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POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, March 6, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

AER campaign begins March 1

The 2002 Army Emergency Relief campaign period is from March 1 to May 15. A command briefing for unit representatives will be held March 1, 1 p.m. in the Garrison Conference Room, building 305.

For 60 years, AER has helped more than 3 million soldiers and family members during financial emergencies.

Last year, thanks to contributors, AER assisted more than 57,000 people, providing nearly \$39 million in emergency assistance.

Sept. 11 emphasized the importance of supporting AER. The organization was one of the first to begin providing assistance to the families of the Pentagon attack victims.

The AER information brochures you will receive contain useful information about contributing to help soldiers.

Restoration Advisory Board holds monthly meeting

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 28, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action and the Canal Creek Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

NECPOC presents Black History event

The Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center will host a special program in observance of Black History month. The Doo-Wop Cops will perform songs and narratives, featuring a tribute to the Buffalo Soldiers, on March 1, 1 to 2 p.m., in the AA Post Theater.

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Soldier wins gold in Olympic women's bobsledding



Photo by U.S. Navy JOURNALIST 1ST CLASS PRESTON KERES
World Class Athlete and Utah National Guard member Spc. Jill Bakken, front, and Vonetta Flowers in USA-2 celebrate their final and gold medal winning run in the first-ever Olympic women's two-man bobsled event at the Utah Olympic Park in Park City, Utah, during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, Feb. 19.

Master Sgt. Bob Haskell

Army News Service

A soft-spoken National Guard soldier steered her two-woman bobsled to a gold medal Feb. 19 by winning the first women's bobsled competition ever featured in the Olympic Games.

Spc. Jill Bakken, 25, of the Utah Army National Guard and a member of the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete Program drove herself and civilian brakeman Vonetta Flowers from Alabama into the pages of Olympic history.

The unheralded duo's two-run total time in their bobsled — USA 2 — of 1 minute, 37.76 seconds at the Utah Olympic Park easily beat the two German teams that walked away with the silver and bronze medals.

The better-known American team of driver Jean Racine and brakeman Gea Johnson, in USA 1, finished fifth. Johnson was hobbled by an injured left hamstring and could not push that sled as hard and as fast as she needed to for that team to gain the gold or any other Olympic honors.

"We were the other team," said Flowers.

"It's an amazing feeling. We had a lot of fun today," said Bakken. "There was a lot of tough competition, so we definitely had our work cut out for us. The Germans are tough teams to beat.

"I just knew that I had to put in two solid, clean runs," added Bakken who has come back from significant injuries, including back surgery and two knee operations within the past four years, to become an Olympic champion.

"I knew we had to have a good start, and I knew we were going to do really well on that," she said. "I was thinking about how I needed to get down the track clean."

It was a golden moment for two other Army Guard soldiers, Bill Tavares from New York and Tuffy Latour from Vermont. They are the coaches for both of the women's teams and members of the Army's World Class Athlete Program.

Tavares, the head coach, is a three-time Olympian who competed in the luge during the 1992 Winter Games. Latour is the driving coach. His grandfather was a bobsled driver for the United States in the 1948 Games.

History was in the winning team's corner. Vonetta Flowers became the first African American to win a gold medal in the Winter Olympics, ironically during African American History Month. Their medal was the 21st overall for the U.S. team whose goal was 20 medals when the Salt Lake City Games began on Feb. 8.

They were the first Army-affiliated athletes to medal in bobsledding, according to World Class Athlete Program spokesperson Harriet Rice. The female bobsledders gave this country its first Olympic bobsled medal since 1956 when the U.S. men claimed the bronze, and the sixth gold medal that they won tied the United States' Winter Olympic record from four previous Games.

"They were double trouble," said a delighted Col. Willie Davenport, chief of the National Guard Bureau's Sports Program and a five-time Olympian who won a gold medal in the high hurdles during the 1968 Summer Games in Mexico City.

"This is proof that we are one Army. We come together in war,

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More vacation lodging for servicemembers, families

Army News Service

The Army is adding more rooms to its "Shades of Green" hotel at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and building a brand new hotel in the heart of Bavaria, Germany.

The \$132 million projects - approved by Congress and the Defense Department - won't cost taxpayers a dime. Construction will be funded through a commercial loan, which will be repaid by non-appropriated funds generated by the four Armed Forces

recreation centers. (The two other AFRCs are the Dragon Hill Lodge in Yongsan, Korea, and the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii, operated by the Army as the Department of Defense's executive agent.)

"During a time when we are asking so much from our armed forces and their families, quality of life issues become more important than ever," said Brig. Gen. Tony Taguba, commander of the U.S. Army Community and

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Warning issued to chat room, instant message users

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

If you use a government computer and solicit service from chat rooms and instant messaging platforms, you are placing yourself, your coworkers and the entire computer network at risk.

This is the message the Directorate of Information Management, or DOIM, is issuing to computer users on Aberdeen Proving Ground along with the warning that those who continue to use

these services are placing themselves in jeopardy of disciplinary action.

Most don't realize the damage these services can cause to networks, said Mike Reynolds, a DOIM network security analyst charged with monitoring traffic through the APG Campus Area computer network.

Findings on the installation and around the world have shown that chat rooms and messaging platforms open portals that can spread viruses or

leave entire networks open to hackers or cyber-terrorists, Reynolds said.

"Chat rooms and messaging platforms create excessive network traffic as well as security vulnerabilities," he said.

Reynolds monitors all network traffic, searching daily for viruses, vulnerabilities and security breaches. He said the split-second response timing of the popular communication modes have increased their popularity among APG users.

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A 'March' of success

(Editor's note: In observance of women's history month, which begins tomorrow, March 1, this is the first in a series of articles highlighting the success stories of just a few of the many women throughout Aberdeen Proving Ground who are 'leading the way' on the installation and in the community.

The series begins with a wife, mother and grandmother who is active in her church and community, has risen through federal employment ranks, and achieved a graduate degree, without ever 'dropping the ball.')

A 'master' juggler of home, work and school

Sheila Little
APG News

When Diane Smith attended the non-resident Army Management Staff College a few years ago, she didn't realize that graduation from the year-long course was just the beginning of realizing a dream.

"I considered getting a master's years ago, but my son was young and into a lot of activities," she said. "I just didn't want to take the time away from him as he was growing up."

A lead personnel management specialist at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Smith graduated from Salisbury State with a degree in elementary education, married, raised a family, and was a school teacher for 15 years

prior to becoming a federal employee.

A year-long Army management course renewed her interest in additional education.

Completing the management course taught via distance learning in the spring of 1999, Army instructors told class members that many schools would apply at least a portion of the 12 credits received at completion, toward master's degree programs.

Looking over the schools and course offerings, Smith decided to pursue a master's in management from the Florida Institute of Technology, or FIT, a school with 'a good course outline,' and willing to apply nine of her hard-earned credits toward a graduate degree.

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Photo by SHEILA LITTLE
Diane Smith, lead personnel management specialist at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center on Aberdeen Proving Ground, organizes her daily activities. Since starting her federal career at APG in 1985, Smith has steadily moved up the career ladder. Starting in a GS-3 position, she is now a temporary GS-13.

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POST SHORTS

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The Buffalo Soldiers were former slaves, freemen and black Civil War soldiers authorized by Congress to serve during peacetime following the Civil War. Their bravery in battle during the Indian Wars inspired the American Indian tribes to call them "Buffalo Soldiers."

The Doo-Wop Cops are a group of retired Washington, D.C., policemen who began singing together in 1985. Since then, they have performed for Presidents Bush and Clinton and for Gen. Colin Powell's retirement. Most recently, they appeared at the dedication of a statue honoring the Buffalo Soldiers at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Admission is free. For more information, call Linda Ruff at the NECPOC, 410-306-1223.

Rec Center serves lunch

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Snack Bar, building 3326, serves lunch Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This week's manager's special is wings (hot or mild), fries and a drink for \$4. The center offers a variety of items such as cheese steak subs, chicken fingers, chicken wings, onion rings, burgers, fries and salads. For more information, call 410-278-2621.

Aberdeen Lions Club offers scholarships

Scholarships from the Aberdeen Lions Club in the amount of \$2,000 are available to high school or college students of any age whose home residence is in the Aberdeen High School district. Application forms may be obtained from Aberdeen High School, Harford Technical High School and the Aberdeen Branch of the Harford County Library. Forms are also available on the club's Web page: www.aberdeenslions.org. Applications must be mailed by March 30 to the Aberdeen Lions Club, P.O. Box 111, Aberdeen, MD 21001. Funds for the scholarships result from the club's fund raising activities throughout the year. For more information, call Joyce Landbeck, 410-272-6549.

OC&S instructors of the year honored

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

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

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

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

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 when this date is not adequate for complex actions. It is required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

Noncommercial items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 by June 15. Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million by June 15.

Short-of-Award over \$2,500 by June 15. Commercial Items under \$100,000 by Aug. 15.

Maintenance for fiscal year 2003 by June 15.

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

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

Refer questions to Joyce Roberts, APG Branch, joyce.roberts@sbc.com.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0869; or Cynthia Phillips, Edgewood Branch, cynthia.phillips@sbc.com.apgea.army.mil, 410-436-2554.

Bus reservations to military health facilities

Effective immediately, all reservations for the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Ft. Meade, and Bethesda bus must be

made telephonically at 410-278-1778. Any patients not calling for reservations will be added on the morning of their appointment. Appointments at other medical treatment facilities should be made between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

FWP hosts training conference

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women's Program will host its annual training conference Wednesday, March 6, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Edgewood Area of APG. To register on line, visit www.apg.army.mil/garrison/fwp/fwp.htm. For more information, contact Ann Gibson, 410-436-2800 or Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023.

Pollution Prevention



Using reusable mugs in break rooms instead of plastic cups reduces office solid waste.

Pollution Prevention Program Office

New guidelines for immunization of females

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

Toll free numbers for contacting VA

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

For other topics, call:

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

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

To contact CHAMPVA:

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

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

Volunteer tutors needed

It is again time to solicit support for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Tutorial Program. This Army Community Service program provides volunteer tutors to assist local secondary school students who are having difficulty in various subject areas.

School counselors in each school select students who need help, want help, and who can benefit from tutorial assistance. The school counselor informs the student's parents of the program. The parents then contact the APG Program Coordinator who selects an appropriate tutor from his/her list of volunteers. The tutor then contacts the students' family to set 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 the youths of community. If you are willing to tutor, provide name, address, telephone number, tutor subject (mathematics, history, foreign language, vocation trade, English, biology, sciences, or other), and preferred geographical area, to Army Community Service, ATTN: Laura Reich, Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program, building 2754.

For additional information, contact Reich at 410-278-7478.

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

Vehicle Registration office relocates

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

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

Host families needed

Host families are needed for Spanish or French foreign exchange students, ages 13 to 18, visiting Harford County for three- or four-week programs in July 2002. Participation in this program offers families opportunities to discover a unique culture, learn a new language and participate in fun trips and activities. Visiting students can travel with the host family on vacation. For more information, visit Web site: www.iffusa.org or contact Melissa Hawkins, 410-569-1868 or e-mail: mhawk271@home.com.

CYS summer program begins registration

It is time to make plans for your child's summer vacation. The Aberdeen and Edgewood programs have summer openings for children who will complete first through eighth grade this school year. The program is available for nine weeks, June 17 through Aug. 16, Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuition is based on total family income and will be determined at the time of registration. Waiting list forms are at the Edgewood Area Youth Services, building E-1902, the Aberdeen Area Youth Services, building 2522 and at the Central Registry Office, building 2752, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

Please note items that must be with you at registration:

1. Proof of military or Department of Defense affiliation and total family income
2. Child's birth certificate
3. An up-to-date shot record
4. A completed health assessment/physical signed by your physician after Jan. 1, 2002
5. A completed registration packet
6. An annual nonrefundable registration fee of \$15 for each family member, \$35 for families with 3 or more children
7. A nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit of \$20 per week for each child enrolled

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

Kirk offers classes

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

Attendees will receive a Medicine Cabinet Card which will allow them to request specific over-the-counter medications without having to see a Primary Care Provider. This education class and pharmacy privilege is limited to TRICARE Prime enrollees only. To sign up for this class, call 410-278-1725. For more information, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Make reservations at picnic area

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

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PET OF THE WEEK



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Frisky and fidgety, this female Calico longs for a home of her own.

About two-years old and de-clawed, she has a white body with calico markings on her face and tail. She and other cats, kittens and dogs are available for adoption at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. You do not have to be active duty military to adopt a pet. For more information, contact the VTF at 410-278-4604.

Remembering Harford Veterans

Veteran says experience was "a part of something good"

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

For most Korean War veterans, the things they accomplished after the war held more meaning for them than anything they did during it.

Although he is proud to have served his country, Robert S. Banker insisted that he did nothing special during the war.

He was a switchboard operator with the 25th Division, 8th Field Artillery. His unit and others like it provided vital communications links for forward and rear combat and intelligence forces in the Piri and Kumwha Valley and in Chorwon from 1952 to 1953.

The correct execution of their duties was pivotal to those in need of their services.

By 1952, the war had evolved into static defensive combat of trench and bunker warfare and small unit patrolling fought mostly by platoon and company size elements. Though relatively minor compared to earlier battles in Korea, these small unit actions were often violent and intense.

The members of Banker's unit lived and worked in fortified bunkers that they dug and refurbished themselves. Their duties consisted of coordinating communications between forward and rear forces and divisions and maintaining a protective posture, to guard against enemy attacks.

Drafted after high school, Banker took basic training in Fort Sill, Okla., before arriving in Korea in May 1952 at the age of 20.

He said he was inducted despite a congenital deficiency in his left eye that still exists today.

"They took everyone back then," Banker said. "Things were heating up and there was a real need for manpower."

So great was the need that Banker was never issued the military Class A or dress uniform.

"Green fatigues was all I ever got and all I ever wore," he said.

Banker said one of his most vivid memories was when a new company commander insisted on holding a full field inspection with everyone's initial issue displayed on the ground in front of their bunkers.

"Before it was over we took

"Freedom is brought by sacrifice. I served my time, I did my duty. I understood the situation and I felt like I was a part of something good."

Robert S Banker

incoming from enemy forces and that ended it," Banker said. "We never had another one," he added with a smile.

Banker left Korea in June 1953. He attended college in upstate New York for a year then moved near his brother in Colorado where he began a career with the Sun Life Assurance Company, which he stayed with for 40 years. He married his wife, Jill, in 1965 and he and his family called several different states home before settling in Maryland in 1974. Banker now lives in quiet retirement in Fallston.

His interest in the war was rekindled with the designation of the Korean War Commemorative period in 2000. A member of Harford County's Korean War Veterans Association, Banker and 35 others received Korean War Service Medals from Maj. Gen. Jin Ha Hwang, military attaché to the Korean Embassy during a commemorative dinner in October. As a member of the association, he remains active in war related issues affecting

veterans, and is frequently invited to attend commemorative ceremonies.

Following the Sept. 11 attacks, Banker was so dismayed that he came up with the idea of conducting a symbolic reenlistment ceremony for fellow veterans who were dealing with feelings of outrage and helplessness. He coordinated plans for a mass reenlistment with the staff of the U.S. Armed Forces Recruiting Station in Bel Air, then spread the word through guest appearances on local radio and television stations.

On Sept. 19, about 200 Harford, Cecil and Baltimore County veterans of the Korean War, World War II, Vietnam and the Gulf War, raised their hands and swore the oath of enlistment in the shopping center parking lot.

Banker said it was one of the proudest moments of his life. He also received a letter from Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, commending him on the first-time-ever ceremony.

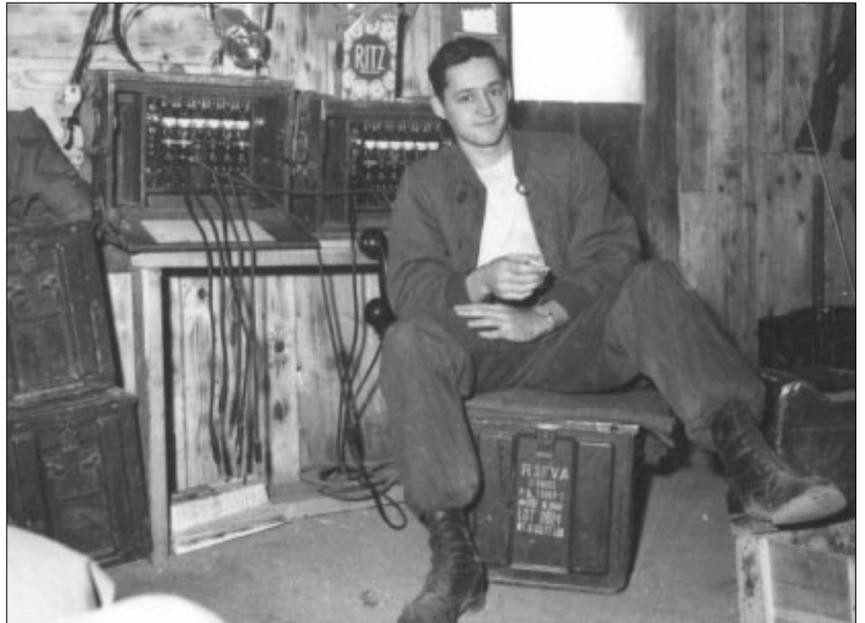
Banker said his personal philosophy is to "do the right thing, whatever the circumstances."

He added that doing the right thing was easy during the war years.

"Freedom is brought by sacrifice," Banker said. "I served my time, I did my duty. I understood the situation and I felt like I was a part of something good."

"Doing the right thing can be difficult because it may not serve you well," he added, "but it is always worth it."

It is the embodiment of what people really believe in."



Photos courtesy of BOB BANKER

Robert S. Banker poses with the switchboard apparatus he operated in Korea in 1952.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Korean War veteran Robert S. Banker poses for a photo in his Fallston home.



Right, Banker takes a break from digging a bunker.

Card of Thanks

*The Family of
Dong Soon Dumbauld
Thank You*

We would like to thank family and friends for the sympathy cards, flowers, support and prayers during our recent loss. We also want to thank Chaplain Kolenbrander, Chaplain May, the organist and soloist who officiated and performed at the service. In memory of our loved one, money contributed will be given to the Edgewood Korean Presbyterian Church, APG Post Chapel, Perrypoint Veterans Hospital and Citizens Nursing Home.

*With sincere thanks,
Edward G. Dumbauld & Family*

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Korea 50 years ago this month

North Koreans list demands for truce

Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, 1952 — One subcommittee of the main truce-talk parties at Panmunjom is still dealing with details of what both sides may have to compromise on to reach a truce agreement.

Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief U.N. negotiator, invites his counterpart, North Korean Lt. Gen. Nam Il, to discuss the communists' ideas for ending the war. It is the first time the two men have met in more than two months. One topic at the conference is the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Korea.

The subcommittee working on rules for enforcing the truce is still deadlocked. The number of "ports of entry" for inspection teams is the current stumbling block.

Feb. 6 — President Truman presents the Medal of Honor to Staff Sgt. Archie Van Winkle, 26, Everett, Wash., for directing his platoon's stand against the reds near Sudong Nov. 2 after he was wounded. The Medal was also presented posthumously to Marine Sgt. James I. Poynter, 33, Downey, Calif., for a suicidal attack on three enemy machine gun sites.

The chief negotiators create another subcommittee to work out how the exchange of prisoners will be handled.

Near the end of 1951, Gen. Matthew Ridgway, U.N. supreme commander for Korea, asked the Joint Chiefs of Staff to provide ammunition to increase the reserve of all artillery shells from 75 to 90 days. As 1952 began, the system was at least six months away from delivering any shells from the manufacturers. Artillerymen were using a higher rate per gun in Korea than that of World War II. That translated to a reserve at the front of 30 to 40 days.

Feb. 7 to 13 — Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief U.N. delegate at Panmunjom, on Feb. 9 rejects a communist demand to hold a post-armistice political conference to settle peace terms. Chief communist delegate North Korean Maj. Gen. Nam IL suddenly changes his strident tone and agrees that the Panmunjom teams should

only talk about military peace in Korea.

North Korean Defense Minister Choi Yong Kun tells North Koreans on Feb. 11 that they must build up their air force so they can bomb "U.N.-held South Korean territories." Two days before Premier Kim IL Sung had said North Korea must "prepare for decisive fighting with the enemy."

On Feb. 10, the leading Air Force F-86 ace in Korea is shot down. Maj. George A. Davis Jr., 31, is killed on his 59th combat mission in a dogfight over northwest Korea. He had downed two MiG-15s before he was hit. That brought his total to 11 MiGs and three red bombers.

Feb. 12 — The Medal of Honor is presented posthumously to the family of Army Sgt. Cornelius H. Charlton. He sacrificed his life in leading a platoon against an enemy-held ridge position June 2. Charlton is the second black American to receive the Medal in Korea. Gen. Matthew Ridgway, supreme allied commander in Japan, demands that the Russian navy return 29 Japanese fishing boats it seized near Hokkaido.

The Russians earlier released 114 other boats.

Feb. 14 to 20 — One hundred forty-eight South Korean officers began training at Fort Benning, Ga., as part of a U.S. plan to strengthen the ROK Army and form 10 new divisions.

Feb. 14, — The 42nd Medal of Honor earned in the Korean War is presented to Cpl. Rodolfo P. Hernandez, Fowler, Calif. The airborne soldier was able to hold off an enemy attack after being wounded on May 31, 1951.

Feb. 15 — U.N. pilots encounter about 300 MiG-15s. Allied fighters report shooting down 10 enemy planes.

On Feb. 16 North Korean Maj. Gen. Nam Il, communist chief delegate to Panmunjom, proposes a political conference on a cease fire. The question of withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea would be one of the topics. Adm. C. Turner Joy, U.N. chief delegate, accepts the proposal on Feb. 19.

The U.S. Navy begins its second year of blockading the North Korean port of Wonsan

by shelling the city.

On Feb. 17, in the staff officers' panel trying to iron out peacekeeping issues, the reds nominate Russia as the third country to serve as a "neutral" member of the peace enforcement commission. U.N. staff officers tell the reds they have 40 other countries from which to choose; Russia is unacceptable.

American tanks from IX Corps strike Kumsong, inflict damage and withdraw.

Feb. 18 — DoD also announces that 19,000 men will be drafted in April. The Army will receive 15,000 and the Marine Corps 4,000.

While quelling a prisoner of war uprising on Kojo Island, soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment are in position early in the morning. The four companies enter the compound with bayoneted rifles and divide the compound into four areas. Between 1,000 and 1,500 prisoners rush out of the barracks using tent poles, rocks, pick handles, axes, flails and knives made in the machine shop.

The GIs try to stop them with concussion grenades, but it doesn't work. Then they open fire, immediately killing 55 rioters; another 22 will later die in the camp hospital. Around 70 others are wounded. One American is killed and 38 wounded.

On Feb. 20, 148 South Korean officers are reported to be at Fort Benning, Ga., to attend a 20-week U.S. Army officer course. The ROK officers will be trained as instructors to form the nucleus of their country's army officer training.

Gen. Matthew Ridgway, U.N. supreme commander, has convinced the U.S. political and military leadership that forming 10 ROK divisions of 250,000 men is about all the U.S. can support. The South Korean economy is broken, and the U.S. will have to supply uniforms, weapons and supplies to field the divisions. At the same time, the U.S. will supply the same materiel to the new Japanese self-defense Force.

However, Gen. James Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, favors a ROK Army of 20 divisions.

The weekly report of American casualties in Korea is at 105,841, with 16,427 dead.

Feb. 21 to 27 — French



Searchlights of the 86th Engineer Searchlight Company cut the darkness probing for signs of communist forces, Feb. 25, 1952.



This National Archives photograph depicts repatriation screening of communist prisoners of war in 1952 Korea.

Foreign Minister Robert Schuman tells the NATO Council meeting in Lisbon that Viet Minh guerrillas in Indochina are using American weapons captured by the Chinese in Korea. The communists begin a new propaganda campaign, charging the United Nations with germ warfare.

North Korean Foreign Minister Pak Hon Yong says on a Pyongyang radio broadcast Feb. 22 that the United Nations has dropped "fleas, lice, bugs, ants, grasshoppers and spiders" on North Korea.

The communists also charge the United Nations Feb. 23 with committing "massacre and brutal inhumanity" in putting down a prisoner of war riot Feb. 18 on Koje Island, where a new camp is located. The camp, originally meant to hold 30,000 people, now con-

tains 150,000 Chinese and North Korean soldiers and civilians, as well as South Koreans captured and pressed into the North Korean Army.

Enemy shore guns hit the U.S. destroyer Shelton off Songjin in northeast North Korea Feb. 22.

Fifth Air Force headquarters announces on Feb. 23 that 10 allied planes were shot down between Feb. 16 and Feb. 22, five by enemy aircraft and five by ground fire. At least 10 enemy MiGs are shot down in dogfights over the same period.

Chinese Premier Chou En Lai joins in on Peking radio Feb. 25, saying the United Nations has used "callous, brutal germ warfare" against North Korea.

A statement from the U.N. Supreme headquarters in Tokyo Feb. 27 claims the communists' germ warfare propaganda is an attempt to cover up the fact that wounded Red soldiers are dying because the enemy is using contaminated bandages, has a shortage of medical supplies and issues its

soldiers spoiled food.

North Koreans allow themselves to be captured and imprisoned with POW camp leaders. Information is exchanged in the medical clinics with the goal of embarrassing U.N. negotiators and putting them on the defensive at the truce talks.

South Korean officials have been screening and classifying the civilians until only those in Compound 62 are left. Communists dominate this group, and they refuse to let the Republic of Korea screeners in the compound.

At Panmunjom, delegates agree to allow the United Nations to rotate 35,000 soldiers a month during the truce. Then, on Feb. 27, the communists say that unless the United Nations accepts Russia as one of six "neutral" truce observers, there will be "no progress" in negotiations.

(Editor's note: Jim Caldwell is a writer for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command News Service.)

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March is a perfect time to celebrate your achievements and to renew your health goals. Why March? March is National Nutrition Month, a nutrition education and information campaign sponsored annually by the American Dietetic Association. This year's theme is "Start Today for a Healthy Tomorrow."

During the last few months or even years, you may have forgotten about the four basic food groups that you learned in grade school. The results may be a few extra pounds, lack of energy, or listening to your health care provider tell you to take better care of yourself. Use the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Guide Pyramid as your roadmap toward healthier eating. The Food Guide Pyramid goes beyond the basic four food groups to include the Dietary Guidelines as a part of your plan. (To obtain a copy of the pyramid, visit Web site <http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/fpyr/pyramid.html>.)

The base of the Food Guide Pyramid and the foundation of your healthier eating plan is the bread, cereal, rice, and pasta group. In this group, you will also want to include starchy vegetables like potatoes and corn. The vegetable and fruit groups are located just above the bread, cereal, rice, and pasta group. Be sure to choose whole grains and fresh vegetables and fruits to increase your dietary fiber. A high fiber diet is linked to decreasing your risk for certain types of cancer and decreasing blood cholesterol levels. In the narrower part of the pyramid above the vegetable and fruit groups, you will find the dairy group and the meat, poultry,



fish, legumes, and nuts group. These two groups should cover a smaller part of your plate with the vegetables, fruits, and grains covering the majority of your plate. When making choices from the dairy and meat groups, select the lower fat options. When preparing your meats, consider grilling, roasting, or stir-frying instead of frying. Remember to include low fat dairy choices in your meal planning. Although other foods, like broccoli, provide calcium, the dairy products are an excellent source of calcium, an essential mineral for bone density. Sweets and fats are at the tip of the pyramid. You may still consume an occasional favorite sweet - just possibly a smaller amount. The Food Guide Pyramid offers a roadmap toward healthier eating for not just you, but for all of your family members over the age of two.

As you use the pyramid to make your food choices, pay close attention to your portion

sizes. Being overweight represents the consequences of a mismatch between energy intake and energy expenditure. If you consume a lot of healthy foods, but do not use all of that food for fuel, your body will store that extra fuel as fat.

Achieving the necessary energy expenditure, exercise is a challenge. You do not have to do anything to excess; you simply need to move consistently. To achieve your weight loss or health goal, you may need to increase the duration, intensity, or frequency of your activity. You may also want to add a new activity to your plan. Muscle conditioning exercises are also an important element to your exercise plan. Increased muscle mass helps you burn calories even when you are relaxing.

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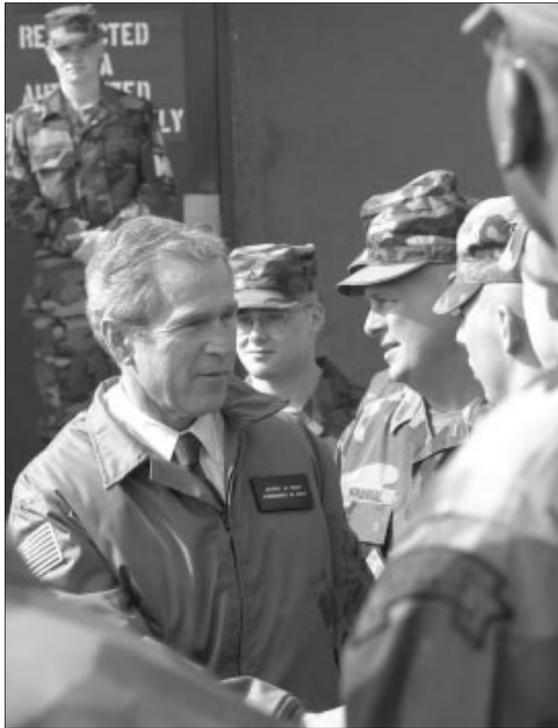
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Army News

Bush in Korea: U.S. will stand by allies



President George W. Bush greets soldiers assigned to the Joint Security Area, Camp Bonifas, South Korea, Feb. 20.

we're your friend, we mean it." U.S. officials hope to see the day that stability is based on the peaceful reconciliation of North and South Korea, he said. In the meantime, however, Bush vowed that the United States would maintain its presence on the peninsula.

"In our dealings with North Korea, we've laid down a clear marker," the president said. "We will stand by the people of South Korea."

Bush repeated the pledge he made during his State of the Union address. "We will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us or our friends or our allies with weapons of mass destruction," he said.

North Korea, Iraq and Iran form an "axis of evil" that threatens world peace, Bush said in the Jan. 29 speech before Congress. The ruling regimes in those countries sponsor terrorism and have chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs, he said.

"Our most important job is the security of the United States of America and the security of our friends and allies," the president said. "And we will pay whatever price it takes to defend America."

America is committed to finding and routing out terrorists wherever they hide, he told the troops. "We won't stop until the threat of global terrorism has been destroyed," he said.

"We will do everything in our power to defend freedom and the universal values that are so important to our nation, and so important to a peaceful world," he stressed. "I made this clear to our enemy, and the mighty United States military is delivering (the message)."

U.S. forces serving in South Korea "walk in the path of thousands of soldiers who fought for freedom in the Korean War, and all who kept the peace for half a century," the president said. He thanked the servicemembers for "being strong and steady" in their effort to keep the peace.

U.S. troops stationed in Korea and around the world spend every day training, testing and preparing for any mission that may come, Bush said.

"That's your responsibility and you're the best in the world," Bush told the troops.

As commander-in-chief, he added, his job is to give clear orders, set clear objectives, and to make sure servicemembers have everything they need to do their job. That's why he's asked Congress to pass more than a \$48 billion increase in the fiscal 2003 defense budget, he said. The budget request includes another pay raise for servicemembers.

Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

The United States will stand by its friends and allies against global terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, President George W. Bush told troops Feb. 21 at the end of his two-day trip to South Korea.

Stability on the Korean Peninsula, he pointed out, depends upon the military might of the U.S.-Republic of Korea alliance.

"History has led us here. Ties of commerce and friendship keep us here," the president said in Seoul. "When America says

Fielding of new ID card underway

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

A team of contractors will travel worldwide to install equipment and help kick off issuance of the Department of Defense's new identification cards.

About 25,110 soldiers and Army civilians already have received the credit card-sized, multiple-functional Common Access Card with an embedded computer chip. By May 2003, about 1.4 million cards are scheduled to be issued to Army personnel, and 4 million cards will be issued throughout DoD.

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said Col. Monique Hale, the chief of the Personnel Service Support Division at the Total Army Personnel Command.

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For more information on fielding of the CAC, see MILPER message 02-076 at <http://perscomnd04.army.mil>.



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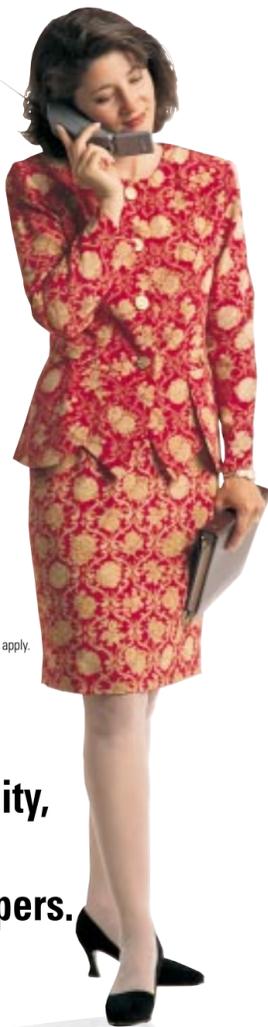
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'Random thought' leads to knowledge revolution

Patrick Swan
Army News Service

A "random thought while running" has led to more than 800,000 soldiers and Army civilians getting "www.us.army.mil" portable e-mail accounts and access to a host of Army Web-based information.

That random thought belonged to now-retired Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, who explained the details of his inspiration during a Jan. 28 visit to the G-6 Chief Technology Office at Fort Belvoir, Va., — home of Army Knowledge Online, or AKO.

As the Army's chief of staff from 1995 to 1999, Reimer wanted an informal and timely way to convey his intent to the Army's strategic leadership. He explained to the CTO staff how he found the solution through e-mail. This then-emerging technology allowed him to educate and mentor the Army's general officer corps with minimal fanfare.

"What we needed was something to supplement the regular information channels during this period of enormous and fast-paced change," Reimer said. "Initially, it was one-way communication, from me to the field. We knew this system had the potential to grow to be a virtual think-tank. But first we had to get our people comfortable with the fundamentals — we literally had to change the culture. I was fortunate that there were some real experts available to work out the tough issues and my part was relatively easy.

Reimer forced that comfort level by sending his newly titled, "Random Thoughts While Running" to general officers only through e-mail. To keep informed, the 300-plus general officers first had to become comfortable using Army-issued laptop com-

puters.

Later, when addressing pre-command classes at Fort Leavenworth, Reimer encouraged students to submit questions on their critique sheets that contained their return e-mail address. The former chief said he sent back personal, e-mailed responses in just a few days.

From basic e-mail mastery, Reimer then pursued the use of online-chat sessions on specific relevant issues with the new brigadier general selectees. He noted that e-mail input from the general officer corps ultimately convinced him to modify his position on the Army's new Officer Evaluation Report, first implemented in October 1997.

"Emerging technologies need champions," Reimer said. "This cannot be a one-shot deal. The younger officers are comfortable with this technology, but some of the older officers needed a little push to get on board."

In 1999, the Army established the Army Portal, also known as Army Knowledge Online, as a one-stop-shopping site for Army information. Building on Reimer's work, in August 2001, his successor, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, and Army Secretary Thomas White, mandated all Army (active, Guard, Reserve and Department of the Army civilian) personnel obtain unique e-mail accounts through the portal's address: "www.us.army.mil." These accounts stay the same no matter where soldiers and civilians are stationed worldwide.

The AKO portal is a central part of the overall strategy to transform the Army into a "network-centric, knowledge-based force" through something called, "Army Knowledge Management." AKO customers use the portal for a broad range of both business and tactical processes and services to include

those in the personnel, logistics, acquisition and e-learning areas.

"AKO provides a series of useful tools for the Army's knowledge management tool set," said Col. Robert Cox, the G-6 chief technology officer.

Today, the AKO "tool set" is recognized among the military services — and around the world — in applying Knowledge Management concepts and technologies to the enterprise level of the Army. InfoWorld recognized the AKO portal as 10th in the nation (out of 100 organizations) in November 2001 for its innovative performance in using cutting-edge technologies to improve mission performance. And in December 2001, CIO magazine selected AKO as one of the top 50 Web sites based on "...usefulness, ease of navigation, business value, survival prospects, design and credible content."

None of this seems surprising to Reimer, whom the CTO staff briefed on the progress of his "random thought while running" concept.

"The pace is only limited by imagination and how fast the whole Army becomes comfortable doing business this way," Reimer said. "Our movement toward enhanced situational awareness on the battlefield, which relied so heavily on information technology, convinced me that we had to implement this system during day-to-day operations so that the transition from peace to war became as seamless as possible. And I knew once our leaders started using it, they would find ways to take it far beyond anything I could imagine. And that is exactly what the CTO has done."

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

New Army Personnel chief shares vision

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

When terrorists flew a commercial jetliner into the Pentagon Sept. 11, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel suffered about 20-percent casualties in dead and wounded, yet the surviving personnel workforce was back functioning the next day and its sections working 24/7 within a week at the Hoffman Building in downtown Alexandria, Va.

That was the first thing Lt. Gen. John Le Moyne had to say about his organization during his first press interview since becoming the Army's top personnel chief in November. The interview was given to Army News Service Feb. 4.

Le Moyne assumed the duties of Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, the highest ranking officer to die during the Pentagon attack. The Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel has recently been renamed the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, under a Headquarters,

Department of the Army reorganization plan.

"Most combat units suffering 20-percent casualties would be pulled from the line immediately," Le Moyne said. "It is a source of pride for me, and at the same time humbling, that the G-1 staff sections are filled with heroes — compassionate, quiet and sincere. Look at the casualties and you will find the Army of One well represented. They are soldiers, Army civilians, contractors and retirees of varying ages, ranks and religions."

One of the goals the G-1 has set is to get Personnel Transformation so far down the road that its momentum cannot be stopped. That transformation includes keeping the warfighting force fully manned, meeting all recruiting goals and completely revamping an outdated personnel information technology system.

The Army's combat units — its divisions and armored cavalry regiments — have been manned at 100-percent strength and at about 93-percent by military occu-

pational specialty and grade this past year, Le Moyne said. The disparity between the two figures is good news, as it reflects grade imbalances due to healthy promotion rates.

Keeping the warfighting force at authorized strength hasn't come without losses in other areas, he continued, as other Army units and organizations were manned between 83- and 96-percent strength last year.

"There has been some pain in places, but we didn't break the Army to man the force," Le Moyne said.

The personnel chief said he is proud of the recruiting force that has accomplished its mission during the past two years. To those who question the Army's policy of recruiting some young people who have not graduated from high school, Le Moyne said he would point them to a brigade commander he knows who entered the Army without a high school diploma and yet now holds two graduate

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Lt. Gen. John Le Moyne

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TEADOC is the organization that trains new soldiers and develops officer and non-commissioned officer leaders. It also develops unit training for combat organizations from squad level up through division, new organizations, new weapons systems and the doctrine to use them, officials said.

Gold

From front page

and we come together in athletics," Davenport added. "This is also proof of how strong the National Guard is in athletics."

Bakken joined the Utah Guard's 115th Engineer Group headquarters in Draper in March 2000 before becoming an Army world-class athlete after completing her basic and advanced training by the middle of that year.

"She went from boot camp back to bobsledding," beamed her mother, Peggy Smith, who maintained that "I knew she had it in her. I'm so happy for her. She's gone through a lot of injuries and come back to do this."

Bakken competed Feb. 19 in her hometown of Park City, Utah. About 40 members of Bakken's family, including her mother and older brother Joel, and 10 family friends witnessed the gold medal efforts that included a track record time of 48.81 seconds during the first run. Many of her followers wore ornate red and white hats and clanked cowbells.

Bakken is one of America's bobsledding pioneers. She was born in Portland, Ore., and attended the fledgling U.S. team's first training camp in 1994 when she was a high school junior. That made her, at 17, the youngest bobsledder in the sport's history.

Within the past four years, her mother recounted, Bakken has undergone back surgery and operations on both knees. She has withstood the pain and repair of a torn Achilles tendon, and part of a bone has been removed from her foot.

"I had a ton of relatives there. It was awesome," said Bakken Tuesday night, admit-

ting that she thought she was dreaming. "They've supported me through the whole thing - not just this race - but ever since I started sliding.

"I never really wanted to quit. There were tough times injury-wise, but I never wanted to quit. I wanted to go the Olympics, and now I'm here," said America's newest National Guard soldier with an Olympic gold medal.

(Editor's note: Master Sgt. Bob Haskell is a member of the National Guard Bureau public affairs team. The United States Bobsled and Skeleton Federation contributed to this report.)

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Community Notes

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 28
APG NEWCOMER ORIENTATION**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Newcomer Orientation will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 1 to 3 p.m. All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited to attend. Representatives of support agencies and organizations will be present to discuss their activities. Door prizes will be awarded as well as give-aways.

For more information, call Fred Posadas, relocation manager, Army Community Service, 410-278-2453.

GUILAIN-BARRE SYNDROME

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Committee for the Disabled will present Joel S. Steinberg, M.D., Ph.D. (Physiology and Biophysics), at 2 p.m., at the Gunpowder, building E-4650, in the Heron Room. Steinberg will discuss Guillain-Barre Syndrome, GBS, a rare disorder that causes the body's immune system to attack parts of the nervous system. Steinberg is vice-president and member of the medical advisory board for the GBS Foundation International, as well as a founding member. He will present facts on this puzzling disorder, including treatments and current research. All APG personnel are eligible to attend.

For more information, call Angela Cheek, 410-278-1140.

(This presentation is not an APG endorsement of the GBS Foundation International, and is only intended to provide educational information.)

**SATURDAY
MARCH 2
SATURDAY NIGHT COMEDY JAM PART IV**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 presents "Saturday Night Comedy Jam Part IV" featuring from the "Kiss My Bumper" commercial and BET Comic View, comedian Howard G, and friends. Show time is 9:30 p.m. to midnight. There will be an "After Party" Jam. Donations are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets are available at the VFW Post 6054 or contact Senior Vice Commander Terry Robinson at 410-272-3444.

BULL, OYSTER ROAST

St. Joan of Arc School is having a bull and oyster roast at Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood, 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. There will be a variety of food including carved beef, raw bar, ham, hot and cold buffet, desserts, and beer and soda. The evening's activities include a silent auction, raffles, big 6 wheel and a D.J. The cost is \$30 per person (adults only). Space is limited. Tickets are available through SJA School, 410-272-1387, or call Marita Lukey, 410-273-6686.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit 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 cost \$5. For tickets call Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**SUNDAY
MARCH 3
BASKET BINGO**

American Legion Post 194 of Rising Sun is sponsoring a basket bingo to benefit Boy Scout Troop 28. Games begin at 3 p.m. For more information, call Donald K. Wehry Sr, 410-658-3915.

**FRIDAY
MARCH 8
BASKET BINGO**

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

**SATURDAY
MARCH 9
EA-OWC SPONSORS BASKET BINGO**

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

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

BUSTRIPTO DOVER DOWNS AND REHOBOTH OUTLETS

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

**SUNDAY
MARCH 10
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

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

**THURSDAY
MARCH 14
SHARPER IMAGE**

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



'MWR ON THE MOVE'

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In order to plan those events, MWR needs to hear from the community what kind of recreation and leisure programs are wanted. 'MWR on the Move' brings program planners to the community on the following dates and locations to listen to the needs and wants of APG. Give-aways and refreshments will be available.

Friday, March 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., PX
Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Commissary
Wednesday, March 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shoppette (Edgewood Area)
Wednesday, March 27, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aberdeen Area Fitness Center, building 320

MWR is available to come to organizations, units, or neighborhoods upon request. For more information, contact Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail: chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil

THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN

The Information, Ticketing and Registration Office has tickets for the circus at the Baltimore Arena on the following dates and show times:

March 9, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
March 10, 1:30 p.m.
March 16, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
March 17, 1:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$16.25 per person; children under two are free. For more information, call Janie Waiters, ITR Office, 410-287-4011/4621.

PAINTBALL TOURNEY

On Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m., Robinhood Paintball, Havre de Grace MWR will host a day of paintball fun with the added dimension of competition with a round-robin tournament. You must register into one of two divisions; (Active

Duty Division and Open Division) with a team of three (18 years of age or older). Each team will receive all necessary paintball equipment and 1,000 rounds of paintballs. Awards go to the top two finishing teams in each division. Cost is \$140 per team. Registration is limited to the first 20 teams and will be held Feb. 15 to March 15 at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407.

Transportation to Robinhood Paintball is not provided. For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail: charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

SCUBA CLASS STARTS MARCH 4

Get your Professional Association of Diving Instructors, or PADI, scuba diving certification. Pool and classroom sessions are completed in just four evening classes followed by a weekend of dives in a pool and at a local quarry. The course includes textbook, video, dive tables, logbook and certification card, your license to dive anywhere in the world. The course also includes use of all scuba gear, wetsuit, hood, gloves, weight belt and tanks. A mask, snorkel, fins and boots can be purchased at the class site prior to the first class, or bring your own. All classes take place at Knight Divers in Edgewood. Transportation is not provided.

All classes will start promptly at 6:45 p.m. except for checkout dives, which begin at 8 a.m. Class dates are Monday, March 4, 6, 12 and 14. Checkout dives begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24. Attendance on all days is required for certification. Register through Feb. 28 at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, building 2407. Registration costs \$230 per person. For more information, contact Stacie Edie at 410-278-3931 or e-mail: stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil.

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KUNG POW

Friday, March 1, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 2, 9 p.m.
Starring: Steve Dedeker, Leo Lee

In Kung Pow, the Chosen One is looking to avenge the death of his family at the hands of the seemingly invincible Master Pain. (Rated PG-13)

ORANGE COUNTY (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, March 2
Starring: Colin Hanks, Jack Black



A smart high school student with his heart set on going to Stanford is horrified when his guidance counselor accidentally sends the wrong transcript with his college application. He spends the rest of the film trying to prove that he's actually a good student with a terrific grade point average. (Rated PG-13)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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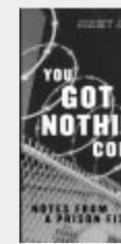


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You Got Nothing Coming: notes from a prison fish by Jimmy A. Lerner

Primal Leadership: realizing the power of emotional intelligence by Daniel Goleman

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

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

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

CATHOLIC LENTEN SERVICES

Aberdeen chapel

Each Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross
March 1, 11 a.m., Adoration, Benediction
March 1, 11:45 a.m., First Friday mass
March 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Adult Lenten Retreat
March 24, 8:30 a.m., Palm Sunday mass
March 27, 7 p.m., Ecumenical Tenebrae Service
March 28, 11:45 a.m., Holy Thursday mass
March 29, 12 p.m., Stations and Seven Last Words
March 30, 8 p.m., Easter Vigil
March 31, 8:30 a.m., Easter Sunday mass
(The Protestant Easter Contata will be part of the



service March 24, 10:15 a.m. at the Aberdeen Chapel.)

Edgewood chapel

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

OC&S LIBRARY

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



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Sports & Recreation

Edgewood Area wins All Star battle, 82-73

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Aberdeen Area sent the best it had but it wasn't enough. The Edgewood Area All Stars outplayed their cross-post rivals to win the intramural basketball All Star game, 82-73 on Feb. 20 in Hoyle Gym.

Edgewood came back after being down, 45-34 at halftime, due largely to the efforts of James Mitchell who scored 25 of his 34 points in the second half.

Turnovers and fouls are what hurt the AA All Stars. The heated contest spawned a flurry of fouls, many of which were contested by Aberdeen Area players.

The game began at a fast pace, with each team matching the other's points until AA rolled to a 21-16 lead to force an EA timeout with 10 minutes left in the half. After the break, AA resumed control with a 3-pointer by Derrick Mister to go up, 24-16.

Edgewood Area's David Benjamin drew a foul moments later and was unable to capitalize at the line, going 0-2, but made up for it with a layup off the rebound to bring his team closer at 24-18.

Both teams played an in-your-face game with players challenging the defense on pressure drives up the middle.

An impressive series of plays saw the EA score seven unanswered points after being down 33-21, with just under 5-minutes left in the half. Mitchell drew a foul on a drive

to the basket, then, in-bounded the ball to Benjamin who was waiting under the net for the easy layup. A quick turnover by AA brought two more points for EA as Emanuel Powell cashed in on a jumper, then Powell drew a key foul under the net and sealed a foul shot, to complete a 3-point play and close within five points at 33-28.

Unfazed, AA regained control, eventually pulling away to a 38-30 lead thanks in part to Edexter Domingo and Anthony Aucoin who scored nine points between, one a 3-pointer by Aucoin, in the closing minutes for a 45-34 half-time lead.

At the break, AA's Moseley led all scorers with 17 points, followed by Mitchell with nine points, Powell with eight and AA's Ryan Vaught with eight.

Edgewood Area came out hustling in the second half. An aggressive defense forced rushed plays and key turnovers on the AA side of the ball. Edgewood cashed in, tying the score, 51-51 with eight minutes left to play before Aberdeen broke away again. Up, 54-51, Vaught scored two from the line, then pulled down the rebound and tossed a smooth pass to Aucoin for the layup and a 58-51 lead. Timeout, Edgewood.

During the timeout, AA coach Dennis Skinner told his players to keep pressure on the ball.

"Play hard," Skinner said. "Watch your defense and watch the fouls."

On the EA side, coach Keith Strain cautioned players on their speed.

"You're doing good. Slow it down and we'll catch them," Strain said.

With just over five minutes to play, and AA up 60-56, Mitchell took control of the game. When he wasn't scoring, he was stealing passes and pulling down rebounds.

Aberdeen Area stayed close, tying the game up, 73-73 with 45 seconds left, but the EA's Gilbert Scott broke the tie at the line going 1-for-2 and Powell grabbed the rebound for a jumper and a lead that the team would not relinquish.

With the clock winding down, the AA was forced into fouling EA players. With two seconds left, a technical foul on AA's Aucoin and Gordon Driggs sent Scott and Mitchell to the line for four more points, to seal an 82-73 lead and the victory.

"They played really well but we had a lot of questionable calls," Skinner said after the game. "Still, we should have put them away, but we didn't."

"They were a good team and they gave us a tough game," Strain added, noting how his players played "team ball" in the second half.

"We're older and we know how to play together," he said. "Sometimes that's better than talent."



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Aberdeen and Edgewood Area All Stars await two of the many rebounds during their high-scoring game in Hoyle Gym. Numbered players pictured above, from left, Jonathan Jones, 30; Gordon Driggs, 31; David Blair, 54; Ryan Vaught, 30 and William Eptine, 33. Numbered players pictured left, Emanuel Powell, 45; Gilbert Scott, 35; Anthony Aucoin, 52 and James Mitchell, 20.

Virus uses Outlook, instant messaging to spread

A brand new worm slithering through the Web is getting passed by Microsoft Outlook home and businesses users and is so bad it has the potential of wiping out complete files.

Anti-virus experts at McAfee.com identified and named it the Pentagone or "Goner" after its identification string W32/Goner@MM.

The company assessed the virus as HIGH risk - it's most serious rating.

Compared to other well-known computer infections such as NIMDA, Code Red, Melissa and ILOVEYOU, McAfee says this is "pretty serious stuff." "To coin a phrase from Star Trek - this is certainly an attempt to bring down the shields," says McAfee Security Architect Sam Curry.

"It has the potential to be as destructive as the others, but it's still too early in the game and we won't see the full

impact of this worm for some time. Unlike the Anna Kournikova virus that did one thing, this one is a hybrid virus that does a few things like deleting firewall and anti-virus files.

Curry says that like many other e-mail-based infections, the worm is expected to spread further at the times when people are checking their e-mail - early in the morning, at lunch and when they get home from work.

This mass-mailing worm attempts to send itself using Microsoft Outlook, to all entries found in the Outlook Address book. It also uses the instant-messaging platform to spread as well. The worm arrives in an e-mail message containing the subject "Hi" with a short message in the body: "How are you? When I saw this screen saver, I immediately thought about you. I am in a hurry, I promise you will love it!" Sunnyvale, Calif.-based

McAfee's AVERT team says the worm won't activate until you open the attachment: GONE.SCR.

The payload, if activated, can delete files from users' computers. The "Goner" worm then e-mails itself to every e-mail address contained in the user's address book.

The new "Goner" worm comes quickly on the heels of the recent "Badtrans" Internet worm variant.

Both viruses affect users of Microsoft Outlook, although the "Goner" worm appears to target various firewall and anti-virus files for deletion. Because of the multi-layered aspects of the worm, this is more likely the work of crackers than of regular hackers.

(Editor's note: Michael Singer, managing editor of siliconvalley.internet.com, wrote this article.)

Resorts

From front page

Family Support Center. "These new additions offer us two very tangible ways to say 'thank you' to our military personnel, Defense Department civilians, and their families by offering them affordable, quality vacation destinations."

New hotel to be built in Garmisch

The new 330-room hotel in Garmisch, an hour south of Munich, Germany, at the foot of the Bavarian Alps, will replace four older hotels currently operating in Chiemsee and Garmisch. The 65-year-old facilities are built to European specifications and are costly to operate, officials said. The Army closed AFRC Berchtesgaden in 1996.

"It's cheaper to build a new hotel than to renovate the existing properties," said Peter F. Isaacs, chief operating officer of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, or ACFSC, in Alexandria, Va. "Operating four separate hotels in different locations is also very inefficient from a business standpoint."

ACFSC is the Department

of the Army agency responsible for delivering Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs to active and reserve component soldiers and their families worldwide.

Earlier plans to build a new hotel in Garmisch on Sheridan Kaserne next to the Marshall Center were put on hold in 1990, "until the size of the force in Europe was stabilized and we could determine the needs of the command," said Isaacs.

Although many have been drawn to the picturesque Lake Chiemsee and will be sorry to see it close, Garmisch was chosen as the hotel site because "historically, when we've polled customers over the years, given their choice of one destination, Garmisch is always the overwhelming choice," said Isaacs.

Rooms in the new hotel will be twice the size of existing rooms, comfortably accommodating four people with all their summer or winter recreational gear. Nearby are the Hausberg Ski Lodge, the Alpenblick golf course, a community recreation center and a campground.

Hotel amenities will include a swimming pool, spa facilities, conference and meeting rooms, a restaurant and lounge, scheduled to open

Shades of Green adds rooms

Across the Atlantic in Orlando, Fla., the Army is adding 299 guest rooms to Shades of Green at Walt Disney World Resort. The Army leased the 287-room Disney Inn in 1993 and bought it in 1996.

"We've been turning away as many customers as we take," said Isaacs. "Ever since we opened in 1994, our occupancy rate has been consistently at over 95 percent and lately as high as 99 percent. We just don't have enough rooms to satisfy the demand. That's why we're adding on."

During the 18 months of construction slated to begin in April, the hotel will close. Isaacs said trying to keep the hotel open during expansion would have a negative impact on guests and would make physical security too difficult to maintain.

"By closing the hotel completely, we'll reduce construction time by six months and the cost of the project by \$6 million," said Isaacs.

Plans call for the newly expanded hotel to reopen in September 2003.

While the hotel is closed, military members can still visit

the area and stay for affordable rates.

"We will continue to offer guests accommodations at quality hotels, including some on the Disney Resort, at affordable rates," said Isaacs. "Travelers can still make their reservations online at the Shades of Green Web site."

Room rates will remain the same as they were for Shades of Green, but guests will have to pay the 11 percent state and local taxes during this period. Customers will be informed about the taxes when they make their reservations. Staff will continue to operate the reservation system and the attraction ticket sales office.

USAF, Keystone partner to test western market

Also, a new hotel for servicemembers opened Nov. 5 in Keystone, Colo. "Rocky Mountain Blue" is a partnership between the Air Force and Keystone Resorts, a 1,749-acre facility with 22 ski lifts. Defense officials said Rocky Mountain Blue is the first step in determining if there is a market for a government-owned resort in the Colorado area.

(Editor's note: Information provided by the CFSC public affairs office, except for last paragraph.)

President signs legislation for veterans' medical benefits

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President Bush recently signed legislation that adds \$1.4 billion to expand and strengthen health care programs for the nation's 25 million veterans.

The new law, H.R. 3447, will allow the Veterans Administration to lower co-payments for hospital inpatient care by 80 percent for veterans meeting a new regional means test. This could translate into an out-of-pocket savings of over \$600 for each hospitalization.

Other improvements include a trained service dog program for disabled veterans; a National Commission to enhance recruitment and retention of nurses at VA facilities; establishing chiropractic services within the VA health care system on a nationwide basis; and specialized medical programs (i.e. for mental illness, spinal cord injuries and prosthetics) in each of the VA's 22 health care networks. For more on the new legislation, see

<http://veterans.house.gov/communications/releases/107/1-23-02.htm>.

For more on veteran benefits, see http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourceFileView?file=Veterans_Benefits.htm.

Vision

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degrees and continues to serve the nation well.

"Our goal is to recruit quality people and keep quality people," he said.

With about 320 different personnel automated systems running more than 1,100 personnel programs — many of which cannot "cross-talk" with each other — modernizing personnel information technology is a big challenge, Le Moyne said. "Some of the programs are written in outdated computer languages nobody has used in years," he continued. "We want to move to more efficient systems without degrading what we currently have in place. Ideally, the IT Personnel Transformation will be invisible to the rest of the Army."

The IT Personnel Transformation has already started. Soldiers who will be considered at the next sergeant first class and lieutenant colonel promotion boards can review their official records online under a test program. Eventually, the program will expand to all soldiers and save the Army about \$300,000 a year in administrative costs, Le Moyne said.

About 4,600 computer servers have recently been consolidated down to 43 centralized super servers. The G-1 estimated this eliminated about 50,000 errors a day across the Army, caused by changes as information came up through several bureaucratic layers.

"The estimates of cost savings are up to more than \$20 million during the budget life cycle," Le Moyne said. "Most important is the better service this means to units and soldiers."

As far as leadership philosophy goes, Le Moyne said he will continue the ethos of service and caring for the Army and the people in it that he learned from when he enlisted as an Army Reserve Special Forces soldier in 1964.

"This is a damn good Army, filled with good people, doing good things for good reasons," he said.

Commissioned in the Infantry out of the University of Florida ROTC program, Le Moyne has served in command positions from platoon to brigade level and served as the commander of the Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Ga., prior to assuming his current duties as the G-1. He previously served on the Army Staff as the assistant deputy chief of staff for Personnel from 1997 to 1998.

'Grrrrrrreat!' display leads to world recognition

Kellogg's global award goes to APG commissary

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APG News

In the weeks leading up to the start of school late last summer, Aberdeen Proving Ground commissary shoppers not only picked up their groceries at great savings, but had the opportunity to visit 'Kelloggsville,' the town that cereal built. Consisting of houses, a school, radio tower and a library, with a school bus driving down Main Street, the town's planner and building engineers (employees of the commissary) stacked cereal boxes to create the village.

Their creativity paid off and the store received worldwide recognition and a coveted Crystal K trophy from Kellogg's for an eye-catching display.

On behalf of the APG Commissary, Richard Nornhold, store director, accepted a special award from Kellogg's representatives, Feb. 15, for the winning display featuring the company's cereals and other products.

Those on hand for the presentation included William Busick, zone manager and APG store director from 1986 to 1995, Lynn Curry, Kellogg's representative for the military, Jim Riddle, military regional manager for Kellogg's, Alice Cohoon, district manager, and those who had a hand in creating the winning display.

"This has become the premier display award in the military system," Curry said. She said the competition for the Crystal K, considered a top award among grocery stores, has resulted in increased sales of the product displayed and increased sales for the stores taking part in the contest.

"It has proved that creative merchandising increases sales," she said.

Kellogg's suggested the dual theme of back-to-school and saving money for the 2001 display which appeared in participating stores during the later part of August and into September.

The winning idea, however, that of building a town out of cereal boxes, was the brainchild of Diane Mann, store manager.

The driving force behind the building of many creative product displays, Mann has been creating displays at the APG store for the past two



The APG Commissary's 2001 Global Crystal K award-winning display featured Tony the Tiger driving a school bus that included tigers, roosters, and Snap, Crackle and Pop characters past the school, houses and Library of Savings found in Kelloggsville.

years, but arrived at APG with 20 years of commissary experience under her belt, in managing stores and winning lots of contests.

Blessed with creativity and a love of competition, Mann said the secret to her success is brainstorming with others for ideas, and enlisting enthusiastic workers willing to volunteer the extra hours needed to see the display come together.

She credited the store director and co-workers with pitching in ideas or 'sparking something' that leads to innovative displays, a combination of the ideas of everyone involved.

"This isn't just a one person thing," Mann said. "There are others who get just as involved as I do."

Admitting that it may take a little something special to come up with winning ideas, contest after contest, Mann said, "Creative craziness may get the ball rolling, but this isn't something you do by yourself. It's working together."

In creating 'Kelloggsville,' Mann singled out Vickie Mauzy as one who really got into building the town. She stayed all night to help stack the estimated 1400 cases of cereal, with 12 to 14 boxes per case, to build a town consisting

of a school bus (with Tony the Tiger at the wheel), school, library, two homes and a radio station. Linda Mager, along with other store employees, also added a hand to the building project.

The Crystal K award has been presented annually since 1995 to a DeCA store that uses creativity in displaying Kellogg's products, resulting in a jump in sales for the products.

APG made the initial cut by being named the regional winner in the small store category. To qualify as the global winner, the store competed against regional winners, in the small and large store categories, from the U.S. and abroad.

Creating and preparing the winning display for the APG Commissary took an estimated 108 hours. Personnel working on the display built it after-hours, at times working all night to get the display in place for the enjoyment of shoppers. Once the display period was over, customers received the unexpected bonus of buying the additional boxes imported to build the display, at great savings.

"I accept the Crystal K award, but credit for winning it goes to this lady here," Nornhold said, referring to

Mann. "She comes up with the ideas for nearly all our displays, and really gets into the contests." He added, "I've been trying to win the Crystal K award for several years now, and it's due to Diane and her team that we've come up a winner this year. She deserves all the credit."

The Crystal K award differs a little bit each year. The 2001 award is a crystal replica of the well-known Kellogg's figure, Tony the Tiger, balancing a K on his paw. It is the first 'Tony' award presented in the area.

A winning store throughout the year, the APG Commissary adds the Global Crystal K to their Kellogg's regional award. The Kellogg's awards add to a long list for the local store. In the past year, the APG commissary has received first place for the Procter and Gamble Special Olympics display, the eastern region small store award winner for Hershey's Halloween display, eastern region winner in the Produce Pear contest, small store winner for Kraft 3rd Quarter Sales, an honorable mention recipient, northeast region, for the Keebler Hollow Tree display, and has also received two Coca Cola awards for the 2001 Holiday Contest and the NASCAR



Setting up for an Easter display are, from left to right, Linda Mager, Commissary Manager Diane Mann and Loretta Stauffer. Mann and store employees set up many of their special displays when the store is closed, in an effort to focus on service to the customer during regular business hours. Below, the 2001 Global Crystal K Award depicts Tony the Tiger balancing the letter K in his paw.

2001 displays in the small store, northeast region categories.

Although not known as a vocalist, Nornhold is singing the praises of those responsible for APG's first 'Tony' award.

"I am really excited to finally get the Global Crystal K Award," Nornhold said. "It means world-wide recognition for the super commissary employees we have here at APG."



Mike Reynolds, a computer specialist for the Directorate of Information Management, fires up some of the high tech equipment he uses to monitor computer traffic on Aberdeen Proving Ground. Reynolds leads DOIM efforts to eliminate the use of instant messaging and chat room platforms on installation computers because they open portals that can spread viruses or leave the network vulnerable to hackers and cyberterrorists. Reynolds said he monitors traffic, not people, although doing so is well within his capabilities. He said there is no justification for using chat rooms and instant messengers once people know the risks. Also, it violates guidelines governing the use of government computers. The DOIM will aggressively search for and identify violators of this policy.

Warning

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"Whether official or unofficial, the monitoring of these open portals increases our workload tremendously and creates gaps in security that can leave sensitive information exposed," Reynolds said.

When you send an instant message, that message leaves the NIPRNET, goes to the service provider, then to the recipient, instantaneously, Reynolds explained. It does the same thing in reverse when the recipient responds.

"It happens so fast, it may seem like it never leaves the installation but it does," Reynolds said. "That simple exchange leaves our network vulnerable to tampering."

Chat rooms and instant messaging services, such as the ones provided through Yahoo! and America On Line, are not subject to automatic virus screenings like e-mail, Reynolds said. They are the favorite conveyance of viruses by hackers worldwide.

While the DOIM has the capability of monitoring all traffic in and out of the NIPRNET, the volume of transactions makes it near impossible to catch a breach of security before it happens, but even this

is changing.

"When you use a chat room or messenger service, you are putting your trust in a system outside this network that we have no control over," Reynolds said. "You are basically giving away your address and exposing your password and user ID at the same time. Any hacker could use that information to access other computers or networks. Your use of that system identifies you on an outside network. That makes you a target."

"APG garrison has already prohibited the use of third-party and unapproved software," he said.

In addition, the U.S. Army Materiel Command is reviewing issues regarding the new Army Knowledge Online, or AKO system.

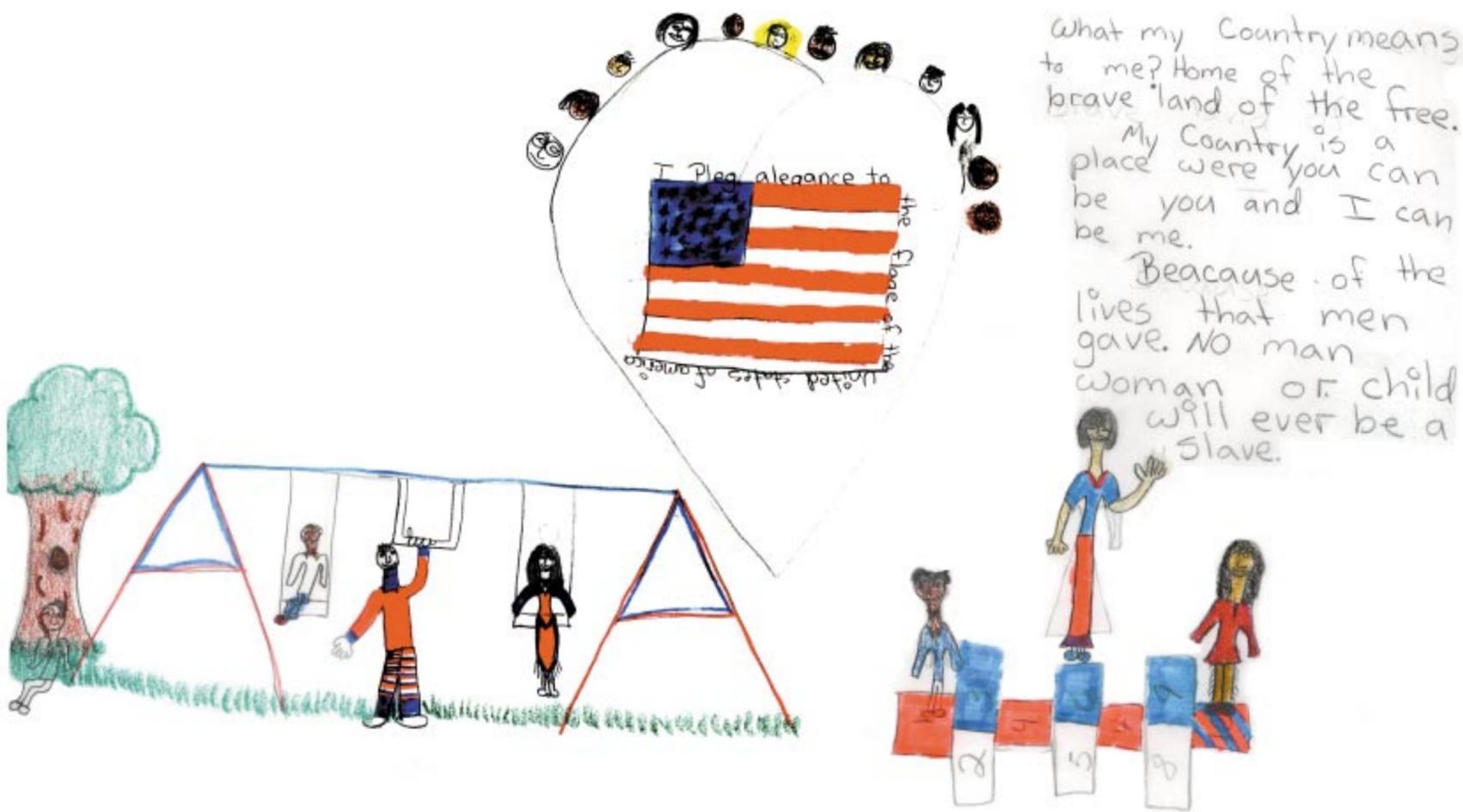
"AKO is more secure because it operates through a government server, but it is still being addressed," Reynolds said.

"Use regular e-mail or the telephone," he suggested, adding that users may be wise to check the guidance on improper use of the Internet during business hours.

"There is no real justification for using chat rooms once you know the risks," he said. "The DOIM will aggressively search for and identify violators of this policy."

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Sara Shipley



Sara Shipley, a member of Girl Scout Junior Troop 1553, uses artwork, and essay and a letter to show her patriotism. The fourth grade student is among the troop's participants vying for the 'United We Stand' Girl Scout Badge, created in the days following the Sept. 11 terrorist actions.

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Girl Scouts support the nation, troops

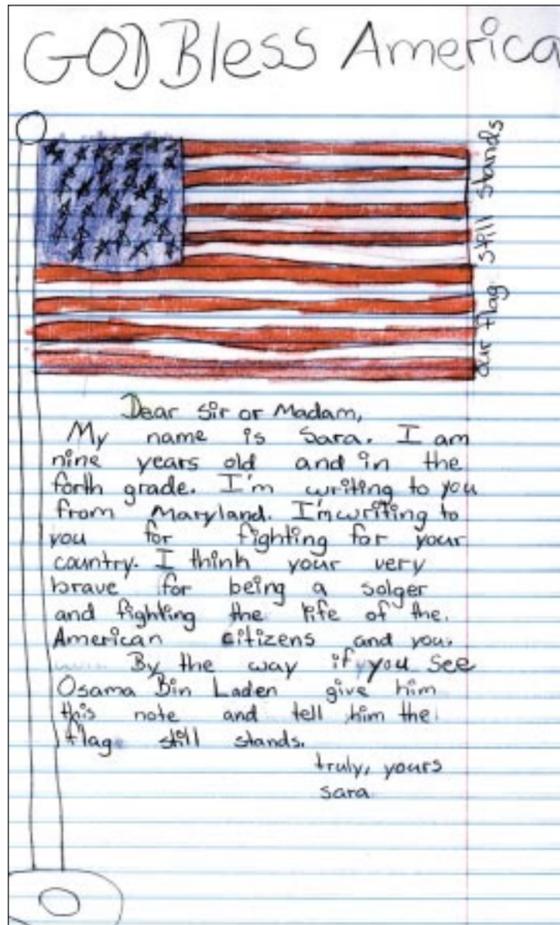
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Sara Shipley, a member of Girl Scout Junior Troop 1553, uses artwork, essay and a letter to show her support for the

United States military forces. The fourth grade student is among the troop's participants vying for the 'United We Stand' Girl Scout Badge, created by the national organization of the Girl Scouts as a

way for young scouts to show their pride and support for the United States, in the days following the September 11 terrorist action. In addition to the samples of writing and artwork above,

troop members are also required to complete a service project. The girls will complete that requirement by participating in a community beautification project this spring.





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Women

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Beginning in September 1999, the grandmother of two took at least one course each semester from a FIT instructor on the installation, one evening a week, for three hours, year-round. Throughout her education pursuit, she continued to work full-time, and credits her husband and mother for offering much-needed assistance and support throughout the two-and-a-half year pursuit. "It was a challenge working full-time while going to school," Smith said, "but my husband performed extra duties at home and provided emotional support, and my mother cooked dinner the night I had class so I would have the evening to read or study." Smith added that CPAC staff and co-workers were also supportive. "Whenever I was discouraged, Bill Lowe and Cliff Watson told me to 'go for it,'" she said. Acknowledging that a graduate degree, "certainly cannot hurt," when it comes to career enhancement, Smith said she simply decided the time was right to pursue her goal. "I enjoyed the experience, although now I'm glad that it's

over," she admitted. Smith completed her degree, earning 33 credits, in December. Now that she is not studying, she said she has more time to devote to her other interests which include serving as a deaconess and Sunday School Superintendent at her church, and as an active member of several community service and faith-related organizations. Married for nearly 35 years to Forwood K. Smith, the Havre de Grace resident said she opted to receive her degree at FIT's home campus in Melbourne in order to experience her education to the fullest. "My son and his family live in Florida, and I just really wanted to go through the ceremony," she said. Smith added that her mother, husband and sister were among the 16 family members and friends who gathered in Melbourne with her, to mark the occasion. Smith said if she had to do it all over again, she would, stating that the challenges involved make it worthwhile. "You have to be truly committed and willing to sacrifice other interests," Smith said, "but whatever sacrifices I made seemed insignificant to the accomplishment I felt when I was handed my diploma."