underwater include the stresses of living in an extreme environment in an enclosed space with minimal comforts, the inability to go home easily, separation and isolation from family, friends, and the outside world, and challenging workloads.

For nine days Williams, along with John Daniel Olivas, crew mission specialist, Gregory Errol Chamitoff, mission specialist candidate, and Jonathan Dory, a space habitability engineer from SPACEHAB, Inc's, Habitability and Environmental Factors Office, will be living and working in and around Aquarius among the coral reefs off the Florida coast.

Typically used by marine scientists to study coral reefs and the coastal ocean, Aquarius allows "aquanauts" to live and work on the seafloor for extended periods using a special technique called saturation diving. The process

dramatically increases the time divers can spend working in the ocean depths.

"During this time we will be isolated and unable to come to the surface," said Williams who holds the title of NEEMO 3 commander.

The veteran of STS-101 recounted some of the training experiences in his mission journal.

"After all of the lost mask drills, I don't want to lose my mask because your eyes sting and you can't see. And secondly, I no longer take the ability to breathe for granted."

One thing Williams found immediately similar to being in space was working on the ocean floor.

"Working with tools, line reels, and the like in the ocean is like conducting a space walk. You have to work slowly and carefully in order to go fast.

"Additionally, the long dives we will take outside Aquarius every day to conduct research and other activities will be a lot like conducting space walks on the ISS. Finally, working with the surface team will also be like mission control working with a crew on the ISS or even on Mars."

During the nine-day mission several NASA departments will monitor the progress of the astronaut crew from the Johnson Space Center in real-time. Underwater communications equipment and cameras will provide interactive capability between the aquanauts and NASA staff in Houston.

This type of experience aboard Aquarius will be used to help build crew and mission control communication techniques, and will provide leadership and interpersonal skills training to everyone involved, officials said.

Williams, a scuba diving enthusiast, is fascinated with exploring the unknown and the challenges of human exploration, and considers the challenges of living and working on Aquarius to be analogous to that of space.

"We have realized that the mission in Aquarius transcends the experiences we will have. Like space flight, the NEEMO mission is one small page in the history of human exploration."

The public can follow the crew's mission and view real-time images by logging on to www.uncwil.edu/nurc/aquarius/.

(Editor's note: Don Montoya is a member of the U.S. Army Space Command Public Affairs Office.)

One million users download Army game

'Dena' McClurkin
Army News Service

From home or elsewhere, the average American can now defend the Alaskan Pipeline, experience basic training and be a part of the 172nd Separate Infantry Brigade — with the help of the Army's new computer game, "America's Army."

Since its launch July 4, more than one million Americans have downloaded the game for free.

"America's Army" actually includes two separate games: "Soldiers," a role-playing character-builder based on the Army's values, and "Operations," a first-person shooter game that takes the player on missions to attack enemies.

"It's a great game because it allows people to see what it's like to be in the Army and on one of our many operations," said Maj. Chris Chambers, deputy director of the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis at the U.S. Army Military Academy. His office came up with the idea for the game.

"Our game reflects the values of the Army and not just the actions," Chambers said. "We value human life. And accomplishing the mission with the lowest number of casualties is our goal."

The students and faculty of the Modeling,

Virtual Environment and Simulation Institute in Monterey, Calif., developed the game and worked with leading computer game firms to make the game detailed and realistic.

Lt. Col. Casey Wardynski, director of the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis, proposed the idea for an Army computer game in 1999 with hopes of using it as a education-packed way to reach America's youth, Chambers said.

"More than 300,000 people have registered to play the on-line version of the game, which tells us that there is a great thirst for knowledge about the U.S. Army," Chambers said.

The idea is to give young men and women a taste of battlefield tactics and soldier professionalism, Chambers said. The game is online, so players can log onto the www.americas-army.com and use team strategies to achieve their objectives.

By September, the Army expects to have paid about \$7.5 million to create and distribute the two games, Chambers said, which includes more than two years of development.

"This is very cost-effective in comparison to television, and it is also a more detailed means of showing the American people what we do," Chambers said.



www.americas-army.com

Left and below, two screens from the "America's Army" computer game. The game was also featured recently in a segment on Tech TV.



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both the G-6 and installation functions into four continental U.S. areas (Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest) and three overseas areas (Korea, Pacific, and Europe).

Information assurance in

support of homeland security was also an agenda highlight. Panel members for that discussion included representatives from the Army, state government, academia, and the private sector.

"Each had a different perspective to share, but all had a common goal - how to work together, using best practices/procedures and collaborative technologies, to achieve better information flows and stronger security in all areas of

homeland security," Browning said.

"One of the reasons we sponsor this conference every year is to bring people together to learn from each other — and this year's conference certainly met that expectation," she added.

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DOIM

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director, Information Management. "We have innovative graphic artists and master model makers that produce high-impact, custom components that together form world-class products."

The division not only handles requests for the expected information technology and remote management, but handles the unexpected as well. The VISD is the only known Army DOIM to offer such diverse expertise and talents in design and fabrication of award-winning exhibits, on-site exhibit management and technical support, innovative graphic arts and design, state-of-the-art multi-media services, fabrication of precision scale models and technically-correct training aids, and comprehensive audio-visual and video production services.

The division offers cost-effective concept-to-completion exhibit services, both domestic and international, which range from small free-standing or portable displays to permanent installations and exhibits in excess of several thousand square feet. Some exhibits which support major Army command missions are permanently installed in high-traffic, high-visibility areas.

"We have a talented group of down-to-earth people here and they all do very impressive work," Dumm said. "Time and again, customers acknowledge not only the high quality of our work, but the willingness of the VISD staff to stand behind it with technical know-how and friendly service."

Facilities to accommodate full-scale dress rehearsals are

available at APG, for customers to familiarize themselves with their exhibit prior to the official exhibition opening.

The VISD includes a staff of multi-media specialists with expertise in building interactive CDs, constructing virtual reality tours and constructing and operating video-teleconferencing studios.

In addition, the agency includes audio-visual specialists with expertise in full-length video production including documentaries and training tapes, non-linear editing skills, special effects and dramatic presentations.

Collective knowledge and experience qualify this unique organization to offer a full range of services for the exhibit and display customer.

"The bottom line is that we are fortunate to have a one-of-a-kind organizational element that can provide world-class service in response to virtually any requirement," Huntley said.

The audio-visual and photo and multi-media services are relocating to a renovated, state-of-the-art facility on the first floor of building 324 later this month, according to Dumm, promising an even greater delivery of high quality work from a talented staff.

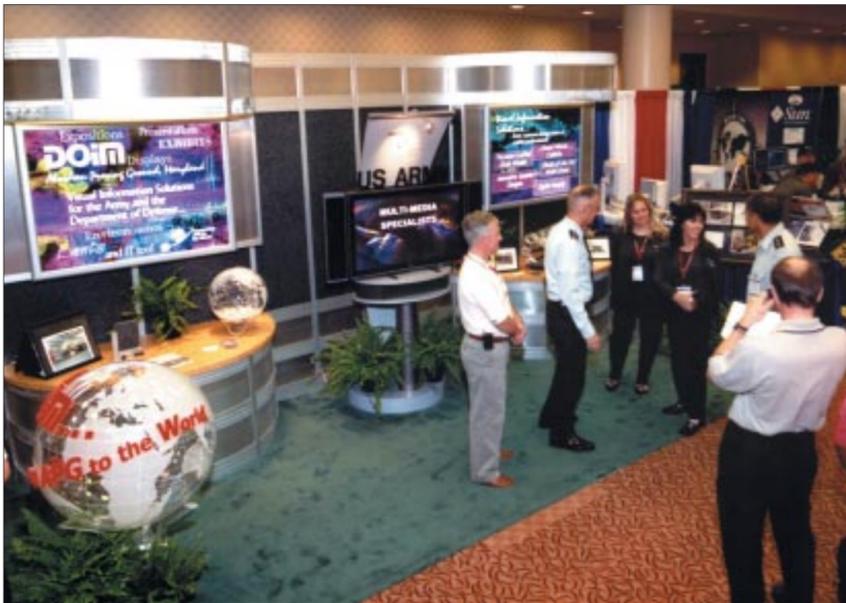
All government organizations are welcome to e-mail AMSSBGIMI@apg.army.mil or call VISD, 410-306-4700, to arrange a tour of the facilities and to discuss individual visual information solutions.

(Editor's note: Beth Brendle-Williams, Directorate of Information Management, VISD, contributed to this article.)



Photo by LA'MONT HARBISON

The Department of Defense Asian Aerospace exhibit produced by the Visual Information Services Division for the U.S. Army, Air Force and Navy, as it appeared in Singapore earlier this year; Farnborough, England in July at the International Air Show; and in Santiago Chile for the International Air and Space Show in April. New exhibits are being prepared for the U.S. Army Europe Land Combat Expo 2002 to be held in Heidelberg, Germany, in September and the Association of the U.S. Army Annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in October.



Second from left, Lt. Gen. Peter M. CuvIELLO, U.S. Army chief, information officer and director, Information Systems Command, Control and Communications, and second from right, Maj. Gen. Steven W. Bouelle, the executive officer for Command, Control and Communications Systems, visit the DOIM exhibit at the recent DOIM 2002 Conference in Atlanta, Ga. Discussing the exhibit with the generals are employees from APG Garrison Directorate of Information Management, from left, Larry Dumm, chief, Visual Information Services Division, Beth Brendle-Williams, and Pam Kartachak. Taking a photo of the group is Earl Florian.

Photo courtesy of DOIM



Photos by SARAH UNDERHILL

Left, soldiers at Fort Carson, Colo., process a mock patient during the CP DEPAMEDS first operational test in 1997.

Below, using the CP DEPAMEDS configuration, up to 140 staff members can treat as many as 236 patients for three days in a clean, climate-controlled atmosphere.

CP DEPAMEDS

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Other features added to the hospital are chemical and biological agent resistant gaskets for the ISO containers, a 20,000 gallon protected water distribution system that delivers 6,500 gallons of potable water per day, two chemical and biological-protected 12-person latrines, and waste management facilities. Another airlock chamber enables the staff to receive a pallet's worth of supplies.

"It's somewhat transparent from inside. It's just when you go to the NBC mode that you notice that the hospital is different," Haley said.

The entrance is where the hospital appears modified. Tunnel airlocks for patients look like plastic tubes sticking out of a clear tent. Patients are

decontaminated before entering the facility and stay in the airlock for one minute to purge any remaining contaminants before inprocessing.

The first operational test was held in August 1997 at Fort Carson, Colo. More than 400 soldiers successfully performed simulated medical operations while encapsulated in the facility for three days, Haley said. A second operational test and evaluation was held at Fort Devens, Mass., in August 1998.

After the CP DEPAMEDS are approved for fielding, five systems will be pre-positioned around the world and the remaining seven will be stored in the Army War Reserve at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark.

For more information about SBCCOM or the Soldier Systems Center, visit Web site <http://www.sbccom.army.mil>.

