

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Nov. 13 is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Re-Nu-It centers closed Nov. 9

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Re-Nu-It centers will be closed Nov. 9 in honor of Veterans Day.

Auto Craft Shop offers Veterans Day specials

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Automotive Craft Center is offering its annual Veterans Day customer appreciation special Nov. 9 and 10. During regular business hours, bay fees will be reduced by \$1 and there will be complimentary coffee and donuts for patrons.

For more information, contact Cal Adams, manager, 410-278-2884 or e-mail cal.adams@usag.apg.army.mil.

NAF announces limited open season

The Nonappropriated Funds limited open season ends Nov. 15. The Department of the Army has mailed literature to each eligible employee's home address explaining the changes and options available to regular full-time and regular part-time employees.

To make an appointment to make changes to benefit elections or for more information, call NAF Personnel Office at 410-278-5126/8994. All changes must be processed before close of business Nov. 15.

DA holds NAF long-term care briefings Nov. 20

The Nonappropriated Fund Employee Benefits Office, Department of the Army, will conduct the U.S. Army NAF Employee Group Long Term Care briefings on Nov. 20.

The Aberdeen Area presentations will be at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at the Ball Conference Center, building 3074. Presentations at the Edgewood Area will be at 1 and 2:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Conference Center Auditorium, building E-4810.

All NAF employees are encouraged to attend. Enrollment packages will be given to interested employees at the conclusion of the briefing. Employees may access information and/or enroll at www.nafbenefits.com.

For more information, call Jean Futty, 410-278-8993.

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Memorial service Nov. 10 for force protector

A memorial service will be held at the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel at 8 p.m. Nov. 10 for Spec. Charles James "C.J." Lewis, 25, of Keeling, Va.

Lewis died at his home while on pass Oct. 30. He was buried Nov. 2 in Danville, Va.

He is survived by his daughter Cathryn Marie Briarton and sister Kathy Lewis Clifton.



This issue is dedicated to soldiers from all backgrounds and regions of our country who served in the major campaigns of the past hundred years. It is hoped that through reading about some of the battles fought by our veterans over the years, you will appreciate our home-grown heroes, how soldiers' tools and weaponry have evolved, and how the military has adapted by reaching out, giving everyone a chance, and trying to set the example for others to follow. It is a story of opportunity for all races, all ethnic groups and both genders. Through willingness to adapt and diversify and individual dedication to duty, the U.S. military continues to succeed. Made up of soldiers from all backgrounds willing to work together for the common good, and supported by a strong network of family, friends, and equally dedicated civilian workers, the U.S. military remains the top military of the world. -- The Editor

Veteran bids farewell to classmate at Arlington

Karen DREWEN
Special contributor

Capt. Jefferson Scott Dotson was never far from Miguel Monteverde's mind. For 30 years, a simple silver bracelet on Monteverde's right wrist served as a visual reminder of the young man he knew as "Scotty" at Virginia Military Institute.

As Veterans Day approaches, Monteverde, a post contractor and 27-year Army veteran, said he is proud to have served his country. But one veteran stands out in his mind.

On Oct. 25, Monteverde joined that veteran's family and friends at Arlington National Cemetery to say farewell.

Scotty Dotson had come home. For 33 years, Dotson was one of 1,900 service members missing in action from the Vietnam War. His remains were returned to the United States in December 2001, and positively identified just two days after what would have been his 58th birthday.

Monteverde said Dotson, one of 11 from his class who lost their lives in Southeast Asia, completed an unfinished chapter for the VMI Class of

1966. "We have now accounted for all of our classmates," he said, noting that while he didn't know Dotson well at VMI — they served in different companies — he "came to symbolize all of our classmates who lost their lives."

"Scotty was a lifelong inspiration," Monteverde added. "He represented a young American willing to go in harm's way and give his life for his country."

His reminder of Dotson is now a white band around his wrist that's fading slightly, skin that hadn't seen the sun for three decades. But for most veterans, he said, there is no visual reminder of their service.

"Often, you don't even know who the veterans are, unless it comes up in conversation," he said. "Veterans are entwined into the fabric of our society in many ways, and you may never realize it. They don't ask for glory or fame. Many don't even get the day off for Veterans Day. A simple 'thank you' is all they ask."

Dotson's long trip home began on Aug. 9, 1969, when he and co-pilot Capt. Lee Gourley, both assigned to the 416th Tactical Fighter Squadron, left

Tuy Hoa Airbase in an F100F "Super Sabre" for a reconnaissance mission along the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Both Dotson, who was 25, and Gourley were experienced in flying at the low altitudes required for visual reconnaissance.

The men remained in contact, according to official accounts, but failed to rendezvous for refueling. Some reports said the aircraft was hit and went down in flames. Others said the aircraft malfunctioned.

A search failed to find the missing aircraft or crew. Monteverde, who at the time commanded an artillery battery with the 101st Airborne Division just miles from where Dotson vanished, found out about the tragedy when he returned to the United States. Three years later, he put on the bracelet and wore it until Oct. 25. It remained there through most of his career, his marriage, and the raising of his children, Maria and Miguel Jr., both now grown.

"I never really thought I'd ever take it off, because I didn't think they would ever find him," he said. "In fact, not to be morbid, but I assumed I would be buried with it. I told my children they

could have all my jewelry, but I wanted to be buried with that bracelet."

He returned the silver band to Dotson's daughter, Christa Plikat, who is married to a member of the U.S. Air Force and lives in England with her husband and children. Dotson was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Monteverde, who lives in Arlington, Va., attended with his wife, Susan, and 50 of his VMI classmates.

In addition to his daughter, Dotson is survived by his mother, Margery Lee Dotson, two sisters, Barbara Elkins and Sheila Cantrell, a brother, Otis Edward Dotson, and his former wife, Mary Ann Hollyfield Dotson Goetzel.

Today, Monteverde works for Horne Engineering, serving as the public outreach manager for Bechtel-Aberdeen, the company that is building and will operate the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility.

(Karen DREWEN works in the Public Affairs Office at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez of Air Force Print News contributed to this article.)

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Retirees meet with installation officials

Story and photos by
Yvonne JOHNSON
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground area retirees received a firm assurance of support from installation activities during the annual Retiree Appreciation Day program, held Oct. 26 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

The APG Retiree Council sponsors the annual day set aside to renew the installation's commitment to the retiree community.

Dozens of area retirees attended the program that included displays from installation organizations and lunch at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools dining facility.

Mary Leftwich, outgoing APG Retirement Services Officer, and her replacement, retired Sgt. Maj. Drew Nobles, greeted attendees at the door.

Nobles, a former military personnel division chief, said the program would continue to serve the growing retiree population.

"Based on the feedback we got today, there is a definite need for this type of event," Nobles said. "We will try to keep it the same as always."

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, offered remarks, updating changes from the past year.

Doesburg said the security changes since Sept. 11, 2001, would remain in place and that the new Army alignment would benefit retirees through such programs as Army Well-Being.

"What you see at the front gate is not going to go away any time soon," Doesburg said, adding the soldiers on the gates have a very tough job. "They are our eyes and ears."

He explained the post's transition to centralized management, and encouraged listeners to fill out Army Well-Being surveys to provide valuable infor-

mation about needed services at APG.

"With the new centralized management, we hope we start seeing parity among installations in our Army," Doesburg said. "For the first time, we will be able to look across the entire Army to see what is needed and where. The services we need to provide for you will get greater visibility."

Mark, also addressing installation security, noted the changes on APG since Sept. 11, 2001.

"This is normal business now," she said regarding vehicle registration. "This is how it will be for the foreseeable future."

Following a panel discussion in which representatives from the Post Exchange, Commissary, KUSAHC, DCFA and the Social Security Administration answered questions, guests were invited to visit one of the many display booths set up around the room.

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Women's Memorial anniversary lauds female contributions

Story and photos by
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APG News

Hundreds of women veterans and service members from across the nation were drawn to the 5th anniversary celebration of the Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, Oct. 18 to 20.

The three-day event culminated with a ceremony of remembrance program, Oct. 19 that was hosted by retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, president and founder of the Women's Memorial.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, gave the keynote address, and David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for

Personnel and Readiness, gave additional remarks.

Myers praised Vaught and others who put forth the effort to erect a memorial to women in uniform.

"You have not just created another monument, but preserved a piece of our nation's history that is so important," Myers said.

He noted that the first 100 years of women's contributions were "overshadowed by epic battles and courageous generals," adding that "women's presence today is visible and bright thanks to early pioneers. Our nation is better for it in many ways."

"Today, more than 200,000 women serve in the armed forces. They have proven that America's warriors are not

separated by gender but are united by courage."

Chu added that women's roles have changed in the past few decades, most notably in numbers.

"Only 11 percent of the military were women in 1991, now it's at 15 percent. Also as leaders, they are up from three percent in 1987 to 9 percent today."

Chu noted that the inclusion of women in engagements such as Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, Somalia and the Balkans, means some will pay the ultimate price.

"More than 6,000 women are deployed today in supporting operations in Central Asia," Chu said. "What's most extraordinary about women is

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From left, Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Army Spc. Cantress Noel-Mabery; retired Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter and Senior Chief Ann Decoursey, U.S. Coast Guard, honor the playing of "Taps" during the Women's Memorial 5th Anniversary Celebration at Arlington National Cemetery, Oct. 19.



The remains of Air Force Capt. Jefferson S. Dotson, are carried to his final resting place by members of the Army's Old Guard Caisson Platoon during a full-honors funeral at Arlington National Cemetery on Oct. 25. Dotson, an F-100 Super Sabre pilot was declared missing in action 33 years ago when his fighter went down during a mission over the Ho Chi Min trail in central Laos. Dotson's remains were discovered this spring near his jet's crash site, and were positively identified through DNA testing.

U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. JIM VARHEGYI

WIMSA

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service today is that their service is no longer extraordinary."

Other guests included John McDonald, Deputy Under Secretary of the Army; Susan Livingston, Under Secretary of the Navy; Patricia Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs; Shirley Martinez, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Equal Opportunity and Diversity; Rear Adm. Linda Bird, U.S. Navy Chief of Chaplains; Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, Army National Guard, acting chief National Guard Bureau; and Rear Adm. Kenneth T. Venuto, U.S. Coast Guard, assistant commandant for Human Resources.

Vaught welcomed guests who were seated around the memorial's huge Reflecting Pond, noting the similarity

between the memorial ground breaking five years before and the day's events.

"Then, we paid tribute individually and collectively to women who served. Today, we include special guests who are representative of all women who have served and are serving," Vaught said.

Women from the Army, Marine Corps, Army National Guard, Coast Guard, and Navy, offered service tributes, gave personal insights as to their experiences in uniform and shared what serving their country meant to them.

Spc. Cantress Noel-Mabery, a medical specialist from Fort Myer, Va., who enlisted in the Army at the ground breaking ceremony and reenlisted there one month before the anniversary, represented the Army.

She said she learned the real meaning of Army values during recovery efforts after the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon.

"I had to put aside my feelings and concerns to accomplish the mission," she said.

She added that the three reasons she can never give up her quest to achieve in the military is her family, her admiration of those who came before her, and because she would have to answer to her father-in-law, retired Master Sgt. Troy Mabery, a tough old soldier.

Retired Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Carol A Mutter added, "Only in America could a girl from a small farm in Colorado end up where I am today.

"Thirty-one years after joining the military I staged my retirement in this building," Mutter said.

She announced her appointment as the new chair of DACOWITS, a committee of concerned citizens appointed by the Secretary of Defense that serves as the 'eyes and ears of the Pentagon.'

"I look forward to continued service to my country," Mutter said. "I have been blessed to spend my life doing something I love and working with the best people in the world."

Retired Navy Rear Adm.

Marsha J. Evans, president and executive officer, American Red Cross; Master Sgt. Cynthia A. Good, Pa. Army National Guard; and Senior Chief Ann Decoursey, U.S. Coast Guard, also offered service tributes.

The U.S. Army Military District of Washington Joint Service Color Guard posted and retired the colors for the ceremony.

Also, Sgt. 1st Class Mercy Diez, U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own), sang the national anthem and the song, "Light a Candle, Say a Prayer," accompanied on keyboard by Sgt. 1st Class Lori Larsen. Sgt. 1st Class Tammy Leverone closed the program with "Taps."

Vaught said the celebration was extraordinary.

"The number of guests here today exemplify the importance of women, past, present and future," Vaught said. "We want to continue to build and grow our previously unknown history through repetitions and ceremonies such as this."



Margaret Switzer, left, a World War II Women's Army Corps veteran, congratulates retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, president of the Women's Memorial, after the 5th anniversary celebration.



David S. Chu, far right, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, listens as Sgt. 1st Class Mercy Diez, U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own), sings "Light a Candle, Say a Prayer," to close the 5th anniversary program.

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- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
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- Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
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- Disclose any information related to unit deployments.

Report any suspicious activity immediately to APG Police:

Aberdeen Area 410-306-2222
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Your call may save lives!

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Classes offered to prevent cold injuries KUSAHC

Now that winter is coming, it is imperative that leaders guard their personnel against cold injuries. Cold injuries can be prevented.

Successful prevention requires vigorous command leadership and proper use of preventive measures. Prior planning, cold weather training, and the provision of proper clothing and equipment are paramount.

Specific preventive measures are directed toward conservation of total body heat, avoiding unnecessary prolonged exposure of personnel to cold, moisture and activities favoring cold injury. Preventive Medicine and Wellness, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, offers classes on cold injury prevention and awareness.

For information, contact Lt. Parrie or Spec. Roberts at 410-278-1991/1956.

EA Thrift Shop going out of business

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop will be closing permanently on or about Dec. 19. All consignors are welcome to withdraw items without charge. Come in to take advantage of closeout bargains.

Hours are Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For information call Chairperson Colleen Newing, 410-676-4733.

Last chance to enter Letters to the Front contest

Time is running out to enter the Defense Commissary Agency and General Mills' Letters to the Front Letter Writing Contest. Entries must be postmarked no later than Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

All local and regional winners are automatically entered into competition for the grand prizes: children under the age of 18 can receive a \$3,000 scholarship award, and the 19-and-over grand prizewinner receives a computer system valued at over \$3,000.

Each letter must be between 100 to 200 words and should begin, "Dear Service Member, I just want to say thanks for..." Entry forms are available at the post Commissary, or they can be downloaded from the Web site <http://www.letters-from->

[the-front.com](http://www.letters-from-the-front.com).

The letter, attached to an entry form, should be mailed to: Letters To The Front, P.O. Box 25348, Alexandria, VA 22313.

For the fourth year the writing contest has generated thousands of letters of support for American troops stationed in remote areas such as Afghanistan, Kosovo, Bosnia, Macedonia, and the DMZ.

All qualified entry letters will be shipped to our troops stationed overseas.

For more information visit www.letters-from-the-front.com.

Youth Services makes room for APG homeschoolers

On Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the school year, while Harford County Schools are in session, the Aberdeen Youth Center multi-purpose rooms will be available from 1 to 3 p.m. for APG's homeschoolers. Youth must be a registered member of APG Youth Services and in grades one through 12. Parent-teacher must be present throughout the visit.

For information regarding availability and schedule for homeschooler usage of Aberdeen Youth Services, contact Norma Warwick, 410-278-9059 or email Norma.Warwick@usag.apg.army.mil.

Since military homeschooling families have special needs, Lisa McGee is interested in forming a network of APG's homeschooling families.

Contact Lisa by telephone at 410-272-8743, by email to JustgottaBme123@aol.com, or talk with her face-to-face during Homeschooler Time at the Aberdeen Youth Center.

Kirk offers classes

The following classes will be held in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12), located on the first floor at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

For more information and to register for classes, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Living with hypertension

One two-hour session is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon on Dec. 3 for individuals diagnosed with hypertension who are enrolled in TRICARE.

Tobacco cessation

Four two-hour sessions are scheduled from noon to 2 p.m.

Nov. 5, 12, 19, and 26.

All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are eligible to attend.

Within your reach

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

For information, call or visit the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 1011B Woodbridge, Center Way, Edgewood, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 410-676-6800, or visit Web site www.pmc.army.mil.

Have you updated your DEERS information?

DEERS beneficiaries are reminded to update information whenever beneficiaries face a life change, e.g., new baby, retirement, deployment, etc.

Visit Web site http://www.tricare.osd.mil/smart/deers_month.cfm for more information.

ABC-C newsletter publishes quarterly

The Army Benefits Center-Civilian, ABC-C, publishes a newsletter that will be emailed to all employees quarterly. Its purpose is to provide up-to-date information helpful to employees when using the Army's automated system to manage benefits and entitlements and when planning retirement.

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

Red Cross relocates

The APG Office of the American Red Cross has relocated from building 2477 to Room 111 in building 2752.

It is located next to the Army Community Services building on Augusta Street.

The telephone number remains 410-278-2087.

Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday.

2003 DoD Team Bass Tournament

The 78th MSG Services Division will sponsor the 13th Annual DoD Team Bass Tournament from March 30 to April 4, at Goose Pond Colony, Lake Gunter'sville, Ala. The Bass Tournament will be limited to the first 200 registered teams.

Entries sent by mail must be received no later than Feb. 28.

Only full payments of \$160 per team will be accepted.

Entry fees may be paid on March 30 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and immediately after the tournament meeting. There will be a \$25 late registration fee from March 31 to April 1. No refunds after March 15.

Registrations will not be accepted after April 1. Registration must be filled out completely and signed by both team members. No guides are allowed during practice or the tournament.

For more information on rules and eligibility, or for registration, see the Web site <http://www.geocities.com/dod-bass>.

Meeting of WACVA Chesapeake Beacon Chapter 114T

The Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association Chesapeake Beacon Chapter 114T invites all women who have served or are serving in the Army, Reserve, and National Guard to attend their meetings.

To join, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040, or email OkieGirlMD@aol.com for information on meeting dates, locations and times. For more information, visit the chapter Web site at www.wacva.com.

Honor veterans through donations

John Belcher

2002 CFC Chairperson

Veterans Day is a time to look at what veterans have done for everyone in this country.

Some veterans have given their lives so that people can be free to follow their dreams the way that they desire. Others live with the wounds of what war can do to a person's body and soul.

Veterans Day is a time to think of how to help veterans make their lives better by giving to charitable organizations that help veterans and their spouses, children and grandchildren.

The Combined Federal Campaign program choice you make may make the biggest difference in a veteran's life or their family's life.

This year's motto is "United we give, together we share." Making a donation can make the difference, so it is up to every government employee.

Employees have until Nov. 15 to choose the charity, the amount and method of payment and turn in their forms to a CFC key person from their organization.

If the key person is not known, call Melda Callender, or Gary Pitts on 278-3131/3292/9451, or e-mail john.belcher@usag.apg.army.mil or melda.callender@usag.apg.army.mil.

To make a donation in person, visit CFC Headquarters at building 3321, 2nd floor, Room 7, Raratin Street. See list of organizations below.

CFC veterans organizations

2136 Armed Forces Foundation, 212-581-1736, provides scholarships to children of veterans and service members who could not otherwise afford an education; supports the Intrepid Scholarship program.

2139 Armed Forces Veterans Homes Foundation, www.VetHomesFoundation.org, works toward improving the quality of life for residents of 109 State Veterans and National Retirement Homes through grants for medical equipment, personal necessities and program activities.

2133 Army Historical Foundation, www.armyhistoryfnd.org, supports building a national U.S. Army museum and sponsors educational programs that preserve and promote the history and heritage of the American soldier.

2106 Astronauts Memorial Foundation 321-452-2887, www.amfse.org, honors fallen U.S. astronauts by providing technology training for teachers and space education for young people.

2107 Blinded American

Veterans Foundation, www.bavf.org, helps blinded and sensory disabled veterans attain their maximum potential through research, rehabilitation and reemployment services (organization completely staffed by volunteers).

2108 Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Charitable Service Trust, www.dav.org, provides food, shelter and medical aid to homeless veterans, transportation to medical facilities, and counseling/rehabilitation for amputees and other severely disabled veterans.

2117 Fisher House Foundation, www.fisherhouse.org, builds and supports Fisher Houses to provide a compassionate home environment for families of seriously ill patients being treated at military/VA medical centers.

2109 Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project, 913-432-1214, is a therapeutic writing program to acknowledge veterans' experiences and build confidence and self-esteem through focused creative expression and possible publication of the works.

2126 Intrepid Museum Foundation, www.intrepidmuseum.org, honors military and veterans through Intrepid Museum; hosts Fleet Week; serves as national battlefield and landmark, educates public about contributions and accomplishments of the military.

2134 Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation, www.mc-lef.org, provides financial aid for disabled children of Marines and scholarship assistance to children of Marines and federal law enforcement personnel whose parent dies on duty.

2111 Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, www.marine-scholars.org, provides scholarships to deserving children of active/former or deceased Marines who need financial assistance to pursue their educational goals and chosen careers.

2110 Marine Corps University Foundation, www.mcuf.org, provides education outside the classroom. Helps today's leaders prepare for tomorrow's challenges by providing them the best pro-

fessional education possible.

2118 Military Chaplains Association of the USA, www.mca-usa.org, works to preserve the chaplaincy's critical role in caring for America's military-active duty, reserve and veterans.

2112 Military Community Youth Ministries, www.mcy.org, helps military teenagers with loneliness and relocation. Works to help with continuity and building recreational/spiritual peer programs, supported by commanders, chaplains, and parents.

2113 National Military Family Association, www.nmfa.org, is the only "Voice for Military Families" dedicated solely to improving quality of life for children and families of active duty, reserve and retired service personnel.

2119 Paralyzed Veterans of America Spinal Cord Injury Education and Training Foundation, www.pva.org/etf, provides educational grants for projects which increase the knowledge and skills of persons with spinal cord injury or dysfunction, their families and health care providers.

2114 Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association, www.river-rats.org, provides scholarships to dependents of U.S. military personnel declared MIA/KIA in armed conflicts from Vietnam through the aircrews killed performing aircraft duties.

2124 Special Operations Warrior Foundation, www.specialops.org, provides scholarships and educational counseling to children surviving Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps Special Operations personnel killed in the line of duty.

2142 TROA, The Retired Officers Association Scholarship Fund, www.troa.org, provides interest-free loans and grants to children of enlisted and officers for college education. All administrative costs are paid by TROA-not from donations.

2115 Vietnam Veterans Assistance Fund, www.vva-fund.org, is Vietnam veterans helping disabled, homeless and needy Vietnam-era veterans with shelter, employment, counseling and medical bene-
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Commentary

Reflections on 'The Wall'

Griffin 91G

It's been said that after a combat action, when you realize that you have survived, there is an emotional elation — a surge of happiness or gratitude that surmounts all of the death and destruction you have just experienced — an elation that you are still alive.

This elation may give rise to depression, a guilt derived from the fact that in the aftermath of battle, the elation of survival is partly due the joy you feel when you realize that the dead do not include you. Some say that it is guilt over being glad that others died and you did not.

I did not create this theory and for many years I knew that it did not apply to me. In retrospect, it may have been shortly after my first visit down into 'The Wall' itself, but that is another story...

This is why I volunteered to be one of many to read the names on 'The Wall' during the Vietnam War Memorial 20th anniversary ceremony.

Members of the National

Capital Chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association will be reading the names of the soldiers killed in action in Vietnam today for one hour.

When we gather at 'The Wall' today, 30 or 40 members of this chapter, some of whom I have never met, I know I will



be with soldiers who shared similar experiences in training and helicopter related combat. I know that each has experienced the joy of survival and has dealt with it in numerous ways, each unique.

We will gather to participate in the ceremonial reading of the names of the deceased, or to simply share the joy of survival. Most of us have been to 'The Wall' many times. Others, some lifelong residents of the National Capital

Region, have come close but have never actually made the trip down into 'The Wall.' They won't make that trip today, either. That is their battle. We welcome their presence, their support, and we would enjoy sharing with them, once again, the joy of survival.

For me, this is an opportunity to gather with men who have shared my joy and my guilt. We will honor freedom and the sacrifices necessary to purchase that commodity. We will honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so our freedom will endure. We will remind ourselves, and perhaps others, that the cost of freedom is high, and is often filled with pain, but a willingness to pay this price is necessary for the continuation of our nation and our way of life.

(Editor's note: Griffin 91G is a member of the National Capital Chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association. For more information on the chapter, visit www.VHPA.org.)

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fits assistance with appreciation for their service to America.

2130 Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation, www.womensmemorial.org, operates and maintains the only major national memorial and education center honoring all American service women throughout history

and educates the public about women's service.

2141 Young Marines, www.theyoungmarines.org, promotes mental, moral, and physical development in youth with emphasis in character building, leadership development, and a drug-free lifestyle because "Our Youth is Our Future."

The Return of the Service Flag

Sgt. 1st Class Rachael Tolliver
Soldiers Magazine

FOLLOWING U.S. troop deployments to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, people across America again tied yellow ribbons around trees and prominently displayed U.S. flags.

But a little-known tradition that honors military personnel in times of war and conflict has yet to make any noticeable appearance — display of the service flag.

Sometimes called the “Son in Service” flag, it was first displayed during World War I and became a popular symbol of support in the homes of military service members and their families throughout the nation during World War II.

Capt. Robert Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry is credited with starting the service flag tradition. He made a small flag to display in his home to honor his two sons who fought on the front lines in Europe in World War I.

The flag was white with a red border and included two blue stars in the middle, one representing each son.

The flag idea caught on and, thereafter, became the unofficial symbol of a child in service.

Keith Gillan of Watertown, N.Y., a sergeant in the Army Air Forces during World War II, said: “It meant a lot to the soldiers to know the flags were displayed in their homes. And neighbors appreciated knowing who had a family member serving the country, so they could lend support to the family.”

The service flag is authorized by the Department of Defense to be displayed by Americans to honor their family members who are serving in the U.S. armed forces during any period of conflict or war, whether the soldier is deployed or remains on U.S. soil.

Since World War II, however, the service flag has rarely been seen and few people in America know what the flag is, or what it represents. After the war, the service flag fell by the wayside, probably due to a lack of support from Americans for the wars that followed, said Kathy Vairo, co-owner of

Battle Born Industries and ServiceFlags.com.

While some families chose to display the service flag during the Vietnam War, Vairo said, most didn’t, and few even knew of its existence. The very popular Operation Desert Storm, on the other hand, was a brief engagement.

“So World War II is really the last time the service flag was displayed throughout the United States.”

After the Sept. 11 attacks on America and the start of troop deployments to Afghanistan, Vairo and her brother, David Smith, decided to manufacture service flags. “We thought this would be a great way to support the military,” she said.

ServiceFlags.com was the

first company to manufacture the Service flags, Vairo said, and in December 2001 only three companies in the United States manufactured the symbol of service.

During World War II the Department of War issued specifications for manufacturing the flag and button, as well as guidelines indicating when the flag could be displayed and who could display it.

Then, in the 1960s, DOD revised previous regulations and specifications. According to information on the Web site www.gideonflags.com, these guidelines are outlined in DOD Directive 348.20 and 1348.33-M, “Manual of Military Decorations and Awards.” The specifics can be found on pages 88 through 93 in the 1996 version.

The service flag may also be displayed by organizations to honor members of the organization who are serving in the armed forces.

The flag is designed to be displayed indoors, facing out of the home’s or organization’s front window, Vairo said. When the U.S. flag is also displayed, it should take the place of honor above the service flag and should be as large or larger.

A gold star should be placed over the service flag’s blue star if a family member is killed during a war or conflict. The gold star takes a position of honor closest to the staff and is slightly smaller than the blue star, giving the gold star a blue border, Vairo said. In 1918 the name “Gold Star

Mothers” was given to women who had lost children in the armed services. Family members authorized

to display the service flag include spouses, parents, step-parents, adoptive and foster parents, children, stepchildren, adopted children, siblings, and half brothers and half sisters of a member of the U.S. armed services.

Grandparents are not currently authorized to display the flag, Vairo said.

Local retailers and military post exchanges don’t sell the service flag. But Sharon Campbell, manager of Military Clothing and Sales at Fort Drum, N.Y., said the service flag may be ordered online at www.annin.com.

Representatives at Annin said they’re manufacturing the flag with DOD authorization.

AAFES military insignia buyer Ray Howard said AAFES is researching the service flag and waiting for approval to sell it. AAFES officials will then decide whether or not to include it in their inventory, he said.

“I believe the incidents that have happened in the last six months have brought this item back into the limelight,” Howard said.

For Americans, World War II started with the attack on Pearl Harbor, he said. Nearly 60 years later, the United States came under attack again, and once again families gave up their children to a war effort. Americans now have the opportunity to revive tradition and display the service flag, showing their family’s contribution to the war on terrorism, Howard said.

Patriotism Buttons

The Defense Department also authorizes the manufacture and wear of a gold star lapel button and a service lapel button. The GSLB is a gold star on a purple disk surrounded by a wreath of gold laurel leaves. The family members of a soldier killed in combat may wear it.

Those authorized to display the service flag are also authorized to wear the SLB. However, while the flag may show as many stars as family members serving, the button may show only one star. A gold star is not authorized as part of the SLB as it is on the service flag.

(Editor’s note: Reprinted with permission from Soldiers Magazine. SPC Rachael Tolliver is assigned to the 10th Mountain Division Public Affairs Office at Fort Drum, N.Y.)





Wanda Story, right, president of Chapter 114T of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, signs up prospective new member Rose Hirschy during Retiree Appreciation Day activities, Oct. 26.

Retirees

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Ellen Bradley, TRICARE health benefits advisor and Hugent Samuels, nursing services, manned the KUSAHC booth, handing out health literature and offering blood pressure screenings.

Bradley said most of the questions they took centered on health benefits.

"Many in this age group are interested in programs like Senior Pharmacy and TRICARE For Life," Bradley said.

As he got his blood pressure checked, retired Army Lt. Col. Lewis Meyers, from Delaware, said the day was worth the trip.

I read about it in a retiree magazine," Meyers said. "There were a lot of things of interest to retirees here."

"I have been here many times and enjoy it each time," added Rose Hirschy, a widow and former member of the World War II Army Nurse Corp.

Retired Army Col. Charles M. Shadle, chairman, APG Retiree Council, said the event was especially important to those who don't get out often.

"A lot of retirees are getting older and don't get out," Shadle said, adding that, "Department of the Army statistics show that 1,400 veterans

die everyday."

A member of the council for 31 years, Shadle said the council involves itself in matters as far away as the Congress.

"We process major issues like health care through the council to the office of the Army Chief of Staff," Shadle said.

Bob Phillabaum, on-site coordinator for the Army Well-Being at APG, said he fielded many questions, mostly regarding family services.

"Most were pretty responsive," Phillabaum said as he passed out surveys. "They realize this gives them the opportunity to get their comments to not only to post leaders but all the way to DA."

Participating post organizations included Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the Defense Commissary Agency, the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, the Directorate of Installation Management, the Office of the Adjutant, and the APG Federal Credit Union. Support agencies included the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration. Military displays included the Korean War Veterans Association, the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, the Retired Officers Association and the Retired Enlisted Association.

The APG Retiree Council sponsored the event.



Korean War veteran and Aberdeen Proving Ground chapel volunteer Paul Yorkman, listens in on a panel discussion during Retiree Appreciation Day, Oct. 26.

Recovery team returns from China with WWII remains

Ginger Couden
Army News Service

A 14-man search and recovery team out of the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory returned to Hawaii the week of Oct. 6 with what is believed to be the remains of four American service members whose C-46 transport plane crashed in the Tibetan Himalayas of China in March 1944.

The aircraft was based at Sookerating, India, and reported missing in flight enroute from Kunming, China, to its home base during World War II. It is believed the aircraft became lost, ran out of gas and crashed. The aircraft wreckage was located in a cliff face above a ravine.

The search and recovery team was in China for two months excavating the crash site located at about 15,600 feet above sea level.

The CILHI team consisted of a team leader, a team sergeant, a forensic anthropologist, two mortuary affairs specialists, a forensic photographer, and several augmentees from units around the world consisting of three mountaineering specialists, one medic, one flight surgeon, two linguists, and an embassy representative.

The team initially traveled from Hawaii to Beijing to Lhasa, China. In Lhasa, the team acclimated to the higher altitude, from there drove more than 600 kilometers to Naelong village, where the rugged road ended. It was then a three-day trek across rivers and up steep terrain on foot and horseback to the village of Langko.

The team then had a day-long hike to a location at 15,500 feet where a base camp was constructed. The team climbed daily to the crash site.

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World War II scout recalls D-Day

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Although nearly 60 years have passed, James L. Lockhart remembers the Normandy invasion like it happened yesterday.

The 77-year old North East resident is the father of Christina Lockhart, Morale Welfare and Recreation program manager.

Lockhart recently returned from England where his regiment was honored for the time it spent in the town of Berry Pomeroy preparing for the D-Day invasion of France.

Born in Jasper, Alabama, in 1925, Lockhart volunteered for the Army on his 18th birthday, Jan. 8, 1943.

"I was working in a textile mill making \$12 a week," Lockhart said. "I always wanted to get away. When the Army pay increased from \$35 to \$50 a month I knew it was time to sign up."

Not long after joining, Lockhart was on the Queen Mary bound for England.

While in a replacement pool in Birmingham, England, he volunteered for ranger training.

"They came through asking for volunteers. It was an extra \$5 a month so I took it," Lockhart said.

He was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 115th Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, a unit based in Hagerstown, Md.

Lockhart became an expert infantry rifleman, undergoing assault training for one year. He said he knew they were training for something big.

"We practiced all kinds of assault tactics. It was intense and serious," Lockhart said.

About one week prior to the invasion, the unit moved from Cornwall to a training area near Exeter, England, to practice assault landings.

"They moved a whole village out for us to train there," he said.

Training continued in other villages, then they moved to Plymouth where they received their briefing in late May 1944.

"They briefed us, gave us French francs, then locked us away in a compound for about four days," Lockhart said.

On June 1, they loaded onto a Landing Craft Infantry, LCI 411, and then moved out to sea, circling the coast, awaiting word.

"Most were getting pretty sick on the craft. It was pretty rough on them," Lockhart said, adding he ate breakfast alone the morning of the invasion.



Photo courtesy of JAMES L. LOCKHART
Cpl. James L. Lockhart,
115th Regiment, 29th
Division, 1943

Originally scheduled for June 5, the landing was delayed one day due to weather. During that time, Lockhart said the craft rendezvoused with hundreds of other craft and ships.

Their mission, he said, was to get across the beach as quickly as possible and take out the German forces, which were well fortified with machine guns and artillery.

The craft took fire well before the landing. With bullets hitting the left side of the LCI, the call came to move. Two hundred men unloaded on the beach, with Lockhart among the first out.

"Bullets and artillery were flying everywhere," he said. "Men were falling beside you, but you just had to keep moving."

When the beach was finally contained, the unit moved inland, pursuing German forces through several French towns, heading toward Saint Lo, France.

Before reaching there, Lockhart was wounded, taking a 30-caliber round under his left arm. He was sent to Park Hospital near Flixton, England. It was there that he met his future wife, Jesse Lowe, a Red Cross volunteer from Manchester, England.

"She came through bringing cakes and cookies for the GIs," Lockhart said. "A beautiful red-haired, hazel-eyed girl who just happened to be the girl I fell in love with and eventually married."

Lockhart remained hospitalized until October. When he returned to France, unable to carry an infantry pack due to his injury, he was reassigned as a guard for general officers. He was among the elite guards who served escort

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Remains

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Near the end of the mission, a four-man investigative element broke off from the team and spent seven days climbing three 15,000 foot mountains enroute to another crash site of a C-46 from World War II.

The investigative element gathered information to assist CILHI researchers in correlating the second crash site to three unaccounted for American service members.

The remains recovered from the initial crash site in China were transported to the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii where they will be analyzed for identification poten-

tial. There, the world's largest staff of forensic anthropologists will derive biological profiles indicating the age, race, sex and stature of the remains.

The dental remains will be analyzed by the CILHI forensic odontologists who will compare them to dental records of those who were on the aircraft.

If an identification can not be made using those identification tools, the forensic staff may determine that the comparison of mitochondrial DNA is needed. The identification of the remains can take anywhere from several months to several years, officials said. (Editor's note: Ginger Couden is a public affairs specialist with the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii.)

Community Notes

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9 HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

Prince of Peace Church, 2600 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood, is hosting a holiday craft bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit church programs including the Youth Ministry. Crafters who need to reserve a space should call Dawn at 410-676-7785.

WACVA CHAPTER 114 MEETING

The Chesapeake Beacon, Chapter 114, of the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Aberdeen Senior Center, 7 Franklin Street, at 10 a.m.

All women serving in the armed forces are welcome to attend and decide whether they would like to join the Women's Army Corps as regular members of the chapter (all women serving in the Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Army Nurse Corps, Women's Army Corps and Women's Army Auxiliary Corps), members-at-large (women who do not want to belong to a chapter at this time), or associate members (women in the Air Force, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard).

For more information, call Wanda Story at 410-272-5040 or go to Web site www.wacva.com.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 11 BOOK SIGNING

Ivan Mehosky, APG School Liaison coordinator for Aberdeen Proving Ground, and author, will be signing copies of his book, *The Story of a Soldier, at Barnes and Noble in Bel Air* from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The book details the life of his father, Col. Edward S. Mehosky, who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

GOLDEN CORRAL OFFERS FREE MEAL TO VETERANS

Veterans Day is a celebration to honor America's military personnel for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Golden Corral and the Disabled American Veterans are joining forces nationwide for the second year in a row to honor our nation's heroes.

All Golden Corral restaurants spanning 39 states will offer veterans and retired and active duty members of the U.S. military a free dine-in dinner buffet plus beverage from 5 to 9 p.m. This offer is also extended to members of the U.S. Reserves and the National Guard. To receive the free dine-in buffet, honored military guests must state their military status when coming through the ordering line the night of the event.

VETERANS DAY EVENTS

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command will speak at the Aberdeen City Veterans' Memorial Park, Parke Street, at 11 a.m. A luncheon follows at the VFW Post Home on Old Philadelphia Road behind Wal-Mart. The American Legion is also supporting this event.

Deputy installation commander Col. Mardi Mark will be the guest speaker at the Elkton Armory at 2 p.m..

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13 DAV BEL AIR CHAPTER 30 MEETING

The DAV Bel Air Chapter 30 will meet at 7 p.m., at the VFW, 303 S. Atwood Road.

For information and transportation, call 410-838-8325 or 410-879-0861.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16 VFW HOSTS "HOT IN HERRE" CONTEST

VFW Post 6054 in Perryman will host a "Hot in Herre" contest 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The contest, more like a local Mr. and Mrs. Universe (VFW), is for both sexes to compete in the areas of talent, formal wear and sexiest outfit.

For more information or to register, call Suzette Shields or Keith Hammitt at 410-977-0916.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20 APG DISABILITY AWARENESS LUNCHEON

The APG Committee for the disAbled will sponsor the annual Disability Awareness Month Observance Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay. Guest speaker will be Daniel Wilkins, president and owner of the Nth Degree, a progressive nationwide graphic design/silk screen/professional

SIGN-UP FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP PROGRAM

Plans are underway for the 2002 Christmas Gift Wrap Program sponsored by AAFES and coordinated by Army Community Service. All Aberdeen Proving Ground family readiness groups, non-profit organizations and volunteer activities affiliated with APG are eligible to participate and should designate a point of contact to be eligible for donations.

Organizations/activities interested in participating must contact Fred Posadas, 410-278-2453, by Nov. 12 with the name and telephone number of the organization contact.

All contacts must attend a mandatory meeting Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. in building 2754, Army Community Service. During this meeting con-

tacts will draw for the dates and times for their organization to work the giftwrap booth. Space is limited, early sign up is recommended.

AAFES will provide the wrapping paper, limited gift boxes and an area to wrap at the entrance area of the PX. Organizations/activities will be responsible for the labor, tape, scissors, ribbon, etc., and will receive all money their group earns. Packages are wrapped for donations only.

Giftwrapping starts the day after Thanksgiving and runs through Christmas eve. To register your organization, call 410-278-2453 or e-mail godofredo.posadas@usag.apg.army.mil.

speaking company, and also co-founder of the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association.

Exhibits will be on display on the second floor from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (elevator accessible).

Tickets cost \$12 per person. To make reservations, contact the following committee members by Nov. 12. Make checks payable to IMWRF: Angela Cheek, EEO, 410-278-1140; Judy Matthews, DTC, 410-278-1050; Terry Leicht, DLES, 410-278-3609; Linda Patrick, CHPPM, 410-436-1023; Mike Brown, DOIM, 410-278-2268; Debbie Pole, DRM, 410-278-2605 (TDD); Deana Boyd, ATC, 410-278-9186; Debra Dempsey, CPAC, 410-278-7148; Patricia Reeves, SBCCOM, 410-436-2917; Jeanne Boisseau, MRICD, 410-436-1815; Ginni Pippen, SBCCOM, 410-436-5639; and Annette Jones-Dennis, PMCD, 410-436-4164.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21 SAR DINNER

The Colonel Aquila Hall Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, will host their Annual Chapter Dinner, 6:30 p.m., at the Main Street Tower Restaurant (the former Red Fox Restaurant) on Main Street, Bel Air. Guest speaker will be Ed Heasley, a curator at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, who will speak on the "Weapons of the Revolutionary War."

The organization is "declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include that in tended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or scarifications during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people."

Monthly meetings are held at Hays House Museum, 324 Kenmore Avenue, Bel Air.

For more information about joining SAR, call Andrew Calwell, chapter president, 410-889-6545, e-mail jacalwell@msn.com; William Smithson, vice president, 410-836-3433, e-mail wsmithson@erols.com; or James Hixon, public relations, 410-378-4427, e-mail hprincipio@aol.com.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23 RWES CRAFT FAIR

Roye-Williams Elementary School is having a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To reserve a table and/or space, call Melissa Daniels at 410-273-5536. Tables cost \$10; spaces cost \$10. If you reserve both, receive \$5 off.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10 BAND HOSTS HOLIDAY CONCERT

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will host a free holiday concert at 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater. Aberdeen High School Choir will make a guest appearance.

All attendees must have a ticket to gain entrance to the concert. For tickets, call the 389th Army Band at 410-278-4380 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or e-mail Bryan.Simson@usag.apg.army.mil by Dec. 5. Provide your name and mailing address so that the tickets can be mailed.

Those 16 and older should bring a photo ID and plan their arrival time to accommodate personal and vehicle searches.

EDGEWOOD AMERICAN LEGION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Edgewood American Legion Service Post #17, located on 415 Edgewood Road in Edgewood has scheduled the following events:

SUNDAYS

Enjoy Sunday breakfast from 9 a.m. until noon for \$2.75. Breakfast includes two eggs with choice of bacon, ham, sausage or scrapple and toast. Coffee, juice or milk costs \$.50 per glass.

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY LUNCH AT THE LEGION

Everyone is welcome to eat lunch at the Legion from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch specials cost \$3.95; regular menus also are available.

FRIDAY AND SUNDAY BINGO

Bingo begins at 6:50 p.m. and includes regular games and jackpots.

NIGHTLY DINNER AT THE LEGION

Dinner is available every evening from 5 until 8 p.m. to include shrimp, oysters, hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, pork chops, roast beef, ham, potatoes, vegetables, a variety of soups, crab cakes, veal, pepper steaks, country steaks, cheese steaks, meatloaf,

wing dings, French fries, egg salad, chicken salad and tuna salad. Ask about daily specials.

For more information, call 410-676-1147 or 410-679-1832.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14 FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE

The American Legion Family Christmas Dinner and Dance will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. Members of the Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion and guests are invited to attend. Tickets cost \$10 per person. To purchase tickets or request information, call 410-676-1147 or 410-679-1832.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31 NEWYEAR'S EVE ALL-NIGHT BINGO

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 6 p.m. There is a \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot. Cost is \$25 per person and includes 50 plus games with all of the specials, and a buffet dinner of roast beef, turkey, ham, cheese, chicken wings, meatballs, crab cakes, baked beans, salads, scalloped potatoes, crab soup, cake, rolls, sodas, chips and pretzels.

MOVIES

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

BALLISTIC: ECKS vs. SEVER

Friday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 p.m.

Starring: Antonio Banderas, Lucy Liu



Jonathan Ecks (Antonio Banderas), an FBI agent, realizes that he must join with his lifelong enemy, Agent Sever (Lucy Liu), a rogue DIA agent with whom he is in mortal combat, in order to defeat a common enemy. That enemy has developed a "micro-device" that can be injected into victims in order to kill them. (Rated R)



ONE HOUR PHOTO (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

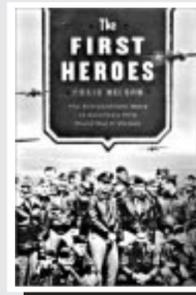
Starring: Robin Williams, Connie Nielsen

A young suburban family finds themselves the objects of obsession of an employee at their local one-hour photo lab after they drop some family photos off there. (Rated R)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

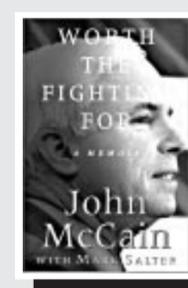
The First Heroes: the extraordinary story of the Doolittle Raid - America's First World War II Victory by Craig Nelson



On April 18, 1942, 80 young men took off from a navy carrier in the mid-Pacific. In their 16 planes they successfully attacked Tokyo, Osaka, Yokohama, Nagoya and Kobe.

WACS: Women's Army Corps by Vera S. Williams

Guardians of the Republic: a history of Noncommissioned Officer Corps of the United States Army by Ernest F. Fisher Jr.



Worth the Fighting For: a memoir by John McCain

They Also Served: military biographies of uncommon Americans by Scott Baron

American Patriots: the story of Blacks in the military from the Revolution to Desert Storm by Gail Buckley

Leading the Way: how Vietnam Veterans rebuilt the U.S. Military: an oral history by Al Santoli

Soldiers Serving the Nation. This contains over 150 scenes and portraits from the Army Art Collection.

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

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

The Edgewood Area library is open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.



APG GOLF OFFERS VETERANS DAY SPECIALS

EA EXTON GOLF COURSE

• Veterans Day special costs \$16 per person and includes cart. Open to all golfers.

• Winter rates at Exton beginning Nov. 18 are \$6 walking; \$16 riding for all DoD (active or retired military or civilian employees) and the public costs \$10 walking and \$18 riding.

AA RUGGLES GOLF COURSE

• Veterans Day special costs \$20 per person and includes cart. Open to all golfers.

• Winter rates at Ruggles beginning Nov. 18 are \$13 walking and \$25 riding for all DoD (active or retired military or civilian employees) and the public costs \$18, walking and \$30 riding.

• Monday through Thursday special costs \$22 and includes cart. Open to all golfers.

Golfers must call the golf courses for tee times: Exton 410-436-2213, Ruggles, 410-278-4794. Tee times will be assigned to active duty personnel seven days in advance; annual patrons, six days in advance; DoD civilians and retirees, five days in advance; and all others, four days in advance.

Korean War veteran still serving military



Photo Courtesy of VICTOR BIERLAIR
Victor Bierlair, in Korea, stands with his M-1 rifle in front of an M-38 jeep in this 1952 photo.

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Retired Army Sgt. 1st Class Victor Bierlair comes from a small mining town in Pennsylvania. Born Oct. 31, 1933, the thirteenth of 21 children, Bierlair and eight of his brothers served in the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines through conflicts from World War II to Vietnam.

The Aberdeen resident retired from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools in 1971 after a 20-year career, part of it spent in the war zones of Korea and Vietnam.

He continues to serve the APG community as part of the lawn maintenance team through the Nonappropriated Fund at Ruggles Golf Course.

Bierlair joined the Army out of high school, he said, because that's how things were done in his family.

"When you're 16, and you have brothers in the military and they come back and tell you stories, it's like an obligation, a way of life," Bierlair said.

He reached Korea in 1951 and was assigned to a small arms support unit in the 2nd Division's X Corps area; the 19th

Maintenance Company, 60th Group, 238th Battalion, working as an armorer in support of forward field artillery and tank companies.

For much of the time the unit camped in GP medium tents in a small valley, Bierlair said. In the summer they endured sweltering heat and in the winter, they chopped firewood to heat their tent from the frigid cold.

"The cold is what I will remember most about Korea," Bierlair said.

Bierlair wound up working with Republic of Korea soldiers teaching weapons and equipment maintenance.

"They were part of the 1st ROK Army, being trained to operate their own ordnance units," he said.

He remained in Korea for 11 months, then, as a sergeant E-5, he was reassigned to Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., where he ran a division weapons section responsible for maintenance of mortars and machine guns.

After a short separation, Bierlair reenlisted in the Army and went on to serve in Japan, Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Hood, Texas, and Vietnam.

From 1967 to 1968, He was assigned to a Headquarters and Headquarters Staff Support Unit, running a Command Maintenance Management Team tasked with removing faulty weapons.

Bierlair said that throughout the war years he never feared anything bad would happen to him.

"In Korea, we would have guards out all the time," he said. "Sometimes sudden sounds would make your hair stand up."

He said that throughout his career, however, luck was on his side.

"Things went real well for me," Bierlair said. "I made good friends over the years. Sometimes, the military was not what I expected but I am proud to have served."

Planning to leave the service after Vietnam, Bierlair said he changed his mind when doctors informed him that his wife, Shella, was in need of open-heart surgery.

"It was a \$35,000 operation," he said. "That was all it took to change my mind and make the Army a career."

His wife eventually had two surgeries from which she recovered completely. The two will celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary Nov. 17.

Bierlair is a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and the Korean War Veterans Association, Havre de Grace.

He and his wife live in Aberdeen.

Soldiers record history in Afghanistan

Spec. Erica Leigh Foley
Army News Service

People always say that history repeats itself and one way the military learns from the past is by what is recorded during wartime.

The 49th Military History Detachment, from Forest Park, Ill., is documenting the planning, execution and significant events of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

"Future soldiers and generations, both civilian and military, can not only know about the history of the Army and its missions, but also learn from our mistakes and gain knowledge from our experiences for future missions," said Sgt. 1st Class Brandi R. Schiff, detachment noncommissioned officer in charge.

One way the detachment completes its mission is by conducting oral interviews with those who played an important role in the mission, said Schiff. These are soldiers of all ranks. The unit transcribes the interview and sends it to the Center for Military History.

"It can take eight to 12 hours to transcribe an interview because they can run in the neighborhood of 30-100 pages, because we have to transcribe them word for word," said Schiff.

In addition, much of what the unit needs to know for preservation cannot be repeated for operational security, so the soldiers have to be careful with the material collected.

Along with the interviews, the four-soldier team collects artifacts. These can be anything from photographs and documents, to weapons and things the troops use on a daily basis.

"It could be anything from an AK-47, to the water bottles we drink out here, to the orders to deploy. Anything to let future generations know how we operated and lived here," Schiff said.

For some people, history is boring, but not for Schiff.

"For me, it has been an educational experience," she said. "I have spent my entire career as a journalist in Public Affairs, which is a bit more action-oriented. However, interviewing key members of the operation has taught me a whole lot about the stages of development of operations, in general, and OEF, in particular."

The history unit is located in Bagram Air Base's Motel 6 on the second floor.

(Editor's note: Spec. Erica Leigh Foley is a member of the 28th Public Affairs Detachment now serving in Afghanistan.)

D-Day

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duty at Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's headquarters.

"It was all spit and polish," Lockhart said. "I missed my unit but I was proud to be serving."

After the Battle of the Bulge, Lockhart served in Shape, Belgium with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment and in Offenbach, Germany where he guarded Eisenhower's home.

When the 101st Airborne Division took over, he returned home and left the service, but reenlisted one year later and returned to England and Jesse.

"We were married four days after Roosevelt died," he said, adding they were married 57 years before her death in 2001.

The couple's first two children, James Jr., and Linda, were born in England.

Lockhart accepted disability for his war wound and left the Army. He continued to work for the government as a commissary manager, operating numerous commissaries in England and the U.S., Virginia outlets at Fort McNair and Cameron Station and the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas' commissaries until his retirement from government service in 1987 after 31 years.

Lockhart also worked for the Marine Corps for 15 years, part of that time as a purchasing agent for the Camp Lejeune, N.C. cafeteria during the Korean War.

During his trip to England in October, the village of Berry Pomeroy honored Lockhart as one of the few survivors of the craft that hit Omaha Beach who trained near the village in 1944.

In a special service at St. Mary's Church, a 600-year-old structure, Lockhart was presented with a certificate that read in part, "We, the parishioners at Berry Pomeroy wish to express our gratitude for the bravery and dedication of James Lockhart and his countrymen who served in the 115th regiment."

During his visit, Lockhart presented the Totnes Museum Trust with a copy of a book detailing the history of his regiment. He said plans are already underway for the 60th anniversary in 2004 when the regiment's flag will be mounted in a place of honor inside the church.

The Veteran

An old man smiles to himself as he thinks of before,
Of the perilous times the country called the big war,
Of those that shared his lonely hardship and threat,
And he still wondered how they all could have met.

Those vets of the wide war that ended in forty-five,
By now probably have reached the age of seventy-five,
At least those few men lucky enough to still be around,
And he thinks of days when they were by duty bound.

Brought hastily together more by chance than design,
After the first few months they were surprised to find,
They were close as a family, more dear than brothers,
Welded by fire and fear, together they faced all others.

They often tended their wounded, cried for their dead,
Had many reasons to quit, but charged forward instead,
These proud warriors of old were mere mortal men, true,
But all were determined to see their assignments through.

Now, they're older and weaker, but still spiritually

strong,

The old man chanced on today's soldiers marching along,
Many changes have happened, he sees some right away,
Still, it's a fine looking group, marching in a proud way.

He smiles once more at the thought, then drifts off to sleep,
Proud that these young soldiers have traditions to keep,
And dreams of looking forward to that ever-nearing morn,

When his buddies and he all answer to the heavenly horn.

Army retired Sgt. Major Buddy W. Maxwell

(Editor's note: After 30 years with Military Intelligence, Maxwell retired from U.S. Army at APG on Aug. 1, 1977. He returned as civilian employee with U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools from 1981 until 1999, including 11 years as features editor of the Ordnance Corps Branch Journal, The Ordnance Bulletin.)

Preparation

*The night is gone
With overburdened days
Cool banter
Reigns as proxy
For distress*

*The sleep remains
But it has lost repose
Relentless tossing thoughts
That only wakefulness dissolves*

*For fear of dreams
The task at hand is readied
With the zeal of quiet storms*

*How long can smiles sustain the spirit?
How long can work replace the qualms?
How long the days become
Now that the night is gone.*

Yvonne Johnson

After the Storm

*Dust never settles
It only fades from sight for a little while
And then...
When it's ready...
We see it again.
It never goes away, not completely
Look hard enough, and long enough
And find it there
On the tip
Of a white-gloved finger
We only stirred it up
All the planning, execution
All the accolades, the victors
Back slapping
Hand clapping
High fives
Half a million frozen lives
And we only stirred it up.*

Yvonne Johnson

20th Anniversary of The Wall

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is hosting the Reading of the Names of the 58,229 service members inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., to commemorate The Wall's 20th anniversary.

The Reading of the Names will take place at The Wall for 65 hours over a four-day period beginning with a special ceremony on Nov. 7 at 3:30 p.m. Volunteers will read names for approximately eight hours from 4 p.m. on Nov. 7 to 12 a.m. on Nov. 8. Participants will then read the names for 19 hours daily from 5 a.m. until 12 a.m. on Nov. 8, 9 and 10.

The Reading of the Names took place in Washington, D.C., just two other times in The Wall's history. In November 1982, the names were read aloud at Washington National Cathedral as part of week-long National Salute to Vietnam Veterans. The names were read again during the 10th Anniversary celebration in November 1992 at The Wall. For more information, visit Web site www.vvmf.org.

"Veterans Memorial – Wall of Courage" will air on the Travel channel on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. honoring Veterans Day and the 20th anniversary of The Wall.