

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 22, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

ATC changes test firing schedule

Between now and Oct. 1, the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center has changed its test-firing mission. ATC will begin its firing mission at 8 a.m., with a noise calibration shot occurring at 7:30 a.m. The calibration shot is used to compare the noise modeling prediction tools with an actual event.

Noise and vibration may be experienced off-post due to low-flying aircraft and firing. Every effort will be made to ensure operations are conducted responsibly to ensure minimal impact to residents in the surrounding communities.

These activities may take place in the air, over both land and water. Day and nighttime firing exercise scenarios will be required.

For information, contact George Mercer, Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147.

APG, Aberdeen celebrate Armed Forces Day, May 18

"United for Freedom" is the theme of this year's joint Aberdeen Proving Ground/City of Aberdeen 2002 Armed Forces Day celebration in the City of Aberdeen.

The day begins with a 5K Fun Run starting at Festival Park at 2 p.m. Registration forms are available at Aberdeen City Hall or entrants may register the day of the race at Festival Park beginning at 1 p.m.

The parade of active and retired military units, military vehicles, local bands and other parade floats down West Bel Air Avenue begins at 3 p.m. There will be a special tribute in Festival Park following the parade. A free concert, performed by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) and the Aberdeen High School Chorus, will begin after the tribute in Festival Park.

For more information, contact the City of

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Courage remembered at Holocaust ceremony



As her fellow choir members watch, Erin Hullett, left, of the Aberdeen High School A Capella Choir, lights the last candle during the Days of Remembrance Commemorative Program at the Post Theater on May 1. Looking on from left, Diamond Peterson, Megan Hardy and Christine Kennedy. Not shown are Kristen McInnish and Lin Zheng.

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The focus was on valor and perseverance at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Days of Remembrance Commemorative Program at the post theater, May 1.

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory sponsored the annual event held in conjunction with the National Day of Remembrance.

Guest speaker Leo Bretholz, a Holocaust survivor who escaped the Nazis seven times, delivered a chronology of the years he spent on the run across war-torn Europe, and autographed copies of his book, "Leap Into Darkness," after the ceremony.

He was welcomed to the program by the emcee, Dr. Ellen Haas, ARL.

Noting the program's theme, "Memories of Courage," Rabbi Seymour Essrog, an Aberdeen Area civilian chaplain, delivered the invocation.

"We come together to mourn, recall heroism and liberation and pray for the day when there will be no more violence for freedom-loving

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TSP open season begins

Teri Wright
CPAC

The Thrift Savings Plan Open Season runs through July 31. During open season, eligible employees may begin to contribute or change the amount of their contributions.

Contribution maximums have been increased to 7 percent for Civil Service Retirement Service employees and 12 percent for Federal Employees Retirement System employees (up to the Internal Revenue Service maximum of \$11,000).

NOTE: Participants may terminate their contributions at any time, but will have to serve a waiting period before they may begin again.

Immediate participation for new hires
All recently hired (or rehired) employees who are subject to a federal retirement system (CSRS, CSRS Offset, FERS) will become eligible to participate in TSP during this open season.

In order to be eligible to receive agency matching and agency automatic 1 percent contributions, recently hired/rehired FERS employees must have been previously eligible for TSP or first serve a waiting period. For this open season, rehired employees who became eligible for TSP during a past appointment will be eligible for agency contributions effective July 1, 2001 (earliest effective date for TSP transactions).

New hires and rehires who were not previously eligible will become eligible for agency

contributions as follows:

If hired between Jan. 1, and June 30, 2002, your agency contribution begins the first full pay period in January 2003. If hired between July 1, and Dec. 31, 2002, your agency contribution begins the first full pay period in July 2003.

Making open season changes

Employees must contact the Army-Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) at www.abc.army.mil or toll-free at 1-877-276-9287 to make an open season change. Do not submit a Form TSP-1 to your Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Army employees now make their TSP contribution changes electronically via the ABC-C.

Employees are reminded that the ABC-C handles all benefits counseling and processing services.

Those who need to speak with a benefits counselor, may do so by calling the toll-free number above, Monday through Friday, from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. The ABC-C systems (Web and phone) are available 21 hours a day, 7 days a week and enable employees to manage their benefits by providing convenient, consistent and confidential services. Whether accessing the ABC-C from a computer or telephone, it is important to read and listen to all information and exit the system properly in order to complete the transaction.

Effective dates

TSP Open Season changes will go into

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APG water declared safe

Ralph Cardenuto
DSHE

Aberdeen Proving Ground's drinking water is safe to drink. "Drinking water supplied to homes and offices in both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas is well within the limits established by the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Act," said Dr. Donald K. Wallace, Chief of Preventive Medicine, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

APG's Directorate of Installation Operations is responsible for providing potable drinking water for the installation.

Water for the Aberdeen Area comes from the Chapel Hill Water Treatment Plant through a contract with the City of Aberdeen, and water for the Edgewood Area comes from the Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant.

Water from both plants meets drinking water standards. Continuous monitoring of the water treatment plants and the distribution system ensures that APG meets all state and federal requirements.

"APG drinking water is tested for approximately 151 substances, in accordance with the EPA Safe Drinking Water Act," Wallace said. "Coliform bacteria, lead, copper, trihalomethanes, and chromium are a few examples included in APG's water monitoring program. The bottom line is our water is safe to drink."

Each year, a Consumer Confidence Report is produced in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act providing analytical data for the previous calendar year's water quality. A copy of the 2000 CCR is available on the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment Environmental Compliance Division Web site, www.apg.army.mil/garrison/safety-environ/safe.html with a link to the City of Aberdeen for the Aberdeen Area CCR. The 2001 CCR will be posted in July of this year.

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Army enters NASCAR racing scene

Spc. Jamie Carson
Fort Lee Public Affairs Office

FORT LEE, Va. - Scanning the ranks of the roaring engines, a new star shines. Blazing from the front of the No. 40 car's hood, the Army star is revved-up and waiting for the green flag to wave.

As copartners, the Army, along with Engineered Machined Products, is rolling into professional racing. With two other branches of service already involved in the sport, it was a natural progression for the Army to join the NASCAR family.

"Racing in many ways captures the essence of the 'Army of One' campaign. Although it is a single driver in the car, the driver is one part of a team; and it is the synergistic effect of the team that achieves success and wins on the race track," said Maj. Gen. Terry E. Juskowiak, U.S. Army Quartermaster General. "NASCAR is the largest attended spectator sports event in the country. We felt it appropriate to show our support. The team's 'markings' provide a lot of visibility for the U.S. Army."

The general and Command Sgt. Maj. Bradley Peat, Quartermaster Regimental command sergeant major, along with five other Fort Lee soldiers attended the NASCAR Busch Series Hardee's 250 at the Richmond International Raceway May 3.

"Fort Lee is involved in the local community and committed to supporting the people we protect," Peat said. "Events like NASCAR racing provide a wonderful opportunity for connecting with veterans and future soldiers."

Before the race, soldiers were able to meet the "Army of One" driver, Brian Vickers, 18, and discover what happens in the pit before the green flag drops.

For one of the soldiers, Sgt. Michael Peele of the 58th

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"Army of One" in action

Photo by SPC. JAMIE CARSON

With lightning speed, the "Army of One" pit crew refuels and changes the tires on the No. 40 car.

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Aberdeen at 410-297-4212 or visit the City's Web site at www.aberdeen-md.org.

KUSAHC Memorial Day Hours

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be open Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., after 5 p.m., by appointment only. KUSAHC will be closed on Sunday and Monday, May 26 and 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

Flowers at Re-Nu-It centers

Housing area residents can pick up spring flowers from Re-Nu-It Centers. Each quarters will be issued a half flat of flowers. Organizations will be issued a whole flat of flowers. Individuals from the organization must have a valid signature card on file at the Re-Nu-It Center to pick up the flowers.

Hours of operation are:
 Aberdeen Area, building 5413: 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday
 Edgewood Area, building E-5703: 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., Friday
 For more information, call 410-278-8814 in the AA, or 410-436-2398 in EA.

KUSAHC to hold briefings on TRICARE For Life

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will hold briefings for prospective TRICARE for Life participants at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater on June 3 and 6, 10 a.m. to noon. An evening briefing will be held on June 12, 6 to 8 p.m. (See story on page 4.)

Luncheon highlights Asian-Pacific heritage

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command is sponsoring this year's Asian-Pacific heritage luncheon at Top of the Bay, May 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event will include entertainment by Polynesian dancers and an Asian-Pacific menu. With a theme of "Unity in Freedom," the luncheon will also feature remarks from Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, who has been the American Samoa Representative to the U.S. Congress since 1989. He is a member of the House Committee on International Relations and the House Committee on Resources.

Tickets cost \$9.50. For tickets or more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Duffie Robertson at 410-278-1053. A list of agency contacts will be published in next week's paper.

RAB meeting scheduled for May 30

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its next monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on May 30, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Lauderick Creek Study Area, Munitions Assessment and Processing System, and New O-Field Removal Action Update.

Board meetings are open to the public. APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

EA Thrift store offers 25 cent Tuesday

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop is having \$.25 Tuesday on May 21. All clearance items will be a quarter each. Bring in this ad to receive the first 10 items for 10 cents each. The Thrift Shop is located across from the golf course on Stark Road and is open Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 410-676-4733.

Register now for UMUC summer courses

Registration is now taking place for the University of Maryland University College Summer 2002 semester, which begins May 29. On-site classes offered at Aberdeen Proving Ground include BMGT 340, Business Finance, and the following Instructional Television Courses: BMGT 482, Business and Government; CMIS 325, UNIX with Shell Programming; COMM 390, Writing for Managers; COMM 394, Business Writing; HRMN 362, Labor Relations; and MRKT 310, Marketing Principles and Organizations. Many additional classes are available through distance education formats.

For more assistance or to register, visit the APG office of UMUC in building 3146, or call 410-272-8269 or 410-278-4632.

Perryman VFW 6054 celebrates 50th anniversary

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 in Perryman, invites the

public to attend its 50th Anniversary Celebration May 20 to 25. It will take place at the Post Home on Spesutia Road. The post is open to the entire community 6 to 10:30 p.m. each night. There will be five days of free admission, food, music and guest speakers from every major conflict since World War II.

May 22 is dedicated to the members of the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion.

A dinner and candle lighting ceremony in remembrance of fallen comrades will close out the week's events Saturday night. Tickets cost \$10. The price includes one of two choices of meals, variety music provided by a DJ and a commemorative champagne glass.

For more information, call Warrant Officer Keith E. Hammitt, 410-278-7834/4356.

Pollution Prevention



To reduce solid waste, use rechargeable batteries.

APG Pollution Prevention Program

Youth photography contest, scholarship opportunity

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Circuit City Foundation are sponsoring the ImageMakers National Photography contest. The Aberdeen and Edgewood Youth Centers are chapters of B&GCA, so APG youth can participate. Deadline for submission is May 16.

In addition to this contest, there is a scholarship opportunity for high school students interested in pursuing a career in photography. Four winners will receive \$3,000 scholarships to be used for college or art school.

For information and rules, call Norma A. Warwick at 410-278-9059 or e-mail Norma.Warwick@usag.apg.army.mil.

Re-Nu-It Center begins summer hours

The Re-Nu-It Centers will begin summer hours effective May 13 as follows: Aberdeen Area, building 5413, Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; Edgewood Area, building E-5703, Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. For more information, call the AA center at 410-278-8814 or the EA center at 410-436-2398.

Badge/ID hours change

Effective May 6, the hours of operation and services for the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas Badge and Identification sections are as follows:

Aberdeen Area
 Badge/ID/Vehicle Registration Office, Build-ing 4305, Room 101, Monday thru Friday, 7 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. All services provided Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, excluding RDO/-payday Friday.

On Tuesday, all services provided except vehicle registration.
Edgewood Area
 Badge/ID/Vehicle Registration Office, Build-ing E-4420, Room 109, Monday thru Friday, 7 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. All services provided on Tuesday.

Only civilian ID and fingerprinting services provided Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, excluding RDO/payday Friday.

All services include: security badges, civilian identification cards, contractor ID cards, weapons registration, vehicle registration, fingerprinting and clearing.

ACS holds small business classes

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program, the Veterans Business Development Program and the Small Business Development Center at Harford Community College will sponsor classes for starting a small business.

This information will help prospective and established businesses clarify their needs, and learn more about the resources available to them. Classes are free to APG adults with valid ID. Register soon - seating is limited.

The following classes will be held at the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Center, building 2752, conference room:

May 23, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Writing Winning Loan Proposals
 June 4, 6 to 8 p.m. - Writing a Strategic Business Plan

For registration or more information, call Marilyn Howard, family member employment readiness manager, ACS, 410-278-9669.

NASA Space Camp scholarship available

The Military Child Education Coalition has endowed a NASA Space Camp scholarship in memory of Bernard Curtis Brown II, who was killed on Sept. 11. The scholarship will fully fund the tuition and travel for a student to attend the NASA Space Camp this summer. Applicants must be a child of an active duty military parent and a student between sixth to ninth grades before the entry deadline of June 1.

The recipient of the 2002 Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial Space Camp Scholarship will be notified by June 25, and presented with the scholarship at the MCEC national conference in San Antonio, Texas, on Aug. 2.

For more information or to download an application, visit the MCEC Web site at www.militarychild.org.

Employment Readiness Workshop offers summer classes

Army Community Service, Family Member Employment Readiness Program will hold Employment Readiness Workshops throughout the summer. The workshop includes five classes about Internet tools, resume pointers and other great ideas to energize your job search. Classes will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. every Monday in building 2752 Rodman Road, 2nd floor.

Scheduled classes include May 20, Information session for resumes; June 24, Information session for interview skills; July 15, Job skills workshop/Finding the perfect career; Aug. 19, Information session for interview skills and Sept. 16, Information session for resumes. Classes are open to APG adult family members and APG civilians. To register, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669.

Consolidated Service Desk training offered

The Directorate of Information Management developed a Consolidated Service Desk for use by all organizations at APG.

The CSD changes the way of doing business at APG, moving away from paper-based systems to Web-based systems. The CSD can be accessed from a link on the public APG Web site, <http://www.apg.army.mil>. Training will focus on the major business process changes and detail the major features of CSD. Information technology personnel, trainers, or anyone who wants to learn how to use CSD may attend.

In the Aberdeen Area, training is at the Post Theater May 21, 9 to 11 a.m.; May 22, 1 to 3 p.m.; and May 23, 9 to 11 a.m.

In the Edgewood Area, training is at Conference Center auditorium, building E-4810, June 3, 1 to 3 p.m.; June 4, 9 to 11 a.m.; and June 5, 1 to 3 p.m.

Questions concerning CSD training should be directed to David Ruff, 410-306-1325 or e-mail david.ruff@usag.apg.army.mil.

ACS honors military spouses

Army Community Services is hosting a luncheon to honor military spouses May 29, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ACS, building 2754. Military spouses of all services, retired, and active duty are invited to attend.

Respond by calling 410-278-9669/2464.

ACS offers parenting classes in May

The Family Advocacy Program will offer "Active Parenting" classes for those who have children 2 to 12 years old. The classes will meet twice a week for three weeks at Army Community Service, building 2754, Rodman Road, 6 to 8 p.m. The dates and topics are as follows:

- May 16 Developing responsibility
- May 21 Winning cooperation
- May 23 Active parenting in a democratic society

For more information and to register for the classes, call Laura Reich, family advocacy prevention specialist 410-278-7478. Childcare will be available to those who register by May 6.

Volunteers recognized May 22

The annual Aberdeen Proving Ground Volunteer Ceremony and Reception will be held May 22, 7 p.m., at Top of the Bay, building 30. Everyone is invited to attend.

Refreshments and door prizes will be awarded following the ceremony.

VTC unites military family members

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

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PET OF THE WEEK



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Don't it make your brown eyes blue?

If you love kittens, then you'll love the six furry bundles like this one that are available for adoption at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. Call or come by the VTF to see the other cats, kittens and dogs. You do not have to be active-duty military to adopt a pet. The VTF will close Friday, May 24 for a training holiday, remain closed through the Memorial Day holiday and reopen, Tuesday May 28. For more information, or to adopt a pet, contact the VTF at 410-278-4604.

Safety, summer activities top the list at spring CAC

Sheila Little

APG News

A meeting of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Action Council was held April 25 in the main conference room of garrison headquarters. Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander, presided over the afternoon meeting which covered security and safety and the summer schedule of activities and events.

Health, dental

Lt. Col. David Krieger, commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, said the clinic is initiating an automated patient reminder call to help reduce clinic no shows, currently making up 20 to 25 percent of scheduled appointments.

A new commander for APG's dental facility will arrive at the end of July.

Shopping

The new manager of APG's Main Exchange, Thea Sarver, announced that a Whirlpool appliance sale is scheduled May 23 to 30. Purchase an appliance at the sale price and get an additional \$50 off.

Richard Normhold, commissary manager, said many bargains are available at the commissary, with a special emphasis on weekend deals.

"If you don't stop in over the weekend, you're missing something," he said. Referring to a sales sheet from a competitor advertising meat prices, Normhold said many of the sale prices listed were well above the regular price of items found at the commissary.

He also said the names of all commissary scholarship

awardees for 2002 can be found on the www.commissaries.com Web site. The three APG recipients of \$1,500 student scholarships are James E. Coyle, Tara Wagner and Matthew W. Wissman.

Security

Robert Krauer, provost marshal, said the post remains under Force Protection Condition Charlie until further notice. He thanked commuters for cooperating with security personnel and gate procedures.

He said the procedure is being worked out to issue new vehicle decals, which will be acceptable at all government installations. As plans are finalized, information will appear in the APG News.

In addition, Krauer said security personnel are on "aggressive crime prevention patrols" and are watching the housing areas for speeders. He asked commuters to avoid driving through housing areas and reminded residents to slow down, as they are generally the ones caught speeding in the residential areas.

The Skippers Point representative asked for an increased police presence to deter neighborhood speeders, and playground patrols. She said the playground is littered with broken beer bottles and cigarette butts, left by teens hanging out at the playground into the early morning hours. Teens have been observed pounding on playground equipment with baseball bats, and a knife was recently discovered near the tot section. She added that additional lights might help deter the mischief-makers.

Krauer said his personnel will look into the problem, and noted that an increased police presence in the form of bicycle patrols is planned for days of clement weather.

Regarding the destruction of property, residents are asked to make note of those destroying property if they know them, and report them to the police. Equipment that is damaged to the point of being unsafe, should be reported to the Safety Office, 410-306-1057/88, for removal or repair.

Sgt. Major Frederick Hurley asked that a restart of the neighborhood watch program be considered.

Tips for a safe summer

Susie Ashby, installation safety division, said with great weather and the approach of the end of the school year, residents and commuters need to be mindful of children on bicycles or out playing. She reminded attendees of the helmet law, which requires wearing a helmet when on bikes, and foot-propelled and motorized recreational equipment. "That includes, but is not limited to roller blades, scooters, or any motor or foot-propelled equipment. In addition, it is against the law to wear headphones when walking, jogging or cycling," Ashby said.

Army Family Team Building

A military spouse orientation covering benefits and entitlements is planned for May 22 at the commissary. Richard Normhold, commissary officer, will speak on the financial benefits of shopping at the commissary for grocery, bakery and deli needs. Meet at the commissary, building 3400, at 11 a.m. for a short review of AFTB and commissary benefits, followed by a light lunch. To make a reservation, call Diana Jackson, program manager, 410-278-2464.

AFTB is currently reviewing meeting locations for the Edgewood Area, and is also seeking volunteers. Call Jackson for

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Photo by Sheila Little

Allison Kuchar, 12, practices a flip off the diving board under the watchful guidance of a lifeguard at the Olympic Pool in Aberdeen last summer. Life guards and pool managers are needed for the upcoming pool season, which runs Memorial weekend through Labor Day. Job announcements can be found on the Internet at www.cpol.army.mil. For more information, contact Diana Brown, APG CPAC, 410-278-8987.

CPAC announces lifeguard and pool manager positions

www.cpol.army.mil

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is currently recruiting for 22 Lifeguard (GS-03) and 1 Pool Manager (GS-04) positions for the upcoming pool season, which runs from May 20 to Sept. 2.

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

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

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

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

Proof of these requirements should be submitted with the application.

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

Post vending machines offer prize with purchase

Linda Holloway

APG Post Restaurant Fund

The next time you buy snacks or drinks from an installation vending machine, the result may include a prize.

"It's our way of saying thanks to the customers who have supported our vending business," said Maxine Burgher, Post Restaurant Fund Council chairperson.

Finding a bright green sticker on any product, could mean winning prizes such as pens, frisbees, mugs, sunglasses and more. Call the number listed on the sticker to collect the prize.

The Post Restaurant Fund provides snack, drink, and mobile vending services to buildings whose population is predominantly civilian. Profits generated are shared with the Civilian Welfare Fund.

The CWF offers a full-range of sports and social leisure activities for members of the APG community. Discounted tours, trips, and cruises are offered throughout the year. Capa Field, located in

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Are you eligible for DoD's Medicare wraparound coverage?

Janice Spellman
KUSAHC

Since the implementation of expanded pharmacy and medical benefits under TRICARE Senior Pharmacy and TRICARE For Life last year, many Medicare-eligible uniformed services beneficiaries, age 65 and over, are now enjoying a more robust health care benefit.

Beneficiaries no longer have to pay expensive supplemental insurance premiums, higher co-payments, or entire prescription charges because the TRICARE For Life program acts as second payer to Medicare, and the pharmacy program provides coverage not provided by Medicare.

"Beneficiaries have reported savings of \$3,000 to 4,000 on their prescriptions, alone. With most prescriptions available to them for a \$3 or \$9 co-pay, some can now purchase prescriptions they couldn't afford before. Not only are they saving money, but many are enjoying a better quality of daily living," said Thomas Carrato, Executive Director of TRICARE Management Activity

(TMA).

While most of the 1.5 million TRICARE For Life-eligible beneficiaries have been located by TMA, regional lead agents, managed care support contractors, and various beneficiary associations, some still are not aware of this coverage. Their files in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, have not been updated, and they have not renewed their military identification cards. Continued eligibility for military benefits must be established periodically, because certain events (like divorce from a military retiree, or remarriage of a widow) may end eligibility.

As a result, when Medicare "automatically" sent its first 5 million claims to TRICARE for its newly eligible over-65 beneficiaries, it became evident that some of these claims belonged to beneficiaries whose information had not been updated, and whose ID cards were expired. These claims initially were denied by TRICARE, but agency officials have announced that they will pay these claims temporarily, without requiring beneficiaries or providers to resubmit them.

"We will use this opportunity to advise people on their Explanations of Benefits that they must update their information and ID cards. Those who fail to do so will have future TRICARE claims denied," Carrato said.

After Aug. 1, all claims for beneficiaries with expired eligibility will be denied until their eligibility information is updated. During March, DEERS notified many of the people with outdated information and expired ID cards by a letter.

DEERS also sends an "age-in" letter to newly eligible beneficiaries 90 days before their 65th birthdays, explaining how they can remain eligible for TRICARE benefits.

The best way to verify TRICARE eligibility in DEERS and to obtain a current ID card is to go to an ID card issuing facility. Personnel can provide the necessary documentation information. If it is not possible for a beneficiary to go to an ID card facility, call the DoD Reverification line, 1-800-361-2620. Information about the nearest ID card facility can be found on the Web at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl>, or by calling TRICARE's toll-free number, 1-888-DOD-LIFE (1-888-363-5433).

Communication is key to good health care

Maj. Gen. Leonard M. Randolph Jr.

TRICARE Management Activity

One of the greatest barriers to communication between physicians and patients is time. No one seems to have enough of it these days.

However, there are things you can do to enhance communications and make the most of the time you spend in your doctor's office.

Listen to your body. Take time to make a self-assessment, and before your appointment, consider writing a diary of the symptoms. Focus on descriptive terms for your symptoms, such as intense, dull, pulsating. Try to relate the symptoms to your activities, time of day and how they compare to other experiences. Many clinicians find it helpful when a patient can relate a "pattern of experiences".

Try not to feel embarrassed. Clinicians are highly trained professionals, and must keep patient information confidential. Since there is usually a pattern of symptoms relating

to an illness, the clinician often has an insight into how the illness occurred. They may even expect to hear the patient state a potentially embarrassing phrase in order to make a diagnosis.

Failure to tell all of your concerns to your clinician can result in an incorrect or a misdiagnosis.

In the military community, fear of reprisal for having a mental or sexual health problem may be a concern for the patient. A patient's illness can affect the unit's military readiness, and possibly the patient's career.

Fortunately, military clinicians have the same obligation as civilian providers; to keep patient confidentiality.

Not receiving proper treatment may cause more harm to a unit's medical readiness, negatively affecting the patient's long-term health.

The clinic staff may ask (multiple times) why you wish see the doctor.

This question helps make sure that all the proper equip-

ment is available in the exam room. If you only wish to speak to the clinician, just answer that you have several symptoms and are not sure of the problem.

Bring a list. Always keep a card in your wallet with a list of your allergies and current medications in case of an emergency.

Double-checking your prescription list with your clinician is important.

A list of questions or concerns is usually helpful during your visit.

As a patient, you may feel rushed, or your train-of-thought may be interrupted. Relying on memory for symptoms or concerns from the past weeks or months may not be as accurate as a list.

It can also help to check with family members regarding family health history.

The use of a list can also be helpful when talking to a different physician.

Tell the clinician all the medications and supplements that you are taking.

There are many supplements on the market that claim to improve health.

Vitamins, herbs, over-the-counter medications, diet pills, etc., can interact with your prescription, and may even be the cause of your symptoms. For example, simple nose spray can raise the blood pressure, while high dose vitamin K can affect blood-thinning prescriptions.

Checking with your pharmacist is also very important when taking supplements.

Don't believe everything you read. The Internet is a fascinating tool for information (good and bad). Anyone can write articles for the Internet. Bringing in articles from any source to the physician's office can help aid in discussion. However, if the clinician seems cautious, understand that they may not trust the source of information or may have more insight into your particular case.

Give yourself time to heal and stay healthy. The best physician plan in the world will not work if the patient is too busy to comply. Taking

time off for the rest prescribed can be difficult.

Ask for assistance when needed. Timers for medications are not only for the elderly, they can help anyone taking medication.

Scheduling time for lifestyle changes is just as important. Any change takes time, especially if it involves exercise. An exercise prescription may be the best treatment.

Keep the plan simple. The physician may discuss or hand

out a lot of information. Ask questions of the physician in order to clarify the instructions.

Request a telephone consult or schedule a follow-up appointment, if you have questions or concerns.

Good communication is critical to a good relationship with your clinician, and makes you a true partner in determining which treatments to follow, and how to maintain good health.





Richard Lewin, secretary of Maryland's Department of Business and Economic Development, and Maj. Gen. John Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier, Biological and Chemical Command, sign an agreement while Harford County Executive James Harkins looks on. APG Science and Technology Board Chairman Brian Simmons promotes such agreements.

DTC, ARL employees garner technology awards

Mike Cast
DTC

The chairman of Aberdeen Proving Ground's Science and Technology Board and a scientist with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, whose work support technology partnerships among government, academia and private industry, garnered prestigious awards May 8 during a technology conference in Little Rock, Ark.

The Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer presented its "Director of the Year" award for 2001 to Brian Simmons, chairman of the APG S&T Board and technical director of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command.

Simmons said the award was an honor for the APG S&T Board, and more than recognition of an individual, adding that the cooperative spirit and significant contributions of board members have helped "change the image of the proving ground from a place that tests bombs and bullets to putting it on the map as an Army installation with unique laboratory capabilities."

The APG S&T Board was established in February 1997 to encourage discussion and cooperation among the diverse technical organizations at APG. The board has created technology partnerships with private industry as well as colleges and universities in Maryland and neighboring states.

Under Simmons' chairmanship, the S&T Board opened a Team APG Business Development Office in October 2000 as a single entry point onto the installation for potential partners.

With the aid of the office, various APG research, development and test agencies have signed cooperative research and development agreements or technical support agreements with off-post researchers and technology-oriented businesses.

The board also signed a memorandum of agreement with Maryland's Technology and Economic Development Corporation, which serves as a

link between the capabilities available at APG and the technology needs of businesses throughout Maryland.

Two recent initiatives at APG involved teamwork between the Team APG Business Development Office, the S&T Board and its member agencies, and state and county business development officials.

In January 2001 the U.S. Army Soldier Biological and Chemical Command sponsored a Biotechnology Day at APG. This event enabled business representatives with an interest in biotechnology research to get a firsthand look at laboratory capabilities.

In June of that year APG also hosted an APG Technology Showcase that gave potential partners a close look at the diverse laboratory and test capabilities at both the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas of APG.

These events underscore the S&T Board's focus on biotechnology, nanomaterials, physics of failure, automotive and robotics technologies, ballistics and energetics, environmental protection, and protection for the soldier.

The efforts are expected to lead to additional cooperative agreements with industry and academia.

The S&T Board also has displayed APG capabilities at regional trade shows, including the TechTrends conferences in Atlantic City, N.J., and Baltimore, and "commercial off-the-shelf" shows in Baltimore and Portsmouth, Va.

Simmons said S&T Board members, the agencies they

represent and their employees have promoted science, math and technology education in Harford County through their support for business and technology-oriented educational programs at the Higher Education and Applied Technology Center in Aberdeen, as well as with colleges and universities with offices at APG's Education Center.

APG organizations, soldiers and employees also support math and science education in area schools by helping to teach and mentor students, and by supporting programs such as the creation of a math and science-oriented magnet high school in Aberdeen.

The laboratory consortium also presented one of its highest honors, the Harold Metcalf Award, to Richard Dimmick, an ARL scientist whose work led to the commercialization of technologies developed by Department of Defense labs.

Dimmick received the award this year primarily for his efforts to find DoD technologies that would meet the needs of today's firefighters.

Following the deaths of firefighters in a Pittsburgh fire, Dimmick played a key role in establishing the Fire Fighting Task Force, a national effort to demonstrate DoD and other federal laboratory technologies that could solve a "priority list" of firefighter safety requirements, including communications in high noise environments and the ability to see through dense smoke. The task force helped transfer those technologies to the private sector.

"I am particularly impres-

sed with your support of the Fire Fighting Task Force," wrote Ann Rydalch, chair of the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer, in a letter to Dimmick confirming his selection for the award. "Through your efforts in establishing this important initiative, not only will (research and development) time and money be saved, but, most importantly, the lives of firefighters will be saved as well."

The consortium was organized in 1974 and formally chartered by the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 to promote the transfer of government laboratory technologies to the private sector.

More than 700 major federal laboratories and centers, and their parent departments and agencies, are now members of the consortium, including several Army organizations at APG.

TSP

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effect no earlier than July 14, 2002. Changes made on or after July 14 will become effective the next pay period after the change was made.

Difficulty accessing the ABC-C system

For problems accessing the ABC-C system, contact the SW CPOC Helpdesk at 785-239-2000 or DSN 856-2000 during normal business hours (central time) or e-mail helpdesk@cpocswr.army.mil. This number is only for technical support and not counseling services.

(Editor's note: The APG News will be publishing articles on TSP throughout the open season).

APG honors National Police Week



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE
Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, sitting, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, signs the National Police Week proclamation after the Law Day observance at Top of the Bay. Looking on from left, Master Sgt. Keith Koob, first sergeant, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security; Robert Krauer, APG provost marshal; Maj. Joseph Darabasz, deputy provost marshal; Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; Joseph Craten, garrison civilian deputy and Capt. Floyd Rose, chief, Edgewood Area Police Services Branch.

Proclamation

National Police Officers Memorial Day 2002

The 29th annual observance of Police Officers Memorial Day [took] place May 15, 2002. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy, in conjunction with a proclamation signed by the Senate and House of Representatives, signed Public Law 87-726, establishing Police Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week of each year during which May 15th occurs as Police Week. This proclamation was designed to honor the service of those men and women who, night and day, stand guard in our midst to protect us through enforcement of our laws. The proclamation also invited the governments of the states and communities and the people of the United States to observe this day and week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Every two and a half days another family joins the ranks of those who have lost a law enforcement officer. According to federal criteria, 228 officers were killed in the line of duty in 2001. Included in this total are 70 police officers who died at the World Trade Center on September 11th, 2001, the most officers ever killed in a single incident in the history of our nation. On an average 59,693 officers are assaulted yearly. During these most arduous times, 740,000 federal, state and local officers put their lives on the line each day in defense of our freedoms. Those who gave the ultimate sacrifice will be honored at national ceremonies in Washington, D.C., during National Police Week activities. Among those previously honored are

members of the U.S. Army Military Police Corps and Department of Defense civilian police officers that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

A heartfelt "Thank You" is extended to those law enforcement professionals, both civilian and military, who provide such outstanding service to our community. It is only fitting that we as a nation, pay tribute to and honor our law enforcement officials for their selfless service in an often thankless profession. From policing and securing local communities and installations, to deploying worldwide on a moment's notice, our Military Police Corps and their civilian counterparts have provided outstanding law enforcement support year round, twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year. On this Police Officer Memorial Day, let us all pay tribute to these professionals who not only protect us at home, but worldwide.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and twenty-sixth.

JOHN C. DOESBURG
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

Yvonne Johnson APG News

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 National Police Officers' Memorial Day and the week containing May 15 was designated National Police Week.

Today, NPW is celebrated throughout the country to honor law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice and to support their survivors.

On Aberdeen Proving Ground, members of the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security observed NPW with the signing of a proclamation by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, on May 1 at Top of the Bay.

"The challenges faced by law enforcement officers on a daily basis have never been more apparent since the events of September 11," said Robert Krauer, APG Director of Law Enforcement and Security.

"Our nation's police are truly the first line of defense and are critical to the security of the country."

Krauer said that DLES personnel "take the Homeland Security mission very seriously" and recognize the continuing threat and the need for constant vigilance to protect the force.

"The past eight months have changed our view of what "normal" should be," Krauer said.

The law enforcement and security mission on APG is exceptionally complex and in many ways, highly visible to those who live and work here."

"I am incredibly proud of the dedication and performance of all of the personnel assigned or attached to DLES," he added. "Their efforts keep APG safe and secure every day of the year."

Police Week marks the end of a tragic year according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Web site.

In 2001, 230 police officers nationwide lost their lives.

Seventy-two officers died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks; 71 in the World Trade Center collapse and one on the hijacked plane that crashed in Pennsylvania.

"There's just a heightened sensitivity of the service and of the sacrifice" since Sept. 11, said Craig W. Floyd, chairman and executive director of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. "I think there's a greater pride in the law enforcement community, and that comes from Sept. 11."

NPW recognition ceremonies are expected to draw bigger crowds than usual this year because of the Sept. 11 deaths; it was the largest loss of law enforcement personnel in a single day and according to national statistics, it was the highest annual total since 1974.

Water

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Like other water systems, APG has occasional "brown water" issues according to Richard Wiggins, drinking water program manager in the garrison's Directorate for Safety, Health and the Environment.

In buildings or areas where water usage is low, rust and sediment collect instead of

being flushed out by water flow. This can result in discolored water.

To help prevent rust and sediment buildup in waterlines, an extensive fire hydrant flushing program exists throughout the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas.

This is only a partial solution, said Wiggins. To keep sediment or rust from forming or collecting in building water systems, daily flushing of each building's water systems may be necessary in areas that have this problem.

If all buildings in an area experiencing this problem were flushed daily, sediment and rust would be removed quicker, and less sediment or rust would form in the future.

Further guidance will be provided to the work force in a policy letter on APG's flushing of waterlines.

For more information on APG's drinking water program, call Rick Wiggins of DHSE's Environmental Compliance Division, 410-306-2279.

Vending

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the Edgewood Area, features a pavilion, sports fields, grills, new playground equipment (arriving 2002), and restrooms. During the spring and summer

months, several APG softball teams conduct league play at the Marylander ball field in the Aberdeen Area.

CWF activities are made possible through vending machine patronage. The staff of the Post Restaurant Fund is currently conducting surveys

of all buildings where vending machines are located to gauge customer satisfaction and to determine additional vending requirements.

Don't delay; grab some change and head for the machines. You could be the next winner.

Post Restaurant Fund and Civilian Welfare Fund Council representatives

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Anyone interested in volunteering to serve on either council or would like more information about activities or services, contact the Post Restaurant Fund Office at 410-278-3520 or the CWF Office

EA, AA communities hold yard sales

The Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground will hold its community yard sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 8 and 9. Rain date will be June 15 and 16. Participating housing areas include Patriot Village, Mobile Home Park, New Chesapeake, Bayside Village, School Street, Plumb Point Loop and Hopkins loop.

The Edgewood Area of APG will hold its community yard sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 22 and 23. Rain date will be June 29 and 30. Participating housing areas include Everette Road, Deer Run, Grant Court, Skippers Point, Clearview Drive, Chevron Drive and Austin Road.

The Community Life Mayoral Program is sponsoring this year's community yard sales.

More information will be posted in the APG News Community Notes section of the May 23, 2002 issue.



Aberdeen Youth Services -- more May events

From cooking to karate, there's always something fun to do at Youth Services. A game room is available with pool tables, foosball and air hockey tables. A library of CD's and movies also are available for checkout; ask for a list of titles. Magazine subscriptions to some of today's popular teen magazines are also available.

For more information, e-mail Norma.Warwick@usag.apg.army.mil, call 410-278-4995, or visit Youth Services in building 2522, Bayside Drive (beside the Shoppette). To join Youth Services, the annual membership fee is \$15 per person or \$35 per family.

Club schedule

Friday, May 24, Bingo

B I N G O is not just the name of a dog, it's also a game that everyone can enjoy. Come by and play 6 to 8 p.m. Participation is free. For more information, call Angela Shannon, 410-278-4995.

Friday, May 31, Playstation Tournament

Test your skills in NBA Jam and NBA Live Basketball. The tournament starts at 4 p.m. Participation is free. For more information, call Lonnell Dixon, 410-278-4995.

Other activities

Youth photography contest, scholarship opportunity

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Circuit City Foundation are sponsoring the ImageMakers Photography Scholarship contest. The Aberdeen and Edgewood Youth Centers are chapters of B&GCA, so APG youth can participate. Deadline for submission is today.

Four winners will receive \$3,000 scholarships to be used for college or art school.

For information and rules, call Norma A. Warwick at 410-278-9059 or e-mail Norma.Warwick@usag.apg.army.mil.

Workforce Preparation

Youth Services has a number of ways to help prepare youth to enter the workforce. YS partners with other organizations to offer classes and will assist youth to research information on admission requirements, financial aid, majors offered in colleges and universities. For more information, call Angie Shannon, 410-278-4995.

Promise Passport Program (4-H Citizen Club)

The Promise Passport Program is a designed to track community service hours. Youth can volunteer individually or perform as a group to help the community. Examples include computer lab assistants, tutoring, clean-up projects and coaching. Come get your Passport and start tracking all of the great things you do for your community.

Introduction to Printshop classes

Youths will have a chance to attend this introductory class, which includes basic skills plus some hints to make cool calendars, flyers and cards. Schedule is as follows: elementary school age, May 1 and 22, 6 p.m.; middle school age, May 8 and 29, 6 p.m.; and high school age, May 15, 6 p.m. For more information, call Charles Novak, 410-278-4995.

Coming soon - 4-H Technology Club

If you love technology, become a member of this club. For more information, call Charles Novak,

410-278-4995.

Before and After School Program schedule

Hours of operation for the Middle School Before and After School Program during the school season are Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hours of operation for the Middle School and High School Open Recreation Drop-In Program are Monday through Friday, 1 to 6 p.m.

The Evening and Weekend Open Recreation Program

Elementary school age hours are Tuesday to Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 3 to 8 p.m. Middle school age hours are Tuesday to Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 3 to 9 p.m.

High school age hours are Tuesday to Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, 3 to 10 p.m.

Middle School Summer Camp

Interested in the Middle School Summer Camp Program? This year is going to be full of great experiences and fun trips. From Orioles baseball to whitewater rafting, there's a lot going on this summer. Call Child/Youth Services' Central Registry at 410-278-7571 to find out about spaces available.

Middle School/School Age Services' Parent Advisory Group

If your child is enrolled in the Before/After School programs offered through either the School Age Services, or SAS, or Middle School Program, or MS, you are eligible to be a member of the MS/SAS Parent Advisory Group. Attending board meetings earns you Parent Participation Credits. For more information or the date of the next meeting, call 410-278-4995.

Volleyball update

The following is the final standings for the 2002 intramural volleyball regular season. The post-season tournament begins May 18, 9 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center with the Noncommissioned Officer Academy battling the National Division champion, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment. The championship is Monday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. at the AA Athletic Center.

American Division

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| HHC 16th | 6-2 |
| HHC 143rd | 6-2 |
| NCOA | 4-4 |
| Company A 308th | 2-6 |
| KUSAHC | 2-6 |

Edgewood Division

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| MRICD | 8-0 |
| CHPPM | 6-2 |
| Company A 143rd | 3-3 |
| Company B 143rd | 1-5 |
| Company C 143rd | 0-6 |

National Division

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|----------------|-----|
| USMC | 9-0 |
| Company E 16th | 7-2 |
| HHC 1/115th | 4-4 |
| Company A 16th | 2-6 |
| Company B 16th | 1-7 |

CAC

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Float your boat

Free vessel safety checks are available during May. Coast Guard Auxiliary personnel will check your boat for the appropriate number and type of safety equipment required, and give suggestions on how you can improve the safety of your vessel. At this free check you will not be cited for not having all the necessary equipment, only offered suggestions on how you can get up to speed safety-wise.

There is a crack-down on intoxicated boat operators. As on roadways, the legal limit is .08, and penalties coincide. Do not operate a boat if you have been drinking. The waters are patrolled and laws will be enforced.

Maryland Boating Safety courses are being offered at various times throughout the year. All boaters born on or after July 1, 1972, are required to pass the course in order to operate in Maryland waters. Those with an earlier birthdate are encouraged to take the course as a refresher. Call Charles Shadle, 410-663-9263, for more boating or water safety information.

Grass maintenance, air conditioning

Bert Scott, director of Installation Operations, said grounds maintenance is a challenge, especially during the growing season. Contracted mowers, costing the installation \$150,000 per month, cut grass when it reaches five inches in height. If grass in your area grows beyond that height and there are no weather issues that impact mowing, call Leroy Carter, 410-436-2402, or George Phillips, 410-306-2311.

After several days of unusually high heat last month, there was a call to turn on the installation's air conditioning. Those few days were followed by a cold snap, requiring heated buildings. Scott said air conditioning will be turned on throughout the installation when it becomes obvious that the weather will stay warm, anticipated to be in May. Running APG's air conditioning costs \$20 to \$25,000.00 per day, and old systems make the transition difficult, so the longer the post can stay away from turning on the system, the better.

Housing information

Two new playgrounds are now in place in the New Chesapeake and Patriot Village housing areas.

Community yard sales have been set up to take place in June. In the Aberdeen Area, the yard sale will take place in all housing areas, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 8 and 9. The rain

dates are June 15 and 16. In the Edgewood Area, the dates are June 22 and 23, same hours, with rain dates June 29 and 30. All residents can participate. For more information call 410-306-2011.

Community mayor elections will take place during May. If you are over 18 and want to serve as mayor or know someone who will, call Cecelia Howard in the housing office, 410-306-2011.

Summer schedule

Check the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) section of the APG News for up to the minute information on summer activities.

Armed Forces Day is May 18, with a 5K fun run scheduled to begin at Festival Park in Aberdeen at 2 p.m., and a parade down West. Bel Air Avenue in Aberdeen at 3 p.m., followed immediately by a short concert with the 389th (AMC's Own) at Festival Park. Check the calendar section of the paper for details.

A Miller Lite-MWR sponsored concert, headlined by REO Speedwagon, with Night Ranger and Eddie Money, is scheduled for August 17. Tickets go on sale June 24.

Ozone alerts

Ozone Action Days began May 1 and runs through the end of September. Status reports appear daily via email, on the web and by using flags at the gates. Details on the pro-

gram will appear in a future edition of the APG News.

Around the neighborhoods

In addition to specific maintenance issues in certain residential areas, neighborhood issues include speeding through the housing areas, discolored drinking water after hydrant flushing, overloaded trash dumpsters or forgotten trash pick ups, a failure to clean up dog messes, and an overall concern regarding ticks and Lyme disease.

Residents were asked to note license numbers, dates and times of their top speeders and report to the police for speed check set ups, run water until it clears after hydrant flushing, and call housing to let them know that trash needs picked up and where it is.

Dog owners are reminded that their pets are their responsibility. Be a good neighbor and take care of your pet. This includes cleaning up after them.

Lyme Disease is a major issue at APG. To avoid the disease which, in this area is spread by deer ticks, cut the grass often around your home, make sure housing knows if contractor-maintained grass gets beyond 5 inches in height, and keep pets and children away from the deer population. Do a daily check for ticks on all family members who have been outside, including

adults. The issue of re-opening APG to some form of deer hunting this fall, is being revisited over the next few months, as one way to control deer and the spread of Lyme Disease.

Mark encouraged consideration for others and continued dialog with post representatives as a way to promote healthy neighborhoods on the installation. She thanked residents and workers who cooperate, adhere to guidelines and report unsafe or suspicious activities to the appropriate authorities. "We want to keep APG a safe place," she said.

The next meeting of the Community Action Council is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., June 20, in the first floor conference room of building 305, garrison headquarters.

Community Notes

**FRIDAY
MAY 17
RIGHT ARM NIGHT**

Morale Welfare and Recreation and "Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers" will sponsor a Right Army Night, 3 to 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Right Arm Night is a free permanent party (civilian and military) event and will be hosted by Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald E. Stallings.

Events include a Spades, Bid Whist and Dominoes tournament, with snacks and a cash bar. Entertainment and karaoke will be provided by DJ Ice Man. For more information, call Earlene Allen, 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Organization Day will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. Food, drink and baked goods will be sold. For tickets, call Anne Gibson 410-378-3338 (home), 410-436-2800 (work), or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the American Cancer Society's Harford County Relay for Life will be held at the Edgewood High School Gym, 9 p.m.; bingo begins at 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for 12 games; additional sets are cost \$5. A raffle and door prizes are part of the evening fun. Drinks and baked goods will be available. For tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332, or Ralph French, 410-557-6752.

**SATURDAY
MAY 18
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Jarrettsville Jazz will be held at North Harford High School, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Sue Murk, 410-692-9480.

**TUESDAY
MAY 21
ASIAN-PACIFIC SPECIALTY MEAL**

The annual Asian-Pacific Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.70 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Asian-Pacific specialty meal menu includes egg drop soup, egg rolls, sweet and sour pork, Cantonese spareribs, sesame chicken, beef with broccoli, beef bulgogi, fried rice, steamed rice, vegetable lo mein, stir fried vegetables, cucumber kimchi, fruit ambrosia, almond and fortune cookies, pineapple upside-down cake, assorted breads, soft-serve ice cream, coffee, tea, milk and soda.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification. For more information call Edward Parylo, or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1399/1393/1398

**WEDNESDAY
MAY 22
ACS CONDUCTS MILITARY SPOUSE ORIENTATION**

Army Family Team Building and the APG Commissary will hold a Military Spouse Orientation class from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Commissary. Topics include benefits and entitlements.

The class is open to those who have commissary privileges. Guest speaker will be Richard Nornhold, the commissary officer. Spaces are limited - deadline for registration is May 16.

**FRIDAY
MAY 24
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Baltimore Symphonic Band will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks, and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Sue Dieter, 410-343-2611, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**MONDAY
MAY 27
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE, LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Unit Ministry Team will participate in a Community Memorial Day Vesper Service in support of OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE in Chambersburg, Pa., at 7 p.m. The team, consisting of Chaplain Lt. Col. Lonnie Southern and Spc. Chad Emrick, are assisting in planning and conducting the service to be held in the old post chapel at Letterkenny Army Depot. Southern will be the guest speaker. The United Church Council of Chambersburg is the host organization. For more information, call Southern at 410-436-4107/4109.

**FRIDAY
MAY 31
OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT, DANCE**

All poets are welcome to the Open Mike Poetry Night, 8 to 11 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, Aberdeen. Dancing will be held from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Dress to impress - no jeans, boots, bandanas, sweats or sneakers. Open to ages 21 and over with proper ID.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$10 at the door. Music will be provided by DJ Sir Knight. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Copeland, 1-877-937-9936.

**SATURDAY
JUNE 8
MILITARY/FIRE/POLICE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Community Recreation Division APG/MWR and the World Natural Power Lifting Federation present the 2002 Military/Fire/Police Championships, 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Athletic Center, building 3300. A \$30 sanctioned registration fee is required when registering.

For more information or to register, call Stacie Edie, 410-278-3931, or e-mail her at stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil by May 17.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Salem United Methodist Church will hold its annual Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Furniture, clothes, collectibles, baby items, household items, sports equipment and more has been collected. Face painting for the kids, hot dogs, drinks and homemade baked goods will be available. Salem United Methodist Church is located at 7901 Bradshaw Road, between Route 1 and Route 7 in the Kingsville area. For more information, call Karen Holthaus at 410-638-8777.

**FRIDAY
JUNE 14
APG CELEBRATES 227TH ARMY BIRTHDAY**

Make reservations now for the annual Army Birthday celebration at Top of the Bay, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) and a DJ. The main menu will cost \$25 per person; a vegetarian dinner will also be provided for \$24 per person.

To purchase tickets, contact your unit first sergeants. Deadline to respond is June 7.

**SATURDAY
JUNE 15
AN EVENING OF WINE AND JAZZ**

The Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace at the Lockhouse will sponsor the 10th Annual Evening of Wine and Jazz at the Havre de Grace Community Center, 7 to 11 p.m. The evening will feature entertainment by the Gentlemen of Jazz. There will be line and silent auctions (some antiques), light refreshments, beverages, desserts, a \$500 Savings Bond raffle from Harford Bank and door prizes. Tickets cost \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Funds will benefit the Lockhouse. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-5780 or 410-272-0819.

**FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY
JUNE 21 to 23
CWF WEEKEND GETAWAY TO CAPE MAY**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a weekend getaway to Cape May, N.J. Lodging at the Grand Hotel provides ocean view rooms, an inside pool and jacuzzi, and easy access to the boardwalk, beach restaurants and shopping.

The prices are \$315 for a single; \$176 per person for double occupancy; and \$138 per person for triple occupancy. These prices include transportation and hotel accommodations.

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

**SATURDAY
JUNE 22
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit VFW Post 8185 will be held at the Port Deposit VFW Post 8185, Route 222, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks, and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**FRIDAY
JULY 12
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City will be held at the Chesapeake City Fire Hall (2nd floor) 215 Lock Street, Chesapeake City at 6 p.m.; bingo starts at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Lori, 410-287-0827, or Carol, 410-885-5060.

**FRIDAY
JULY 19
BASKET BINGO**

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

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 23
BASKET BINGO**

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

LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Storytime for preschool children begins May 21 and will continue every other week throughout the summer. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their children in to hear stories, songs, and fingerplays appropriate for 2 to 5 year olds.

The program will begin in EA on May 21 and in AA on May 22. Storytimes will start at 9:45 a.m. and will last from 20 to 30 minutes. No advance registration is required at this time.

The EA library is located in building E-4405 and the AA library is in building 3320. For more information, call Bill Todd at 278-3417.

MOVIES

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



CLOCKSTOPPERS

Friday, May 16, 7 p.m.
Starring: Jesse Bradford, French Stewart

Zak discovers an odd wristwatch amidst his father's inventions and something very strange happens. The world around him seems to come to a stop, everything and everybody frozen in time. Zak quickly learns how to manipulate the device and have some real fun. (Rated PG)



**THE ROOKIE
(FREE ADMISSION)**

Saturday, May 17, 7 p.m.
Starring: Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths

The true story of high school science teacher and baseball coach Jim Morris, who makes a deal with his team: if they make the playoffs, he'll try out for a pitcher position with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. The big surprise is that he makes the team, fulfilling his lifelong dream at the age of 35, becoming the oldest major league rookie in nearly 30 years. (Rated G)

HIGH CRIMES

Saturday, May 17, 9 p.m.
Starring: Ashley Judd, Morgan Freeman



A Harvard Law School professor is forced to defend her husband in military court after the Army declares him a deserter and charges him with participating in a mass killing in El Salvador. (Rated PG-13)

OC&S LIBRARY

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



The Longest Night, A Military History of the Civil War by David J. Eicher



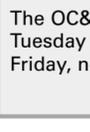
Black Hawk Down by Mark Bowden



Bears' Guide to Earning Degrees by Distance Learning by John and Mariah Bear



Patton Leadership, Strategic Lessons For Corporate Warfare by Alan Axelrod



Free Stuff for Women's Health, Fitness and Nutrition by Matthew Lesko

The OC&S Library hours are Monday, noon to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday, noon to 4:15 p.m.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

These recently published titles are available at the APG



April Witch by Majgull Axelsson
Century's Son by Robert Boswell



The Dive From Clausen's Pier by Ann Packer
Her by Laura Zigman



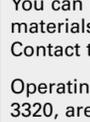
A Mind at a Time: America's top learning expert shows how every child can succeed by Mel Levine, MD



National Audubon Society's Guide to Marine Mammals of the World



When Every Moment Counts: what you need to know about bioterrorism from the Senate's only doctor by Senator Bill Frist



Lusitania: an epic tragedy by Diana Preston

Six Days of War: June 1967 and the making of the modern Middle East by Michael Oren

You can receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically. Contact the library at 410-278-4991 for details.

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

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



Open Water Scuba Certification

Open water scuba training begins June 1, 8 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Shore Pool. Cost is \$220. For more information, e-mail stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil or contact Stacie Edie at 410-278-3931. Registration closes May 24.

Next Step Car Care class

Class is held May 23, 5 p.m. at Auto Crafts, building 2379. Cost is \$10. For more information, e-mail marni.allison@usag.apg.army.mil or call Marni Allison at 410-278-5567.

Bench Press Competition

Competition will be held June 8, 10 a.m. at the AA Athletic Center, building 3326. Fees start at \$50. For more information, e-mail stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil or call Stacie Edie at 410-278-3931. Registration closes May 17.

Bayou Cruise

Cruise departs June 8 at 9:30 p.m. and returns at 1 a.m. on the Lantern Queen, a Mississippi River Boat docked in Havre de Grace. Cost is \$35. For more information, e-mail Christina.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil or contact Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904. Registration closes May 25.

Flag Day Cruise

Cruise departs June 14 at 9:30 p.m. and returns at 1 a.m. on the Lantern Queen, a Mississippi River Boat docked in Havre de Grace. Cost is \$35. For more information, e-mail Christina.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil or contact Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904. Registration closes May 21

Swimming passes available

Swimming passes are on sale at Outdoor Recreation, building 2407. For more information, call Wayne Doyel 410-278-4124.

Introduction to the Woods class

Class is May 19, 2 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course or May 29, 5 p.m. at Ruggles and Exton Golf course. Cost is \$10. For

more information, e-mail marni.Allison@usag.apg.army.mil or call Marni Allison at 410-278-5567.

Summer hours, specials for the Bowling Center

Starting June 1, the APG Bowling Center will be closed Sunday and holidays, and open Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight and Saturday, 1 p.m. to midnight.

A Red Pin Special will run May 20 to 24, 3 p.m. to closing. If a red pin appears in the #1 (head pin) position, if bowler throws a strike, they receive a free game.

A King of the Hill Tournament will be held May 26 at 1 p.m. for \$15 per person. Bowl three games across six lanes. The top four qualifiers will bowl a stepladder final. Entrants must show proof of average by bringing in standing sheet that shows number games bowled, total pins and average. There must be at least 21 games or more on the sheet. If not, the bowler bowls scratch. This is a handicap tournament; 90 percent of 210. Bowlers must check in one half hour prior to start to verify average. Will draw for lane assignments. Cash prizes will be awarded.

The Thursday Red Pin League, which begins May 23, is looking for members. Teams consist of three people to bowl three games weekly. This is a handicap league. Win free games as you bowl.

ITR sells Disney watches

A variety of Disney character watches are on sale at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, building 3326.

- Eeyore \$35, retail \$45
 - Winnie The Pooh \$25, retail \$35
 - Winnie The Pooh \$16, retail \$20
 - Taz or Bugs Bunny \$20, retail \$30
 - Mickey Mouse \$25, retail \$35
 - Mickey Mouse \$35, retail \$45
 - Mickey Mouse \$16, retail \$25
- For more information, contact Janie Walters, 410-278-4011.

Corrections



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
From left, Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings and Headquarters Support Troop, and 1st Sgt. Clarence Ward award the Army Commendation Medal to the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment Instructor of the Year Sgt. James C. Fisher during the Servicemembers of the Year Recognition Luncheon at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Aberdeen.



Photo courtesy of APG PHOTO LAB
The 2002 Servicemembers of the Year from left are Air Force Master Sgt. Scott H. Vincent, Army Pfc. Paul Ebohon, Sgt. 1st Class Brian Mainor, Staff Sgt. Emy Davis, Sgt. Kendra Shuman, Marine Sgt. Ricardo E. Favela, Marine Sgt. James C. Fisher and Air Force Master Sgt. Darren Cashen.

In last week's APG News the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Air Force Servicemembers of the Year were incorrectly identified. Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine was also mistakenly listed as Major General in the accompanying article. The APG News regrets the errors.



Army study IDs NCO concerns

Joe Burlas

Army News Service

Noncommissioned officers want better information as to how they stack up technically, tactically and leadership-wise with their peers, according to the latest round of the Army Training and Leader Development Panel study.

Based upon written surveys, focus groups and one-on-one interviews with more than 30,000 active-duty, Reserve and National Guard soldiers and spouses, the panel's NCO study results were released May 2.

"The NCO study is another example of the extraordinary integrity and credible authority of the chief of staff of the Army's Training and Leader Development Panel," said Brig. Gen. David Huntoon, executive agent for Army Leadership at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. "This report is about the U.S. Army taking a bold and forthright look at itself — expressed in the clear and courageous voice of its soldiers. It's about the human dimension leading Transformation. And, it is about making a great, professional noncommissioned officer corps even better."

The NCO ATLDP results raised many of the same issues of an officer ATLDP study conducted in 2000. The officer study results were released last May.

Both studies agreed that Army practices are out of balance with soldier beliefs, the Noncommissioned Officer Education System needs improvement, there is a need for more trust and less micromanagement between seniors and subordinates, training resources need to be maintained, improved and provided as required and that pay and benefits could be better.

Combined Arms Center Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia

Pritchett, who purposely chose not to review the officer study findings in order not to be prejudiced when evaluating the NCO data, said she wasn't surprised that the two outcomes were so similar.

"The NCO study just validates the earlier officer study — there are some real issues here that must be examined," Pritchett said. "It also shows the Army's commitment to its people — that the Army is not afraid and needs to take a close look at itself."

There was one comment from an NCO that did surprise many of the panel members, Pritchett said. The NCO wrote that he did not feel responsible when one of his soldiers failed to perform or meet standards. That comment reinforced many survey participants' views that top-down training management leaves little, if any, time for NCOs to conduct their own sergeant's time training, she said.

The study found that there is a need for more consistent standards and better enforcement of those standards. Part of this issue reflects back to the perceived need to improve NCOES, because many Mission Training Plans are outdated or nonexistent. The MTP is a formal document that lays out the individual, leader and collective tasks, conditions and standards that each type of Army unit can expect to perform in carrying out its mission.

"There was a time that everyone in the Army trained to published tasks, conditions and standards," said retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Robert Hall, who served as a senior mentor to NCO ATLDP members. "For many reasons — top-down management, OPTEMPO, 9-11, lack of current MTPs — the Army has slipped from training that way. There is a real need to ground the new

generation (of NCOs) with using current MTPs."

While survey participants did not fault the NCO Evaluation Report per se, they said it was not being used effectively to provide the feedback they need to improve, according to Pritchett. "Let's face it, people in the Army are competitive by nature," she said. "They want to know how they're doing compared to their peers. The NCO-ER just isn't doing that."

Many of the respondents, especially among the younger NCOs, said they would like to see something like the old military occupational specialty tests that were given annually more than 20 years ago, Pritchett said.

About one-third of NCOs surveyed do not believe NCOs maintain MOS skill proficiency, while more than half said unit mission essential tasks are not being trained to standard, stated the study's final report.

"Don't look for any fixes coming out of this study because the NCO corps isn't broken," Hall said. "The NCO corps isn't like a rusty old heap sitting in the driveway; it is like a Mercedes just needing a wash and a wax. This study will help arm Army leadership with the facts it needs to make decisions that will ensure the NCO corps' and the Army's successes of the past 226 years will keep pace with Transformation."

The final report on the NCO ATLDP study is posted on the Web at www.army.mil/features/ATLDNCO.htm. The earlier officer report is located at www.army.mil/features/ATLD/ATLD.htm.

Two additional ATLDP studies are underway: one surveying warrant officers, and another reviewing the attitudes and opinions of Department of the Army civilians.

Detecting allergies and getting medical assistance

Sierra Military Health Services, Inc.

According to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, more than 50 million Americans suffer from allergic diseases annually. Often confused with a cold, which is short lived and passed from person to person, allergies are immune system reactions to normally harmless substances, such as food, ragweed or pollen.

Preventing allergies is as easy or difficult as avoiding exposure to harmful substances. Medications are available to alleviate uncomfortable allergy-related symptoms, which may

include sneezing, watery eyes, repeated ear and sinus infections, frequent coughing or dark circles under the eyes caused by increased blood flow near the sinus.

Food and pollen allergies are among the most common allergies. Symptoms of food allergies may include skin problems (itching, rashes or hives), intestinal problems (abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting) or more serious problems, such as swelling of the respiratory passages, shortness of breath, fainting or anaphylactic shock. The most common food allergies are egg, milk, shellfish, peanuts, soy and wheat.

Allergies to ragweed and tree pollen are seasonal. Ragweed, curly dock, plantain and sagebrush are among the most prolific producers of pollen allergens. Although the ragweed season runs from August to November, pollen levels peak in mid September in many areas in the country. Trees release their pollen as early as January in the southern states and as late as May or June in the north. Tree pollen can travel several miles from its original source.

Pollen counts are highest between 5 and 10 a.m. and on dry, hot and windy days. Avoiding the outdoors between these hours, saving outdoor activities for late in the afternoon or after

a heavy rain and drying your clothes inside (clothes dried on the line may catch pollen and bring it indoors) will reduce your risk of an allergic reaction.

If you are not sure whether you have allergies or a cold or what to do, call the 24-hour Health Care Information Line for help. The line is staffed by Registered Nurses who can help you determine the non-emergency or self-care you need in the proper setting and can provide information on health issues. Call 1-800-308-3518 anytime, day or night to speak to a nurse or to access the Health Information Library (Pin #208).

Post cheerleaders win twice in regional competitions

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Members of the Aberdeen Area's 11 to 14-year old Cheerleading Squad tested themselves twice during the past basketball season and came away winners.

The squad, led by coach Judy Hannon and choreographer, Julian Hutchinson, won second place, in the Reach the Beach Cheerleading Championships in Ocean City in February and in the March Madness Cheerleading Competition at Bel Air High School in March.

"The squad took advantage of an opportunity that was afforded to all APG cheerleading squads," Hannon said.

She added that 246 teams competed in the Ocean City competition that was sponsored by the American Cheer and Dance Academy.

"We placed second in the Youth Recreational age 14 and under category," Hannon said.

During the 2001 sports season, the squad cheered for the Aberdeen Area Youth Center's 11 to 12-year old boys' basketball teams and for the APG County Tournament teams.

Hannon said the routines, which lasted two minutes and 45 seconds, consisted of several maneuvers that include two-hand back springs, half extensions, full-down twists, tumbling passes and round-offs, all while leading spectators in the cheer, "Go Big Blue."

She credited Hutchinson, a former gymnastics instructor with the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, with choreographing the entire routine.

The award-winning 11 to 14 year-old Aberdeen Area cheerleading squad included Brooke Travers, Whitney Murphy, Ashley Mirakian, Amanda Wetherell, Kimberley Addison, Lindsey Gilhooly, Sierra Jordan, Lauren Mirakian, Terry Martin, Tiffany Branson, Anja Garcia, Chelsea Jones, Christina Kovalsick, Carissa Fleming, Courtney Simpson, Hannon, Hutchinson and coach Jennie Lynn.

The Towson University Dance Team and the Emmorton Recreational Cheerleaders sponsored the Bel Air competition in which the APG cheerleaders competed in the 14 and under Senior Recreational Division.



CPSC, manufacturers announce recall to repair portable basketball hoops

Nychelle Fleming

CPSC

Children nationwide are heading outdoors to practice their shots with portable basketball hoops. In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Lifetime Products Inc., Clearfield, Utah, and Escalade Sports, Evansville, Ind. are voluntarily recalling about 1.7 million portable basketball hoops. There are about 1.7 million Lifetime portable basketball hoops and about 16,000 Escalade Sports basketball hoops being recalled. The basketball hoops may have a sharp protruding bolt on the players' side of the pole that can cause serious leg or body lacerations to consumers when the bolt is exposed.

CPSC and Lifetime Products Inc. have received 27 reports of injuries and Escalade Sports has received one report of injury from the basketball hoop bolt. Injuries include scrapes, deep lacerations and bruises. Several consumers required stitches for their injuries. Players have been cut when they bump into the pole as they drive toward the basket.

All Lifetime portable bas-

ketball system models, except the "Quick Court" are included in the recall. The Escalade Sports basketball hoop models included in the recall are the Harvard, The Big Easy, B3100, B3301, B3302, B3303, B3304, B3305, B3306, B3403, B3500, Spalding, The Big



Easy B3402 and Apex B9995, Mini Court, Alley Court.

These portable basketball hoops come unassembled with a flat plastic base that is weighted down by either sand or water that is added during assembly. The basketball poles are made of black metal. The brand names or model names may appear on the backboard, main pole or the flat plastic base of the basketball hoops.

Sporting good, department and toy stores including Wal-Mart, Kmart, Target and Toys R Us nationwide sold the

Lifetime basketball hoops between January 1994 and July 2000 and the Escalade Sports basketball hoops between March 1994 and December 2001 for between \$80 and \$500.

Consumers should stop using the basketball hoops immediately and contact Lifetime Products or Escalade Sports to receive free cap nuts to cover the bolts. Consumers should call and get a cap nut regardless of whether their bolt protrudes or not. Consumers can contact Lifetime Products Inc. at 1-800-225-3865 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT or 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or the firm's Web site at www.lifetime.com. Escalade Sports can be reached at 1-800-467-1397 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or the firm's Web site at www.escaladesports.com.

To see a picture of the recalled product(s) and/or to establish a link from your Web site to this press release on CPSC's Web site, link to the following address: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02129.html>

LEAVE DONATION

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

Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)
Janet H. Brezinski (surgery)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)
Tammy Budkey
Jane E. Calahan (surgery)
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)
Geraldine S. Cragg
Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)
Rene de Pontbriand

Tricia Lin Dietz
Fred Dill
Joseph R. Dugan
Messina Enderlein
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)
Denise M. Fox (maternity leave)
Joyce C Green
Gerald P. Gulden
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)
Fern L. Hitchcock (surgery)
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasitosis, fibromyalgia condition)
Nina M. Holley
Beverly A Higgins (surgery)
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)

Wayne A. Jaynes
Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)
Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)
Beverly King (caring for husband)
William Klein
Nicole L. Klein (broken ankle)
Carrie L. Lambert
Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)
Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)
Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye

surgery)
Geraldine Martin (surgery)
William B. McLean (kidney failure)
Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Stacy Miller (maternity)
Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)
John E. Mogan (surgery)
Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Karen S Pense
Mary E. Pettway
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Angela L. Reeves (maternity leave)

Michael Reynolds
Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Denise Robinson (maternity)
Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Jennifer W. Sekowski
Sherry Schaffer
Lena Shelton
Motoko Stahl
Debra S. Stark (surgery)
Rachel Swearingen
Hilary P. Talbot
Alison Tichenor (surgery)
Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)

Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)
Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Beverly A. Werner (surgery)
Michael R. Willard
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
Wanda L. Waldon (surgery)
*Colleen Waller
Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)

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

KUSAHC answers questions about vaccine shortages



Photo by RALPH ROSS
Staff Sgt. Elida Bush, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Allergy Immunization Clinic at KUSAHC, inoculates Ralph Green, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, during a walk-in appointment.

Maj. Linda McKinney-Wilson KUSAHC

If you've gone to the immunization clinic to update vaccinations and been turned away, you know there is a nationwide vaccine shortage. What are you to do?

Staff Sgt. Elida Bush, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Allergy Immunization Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic takes some time to answer questions regarding the vaccine shortage and how it affects beneficiaries.

Which vaccines are currently experiencing a shortage?

Childhood Vaccine Shortages: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DtaP), Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Varicella (Chickenpox), and Pneumococcal Conjugate (Prevnar)

Adult Vaccine Shortages: Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) and Measles, MMR

Why is there a shortage?

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the reasons for vaccine shortages include companies leaving the vaccine market, manufacturing or production problems and insufficient stockpiles.

How long will the shortage last?

The CDC anticipates the shortage of MMR and varicella to last through the summer. A renewed supply of Diphtheria, Tetanus, or DtaP, Td, and pneumococcal vaccines are not expected until fall or the end of the year.

How does the vaccine problem affect me?

The current shortage of vaccines is a nationwide problem. KUSAHC maintains records of those who have missed scheduled vaccines, and will initiate a callback once supplies are replenished.

What happens if immunizations for enrollment in Child/Youth Service or Child Development Services Programs are not available?

At the present time vaccine shortages have

not effected enrollment in Child/Youth Services or Child Development Services Programs. Mandatory vaccines for entry into these programs are available at KUSAHC.

How does this shortage affect the civilian employee requirement for certain vaccines for employment?

The Occupational Health Clinic at KUSAHC is aware of the shortage. When the vaccines are available, employees will be notified.

What are the hours of the immunization clinic and where is KUSAHC located?

KUSAHC hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon. The clinic is closed on weekends, federal and post training holidays, and Tuesday afternoons from noon to 3:30 p.m. are reserved for soldiers going overseas and Well Baby Immunizations. The immunization is also closed on Thursday afternoon for mandatory unit training.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday are less busy and offer quick access. The Purified Protein Derivative, or skin test for tuberculosis, is administered on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays only, as it must be read in 48 hours. Immunizations are not given on weekends.

The clinic's telephone number is 410-278-1746 and is located in building 2501.

On average how many patients are immunized per month?

The average for KUSAHC is 300 to 500 patients per month. The numbers increase in the fall with the administration of the influenza vaccine. Robert Conway and Sgt. Wesley Hudson, Edgewood Area Troop Medical Clinic, assist with immunizations during peak hours of operation.

Where can further information regarding immunizations be obtained?

You can call the Allergy Immunization Clinic or visit www.cdc.gov.

NASCAR

From front page

Quartermaster Company, stepping into the pit was one-step closer to achieving his dream.

"Someday, I want to be on a track sitting behind a 700-horse-powered machine among the ranks of the NASCAR legends," Peele said.

While Vickers was preparing for the race, he and the soldiers discussed both the Army and NASCAR. The driver tried to explain to the soldiers what life is like behind the wheel.

"Imagine the fastest street car you have ever ridden in, driving a track with wild twists and turns, and every lap you are driving at that same speed. Now imagine that scenario times 10, and that's a glimpse of what it's like," he said. "For some, the most anxious times are when the green flag drops and the checkers fly. However, for me, the hardest part is the waiting before the race and after the end when you can think about all the narrow escapes."

From the age of eight, when he raced go-carts, Vickers knew his life belonged in the fast lane.

"My son was born into a racing family, it's in his veins," Ramona Vickers said.

"Everyone in NASCAR knows each other, when something happens to one, it happens to us all," she said. "Sure I worry about him, I'm a mother, but I know he has a great crew and other drivers like the Labonte brothers he can go to for help."

In hopes of bringing a piece of Army tradition to the track, Juskowiak presented Vickers with a Quartermaster coin for good luck, which later helped him maneuver his way through the cautioned-filled race finishing seventh.

"Driving around racetracks at speeds ranging around 100 miles per hour," Vickers said he is proud to have the Army's star leading his way across the checkers.

There may not be a military installation near his home in Greensboro, N.C., but Vickers, who has had family members and friends serve in such places as Iwo Jima, Japan, understands the importance of the Army's mission, and respectfully supports soldiers serving worldwide.

"I am glad the Army joined the NASCAR family," said Vickers, who was born and raised in the heart of NASCAR country.

"Brian Vickers is a great example of the youth today," Peat said. "He is motivated to succeed, committed to his future and goal oriented. He is also focused on his education. I am proud to



Brian Vickers, NASCAR Busch Series No. 40 driver, focuses before heading out onto the Richmond International Raceway track to start in the Hardee's 250.

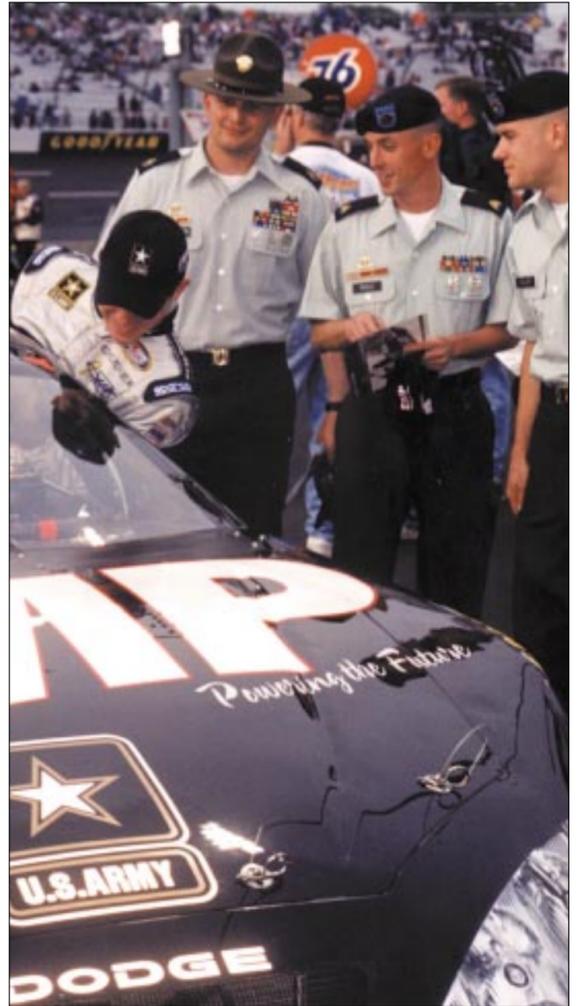
have him representing the Army."

The same dedication and commitment to achieving the mission is apparent in the daily life of both pit crewmembers and soldiers.

"In meeting the members of BLV Motorsports we discovered several members of the team were prior military. The job they do now reflects the dedicated work ethic and values they learned in the military," the general said.

The nation employs the younger generation to defend America's freedom using the most highly advanced equipment available. Vickers, who represents the future of NASCAR, is currently the youngest competitor in the Busch Series. He is steadily tracking his way to the front of the ranks in the circuit. Using the Busch Series as a stepping stone, Vickers goal is to make it to the Winston Cup Series.

With the troops behind him, the Army's star is sure to blaze a trail in NASCAR.



Photos by SPC. JAMIE CARSON
A0A12: Fort Lee's Staff Sgt. Richard Petersen, Company M drill sergeant; Sgt. Michael Peele, 58th Quartermaster Company, and Spc. Arron Miller, 16th Quartermaster Company, wish Brian Vickers luck as Vickers gets into his race car before the Hardee's 250.

Holocaust

From front page

people everywhere," Essrog said.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, gave the opening remarks, noting that Congress established the annual observance.

"This day is a reminder of what happens when bigotry and hatred are allowed to spread in a culture," Doesburg said.

"For many, what happened on Sept. 11 brings back those memories."

Bretholz said "things changed for the world in 1938 when Nazi Germany invaded Austria."

"Jews had to undergo many degradations and atrocities even before this," Bretholz said, adding that his mother encouraged him to leave his native Vienna.

He said he left in October 1938, at the age of 19, swimming across the Sauer River to Luxembourg, eventually ending up in Antwerp, Belgium, where he remained for 18 months.

He stayed in Belgium until it was invaded in 1948 and he was arrested as an "enemy alien" and sent to an internment camp. He escaped the camp and was on the run for the next five years. He said that during that time, several people aided him.

"I hid in attics, cellars and barns and I was even sheltered in a monastery by Franciscan monks," Bretholz said.

His quest to remain free included a trek across the Alps in which his socks froze to his feet, only to be turned away at the

Swiss border, an escape from a French holding camp and a leap from a train bound for Auschwitz

After the war, Bretholz moved to America, arriving in Baltimore in 1947. He became an American citizen and married his wife, Florine in 1952. He said an ironic twist occurred in 1978 when he found the French book *Le Memorial de La Deportation des Juifs de France*, a thick listing of the convoys from France to the death camps. In it, he found his name with no asterisk by it, indicating that he died at Auschwitz.

"I stared at my own death notice," Bretholz said as he held the book high for the audience to see. "I am listed as one of the ghosts of Auschwitz."

Bretholz entered the textile industry and operated two bookstores until his retirement. He said he has returned to Europe several times looking for "closure to his personal Holocaust ordeal." He continues to lecture on the Holocaust to schools, universities, synagogues and churches.

He encouraged the younger members of the audience, which included the eighth-grade class of Southampton Middle School, to listen and learn.

"Take what you hear into the future," Bretholz said. "This is a remembrance and an education."

Bretholz wrote his memoirs in 1999 with co-author columnist Michael Olesker of the Baltimore Sun. The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., chose the book to be used for fund-raising events. In addition, school districts around the country have acquired the book as a teaching tool for Holocaust and European studies.

The program included songs by the Aberdeen High School A Cappella Choir, a candle-lighting ceremony led by Essrog and choir members, and remarks by Stuart Robinson, president of the

Harford County Jewish Council.

Jill H. Smith, ARL director of Weapons and Materials Research Directorate, credited organizers Virginia Bailey, Pam Fry, Ruthellen Forrest-Rodgers and Cheryl Coleman with presenting an "excellent program."

"We are pleased to pass on this information to the public," Smith said, noting the presence of so many young people.

"It's important to have people who've lived through those extremes share their stories with the young," Smith said. "They give a living history."



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Jill Smith, right, U.S. Army Research Laboratory director of weapons and materials research directorate, thanks Holocaust survivor Leo Bretholz for autographing his book, "Leap from Darkness" after the Days of Remembrance observance at the Post Theater. Bretholz was the guest speaker.

Bring your child to work day a success for ATC

Susan Hagan
ATC

Despite the cloudy and sometimes rainy skies, a good time was had by all at U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center's "Bring Your Child to Work" day, April 25.

Approximately 122 children and 94 parents participated in this year's event.

According to Louise Beyer, one of the event coordinators, it was "the biggest we've ever done. A lot of people really worked hard to bring it together."

As the group gathered under the shelter of the pavilion at the Maryland Boulevard picnic area to enjoy doughnuts and drinks, James Fasig, ATC's technical director, welcomed the children and pointed out the importance of their parents' jobs, including those working specifically in support of the war in Afghanistan.

Each child received a lanyard, donated by area recruiters, to hold their personalized visitors badge.

The day consisted of visits to various areas of ATC for activities and demonstrations.

At each of the tour stops, a briefer was on hand to give the group information on the site or activity.

A visit to "Old Baltimore" gave the group historical background on Aberdeen Proving Ground. Briefer Joe Ondeck told the group that some historians estimate that "Old Baltimore" could be to Maryland what Jamestown is to Virginia.

At UNDEX Test Facility the group watched the ATC dive team in action and got close-up look at the equipment a diver wears underwater.

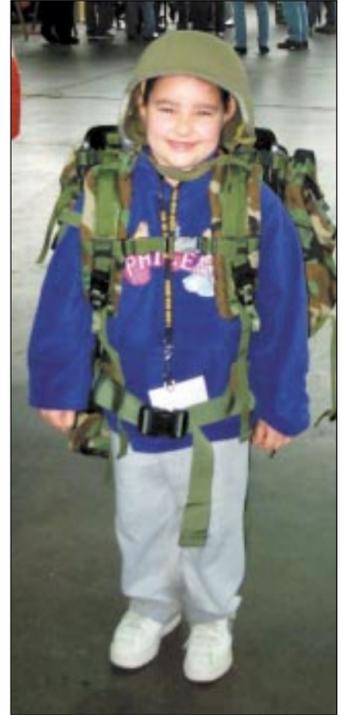
Vehicles, such as a high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle, or HMMWV, and a dynamometer, were set up; the group examined a variety of small arms and was given a firing demonstration.

In addition, the International Imaging Center entertained everyone with high-speed photography that showed what it looks like when you blow a "raspberry" in slow motion.

After a brown bag lunch at Phillips Army Air Field, the group visited static displays.

Warfighter provided Army gear, such as helmets and backpacks, for the children to try on.

The chemistry team showed a chromatography experiment



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Above, Sue Sanderson, Test Business Management Team, and her son Ben take a look at the vehicle display set up on the Dynamometer Course at Aberdeen Test Center's Bring Your Child to Work Day, April 25. Right, Natalie Rymarz, daughter of Susan Rymarz, ATC test director on the vehicles team, tries on a soldier's helmet and backpack.

with skittles. Each child received a kit to recreate the experiment at home.

The Virtual Proving Ground showed a model of a roadway simulator, as well as a radar demonstration to track the speed of a thrown baseball.

After the tour, children visited their parents work sites. For some, this was the first time they've ever seen where their parents work.

"My husband and I both work for ATC and my kids are

always asking if they can come to work with us. This gave my son the opportunity to do just that, and be able to see what it is that Mommy and Daddy do every day," remarked Sue Sanderson, Test Business Management Team.

"The event is primarily geared toward showing our future government workforce what possibilities are out there for them. Some of the children may become soldiers and some may become testers like us. Testers play an important role in saving soldiers lives. It's good for the kids to know that," Beyer said.