

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Nov. 20, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

CFC extends contribution period

The Combined Federal Campaign has been extended until Nov. 29.

Contributions are only at 50 percent or \$165,514.

This is an opportunity to look deep into your hearts to give a little help to the people that are in need.

(Last week's APG News stated, in error, that Nov. 15 was the last day for employees to contribute.)

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.

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 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 in 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 briefing. Employees may access information and/or enroll at www.nafbenefits.com.

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

Classes offered to prevent cold injuries KUSAHC

Now that winter is coming, it is imperative that leaders counsel their personnel about cold weather injuries. Cold weather

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Elkton ceremony marks Veterans Day



The 29th Division Association salute squad fires a salute to veterans in front of the Elkton Armory, closing out one of several area Veterans Day observances, Nov. 11. Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander was the guest speaker at the Elkton ceremony.

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Elkton community remembered America's veterans with a solemn ceremony at the Elkton Armory, Nov. 11.

Hosted by VFW Post 8175, the program included remarks by Col. Mardi U. Mark, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, and the presentation of a memorial wreath to Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings.

Post Commander Charlie McCoy hosted the ceremony and read the names of 17 World War I Cecil County veterans that were inscribed on a monument erected in 1921.

"We are here today to honor those who have passed on and those who are living for their dedication and service to our country," McCoy said.

Mark said she was privileged to speak about America's veterans and asked all veterans present to stand and receive applause.

"On this Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the American men and women who served in our nation's armed forces," Mark said. "Through their sacrifices, they have purchased for us the privileges of free-

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History project captures veterans' stories

Courtney Brooks
Army News Service

The great wars are usually remembered for their bloodiest battles, most decorated brass and historic treaties - rarely do the soldiers and civilians on the home front have an opportunity to voice their individual experiences.

The Veterans History Project is giving soldiers a chance to relay these personal stories. Project organizers are encouraging Americans of all ages to participate in a mission to capture and chronicle oral histories from America's war veterans. The stories will become a collection in the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center, located in Washington, D.C.

Volunteers interview veterans, collect letters, photographs and journals from former service members of World War I, World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars, as well as the civilians who supported them.

Most importantly, the project seeks to honor the individual's experience, said Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, director of the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress.

"We're not attempting to patch together a complete history of every war," said McCulloch-Lovell. "We're trying to let people talk about their experiences and what meant the most to them."

The personal wartime accounts have preserved history that may have otherwise been forgotten, said Charlie Mendoza, vice president of membership and member services for the American Association of Retired Persons, a founding sponsor of the project.

"In New York, I witnessed an interview with a young man from a college interviewing a man who used Navajo code [a Navajo code talker] with the Marine Corps in World War II," Mendoza said. "I thought, 'That's terrific.' That's something that might have been lost."

Mendoza said that the United States is losing 1,600 veterans a day and before long, there won't be any memory to collect. Wartime accounts are an important part of America's history, he said.

"Not only does war change a lot of countries; it changes nations, it changes people," Mendoza said. "With every war that has taken place, changes take place on the home front."

Mendoza not only encourages members of the

AARP, but all Americans to become involved with interviewing veterans. He believes everyone, particularly youth, have a lot to benefit from the project.

Eleven-year old Edward Litten has taken it upon himself to interview some 20 veterans since April. He said that young Americans should participate in this program because they don't know what they're missing.

The "Young Marine" has conducted the interviews at the Southeastern Michigan Veterans Service Center near his home in Monroe, Mich. Litten volunteered three days per week the entire summer and after school every day during the school year, hoping to catch a veteran to interview.

"I think it's really cool to hear all the veteran's stories and just know the fact that they're not going to be forgotten," Litten said. "Some of the stories are really sad because not everything in the war was really cool. There were a lot of sad parts."

Veterans have also gleaned new understanding from interviews by a younger generation.

A Korean and Vietnam veteran himself, Mendoza was interviewed by his youngest daughter. He said

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APG celebrates America Recycles Day

Hazoor Khan
DSHE

Aberdeen Proving Ground families and personnel along with millions of people across the United States will celebrate America Recycles Day on Nov. 15. This annual celebration recognizes what each of us has done to reduce waste and to renew personal commitments to recycling and the purchase of products made from recycled materials.

APG has successfully increased its recycling rate from 53 percent in 1998 to nearly 75 percent in 2002. This recycling effort includes the mixed paper and blue bag collection program in residential areas, source separation of metals, paper, combustibles, dirt and paving materials at the recently established convenience drop-off centers, and continuing use of the Harford Waste to Energy facility for most household garbage.

"The significant increase in recycling at APG over the past twelve months is due in large part to everyone becoming aware of and responsible for how we can source separate recyclable materials from the solid waste stream," said Debora Meranski, Directorate of Installation Operations contract performance specialist.

Meranski spearheaded the most recent recycling efforts at APG to minimize waste disposal costs after the garrison landfills closed in June of 2001. Many of the materials once placed in the APG landfills are now recycled, helping the environment and saving money.

Central to the success of the new APG recycling program are the two on-post drop-off centers and the cooperation of all personnel in this effort.

"The significant increase in recycling at APG over the past 12 months is due in large part to everyone becoming aware of and responsible for how we can source separate recyclable materials from the solid waste stream," Meranski said. "The recycling rates for the installation are expected to continue to go up with little to no additional cost."

Later this month Meranski will release a contract bid package to obtain long term contractor services for the post solid waste and recyclable materials collection program. This new contract will include new brightly painted paper recycling containers to support and encourage more office paper recycling on-post.

"This recycling contract is performance based to encourage the contractor to recycle as

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Photo courtesy of GENERAL PHYSICS, INC. U.S. Army Research Laboratory employees Fred Thompson, directing Earl Pumphrey, dump metal slag into a metal roll-off container that goes to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office Scrap Yard. The metal is sold and recycled from there.

'American Quilt' honors fallen soldiers

Pfc. Jennifer J. Eidson
Army News Service

To memorialize individuals and groups of people, sometimes monuments are built - but not all monuments are made of stone.

A non-profit, tax-deductible organization called An American Quilt Inc. was founded after the attacks on America in September 2001. The organization, founded by New York businessman Bill Base, seeks to remember the victims of the attacks by assembling memorial panels of fabric into a quilt.

The quilt has grown to include a number of panels commemorating the lives of military members who died during Operation Enduring Freedom.

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Installation watch card

Awareness is key! Everyone is a sensor.

Do observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.
- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.
- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.
- Unusual phone calls, messages, or e-mails.
- Unusual contacts on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
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 - Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
 - Discuss force protection measures, capabilities, or posture.
 - Disclose any information related to unit deployments.
- Report any suspicious activity immediately to APG Police:**
Aberdeen Area 410-306-2222
Edgewood Area 410-436-2222
Your call may save lives!



Photo by ROZ SOHNEN
Panels, such as this one from the American Quilt, are available for exhibition by e-mailing bb@americanquilt.com.

Quilt

From front page

Quilt contributor Ruth Stonesifer said she was unsure at first whether or not to participate in the project, but began to make a panel after realizing the significant value of her involvement. Stonesifer's son, Spc. Kristophor Stonesifer of 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga., was killed in a helicopter crash during an extraction mission in the Afghanistan theater Oct. 19, 2001.

"Since Operation Enduring Freedom is America's military response to the tragic events, it was a natural progression to include participation (in the project) from families of the fallen soldiers," Stonesifer said.

Along with Stonesifer, other 75th Ranger Regiment family members have donated panels to the project in memory of their loved ones who fought and died in Operation Enduring Freedom.

"When I heard about the project I thought it was a great idea," said Anne Edmunds, wife of Spc. Jonn Joseph Edmunds, who was killed with Stonesifer on Oct. 19.

"I was glad to see that [the organization] wanted to remember the military lives lost as a result of September 11 along with the victims of that day," Edmunds said.

"[Making the quilt] means that his memory is still alive," said Patricia Marek, speaking about her son, Cpl. Matthew A. Commons, a ranger with 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, who died March 3 during combat in Afghanistan.

Marek said she made the panel to memorialize her son and to show him how proud she is of him.

Bace said the inspiration to start the project for families came from wanting to do something to help, but began to form after he read about the history of the U.S. flag and how Betsy Ross was commissioned by America's first president, George Washington, to create a symbol of the new American spirit.

After finding out that Ross's flag was stitched together like a quilt, Bace said he started thinking about the AIDS quilt created by the Names Project and decided to start a similar quilt to memorialize the lives of the victims and heroes of Sept. 11, 2001.

Just like other families who have made the 6 feet by 3 feet quilt panels, Stonesifer personalized her panel by taking pieces of items and pictures that remind her of her son's life and sewed them together.

"I chose to include a portrait," Stonesifer said. "I selected journal quotes that Kris wrote on his views about life. While making the quilt, I envisioned it as my own personal tribute. The panel reflects [Kristophor's] quiet, thoughtful personality."

She also included a portion of one of the first quilts she ever made for Kristophor.

"The last task of the panel was to sew a meandering quilting design to hold it together," said Stonesifer. "The stitches are mostly ran-

dom except for written in the thread is the names of his closest friends and his ranger buddies."

Edmunds said that she and her aunt took special care in creating just the right panel.

"A lot of love went into each stitch of the panels," said Edmunds. "I have always enjoyed making things for Jonn and our home, so this was a perfect project for me. My aunt and I worked very hard on [the panel]," said Edmunds. "I was very particular about the photos I chose. I wanted Jonn to be proud of the quilt because I am so proud of him."

When Stonesifer first saw the pieces of the quilt put together she said it was interesting to see how differently families chose to capture their loved one's spirit.

"An American Quilt was displayed July 13 with great dignity at the Naumberg Band Shell in Central Park, New York City," Stonesifer said. "Everyone took great care as they walked around the panels, pausing to read the shared love letters, looking at the family photos and reflecting on the lives lost."

Stonesifer said healing came for her when she saw the emotion of the people who came to view the quilt.

"I saw one young man kneeling in front of the panel contributed by the [3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment]. He was reading and [contemplating] the Ranger Creed for 15 minutes. As he got up and walked away, this young man's visible tears touched my spirit," Stonesifer said.

"I thought it was very thoughtful of the project organizers to put the five ranger panels together with an American flag and the panels that 3rd and 1st Battalion made," said Edmunds. "It made it a group effort for the rangers and the ranger families, and we are definitely used to that."

According to Bace, An American Quilt Inc. hopes more families and friends of the victims in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, flights 11, 93, 77, 175, and military casualties in Operation Enduring Freedom will contribute panels in memory of loved ones for future displays.

An American Quilt was displayed at Fort Benning, Ga., for Veterans Day weekend.

Bace said he intended for the American Quilt to travel across America and internationally for the next two to three years, after which it will be donated to an appropriate public institution for preservation and continued viewing.

"We are hoping that the quilt will be ... housed in a memorial that will be in the new buildings that are to be built at Ground Zero," Bace said. "Otherwise, the quilt will be given to an institution such as the Museum of the City of New York or the Smithsonian Institution."

For further information on the ongoing project, to learn how to add your loved one's memorial panel to the quilt, or to arrange an exhibit, call Bill Bace at 212-448-0109 or visit the project's Web site at <http://www.anamericanquilt.com>.

(Editor's Note: Pfc. Jennifer J. Eidson is a staff member at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Public Affairs Office)

President signs bills to increase defense funding for troops

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

President George W. Bush signed two bills that will give service members the resources they need to serve America at home and abroad during a ceremony Oct. 23 at the White House.

"We've asked our military to liberate a captive people on the other side of the earth. We've asked our military to prepare for conflict in Iraq, if it proves necessary. We owe them every tool they need to fulfill their missions," Bush said.

"We want the people who wear the uniform to know America appreciates their service."

-President George W. Bush

The first bill signed was the Defense Appropriations Bill, which is nearly \$335 billion — a \$37 billion increase from fiscal year 2002.

The defense bill will go toward a 4.1 pay increase, additional full-time support from the National Guard and Reserve and increased funding in research and development of weapon systems, Bush said.

"This legislation begins development of the next generations of weaponry," Bush said. "We ended the Crusader artillery program, a program that was designed for a different era.

"Instead, we will fund new systems, systems that will enable our military to do a more effective job at defending America and our freedoms.

"Systems such as the unmanned aerial vehicles like the Predator and the Global Hawk that we've used so effectively in Afghanistan."

The Military Construction Appropriations bill, the second one signed, adds \$10.5 billion for building and upgrading military installations and for military family housing.

"We're taking care of our people," Bush said.

"We want the people who wear the uniform to know America appreciates their service."

The signing of the two bills did not only send a message to Americans, but to the United States' allies and enemies.

"The bills send a clear signal to friend and foe alike.

It doesn't matter how long it takes to defend our freedom. The United States of America will stay the course."

Army suggestions take new name

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Army Suggestion Program is the new name for the Army Ideas for Excellence Program.

The Department of the Army announced the change during an Army Team Day in conjunction with the Employment Involvement Association Conference in Scottsdale, Ariz., Sept. 24.

"The name change is due to the new Army revitalization efforts," said Marjorie A. Sexton, Directorate of Information Management, ASP program manager.

Sexton said the conference focused on getting out the new name and enhancing suggestion initiatives. In addition, a new regional

breakdown places Aberdeen Proving Ground as part of the northeast region with the command center at Fort Monroe, Va.

"The conference was very informative. We shared ideas with private industries and government representatives," Sexton said.

She added that the ASP hopes for more command support.

"The whole focus is to involve employees and encourage command emphasis," Sexton said.

For more information about the Army Suggestion Program, call Sexton at 410-278-0944; send a fax to 410-278-7011; or e-mail marjorie.sexton@usag.apg.army.mil.



Dining facilities offer Thanksgiving Day meal

The annual Thanksgiving Day meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Nov. 28. During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$5.25 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 \$4.55 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The meal includes turkey noodle soup, shrimp cocktail, roast turkey, baked ham, prime rib of beef with au jus, corn bread dressing, savory bread dressing, mashed potatoes with gibley gravy, candied yams, corn, green peas with mushrooms, assorted salad bar, potato salad, macaroni salad, waldorf salad, brown

and serve rolls, pumpkin pies, pecan pies, fruit pies, fresh fruit, hard candy, mixed nuts, soft serve ice cream and assorted beverages, including egg nog.

(Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.)

Authorized attire for service members is Class A, Class B or optional Dress Blue Uniform or Battle Dress Uniform, if the military personnel are on essential duty status. Military personnel are not required to be in uniform unless directed by their commander.

Casual civilian wear includes, but is not limited to, for men, blazer, sport coat, dress trousers, designer jeans with sport coat or sweater with tie; and for women, dress, pant suit, skirt with blouse and jacket, designer jeans, blouse and sweater or jacket.

Inappropriate or unauthorized attire consists of all military issue physical training gear, civilian jogging suits and gym clothes.

For more information, call Edward Parylo, or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1399/1393/1398.

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GOBBLE GOBBLE



Photo courtesy of APG PHOTO LAB
A bread display in the Edgewood Area dining facility featuring a red rooster and pumpkins was part of the 2001 Most Festive Dining Facility competition held every Thanksgiving morning before the annual holiday meal. See dining facilities' menu above.

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injuries are preventable.

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

Specific preventive measures include conserving body heat, avoiding unnecessary prolonged exposure to cold, moisture and activities favoring cold weather injury. Preventive Medicine and Wellness, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, offers classes on cold injury prevention and awareness.

For information, contact 1st Lt. Parrie or Spec. Roberts at 410-278-1991/1956.

Kirk offers class

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

For more information and to register for class, 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.

All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are eligible to attend.

EA Thrift Shop going out of business

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop will close 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.

Take a moment to say "thanks"

It just takes a minute to visit the Department of Defense Web page <http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html> to add your name to a brief message thanking the men and women of the U.S. military services for defending our freedom.

The compiled list of names will be sent out to soldiers, sailors and airmen at the end of the month.

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. Youths must be registered members of APG Youth Services and in grades one through 12. Parent-teachers must be present throughout the visit.

For information, availability and scheduling for homeschool 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 McGee by telephone at 410-272-8743, by email at JustgottaBme123@aol.com, or talk with her during Homeschooler Time at the Aberdeen Youth Center.

Recruit the Recruiter Team to visit

The Recruit the Recruiter Team from Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Knox, Ky., will visit APG on Dec. 5 to brief all sergeants through sergeants first class on the challenges, benefits and qualifications of recruiting duty. Briefings will be held 11 a.m. at the Post Theater, build-

ing 3245, and at 3 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Theater, building E-4810. Attendance by all noncommissioned officers is encouraged. Spouses may also attend. The briefing in no way obligates service member for recruiting duty and a personal interview following the briefing will determine qualifications. For more information, call Master Sgt. Stanley Edwards or Sgt. 1st Class Ann Westman, 410-278-2769.

Bringing the boys home

Diana McFarland
Casemate

While on leave from the Army in 1995, Mike Tatum, now a civil service photographer at Fort Monroe, Va., made an impulsive visit to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

It was early morning and the memorial was deserted except for a man on a ladder. As Tatum walked towards him, he realized the man was an engraver in the process of changing the symbols that come after the names on the wall.

A plus sign after a name symbolizes that the soldier was killed in action; a diamond indicates that he is missing in action. A plus sign is added to the diamond once the body is recovered. A circle indicates that a veteran returned alive, but at this time no circles exist, officials for the Wall said.

Tatum was curious. He stole a glance at the name the man was working on. The symbol was being changed from prisoner of war to killed in action.

Shocked, Tatum recognized the name. It was that of a young Marine who had died in

a Vietnamese POW camp in 1968. In his wildest dreams he never realized such a coincidence could happen, he said.

"I told the engraver I knew of that man. I had just helped bring his remains home."

Tatum's journey

A year earlier, Tatum was assigned to the Central Identification Laboratory, who teamed up with the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii.

The group was composed of members from all four services, and included Tatum as photographer. They were part of about 10 teams whose mission was to spread out across Vietnam and Laos to search for and recover the remains of missing service members from the Vietnam War. It was nearly 20 years since the U.S. pulled out and Saigon fell into the hands of the North Vietnamese. For those missing in action, up to 30 years had passed.

Politics had kept the U.S. from returning earlier, but after years of negotiations, the North Vietnamese finally relented and allowed the U.S. to return to recover its dead.

"If you join the military,

they don't promise you'll live through your tour, but they do promise they'll bring you home. They make every effort to bring the missing home," Tatum explained.

Each search was estimated to take about 45 days and followed a standard procedure that varied little from one mission to the next - set up a perimeter, search, dig and sift.

One of Tatum's successful searches was for an Army helicopter pilot who crashed into a Vietnamese rice paddy in 1968. The search followed the typical procedure-stake out a perimeter and dig.

Tatum and the task force had been digging for five days, when an elderly local man approached the group and asked in English, "What are you looking for?" The question shocked Tatum, who was unaccustomed to locals speaking English. Tatum told the man that they were looking for a lost pilot whose helicopter crashed 26 years ago. The man told Tatum that he had buried that pilot in his backyard.

Fearing the man didn't know what he was talking about, Tatum referred him to the team leader, who then called in a linguist. The linguist spoke with the man in his native language and the man insisted he had buried the pilot in his backyard.

The group followed him to his tiny wooden home, which was about a quarter mile from the crash site.

"Sure enough, there was a grave in his backyard, about 13 yards from the house. We had to get permission from the village priest to dig it up. Once he gave permission, we dug it up and there were human remains wrapped in a burlap bag," Tatum said.

It was the only grave behind the house. He explained that family members were buried in the village cemetery, and told the group that since the pilot was an American, the villagers would not appreciate him being buried in their village cemetery.

The group dug the body up and sent it to Hanoi. The report stated that the body was that of a Caucasoid man, not Asian. The body was then sent back to the states.

After further testing by the Central Identification Lab in Hawaii, the pilot was given a positive i.d., and his status was changed to killed in action. His family now knows what happened to their boy.

Tatum's last assignment was at a former POW camp in the province of Quang Ngai.

In 1985, the Vietnamese had dug up the camp and turned over eight sets of remains to the U.S. One of the eight turned out to be a South Vietnamese man, which left

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Recycle

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much material as possible," Meranski said.

In addition, paper drop off containers are planned for the two APG Convenient Drop-off Centers.

The Aberdeen Area center, located in building 3558, is open Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Edgewood Area center in building E-1376 is open Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For assistance, call Chris Barwick at 410-306-2349 or Debora Meranski at 410-306-2337.

The America Recycles Day celebration includes an annual sweepstakes and a personal pledge to recycle. Anyone can enter the sweepstakes online at www.americarecyclesday.org.

Those pledging to buy recycled products, recycle more, or support a recycling event, will be entered in a random national drawing for one of several prize packages. The drawing for the prize packages will be held on or about Dec. 15.



Photos by Mike Tatum

Members of the Joint Task Force Full Accounting work side-by-side with residents of Quan Chi, Vietnam, to excavate the site of an Air Force F-4 crash. The workers form a bucket line to sift dirt for remains.



A Task Force member breaks up dirt as a resident of Savannakhet, Laos, assists with sifting through the soil at the site of an Army O2 crash site. Sifting was done to look for small fragments of bone, clothing or other evidence of human remains.

Remains

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one American still unaccounted for. The U.S. government finally got permission to revisit the camp and try to find the body of the missing American.

"During my 20 years in the Army, this was one of the most rewarding assignments. I would think, what if that were me? Wouldn't I want someone to come looking for me? The families of these guys had nothing," Tatum said.

The missing man was a former Marine, who had been captured only five days after arriving in Vietnam. He was 19 years old.

This particular Marine had quickly grown despondent after his arrival, and withdrew from the rest of the prisoners, the eyewitness said. Soon he was curled up into the fetal position for most of the day and took to sucking his thumb for comfort.

After a year in captivity, the Marine died. He had just turned 20.

The witness was allowed to bury the Marine, and chose a site close to a tree in the back of the camp. He was given only a spoon to dig the hole with and carved out a shallow

grave, placing the Marine in it.

For this search, the task force had an American eyewitness, a former Army sergeant major, who had buried the man they were looking for.

Thirty years later, the witness led the Joint Task Force team to the same tree. It took days to dig through the entire site.

On the last day allotted to the search, they found the Marine. His remains were

intact. His body was still curled into the fetal position and his thumb was still in his mouth.

After positive identification was made, the Marine's status was changed from missing in action to killed in action.

He had finally come home. (Editor's note: Diane McFarland, a staff writer for the Casemate, Fort Monroe, Va., gave permission to reprint this article.)

Sports & Recreation

The Golf Cup



Tom Green
MWR

What is wrong with my old driver and golf balls anyway?

Are you as confused about all the new driver technology as I am? It seems as though every company is claiming that their driver is longer and straighter than all the rest. What really is the difference?

There are a few things to understand about the new club technology and how it affects golfers. First of all, the United States Golf Association finally made a firm ruling on what the coefficient of restitution, or allowable spring-like effect, would be going forward. In layperson terms, this means how much flex or spring in the face of a driver would be allowed.

In theory, the more the spring, the further the ball would travel, assuming a square hit. The COR arrived at by the USGA and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland (R&A), which is the governing rules body in Europe, was 0.830. To most people this means very little. In practical terms this is the limit to the amount of spring allowed in the clubface when the club hits the ball.

Now that I have most likely confused you more than you were before, I will try to simplify things so we can better understand what the new technology has done to change the game of golf.

There are two major changes in technology in recent years, the club and the ball. We talked about the COR and what it means, COR only involves the clubface.

The other club technology changes are in the shaft and the weighting of the head around the clubface.

Shaft weight is decreasing providing greater club head speed (which increases distance). Torque or twist is reducing because of better quality materials and construction providing straighter shots. The combination of higher club head speed and straighter ball flight obviously improves the result for the golfer.

The major technology change in golf has been in the ball itself. The wound ball is virtually non-existent. Wide selling golf balls on the market now are made of either two- or three-piece construction. The result of this new multi-layer construction is lower spinning golf balls—lower spin in all directions, less backspin and less sidespin. Lower backspin results in longer, lower flying shots that result in more distance.

If you find yourself hitting shots that are too low, try a higher spinning ball to help hit the ball higher. Less sidespin results in straighter shots. The combination of less backspin and less sidespin further improves shot length and accuracy.

So when combining straighter and longer shots

from new clubs and new balls, we are left with the other argument besides legal or illegal clubs, that is, is the new equipment making older golf courses obsolete? That is an argument for another article.

The new clubs and new balls can help, but consistency will out score random success in the long run.

E-mail golf questions to tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil or drop them off in writing to either Exton Golf Course in Edgewood Area, or Ruggles Golf Course in Aberdeen Area.

Upcoming APG golf events

Saturday November 23

Turkey Shoot Scramble

Monday December 2

Holiday shopping sale at Ruggles Golf Course

Results from the Nov. 2 Greens Keepers Revenge Tournament

1st place

Harvey Lee
David Utter
Bob Sacco
Joanne Wilson

2nd place

Harmon Hash
Lex Morrissey
Louise Gentry
Bill Smith

3rd place

Mike Petropulakis
Peggy Mowchan
Joe Iacovelli
Gil Gentry

Wishing everyone long straight shots!

Bowling standings

Week of Oct .24

Wednesday Night Mixed League

Women's High Game Handicap

Shelly Burmeister and Lynn Sims, 289
Linda Thomas, 272

High Series Handicap

Shelly Burmesiter, 718
Netty Kerner, 705

Men's High Game Handicap

Bill Morton and Cal Adams, 276
Rod Lindsay, 258

Men's High Game Handicap

Phillip Murphy, 748
Cal Adams, 730

Week of Oct. 30

Wednesday Night Mixed League

Women's High Game

Barbara Thibault, 206
Annie Rosario, 204

High Series Handicap

Barbara Thibault, 537
Annie Rosario, 512

Men's High Game

Tim Anderson, 226
Don Stasky, 218

Men's High Game Series

Tim Anderson, 616
Don Stasky, 563

Week of Nov. 6

Wednesday Night Mixed League

Women's High Game Scratch

Kathy Anderson, 193
Annie Rosario, 183

High Series Scratch

Kathy Anderson, 517
Barbara Winters, 498

Men's High Game Scratch

Stuart Thacker, 268
Tom Curtis, 213

Men's High Game Scratch

Stuart Thacker, 625
Tom Curtis, 578

Thursday Lunch League

Week of Nov. 7

Men's High Series Scratch

Bob Dowding, 391
John Brown, 338

Men's High Game Scratch:

Bob Dowding, 213
John Brown, 171

Women's High Series

Scratch:

Dawn Gardner, 303
Kathy Anderson, 292

Women's High Game

Scratch:

Dawn Gardner/Kathy Anderson, 166
Lee Ann, 149

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Armistice Day 1918

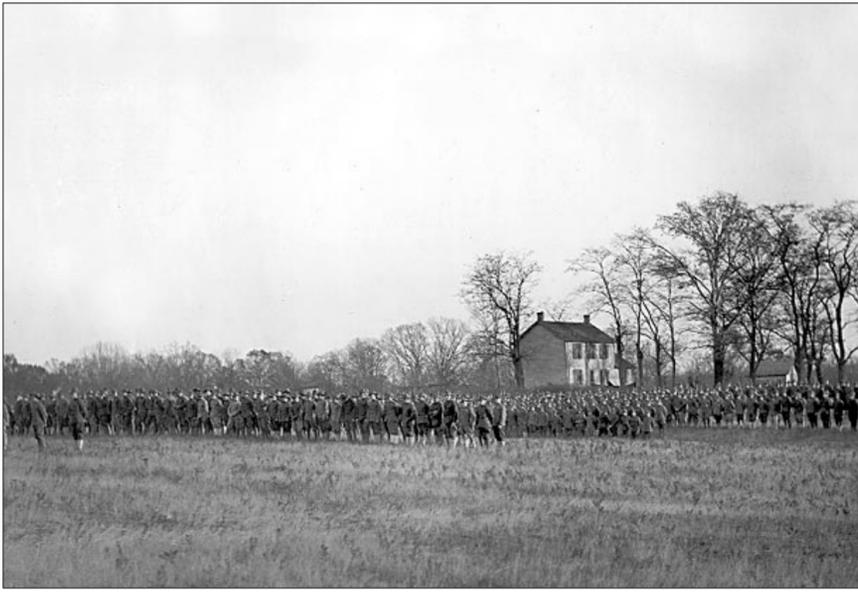


Photo courtesy of the National Archives

This photograph of Armistice Day, Nov 11, 1918, was taken next to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, building E-3100, in the field in front of the current Noncommissioned Officer houses along Ricketts Point Road in the Edgewood Area.

Veterans Day 2002

U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command safety message

Veterans Day is the day our country sets aside to honor those citizens who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces of the United States. It is particularly poignant to remember and honor those veterans who have given their lives so that the people of this great nation could remain free.

This holiday marks the beginning of a lengthy and festive holiday season during which we take leave from our daily routines to celebrate our many joys and blessings with family and friends.

We need to be alert to our surroundings as we go about our holiday tasks, especially in light of current world events. The traffic will be very heavy as everyone travels to family and friends, so be alert and leave plenty of time to arrive safely.

This is also the time of year we need to make sure our vehicles are ready for the upcoming winter driving conditions. We need to assure our tires, brakes, electrical system and cooling/heating systems are all in good shape. Think vehicle safety and be prepared—none of us want to be a roadside casualty.

Take the time to tell your children and friends about the sacrifices that others have made for our nation and how fortunate we are to be Americans.

Remember those who have served in the military and those who continue to serve so that we can be free today.

JOHN C. DOESBURG
Major General, USA
Commanding

History

From front page

that the experience helped bridge generational gaps, which he said is one of the goals of the project.

"It has gotten us a lot closer, honestly," said Mendoza. "They wanted to know, 'Why was dad gone so much?' and 'Why wasn't dad around?' when they were younger."

Capturing civilians' stories from the wartime eras are also important, Mendoza added.

"Even though this project is concentrating on veterans themselves, I think another important part is working with the veterans who stayed at home," Mendoza said. "That's an important part of our collective memory...not just the people who went off to service."

Authorized by Congress through the enactment of Public Law 106-380 and signed into law by President Clinton on Oct. 27, 2000, the Veterans History Project has chronicled histories of approximately 1,500 veterans to date.

McCulloch-Lovell hopes to reach much larger masses for the historical collection. The project will be ongoing with goals of reaching literally millions of people, she said.

Although she missed out on the opportunity to interview her own father, who served in the Navy in World War II, she was able to help her mother make 1,800 copies of his letters to her. She realized how precious this opportunity was and invites others to share in the experience.

"You can do it [interview]," McCulloch-Lovell said. "It's a wonderful experience. I've done a number of these interviews myself and

they're unforgettable."

Litten agreed that the experience has been worthwhile, even though he has spent quite a bit of time going to Michigan's Flat Rock Speedway picking up deposit bottles to pay for the postage and videotapes for the interviews being sent to the project's headquarters.

"I just feel like I'm doing my part in history and making sure that people remember all the stories and all the wars," Litten said. "There are only two wars in my history book anymore—the Revolutionary War and the Civil War—and there's not too much on those wars at all."

McCulloch-Lovell said that other youths and adults can get involved in the ongoing project by accessing the Veterans History Project Web site or calling a toll-free number, which provides guidelines for partners and volunteers. A project kit, with instructions, for people who would like to interview veterans is available on the Web site.

Already, more than 420 organizations have partnered with the project, including veterans' service organizations, historical societies, libraries, museums, military archives, colleges and universities, military historical groups and heritage areas.

The oral histories and documents collected will be part of the national Veterans History Project Collection at the Library of Congress and other recognized repositories, McCulloch-Lovell said. Eventually, portions of the material will be available digitally on the Library of Congress Web site, she added.

To become involved with the project, visit the Veterans History Project Web site at www.loc.gov/veterans or call the toll-free number at 1-888-371-5848.

Community Notes

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.

HEALTHY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Child and Youth Services will present "Healthy for the Holidays" from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the EA Youth Center, building E-1902. Parents, providers, caregivers and staff are welcome to attend. This is a free program, and events include Making Healthy Snacks, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.; 10 Tips for Choosing Toys for Children, by Adam Wolfe from Lakeshore, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.; and Evaluate Your Health and Fitness with yoga, kickboxing, exercise ball and making a stress ball; massage therapy, making bath salts, and show and tell - fall/winter activities, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19 AMSC LUNCHEON

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Chesapeake Chapter, will host a luncheon at 11:45 a.m. at the APG Officers Club Gunpowder Room. Guest speaker, Craig R. Tilghman, an investment representative from Edward Jones, will discuss long term care, including a comparison of the government plan to private industry; what everyone should know; when to purchase; estate planning features and cost of premiums.

Reservations must be made by Nov. 15. Attendees may purchase lunch in the club and bring it to the Gunpowder Room. Contact an ASMC representative if interested in attending.

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 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. 14. 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. Make checks payable to IMWRF.

WEIGHT WATCHERS AT WORK PROGRAM

An information and signup meeting will be held for the Weight Watchers at Work Program. The program offers professional leadership, group support and a sound and safe weight control program. Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in building 324, second floor conference room. New members will begin the program after the Thanksgiving holiday. To learn more about the program, call 410-278-1151.

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 intended 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."

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.army.mil.

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.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Christian Education Department of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Service at 5:30 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. Walter Henry and his congregation of Wrights A.M.E. Church, Elkton.

For more information, call 410-939-2267.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26 APG THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICES

The Aberdeen and Edgewood chapels will conduct simultaneous Thanksgiving Worship Services, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

This will be an opportunity for the communities to worship together before the Thanksgiving break, and for the chapels to offer thanks for our many blessings. For more information, call 410-278-4333/4593.

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. The 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.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.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13 CWF TRIP TO DINNER THEATER

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater, departing the Aberdeen Area at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$49 per person, which includes charter bus transportation, dinner and the holiday show, The Sound of Christmas. For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14 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.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 17 HOMELAND SECURITY WORKSHOP

A Homeland Security Workshop, "Up Close & Personal," will be held at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. open to all Department of Defense, armed forces, law enforcement officials, and private industry.

Experts in homeland security and law enforcement, from the federal government and industry, will be presenting valuable workshops in wireless security, disaster prevention & recovery, identity theft, technical security planning, homeland security and much more. Technology companies will be on hand demonstrating the latest in homeland security products and related physical security products.

For more information about registration, workshop fees, agenda, speakers, and a complete list of vendors, visit <http://www.fbcinc.com/homelandsecurity>. For more information, call Mark at 1-800-878-2940 ext. 235 or e-mail mark@fbcdb.com. This workshop is sponsored by The Federal Business Council & The TrainingCo, in conjunction with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and PartnerPoint.org.

OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School library has a portion of its holdings on the FirstSearch database.

Users no longer have to search the old card catalog to find the title of books held by the library. This database can only be accessed through computers located in the OMMS library, which is in the basement of building 3071. The hours are Monday and Friday, noon to 4:15 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. For more information, call 410-278-4991.

MOVIES

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

THE BANGER SISTERS

Friday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 p.m.
Starring: Goldie Hawn, Susan Sarandon



Lavinia and Suzette, former rock groupies and best friends, reconnect after 20 years; one is still as wild as ever, while the other has adopted a more conservative lifestyle. (Rated R)



THE TUXEDO (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.
Starring: Jackie Chan, Jason Isaacs

Jimmy Tong (Chan) is just a lowly chauffeur for millionaire Clark Devlin (Isaacs), until Devlin has an accident that puts him in the hospital. Tong is sent back to fetch some things for Devlin and unknowingly tries on Devlin's tuxedo and finds that it gives extraordinary powers to anyone that dons the suit. This discovery thrusts Tong into a world of international intrigue and espionage, and pairs him with an inexperienced partner (Hewitt). (PG-13)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

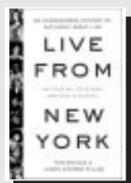
Falcon Brigade: combat and command in Somalia and Haiti by retired Col. Lawrence E. Casper
Casper provides a first-hand account of the activities of the Falcon Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, during its service in Mogadishu and Haiti in 1993. A telling and vivid history, this book is an insightful discussion of what did and did not work, and what went on behind the scenes at the operational level.

What We Saw: the events of September 11, 2002 - in words, pictures, and video. Includes a full-length DVD of CBS News coverage.



The Harvard Medical School Guide to Men's Health by Harvey B. Simon

Live From New York: an uncensored history of Saturday Night Live by Tom Shales



Geisha, a life by Mineko Iwasaki



Common Nonsense by Andy Rooney

Resurrecting Sex: resolving sexual problems and rejuvenating your relationship by David Schnarch



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 SCHOOL LIAISON

PUTTING READING FIRST

Success in school starts with reading. Fortunately, research is now available that suggests how to give each child a good start in reading. If you have a child in preschool through grade 3, call the APG School Liaison Office, 410-278-2857, building 2752, Room 200, to pick up your copy of Put Reading First-A Parent Guide To Helping Your Child Learn To Read. Make reading a part of every day.

PTA NEWS

Edgewood Elementary School PTA has a general membership meeting the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. To join, call Mary Logan, PTA president at 410-612-0812. Roye Williams Elementary School PTA meets the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. The PTA president is Sam Real. To join, call the PTA secretary, Gena Wood at 410-273-5536.

SCHOLARSHIPS-GRANTS-LOANS

Information about the

2003 Scholarships for Military Children program, including applications and eligibility requirements, can be found at the commissary or visit DeCA at Web site www.commissaries.com.

For federal student aid information, visit the Department of Education's Web site at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.

To learn more about Pell Grants, Work Study, and Perkins and Stafford Loans, visit www.govbenefits.gov.

The Department of Veteran Affairs Web site provides information about the GI Bill and other programs for veterans and their survivors and dependents. Visit www.gibill.va.gov/education/benefits.htm.

BEWARE OF SCAMS

If a bank account number is needed to hold the scholarship, be wary. Be sure the scholarship is legitimate before giving out any personal information. For more information, go to www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/scholarship/



Korea 50 years ago



Jim Caldwell

Army News Service

October 10 to 16

'Operation Showdown' aims to push Chinese off Triangle Hill

Oct. 10 - The ROK 9th Division regained control of White Horse Hill, but the Chinese have not given up. The Reds keep throwing masses of troops at the South Koreans, regardless of the huge losses.

Through Oct. 11, the Chinese keep attacking White Horse and many other hills in the I Corps zone.

On Oct. 12, the enemy seems to take a break and ROK 9th Division troops use the lull to go on the offensive. The 30th Regiment passes through the dug-in 29th Regiment and attacks the Chinese. Then the fresh 28th Regiment moves through the 30th and continues the attack.

The regiments keep leapfrogging like this until Oct. 15, when enemy forces are cleared off the hill and the 9th Division is in complete control.

After six days of fighting, the Chinese manage to take ROK positions on Hill 391, about seven miles northeast of White Horse.

On Oct. 13, a company from the 7th Infantry Division tries to regain the lost ground, but is repulsed by the enemy. Then on Oct. 16, a battalion from the 9th Division's 28th Regiment clears the heights, but has to defend against counterattacks.

U.N. officials estimate the Chinese began the offensive against White Horse with a fighting force of about 15,000 soldiers. Over 10 days they lost about 10,000 troops while the 9th suffered about 3,500 casualties.

Triangle Hill

On Oct. 14, the 7th Infantry Division begins Operation Showdown which is aimed against dug-in Chinese atop the Triangle Hill mass. If the 7th I.D. can push the enemy off, the next defensive positions are about 1,250 yards away.

Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. supreme commander, thinks the goal of Showdown is worth the effort. He's also been told that the heights can be taken from the Chinese who hold them.

Triangle Hill is V-shaped and pointing south. Pike's Peak is at the end of the left leg. Along the right leg are Jane Russell Hill and Sandy Ridge.

The 1st and 3rd Battalions of the 31st Infantry Regiment are assigned to assault the hill mass that is Triangle Hill. The soldiers make it to the precipices of a couple of hills, but are thrown off, and all attacking battalions are back at friendly lines that night.

However, two companies make it to the top of Jane Russell Hill. As they wait for the counterattack, they see an eerie sight. The counterattacking Chinese soldiers moved through their own artillery and mortar fire as if they're not aware of it, and repeat the action as they go through American defensive fire. Observers think the enemy troops had been drugged for the assault. They close to hand-to-hand fighting. The Americans are almost out of ammunition so they withdraw.

On Oct. 15, Company E, 2nd Battalion makes it to the top of Hill 598 with surprisingly light resistance. Then the soldiers move to the bottom of Pike's Peak. There they find the Chinese in an intricate cave and tunnel system that will be difficult to clear.

On Oct. 16, the 2nd Battalion, 17th IR, minus a company, takes Jane Russell Hill against unexpected light resistance. The 2nd Battalion, 31st IR, is attacking the Reds in the tunnel complex at the base of Pike's Peak with no success. As darkness falls, the Chinese hit the 2nd of the 31st in a series of strong counterattacks throughout the night, but the GIs hold on.

As the week ends, the 7th ID has a battalion on Hill 598, another on Jane Russell Hill and the battalion facing the fortified Pike's Peak. Casualties have been heavy.

In other news

The weekly tally of American casualties by the Defense Department through Oct. 10 is up to 121,154, including 21,233 dead.

Oct. 16 — Winter gear was issued to troops in Korea earlier this month a spokesman reveals. It includes "Mickey Mouse" all-rubber boots the Marines tested last year.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson delivers the first major speech in a new session of the U.N. General Assembly and urges the U.N. to meet the "crucial test" by fighting as long it takes to bring peace in Korea.

Oct. 17 to 23

'Operation Showdown' continues, Chinese trapped at Sniper Ridge

On Oct. 17, the 3rd Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment relieves the 2nd of the 31st in assaulting Pike's Peak with its enemy-infested cave-and-tunnel complex. After a long, intense bombardment of the hill Oct. 18, Company L troops lead the 3rd of the 17th to the top, but then immediately dig in to fight off Red counterattacks.

Enemy attempts to regain the ridge begin in the early evening of Oct. 19. Four companies have been rushed in to help the defenders before the Peak is secured the morning of Oct. 20. Captured enemy troops reveal they had been ordered to fight to the death, but the survivors who cannot break American lines begin to rush off the hill. Artillery is called in on all the approach routes over which the Chinese have to take.

A break in the action allows the 1st and 3rd Battalions, 32nd Infantry Regiment to relieve the 17th IR troops on Pike's Peak.

A battalion of the 28th Regiment of the ROK 9th Infantry Division is fighting for possession of Hill 391, about seven miles northeast of White Horse Hill, which the division finally takes control of after a bloody battle with the Chinese on Oct. 16.

A strong enemy counterattack on Oct. 20 drives the South Koreans off 391.

On Oct. 23 the ROK 51st IR counterattacks. In hand-to-hand fighting, they expel the Chinese again, and then withdraw from the hill.

Sniper Ridge

Elements of the ROK 2nd Division, as part of Operation Showdown, are battling the Chinese for control of Sniper Ridge, east of Triangle Hill. On Oct. 22 they fake a withdrawal from the ridge, then trap the Chinese who rush in to take over the vacated positions. The South Koreans kill about 1,200 Chinese in the action.

On Oct. 20, B-29 Super fortresses bomb an enemy unit headquarters near Yangdok, and then hit troop areas around Pyongyang and Kunu.

The Navy announces Oct. 21 that seven men were killed when communist shore batteries hit the destroyer Lewis Oct. 14.

Oct. 22 — A Pentagon spokesman says 963 American casualties in Korea that were added to this week's total are the highest for a seven-day period since July 2. The number through Oct. 17 stands at 122,117 with 21,377 killed.

Gen. Clark announces that tours for rear-area troops in Korea will be lengthened, but front-line soldiers will not have to serve the extra half-month recently added to their nine-month combat tours by the Pentagon. Combat troops need 36 points to rotate out of Korea, and they earn four points a month. Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett said the ordering increasing combat tours was the result of a misunderstanding.

Oct. 23 — Van Fleet states that South Korea will never have enough soldiers to hold off the communists. They need troop reinforcement, technical and logistics help to defeat both enemies.

Oct. 24 to 30

Two companies 'bug out' on Jackson Heights

After dark on Oct. 24, Company G, 65th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division

relieves the South Koreans on Hill 391. The hill will soon become known as Jackson Heights for Capt. George D. Jackson, company commander.

On Hill 391, Jackson wants to improve the defenses, especially protection against communist artillery and mortars. But the troops aren't able to do so. The Chinese start shelling them soon after they get to the top of the hill.

On Oct. 25, they receive devastating shelling from Camel Back Hill, 2,800 yards northwest.

Through the next two days and nights, enemy guns and mortars heavily pound Company G soldiers. A direct hit takes out most of their mortar ammo, but they still repel three attacks.

On Oct. 26, they are in the midst of the fourth attack and surrounded by about two companies of Chinese when Jackson calls in artillery fire to hold the enemy off.

That's when the battalion receives a call said to be from the Company G communications sergeant. He reports that only three men are left in his platoon and asks for permission for the company to withdraw.

The battalion commander orders Company G off the hill. Jackson is surprised by the order, but can't question it because communications are then lost.

The company makes it back to the main line of resistance, although it's a moving skirmish to make it.

When De Gavre hears that Company G has withdrawn, he orders Company A to take the hill Oct. 28, along with help from Company F, which will man the hill. Company A is slowed by artillery and mortars and Company F winds up taking Jackson Heights.

Two platoons from Company A finally make it up the hill. Then Chinese artillery takes out all the Company A officers on the hill. The enlisted soldiers of Company A begin to panic, which spreads to Company F. They succumb to "bug-out fever" and take off. Only Company F officers are left on the hill. The battalion cannot round up the stragglers and get them back on the Heights. The company commander is ordered back to the MLR.

Oct. 29 — In the morning of Oct. 29, Company C takes Jackson Heights without much trouble, and is in good shape. Then for an unknown reason, panic takes hold of the troops and all of them bug out. More than 50 refuse direct orders to go back up the hill.

This is the last time the 65th Regiment will have a chance to prove itself in this fight.

Maj. Gen. George W. Smythe, 3rd ID commander, orders the 65th out of the line and sends in the 15th IR on Oct. 29.

On Oct. 25 the Republic of Korea 2nd ID relieves the 7th ID on Triangle Hill. The Chinese still hold their underground complex on Pike's Peak.

In his after action report, 7th ID Commander Maj. Gen. Wayne Smith underscores lessons that others have already learned in hill fighting. He says that all the soldiers and organizations that were going to participate should have practiced over similar terrain. Each soldier must know what the goal is to help to quickly close with the enemy.

Closing with the enemy and keeping pressure on him is key to winning objectives. If commanders know routes of approach they can prevent having their men pinned down, which reduces the number of casualties.

Once an objective is taken, the soldiers must dig in quickly and get ready for an almost immediate backlash from the enemy. Smith says fresh reserves must be kept close to the front so they can be inserted quickly on defense and offense. Keeping reserves nearby is how the enemy can counterattack so rapidly. The ROK commander of the 9th Infantry Division used this technique in fighting for White Horse Hill.

The ROK 2nd ID is fighting to retain Pike's Peak when on Oct. 25 they assume responsibility for all of Triangle Hill. On Oct. 30, the South

Koreans are driven off Hill 598.

Oct. 26 — Guards enter a prisoner-of-war compound on Koje-do to put down a riot with bayonets and rifle butts. When it's over, one prisoner is dead and 74 wounded.

Oct. 29 — According to a Pentagon spokesman, the 1,278

American casualties from Oct. 18-24 are the most for any seven-day period of the war. Total U.S. casualties in Korea are now 123,395, including 21,471 dead.

Oct. 31 to Nov. 6

General Assembly reviews proposals

With the backing of 20 other countries, the United States submitted a proposal to the United Nations on the repatriation issue in an effort to reach a truce.

On Nov. 1, Eighth Army intelligence estimates that its 18 divisions on the front are facing seven Chinese armies of 166,000 men. There are two North Korean corps with 49,700 men at the eastern end of the line, facing the South Koreans. In reserve, the enemy has 10 Chinese armies of around 350,000 soldiers and four North Korean corps with an additional 140,000 men.

The U.N. command divisions and support troops number about 350,000 soldiers.

Debate at the peace talks is at a standstill, so the United Nations fills the void. Throughout the week various proposals are suggested. Accusations also fly back and forth.

At the end of the week, the General Assembly has four proposals to consider.

The United States starts the week with a proposal for the United Nations to ask the Chinese and North Koreans to accept only those prisoners who want to be repatriated so a truce can be settled. The suggestion also asks that the Assembly allow the unified field command in Korea to continue as the sole authority to negotiate military aspects of a settlement. Twenty other countries back the U.S. proposal.

On Nov. 1, the Chinese seize Jane Russell Hill on the Triangle Hill complex. Elements of the Republic of Korea 2nd Division counterattack, taking high losses. That causes Maj. Gen. Reuben Jenkins, IX Corps commander, to end allied attacks against Triangle Hill Nov. 5.

The six-week-long Operation Showdown has grown to involve two Eighth Army divisions, resulting in 9,000 U.N. casualties. The Chinese lose an estimated 19,000 soldiers killed, wounded and captured. Their commanders do not seem to care how many soldiers are thrown into a fight to be killed and maimed.

Other units in the ROK 2nd ID beat off attacks on their positions on Sniper Ridge near the Triangle Hill complex. The fighting for Sniper Ridge will continue until Nov. 18.

Nov. 3 — Gen. James Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, says the United Nations has "complete control" of the central front. "We occupy all the territory that we want to occupy."

Nov. 4 — The Department of Defense releases an intelligence analysis that says North Korean civilian morale has dropped to "catastrophic depths." It says North Koreans would greet any U.N. invasion with "cooperation or, at the least, passiveness."

Nov. 4 and 5 — Retired General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower becomes the 34th President of the United States after winning 39 of 48 states, a record six million popular vote margin over Democratic Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson.

In his victory remarks from his headquarters in New York, President Harry S. Truman offers his plane, The Independence, to Eisenhower whenever he wants to go to Korea, as he said he would during the campaign.

Nov. 5 — The Defense Department reports a one-week increase in American casualties in Korea of 1,174 as of Oct. 31. That brings the overall total to 124,569, including 21,700 dead. (Editor's note: Jim Caldwell is a senior correspondent for the TRADOC News Service.)



A soldier from the 378th Engineer Utility Detachment controls the spray switch on a tar sprinker.



Engineers carry an aluminum half-pontoon, weighing 1,740 pounds, to the water at a raft-building site.

Photos courtesy www.army.mil



Self Defense for Women Workshop

Learn the basics of self-defense in real life situations by using martial arts fundamentals. These techniques are designed to help victims cope with any aggressor, regardless of size or strength. Class will be held Nov. 23 at the AA Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$40. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie/umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Seated massage therapy

Seated massage therapy for stress reduction, acupressure and relaxation is available every Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, and the EA Fitness Center, building E-4210, for \$15 for 15-minute minimum, and \$5 increments. Nationally certified massage therapists can design the ideal combination of techniques for the perfect therapeutic experience.

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be accepted based on availability. To set-up an appointment in the AA area, call 410-278-3404/2621, or call 410-436-7134 to set-up an appointment in the EA area. Visit the AA Recreation Center 9 to 5 p.m. or ITR/Central Registration, building 3326, or call 410-278-4907.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot

Play in this turkey shoot and you could win a free turkey just in time for the holidays. Event will be held Nov. 23 at Ruggles Golf course and is a four player, Captains Choice Scramble. Cost for the tournament is \$25 for annual patrons, \$35 for authorized personnel (DoD, retirees), and \$40 for the general public. Register by Nov. 21 at Ruggles Golf Course or ITR/MWR Registration. For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

Bowling specials

A 9 Pin No-tap Tournament will be held Nov. 17 at the APG Bowling Center. Cost is \$8 per person. Registration closes 2:30 p.m. on Nov 17. Bowl three games and get cash prizes at the end of the tournament. For more information, call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil.

A Head Pin Hattie tournament runs Nov. 18 to 22. The object is to hit the head pin to score. If not, a zero is scored for that frame. The highest score after 10 frames has a chance to win a turkey for Thanksgiving. Cost is \$2 per person. For more information, call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil.

Staying fit during the holiday at APG fitness centers

Mercedes Ashby
MWR

During the holiday season that includes Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year, the average American can gain up to 20 pounds. Fitness centers at Edgewood and Aberdeen areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground offer a variety of weight controlling exercise classes. There is also a full range of cardio and strength training equipment at each facility designed to meet anyone's needs.

Hoyle Health & Fitness Center

In order to stay fit during the holidays the Hoyle Health & Fitness Center will offer a variety of aerobic classes designed to help you combat the urge to splurge on unnecessary indulgences.

Monday's classes are 11:30 a.m., Step & Sculpt and 5 p.m., Aerobic Kickboxing. On Tuesday and Thursday there is an 11:30 a.m. total body conditioning class and 5 p.m. yoga is offered for a small additional fee.

Double Step is now offered on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., and circuit training is offered Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Microfit, which gives state of the art fitness assessments, is offered at the center, along with personal training and workout recommendations.

Stop by building E-4210 and take a tour, or call 410-436-7134/ 7135.

APG Health & Fitness Center

The APG Health & Fitness center offers a variety of aerobic classes designed to help combat the urge to splurge on unnecessary indulgences.

On Monday and Wednesday an interval step class is offered at 11:30 a.m. and step conditioning begins at 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday body sculpting begins at 11:30 a.m. with aerobic kickboxing at 5 p.m. Friday's circuit training class is held at 11:30 a.m. A Saturday morning Challenge class begins at 9:15 a.m.

Appointments are also being taken for Personal Training and Fitness Assessments.

For more information, on staying fit throughout the holiday season stop by the APG Health & Fitness Center located in building 320 or call 410-278-9725/9759.

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 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.

Thanksgiving holiday schedule for MWR activities

Directorate of Community and Family Activities Community and Recreation Division

Activity	Thursday November 28	Friday November 29	Saturday November 30	Sunday December 1
Arts & Crafts AA Arts & Crafts EA	Closed Closed	Closed 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
APG Athletic Center	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Automotive Crafts	Closed	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Bowling Center	Closed	5 to 11 p.m.	1 to 11 p.m.	Closed
Equipment Resource Center	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Exton Golf Course	Closed	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Health & Fitness Center AA Health & Fitness Center EA	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed
Hoyle Gymnasium	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
MWR Registration	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Library AA Library EA	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed
Recreation Center AA Snack Bar	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 3 to 11 p.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 12 to 11:30 p.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 12 to 11:30 p.m.	12 to 6 p.m. 12 to 5:30 p.m.
Stark Recreation Center EA Snack Bar	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 5 to 11 p.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 5 to 11 p.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.	12 p.m. to 12 a.m. 12:30 to 5 p.m.
Ruggles Golf Course	Closed	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LEAVE DONATION

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

Beginning immediately, the new forms to use for the Voluntary Leave Program are OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and

OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program need to contact Dave Mial, 410-278-1524, so that they can complete a termination form.

Mary A Banaszak
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)
Gretchen E. Blethen
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)
Tammy Budkey
Jane E. Calahan (surgery)
Patricia D. Choate
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)
Geraldine S. Cragg
Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)
Jessica L. Dang (maternity)
Rene de Pontbriand

Tricia Lin Dietz
Fred Dill
Joseph R. Dugan
Messina Enderlein
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)
Patty Gibson
Joyce C Green
Edgar W. Greer
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)
Fern L. Hitchcock (surgery)
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)
Beverly A Higgins (surgery)
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)
Theresa L. Hutchins
Wayne A. Jaynes
Evelyn K. Johnson

(surgery)
Marcia Johnson (caregiver for daughter)
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)
Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)
Beverly King (caring for husband)
William Klein
Anita L Koller care for husband)
Carrie L. Lambert
Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)
Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)
William B. McLean (kidney failure)

Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Stacy Miller (maternity)
Michelle Millary (taking care of father)
John E. Mogan (surgery)
Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Karen S Pense
Mary E. Pettitway
Linda M. D. Queen
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Michael Reynolds
Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Denise Robinson (maternity)
Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Tami C. Rowland (mater-

nity)
Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Jennifer W. Sekowski
Sherry Schaffer
Diane Scott
Lena Shelton
Teresa L. Shores
Motoko Stahl
Debra S. Stark (surgery)
Colvin J. Strickler II
Rachel Swearingen
Walter J Swiderski
Hilary P. Talbot
Jorta J. Thomas-Murcia (surgery)
Alison Tichenor (surgery)
Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)
Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)

Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Michelle L. Watters
Beverly A. Werner (surgery)
Michael R. Willard
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Ludilina O. Valarao (surgery)
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.)



David Manspeaker, 17, plays taps outside the Elkton Armory. Manspeaker and fellow trumpeter, Andrew Reynolds, 14, echoed the solemn tune to close the program.

Ceremony

From front page

dom, democracy and unmatched opportunity that we enjoy in the United States today.”

She added that service members continue to serve the nation and the world.

“From the first battle of the American Revolution to our on-going war against terrorism, soldiers have provided the sword and shield that protects our nation,” she said.

Maj. Stephen Ross, garrison soldier and family ministries chaplain, offered the invocation and closing prayer.

“We give praise and ask blessings for the men and women who serve our nation,” Ross said.

Color guards from Post 8175 and the Maryland State Police Northeast Region in Bel Air, posted colors throughout the program and the 29th Division Association salute squad fired a three-volley salute as two trumpeters, David Manspeaker, 17, and Andrew Reynolds, 14, played taps.

Following the program, attendees gathered for a reception at the nearby post. All agreed on the importance of continuing the tradition of honoring the military.

“We come every year to honor the ones who paid the ultimate price,” said retired Army Master Sgt. Frank Reynolds, a World War II veteran and salute squad commander. “As long as I can walk I will be here.”

Clyde Spengler, a World War II veteran and former Post 8175 commander added, “I don’t regret serving but I’d never want to do it again.

“Still, those who didn’t make it deserve the respect of the nation. We owe it to them to be here,” Spengler said.

McCoy credited senior vice-president, retired Warrant Officer Tom Haley and Dee Russo, president of the ladies auxiliary, for providing logistical support for the program.

Russo, and three others prepared the menu for the reception and Haley engaged the speakers.

A former officer with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, Haley served three tours in Vietnam and twice in Korea. He expressed his appreciation to APG for its support, adding, “We can count on the garrison. Having the colonel and the sergeant major here really made it special.”

A 28-year veteran who retired from APG in 1980, Haley choked back tears when asked why the day was important to him.

“I can’t put it into words,” he said. “Just thank the military for me.”

The monument to Cecil County World War I veterans who died during the 1914 to 1918 conflict, included the names: George E. Clark; Clarence H. Cole; Thomas Cooper; Mauldin Dennis; John Hager; Benjamin Harlin; Eugene R. Hevlow; Willis Jackson; Raymond E. Goodnow; Earl C. Kelley; Ellis P. Mahan; Phineas A. Peterson; Milton W. Scarbrough; William Slicher; Arthur Todd; William Bowie and George Mercer.

Overseas military personnel get free phone cards

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

Troops stationed overseas will be provided free phone cards during the holiday season thanks to a partnership between Veterans of Foreign Wars and three multi-million dollar corporations.

Wal-Mart has promised to furnish all military personnel serving overseas with a 60-minute AT&T phone card between Thanksgiving and Christmas, said Mike Meyer, the administrator of corporate development for VFW Foundations. Each phone card will be

transported free of charge by Federal Express, Meyer added.

“We want to show our men and women in uniform that we support them. Operation Uplink is to boost morale and relieve the burden that expensive phone calls can cause,” Meyer said.

This year the VFW is receiving support from corporate sponsors, but in the past, funding has come from VFW Foundation membership dues and donations raised by its ladies auxiliary,

Those interested in contributing to the fund, or who would like to request phone cards, should visit <http://www.vfw.org/>.