

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Aug. 14, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Flying Point Park off limits for swimming

Flying Point Park, located in the Edgewood Area, is closed to all swimming activities.

Signs have been posted on Willoughby Beach Road identifying the area off limits to swimming. There is no swimming because the sediment level in this area has caused swimmers to become entrapped, requiring emergency rescue.

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 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 gate from 3:45 to 6 p.m. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held rain or shine.

Blue Cross/Shield service visit Aug. 13

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Blue Cross-Blue Shield to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground Aug. 13, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will be available in the Aberdeen Area from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room B-14 (lower level).

The representative will be available in the Edgewood Area from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the

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SMA looks at Stryker during visit to ATC

Story and photos by
Susan Hagan
ATC

United States Army Sgt. Maj. Jack Tilley visited the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center July 18, accompanied by the National Guard Bureau's Command Sgt. Maj. A. Frank Lever and other non-commissioned officers to observe testing of the Stryker, the Army's new interim armored vehicle.

Throughout the morning Tilley and the group of NCOs observed several aspects of Stryker testing and received briefings from three units of the Army Test and Evaluation Command: ATC, the Army Transformation Technical Test Office and the Army Evaluation Center.

The ATC oversees test support for the Stryker and Future Combat Systems acquisition programs, and ATC is

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United States Army Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Tilley waits in the turret of the Stryker for a chance to fire the Remote Weapon Station, being loaded by Sgt. Thomas Frederick, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.

APG welcomes REO Speedwagon, Night Ranger, Eddie Money Summer concert slated for Aug. 17

Sheila Little
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's summer 2002 Rock Concert promises entertainment for new and old rockers alike, as three top bands get ready to 'shine.' REO Speedwagon headlines a performance that opens at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 17, with Night Rider and Eddie Money at Shine Sports Field.

REO Speedwagon

After 31 years of touring, writing, recording and performing, REO original members include lead singer/songwriter Kevin Cronin, keyboardist Neal Doughty and bass guitarist Bruce Hall, with Dave Amato, formerly with Ted Nugent, and studio drummer Bryan Hitt.

The group's concert material is sure to include classic numbers as well as recent hits. With 17 critically acclaimed albums and 13 top 40 singles, REO Speedwagon has sold over 40 million records, including hits "Can't Fight This Feeling," "Here With Me," and "Keep On Loving You."

Sold out concert tours with Fleetwood Mac, Pat Benatar, Foreigner and Peter Frampton, have solidified a resurgence in the band's nationwide popularity, including the highly successful Arch Allies Tour, so named because they toured with STYX, a former arch rival

band, in 2000.

Eddie Money

Eddie Money performs immediately before the headliner. Since releasing his self-titled debut album in 1977, Money has been entertaining the world with a score of memorable tunes including "Baby Hold On" and "Two Tickets to Paradise," and later hits such as "Walk on Water" and "Take Me Home Tonight." In his third decade of touring, concert-goers can expect to hear a bit of the old as well as the new.

Night Ranger

Concert opener Night Ranger first left its indelible mark on the music charts with a string of best selling albums beginning in 1982. Known for songs such as "Sister Christian," "When You Close Your Eyes," "Sentimental Street," "Goodbye" and "Don't Tell Me You Love Me," the band is known not only for musical talent, but a talent to entertain, with 10 number one videos on MTV.

Parting ways in 1989, the band reunited in 1996 and has been performing ever since. Known worldwide for its high energy, musically stellar live shows, Night Ranger promises an exciting opener for the concert crowd.

Join in for an evening of rock by REO

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Concert road closures

Marni Allison
MWR

As under current entry control conditions for a weekend, all regular entrances and exits to the installation must be made via Maryland Boulevard gate. However, due to the concert on Aug. 17, the Route 22 gate will open at approximately 3:45 p.m. for concert traffic only.

All cars entering will be directed into a designated parking area in the older residential portion of Chesapeake Gardens. To ensure concert traffic stays in the concert-designated parking area, the following roads will be blocked beginning at noon:

Bayside Drive where it meets Garden Drive. Bayside residents will exit using Bayside Drive near the APG Youth Center, then out via Maryland Boulevard.

Garden Drive will be blocked at Harford Boulevard. Residents of Patriot Village should use Aberdeen Boulevard to access post facilities.

Harford Boulevard will be blocked at Rodman Road, so patrons may access the Shoppette via Maryland Boulevard and Bayside Drive.

Rodman Road will be blocked at Harford Road, and at Aberdeen Boulevard.

Springfield Street will be blocked. Commissary patrons must enter and exit via Maryland Boulevard, and keep in mind that the commissary will close at 3 p.m. that day to support the concert.

Susquehanna Avenue will be blocked at Springfield. Athletic Center patrons must use Boothby Hill to Frankford and park on the Fanshaw Field side of the gymnasium.

Susquehanna, Aberdeen and Raritan boulevards will be blocked at Frankford Street.

Residents of Plumb Point and Hopkins housing areas should use Boothby Hill Avenue and Maryland Boulevard to access post services and to exit post.

De Paz assumes command of AEC

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Col. James M. De Paz assumed command of the U.S. Army Environmental Center during a ceremony at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground's McBride Parade Field on Aug. 1.

The outgoing commander, Col. Stanley H. Lillie, is moving to an assignment at

the Pentagon.

Dozens of AEC employees and guests braved the heat to witness the change of command ceremony that included a howitzer salute by the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools 61st Ordnance Brigade salute battery and ceremonial music by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own).

Robert DiMichele, AEC
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Col. James M. De Paz, left, incoming commander of the U.S. Army Environmental Center, returns the organizational colors to Sgt. Maj. Robert DeFebbo, completing the Aug. 1 assumption of command ceremony.

New site offers free online courses for federal workers

Brian Friel
GovExec.com

Federal workers can take free online courses on approximately 30 subjects ranging from project management to coping with stress through a government-sponsored Web site that debuted July 16.

At a press briefing in Washington, officials from the Office of Personnel Management and Office of Management and Budget unveiled the Gov Online Learning Center at www.golearn.gov.

Federal employees can take the courses, which take from two to eight hours to complete, at no charge to themselves or their agencies.

The launch of the Web site is the first step in the Bush administration's plan to make the Gov Online Learning Center a "one-stop" shop for e-training in the federal government. The learning center is one of the 24 major initiatives that the Bush administration is sponsoring as part of its e-government strategy.

Mark Forman, associate director for information technology and e-government at OMB, said the site would eliminate redundant online learning systems in various agencies, lowering the cost of courses through economies of scale. But Forman and officials from OPM did not divulge the cost of the learning center so far.

OPM and the Transportation Administrative Services Center run the site. The administrative center, which is a fee-for-service operation at the Transportation Department, awarded a contract for a learning management system to GeoLearning, a West Des Moines, Iowa-based firm. The learning management system serves as the backbone of the site, handling student registration, course management and tracking.

Three companies will provide the courses. They are Nashua, N.H.-based SkillSoft, Naperville, Ill.-based NetG and San Antonio-based Karta Technologies.

While the site will offer a limited number of free courses, OPM and the Transportation center will start charging agencies for additional courses and services later this year.

Many other agencies have already set up online universities and e-learning sites. The National Security Agency and the

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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 a weekly water conservation tip. Residents and personnel of APG are urged to look for and practice water conservation for the duration of the drought.

How to save water in the kitchen and laundry

- Refrigerate a bottle of drinking water instead of letting a faucet flow until the water is cold enough to drink.

- Use a dishpan or plug the sink for washing and rinsing dishes. Install a low-flow aerator on all faucets.

- Refrain from pre-rinsing dishes prior to loading a dishwasher. It is an unnecessary and wasteful use of water.

- Operate the washing machine and dishwasher only when they are fully loaded.

- Use the proper water level or load size selection on the washing machine.

- When purchasing a washing machine or dishwasher, consider water consumption as well as energy efficiency. Most manufacturers now provide this information to consumers.

College Fair set for Aug. 21

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Education Center will host the 14th Annual College Fair Aug. 21, 4 to 6 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

More than 30 representatives from colleges, universities and education programs will be on hand to help service members, civilian employees, family members, retirees and members of the community make educated decisions said Cheryl Frazier, APG education services specialist.

Frazier said the fair features representatives from the Troops to Teachers program, a program that provides referral assistance and placement services to enlisted personnel and Department of Defense civilians who are interested in teaching, and from the American Council on Education, which through the AARTS/SMART transcript program recommends college credit for military experience.

Lawrence E. Leak, Ph.D., assistant state superintendent for the Division of Certification and Accreditation, and Diane Gross, ACE assistant director of military programs, will be the first representatives from their respective organizations to attend an APG College Fair.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for service members to learn more about the educational opportunities open to them," Frazier said. "Sometimes, an event like this is all it takes."

Frazier said the center intends to make it "a very academic yet functional experience," for

all involved.

"You can walk around, enjoy the refreshments and get an AARTS transcript processed while you wait," Frazier said, adding that the service will be online for the duration of the fair.

She said that service members, while planning their education strategy, should remember the tuition assistance increase takes effect Oct. 1.

Frazier said that most of the service members she comes in contact with are eager to learn more about education options.

"Soldiers often say that APG is the first assignment where they had a chance to go to college," Frazier said. "Now may be the best time to start working toward academic improvement."

Participating institutions for the 14th Annual College Fair include: Cecil Community College; Central Texas College; Community College of Baltimore; Central Michigan University; College of Notre Dame of Maryland; Coppin State College; DeVry University; Excelsior College; Florida Institute of Technology; Goucher College; Harford Community College; Johns Hopkins University; Liberty University; Morgan State University; Strayer University; TESST College of Technology; Thomas Edison State College; Southern Illinois University; Towson University; University of Baltimore; University of Maryland College Park Engineering Program; University of Maryland University College; University of Phoenix and the Higher Education and Applied Technology (HEAT) Center.

For more information, contact the AA Education Center at 410-278-2481/3515/2380 or the EA center at 410-436-2166/2808.



Commissary patrons save more with 'Manager's Specials'

Rick Brink
Corporate Communications

Commissary customers have a good reason to shop their commissary more often thanks to "Manager's Specials" - short-term sales offering extra low prices on popular products.

"The low prices and short promotional periods of Manager's Specials create a win-win-win situation for commissary customers, DeCA and the manufacturers of the products we sell," said Alan Jones, deputy chief of the Defense Commissary Agency's Marketing Business Unit.

Customers win because they're getting extremely low prices on high-demand products; manufacturers win because the low prices help attract customers to buy more of their products; and DeCA wins because it's able to deliver greater savings to customers, Jones said.

DeCA first tested Manager's Specials in selected commissaries a year ago. "The enthusiastic response by customers spurred its offering in all of our stores," said Bob Vitkacs, DeCA's executive director for operations and product support.

Because the prices are so low and these are popular products, the sales typically last only three days to a week. "The short promotional period is why we say 'It pays to shop

every day' when we talk about Manager's Specials," Jones said. "Many customers are in the habit of shopping on pay days or monthly, but they need to shop more regularly at the commissary in order to take advantage of all the sales we offer them."

The specials are easy to spot in stores because they are prominently displayed with red and yellow "Manager's Special" signs. Customers can also visit the shopping page of

young, active-duty military members who wanted quality products that matched or beat commercial grocer's "store brand" products. BVIs are not necessarily the most familiar name brands, but they are consistently the least expensive brands compared to store brands sold in commercial grocery stores. Manager's Specials are generally top-selling, recognizable brands at deeply discounted prices, on sale for a short time.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates nearly 280 commissaries worldwide, providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families. Authorized commissary patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices - savings worth more than \$2,400 annually for a family of four.

A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

(Editor's note: Rick Brink is a staff writer for the Defense Commissary Agency.)

"Customers win because they're getting extremely low prices on high-demand products..."

Alan Jones
DeCA

DeCA's Web site, www.commissaries.com, to find the Manager's Specials in their local store. Manager's Specials are a feature on the "Savings Aisle."

Manager's Specials are similar to DeCA's popular Best Value Items program in that they both offer great low prices, according to Jones. But that's where the similarity ends.

DeCA launched the BVI program two years ago in response to feedback from

De Paz

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public affairs officer, exceed the ceremony, welcoming the program guests who included Maj. Gen. Larry J. Lust, Department of the Army assistant chief of staff for installation management.

Addressing AEC employees, Lust noted the outstanding accomplishments of the organization under Lillie's command.

"Thanks for all you do day in and day out to help the environment," Lust said. "And thanks for all you have done for the past two years," he told Lillie.

He welcomed De Paz as "a proven leader, coming in with great credentials to a great outfit."

Lillie thanked the command and the Aberdeen Proving Ground Community for their support during his tenure.

"It's been a pleasure to command this organization the past two years," Lillie said. "I think the future is bright for the Army environmental

team."

In particular, he thanked Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Chemical Command and AEC employees and contractors "who are the epitome of a world class organization."

"I will take with me wonderful memories of wonderful people," Lillie said.

De Paz, said he was proud to become "a member of the AEC team."

"I look forward to our coming together," he said.

Lillie was awarded the Legion of Merit. Lust and De Paz led the singing of the Army Song to close the ceremony.

De Paz holds a master of science degree in education from North Georgia College. His military education includes the Chemical Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Airborne, Ranger, and Pathfinder schools, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Air War College.

His past assignments include 12th Chemical Company, 1st Infantry

Division, Fort Riley, Kan.; 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea; 7th Engineer Brigade, Stuttgart, Germany; U.S. Personnel Command (PERSCOM); as a chemical staff officer on the Army Staff (ODCSOPS), Washington, D.C.; Fort Hood, Texas; United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory, Fort Gillem, Ga.; and as a counter proliferation Strategy and policy planner, J-5, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, bronze oak leaf cluster; the Meritorious Service Medal, silver and bronze OLC; the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Staff Identification Badge, the Airborne and Pathfinder badges and the Ranger Tab.

Colonel De Paz is married to the former Margot Josephine Boublik of Vienna, Va.

(Editor's note: Neal Snyder, AEC, contributed to this article.)



From left, Col. Stanley H. Lillie, U.S. Army Environmental Center outgoing commander; Maj. Gen. Larry J. Lust, Department of the Army assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, and Col. James M. De Paz, AEC incoming commander, salute the colors presented by the 61st Ordnance Brigade Color Guard during the AEC change of command ceremony, Aug. 1.

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PET OF THE WEEK



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'Konvict' Kitty?

Kitty longs for a home with no bars on the windows. Come meet the other friendly felines who would love to go home with you at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. You do not have to be active-duty military to adopt a pet. For more information, call the VTF at 410-278-4604/3911. To view more pets available for adoption, visit the APG Web site <http://www.apg.army.mil/garrison/Veterinary/adoption.htm>.

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Maryland Army National Guard Armory, building E-4081, Room 100. No appointment is necessary. Ring the bell and sign in at the Operations Area.

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

Celebrate Women's Equality Day, Aug. 14

APG's Federal Women's Program is hosting the Women's Equality Day Awards Program on Aug. 14 at Top of the Bay at 1:30 p.m. Ellen Saurbrey U.S. representative to the U.N. Commission on the status of Women and former minority leader in the Maryland House of Delegates and Republican nominee for governor in 1998, is the guest speaker. The program will honor the nominees in the categories of woman of the year, supervisor/manager of the year, and organization most supportive of the FWP goals.

For more information, call or e-mail Anne Gibson, chief, Publication Management Division, 410-436-3254/2800, annemarie.gibson@apg.amedd.army.mil.

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 Child-care 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.

Post housing childcare providers offer tours

To make an appointment with a Family Child Care provider in on-post 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.

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 problems 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

Lunchtime Violence Prevention classes

Paul Papp of the Work Assessment Team will hold Workplace Violence Prevention workshops in the

Pollution Prevention



During the warm months, don't over air-condition the home; set the thermostat at 78 degrees. This will save up to 39 percent on cooling costs as compared with a setting of 74 degrees.

APG Pollution Prevention Program

Edgewood Area.

Classes will be held every Monday in building E-4430 in the Conference Room. Class dates are Aug., 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 is 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.

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.

Army announces Strategic Readiness System

Army News Service

The Army has announced that it will transform the way it manages and measures readiness through the implementation of the Strategic Readiness System.

"In the past we focused on combat units with the Unit Status Report," said Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White. "With SRS, we are able to include the other three quarters of the Army not currently formally measured."

Implementation of the system began in March, when Headquarters, Department of the Army Staff elements and major commands identified their personnel responsible for the development of the system and sent them to training.

The remainder of the Army will begin implementation of the system in October.

SRS is the latest in a long series of Army initiatives to better manage information and knowledge. As the Army transforms, it is integrating the most current information technology into its combat and support forces to create near real time situational awareness at the tactical level and to streamline the logistics tail associated with those forces. The creation of Army Knowledge Online has established a virtual Army community that facilitates personnel management and information flow.

Now, the Strategic Readiness System continues this evolution by harnessing the latest

information technology to enhance readiness reporting.

SRS, based on the balanced scorecard methodology, captures data from combat units along with information about installations, infrastructure, well-being, the industrial base, and sustainment. It ensures all levels of the Army recognize and align their operations to the vision and objectives articulated in The Army Plan and measures each element's success in achieving those goals.

"The great thing about this system is that it places no additional burdens on soldiers," said White. "We're leveraging existing systems so that leaders can get a better picture of readiness as we continue to achieve the Army Vision."

Commanders and leaders at all levels, from the Army Staff to divisions and separate brigades, will use the SRS to monitor how their operations support the overall vision and objectives as articulated in the TAP.

"The SRS changes the way we evaluate readiness. It is a new construct that holistically considers and reports every aspect of the Army that contributes to readiness, many that we didn't formally consider before," said Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Chief of Staff of the Army. "Transformation is about much more than platforms and equipment, and readiness is about much more as well. The new SRS responds to this more encompassing and accurate notion of readiness."

Assignment online program reaches 100K milestone

Army News Service

More than 100,000 soldiers have now posted assignment preference information on the Assignment Satisfaction Key, a Web-based application that allows soldiers to submit preference information directly to assignment managers through the Total Army Personnel Database.

"ASK is one of the first Army-wide personnel transformation initiatives," said Col. Jeff Redmann, deputy director of the Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate. "The volume of use of this new service to soldiers and the initial feedback from them indicates we are answering a need and providing personnel e-service to the field."

The Internet tool assists assignment managers in making their job more efficient by reducing paperwork and eliminating requests for unrealistic

assignments, Redmann said.

Only realistic location options are provided through ASK, giving EPMD assignment managers the ability to match Army readiness requirements with a soldier's preference.

"I like [ASK] because it's reality," said Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Shaffer, motor sergeant for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Jacksonville, Fla.

Shaffer submitted his preference in April, via ASK, for an overseas assignment in Germany. Within two weeks of submission, he received a call from his assignment manager fulfilling his request.

"[ASK] isn't like the 'Dream Sheet', I don't know how many different locations I tried before and never got," Shaffer said.

ASK's availability and convenience is what attracts most

soldiers, said Sgt. Maj. Lee Deardorff, noncommissioned officer in charge for the electric maintenance facility at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Soldiers can change their assignment preference at anytime without having to submit new paperwork, Deardorff said.

Deardorff selected his preferences using ASK in January. His branch manager called two months later to notify him of his orders to Germany.

"I had no hopes of being assigned to Germany," Deardorff said. "I've been trying to get there for 16 years."

ASK cannot guarantee 100 percent success, but it represents a fundamental change in assignment management that allows the soldier to be a continuous participant at their convenience, Redmann explained.

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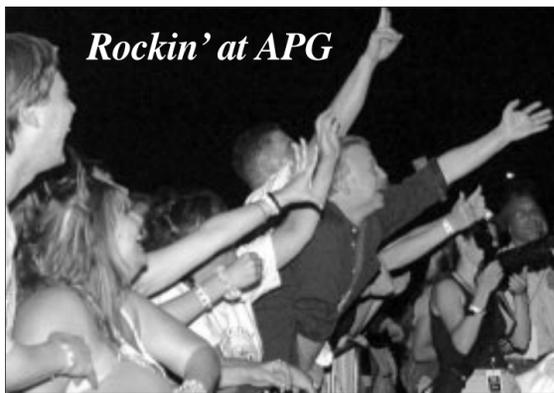


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Fans at last year's rock concert with STYX, Survivor, and KANSAS.

Concert

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Speedwagon, Eddie Money and Night Ranger, and support the military at the same time. Concert profits are returned to the military community to support activities for soldiers and their families.

Concert-goers must enter through the Route 22 gate

where they will be directed to designated parking. Free shuttle service will be provided to the concert site.

In keeping with security, leave coolers at home, and entrants over the age of 16 should come with a picture ID.

In addition, all entrants should be prepared for vehicle and personal searches.

A live broadcast by WOCT at the gate from 3:45 to 6 p.m. is planned for the enjoyment of those who arrive early.

From the gate, entrants will be directed to the designated parking area and free shuttle service will be provided to the concert site.

Bring blankets or lawn chairs for lawn seating.

The concert will take place rain or shine.

Tickets are \$25 and available through Ticketmaster, 1-800-551-SEAT, or at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, 410-278-4011. Tickets will be available the day of the concert for \$35.

DOD asks eligible donors to give blood

Army News Service

Department of Defense blood donor centers are asking eligible soldiers and civilians to give blood this summer to ensure adequate DoD supplies and assist civilian agencies experiencing unusually severe blood shortages.

"The next few months will be tough for us to keep blood supply at optimal levels," said Army Col. Mike Fitzpatrick, Armed Services Blood Program director. "Summer is the time when most military personnel move to new duty stations. When you add summer vacations to that, you get an increased need for blood donations."

Blood donors are encouraged to give blood through the Armed Services Blood Program, which is supporting

civilian requests for blood products in the current shortage, said Navy Cmdr. Rebecca Sparks, deputy director, ASBP.

"In military communities where our program does not have blood collection facilities, we urge soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines to support blood drives in their local communities," Sparks added.

Unlike civilian agencies, the ASBP, which provides blood products for military hospitals and military readiness purposes, is not experiencing a blood shortage.

Having sufficient amounts of blood on hand at Armed Services Blood Programs to meet military needs is attributed to two factors. First, DoD's current needs are much smaller than those of civilian agencies. DoD collects about 1

percent of the blood collected from Americans.

Second, military personnel donate blood at about twice the rate that civilians do. About 10 percent of eligible military donors donate; civilian blood collection agencies estimate that less than 5 percent of the eligible U.S. population donates.

However, a disproportionate number of DoD donors are deferred from giving blood under standards implemented last fall by the Food and Drug Administration, which regulates blood products in the United States.

The standards were instituted as a precautionary measure against exposure to the human form of mad cow disease.

About 18 percent of active-duty military personnel cannot

donate blood because of duty assignments in the United Kingdom and Europe, according to Sparks. Because of concerns about exposure to the human form of mad cow disease, the FDA restricted donations from people who lived or traveled in these places during specified timeframes. DoD issued a policy based on that of the FDA, which defers military personnel and family members who meet any of the following criteria:

- Traveled or resided in the United Kingdom from 1980 through 1996 for a cumulative period of three months or more.

- Traveled or resided in Europe from 1980 through 1996 for a cumulative period of six months or more.

- Traveled or resided in

Europe from 1980 to the present for a cumulative period of five years or more.

- Received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom since 1980.

- Received a bovine insulin product produced in the United Kingdom since 1980.

The deferral policy also affects military retirees and their family members who meet any of the above criteria.

DoD blood officials have begun a campaign to make personnel aware of the need to donate blood on a continuing basis using DoD's internal media. DoD also has added blood recruiting and collection

personnel at its collection facilities, and encouraged commanders to support blood collection efforts.

To find out how to give blood through the Armed Services Blood Program, individuals can contact their local blood donor center.

For information on blood deferral policies and on risks associated with travel or assignment in the United Kingdom and Europe, visit the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Web site at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/mad-cowdisease>.

Army changes NCO promotion board sequence

Joe Burlas

Army News Service,

In a move designed to allow more lead time for permanent-change-of-station notification and best use advanced non-commissioned officer training course seats, the Army is changing the dates it traditionally holds promotion boards for sergeant first class through sergeant major.

The Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G1, sent an All Army Activities message, commonly referred to as an

ALARACT to the field on the subject July 10.

Promotion boards for fiscal years 2002 and 2003 will be held as normally scheduled with the date changes occurring in fiscal year 2004 and 2005. Specifically, the sergeant major promotion board will meet in June 2004, instead of October; the master sergeant board will convene in both February and October 2004 and meet in October thereafter; and the sergeant first class board will convene in February 2005, rather than June.

While the first board date change does not occur until 2004, the impact will be felt sooner. The FY 2003 sergeant first class board will select enough NCOs to meet the Army's sergeant first class promotion needs for a 19-month period instead of the normal needs for 12 months. To ease transition to the new

board dates, there will be no sergeant first class promotion board scheduled in FY 2004, said Sgt. Maj. Gerald Purcell, a personnel policy integrator with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G1.

"This will obviously be tumultuous for some, but it is about correcting some unfavorable situations out there that have been created by the timeframe the results of these boards traditionally come out," Purcell said. "This is about what is best for soldiers and the Army."

What is best for both, according to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, is reducing turbulence created by short-notice PCSs, Purcell said.

With sergeant major promotion boards historically meeting in October and a command sergeant major review board the following

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ASK

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"Our commitment to soldiers is to consider their assignment preferences and, where possible, assign them to a preferred location," Redmann said.

Soldiers must have an Army Knowledge Online account to log onto ASK. ASK requires soldiers to select six locations, three stateside and three other preferences outside of the continental United States.

Soldiers may also volunteer for assignment locations. By doing so, they are telling their assignment manager that if a requirement exists at one of their locations, they would like to move.

ASK can be accessed online at <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil>.

(Editor's note: This release was submitted by the PERSCOM Public Affairs Office.)

Commentary

Commentary: Army Knowledge Management enters next phase

Lt. Gen. Peter Cuvillo
Army News Service

The Army is currently undergoing its most fundamental change in more than a century, while still being fully dedicated to winning the Global War on Terrorism.

In August 2001, Secretary of the Army Thomas White and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki issued the first Army Knowledge Management memorandum. AKM is our comprehensive strategy to transform the Army

into a network-centric, knowledge-based force. It consists of a robust set of goals and objectives that, once achieved, will improve the decision dominance of our tactical commanders and business stewards. In the 10 months since the Army issued this first memorandum, the service has accomplished much in achieving the goals.

For instance, the Army now has one enterprise portal (www.us.army.mil) providing universal access to Army knowledge. In May, the 1 millionth AKO user signed on. The Army is also reducing the number of servers and is streamlining or eliminating many applications. These applications are being placed on the World Wide Web, but behind the secure AKO portal. With the emergence of the Network Enterprise and Technology Command, we are establishing a single authority to operate, manage and defend the Army's infostructure at the enterprise level.

Last month, the secretary and the chief issued the second guidance memorandum for Army Knowledge Management. It is clear evidence we're taking our transformation efforts seriously and moving forward in achieving our transformation goals.

The new memorandum, for which I, as the chief Information Officer/G-6, am issuing implementing guidance, calls for additional computer-server consolidation. It sets a new goal for reducing by half the number of Army Web applications and ensures those remaining applications are linked to AKO. By reducing this so-called information technology "footprint," the money we save can be re-invested in high priority IT programs/systems or requirements.

Our initial focus is to have the directors of information management, or DOIMs, consolidate servers within posts, camps, and stations at minimal cost. Besides the economies and efficiencies we can obtain from reducing that IT footprint, we also realize savings by using enterprise contracts. Further, we will be decreasing system administration, operations and maintenance costs. Servers will be consolidated within several server farms on each installation, as local DOIMs determine.

The memorandum identifies several new focus areas within the AKM initiative that support the overall objectives of AKM and Army Transformation.

These include information security, the DoD Business Initiatives Council and the AKO Configuration Control Board.

Within the DOD Business Initiative Council arena, for instance, the Army keeps any savings from its process changes. This will foster creative ideas and enable funding of some tightly constrained information-technology budget items.

These changes are impacting the Army's transformation effort on both the operational and institutional sides of the Army. The results are so apparent and beneficial to the Army that senior leadership stated, "...we need to speed progress and show even more tangible results."

Our secretary and chief of staff strongly believe that leadership and trust are at the heart of Army Knowledge Management. That's why we challenge leaders and soldiers at all levels to do their part in carrying out this new guidance so we can ensure the Army truly is a network-centric, knowledge-based force, second to none in the world.

(Editor's note: Lt. Gen. Peter Cuvillo is the Army's chief information officer/G-6.)

Commentary: Military terms, acronyms, customs and courtesies



Susan Hagan
ATC

When I started working at Aberdeen Proving Ground in January, acronyms were like a foreign language to me. To be honest, they still are. So when I was given the opportunity to cover Army Family Team Building's Military Terms, Acronyms, Customs and Courtesies class for the *APG News*, I decided it wouldn't be

a bad idea.

I'm hoping that one day when someone speaks to me using acronyms I'll actually understand, instead of having to interrupt the speaker every few words for clarification, or just smiling and nodding when I have no idea what they're talking about.

Right now, I'm mastering the basics; things like DoD, POC, and RDO, but one day I'm hoping to speak fluent 'acronym-ese.' (For people like myself, the 'English' translations are Department of Defense, point of contact and regular day off).

I wasn't sure what to expect since I've never attended an AFTB class.

AFTB was originally designed to enhance training. The classes educate spouses and family members so that the soldier can concentrate on their training. Along with the Military Terms, Acronyms, Customs and Courtesies class, AFTB also offers Chain of Concern, Chain of Command,

Impact of the Mission on Family Life, and Military and Civilian Community Resources, and Overview of Army Family Action Plan as part of the level one family member training modules. There are many other classes offered, divided into three levels. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Diana Jackson, AFTB's program manager, and instructor, made everyone feel welcome. As a military spouse, Jackson knows firsthand what it's like to be part of a military family. She offered entertaining stories to accompany the presentation.

The class covered a lot in an hour and a half. Along with going over basic military acronyms and terms, the class also covered military time, bugle calls, suggested dress codes, invitations and thank you notes, and customs and courtesies.

I learned a lot. For example, I had no idea that when the

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Courses

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Treasury Department's Franchise Business Activity, for example, run an e-learning site called FasTrac that 56 agencies use to access courses from the same three companies that the OPM and Transportation site uses.

Forman said that several agencies have begun to develop migration plans for moving from their own online learning programs to the Gov Online Learning Center site. Other agencies have resisted the effort, he said.

Asked about the NSA site

during Tuesday's briefing, Forman said, "It's a core competency issue, isn't it?"

The Bush administration is not requiring agencies to drop their existing training programs, however, and officials say that the Gov Online Learning Center will complement many programs, while eliminating redundant efforts.

Free courses available on the new site include "Emotional Intelligence at Work," "Foundations of Grammar," "Management Skills for the Diverse Workforce," "Leading through Change," and "MS Word 2000 Fundamentals."

DoD extends TFL eligibility deadline

Courtesy of TRICARE

The Department of Defense announced July 24 that the deadline for beneficiaries to update their eligibility in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, and remain eligible for TRICARE For Life is extended until Sept. 1, 2002.

After Sept. 1, 2002, claims for beneficiaries who are not shown as eligible in DEERS will be denied and will no longer be sent electronically from Medicare to TRICARE for payment. The beneficiaries will be responsible for paying for services that Medicare does not cover.

Claims received for beneficiaries with expired eligibility will continue to be denied until their eligibility information is updated. By law, DoD must recoup (take back) payments made for ineligible persons.

Since the initial Aug. 1 deadline for updating expired eligibility was set, DoD has received health care claims for over 40,000 TFL beneficiaries with expired eligibility, of which almost 19,000 have updated their eligibility. Approximately 4,000 lost

their TRICARE eligibility due to certain events such as divorce, remarriage, or death. Nearly 17,000 beneficiaries, however, have not responded to mailings from DoD urging them to update their eligibility in DEERS so they may use TFL.

In March 2002, DoD launched a campaign to reach this "hard-to-find" population and inform them of their new TFL benefits and what they needed to do to ensure their eligibility was up to date. The Defense Manpower Data Center, who oversees DEERS, mailed individual letters to beneficiaries and explained how to update their eligibility information and expired uniformed services identification cards.

"We urge beneficiaries to contact DMDC and update their eligibility in DEERS so they may continue to take advantage of this incredible benefit. We want to ensure that they have every opportunity to update their eligibility and use TRICARE For Life," said Dr. William Winkenwerder, the Assistant Secretary

of Defense for Health Affairs, on the deadline extension.

DoD will take advantage of the additional time and send more individual letters to beneficiaries who have not updated their eligibility information in DEERS.

TRICARE For Life beneficiaries who need to update or re-verify eligibility, or beneficiaries who have received an Explanation of Benefits stating that they need to update their eligibility, should contact the nearest ID card facility for assistance.

The Web site developed to help beneficiaries locate the three nearest ID card facilities is www.dmdc.osd.mil/rs/.

Beneficiaries also may call the DoD Benefits Reverification Telephone Center at 1-800-361-2620.

For more information about TFL, interested persons may visit the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl or call the Worldwide TRICARE Information Center toll-free at 1-877-DOD-LIFE (1-877-363-5433).



TRICARE Northeast gives pointers to TRICARE Prime retirees

Ann Ham
TRICARE Northeast Public Affair

The Office of Lead Agent and Sierra Military Health Services are working together to improve the enrollment and billing process for TRICARE Prime retirees. In order to ensure the process works as well as possible, each TRICARE Prime member can help by following the steps listed below to get bills on time and send payments in on time, so that enrollment in TRICARE Prime can continue without interruption.

- Have Sierra Military Health Services verify your correct mailing address. Visit or call a TRICARE Service Center at 1-888-999-5195 toll free to make sure address and telephone contact information is up to date. If necessary, submit a TRICARE Prime Change form available at www.sierramilitary.com to

update information. Ensure that this information is correct in DFAS.

- Check your DEERS information. Visit or call the local Personnel Support Office (ID card section)/DFAS to ensure they have the correct DEERS information and address.

- Keep track of when enrollment fees are due. If a bill has not been received 30 days before the enrollment fee is due, call SMHS at 1-888-999-5195 to get the current information on where to send the payment.

- Write the required payment information on your check. Make sure that all payments made to SMHS include Social Security number and the dates of the period the payment covers.

- Check with SMHS to make sure a payment was received and properly posted to the account. A few weeks after submitting payment, call

SMHS at 1-888-999-5195 to see if the payment has been received and posted to the account.

- Pay enrollment fee annually - not quarterly - if possible. Under the present billing system, if payment is made annually there's less chance of a billing and claims payment problem.

These steps will help TRICARE Northeast make sure that enrollments in TRICARE Prime continue without interruption. TRICARE Northeast values its membership in TRICARE Prime and sincerely wants the members to receive the benefits they are entitled to without a delay or problem.

For information related to payments of enrollment fees, contact the local TRICARE Service Center in person or call 1-888-999-5195 toll free.

DoD TRICARE Prime Remote waived charges benefit ends

MilitaryReport.com

The interim "waived charges" benefit is a cost saving program implemented by the Department of Defense to waive cost shares, co-payments and deductibles for active duty family members who reside with their sponsors in TRICARE Prime Remote locations.

TRICARE has announced that the waived charges benefit ends Aug. 31, 2002, and will be replaced by the TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Members, or TPRADFM, program, which beginning Sept. 1, 2002.

TPRADFM replaces the interim benefit, reduces or eliminates out-of-pocket cost, and brings equity of the TRICARE Prime benefit to active duty family members

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Community Notes

SATURDAY

AUGUST 10 and 17

VFW HOSTS SATURDAY CINEMA FOR CHILDREN

Saturdays, Aug. 10 and 7, 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 provide adult supervision for younger children for the duration of the event. It is open to all Harford County children, 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.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 10

CFW 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 Aug. 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Aug. 11, 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.

DAV INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Disabled American Veterans Bel Air Chapter 30 will hold an installation of officers meeting 7 p.m., at the VFW Hall, 303 South Atwood Road. Everyone is encouraged to come together to build a better chapter for servicing our disabled veterans. For more information, call Adjutant-elect Bill Edge, 410-838-8325 or Commander-elect George Mitchell, 410-879-0861.

FRIDAY

AUGUST 23

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Aberdeen Police Association will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Judy Hinch, 410-272-7585, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 31

HARFORD COUNTY AIRPORT FLY-IN

The Experimental Aircraft Association's Upper Chesapeake Chapter 1341 invites all to a fly-in, noon to 6 p.m., at the Harford County Airport (map code OW3; radio frequency 122.8) on Aldino Road, Churchville. Events include a "war-bird" display of military helicopters, airplane rides, an aviation flea market and "all-you-can-eat" spaghetti and meatballs with salad and garlic bread. Cost is \$6.

For more information or to get flea market tables for Experimental Aircraft Association members, contact Joseph Miller, jmflyboy@aol.com, 717-542-6412, or Paul Thomas, paul.thomas36@verizon.com, 410-676-5869.

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 21

TEEN TRIP TO THE APOLLO THEATER

Aberdeen Youth Services has scheduled a middle school/teen trip to the historic Apollo Theater in Harlem, New York. The trip includes a tour of the Apollo Theater, shopping and Apollo's Amateur Show. The bus will leave the Aberdeen Youth Center, 8 a.m. and return at 1 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22. Middle school and teens participating in this program must have a valid Youth Services registration. Cost for the trip is \$10. Spaces are limited and payment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline for middle school/teens to turn in the activity fee and reserve a seat on the bus is Friday, Aug. 16. Parents may join the fun if there are spaces still available on Aug. 19. The cost for parents is \$15 and must be paid by 4 p.m., Aug. 20. For more information, call Angela Shannon, 410-306-4507, or call the Aberdeen Youth Center at 410-278-4995.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 7

CFW SPONSORS HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to fly in a hot air balloon for \$199 per person, which includes charter bus transportation to Lancaster, Pa., and a one-hour flight that begins at 6 p.m. Seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$50 deposit per person is required. For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 12

COMMEMORATIVE PRAYER LUNCHEON

The Aberdeen Area Post Chapel will hold a prayer luncheon, 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. 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.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 14

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held at the Good Shepherd School, 810 Aiken Ave., Perryville, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call the school, 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

MOVIES

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



STAR WARS: EPISODE II-ATTACK (FREE ADMISSION)

Friday, Aug. 9, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 10, 9 p.m.

Starring: Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman

The galaxy has undergone significant change, Anakin has grown into the accomplished Jedi apprentice of Obi-Wan, who himself has transitioned from student to teacher. As the two Jedi are assigned to protect Padme, they face choices that will impact not only their own fates, but the destiny of the Republic. (Rated PG)

POWERPUFF GIRLS (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Aug. 10, 7 p.m.

Animated



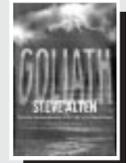
When Professor Utonium first cooked up the girls in his laboratory, he wasn't trying to give them superpowers, he just wanted to create the perfect little girl. But when the professor's mischievous monkey lab assistant Jojo knocked a dose of Chemical X into the mix, the Powerpuff Girls, Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup were born. (Rated PG)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

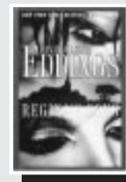
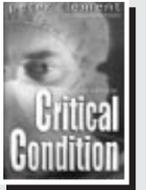


Meet John Trow by Thomas Dyja
In the wake of a deteriorating career and marriage, Steven Armour joins a group of Civil War re-enactors and throws himself into their weekend exercises with zeal, eventually becoming obsessed with his captain's wife before he begins losing his identity in an embrace of his Civil War role.



Goliath by Steve Alten

Critical Condition by Peter Clement



Regina's Song by David and Leigh Eddings



The Monk Downstairs by Tim Farrington



The Rock: a tale of seventh-century Jerusalem by Kanan Makiya

Big If by Mark Costello

To receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically, call the library at 410-278-4991.

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.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES

EFMP SWIM

Exceptional Family Members and their families are invited to swim for \$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.

CAREER, MONEY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

Army Community Service will hold a Career and Money Management Information Workshop for teens, Aug. 14, 1 to 3 p.m., at ACS, building 2754. Topics include Savings and Budgeting; Money Management; Compulsive Spending; Factors That Influence Your Career; Time Management and a mock interview session. These workshop topics assist in giving young adults the greatest possible opportunity to achieve their highest potential in learning job skills information and money management. Classes are open to all APG valid I.D. cardholders. For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Readiness at 410-278-9669. The ACS Employment Readiness Program, APGFCU Youth Educational Services Team, ACS Financial Readiness Program, Child and Youth Services Liaison/Youth Education Service are sponsors of this workshop.

AFTB OFFERS AUGUST CLASSES

Army Family Team Building will hold Level 1 classes at the Edgewood Recreation Center, building E-4140, 6 to 9 p.m.:

Aug. 13: Military Terms, Acronyms, Customs and Courtesies, the Chain of Command and the Chain of

Concern

Aug. 15: Introduction to Military and Civilian Community Resources, Introduction to Army Family Action Planning Program and Introduction to Operation R.E.A.D.Y.

AFTB Level 1 classes in the Aberdeen Area will be offered at Army Community Service, building 2754, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.:

Aug. 21: Benefits, Entitlements and Compensation, Impact of the Mission on Family Life and Family & Military Expectations
Aug. 22: Basic Problem Solving and Supporting Your Child's Education

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.

FREE BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS COURSE

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will present a course in Basic Computer Skills, Aug. 21 to Oct. 2, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., each Wednesday, at the ACS Computer Lab, building 2752. This hands-on course is designed for those with little or no background in computers. Course objectives include: basic skills needed to operate a computer; how to use commercial software packages that run in Windows; and how to access the Internet. This course is open to APG valid I.D. cardholders and adult family members. Active duty personnel/retiree(s) with valid I.D. have priority. For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard, employment readiness manager, building 2754, 410-278-9669. Seating is limited.

NCO

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December, the sergeant major promotion list gets released in mid January. Personnel managers at the Total Army Personnel Command then need several months to determine who goes where, often giving Sergeant Major Academy graduates a 60-day or less notification of where they are going after a May graduation, Purcell said. Likewise, those master sergeants selected to attend the sergeant major academy often get short notification. Both situations place undue stress and turbulence on the soldiers and their families, he said.

Moving the sergeant major promotion board to June allows sergeant major academy graduates to receive their PCS notifications six months out, Purcell explained. Likewise, it will give those selected to attend the academy a nine-month notice.

Another unfavorable situation the changes are designed to fix is low advanced NCO course attendance during the first quarter of each fiscal year, Purcell said. With sergeant first class boards meeting in June and the selection list released in late August, PERSCOM had little reaction time to use existing first-quarter training seats.

Moving the sergeant first class promotion board to February will allow PERSCOM more time than the current system allows to more fully use available ANCOC training seats throughout the year, Purcell said.

Having one large sergeant first class board in FY 2003 and none in FY 2004, does have a drawback to those approaching a retention control point.

Under a policy implemented in October 1995, soldiers who are within 12 months of their retention control point are not eligible for consideration by a centralized promotion board. Under that policy, an initial analysis showed a little more than 2,000 staff sergeants — with a basic active-service date between June 1, 1985 and Jan. 31, 1986 — would have one less promotion board consider them with the re-sequencing of the boards, Purcell said.

“To overcome this, we will grant exceptions to policy to allow each of these soldiers the opportunity to compete for promotion during the fiscal year 2005 sergeant first class board,” Purcell said. “These special provisions will be announced in the message announcing the fiscal year 2005 sergeant first class board.”

“To get where we need to be, we have to go through a transition period,” Purcell said. “That’s always difficult to accomplish while trying to ensure soldiers are treated equitably and fair. The only way to re-sequence the boards is for one to be delayed and to be preceded by a larger than normal selection objective. We decided to make this adjustment with the sergeant first class board.”

To ensure the Army still selects the “best-qualified” for promotion, he said, it will need to expand the zone of consideration for the FY 2003 sergeant first class board.

“The sergeant first class board is the best one for this because military occupational specialty-qualifying jobs are not as stringent as those competing for master sergeant and sergeant major,” Purcell said.

Time-in-grade requirements for the FY 2003 sergeant first class board are still being determined, but they will allow for those considered to have at least two completed and filed NCO evaluation reports as a staff sergeant.

“About 2,800 staff sergeants will be considered earlier than they normally would have — June 2003 instead of June 2004, and about 8,000 will be delayed — February 2005 instead of June 2004,” Purcell said. “These are tough calls, but we simply can’t move everyone up to the earlier board. We have to ensure that when we provide an opportunity for a soldier to be considered, that we are providing them a realistic chance for selection.”

One key point to remember, Purcell said, is that the total number of soldiers that will be promoted during this transition will not be any less than if the boards were not re-sequenced. Some soldiers will be considered a little earlier and some a little later, he continued, but the end result truly benefits soldiers, their families and the Army.

Acronyms

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installation’s American flag is raised (reveille) and lowered (retreat), anyone traveling in a moving vehicle must stop. Civilians may get out of the vehicle if they choose; it is mandatory for active duty service members to get out of their vehicles. You should stand quietly, facing the direction of the flag, until the bugle stops playing.

While I make every effort to be far away from work before 5, if I happen to be driving on the installation during retreat, I’ll now understand why all the cars are stopping, instead of just being irritated that they’re in my way.

I also understand the dress code for various Army occasions, just in case I ever have the opportunity to attend.

I think attending AFTB classes is a good idea for anyone working on a military installation, especially newcomers.

Military Terms, Acronyms, Customs and Courtesies gave me more insight into what day to day Army life is like and what it’s like to be part of an Army family.

AFTB will conduct the fol-

lowing classes in August:

Edgewood Area Level 1 classes will be held at the Edgewood Recreation Center, building E-4140, 6 to 9 p.m.:

Aug. 13: Military Terms, Acronyms, Customs and Courtesies, The Chain of Command and the Chain of Concern

Aug. 15: Introduction to Military and Civilian Community Resources, Introduction to Army Family Action Planning Program and Introduction to Operation R.E.A.D.Y.

AFTB Level 1 classes in the Aberdeen Area will be offered at Army Community

Service, building 2754, 9 a.m. to 12 noon:

Aug. 21: Benefits, Entitlements and Compensation Impact of the Mission on Family Life and Family & Military Expectations

Aug. 22: Basic Problem Solving and Supporting Your Child’s Education

If interested in attending a class, contact AFTB at 410-278-2464. AFTB is located in Army Community Service building 2754.

(Editor’s note: Susan Hagan is the Public Affairs Liaison from ATSS/Sverdrup Technology, Inc. for the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.)

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Safety & Health

Gas grill recalls announced

Ken Giles
CPSC

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling Red Devil and Flat Rock Shoreline series gas grills for injuries they can cause to consumers.

Red Devil gas grills sold at Wal-Mart

In cooperation with the CPSC, Wal-Mart Stores, of Bentonville, Ark., is recalling about 60,000 Red Devil gas grills sold at Wal-Mart. About 155,000 of these grills were manufactured by e4L Inc., of Encino, Calif., and Quantum North America Inc., of Encino, Calif.

Because the manufacturer is out of business, CPSC issued a warning about these grills in May 2002.

The product's design allows consumers to light the grill at an air intake tube, instead of at the burner. Though the grill appears to function normally, gas inside the air intake tube ignites. The tube can reach temperatures of up to 750 degrees Fahrenheit and pre-

sent a burn hazard to consumers. In some earlier grills, the heat produced by lighting the grill at the air intake tube damaged the plastic support piece and caused the grill to fall to the ground. When it collapses, flames from the grill can burn nearby consumers and ignite surrounding combustibles.

There have been 44 reports of consumers suffering burns to legs, hands and fingers, including reports of some third degree burns, after the grills collapsed during use. More than 1,000 consumers returned their grills to the manufacturer because the grills collapsed. There have been no reports of incidents or injuries involving these grills sold by Wal-Mart.

These red metal gas grills have a tripod stand. They have a logo on the label of the lid and grill base showing a devil cooking at a grill with the writing, "Red Devil." The lid also reads "The Portable Outdoor Kitchen." The black plastic base, above the tripod, reads "QUANTUM HOMEWARES." Components sold with the grill include a heat plate, an oversized skillet with

handles, a table-safe serving trivet, and carrying totes. They were manufactured in Hong Kong.

Quantum and e4L sold these grills directly to consumers through television infomercials from about May 1998 through January 1999 for about \$160. This recall only includes grills sold at Wal-Mart.

CPSC sued e4L Inc. and Quantum North America Inc. to obtain a recall, and an administrative law judge granted CPSC a default judgment when the manufacturers failed to appear. The firms are liquidating their assets under bankruptcy law.

Both the Home Shopping Network and QVC previously notified their customers directly about the hazard these grills pose, and provided a remedy. Since Quantum and e4L have declared bankruptcy, there is no remedy available for grills bought from retailers other than HSN, QVC and Wal-Mart.

CPSC urges consumers to stop using these grills immediately. Consumers who purchased Red Devil gas grills from Wal-Mart can return them to the store for a refund. For more information, con-

sumers can call Wal-Mart Customer Service at 1-800-WALMART anytime, or visit Wal-Mart's Web site at www.walmart.com.

Consumers who purchased their Red Devil Gas Grills from a retailer other than Wal-Mart should contact the retailer. If that retailer does not provide a refund, repair or replacement for the grill, consumers should contact CPSC at 1-800-638-2772, anytime.

Additionally, consumers who are aware of any incidents with these grills or who want additional information also should contact CPSC.

About 19,300 of these grills, sold directly by e4L, were recalled in July 1998 because the burners could disconnect from the burner pan. The firm received 21 reports of the burners on these grills disconnecting and one consumer suffered burns.

Even if consumers participated in this previous recall program, they should stop using these grills since this warning addresses a different hazard.

To see a picture of the recalled product(s) and/or to establish a link from your Web site to this press release on CPSC's Web site, link to the

following address:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02206.html>.

Flat Rock Grill Co. recalls gas grills

In cooperation with CPSC, Flat Rock Grill Co., of Powhatan, Va., is voluntarily recalling about 1,800 gas grills. The glass casing of the thermometer displays attached to these grills can break or shatter, posing a risk of cuts or other serious injuries to consumers.

Flat Rock Grill Co. has received six reports of the glass casing of the thermometers on these grills breaking. No injuries have been reported.

These heavy-duty, stainless steel grills are Flat Rock Grill Shoreline Series Models 2000 and 3000. The model number is written on a label on the front of the grill. "FRG" is on the front of the grill. The grill has a thermometer display on the grill hood that measures 3-inches in diameter, and has a temperature range from 50 to 550 degrees. The thermometer display has "BBQ-1" or "BBQ Pit Thermometer" written within the glass casing.

Independent retailers in the

southeastern and south central U.S. and the firm's Web site sold these gas grills from July 1999 through July 2002 for about \$1,200.

Consumers should remove the thermometers on these grills immediately. To get a free replacement thermometer, call Flat Rock Grill Co. toll-free at 1-888-308-7399 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers also can go to the firm's Web site at www.flatrockgrill.com.

Thermometers with the word "Trend" written within the casing are not included in the recall.

To see a picture of the recalled product(s) and/or to establish a link from your Web site to this press release on CPSC's Web site, link to the following address: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02207.html>.



TRICARE

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who reside with their sponsors in remote locations.

Once the TPRADFM benefit begins, active duty family members can choose to enroll in TRICARE Prime or continue using TRICARE Standard or Extra benefits.

Active duty family members who do not choose to enroll in TRICARE Prime will be responsible for the TRICARE Standard cost shares and deductibles.

To take advantage of the TPRADFM benefit, active duty sponsors and family members must be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

Additional information on the TPRADFM program is available on the TRICARE Website at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/remote>. For general information on TRICARE and DEERS, see http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=TRICARE_Overview.htm.

Maintaining healthy skin year 'round

SMHS

Americans spend billions of dollars each year on wrinkle creams, bleaching products and skin lotions to keep skin looking smooth and healthy, yet the simplest and cheapest way to keep skin healthier and younger looking is to stay out of the sun.

The sun's ultraviolet light damages fibers in the skin called elastin. The breakdown of elastin causes the skin to sag, stretch and lose its elasticity.

Sun damage can also cause skin cancer. The chance of developing skin cancer increases as people age.

The best defense against skin cancer is paying attention to the warning signs. If there is a sudden change in the look of a mole or new spot, see a doctor. Look for differences in color, size, shape or surface quality (scaliness, oozing, crusting or bleeding).

The best way to keep skin healthy is avoiding sun exposure early in life. Healthy habits include avoiding tanning parlors and sunbathing and checking skin for signs of skin cancer.

Protect the body from UV light by using sunscreen. If planning on being outdoors between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., wear protective clothing like a hat, long-sleeved shirt and sunglasses.

For answers to questions regarding skin care or any other medical issue, contact the 24-hour Health Care Information Line at 1-800-308-3518 (Pin #208).

(Editor's note: Sierra Military Health Services, Inc., the TRICARE administrator for TRICARE Northeast, presents this information courtesy of the National Institutes of Health.)



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley receives a soldier's input on the Remote Weapon Station from Sgt. Thomas Frederick.

Tilley

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one of several Army Developmental Test Command centers conducting developmental testing for the Army. AEC evaluates test results and reports to acquisition decision makers.

The visitors also observed soldiers in testing and received a briefing on the Versatile Information System - Integrated, Online, or VISION, ATC's state-of-the-art system for recording test information and making it accessible to test customers via the Internet.

Todd Wagner, who heads the ATTTO, and Maj. Scott Hamann of AEC, briefed the Stryker's evaluation concept, developmental testing and the test schedule.

"The big thing we're concerned with now is the vehicle's safety," Wagner said. "We want the [Stryker] to be safe, perform well and be reliable."

The VISION program includes "intelligent" test instrumentation, telecommu-

nication technologies that relay test data from remote sites and an online digital library for test "customers."

"This puts all the data in one spot," said James Fasig, ATC's test director. "All you need is a computer with a browser."

Sgt. Thomas Frederick briefed the visitors on the Stryker's Remote Weapon Station and let them fire the weapon afterward. Tilley also drove the Stryker.

"It was an honor to meet the sergeant major of the Army and the command sergeant major of the National Guard Bureau," Frederick said. "They were very receptive to the hands-on briefing and technical information presented about the RWS. I think it was very beneficial that they were able to see the system in person and have knowledge of what testing has been conducted."

The visitors saw vulnerability testing, using live fire from weapons that replicate real-world threats. Testers, instrument plywood mannequins in the vehicles, help evaluators determine the effect of various weapons on soldiers inside.

The mannequins are dressed in BDUs and wear battlefield equipment.

"This is a very important test," Fasig said, "(The Stryker) will never be tested (in this fashion) again until it goes into combat."

The visitors viewed video showing the effects of test shots on the outside and inside of the Stryker.

They also observed testing of the Military Eye Protection System. ATC is testing this system, using National Guard soldiers, before fielding it.

After chatting with the National Guard soldiers, Tilley posed for a group picture, and gave them his coin and a Sept. 11 commemorative coin.

Before departing, Tilley thanked everyone at ATC for their test support for soldiers.

(Editor's note: Susan Hagan is the Public Affairs Liaison for Aberdeen Test Support Services/Sverdrup Technology, Inc., assigned to the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.)

Capping work begins at Westwood Rubble Landfill



The soil stockpile at the closed Westwood Rubble Landfill is now overgrown with grass.

Haron Siva
DSHE

In compliance with the requirements of Code of Maryland Regulations, Aberdeen Proving Ground will begin capping the Westwood Rubble Landfill in the Edgewood Area. Approximately 60 to 70 truckloads of soil are anticipated for delivery to the site every day Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Weston Solutions was awarded the contract to construct the cap for the entire 20-acre site.

Beginning on or about Aug. 19, trucks will transport soil cover from the APG soil stockpile located on Stokes Road to the Westwood Landfill as part of the cap construction. Site preparation activities began in early July.

Construction personnel and equipment have been mobilized to the site to fulfill the range of activities required to complete the capping project.

Beginning in early November, the construction plan calls for offsite soil to be imported from the White Marsh area. The truck haul route will be in a northerly direction on Route 40 from the White Marsh area. The trucks are expected to enter the

Edgewood Area of APG at Route 24 and turn right on Magnolia Road at the first light. The trucks will proceed on Magnolia Road and turn on to Piney Point Road and proceed to the landfill entrance.

Work associated with the transport of offsite soil to Westwood Landfill is expected to be completed by the end of March.

Other materials needed for construction of the cap system, which includes geosynthetic liners and drainage nets, will be delivered by truck, beginning in late August.

All site-work associated with the cap construction is expected to be completed by April.

According to Dr. Hazoor Khan, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, all contractor personnel, including subcontractors, are aware of traffic safety requirements on APG, including the posted speed limits. "Personnel will be reminded of those requirements as part of the routine safety briefings conducted each morning prior to commencing work," Khan said.

Additional information about the Westwood Rubble Landfill Cap Construction can be obtained by calling DSHE at 410-306-2278.

Sports & Recreation

SBCCOM, Company C 143rd triumph in double-header

Teams jockey for position in playoffs

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With intramural softball winding down to its final week, teams in contention for the post-season are starting to play their best ball.

During a Monday night double-header in the Edgewood Division, the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command pounded Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 22-2 and Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion defeated Company B, U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit, 7-2.

The post-season tournament kicks off Aug. 9 and concludes with the championship game Aug. 11, 2 p.m. at Shine Sports Field.

It seemed SBCCOM, the defending post champion, could do no wrong as its batters scored one run after another through only four innings.

Coach Donny Skinner, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, while fielding several new players, credited a renewed confidence and a desire to repeat as post champions.

"We believe we have a pretty good chance to win it all," Skinner said. "We're not as strong as last year but we're putting it together."

He predicted the team would finish in the top three. "Hopefully, we'll be the one with the trophy," he said.

Company A, 143rd coach Guy Hinkle blamed the disappointing outing on a lack of key players.

"Part of our team is in training. That makes it tough to field a good unit," Hinkle said.

He added that despite the loss, the team is looking forward to the playoffs.

"Our season is still going well. We're hoping for good things during the post season," Hinkle said.

In the second game, a feisty Company C, 143rd used more defense than offense to stifle its opponent. The team took over second place with the Company A, 143rd loss.

Dan Elliott, the unit commander, and Drill Sgt. Laron Scott, both accomplished players, led the team to an early lead and an eventual 7-2 win.

Elliott credited Scott with the victory. "He's done a great job motivating the play-

ers," Elliott. "We'll stay above 500 and get to the playoffs now."

Scott said the team just loves to win.

"Teamwork and motivation elevates their game," Scott said. "I couldn't ask for better than what they're giving me."

Scott predicted a championship for unit.

"These players love winning. They will be tough to beat," Scott said.

Samuel Vernon and Robert Collie were the named players of the game. Vernon and Collie reached base safely every at bat and scored two of the team's seven runs.

Collie, from the North Carolina National Guard, said versatility was the key to the team's success.

"We're all versatile. Everyone can play every position," Collie said. "Plus, we've got great leaders that make it a pleasure to play for."

Vernon, said the team only lost one game since they joined the league 10 games ago.

"The play in the outfield is the biggest improvement," Vernon said. "As long as we keep up that kind of defense, we can't be stopped."

"The bench is just as good as the starters," he added. "That gives you extra confidence on the field."

TEU coach Ronald Gilliam said his unit, while not doing as well as it would have liked, is still having fun together.

"We just couldn't get the bats working tonight, but it wasn't due to lack of effort," Gilliam said.

"We'll bounce back, play the same team tomorrow in a make-up game, and have fun doing it. Building camaraderie is what it's all about."

Key players for TEU were Patti Stitley, who played a mean defense on second base and caused a dust-raising stir with a slide into home plate, and Kerry Jones who loaded the bases with an infield blast to right field in the fifth inning to set up the team's first run. Kenneth Toney drove in the run with a sacrifice fly and Tom Swinson got the final RBI in the sixth, reaching safely on an error by the pitcher with a runner on third.



TEU third base coach Ronald Gilliam, right, and Company C, 143rd catcher Robert Collie, left, watch a missile to left field by TEU's Tom Swinson during the sixth inning. Swinson reached on a throwing error to drive in the team's second run.



Robert Collie, Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, takes off after sending a line drive to third base in the top of the second inning during the Aug. 5 game versus Company B, U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit. Company C, 143rd won the game, 7-2.

Softball update

The following results were reported for intramural softball for the week ending Aug. 2. *Teams advancing.

American Division

Results

July 29
HHC 16th, 16; HHC 61st, 14
HST, 18; KUSAHC, 11
NCOA 25; HHC 143rd, 12
July 31
HST, 12; HHC 61st, 8
HHC 16th, 13; NCOA, 3
KUSAHC, 13; HHC 143rd, 9

Standings

*HHC 16th 17-0
*HHC 143rd 10-5
*NCOA 9-6
*KUSAHC 8-7

HST 8-9
HHC 61st 4-10

Edgewood Division

Results

July 29
Company A 143rd, 7; TEU, 6
SBCCOM, 21; Company B 143rd, 5
July 31
TEU, 12; SBCCOM, 9
Company C 143rd, 20; Company B 143rd, 0

Standings

*SBCCOM 7-6
*Company C 143rd 6-6
Company A 143rd 5-6
TEU 3-10
Company B 143rd 0-14

National Division

Results

July 30
Company C 16th, 8; Company A 16th, 7
Company E 16th, 21; Company B 16th, 7
HHC 1/115th, 19; USMC, 10
Aug. 1

Company A 16th, 21; Company B 16th, 4
USMC, 23; Company C 16th, 6
Company E 16th vs. HHC 1/115th, postponed

Standings

*USMC 11-1
*Company C 16th 9-3
*HHC 1/115th 7-4
Company E 16th 4-6
Company A 16th 4-8
Company B 16th 1-11

Flag football officials clinic

Learn to officiate flag football and earn money. The Community Recreation Division will hold a Flag Football Officials Clinic Aug. 19 through 23, 6 to 8 p.m. in Russell Gymnasium, building 3330. This clinic provides instruction on the rules of the game, how to make calls and provides opportunities for hands-on training (scrimmages). Successful completion

of this clinic allows participants to officiate intramural games on APG and get paid to do it.

Cost to attend the clinic is \$45. Register by Aug. 12 at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300, 410-278-7934.

For more information, call Donna Coyne, 410-278-3929 or e-mail her at donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil.



Photo by HAROLD SMITH

From left, Keith Koob, Headquarters Support Troop, prepares to putt as Greg Diamond and Sam Layman, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade watch with interest on Ruggles Golf Course. MWR's Lanes to Links Tournament will be held Aug. 24. Play begins with an 8 a.m. tee time at Ruggles Golf Course and finishes with five games of bowling at the APG Bowling Center. See below for more tournament information.

Lanes to Links Tournament Aug. 24

Sign up to play the Lanes to Links tournament on Aug. 24. Play begins at Ruggles Golf Course with nine holes in a scramble format, then drive to the APG Bowling Center for

five games of bowling using the "Baker System."

Entry fee is \$30 per person and includes continental breakfast and a brunch buffet in the bowling center. A \$100 gift certificate will be given to each winning team member, as well as other prizes for win-

ning team categories, such as Best/Worst Team in Golf, Best/Worst Team in Bowling. Each competitor will receive a free sports beverage bottle. The tournament is open to everyone. Teams will consist of four people each, of any age. Submit your own team or

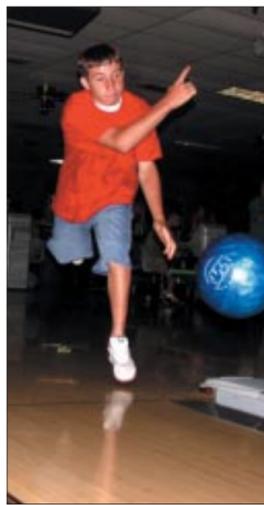


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Chris Denardi, 12, tosses a bowling ball for a spare after the youth awards banquet at the post Bowling Center on June 1

let the bowling center put a team together for you.

Deadline to register is Aug. 19 at the APG Bowling Center or Ruggles Golf Course.

For more information, call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or Debbie Long at 410-278-4794.

Bowling events

- Red Pin Special week is Aug. 12 to 16, Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday and Friday, 1 to 6 p.m.

- All-you-can-bowl runs the month of August, three-hour time limit, and \$7 per hour, per lane, Monday thru Wednesday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Thursday and Friday, 1 to 6 p.m.

- Luncheon bowling league runs Aug. 15 through Oct. 3, for \$10 per week including shoe rental and lunch. Cash prizes are awarded on the last week of bowling.

For more information, call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil.

Intro to car basics

Get introduced to the basic components of car care on Aug. 22 at 6 p.m. This class will teach how to change a tire, jump-start the battery, check the oil and much more. Register by Aug. 15 at Auto Crafts, building 2379. For information, call Stacie Edie at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil.



Tributary team award goes to APG environmentalist

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

A natural resources manager for Aberdeen Proving Ground's Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment was named the 2001 team member of the year for the Upper Western Shore Tributary Team during a ceremony in March.

Dr. Jim Bailey represents APG on the team, which acts in the interest of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and is governed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Tributary Strategies Program.

Bailey's peers selected him as the most exemplary member for the past year for his promotion of team activities and goals while serving as a liaison between teams and government agencies. The award included a citation signed by Governor Parris Glendening.

Bailey said that while he appreciated the honor, the tributary team is more important than any one member.

"Ours is a very worthwhile organization whose goal is simply to return the Chesapeake Bay to its original state prior to the influx of pollution," Bailey said.

While focusing on improving water quality and habitats, ensuring pollution reduction, and conducting outreach programs to educate the community, teams work in consort with state, local and federal environmental agencies to promote conservation and the restoration of the watershed's natural resources, Bailey added.

"Team members include environmental professionals and private citizens such as students, homeowners, boaters and farmers; anyone interested in improving the bay.

"APG has some of the premier lands on all of the bay and the Army actively supports tributary team initiatives," Bailey said.

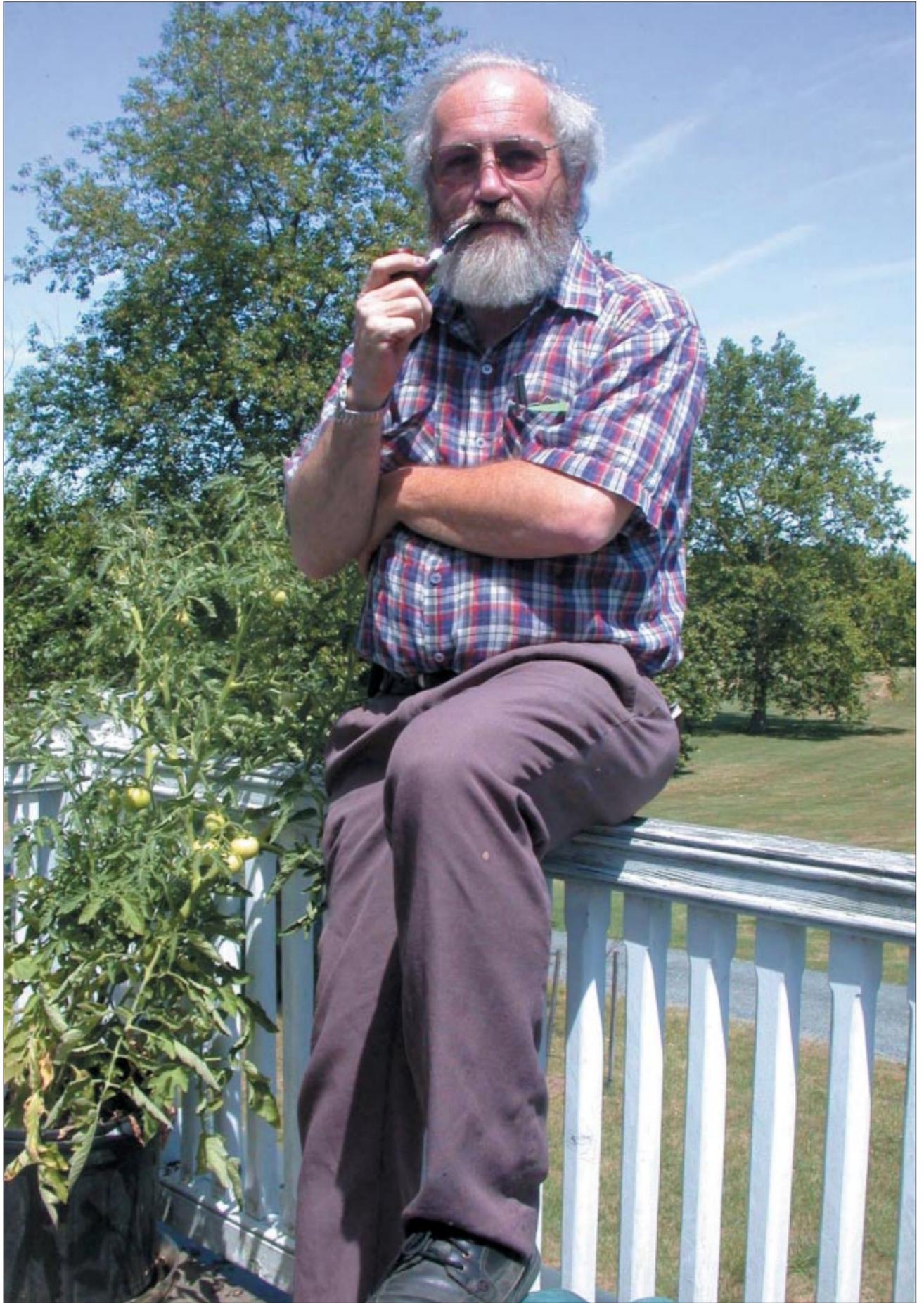
An example is the establishment of the Submerged Aquatic Vegetation program coordinated by the Edgewood Area's U.S. Army Environmental Center.

"Thanks to the program, APG has some of the best aquatic balance in the Upper Chesapeake region," Bailey said.

A native of Nebraska, Bailey holds a doctorate in biology and has been involved with wetlands coordination on APG since 1988. His daily responsibilities include coordinating with and consulting for activities whose actions impact the bay, such as the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, the Directorate of Industrial Operations and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

"I'm the liaison between regulators and the people who work the land," Bailey said.

The Upper Western Shore Tributary Team has been working on the watershed since 1995. Team meetings are held the fourth Monday of every month at various locations. The public is encouraged to attend and learn more about preserving the Chesapeake and its habitats. For information, contact Susan Phelps Larcher, MDNR, about meeting locations, or learn more about tributary strategies at http://www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/tribstrat/upp_e_west_99team.html.



Dr. Jim Bailey, natural resources manager for the Directorate of Safety Health and Environment, relaxes on the balcony outside his office at the Victorian House museum. In March, Maryland environmentalists named Bailey the 2001 Upper Western Shore Tributary team member of the year.