

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, April 17, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### Technology Expo April 11

The annual spring Information Technology Products and Services Expo hosted by the Garrison's Directorate of Information Management and U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command's Corporate Information Office runs April 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Top of the Bay. Over 30 companies will be represented. Military, civilian and contractor personnel are invited. Coffee, donuts and a light lunch buffet will be served. For more information call toll free 1-877-332-3976, Susan Suppa, DOIM, 410-278-7598, or Chris Zukowski, SBCCOM, 410-436-3873.

### Recognition Luncheon

2002 APG Service Members of the Year Recognition Luncheon will honor Army, Marine and Air Force NCOs of the Year; Instructor, Marine and Soldier of the Year; Army Drill Sergeant of the Year; and Air Force Instructor of the Year at 11:30 a.m. April 18 at the Four Points Sheraton, 908 Hospitality Way, Aberdeen. Admission is \$14. For tickets, contact 1st Sgt. Ward or Renee Johnson, 410-278-3000 by April 16.

### The APG Professional Development Forum presents higher education

The APG Science and Technology Board will present The APG Professional Development Forum at two locations on April 23: Top of the Bay at 10 a.m. and the Gunpowder Club at 2 p.m. Following a brief presentation on academic programs and partners at the HEAT Center, representatives from 13 colleges and universities will help participants explore options for higher education in Harford County. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

For more information, call Steve Clark 410-278-1267 or e-mail clarks@dtc.army.mil.

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# Boards select NCO and Soldier of the Year

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's annual selection boards for the installation's top service members culminated with the selection of Sgt. Kendra Shuman and Pfc. Paul Ebohon as the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Soldier of the Year.

Senior APG NCOs selected the two during two selection boards that were held simultaneously on March 27.

They will be honored, along with the winners from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, at the Service Member of the Year Luncheon scheduled for April 18 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Aberdeen.

Shuman is a medical laboratory technician with the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory. Assigned here since October 2000, she also is the NCO of the Quarter and the NCO of the Year for her unit.

Shuman said the APG board offers different challenges from previous boards.

"You have to prepare differently, adjust to a new study guide and study areas," she

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**Sgt. Kendra Shuman**  
NCO of the Year



**Pfc. Paul Ebohon**  
Soldier of the Year

## Army Emergency Relief

**Marge Fissel**  
AER

Army Emergency Relief, or AER, is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated solely to "Helping the Army Take Care of its Own."

It is governed under bylaws established by the AER Board of Managers and receives no funds from the federal government.

AER is supported by voluntary contributions from soldiers, active and retired. The contributions are solicited once a year during the Army's annual AER fund campaign.

AER has been the Army's emergency financial assistance organization since Feb. 5, 1942, and is the only organization dedicated solely to helping soldiers and their families in times of emergency or financial need.

The annual fund raising campaign for AER on Aberdeen Proving Ground began March 1 and will con-

tinue through May 15. Contributions may be made by allotment, cash, or check.

Of every dollar contributed, 96 cents is used to help soldiers. AER's administrative expenses, including fund raising, costs only 4 cents of each dollar contributed.

In 2001, the AER Office on APG disbursed \$239,627.52 in assistance to 224 active duty Army, 55 Army retirees, three Army widows, and 12 active-duty members of the Navy, Marines and Air Force.

Your contributions ensure continued availability of AER funds to meet the needs of fellow soldiers.

For information on donating to AER, contact your unit representative or AER Campaign Coordinator Maj. Hugh D. Shoultz, 410-278-2104 or 3000, or AER Officer Marge Fissel, 410-278-2508.

## Spring cleanup begins

Team participation maintains APG's beauty

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

Twice each year, Aberdeen Proving Ground residents and units participate in an organized, three-week installation-wide clean up. While fall cleanup is scheduled as the final official clean up in preparation for winter, spring cleanup is scheduled to prepare for the installation's busiest time of year, beginning with Ordnance Week and Armed Forces Day celebrations in May, and moving through summer activities into early fall.

This year's spring cleanup gets underway Monday, beginning with the housing areas, April 15 to 22, moving on to tenants, April 23 to 29, and concluding with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, April 30 to May 6.

Coordinating the post-wide effort, APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald E. Stallings said previous efforts have gone well and he expects that to continue.

"Sprucing up the installation gives everyone a great impression of the people of APG, and if everyone does their part, the job is finished in no time," he said.

### Duties

All areas are to be raked, edged, trimmed and cleared of trash and debris. Mulch should be raked and grass removed from pavement areas. The Skippers Point and Patriot Village holding ponds will be unlocked on Saturday, April 20, so residents can work together to clear

the areas of debris. Other common areas in housing areas, including playgrounds, should be cleaned by all neighborhood residents, regardless of whether they or their children use the areas.

Senior area coordinators and area coordinators are in charge of coordinating cleanup in their housing areas.

Stallings said anyone refusing to participate in neighborhood cleanup will be dealt with through their chain of command.

### Equipment and supplies

The Re-Nu-It centers, building 5413 in the Aberdeen Area and building E-5703 in the Edgewood Area, have garden equipment including rakes, mowers, edgers and trimmers available and will also offer trash bags, grass seed and fertilizer to participants.

In order for equipment to be checked, repaired and prepared for re-issue, residents who check out equipment for cleanup must return it no later than noon, April 22. Units must return equipment by noon, April 29, and OC&S must return the items by noon, May 7.

### Re-Nu-It Center hours

During the three weeks of cleanup the hours for the AA center will be 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Some shrubs and plants that can withstand freezing temperatures may be available during spring cleanup, but summer flowers will not be

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

### Reunited

**Maj. Paul Cisar, left, deployment commander of the Maryland Army National Guard's Co. F, 224th Aviation Regiment, gazes lovingly at his 7-month old daughter, Reilly, as wife Heather looks on during the return of 36 members of the unit from Bosnia. The families were reunited at the Edgewood Area's Maryland Army National Guard Armory on April 3. (See story on page 13.)**

## Treasury to suspend G Fund investments

**Brian Friel**  
GovExec.com

The Treasury Department will suspend daily investments of billions of dollars of federal employees' retirement funds for two weeks to avoid breaking the federal debt ceiling, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said Tuesday.

In a letter to key members of Congress, O'Neill said money in the G Fund, the portion of the federal 401k-style Thrift Savings Plan, or TSP, that is normally invested in Treasury securities, will not be invested from April 4 to April 18. The move will prevent the government from exceeding a statutory \$5.95 trillion debt ceiling.

"The G Fund will receive complete restoration of all funds temporarily affected by this necessary action, including full and automatic restoration of any interest that would have been credited to the fund," O'Neill said in his letter to Senate and House leaders. "In short, the result on the G Fund and its beneficiaries will

be the same as if this temporary action had never taken place."

Federal employees have about \$40 billion of their retirement funds invested in the G Fund, one of five funds available through the TSP (the other four funds invest in common stocks, bonds, small stocks and foreign stocks). Normally, the Treasury Department invests the money in the G Fund each day in Treasury securities, generating more than \$5 million in interest. Over the next two weeks, Treasury each day will move some of the \$40 billion into non-interest-bearing accounts that don't count against the federal debt ceiling.

Treasury will keep track of the interest that the G Fund should have earned each day. When the government is no longer in danger of hitting the debt limit, Treasury will restore the lost interest to the G Fund.

Over the next two weeks, federal employees will still be

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### OSJA sponsors annual Law Day Luncheon

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will sponsor the annual APG Law Day Luncheon, May 1, 11:30 a.m., at Top of the Bay. Guest speaker will be Thomas M. DiBiagio, U.S. Attorney, District of Maryland.

Cost of the luncheon is \$12 per person, and is payable by check to: Susan G. Grendahl, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Building 310, Wing 2, APG, MD 21005-5055. Seating is limited. R.S.V.P. by April 25. No reservations or payments will be accepted after April 12 due to heightened security.

### 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.

### It's 'Showtime at APG'

The Family Advocacy Program and the Exceptional Family Member Program of Army Community Service will host "Showtime at APG," a talent show of children 18 and under, Monday, April 22, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information call Reeshemah Bugg, exceptional family member program manager at 410-278-2420, or Laura Reich, family advocacy prevention specialist at 410-278-7478.

### EA Thrift Shop has 25-cent Tuesday

On Tuesday, April 16, all clearance items will be 25 cents each at the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop.

If you bring in this ad, your first 10 items will be 10 cents each.

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop is located across from the golf course on Stark Road. We are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-3pm and the first Saturday of the month from 10-2pm. For more information, call 410-676-4733.

### Weight Watchers at Work information and signup meeting, April 17

Find out what the Weight Watchers at Work program is all about at the next information and signup meeting on April 17. The program offers professional leadership, group support and a sound and safe weight control program. Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in building 324, second floor conference room. The current group has lost almost 1,000 pounds since starting the program last summer. To learn more about the Weight Watchers at Work Program, call 410-278-1151.

### 2002 purchase request submissions schedule

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

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

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

Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 by June 15.

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

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Commercial Items under \$100,000 by Aug. 15.

Maintenance for fiscal year 2003 by June 15.

PD2, the Department of Defense contracting automated system, is used at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood sites. Although the RMAC purchase request submission schedule has been increased to permit additional time to process actions through this system, year-end requirements should be submitted as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Refer questions to Joyce Roberts, APG Branch, joyce.roberts@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0869; or

Cynthia Phillips, Edgewood Branch, cynthia.phillips@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-436-2554.

### 16th Annual 547th Engineer Battalion (Cbt) Association Reunion

The 547th Engineer Battalion (Cbt) Association and its attached units, 552nd and 1328th, will hold its 16th annual reunion from Aug. 1 to 4. The reunion will be held at the Drawbridge Inn, located on 2470 Royal Drive, Fort Mitchell, Ky., 41017, Route I-75/171 and Buttermilk Pike, Exit 186. For more information or for registration, call Nelson Reinhart, 1036 Terry Del Ln., Cincinnati, Ohio 45245, 513-752-8545, or Ursula Allen, 9111 Forest Ave. SW, Lakewood, Wash. 98498, 253-582-4649.

For hotel reservations, call 1-800-352-9866 (in state), or 1-800-354-9793.

### Pollution Prevention



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### AA Thrift Shop accepting applications to fill manager position

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop has a manager position open. Applications can be picked up at building 2458 on April 11. The application period closes April 12. For more information, call 410-272-8572.

### AA Thrift Shop offers discount

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop will offer 10 percent off total purchase if patron presents this ad during April.

The thrift shop sales hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignment hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 410-272-8572.

### CFC information

Anyone needing information for this year, or from the 2001 Combined Federal Campaign, should contact John Belcher, john.belcher@usag.apg.army.mil or call 410-278-3131.

### RAB meeting announced

The monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting will be held April 25, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on Other Edgewood Areas and the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action. For more information, call the Information Line, 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

### Disposing of excess software

Excess software with accompanying DA Form 3161, Request for Issue or Turn-In, can be turned in every other Tuesday between 8:30 and 11 a.m. at building 4021.

For complete sets of software, the DA Form 3161 should include software name, manufacturer, date of manufacture, and the number of sets. For incomplete sets, the media (diskettes, CDs, etc.) must be separated from the manuals and other papers. The entire lot may then be listed as "Assorted software, 1 lot."

For more information or for a turn in that involves more than 100 boxes, call Sandy Schiller at 410-278-8883.

### Family child care training offered

Family Child Care, or FCC, training will be conducted during the week of April 22 in building 2752. Interviews will be held on April 15 and 16. Applicants who are interested in providing home-based child care, especially infant care, are encouraged to apply. Being a professionally trained provider in a home environment offers many benefits: \$500 per week; self employment; free training in a marketable profession; transferable credit to Army installations world wide; free use of lending library; free referrals by Central Registry; free monthly newsletter; free workshops (nutrition, health, child development, safety, CPR, taxes); participation in the National CDA credential program and participation in the USDA food program.

For more information, call Gail Smith, 410-278-7477/8720

### KUSAHC holds Food Handlers Class

The Environmental Health Section of Preventive Medicine Services will conduct 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 1 and 1/2 hour 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 noncommissioned officers in charge of all food service establishments on post will ensure that their personnel attend this class. Attendance at this class will be a requirement for hiring new civilian employees.

Registration should be made at least three days prior to the class date. Class size is limited and is based on first-call, first-served basis.

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

### 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](http://www.apg.army.mil).

### AA meetings held at APG chapel

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

### Army Band requests

Requests for the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) should be submitted to Staff Sgt. Kay Reynolds, 410-278-7953, a minimum of 60 days in advance of an event.

### CWF softball league forming

The Civilian Welfare Fund is looking for teams interested in playing softball.

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

### Volunteer tutors needed

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

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

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

Volunteer tutors are also needed for the Free State ChalleNGe Military Youth Corps. Tutoring is scheduled for Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Subject areas are mathematics, social studies, science, literature and writing.

If interested in volunteering for this program, contact Dr. Webb at 410-278-6605/4541.

### Make picnic reservations for 2002

Outdoor Recreation is accepting reservations from Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations for the 2002 picnic season.

Call at 410-278-4124, or visit building 2407 for reservations.

### CPOC Web site updated

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

### CAPA Field available for reservations

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

People attending functions must have a military or civilian identification card or be escorted by a person who has a military or civilian ID.

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

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## POSTING THE COLORS OF SPRING



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

*This pink and white Dogwood tree, shown in full bloom last spring at the Exton Golf Course in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, serves as a reminder that Mother Nature is doing her part to show off the beauty of APG. Personnel and residents are asked to join her in sprucing up the installation over the next three weeks, as spring cleanup gets underway. (See related article on the front page.)*

# APG begins Drought Watch measures

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

Although Aberdeen Proving Ground has seen some rain over recent weeks, a major dry spell which began last summer and lasted through the fall and winter still has a strong grip over APG and the surrounding area. As a result, the state of Maryland has upgraded drought conditions in central areas of the state, including Harford County and APG, from a drought warning to a drought watch.

To help minimize the impact of drought at APG, the installation is asking soldiers, employees and residents to use a common sense approach to conserving water, and cooperate and abide by phase one of the Drought Watch restrictions.

Common sense restrictions include shorter showers, collecting rainwater to use on gardens, and turning off water when not in use, such as when shaving or brushing teeth.

"It is imperative that each and every employee and resident of this installation participate in water conservation practices," said Col Mardi

U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander, who added that with everyone participating, more serious drought conditions may be put off or avoided.

"We hope to preclude significant mission impacts," Mark said, adding that anyone who wishes to discuss a legitimate exception should call Bert Scott, director of Installation Operations, 410-306-1101.

A Drought Emergency Hotline, 410-306-1107, has been established to aid in reporting water leaks, and for participants to provide water-saving suggestions or express concerns. When responding to the recorded message, include your name and phone number along with your message. A member of the Drought Emergency Task Force will answer your call.

"We appreciate your cooperation, and assure everyone that the situation on APG is being continually monitored," Mark said. "Hopefully, by conserving water now, we will not have to take more drastic measures required by a drought emergency."

## APG Drought Watch restrictions

- No water will be served at clubs, snack bars, or other restaurant-type facilities except upon patron request.
- No water will be served in troop mess halls except by self-help.
- No washing of privately-owned or military/government vehicles, except mission essential vehicles and military vehicles washed using recycled or closed-loop wash racks.
- No washing of paved surfaces, including streets, sidewalks, stairs and tennis courts.
- No watering of landscaped areas, including lawns, athletic fields, trees, shrubs or other outdoor plants. Minimum watering, in order to prevent loss, is acceptable for newly planted trees and shrubs. As an exception for those with vegetable and flower gardens, watering may take place on even dates for homes with even number addresses, and on odd dates for odd numbered homes.
- No use of water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains, unless it is a closed-loop system requiring no additional water.
- Only run dishwashers and washing machines when full.

# Edgewood CB Center recruits young talent

**Kelly Buckingham**  
ECBC

The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, or ECBC, is actively recruiting science and engineering talent from area colleges and universities.

"This is a good opportunity for the federal government to hire young talent," stated Janis Seegar, ECBC's college recruitment coordinator. "There is a high level of patriotism in America's young people, and they are excited and eager to serve their coun-

try." Last year, ECBC filled 17 science and engineering positions with new college graduates. This year, ECBC has approximately 16 positions open in the areas of biology, chemistry, physics, chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and electronic engineering. For certain hard-to-fill positions, ECBC offers candidates up to a 25 percent sign-on bonus, in addition to accelerated promotions and training and education programs.

ECBC participates in job fairs throughout the year, including the University of Maryland Baltimore County's Multi-Ethnic and Disability Job Fair scheduled for this month. ECBC personnel also visit a variety of colleges and universities in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

ECBC, located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, is the Department of Defense's principle research, development, and engineering center for non-medical chemical and

biological defense technology. ECBC has achieved major technological advances for national defense, civilian needs and industrial competitiveness, with a long and distinguished history of providing the armed forces and the nation with quality systems and outstanding customer service.

For more information about employment opportunities at ECBC, contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at 410-278-8960.

## Cleanup

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available until the area passes the frost date in mid-May. For more information call the Re-Nu-It Center in Aberdeen, 410-278-8814/8815, or the Edgewood Re-Nu-It Center, 410-436-2398.

### Trash removal

A special leaf and tree limb pickup is scheduled for Monday, April 22, beginning at 7 a.m. for the housing areas. Trimmings from bushes, tree limbs and yard waste should be at the curb in anticipation of an early pick up. Any dirt to be picked up should be swept into containers of no more than 40 lbs. and left at the curb. Bulk household items may be placed at the curb for pick up by the refuse contractor at 7 a.m. on regular trash day.

In addition, a yard waste and tree limb collection site is located at building 3558 in the Aberdeen Area. The site is for collection of plant debris only which will be taken to the Scarboro Landfill.

For housing residents, the site will be open on April 16 and 18; for units other than OC&S, it will be open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 23 and 25; for OC&S, the same hours on April 30 and May 2.

### Unit information

The unit NCO is required to report to the Re-Nu-It Center and sign out and return any equipment needed for unit cleanup. If there is no point of contact, the unit will be unable to check out supplies. Most units are assigned more than one area to clean up. Refer to the letter of instruction for specifics, or call Stallings, 410-278-1509.

Stallings commended residents and units for doing a great job with fall cleanup and maintaining their areas throughout the winter months, and expressed confidence that residents and units will continue to put forth a great effort.

"Thanks for doing such a great job last fall," Stallings said. "And thank you in advance for helping maintain APG's beauty through your participation this spring."



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# Sports & Recreation

## Sports shorts

### Intramural 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Team rosters are due by April 11 for the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament to be held Saturday April 13, at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center.

There will be a military unit bracket (for Commander's Cup Points) and a civilian bracket. Teams are limited to five players.

For more information, contact Donna Coyne, at 278-3929 or donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil.

### Armed Forces Day Fun Run

It's that time of year again. The 5th Annual AFD Fun Run will be held Saturday May 18, 2 p.m. at Festival Park, in

downtown Aberdeen. Flyers will be out shortly. Free commemorative T-shirts to the first 200 registered.

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### Intramural Dead Lift Competition

Competition is open to all APG military and civilian patrons 18 years and older. Military team rosters are due by April 26.

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### All Army Sports Applications

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ested in participating on All Army Sports Teams for the following sports must submit an application to the APG Sports Office by the listed dates:

Triathlon	April 15
Softball	May 13
Golf	July 16
Rugby	July 26

Candidates are advised to read Army Regulation 215-1, section 20c, which reviews the standards for All Army participation. Visit the Army Sports Website at armymwr.com/mwr/armysports.

Soldiers must be assigned to a unit at APG at the time the application is due. For more information contact Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929.

## Volleyball update

The following results were reported for intramural volleyball for the week ending April 5.

### Aberdeen Division Results

**April 1**

HHC 143rd defeated KUSAHC, 15-0; 13-15; 15-4  
HHC 16th win, Company A 308th MI, forfeit

**April 3**

KUSAHC, win; NCOA, forfeit  
HHC 143rd defeated HHC 16th, 15-13; 12-15; 15-12

### Schedule

**April 15**

6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Company A 308th MI

**April 17**

6:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. Company A 308th MI

7:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. KUSAHC

### Standings

HHC 143rd 2-0

HHC 16th 1-1

KUSAHC 1-1

Company A 308th MI 0-1

NCOA 0-1

### Edgewood Division Results

**April 1**

CHPPM defeated Company C 143rd, 15-3; 15-8

MRICD defeated Company B 143rd, 15-4; 15-1

**April 3**

MRICD defeated Company A 143rd, 15-4; 11-15; 15-4

CHPPM defeated Company B 143rd, 15-8; 15-2

**April 4**

Company E 16th defeated Company A 16th, 15-0; 15-8

USMC defeated Company B 16th, 15-0; 17-15

### Schedule

**April 15**

6:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. Company A 143rd

7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. Company B 143rd

**April 17**

6:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. MRICD

7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. CHPPM

### Standings

MRICD 2-0

CHPPM 2-0

Company A 143rd 0-1

Company C 143rd 0-1

Company B 143rd 0-2

### National Division Results

**April 2**

USMC defeated Company E 15, 15-8; 15-11

Company C 16th, win, Company A 16th, forfeit

### Schedule

**April 16**

6:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. Company C 16th

7:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. Company B 16th

**April 18**

6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company A 16th

7:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company E 16th

### Standings

USMC 2-0

Company C 16th 1-0

Company E 16th 1-1

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Company A 16th 0-2

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# Fifty years of service

CHPPM public affairs officer joins elite group of public servants

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

When Evelyn "Bell" Riley moved from the job she had at Aberdeen Proving Ground since 1945 to performing administrative duties at then-Edgewood Arsenal in 1950, she didn't expect to make such a long career of it.

As one of approximately 50 employees at the Army Industrial Hygiene Laboratory, now known as the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, or CHPPM, Riley used a manual typewriter, carbon paper, stencils and ditto sheets, and took dictation using Gregg shorthand.

Now doing the majority of her work using a computer, the Internet and electronic mail, alot has changed over the years, but Riley's dedication remains steadfast.

Affectionately called "Bell" by friends and colleagues, the public affairs officer for CHPPM has shown a constant willingness to cope with changes, face challenges and learn on the job.

Honored for her many years of service at the Gunpowder Club, Feb. 21, Maj. Gen. Lester Martinez-Lopez, former CHPPM commander, said Riley "led a life of true commitment and represents the best of what CHPPM is."

"She's shown a 50-year commitment to the agency, the Army and the soldiers," he

said. "Along the way she's done a little bit of everything."

"She, just like CHPPM, has evolved, matured and gotten better, and she's loved by all of us," he added.

Starting out as an assistant in the administrative area, Riley moved on to working for the scientific director, where she learned editing and polished up her writing skills. After six years, she took time off to start her family, but returned to the organization as a secretary in 1960.

The temporary return to the organization turned into a permanent position.

"After the woman I replaced didn't return from maternity leave, I got the job permanently and just stayed on," she said.

As the organization expanded, so did Riley's responsibilities. She became an editor, and realizing that the many technical reports generated by the agency needed to follow a standard style, composed the first Agency Style Manual, which is still being revised and used today.

In the 1970s Riley added word processing to her list of skills and was named chief of the Technical Review and Production Branch, responsible for word processing, editing, mail and distribution and illustrations. As manager of the Word Processing Center, Riley shared her information outside the installation, teaching word processing concepts for sever-

al years at Harford and Essex Community colleges.

In 1987, Riley became the public affairs officer, concentrating on telling the Army's story from the agency's perspective. Five years later, Riley was named chief of the Public Affairs Office.

Realignments over the years have changed her responsibilities somewhat, but she continues as the CHPPM public affairs officer, doing what she loves to do.

Col. William Chambers, CHPPM chief of staff, said Riley's institutional knowledge and the connections she's made over the years are valuable to the agency, but her support and advocacy for the organization's staff and the work they accomplish is especially appreciated.

"She's our cheerleader," Chambers said. "She's a strong advocate for CHPPM, is a model team player, and displays the enthusiasm and boundless energy of an 18 year-old."

Chambers added that Riley does her best in whatever she tackles, thereby setting the example for others.

"She's a consummate professional, dedicated to excellence and setting the highest professional standards," he said.

At a reception held in her honor, Riley thanked friends and family members for their support over the years and gave credit to God for good health, making her long career possible. Family members in attendance included her three daughters and three of her five grandchildren.

"I don't know what the future holds for me," Riley said, "but I have no plans to retire."

Reflecting on her many years of service to the military, she said, "This is a great place. I've met some wonderful people and made some wonderful friends."



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# BSA awards Silver Beaver to CHPPM employee

**Bell Riley**  
CHPPM

The highest honor the Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America can award to a volunteer is not an award that can be earned. Instead, the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, for exceptional and noteworthy service to youth, is nominated by a scouting peer who remains anonymous.

Dr. William A. Russell, an environmental protection specialist at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, or CHPPM, received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America, Baltimore Area Council, during the annual recognition dinner held Jan. 31 at Martin's West.

Terry Koontz, the Baltimore Area Council's district director for the Harford District thanked Russell for his devotion to the

scouting program and the youth in Harford County.

"Whenever we call on Bill, he is always there," Koontz said.

This award applauds Russell's service to youth and the wide range of his professional and civic responsibilities which fulfills scouting's aim to provide responsible, mature adults as good models for youth, he said.

"Through his many years of dedicated service to the scouting program, Bill has touched the lives of many young people," Koontz said. "He has dedicated countless hours to ensuring young people are given all the opportunities that our program has to offer."

Russell has helped numerous scouts and leaders throughout the Harford District, Baltimore Area Council and the National Jamboree to understand the outdoors and our environment. His knowledge of and devotion to the environment have enabled the community to enjoy and perpetuate an outdoor laboratory.

Russell said that along with its values and principles, boy scouting fosters a love and a respect for the outdoors. The love of country and the outdoors blends nicely and provides an opportunity to enjoy what has been given to us. To respect and to cherish these things are our right and our obligation.

"I started scouting as a youth, but drifted away to the volunteer fire service at 16 years of age," Russell said. "Then my son, Brent, came of age and joined scouting. This brought memories back and the incentive to join scouting as an adult. He and I have both stayed in Scouting and he is an Eagle Scout. Now 23 years old, Brent and I are registered adults in Scouting."

As an active leader, currently holding such positions as the Harford District commissioner, Order of the Arrow Lodge advisor of inductions (Nentico 12), District Activities Committee, Venture Crew advisor, troop committee member, assistant dean of the Doctoral Program University of Scouting and Merit Badge counselor, Russell introduces boys to every aspect of the outdoors.

In the past he has been a troop committee chairman, assistant Scoutmaster, Cub Scout pack committee member, faculty member of the University of Scouting and Harford Chapter of the Order of the Arrow.

Russell's awards include the Scouters Training Award, Scouters Key, Arrowhead Award, Honor Commissioner, Distinguished Commissioner, District Award of Merit and Quality District Awards for 2000 and 2001.

He also holds the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor and the OA Founder's Award.

Russell helped found the Harford Glen Foundation supporting environmental education.

"I personally find the Boy Scouts of America a very rewarding organization that you can count on," Russell said. "The values of God and country are still a solid foundation of scouting."

"Watching young boys and girls learn and grow into good, knowledgeable, self-reliant citizens is fantastic," he said. "What else could you ask for?"

As an environmental protection specialist in CHPPM's Environmental Noise Program, Russell serves as a senior advisor, authority, expert and consultant to elements of the Defense Department worldwide, guiding and directing policy and objectives relating to environmental noise and encroachment.

Russell assists in the development of local policy and works

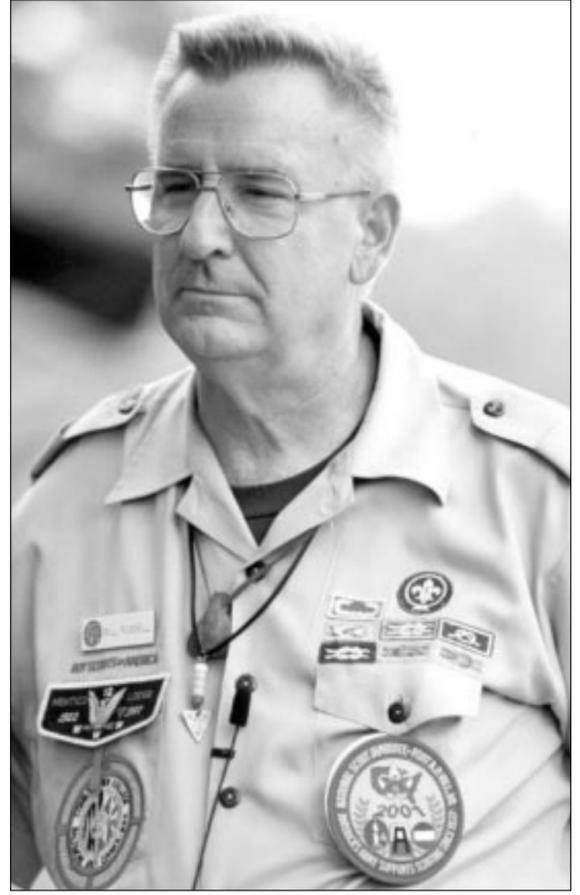


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Dr. William A. Russell, environmental protection specialist in the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine's Environmental Noise Program, received the Silver Beaver Award from the Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America for exceptional and noteworthy service to youth. The Silver Beaver is the highest award the BSA can bestow upon a volunteer for exceptional service to youth.

in conjunction with the State of Maryland and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, guaranteeing the quality of life for future generations and is listed in nine different Who's-Who publications for contributions in the field of environmental science.

Russell studies birds and supports the work of the Maryland Ornithological Society, National Wildlife Federation and the Harford County Environmental Advisory Board.

He has co-authored books on bird breeding, and is a member of the Raptor Research Foundation, Association of Field Ornithologists, the American Ornithologist Union, and National Association of Environmental Professionals.

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Prior to this change in law, employees were required to be vested in the losing retirement system before they were allowed the option to retain that retirement system while moving between civil service and NAF positions.

The change applies to moves that occurred on or after Dec. 28, 2001.

Second, the new law allows Civil Service Retirement System, or CSRS, and Federal Employee Retirement System, or FERS, employees to use prior NAF service to meet the eligibility

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This additional time is not counted towards their annuity.

For example, an employee with one year of NAF service and 29 years CSRS or FERS service would be eligible for retirement based upon 30 years of service.

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The Aberdeen Proving Ground Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is currently recruiting for 22 Lifeguard (GS-03) and 3 Pool Manager (GS-04) positions for the upcoming pool season, which runs from May 20 to Sept. 2.

Job announcements can be found on the Internet at [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil). Click on 'Employment.' Copies of announcements are also available at the Job Information Center in building 305, lower level.

For Lifeguard positions, the announcement number is AGB200013. Applicants for must possess a current Red Cross Standard First Aid Certificate; a current Adult Cardiopulmonary

Resuscitation (CPR) Certificate; and current Red Cross Standard First Aid Certificate.

For Pool Managers, the announcement number is AGB200014. Applicants must be certified by the State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as a pool operator; and possess a current Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Certificate; a current Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate, a current certificate in First Aid, and a current Lifeguard Training Certificate.

Proof of these requirements should be submitted with the application.

For additional information, contact Diana Brown, APG CPAC, 410-278-8987.

## NCO, SOY

From front page

said, adding that being comfortable with the study material is the key. "There is always some nervousness, but you relax after you give your biography and go from there."

She credited her sponsors, Sgt. Candy Bailey and Sgt. Andre Chance, and her chain of command with supporting her.

"Their help got me here," she said. Knowing they were behind me gave me confidence."

Ebohon is a preventive medicine specialist with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

He arrived at APG seven months ago from Korea. He agreed that the board held its own challenges.

"They went more in depth on the subject matter, but I thought I did well," Ebohon said.

In the Army only one year and three months, the native of Nigeria agreed that the NCO support channel is vital to a successful showing before a board.

"Their encouragement makes the difference," he said.

Currently attending weekend and night college courses, he added that he hopes to attend Officer Candidate School.

"I enjoy the military," he said. "It's cool."

Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer Brown, the CHPPM first sergeant, sponsored Ebohon.

The other candidates included the NCO runner up, Sgt. Jason Krantz, CHPPM, Sgt. Joshua Vincill, 389th

Army Band (AMC's Own), Sgt. Humphrey Okele, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Staff Sgt. Robert Busseau, U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit and Cpl. Nathan West, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

The soldier candidates included the runner up, Spc. Larry Todd, HHC 143rd, and Spc. Trevor Hartley, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own).

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings oversaw the proceedings. He said the candidates had already demonstrated that they are the "super soldiers" of their commands.

"Just by getting to this point they've shown they are among the best on APG," Stallings said. "This is a springboard to higher competitions."

He said winners could advance to the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and the U.S. Army Materiel Command competitions.

"One could very well compete for the new Sergeant Major of the Army Board," Stallings said, adding the annual board is "part of the old Army tradition in which we mold soldiers into professionals."

"If they can handle this, they know what to expect at promotion boards," he said.

"There aren't any losers here today," Stallings added. "All are winners."

Command Sgt. Maj. Sam Brinson, HHC 143rd, was the panel chief of the NCO board while Sgt. Maj. Willie A. Weeks, HHC 16th, led the soldier board.

NCO board members included Sgt. Maj. Robert Levy, 520th TAML, Sgt. Maj. Donald Lloyd, 389th Army Band, Sgt. Maj. Fredrick Hurley, U.S. Army Reserve

liaison, and Master Sgt. Edward Allen, KUSAHC.

The soldier board members were 1st Sgt. Richard Magnum, HHC 1/115th Infantry, 1st Sgt. Jeffrey Averett, HHC 61st; 1st Sgt. Norma Morant, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course and 1st Sgt. David Benjamin, Company C 1/115th Infantry.

For tickets to attend the luncheon contact 1st Sgt. Ward or Renee Johnson, 410-278-3000, no later than April 16. Make checks payable to Four Points Sheraton Hotel

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# Community Notes

**SATURDAY**

**APRIL 12**

**BAKERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Bakerfield Elementary School will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5. For tickets, call Sandy Pierce, 410-273-7184.

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

**APRIL 12, 13 AND 14**

**'NUNSENSE' BY TIDEWATER PLAYERS**

The Tidewater Players presents "Nunsense," a musical comedy by Dan Goggin, at the Havre de Grace Old Opera Hall on April 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and on April 14 at 3 p.m. Directed by Laurie Starkey, the play features six local actors, some of whom performed with the former Aberdeen Proving Ground Players. Admission is \$10. For information or reservations, call 410-939-5046/0430.

**SUNDAY**

**APRIL 14**

**YOUTH SUNDAY**

First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, 219 E. Bel Air Ave, invites you to challenge and support youth as they teach Sunday School classes and participate in special events in the worship service.

**WEDNESDAY**

**APRIL 17**

**AFTB CLASS ON IMPACT OF THE MISSION ON FAMILY LIFE AND CHAIN OF COMMAND**

An Army Family Team Building, AFTB, class will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 2752. AFTB provides training for a way of life that prepares everyone in America's Army to function at its highest level, in any situation, with minimal outside support. Class topics include chain of command and concern and impact of the mission on family life. R.S.V.P. by April 15 by calling Diana Jackson, 410-278-2464. The final class in this series will be held April 24.

**THURSDAY**

**APRIL 18**

**TEEN JOB PREPARATION WORKSHOP**

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program, Child and Youth Service Liaison/Youth Education Services, Bel Air Workforce will sponsor an Aberdeen Proving Ground Teen Job Preparation Workshop, 4 to 6 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Topics include resumes, paychecks, interview skills, job skills and completing applications, and will assist in giving youth the opportunity to achieve their highest potential in learning and working.

For more information or registration, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Readiness, 410-278-9669, or Ivan Mehosky, CYS School Liaison/Youth Education Services, 410-278-2857.

**FRIDAY**

**APRIL 19**

**BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Aberdeen High School soccer will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10. For information or tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

**APRIL 19 AND 20**

**'NUNSENSE' BY TIDEWATER PLAYERS**

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**FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

**APRIL 19, 20 AND 21**

**'HELLO DOLLY'**

The St. Paul's Players of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will present "Hello, Dolly!" April 19 to 28 through special arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc. This is the fourth musical production by the group whose mission is to provide family entertainment and fellowship for members of the church and the community. The book is by Michael Stewart, the music and lyrics are by Jerry Herman, and it is based on the play, "The Matchmaker" by Thornton Wilder.

Performances will be held Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. General admission seating is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. For reservations, call the box office at 410-734-7429. The church is located at 201 Mt. Royal Ave. and Route 22 in Aberdeen.

This production of "Hello, Dolly!" is supported by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency funded by the State of Maryland and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information, call 410-272-3111.

**SATURDAY**

**APRIL 20**

**WALK FIVE MILE TO CURE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**

Do something healthy for yourself and your community at the Maryland Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's 'MS Walk in Bel Air,' starting at Bel Air High School. By walking five miles, you not only keep in shape, but get the chance to help local residents living with MS.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis. The society is the leading provider of information and programs for people with MS and their families as well as the supporter of more MS research projects than any other voluntary MS organization in the world.

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

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

**APRIL 20 AND 21**

**YARD SALE**

Girl Scout Troop 1331 will have a yard sale, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 103 South Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Rain date is April 27. For more information, call Debbie Lassen, 410-273-8930.

**SUNDAY**

**APRIL 21**

**JIM MURRAY MINISTRIES**

Jim Murray will speak and sing at the 11 a.m. worship service at the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, 219 E. Bel Air Ave. Join the congregation to hear his music and testimony. His story includes experience singing with The Imperials and The Gaithers.

**HARFORD CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT**

The Harford Choral Society Spring Concert will be held at 3 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Mission of St. Margaret, 1716 Churchville Rd. (Rt 22), Bel Air. The cost is \$12.50 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students over 15.

Tickets are available at Preston's Stationary, Music & Arts in Festival at Bel Air, at the door, or by calling Mindy Elledge, 410-939-0338.

**WEDNESDAY**

**APRIL 24**

**NCMA CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER MEETING**

The National Contract Management Association, Upper Chesapeake Chapter, will hold its monthly meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Top of the Bay, the Old Baltimore Room. The presentation begins promptly at noon. Guest speaker will be Blake Sajonia, head of the Business Development Office at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The topic is "Utilization of the Federal Technology Transfer Program at APG and its Interrelationship with Government Contract."

For more information or to make a reservation, call Beth Flemming 410-278-5287, or send e-mail to Elizabeth.Flemming@usag.apg.army.mil. For individuals who do not have an ID card that allows them access to APG, send Flemming your full name (first, middle, last) and the last four digits of your Social Security Number by close of business April 19, in order to be included on the Post Access Roster for April 24. The Upper Chesapeake Chapter recommends 1 CLP for this presentation.

**ASMC LUNCHEON**

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Chesapeake Chapter, will host a luncheon at the Gunpowder Lounge, Top of the Bay, Aberdeen Proving Ground, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Buffet style luncheon is pay as you go. Chapter President David Mike will speak on the upcoming 2002 Professional Development Institute seminar to be held in Denver, May 28 to 31.

If interested in attending, contact your ASMC representative.

**AFTB CLASS ON COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

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**THURSDAY**

**APRIL 25**

**'ONE WAY 2 PLAY-DRUG FREE'**

Child and Youth Services Division, the Chaplain Activities Office, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is sponsoring "One Way 2 Play-Drug Free," a program to confront the problem of drugs and alcohol among young people.

Steve Fitzhugh, a former Denver Broncos National Football League football player, will speak at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater, 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bill Kegley at 410-306-2297 or Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857. Youth must be at least 13 years old to attend.

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

**APRIL 26, 27 AND 28**

**'HELLO DOLLY'**

The St. Paul's Players of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will present "Hello, Dolly!" April 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, 28 at 3 p.m. General admission seating is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. For reservations, call the box office at 410-734-7429. The church is located at 201 Mt. Royal Ave. and Route 22 in Aberdeen.

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**SATURDAY**

**APRIL 27**

**BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held at the Good Shepherd School, 810 Aiken Avenue, Perryville, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10. Additional sets can be purchased for \$5. For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**TRIP TO SIX FLAGS**

Club Beyond and the Aberdeen Proving Ground chapels are sponsoring a bus trip for middle school students (grades 6 to 8) to Six Flags America. Meet at the Aberdeen Area Chapel at 8 a.m. Suggested donation is \$30 and includes transportation, admission and lunch. Registration deadline is April 12.

For questions or more information, call Alan Leavell at the chapel, 410-278-4333.

**WEDNESDAY**

**MAY 1**

**U.S. COURTHOUSE MEMORIALIZATION**

There will be a ceremony at the Courthouse, building 2043, Aberdeen Proving Ground, at 8:30 a.m., to memorialize retired Lt. Col. Jackie Rice, previous deputy staff judge

**MOVIES**

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**CROSSROADS**

Friday, April 12, 7 p.m.

Starring: Britney Spears, Anson Mount

Lucy, Kit and Mimi, after eight years apart, rediscover their friendship on a cross-country trip. With barely a plan, practically no money but plenty of dreams, the girls catch a lift with Mimi's handsome, mysterious friend Ben in his '73 Buick convertible. Along the way they not only gather experiences that will change their lives forever, but they also discover how important it is to hold on to their hearts' desires. (Rated PG-13)



**THE SCORPION KING (FREE PREVIEW)**

Saturday, April 13, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 14, 3 p.m.

Starring: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Michael Clarke Duncan

Inspired by the legendary Egyptian warrior, The Scorpion King is set 5,000 years ago in the notorious city of Gomorrah, where an evil ruler is determined to lay waste to all the nomadic peoples of the desert. Knowing their enemy relies on the visions of a sorcerer, they hire a skilled assassin, Mathayus (The Rock) to eliminate the visionary. (Rated PG-13)

**DRAGONFLY**

Saturday, April 13, 9 p.m.

Starring: Kevin Costner, Joe Morton

Dr. Darrow is a respected expert, but his professional knowledge provides little comfort when tragedy claims the life of his wife. Six months after he death, Emily's body has not been recovered and Joe has shut down. Sister Madeline, a Catholic nun who has studied near-death experiences, understands that Joe and Emily may have unfinished business and that neither of them will rest until it is resolved. (Rated PG-13)



**LIBRARY BOOK CORNER**

These recently published titles are available at the APG MWR Library:



**Sacramento of Lies** by Elizabeth Dewberry

**Spies**, by Michael Frayn



**Lovely Green Eyes** by Arnost Lustig

**All I Could Get: a novel of Wall Street** by Scott Lasser



**Testimony of an Irish Slave Girl** by Kate McCafferty

**Hell to Pay** by George Pelecanos



**Time and Chance** by Sharon Kay Penman

**Area 7** by Matthew Reilly



**The English Assassin** by Daniel Silva

**Warning Signs** by Stephen White



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

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

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

advocate from 1993 to 1995, who was responsible for renovations to building 2043. R.S.V.P. by April 25, to Nora Farrell, 410-278-1107.

**FRIDAY**

**MAY 10**

**OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT, DANCE**

All poets are welcomed for an Open Mike Poetry Night, 8 to 11 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, Aberdeen. Dancing will be held from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dress code includes dress to impress - no jeans, boots, bandannas, sweats or sneakers. Open to ages 21 and over with proper ID. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$10 at the door. Music will be provided by DJ Sir Knight.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Copeland, 1-877-937-9936.





# Cataracts - prevention, diagnosis and care

Sierra Military Health Services, Inc.

Eyesight is one of our most prized possessions as it affects our every waking moment. Work, play and communication would all be affected by the loss of vision. The following information about cataracts is courtesy of "The National Institute of Health."

A cataract is a clouding of the eye's lens that causes loss of vision. Researchers suspect that there are several causes of cataracts, the most common being age related. People can have age related cataracts as early as in their 40s and 50s, however these cataracts are often small and do not affect vision. Total loss of vision does not usually occur until after the age of 60. Other possible causes for cataract development include smoking, diabetes and protein fluctuations in the lens that are a normal part of the body's aging process.

A cataract starts out small, having little effect on vision at first. Vision may be cloudy or blurry

and you may experience problems with light, including headlights that seem too bright at night, glare from lamps or very bright sunlight. Conversely, colors may seem faded. Other symptoms that you may experience are poor night vision and double vision, or you may require frequent changes in your eyeglasses or contact lenses. These symptoms can also be a sign of other eye problems. If you have any of these symptoms, check with your eye care professional.

Cataracts can only be detected by having a comprehensive eye examination. Should your eye care professional find one, he or she can monitor it and advise you about optimal treatment. A cataract needs to be removed only when vision loss interferes with everyday activities, such as driving, reading or watching TV.

For early cataract treatment, vision may improve by using different eyeglasses, a magnifying lens, or stronger lighting. If these

measures do not help, surgery is an effective treatment. Surgery involves removing the cloudy lens and replacing it with a substitute lens. Cataract surgery is very successful in restoring vision. In fact, it is one of the most common surgeries performed in the United States, with over 1.5 million cataract surgeries performed each year.

Protecting your vision if you are over age 60 should include an eye examination at least every two years. Included in this exam should be a process called dilation where drops are added to the eye to create an enlargement of the pupils. Dilation forces the pupils to open, creating a greater viewing area for the doctor. This procedure could produce mild discomfort and extra sensitivity to light, but is necessary when caring for the eyes.

For more information about cataracts, contact Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic or your personal physician.

## Enrollment opens for Long Term Care Insurance

Army News Service

The early enrollment period for Long-Term Care Insurance, or LTCI, began March 25 and runs through May 15 for federal employees and servicemembers.

Sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management, the new insurance is designed to help pay for services such as nursing-home care, long-term home care, or care in an assisted-living facility. OPM officials said most existing federal health insurance policies do not cover this type of long-term care.

OPM selected two leading insurance companies, John Hancock and Metropolitan Life, as the carriers who are now offering the new LTCI. The two companies have formed a joint-venture company, LTC Partners, administering the federal LTCI program.

Active and retired civilian employees and uniformed service members are eligible to enroll in LTCI. An estimated 20 million members of the federal family are eligible for the insurance, according to OPM officials, including postal employees and annuitants, military retirees, and qualified family members.

OPM officials said it is important to note that not all plan features will be available during the early enrollment period. They said premium payments may be made to the provider through automatic bank withdrawal and direct billing; however, payroll deduction will not be available yet.

The second opportunity to enroll will be the first LTCI open season, July 1 through Dec. 31. At that time, all options under the program will be available and payroll

deduction will be implemented, officials said. They said those who enroll during the Early Enrollment Program may switch to payroll deduction during the LTCI open season.

Federal employees are eligible to enroll in LTCI if they are eligible to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits, or FEHB, Program, officials said. Unlike FEHB, the LTCI premiums are fully paid for by employees who choose to enroll.

OPM has determined that the provider, LTC Partners, is solely responsible for all core functions that support this program, including answering questions about the insurance. Counselors at the Army Benefits Center - Civilian, or ABC-C, are not supposed to answer any questions regarding the insurance, other than to direct callers to the

provider, officials said.

Questions about the insurance can be directed to LTC Partners by calling: 1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337) or by visiting the LTC Web site [www.ltcfeds.com](http://www.ltcfeds.com).

OPM also has an informative and educational Web site about long-term care needs and insurance in general at [www.opm.gov/insure/ltc](http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc). This site also provides information about LTCI tax issues, facts, and legislation.

Post cards for requesting a subscription to a series of informational bulletins being produced by LTC Partners will be sent through normal distribution channels.

LTCI enrollments must be made directly through the provider and cannot be accepted through any servicing personnel office or the ABC-C, officials said.

## Outlook Tip



### Sending email from Excel

While in Excel, select File, then Send To.

Select either Mail Recipient or Mail Recipient (As Attachment) depending on whether you want

to send just the current worksheet in the body of the message or the entire workbook as an attachment.

Select the individual(s) that you wish to receive this workbook.

For more information see Outlook Tip #21 located in the Outlook tips Public Folder.

Select Public Folders, All Public Folders, then APG, then Outlook Information and finally select Outlook Tips.

## Win \$300 for Mother's Day essay contest

Enlisted members who enter the USO-Metro's annual Mother of the Year Essay contest may win a trip for mother and a guest to Washington, D.C. and \$300 cash.

To enter write an essay of 500 words or less entitled, "Why My Mother Should be Honored on Mother's Day." The contest is open to all active duty enlisted personnel permanently assigned to the greater Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area. Essays will be judged on originality, thoughtfulness and content.

All entries must be submitted by April 18 to: USO-Metro, Attn: Essay Contest, Bldg 405, 228 McNair Road, Fort Myer, VA 22211.

In the event that your essay does not win and you

would like your essay to be forwarded to your mother, include her home address on your entry.

The winner of the contest will be awarded a \$300 cash prize and receive two round trip air tickets to the Washington-Baltimore area from any major airport in the continental U.S. for his or her mother and guest.

On Sunday, May 12, the winner, his or her mother and guest will be recognized at the annual USO-Metro Mother's Day celebration.

Hotel accommodations and limousine transportation provided. The winner will be notified on April 22.

For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth at the USO-Metro Family Support Services Office at 703-696-3279.





## AKO e-mail address - new addition to NCO-ER

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

Soldiers will be required to add one more thing to their noncommissioned officer-evaluation report in an attempt to cut back on the need to return reports with date discrepancies.

Army Knowledge Online, or AKO, e-mail addresses for the rated NCO and the rating officials will now be required on all active-duty NCO-ERs beginning with an end date of March 2002. However, reports that have been completed will not be returned due to missing e-mail addresses, said Sgt. Maj. Ray Everette, NCO-ER policy manager, Total Army Personnel Command.

The requirement was done to stop the return of NCO-ERs that have gaps in the reporting period, Everette said. Gaps are when the "from date" on the NCO-ER being sent to the

Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center for processing is not the month after the "end date" of the last report on file. Which usually means that there is a report missing from the file, Everette said.

By adding the AKO e-mail addresses EREC officials will be able to directly contact the rated NCO and his rating officials to inform them that there is a discrepancy based on the end date of the last report on file.

In the past, the reports were returned to the soldier's Personnel Support Battalion. Now the report will be accepted for processing, and the rated NCO will have up to 60 days to resolve it, or the gap will be declared as non-rated time on the official military personnel file, Everette said.

The e-mail address for the rated NCO will be placed four spaces after his name on the top back side of the report on page two. The AKO e-mail

address up to the @ sign is the only portion to be entered on the report, for example, BUNNY, BUGGS P. buggs.bunny@, is how the address should read.

The e-mail addresses for all three rating officials will be entered on the last line of Part IIIId, Areas of Special Interest. Only one space is necessary between addresses and the following abbreviations and punctuation should be used: rater:, S/R: for senior rater and Rev: for reviewer.

There will be no exceptions to policy on where the rating officials will place their e-mail address, Everette said. However, provisions were made for the rating officials who don't have AKO addresses, he added.

"There is not an option to place the e-mail addresses in any other blocks than the one authorized," Everette said. "Raters may use only the first two lines for areas of special emphasis. If there are multiple items to list,

the rater must decide which ones are the most significant to add on the report."

The idea behind adding the AKO e-mail address wasn't to ensure that all NCOs had accounts as directed, Everette said. The route was chosen since it was a requirement that should have been met by now, he said. However, rating officials that don't have accounts for whatever reason can use either a unit or personal Internet e-mail address, Everette said. In those cases the full address should be given.

Officials who promote the AKO account said this is exactly what they wanted AKO to be able to do for soldiers.

"Using their AKO e-mail address in this way puts soldiers in the drivers' seat," said Col Robert L. Coxe, chief technology officer, Chief Information Office/G-6. "This is just one example of what the Army meant

when it said AKO was giving soldiers a single, unique e-mail address that would follow them throughout their Army careers.

"I'd like every application in the Army to use the AKO e-mail address, so that wherever soldiers find themselves, they can still obtain timely, relevant information important to their careers."

The latest change to the NCO-ER is another way senior leaders are trying to take care of soldiers, Everette said.

There are numerous reasons why a soldier departs a command without a report, Everette said. Then when he goes back to obtain it, no one in the current rating chain meets rating requirements to help out, he added.

It's a significant problem when soldiers' files are not current when its time to promote and make school assignments based on outdated information, he said.

## Soldiers can forward AKO e-mail to other accounts

**Patrick A. Swan**  
Army News Service

Using an Army Knowledge Online e-mail address doesn't mean soldiers must surrender their current military or commercial e-mail accounts.

In fact, with AKO's forwarding rule, e-mails from "us.army.mil" addresses can be automatically forwarded to any other e-mail address a user selects, AKO officials explained. They said users can do this by clicking on the "personalize" button after they log on, and then choosing "user profile."

AKO officials set up the forwarding rule because they said they realized most AKO e-mail accounts complement, rather than replace, soldiers' local post and AOL- or Hotmail-type accounts, said Harold Tucker, AKO systems architect.

"Considering how often soldiers move around," added David Hale, AKO webmaster, "it is a significant advantage for them to have one e-mail address that does not change as

they move from post to post or from mission to mission.

"Having a 'us.army.mil' email address is much easier for soldiers' buddies, families and colleagues to remember than the typical installation e-mail address string," Hale said.

The Army's global e-mail directory doesn't always have a soldier's most current e-mail address, Hale said. However, he said that AKO's global e-mail directory does. "That means you stand a much greater chance of reaching the person you want to contact via e-mail," Hale said.

Also, because soldiers can gain access to their AKO accounts from any Internet terminal in the world, Hale said they can maintain communication at times they wouldn't ordinarily have any Army e-mail address, such as when they are in-between assignments or in jobs that don't provide regular Internet access.

*(Editor's note: Patrick Swan is a public affairs liaison officer with the Chief Information Officer/G-6.)*

## AKO e-mail increases dramatically

**Patrick A. Swan**  
Army News Service

Since Army senior leaders mandated all soldiers and civilian employees sign up last year, Army Knowledge Online accounts have skyrocketed from 170,000 to more than 900,000.

"AKO is adding about 2,500 new users each day, said Harold Tucker, AKO systems architect. "In addition, since the AKO-account directive, we've seen daily portal usage rise from about 5,000 user sessions to 70,000."

In February alone, AKO, the Army's "hard drive," hosted more than 1.5 million total user sessions.

"A growing number of soldiers are using AKO for general Army business as well as distinct personnel, finance and travel concerns," Tucker said. "These include reviewing official military personnel files and photos. It also includes reading announcements on policy changes and obtaining "quick links" to senior-leader guidance and

service-specific news stories."

Surprises also may await those new users when they open their AKO e-mail inboxes, Tucker said.

For instance, some soldiers may find an e-mail notification about an end-date discrepancy for their noncommissioned officer, or NCO, evaluation reports. Leaving this unresolved may harm their careers, he said. Because the Army has now added AKO pre-fixes to NCO-ERs, Total Army Personnel Command, or PERSCOM, officials said they will be able to rapidly send e-mail alerts to the rated NCO and his or her rating officials. This should speed a resolution - no matter where the soldier is stationed or deployed, PERSCOM officials said.

Other soldiers may find e-mails regarding the Army's Loan Repayment Program.

"We contact soldiers early in their enlistments for initial loan details and then later for additional loan verification information," said John Rizkallah, an official with

PERSCOM's Education Incentives and Counseling Branch. "AKO helps us locate 'hard-to-find' soldiers so we can obtain any updated information we need to pay off their student loans on schedule. This saves soldiers time and money."

And for soldiers who file travel vouchers after taking official travel, the Defense Finance and Account service is sending settlement notification to soldiers' AKO e-mail address, DFAS officials said. These e-mails arrive days, and sometimes weeks, before the hard-copy version.

With all this going for it, soldiers who choose not to use AKO are missing out on the premiere, one-stop shopping place for all things about the Army, said Marc Wilson, AKO project manager for Appian Corporation, the builders of the portal.

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## AG goes online with new Web site

Army News Service

The Web site of the Adjutant General of the Army has a new face to help surfers access information.

"TAGD Online is now available to help "e-enable" the soldier," said Lt. Col. Thomas H. Palmatier, the executive officer to The Adjutant General Directorate. The site includes an easy to use "A to Z" listing that takes users directly to the information they're looking for. TAGD online is under constant revision to make it easier for customers to use, he said.

Soldiers are encouraged to check back often and provide suggestions for improvement. The site can be accessed at <http://www.perscom.army.mil/tagd/index.htm> or through PERSCOM Online at <http://www.perscom.army.mil> by clicking on The Adjutant General Directorate.

TAGD Online is another example of Personnel Transformation, the heart of which officials said is to give

soldiers more ways to easily get information and to manage their own careers through initiatives like the Assignment Satisfaction Key and Official Military Personnel File Online.

The following subjects can be found on TAGD online:

- Casualty Reporting
- Mortuary Affairs
- Casualty Assistance
- Repatriation
- POW/MIA
- Security Clearance Adjudication
- Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System
- Army University Access OnLine
- Montgomery GI Bill
- Education Benefits
- GI to Jobs
- COOL
- Loan Repayment Program
- Enlisted Records
- Enlisted Boards
- SIDPERS
- eMILPO
- SuperServer
- Military Mail
- Promotions (all grades)

- Selection Boards (Officer, Warrant)
- OER/NCOER
- Appeals and Corrections
- Officer Records
- DA Secretariat
- Awards Branch
- Army Career and Alumni Program
- Retirements and Separations (all grades)
- Leaves and Passes
- DEERS/RAPIDS
- Common Access Card
- TRICARE Dental Program
- Voting
- Naturalization of Non-Citizen Soldiers
- Gifts to the Army
- Retirement Services
- Army ECHOES
- Records Management
- MARKS
- Army Postal
- Declassification of Records
- Heraldic Services
- Ribbons, Insignia, Flags, etc.

*(Editor's note: Information provided by the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command public affairs office.)*

## G Fund

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able to withdraw or reinvest money in their G Fund accounts. Employees won't run into any delays, according to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, which runs the TSP. The Congressional Research Service, an analytical arm of Congress, issued a memorandum on March 20 agreeing that there won't be any effect on TSP accounts held by federal employees.

If O'Neill failed to suspend the G Fund investments, the government could face a shutdown of some of its operations, the Congressional

Research Service report said.

In a fact sheet, the Treasury Department said that the government usually runs low on cash in early April, before tax receipts come in during the middle of the month. Because cash on hand and tax receipts won't cover federal benefit payments (such as Social Security), pay for federal employees, tax refunds and other expenditures, the government would have had to exceed the debt limit if it didn't tap the G Fund.

O'Neill has asked Congress to raise the debt limit three times this year to avoid tapping the G Fund, but lawmakers have resisted.

A spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., Tuesday said House Republican leaders plan to move a debt limit increase bill later this year, and that they are

likely to attach it to the fiscal 2002 supplemental spending bill proposed last month by the Bush administration.

Federal employee representatives were sharply critical of the G Fund maneuver. In a letter to Office of Personnel Management Director Kay Coles James, National Treasury Employees Union President Colleen Kelley criticized the Bush administration for not communicating with federal employees about the Treasury Department's action.

"Working Americans who play by the rules and save for their retirement have had their confidence rocked by the Enron scandal," Kelley said. "Federal employees and retirees deserve to know what plans the administration has to 'borrow' their hard-earned money without their permission."

## MRICD poster takes top honors at national meeting

**Cindy Kronman**  
MRICD

Best poster honors in the In Vitro Toxicology Session of this year's Society of Toxicology, or SOT, national meeting went to Dr. James Dillman III, and his coauthors Kriston McGary, James Clark, Catherine Braue and Dr. John Schlager, from the Applied Pharmacology Branch of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense.

Their winning poster presentation "Upregulation of Cytokine Release by Sulfur Mustard Exposure is Mediated by the p38 MAP Kinase Signaling Pathway" was one of over 30 presented in the session. Dillman received the award on March 18, the opening day of the SOT meeting held in Nashville, Tenn.

Dillman has worked at the MRICD since 1999 as a National Research Council research fellow under the mentorship of Dr. John Schlager. Dillman's research efforts have concentrated on the use of proteomics to define the molecular and cellular consequences of chemical warfare agent exposure to identify potential prophylactic and therapeutic targets for further research and development.

"Dr. Dillman is an expert practitioner of proteomics, the study of protein properties to obtain an integrated view of disease/injury processes," MRICD commander Col. James A. Romano said. "His award validates the scientific worthiness of his approach. Ultimately, these technologies will enable us to better identify

molecular targets for development of chemical warfare agent countermeasures. We are very proud of Dr. Dillman's accomplishments."

Dillman's mentor, Schlager, echoed Romano's sentiments.

"Dr. Dillman has provided an insightful approach to the Molecular Toxicology Team that has brought together the newest published molecular and cellular data with our team's unpublished data to solve a number of difficult questions surrounding sulfur mustard toxicity," Schlager said. "His present award-winning research on the activation of cellular inflammation pathways in culture skin cells after sulfur mustard exposure is one example of his work that has advanced both the basic and applied research in the treatment approaches to human skin sulfur mustard exposure."

A graduate of Lebanon Valley College of Pennsylvania in 1990, Dillman has a bachelor's in biology. He received his doctorate in 1996 from the Department of Cell Biology at the University of Virginia, where he studied molecular motors in the nervous system.

Before joining MRICD's staff, Dillman held a post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Neurology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine where he studied the molecular pathogenesis of stroke and neuronal degeneration.

He has authored or co-authored over 30 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters and abstracts.

## Days of Remembrance

"Memories of Courage" is the theme of Aberdeen Proving Ground's annual Days of Remembrance Commemorative Program, sponsored by the U.S. Army

Research Laboratory, on Wednesday, May 1, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Post Theater.

The guest speaker will be Leo Bretholz, a Holocaust

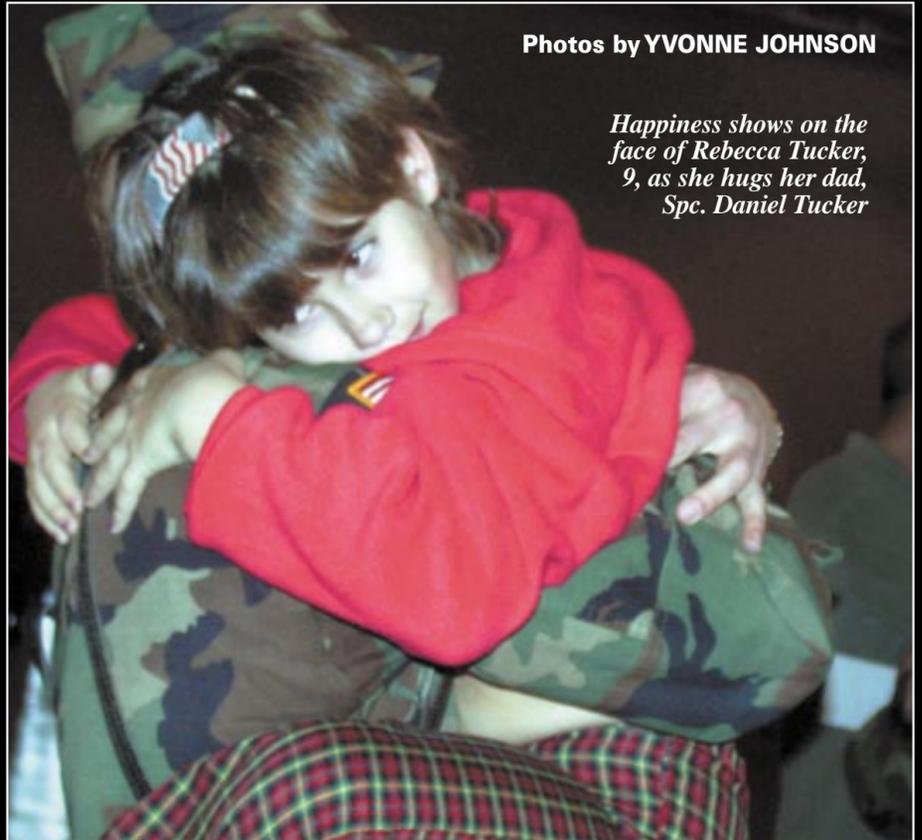
survivor and author of "Leap into Darkness."

For more information, call Sfc. Shelton Torbert, Garrison Equal Opportunity Advisor, 410-278-1534.

# WELCOME HOME! S FOR 10



*Benzener Stallings, a member of the family readiness support group, places yellow ribbons around the flagpole in front of the Maryland Army National Guard Armory before the arrival of 36 members of Co. F, 224th Aviation Regiment, from Bosnia.*



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

*Happiness shows on the face of Rebecca Tucker, 9, as she hugs her dad, Spc. Daniel Tucker*



*Sgt. Joseph Allen of Glen Burnie plays with his nephew, Lakendrick Covey Jr., 3, who brought him a toy helicopter as a welcome home gift.*



*Benzener Stallings welcomes her friend, Staff Sgt. Lonnie Harris of Pikesville, home with a bouquet of flowers and a kiss.*



*Sgt. 1st Class Anne Trainer, left, and her husband, retired Sgt. 1st Class Robert Trainer share a quiet moment together before departing for their Bel Air home.*

## Maryland Army National Guard Co. F returns from Bosnia

**Yvonne Johnson**

APG News

Yellow ribbons, chocolate cake and hugs and kisses from loved ones welcomed 36 members of the Maryland Army National Guard Co. F, 224th Aviation Regiment, who returned home April 3 after six months in Bosnia.

Col. Ron Eaton, 29th Infantry Division (Light) Aviation Brigade commander and a Fallston resident, led the welcome home celebration at the Edgewood Area's Md.ARNNG Armory where family members and friends gathered to greet the soldiers who arrived by bus from Fort Dix, N.J.

Following the many joyous reunions, Maj. Paul Cisar, deployment commander of Co. F, thanked his troops for their loyalty and sacrifice.

"It was an honor and a privilege to serve as your commander," Cisar said.

He also thanked the families "who sacrificed the most."

Cisar added that the duty was challenging as there were several new members of the unit, both active duty and Army National Guard, who had never served together before.

The unit was responsible for the maintenance and security of Army UH-60 and OH58-D helicopters. Cisar said they put in 15,000 maintenance hours and flew more than 100 hours of test flights.

"It was a high, up-tempo mission but our troops stepped up to the plate," he said adding that the unit consisted of 69 service members and 45 contract civilians.

"For every inspection, we were well above Department of the Army standards," Cisar added, noting that the deployment was a good opportunity for the participants to enhance their skills.

"This was definitely a force multiplier for us," he said.

Cisar was greeted by his wife, Heather, and 7-month-old daughter, Reilly, born five days before his departure.

Most of the returning troops

agreed the assignment held its challenges.

"The work wasn't that bad," said Sgt. Javier Quintero, full-time aircraft technician at the Edgewood Area's Weide Airfield.

Greeted by his mother, Mary Quintero, and his daughter, Tatyana, 7, Quintero added that the toughest part was being away from his daughter for so long.

"We're just glad he's back safe and sound," Mary Quintero said. "The way the world is today, you never know what could happen."

Sgt. 1st Class Anne Trainer, who was met by her husband, retired Sgt. 1st Class Robert Trainer, said that their separation was "harder than I thought it would be."

"We're an Army family so we knew what to expect, but it's been awhile since we were separate," she said. "It's so good to be back."

Trainer is the production control noncommissioned officer in charge at Weide.

Staff Sgt. Lonnie Harris, communications repair specialist, described

the deployment as "a good one."

"I learned a lot more about my Military Occupational Specialty and gained experience working with multinational forces," Harris said.

"It was long and cold," Staff Sgt. Warren Preston said of the deployment with his wife, Amy, and daughter Emily, 15 months old, by his side.

The Aberdeen resident is an aviation life-support technician.

"It wasn't bad," Amy Preston said of the separation. "It was only difficult because she [Emily] changed so much and he wasn't here to see it."

Sgt. Joseph Allen, an aircraft technician from Glen Burnie, added that the Morale Welfare and Recreation facilities helped soldiers pass the time.

"I had four young troops to take care of," Allen said. "The community centers and recreation facilities really helped in that area."

Spc. Mike Cavanaugh, who arrived at the unit from Advanced Individual Training two days before it moved out, said he learned more than most during his first trip over-

seas.

"I learned my job and my co-workers at the same time," Cavanaugh said.

The 20-year old Baltimore resident added that he appreciated meeting the Bosnian people and hearing their stories firsthand.

"I learned why the Army works," Cavanaugh said. "People make the Army."

"The country needed us so I volunteered to go," added Spc. Jeremy Lindorm, a service support specialist from Federalsburg, Md.

Lindorm worked security, pulling guard duty and escorting and patrolling during the deployment. He said it was a good opportunity for cultures to learn about each other and themselves.

He said that a memorable moment for him was when a group of Bosnian children asked why he was there, so far away from his family.

"I told them I came to meet them," he said. "That meant a lot to them and to me."



**FRIDAY NIGHT ROCK AND ROLL LEAGUE**

League will be held every Friday beginning May 10, 6:30 p.m. in the Bowling Center, building 2342. Cost is \$10 per week.

For more information, send e-mail to Chris Lockhart at [chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil) or call her at 410-278-3904.

**APG EARLY BIRD SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Fifteen-member teams can compete in the APG early bird softball tournament April 20 and 21 at the APG softball fields. Cost is \$225 per team.

For more information, send e-mail to Donna Coyne at [donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil) or call her at 410-278-3929.

**GOLF**

Introduction to the Irons will be held April 21 at 2 p.m. or May 1 at 5 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course. Cost is \$10.

For more information, send e-mail to Marni Allison at

[marni.Allison@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:marni.Allison@usag.apg.army.mil) or call her at 410-278-5567.

Introduction to the Woods will be held May 19 at 2 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course or May 29 at 5 p.m. at Ruggles and Exton Golf course. Cost is \$10.

For more information, send e-mail to Marni Allison at [marni.Allison@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:marni.Allison@usag.apg.army.mil) or call her at 410-278-5567.

**HORSE CARE AND STABLE MANAGEMENT**

This training will be held every Saturday for three weeks beginning April 20, 10 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$15.

For more information, send e-mail to Charles Heinsohn at [charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil) or call him at 410-278-3868.

**INTRODUCTION TO CAR BASICS**

To understand car basics, attend this training April 11 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Automotive Center, building 2379. Cost is \$7.

For more information, send e-mail to Marni Allison at [marni.Allison@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:marni.Allison@usag.apg.army.mil) or call her at 410-278-5567.

**THE BALTIMORE BLUES FESTIVAL FAMILY DAY**

May 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 for adults; \$10 for children ages 17 and under. For more information e-mail [chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil) or call her at 410-278-3904.

**MYSTERIES OF WINE**

Discover the mysteries of wine, May 9 or June 19, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Fiore Winery. Cost is \$25. For more information, e-mail [chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil) or call her at 410-278-3904.

**BOATER'S SAFETY EDUCATION CLASSES**

Boating safety classes will be held April 22, 24 and 26, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Deer Shack, building E-2743. Cost is \$15. For more information, e-mail [charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil) or call him at 410-278-3868.