

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 16, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

AA Re-Nu-It Center closed Oct. 12

The Aberdeen Area Re-Nu-It Center will be closed Oct. 12 in observance of Columbus Day.

Using dumpsters at APG

After depositing trash and refuse in APG dumpsters, shut doors and lids. It creates health and safety problems when dumpsters are left open. Help keep APG clean, safe and healthy.

For more information, call Chris Barwick, Environmental Office coordinator, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-278-4747.

TSP open season

The Thrift Savings Plan Open Season runs Oct. 15 to Dec. 31.

During open season, eligible employees may begin to contribute or increase or decrease the amount of their contributions.

Contribution maximums have been increased to 8 percent for Civil Service Retirement System and 13 percent for FERS (up to the 2003 IRS maximum of \$12,000).

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

CFC 2002 update

In its first week, the 2002 Combined Federal Campaign received donations from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, the Civilian Personnel Operation Management Agency and Directorate of Installation Operations.

Aberdeen Proving Ground's goal is \$325,000. The campaign solicitation period ends Nov. 15.

For more information, visit the APG CFC office, building 3321, second floor, Room 7, Raratin Road, or call John Belcher, chairperson, Melda Callender, vice-chairperson, or Gary Pitts, administrative assistant on 278-3131/3292 or 9451.

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BNCOC assists at Memory Walk



Soldiers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School pass in review as retiring Lt. Gen. Roy E. Beauchamp (left), deputy commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, and retired Army Gen. Leon E. Salomon, Honorary Colonel of the Ordnance Corps, look on.

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AMC deputy commander honored in OC&S ceremony

E.C. Starnes
OC&S

The sky grew darker and the hurricane-inspired winds began to snap the multitude of colorful flags that dominated the field. But, it didn't rain on Lt. Gen. Roy Beauchamp's parade.

Beauchamp, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, was honored at Fanshaw Field last week during a Regimental Review, led by the Chief of Ordnance and the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools. The senior ordnance general officer on active duty, Beauchamp is retiring from the U.S. Army after nearly four decades of service.

Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, chief of ordnance and commander, OC&S, introduced the retiring general as a terrific soldier, leader, mentor and human being. He also noted that Beauchamp had commanded everything from a platoon to a major command and had risen from a quartermaster private to ordnance general.

Stevenson also praised Olivia Beauchamp as a terrific mentor and leader in her own right.

Beauchamp praised the soldiers gathered on the field and also those with whom he served for 37 years.

"I stand here at the end of my active service and look back in awe at their achievements. The names and faces of 37 years have receded into the shadows, but the luster of their service is undimmed by time," Beauchamp said. "Whether they serve for three years or 30 years does not matter much. Whether they serve in the active Army or in our National Guard or Reserve forces does not matter much. The point is they serve this nation, and through their service they not only protect the values which make this nation great, they also transmit those values to future generations and inspire them to service. These are the people with whom I have been privileged to spend my entire adult life, working side by side with them everyday."

He went on to say that he has been inspired by the service and sacrifice of those with whom he has served over the years.

"I know not, with certainty, what the future may hold, I only know that I will not get up each day and put on this uniform which I have worn so proudly. Perhaps I will form other bonds of friendship, but I know that none will be so deep and bind so tightly as those which bind me to this Army that I have loved and to the soldiers who make it live and give it a soul.

"And I know that I will miss it and that I will look back with pride and satisfaction and with a deep and abiding reverence for those soldiers who give so much to our nation and ask so little in return.

"To those young soldiers on this field who are just entering our Army, I say welcome. It is an adventure you will never forget. Make the most of it. Some of you will stay for three years and some for 30. And, I suspect that someday 35 years from now, one of you will be standing where I am standing this day.

"Set your goal, then plan for it, and work for it and prepare yourself for it.

"But, always serve with honor, with pride and with integrity -- pride in your uniform; pride in your profession as a soldier and a logistician and pride in your unit. Not a swaggering bravado, but the quiet confidence that comes from knowing you are the best you can be. And the confidence that inspires the courage to go where others choose not to go and to do what others choose not to do; that is to fight and win the nation's wars.

"As an ordnance soldier you must be ever mindful that, in a situation where the difference between life and death is measured in milliseconds, you must

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Army deploys digital photo system

Making AKO the one-stop information site for the Army

Patrick A. Swan
Army News Service

The Department of the Army's Photo Management System became operational in early September.

As of Sept. 19, 2,902 official DA photos have been submitted via the new system. Only 42 of those photos have been rejected due to resolution problems.

DAPMIS, a Web-enabled, e-business system, provides a digital means for Army photo

labs to electronically transmit official military photographs for promotion board consideration, said Ken Washington, DAPMIS coordinator, U.S. Army Total Personnel Command. This month, PERSCOM issued a message to the field outlining procedures.

The normal procedure, which began Oct. 1, is for photo labs to now digitally upload military photographs to a central repository. The DAP-

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APG 9-1-1 system explained

DSHE

Are you prepared to handle an emergency on Aberdeen Proving Ground? In the event of an emergency do you know what number to dial? If you are in a remote area of Aberdeen Proving Ground where there is no telephone, what would you do?

Aberdeen Proving Ground has two dedicated 9-1-1 systems. One is located in the Edgewood Area fire station and the other is located in the Joseph Emergency Service Center, building 2200.

"Anyone can pick-up an installation telephone and dial 9-1-1," said Andre' A. Fournier, a fire protection specialist in the Garrison's Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment. "Help is only a phone call away."

Anyone with access to a cellular telephone in the Aberdeen area should call 410-272-7220 and in the Edgewood area should call 410-676-0960. Both of these numbers will connect the caller directly into the APG 911 system.

"Some people think they can pick up their cellular telephone and dial 9-1-1," said Fournier. "The problem with doing this is it depends on what tower picks up the signal.

"For example, the caller can be down range in the Aberdeen Area and dial 9-1-1. The signal could be picked up in Philadelphia. If the caller is in the Edgewood Area, the signal could be picked up by Baltimore County.

"Although the time delay in transferring the call may only be seconds, in an emergency every second counts. If unable to remember

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Illustration by KELLY HILL

Rocktoberfest is coming

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is bringing fun and games in the tradition of the German Oktoberfest to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Oct. 18, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

This is an RDO Friday and public schools are closed that day. A full day of food, sporting events and music is planned for the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area.

Events for the Rocktoberfest

Maryland Boulevard Pavilion: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., a Day

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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.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

Do not:

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.
 - 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 DANA FRITTS
Joe Gonzales, left, of Aberdeen Test Support Services, explains Stryker interim armored vehicle technical details to Col. Marvin McNamara, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command's new commander.

Desert Shield, Desert Storm leave lasting impression on DTC's commander

Mike Cast
DTC

When the new commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command talks of the Iraqi Scud missiles that came arching through the sky at coalition forces during Desert Storm, he speaks with the authority of someone whose job it was to help defend U.S. troops and their allies from air and missile attacks.

Col. Marvin "Keith" McNamara, who assumed command of DTC on Aug. 29, was an operations planning officer with 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade when Desert Shield and Desert Storm entered the annals of U.S. military history.

McNamara had been in the 11th ADA Brigade, headquartered at Fort Bliss, Texas, only a month when the unit was sent to Saudi Arabia to provide air defense support for the U.S. 3rd Army, 18th Airborne Corps and the Army's Central Command. The 11th ADA Brigade arrived in Saudi Arabia on Aug. 12, 1990, 10 days after Saddam Hussein's forces invaded Kuwait.

Responsible for both short-range and high-altitude air defense, the 11th ADA Brigade faced a critical challenge. How could they knock Iraqi Scud missiles out of the sky with the Patriot, a missile designed at the time to bring down enemy aircraft? The answer could be found in understanding the science of the Patriot's capability, McNamara said.

"You really had to understand the science of devising the place to put (Patriots), how to fight (incoming Scuds), how to form the battalion so it could be a collective entity," McNamara said.

Planning was critical, but soldiers still had to be agile and flexible enough to "improvise" during the Persian Gulf conflict, he said. Rigorous training in the United States and in theater really paid off once the order was given to deploy, McNamara added.

"We would rather not be called upon for conflict; we would rather deter," he said. "But if called upon, we had to be able to execute. The greatest reward I've had was seeing the capabilities and the execution of the forces during Desert Shield and Desert Storm from the United States Army perspective as well as air and missile defense specifically."

When asked about media reports that Patriot missiles were not as successful in downing Scuds as initially claimed, McNamara replied, "I can tell you that the bottom line, looking anyone in the eye, is that not a single tactical ballistic missile warhead landed on anything we were protecting, whether it was an airfield, palace, oil refinery or whatever. There was indeed collateral damage adjacent to those locations, but not one (of the Iraqi warheads) landed on those sites."

McNamara, who received the Bronze Star for his role in Desert Storm, later commanded a Patriot battalion in Germany that was sent to the region to provide air and missile defense for Operation Southern Watch, supporting United Nations resolutions in the aftermath of Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

From then to now, force protection remains uppermost on McNamara's mind, not only because of the attack on Sept. 11, 2001, but also because he continually recalls the events of June 24, 1996, the day terrorists detonated a truck loaded with explosives outside the Khobar Towers military housing complex in Dhahran, Saudi, Arabia. The attack, which killed 19 U.S. service members and wounded many more, was a "catastrophic" event for McNamara's Patriot battalion, located at Khobar Towers, as well as for the U.S. military.

But the soldiers quickly rallied and showed great professionalism in treating the wounded, McNamara said.

"The greatest thing that came out of that was the performance of the soldiers,"

he said. "We had a very aggressive combat lifesaving qualification program within the battalion, and I vividly remember a triage area that was kind of in the courtyard of our compound, with about 350 people. Some were killed in action, and most were obviously wounded in action. Certainly there were not sufficient doctors, nurses and medical professionals to care for everybody. The combat lifesavers, the soldiers, in many respects, carried the day. You might not be able to quantify it, but you can certainly say that quality training saved lives."

In addition to serving as an air defense artillery officer and troop commander in places as diverse as Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and the old Cold War frontier at Wildflecken, Germany, McNamara has served in key, high-level assignments within the Army's air and missile defense programs. These experiences help him bring a certain level of scientific and technical acumen to DTC.

Before arriving at APG, he was the deputy director of the Joint Air and Missile Defense Organization, J8/Joint Staff, in Arlington, Va. He also has held a key position within the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization in Washington, D.C., and was once an operations research senior analyst with the Command, Control, Communications and Countermeasures Joint Test Force at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

"Essentially, we were in the business of requirements scrutiny from a joint-staff perspective," he said of his assignment with the Joint Air and Missile Defense Organization. "Because of the changing environment, we were highly involved in what was called integrated missile defense. That's basically the establishment of a missile defense network to support not only the theater commander, but also the homeland defense commander, in what was previously termed National

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DTC employees earn professional awards for high quality work

Mike Cast
DTC

Seven U.S. Army Developmental Test Command employees, reassigned to the Army Test and Evaluation Command or to other organizations under the Army's new centralized installation management program, received the DTC Professional Certificate recently for exceptional work performance while at DTC.

Col. Marvin McNamara presented the certificates, Oct. 2, to Terri Jenkins, Michael Kanowitz, Nancy Kosko, George Lloyd and Arthur Robbins. Bobra Boyd and Linda Pineiro, who did not attend the ceremony, also received certificates.

Jenkins and Robbins worked for the Installation Logistics Team in the Directorate for Installation Management. Lloyd worked for the directorate's Engineering and Housing Team. Kanowitz, Kosko, Boyd and Pineiro worked for the directorate's Environmental Quality Division.

Calling the certificate a "kind of a family award" for DTC staff, McNamara said, "We wanted to recognize them for their accomplishments on a day-to-day basis, and certainly in their career fields."

He said the DTC award within the command is parallel to induction into the Sergeant Morales Club, an organization for U.S. soldiers stationed in Europe who represent excellence in leadership and personal concern for their soldiers.

The DTC award recipients "attained a high level of capability" in their areas of expertise and contributed significantly to the overall mission of DTC, McNamara said.

Jenkins, who served as DTC's top logistics expert for the past three years, also provided logistics support to the Army Test and Evaluation Command, DTC's major command. The award citation noted that her efforts helped a DTC activity garner the Department of the Army Supply Excellence Award.

Kanowitz was cited for his "exceptional performance" as the lead engineer for DTC's environmental compliance and pollution prevention programs. The award citation noted that his "extensive knowledge of the principles of environmental protection" helped DTC develop "timely solutions" to "complex" environmental problems.

Kosko received the award

for her "exemplary performance" in supporting environmental programs at Army installations where DTC test centers are located.

"Her ability to manage multiple, complex tasks contributed significantly to the success of the command's Installation Restoration Program," according to the award citation.

Lloyd, who was DTC's housing officer for the past eight years, received his certificate for "exceptional expertise" and for helping DTC obtain the funding required to support soldiers' housing needs. The citation noted, "His efforts resulted in DTC test centers leading the DA program for new or upgraded housing in the future."

Robbins was commended for his "outstanding service" as a DTC logistics expert for the past year-and-a-half. According to the award citation, "He single-handedly covered the logistics responsibilities (of DTC) in the extended absence of the logistics team leader. His expertise and diligence have proven to be invaluable assets to DTC test centers."

Boyd was cited for "exceptional performance" in support of DTC's environmental planning, programming, budgeting and project execution.

"Her grasp of the complex principles of environmental protection as related to the fiscal responsibilities in her charge enabled the Environmental Quality Division to consistently meet or exceed DA execution goals," the award citation noted.

Pineiro, who served as an office automation assistant within the Environmental Quality Division, was commended for being a "valuable asset" to both the division and the Directorate for Installation Management. She was commended for frequently serving as backup for the division secretary and for helping to keep the office running smoothly during reorganizations and moves.

McNamara said he is a privileged leader in recognizing the accomplishments of "these great civilian employees."

He noted that their leaders or supervisors recommended their recognition, which he said is "the ultimate testament of their outstanding contributions to the command."

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NECPOC 9-11 OBSERVANCE



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In a brief gathering on Sept. 11, members of the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center remember those who perished on Sept. 11, 2001. Lifted by remarks by Director, Leslie H. McGlothlin, and led in music by the NECPOC Gospel Choir, employees of the NECPOC recite the Pledge of Allegiance and observe a moment of silence.

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Auto Craft Shop offers Veterans' Day specials

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Automotive Craft Center is offering its annual Veterans' Day customer appreciation special Nov. 8 and 9. 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, at 410-278-2884 or e-mail cal.adams@usag.apg.army.mil

VA rep available at APG Oct. 21

A Veterans' Administration representative will be in building 4305 on Oct. 21. To schedule an appointment, call 410-306-2322/2323/2327.

For more information, call Bruce Nobles, 410-306-2327.

APG Newcomer Orientation Oct. 24

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Newcomer Orientation will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, Oct. 24, 1 to 3 p.m.

All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited.

Representatives of support agencies and organizations will be present to discuss their activities.

New employees are invited to visit display tables featuring information about community services and activities.

For more information contact Godofredo (Fred) Posadas, relocation manager, Army Community Service, at 410-278-2453.

USO-Metro, JETS co-host job fair

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services will co-host a job fair on Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sosa Recreation Center, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

More than 50 companies with full or part-time positions will attend.

Job seekers can talk to representatives from government agencies, high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies and financial service companies, among others.

The fair is free and open to all members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DOD and Coast Guard civilian person-

Pollution Prevention

Drive less. Motor vehicles are one of the largest sources of air pollution. Consider car-pooling or riding the bus; plan a route when running errands to avoid backtracking; and consider fuel economy on the next vehicle purchase.

APG Pollution Prevention Program



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JETS and USO-Metro work together to produce quarterly job fairs. JETS is a consolidation of the Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force Transition Services formed to provide employment information to transitioning service members and their families. The USO of Metropolitan Washington provides social services for the 300,000 military personnel and family members stationed in the greater Washington metropolitan area. USO-Metro is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization and receives no federal, state, or local funding.

For further information, contact Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth at 703-696-2552.

Job opportunity at ACS

The Army Community Service Victim Advocacy Program has a contractor position opening for a coordinator. Working closely with Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, the Family Advocacy Program, the APG Police, and other appropriate on- and off-post agencies serving the APG population, the contractor will provide information and instruction on the prevention and treatment of family violence, as well as intervention and support to victims. Period of performance is through Sept. 30, 2003.

For more information or to submit a resume, contact Celestine Beckett, Army Community Service officer, 410-278-2500, fax 410-278-2293, or e-mail celestine.beckett@usag.apg.army.mil.

Evening clinic for pets offered

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility is holding its first evening clinic Oct. 15, noon to 7 p.m., for vaccinations and heartworm testing for cats and dogs.

The clinic is on a walk-in basis. No appointments are needed. Aggressive animals should be muzzled before entering the clinic. Pets are limited to three per family.

The purpose is to serve those who are not able to make appointments during the day.

"Depending on the success of the clinic, the service may be offered again in the future," said Staff Sgt. Dayle Good, VTF noncommissioned officer in charge.

For more information, contact the VTF at 410-278-4604/3911.

MCSC sells apple pies

The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club begins its annual apple pie sales on Oct. 15.

Each pie will be sold for a \$5 donation.

To place a pie order, call Angie Salamy at 410-272-6712 or Melanie Galinger at 410-273-2476.

MCSC will be assembling pies from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. at the AA Chapel on Oct. 15. If you would like to volunteer, call Salamy or Galinger.

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 Oct. 15 and Dec. 3 for individuals diagnosed with hypertension who are enrolled in TRICARE.

Asthma education overview

This two-hour class from 10 a.m. to noon on Oct. 22 provides an overview of asthma, including triggers that may cause attacks or symptoms, preventing attacks, use of peak flow meter and MDI/spacer, and developing a personal asthma action plan.

All TRICARE beneficiaries with a recent or long-term diagnosis of asthma and parent(s) or sponsor(s) of an asthmatic child are eligible to attend.

Tobacco cessation

Four two-hour sessions are scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. on Nov. 5, 12, 19, and 26.

All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are eligible to attend.

ABC-C newsletter publishes quarterly

The Army Benefits Center-Civilian, ABC-C, publishes a newsletter that will be e-mailed 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 Advisory Personnel Center, 410-278-4331.

EA Re-Nu-It Center October hours

The Edgewood Area Re-Nu-It Center will be open Wednesdays and Thursdays [not Fridays] in October due to construction in building E-5185.

The hours of operation for Oct. 10, 16, and 17 will be 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

For more information, call Richard Conway, 410-278-8814/8815 or Maurice Bishop, 410-436-2398.

EA Re-Nu-It Center relocates

The Edgewood Area Re-Nu-It Center has moved [from building E-5703] to building E-5185, located on Magnolia Road, one block west of Route 24.

At the Magnolia Road intersection, make a left on to 32nd street, go through the gate. The entrance door is 29A, which is directly in front of the gate.

For more information, call 410-436-2398.

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.

New Internet address for PMCD

Public information about the Army's chemical weapons disposal program is available at a redesigned Web site-<http://www.pmcda.army.mil>.

The U.S. Army Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization site will feature updates on the program's progress across the country as well as historical background, current events and opportunities for public involvement.

Work on the site's new look began over a year ago, and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, prompted further alterations.

The Web site is part of the Army's extensive efforts to keep the public continually informed of its mission to dispose of chemical weapons and related materiel while ensuring public and environmental safety.

To obtain comments or arrange an interview with a chemical weapons disposal program representative, contact the Public Outreach and Information Office at 1-800-488-0648.

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. The invitation includes Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

The Chesapeake Beacon holds meetings to discuss and plan ways to help veterans and local communities.

To join, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040, or e-mail OkieGirlMD@aol.com for information on meeting dates, locations and times.

For more information, visit the chapter Web site at www.wacva.com.

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 through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 410-676-6800, or visit Web site www.pmcda.apgea.army.mil.

APG salutes its newest retirees

Sheila Little
APG News

Five government employees and service members were recognized for 153 total years of service, Sept. 24, at a 10 a.m. retirement ceremony at Ordnance Circle.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, served as the reviewing officer for the monthly ceremony, recognizing the contributions of Command Sgt. Maj. David M. Bashford, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools; William W. Lowe, U.S. Army Garrison; Anthony Strasavich, Office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization; Augustus LaComb III, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and George Shuppert, PMCD.

"Each and everyone of you has provided faithful service to the nation and this Army of ours," Doesburg said. "Thank you for doing work worth doing, and thank you to your families." He added that all should stand tall, knowing they did a great job.

"Take pride in the Army's

many successes and your many successes," he said. "Your contributions help make today's Army truly the best in the world."

The 143rd Ordnance Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Anthony Grant, participated in the ceremony, with Command Sgt. Maj. James A. Barkley, SBCCOM, serving as the command sergeant major for the event. Maj. Joseph DiGregorio, chaplain, provided the invocation, Staff Sgt. Vivian Jackson, 16th Ordnance Battalion, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, served as narrator, and the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), directed by Chief Warrant Officer Four Jerry L. Standridge, provided musical selections.

Command Sgt. Maj. David M. Bashford

Bashford entered the Air Force in 1979 as a security specialist. After serving four years, the Troy, N. Y., native entered the Army in 1984 at Fort Dix, N. J., and attended advanced individual training at APG. Overseas assignments include Germany, Panama, El Salvador and Korea. Stateside assignments include Fort



Photo courtesy of APG PHOTO LAB
Retiree Army Command Sgt. Maj. David M. Bashford receives his Certificate of Retirement from Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, at the Sept. 24 retirement ceremony.

Carson, Colo., Fort Jackson, S. C., and Fort Lewis, Wash. His last military assignment, served at APG, was as the Command Sergeant Major of the 16th Ordnance Battalion. In addition to the completion of several military schools, Bashford holds associate's and bachelor's degrees earned while serving in the military, and is currently pursuing a master's in human resource management.

The retiree holds three Meritorious Service medals,

four Army Commendation medals, and three Army Achievement medals.

Upon retirement, the father of two sons, Dustin, 19, and Kyle 18, hopes to complete an advanced degree and pursue his hobbies of skiing, scuba diving and flying.

Bashford's military career encompassed more than 22 years of service. He was awarded the Legion of Merit and Department of the Army certificates of retirement and appreciation.

William W. (Bill) Lowe

Lowe retires as the director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center after 35 years of service. Beginning his civil service career upon graduation from Dickinson College in 1967, he was hired as a personnel management specialist.

Accepting positions of increased responsibility over the years and earning a master's in personnel and labor relations from George Washington University in 1980, the Fawn Grove, Pa., resident became the civilian personnel officer of APG in 1993, and after reorganization, was named the head of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center in 1996, a position he held until retirement.

Married to his wife, Anne,

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the seven digit number, don't panic, dial 9-1-1. Just remember to tell the emergency operator that you are at Aberdeen Proving Ground." Fournier said.

Anyone with access to the APG radio system, can use their radio and call Range Central in the Edgewood Area using call sign 803. In the Aberdeen Area, contact B Tower using their call sign, 800. The operators of Range Central and B Tower will then activate the 9-1-1 system.

A lot of people say that they are afraid to use the 9-1-1 system for fear of getting in trouble.

"Anytime you feel that you need immediate attention, dial 9-1-1," Fournier said. "We would rather you were safe than sorry. The Fire Department considers the call a "Good Intent" call and the person reporting the incident will not be charged with making a false alarm."

Examples of when to call 9-1-1 include when a fire alarm is sounding; oil or fuel spills of any size and quantity are discovered, becoming aware of a release of hazardous material, the odor of smoke is detected or you smell something burning, there is a vehicle accident with or without injury, a person is sick or having chest pains, a natural gas leak is detected, there is a liquid propane leak, an unexploded ordnance is discovered, a cave-in occurs, a confined space or water rescue is needed, there is a boat in distress, or a bomb threat is received.

For more information regarding emergency notification procedures, call the Fire and Emergency Services Division at 410-306-0572.

Sports & Recreation

FOOTBALL UPDATE

The following results were reported for intramural flag football for the week ending Oct. 4

Aberdeen Division

Results

Sept. 30
Company E 16th, 7; USMC, 0
HHC 16th, 26; HHSB, 12
Oct. 1
Company C 16th, 26;
Company E 16th, 0
Company B 16th, 28; USAF, 20
Company A 16th, 22; USMC, 12

Schedule

Oct. 15
6:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. Company C 16th
7:30 p.m., USAF vs. Company A 16th
8:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company B 16th
Oct. 16
6:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. Company E 16th
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. HHC 61st
8:30 p.m., HHSB vs. NCOA

Standings

HHC 16th 5-0
HHC 61st 4-2
NCOA 2-1

HHSB 1-3

National Division Standings

Company B 16th 5-1
USAF 3-3
USMC 3-4
Company E 16th 3-4
Company C 16th 3-4
Company A 16th 2-3

Edgewood Division Results

Sept. 30
MRICD, 25; Company C 143rd, 6
HHC 143rd, 20; Company A 143rd, 6
Oct. 2

HHC 143rd, 20; Company B 143rd, 0

Company C 143rd, 18;
Company A 143rd, 6

Schedule

Oct. 16
6:30 p.m., MRICD vs. HHC 143rd
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company A 143rd

Standings

HHC 143rd 6-0
MRICD 3-3
Company A 143rd 3-4
Company B 143rd 2-3
Company C 143rd 1-4

Print presented to Ruggles

Story and photo by **Sonya P. Reynolds**
APG News

The Ruggles Ladies Golf Association and Mitchell Shenvalee Group presented a print of the Amen Corner, at the Augusta National Golf Course, to the Sutherland Club House at The Ruggles Golf Club, Sept. 28, in memory of Virginia "Ginny" Promraning.

Promraning, a member of RLGA since 1977, also participated in many outings with the Mitchell Shenvalee Group.

Harry Pomraning, husband, Carol Tracey, daughter and Nicholas Troyer, grandson, attended the unveiling of the print followed by a reception with members of both groups in attendance.



Hole in One

Karl August shot a hole in one at Ruggles Golf Course on Sept. 17 using a 6 iron at 202 yards out on hole number 8. Congratulations.



VEAP converts to GI Bill may lose benefits

Tesia Williams
Army News Service

Soldiers who converted from the Veterans Educational Assistance Program to the Montgomery GI Bill are at risk of forfeiting their contributions and losing their benefits, officials said, if they don't make their payments. Soldiers have 18 months from the time they signed the Montgomery GI Bill, Department of Defense Form 2366, to pay the mandatory contribution of \$2,700, personnel officials said.

Many of the 5,000 soldiers who signed up for the program may have already missed their deadline, according to officials at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command

"Program participants need

to contact their finance office and make sure the contribution will be paid within the 18-month deadline," said John Rizkallah, chief of the Education Incentives and Counseling Branch at PERSCOM.

If soldiers are not able to pay the \$2,700 in time by using monthly allotments, they have the option of combining the allotment with a lump sum or they can make a single lump sum payment, Rizkallah said.

"The law states that if participants don't pay the contribution in full within the deadline, they forfeit anything they contributed to VEAP and will not be eligible for any education benefits through the Veterans Administration," Rizkallah said.

It is imperative that soldiers look at the date they signed their DD Form 2366 and ensure that they have the contribution paid in full within 18 months of that date, Rizkallah added.

"To date, the VA has not made any exceptions to the deadline," he said.

VEAP was first enacted by Congress for post Vietnam-era soldiers. It was designed to attract high quality men and women to the all-volunteer Armed Forces.

Congress signed the VEAP conversion law on Oct. 30, 2000, making it the second conversion opportunity since October 1996.

(Editor's note: Tesia Williams is a member of the PERSCOM Public Affairs Office.)

Bowling standings

Wednesday Night Mixed League

Women's High Game Scratch

Michele Betro, 220
Annie Rosario, 190

High Series Scratch

Ann Thacker, 498
Annie Rosario, 492
Michele Betro, 492

Men's High Scratch

Cal Adams, 202
Tom Curtis, Bill Green, 200

Men's High Game Scratch

Tom Curtis, 574
Stuart Thacker, 539

Thursday Night National Guard Mixed League

Women's High Game Scratch

Barbara Osborn, 194
Fay Christy, 182

High Series

Barbara Osborn, 485
Pamela Murphy, 476

Men's High Scratch

Rod Lindsay, 204
Michael Murphy, 185

Men's High Game

Carl Weidemann, 501
Michael Murphy, 493

Commentary

Commentary: Advanced traffic etiquette

George E. Martin Sr.
Retired Army Sgt. 1st Class

For readers that passed the basic traffic etiquette 101 commentary I submitted a few weeks ago, here's some advance driving etiquette for those bold enough to dare to learn.

They've been around now for a few years and almost

everyone has one -- a cell phone.

You're not going to impress anyone by presuming that your call is so important that you can't postpone your conversation as you drive up to the gate. The police and other security personnel need your full attention, in case you've forgotten why they're doing all this extra security. The police or security personnel just might be trying to provide you with information vital to your safety.

You need to put the cell phone down and have your ID ready. This could save yourself and those in line behind you valuable minutes in getting to work or seeking immediate shelter.

Driving through those concrete jersey wall barricades is not a timed Olympic event. The maximum safe speed is 20 mph. Remember, you're going from a two lane to a one lane bottleneck to a three lane (ID check lanes) back into two

lanes, all within 100 yards. Be alert, go to the nearest line.

Use extreme caution passing through the checkpoint. Just because the sign on the other side of the barricade reads 45 mph, you don't have to instantly attain that speed.

Please take note of the deer crossing sign just beyond the barricades. There's a reason the sign was put there. It's a warning to you, the motorist, that deer cross the highway at or near this point.

Several weeks ago, two deer were struck within feet of that sign. One was killed outright. The other, a young fawn, suffered three broken legs. It lay in the gutter all night because the driver that struck it didn't report the incident until 11 a.m. the following day. By then, the poor creature had been discovered by police personnel and destroyed as humanly as possible.

If by some misfortune, your vehicle does strike a deer, pull over immediately and deter-

mine the status of the deer. Often they will get back up and run away. Sometimes they are killed on impact or critically injured and cannot move. Either way, drivers must notify the APG Police at 410-306-0550.

The last item is parking on the side of the road on the approach to the gate.

Police and security personnel realize that drivers may be searching for their ID card or making a cell phone call to arrange a meeting with someone at the gate to play golf. But that stopped vehicle could also represent a terrorist reloading his machine gun or setting the timer on a car bomb.

Drivers should drive to the gate. The police have room there for you to park while you find your ID or make that phone call. It'll be safer for you and safer for the police and security personnel.

After all, that's why they're there.

Military members: Your consumer complaints will be heard

Susan G. Grendahl
OSJA

The Department of Defense and the Federal Trade Commission have linked up to provide the first ever consumer complaint database meeting the needs of the military community. The new computer site located at www.consumer.gov/military is available to the entire community as a means to report fraud directly to law enforcement officials regardless of where a military member may be stationed.

This Web site, the Military Sentinel, will aid in the prosecution of cases dealing with consumer fraud as well as identity theft. The system can assist both military and non-military law enforcement agencies in the United States, Australia and Canada.

By visiting the Military Sentinel on line, military members and families can file complaints or learn more about consumer issues such as recognizing fraudulent offers and revisiting advance fee-loan schemes.

Another helpful Web site to visit if someone feels that they have been the victim of consumer fraud or abuse is the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org. The BBB can handle complaints involving marketplace occurrences

such as

- Misleading advertising
- Improper selling practices
- Non-delivery of goods or services
- Misrepresentation
- Unhonored guarantees or warranty
- Unsatisfactory service
- Credit/billing problems
- Unfulfilled contracts

They do not handle complaints about employment practices, discrimination, or the prices charged for goods or services (unless they involve misrepresentation).

Consumers should first bring their concerns to the attention of the owner or manager. If not satisfied with the result, attempt to resolve the complaint directly with the company. If still not satisfied after contacting the company, the BBB may be able to assist. Visit the BBB Web site to check a company's report, read consumer tips, or get a consumer's complaint statistics.

If eligible for legal assistance, contact the Legal Assistance Office at 410 278-1583/1584 for more information on the how to file consumer complaints.



ROCKTOBERFEST, Oct. 18

Join MWR for the first annual Rocktoberfest, Oct. 18, at the Maryland Boulevard Picnic area from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. There will be a variety of activities, contests, and entertainment including a DJ, Volksmarch, two live rock bands, Star Belly and Blue Steele; golf and bowling tournaments; and children's games. German food and a seafood raw bar will be available. Admission is free.

For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

2003 Entertainment Books are here

Information, Ticketing and Registration, building 3326, is offering 2003 Entertainment Books for \$30. These books give great discounts and coupons for everything from dinner to rental cars.

For more information, call ITR at 410-278-4011.

Starry, Starry Day/Night Golf

The Starry, Starry Day/Night Golf Tournament will tee off at 4:30 p.m. for the first nine holes, Oct. 25, at Ruggles Golf course. After a barbecue style dinner, the last nine holes will be

played in total darkness using glow balls, sticks and necklaces. Fee includes cart, greens fee, prizes and dinner. Cost is \$50 for non-members and \$30 for members. Register by Oct. 16.

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

Bird watching tour

Enjoy a relaxing leisure walk to view some of nature's most beautiful and interesting wildlife, Oct. 19. The tour begins at 7 a.m. in front of the Edgewood Conference Center, building E-4810. Cost is \$10. Register at the Outdoor Recreation Center by Oct. 10.

For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Cosmic Scotch Doubles tournament

The APG Bowling Center will hold a Cosmic Scotch Doubles Tournament on Oct. 13. Sign up begins at 2:30 p.m. and the tournament starts at 3 p.m. Cost is \$8 per person. Prizes will be awarded 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.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is a high-energy MTV-style 90-minute live musical review showcasing the talents of active duty soldiers who are selected by audition from throughout the Army. MWR hosts this year's performances at the post theater, building 3245. See Community Notes, page 8, for details.

Child & Youth Services Fall Family Fun Fest, Oct. 19

Child and Youth Services is sponsoring a Fall Family Fun Fest Oct. 19, 3 to 6 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Youth Services, building 2522. Parents and children of all ages are invited to join the free festivities.

A local D.J. will provide music and entertainment. Activities include cheerleading and dance demonstrations, arts and crafts, pool, chess and basketball tournaments, face painting, bounce house and more. The IronBird mascot "Ferris" will

join the festivities from 4 to 6 p.m. Enjoy free hot dogs, chips, snow cones and lemonade. Door prizes will be given away every half hour, but winner must be present to claim prize.

Program displays and registration information will be available. For more information, call Outreach Services at 410-278-7479.

Interested in becoming a member? Come see what Child and Youth Services has to offer.

Fest

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Jay with Karaoke; character drawing artist; balloons; magic show; face painting food and beverage vendors; cotton candy; candy apples; pretzels, etc. Food items include Bratwurst, Knackwurst, sausage, Pit Beef on Kaiser roll, pit Black Forest ham, hot dogs with sauerkraut, French fries, potato pancakes, and deserts. There will be a raw oyster and clam bar from 4 to 8 p.m. only.

German Volksmarch: 10-kilometer (6.2 miles), 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.; participants must finish by 4 p.m. Cost is \$5 for accreditation; \$10 for a hat pin and march credit. Participants may register that day or pre-register with Charles Heinsohn or Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3868/3904 or e-mail them at charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil or chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

Rocktoberfest Golf Tournament: Register at Ruggles Golf Course by Oct. 9. Cost is \$50 for non-members; \$30 for members. The price includes food coupons good for purchases at the picnic area. For more information, contact Stacie Edie at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil.

3-6-9 To Tap Bowling Tournament: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Aberdeen Bowling Center. The third, sixth and ninth frames are automatic strikes and nine pins on the first roll in any other frame is a strike. The cost, \$10 per person (four-person teams), includes shoe rental and Rocktoberfest beverage coupons. In addition, prizes and give-aways will be awarded during the tournament.

Musical Entertainment:

Band - Star Belly, 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Band - Blue Steele, 7 to 11 p.m.

The event will be held rain or shine, and children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Pets are not allowed in the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area.

Rocktoberfest is sponsored by Imported Avalon Natural Spring Water, the Pepsi Bottling Company of Havre de Grace and First Command Financial Planning.

Community Notes

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 10

UMUC EXCEL ORIENTATION

The University of Maryland University College will hold an EXCEL orientation from 4 to 6 p.m., building 3146. Earn credit for college-level knowledge acquired through work and life experiences with the University of Maryland University College EXCEL program.

Students admitted to the UMUC EXCEP program enroll in a course that requires them to document their learning in a written portfolio. Faculty members then evaluate the portfolio for possible credit.

For more information, call UMUC's APG office at 410-272-8269 or 410-278-4632.

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 11

BASKET BINGO POSTPONED

Basket Bingo to benefit North Harford High School Junior Varsity/Varsity Baseball is postponed. A new date will be announced.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 12

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held at the school, 810 Aiken Ave., Perryville, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5.

For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 15

OCTOBERFEST SPECIALTY MEAL

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

The standard meal rate of \$3.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.80 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Octoberfest specialty meal menu includes old fashioned bean soup, pork schnitzel, sauerbraten, Hamburg style flounder, baked knockwurst, baked bratwurst, roast pork w/ sauerkraut, parsley buttered potatoes, hot German style potato salad, fried cabbage, seasoned carrots, brown gravy, cole slaw with creamy dressing, German style tomato salad, assorted breads, carrot cake, snickerdoodle cookies, blackforest cake, soft serve ice-cream, tea, milk and soda.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information call the Installation Food Service Office at 410-306-1392/1393/1397/1398.

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 18

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the John Archer School Family Fund will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, pit beef, ham and turkey, drinks and baked goods will be available. A silent auction will be held during the evening. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5.

For tickets, call Dotti Kirk, 410-642-6468, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 19

FAMILY FUN FEST

Child and Youth Services is sponsoring a Family Fun Fest, 3 to 6 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Members and non-members of all ages from AA and EA and their parents are invited to attend. Activities include parent and child contests, arts and crafts, pool tournament, give-aways, door prizes, food and computer games.

For more information, call 410-278-4995.

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 22

LIONS CLUB HOSTS SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Aberdeen Lions Club will host their annual Spaghetti Supper at the Aberdeen Middle School, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Carry-out will be available at 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Aberdeen Middle School.

Club members are selling tickets for \$6.50 in advance for ages 13 and up (\$7 at the door) and \$5 for ages 6 to 12 (\$5.50 at the door). Children 6 and under are free. Meal includes all-you-can-eat salad, spaghetti, and drinks. For tickets, call 410-272-3294.

Also enjoy delicious homemade baked goods from the Aberdeen Lioness Club bake sale, which supports community service projects.

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 25

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit TEAM Diabetes will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5.

For tickets, call Kim Kroening, 410-994-0446, or Virginia Davis, 410-273-7110.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 26

HOME OWNERSHIP SEMINAR

Home Partnership, Inc., a nonprofit agency dedicated to home ownership, will sponsor a one-day seminar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at AMES United Methodist Church, 112 Belair Road, Bel Air. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is required to attend; call 410-297-6700.

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 1

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Aberdeen Lioness Club will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Sandy Pierce, 410-273-7184.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 1 and 2

2002 SOLDIER SHOW COMES TO APG

Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host three performances of the U.S. Army Soldier Show, at the post theater, building 3245. This year's performance is entitled "Freedom Is Not Just a Word."

The Nov. 1 performance begins at 7 p.m. and is open to the general authorized public (Department of Defense civilians, contractors, retirees and their family members only.)

The Nov. 2 performances are at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and are only offered to active duty soldiers. There is no charge to attend.

MOVIES

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



FEAR DOT COM

Friday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 p.m.
Starring: Stephen Dorff, Natascha McElhone

If you click "yes," and you know you want to, you'll be logged on to the Internet site **feardot.com**, and the game

begins. What follows is a miasma of hellish images that leave unsuspecting voyeurs suffering from morbid hallucinations and unspeakable terror. (Rated R)

MEN IN BLACK II (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m.

Starring: Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith



Kay and Jay reunite to provide the best, last and only line of defense against a sinister seductress who levels the toughest challenge yet to the MIBs' untarnished mission statement: protecting the earth from the scum of the universe. (Rated PG-13)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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



Extravagance by Gary Krist

William travels to the big city in a time of optimism and ferment, hoping to make his mark on a money-crazed society obsessed with new technologies. The city in question is London in the 1690s, but it's also New York in the 1990s. Krist tells the same story with the same set of characters in two separate times and settings, in language appropriate to each.



Lullaby by Chuck Palahniuk

Wild Pitch by Mick Lupica

Shrink Rap by Robert B. Parker



In Her Shoes by Jennifer Weiner

Better to Rest by Dana Stabenow



Tricky Business by Dave Barry

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 UPDATE

PTA INFORMATION

One of the best ways to help children in school is to join the PTA. But the kind of PTA membership that is needed is active participation—being at meetings and helping out in various school activities throughout the year. What better way to be in the know and to support children and school than to be a vital link in the educational process and development of our children.

Edgewood Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting is Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m. On Nov. 14, lunch with Allyn Watson for all PTA members who are in the 'Principal's Club.'

Roye Williams Elementary School PTA Parent Volunteer Breakfast is Oct. 11. Executive Board Meeting is Oct. 14, 7 p.m.

Aberdeen Middle School PTA meets the first Tuesday of every other month at the school's Media Center. The next meeting is Dec. 3.

PARENTS ACADEMY AT ROYE WILLIAMS

A Parents Academy, sponsored by the Math Department at Roye-Williams Elementary School, will be held Oct. 11.

EDUCATION FIRST, EDUCATION ALWAYS

In the school of life, education is the springboard to success. During the course of the year, a large banner will be displayed at various APG Child Youth Services education classes and

events that proclaim the importance of education, not only in the classroom, but in a range of activities that stress life-long learning and the value of carryover activities in learning and growing at each stage of human development.

READING BEGINS AT HOME

Literacy is one of the greatest gifts to give a child. Young readers are the leaders of tomorrow.

Ten tips for making children better readers:

1. Begin reading to children at an early age.
2. Choose books your child likes.
3. Bedtime is a great time to read to children.
4. Be creative with your reading.
5. Involve your child as a listener.
6. Try different ways to read to your child.
7. Keep books handy.
8. Try comic books and magazines.
9. Involve your child in daily reading.
10. Know where to go for help.

APG CHESS KIDS-MAKING THE RIGHT MOVES

Introduction to Chess and Chess Club is offered every Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. for 4th-5th grade elementary school age children (younger children on a case-by-case basis) and from 6 to 7 p.m. for middle school age children at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Children must be a member of the Youth Center to participate. For more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

SCHOOL'S OUT INFORMATION

Emergency or other important school news can be sent to home or office e-mail addresses. To sign up on a computer, follow these steps:

- On a computer, type **www.schools-out.com** in the appropriate location in the Web browser; hit the 'Enter' key.
- Under the "School Closing Information" heading, click on 'Maryland.'
- Under "Public K12 Schools," click on 'Harford County.'
- On the Harford County page, click on "I Want E-Mail."
- Enter an e-mail address in the appropriate box and click on the 'Subscribe' button.
- A confirmation e-mail from School's Out, Inc. will be sent. Call 410-588-5203 for more information.

HCPS OCTOBER BREAKFAST, LUNCH MENUS

Students will have a choice of proteins and vegetables each day. The prices are breakfast, \$1.05; elementary school lunch, \$1.50; and secondary school lunch, \$1.60.

PARENTING FAIR

Join other concerned adults at the Parenting Fair Oct. 12, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Harford Technical High School, 200 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air. Learn about family and community involvement in the academic, personal and social development of children and youth. For more information, call 'What Kids Need To Succeed' Hotline at 410-836-4154

OC&S LIBRARY

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

American Strategy in WWII, A Reconsideration, C1, 2 by Kent R. Greenfield

Determinants of Effective Unit Performance by Holz, Hiller and McFann

Soldiers in Cities: Military Operation on Urban Terrain by Michael C. Desch

Heroes of the Army, The Medal of Honor and its Winners by Bruce Jacobs

Army Officers's Guide, 48th ed., by retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Keith E. Bonn

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

DROUGHT TIP

In an effort to help the personnel of Aberdeen Proving Ground cope with the area drought, the APG News is offering a weekly water conservation tip. All residents and personnel of APG are urged to look for and practice water conservation for the duration of the drought.

WATER SAVINGS

Water-saving devices are economical and permanent. Low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators save valuable water and energy used to heat water without requiring changes in personal water use habits.

The amount of savings depends on current water consumption habits, water, sewer and energy costs, current flow rates of fixtures and flush volumes of toilets, system pressure, and the amount of water leakage through fittings and toilets.

ChalleNGe program lauded as model

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The month of September was a busy one for the cadets of the Maryland National Guard's Military Youth Corps Free State ChalleNGe Academy headquartered on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

First, academy cadets, who participated in the Sept. 11 Memorial Ceremony at Ripken Stadium, acting as escorts for elderly and disabled attendees, caught the attention of Harford County Council president, Gunther Hirsch and council member Cecilia Stepp.

In recognition of the service the organization brings to the school and to the community, Hirsch issued a Harford County proclamation to the academy during a County Council meeting on Sept. 22.

"This program enhances the potential in youths, giving them a second chance at a productive life," Hirsch said. "We are very pleased they are a part of our community."

Then, on Sept. 23, Academy Director, Chaplain, Lt. Col. Ron

Martin-Minnich, MDARNG, welcomed Col. Arvo Sirel, special projects officer, general staff of the Estonian Defense Force to APG. Escorting Sirel was U.S. Navy retired Lt. Commander Eric Arumae, Virginia Commonwealth ChalleNGe Academy and Bruce Kittleson, president of Olive Branch International.

The visit was the result of a joint effort between Estonia and the National Guard State Partnership Program, SPP, which links U.S. states with partner nations to improve bilateral relations.

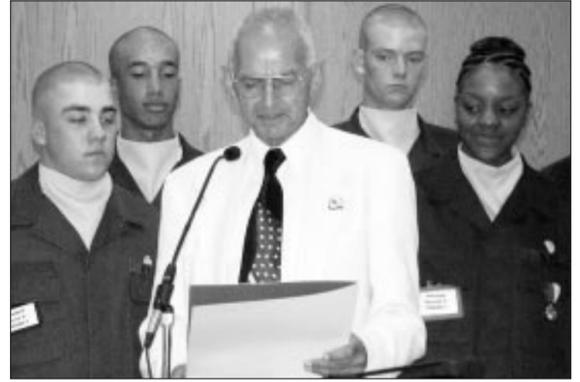
Martin-Minnich said it was the colonel's first visit to the ChalleNGe program, which provides high school dropouts the chance to obtain their GED and advance to higher education or the military.

"He will be dealing with this in Estonia," Martin-Minnich said. "He is here to learn about our system then adapt that to what will work for Estonia."

From here, the colonel will continue on to the ChalleNGe program in the Virginia Commonwealth, he added.

"Each academy reflects the flavor of its state," Martin-Minnich said.

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Cadets Daryl Lambert, left, Brian Redmond, Joseph Southward and Keziah Jennings, Maryland Army National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, look on as Gunther Hirsch, center, president of the Harford County Council, reads a proclamation for the organization during a Sept. 23 County Council meeting.

McNamara

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Missile Defense. Secondly, we were highly involved in cruise missile defense initiatives, both within the theater and from the homeland perspective. Obviously, because of 9/11, that became a greater area of focus from a homeland defense perspective."

McNamara has not had a great deal of experience in military testing, but since assuming command of DTC in August, he has been focusing on test issues of vital importance to the Army while getting to know the

testers, technicians and scientists who are helping to make Army Transformation a reality.

"I've not been in the traditional test business a lot, so I'm coming here in the learning mode," he said. "I have no doubt that, to the person, everybody cares about what they're doing, everybody clearly knows what they're doing, and everybody is committed to delivering the best product possible."

He said one of his current top priorities is "quality test support" for the Army's new Stryker interim armored family of vehicles.

"We have an aggressive test schedule across the majority of our test centers and are doing the full

gamut of requisite testing to make sure that we are supporting the Army," McNamara said, adding that DTC is working hard to give soldiers an interim armored vehicle that is optimally capable and ready while safe to operate.

DTC is also looking years ahead, he added, focused on acquiring the state-of-the-art test technologies required to support the Army as it develops complex, futuristic weapon systems for the Objective Force. Retaining experienced staff and hiring the necessary talent to replace people who will retire in the next few years is a critical challenge that DTC must meet if it is to remain a successful tester of Army systems,

McNamara said.

"Looking into the future, I think it's obvious to anyone that we have a mature workforce, so in the coming years we will have a fair amount of turnover," he said.

"Today, I view the Army Developmental Test Command as 'the' world-class test and evaluation operation to deliver the best possible products to our soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen and civilians."

As for his personal future, McNamara, who described himself as a "geographic bachelor," is looking forward to the day when his wife Lynn and his four children - Megan, Kelly, Jason and Joshua - will be able to join him here. The McNamaras

will bring a team spirit to APG, having been active in a variety of sports in other communities.

McNamara said he is already beginning to understand the benefits of support from "Team APG."

He lauded APG's Directorate of Industrial Operations for the work it did recently to renovate the DTC commander's conference room, and said he was gratified by the ability of the APG garrison staff to support an abrupt change of venue for the recent change of command ceremony, due to inclement weather.

"It was a testament to the solid support from APG's garrison staff," he said. "A lot of professionals here carried the day."

Retire

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for 37 years, the family includes four sons and four grandchildren. The couple's youngest son, Bradley, remains in the area as a computer specialist at the Civilian Personnel Operations Center on APG.

Lowe intends to devote more time to the family, enjoy boating and biking, and continue working in arbitration and mediation.

Lowe received DA certificates of retirement and appreciation. His wife received an APG certificate of appreciation.

Anthony J. (Tony) Strasavich

Strasavich retires after 32 years of service. The native of DuBois, Pa., served two years in the Army and received a bronze star, among other medals, following service in Vietnam.

With a bachelor's degree in accounting, in 1972 he began work in the APG Comptroller's Office. Over the years he performed a wide range of finance and accounting tasks, and

earned a master's in management from the University of Baltimore while working on the installation. His career culminates with managing the budget of the Chemical Warfare Demilitarization Program, chief of resource management, Office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization.

He and his wife, Donna, have two sons, Brian and Todd. Strasavich plans to spend more time with his family and enjoy hunting, fishing, golfing and traveling.

The retiree received DA certificates of retirement and appreciation. His wife received an APG certificate of appreciation.

Augustus J. (Gus) LaComb III

LaComb retires after nearly 41 years of service. Enlisting in the Army in 1961, LaComb received a bachelor's degree in business management and was commissioned as an officer in 1967. Over a 20-year military career, LaComb spent the majority of his time in the nuclear and conventional ammunition fields.

Along with stateside assignments, he served two tours in Germany and tours in Greenland and Vietnam.

His military awards include the bronze star

with two oak leaf clusters. Following his retirement from the military, the native of Ogdensburg, N.Y., began his civil service career at the Edgewood Procurement Directorate.

A charter member of the Army Acquisition Corps, LaComb led a U.S. Army Materiel Command-wide team in the development of the first automated procurement system. He served as the deputy program director for Domestic Preparedness from 1997 until 1999, when he was reassigned as the chief of Chemical Stockpile Management until retirement.

The retiree holds two commander's awards for Civilian Service.

LaComb and his wife of 39 years, Winsome, have two children, Jill and Gus, and four grandchildren.

Retirement plans include more traveling and more time with the family.

LaComb received DA certificates of retirement and appreciation, and his wife received an APG certificate of appreciation.

George W. Shuppert

Shuppert retires after 23 years of service. The Baltimore native graduated from Baltimore

Polytechnic Institute and entered the Army on a ROTC commission in 1959. He served a three-year tour in Mainz, Germany, with the 8th Division, Ordnance.

Following military service he began his engineering career in the defense industry, and received a degree in electrical and mechanical engineering from Johns Hopkins University and a master's in administration from George Washington University.

Beginning his civil service career at the Chemical Research Development Laboratory in the Edgewood Area in 1982, Shuppert's work included assignments in the binary chemical weapons program, smoke and obscurants, and special projects. His last assignment was with PMCD.

Shuppert and his wife, Phyllis, have two children, David and Ellen.

Retirement plans include pursuing music, reading, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Shuppert received DA certificates of retirement and appreciation, and his wife received an APG certificate of appreciation.

Digital

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MIS goal is to have a full repository of digital photos by Dec. 31, 2003. This applies to staff sergeants and above, chief warrant officers two and above and first lieutenants and above to colonel.

For the present, hard-copy photos will still be forwarded to the servicing personnel services battalion or military personnel office as well, according to the message. This process will be eliminated once the Army Selection Board System is fully implemented and career managers have the capability to display photos from the DAPMIS repository.

"The DAPMIS system is the Army solution for automating the DA Photo process," Washington said. "This system supports all soldiers, active and reserve components and is a great aid to the Army Selection Board System, career management activities and commanders."

Washington added that photo labs will give first priority for

digital photographs to soldiers in zones of consideration for any upcoming centralized selection board.

The PERSCOM message notes an important change to photo lab procedures. After Oct. 1, photo lab technicians will concentrate solely on taking photos, rather than also inspecting a soldier's uniform to ensure proper wear.

Soldiers will review their photo on their Army Knowledge Online (www.us.army.mil) account. They have three workdays to either accept or reject the photo taken. Soldiers can find the DAPMIS site by linking to the "What's New" page on AKO. DAPMIS will automatically accept any photo taken as the official photo of record if the soldier does not verify it within the three working day limit.

The message states that it is the soldiers' responsibility to inform their unit commander if they reject the photo, and to make arrangements with their photo lab to have the photo retaken. Soldiers preparing for deployment and who are in the zone of consideration for promotion will be given priority at photo labs. Soldiers currently deployed will have their digitized hard-copy photo scanned into the DAPMIS system.

"DAPMIS will save soldiers' time because they will no longer have to visit the Personnel Office to deliver their photo,"

said Sgt. Maj. Freddie L. Davis Jr., the top enlisted soldier for visual information with the Chief Information Office, G-6 at the Pentagon. "Soldiers can view their current photo and official file on-line. DAPMIS also eliminates having to sort through five or six different opinions to figure out whether the photo is a good photo or not."

"This will help the Army achieve its goal of becoming network centric," he added. "Soldiers can do their part by visiting their photo lab to get their DA photo taken and put into DAPMIS."

"With DAPMIS, we get a system that is faster, more responsive and soldier friendly," said Lt. Col. Curtis H. Nutbrown, action officer with the Strategic Partnering Directorate for Army Knowledge Management, Chief Information Office and G-6. "DAPMIS supports the Army's migration of business and customer support applications to Army Knowledge Online, the Army Portal (www.us.army.mil). The goal is to use AKO as the one-stop information site for the Army."

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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.

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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.)



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TRADOC A-76 gets Partners for Progress award

Army News Service

The approach Training and Doctrine Command is taking to determine outcomes of A-76 studies has won an award from a national organization promoting business partnerships.

The Department of Defense has also adopted TRADOC's method as the best model for the A-76 program.

The National Council for Private-Public Partnerships selected the TRADOC program as one of the innovative examples to receive an award Sept. 26 in Houston. The Commercial Activities Directorate in TRADOC's Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management organization manages the program.

A-76 is the process the Army uses to determine whether functions can be performed more economically and efficiently by soldiers and civilian employees or by contracting with a commercial firm.

"One of the things that made this a little unique is that we partnered with MAI [Management Analysis, Inc.]. It was the first time we partnered with a consultant to such an extent," said Don Williams, who advocated using a contractor consultant for the first 12 A-76 studies in 1996.

The effort began with MAI studying the Directorate of Logistics and Directorate of Public Works at 12 installations. It affected 4,000 employees. A phased approach was chosen so that MAI and the A-76 staff could complete one study phase at a time and not have to do all 12 at once.

Since the partnership began in 1997, the DOL-DPW studies have been completed and taken to decisions. Of those, in-house work forces have won nine of the decisions.

The key result of the studies is that they save the Army \$114 million a year.

"We don't care what the outcome of each study is as long as the Army, the Defense Department and the American taxpayer benefit," said Kevin Hoffman, director of TRADOC's Commercial Activities.

Innovation was needed because TRADOC did not have the in-house ability to carry out studies and develop performance work statements, better known as PWSs, and the myriad of other tasks required to complete studies. The PWSs form the basis on which contractors and in-house employees bid on contracts.

"Until 1990, every installation had a big A-76 organization and TRADOC headquarters itself had around 21 people dedicated to the activity," Hoffman said.

Following study cancellations in 1990, Army leaders saw no need for employees to work on A-76 studies and converted those positions to other duties. Then in the mid-90s, the DoD revived the A-76 program.

Williams and John Blake were the only two people in the STET Deputy Chief of Staff for Base Operations Support A-76 office in 1996 working for then Col. Bob Baldwin. There are now nine people in Commercial Activities overseeing four ongoing studies.

"They came up with a very innovative approach that is now considered the Defense Department model," Hoffman said.

MAI created the "most efficient organization" concept that in-house organizations had to work to emulate. Those workers in the first DOL-DPW study learned if they were successful when they bid against civilian contractors to retain the work.

"The Army expected 20 percent savings out of these studies," Hoffman said. "So with 4,000 spaces involved, the Army programmed for 800 fewer positions."

He said in-house organizations that streamline workforces and processes have an edge over civilian companies in the contract bidding. The commercial group has to underbid the in-house team by about 10 percent to win.

Even before bidding was completed on the first round of studies, TRADOC prepared to compete four more functions around the command - adjutant general, information management, training and support centers and unit maintenance. Similar partner-

ships were created for those studies.

The new effort involved 44 separate studies, 33 of which have reached tentative decisions. The remaining 11 studies are scheduled to reach that status by December, according to Hoffman.

He said what makes the arrangement with MAI a partnership is that Army leadership makes the final decision on the contractor's work.

"The most efficient organization proposed by a consultant has to be approved by the garrison commander," Hoffman said. "However, in consultation with his or her staff, the commander can say, 'Well, we understand you think we can do the job with that many people, but there are some other considerations. We think this is the right number.' It can be higher or lower."

Hoffman and Williams said that both leaders at TRADOC installations and contractors are pleased with the TRADOC A-76 system.

"If you travel around the command, you'll hear varying descriptions of how well contractor operations are working, and also how well the in-house operations [are doing]," Hoffman said.

"One of the things that the contractors bidding on the work like about this is the idea that the command is running things to keep bias out of it," Williams said.

The National Council for Private-Public Partnerships is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that promotes partnerships between all levels of government and private business sectors. The organization believes that these relationships can save resources and be of greater service to the public.

In existence since 1985, the council recognizes several such unique partnerships each year with its "Partners for Progress" award.

(Editor's note: Information provided by TRADOC Public Affairs.)

Army launches Web-based competition

Joe Burlas

Army News Service

If America's middle schoolers accept the Army's challenge to compete in its new Web-based science, math and technology competition, the nation's future pool of scientists, mathematicians and engineers should swell.

"Accept the challenge" is the tagline for eCybermission. Senior Army leaders launched the education initiative at Edgar Allan Poe Middle School in Annandale, Va., Oct. 1.

"In America, so many of the privileges and comforts we enjoy were made possible through advances in math, in science, in engineering, and in the technologies they enable," Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki said. "From the automobile to the space shuttle, from the telegraph to the Internet, our progress has been marked by leadership and innovation in the disciplines of math, science and engineering. Incredibly, however, there seems to be decreasing interest in these subjects."

Shinseki cited statistics of a shrinking science and technology workforce — 45 percent of that labor pool is more than 45 years old, 19 percent is currently eligible for retirement and 35 percent will be eligible for retirement within the next five years. eCybermission is about reversing that trend, he said.

The Army began working on the eCybermission concept about a year and a half ago when Shinseki told his staff he wanted the Army to support the president's push to stimulate math, science and technology interest

among American youth, according to Suzanne Carlton, a special assistant to the chief. He also told us he wanted to give something back to the communities that give the young men and women who man the Army's formations, she said.

"This competition is not your standard, typical science fair competition that is geared for just the best and the brightest students," Carlton said. "It is inclusive of a broad range of students, whether they make A's or C's or whatever their background is. It is about showing that science, math and technology are a part of their daily lives and stimulating their interest to learn more about those areas."

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisitions, Logistics and Technology and Army contractor Booz-Allen & Hamilton developed and implemented the eCybermission concept.

Teams of three to four seventh- or eighth-graders register online at www.eCybermission.com. Then they select a project that impacts their local community from the categories of health and safety, arts and entertainment, sports and recreation, or the environment. eCybermission allows teams to collaborate online through the use of a secure instant messaging system.

Volunteer CyberGuides provide online assistance by giving guidance on where to find research material online, answering questions and keeping the students on target.

The Army conducted a beta test of the program last spring. Forty-one teams representing seven school districts participated.

The winning project of that test was about building safer swimming pools through the use of polyethylene tiles inside pools to avoid abrasions, polyvinyl around pools to soak up water and avoid slippery surfaces, and underwater cameras to allow lifeguards to see anyone who might be having problems under water.

"We heard about the competition last year from our science teacher," said Ashley Post, a member of the Frost Middle School, Fairfax, Va., winning team. "Summer was coming so pools and swimming was on all our minds. The online project was a lot of fun."

Other members of the beta test winning team included Gwendolyn Yao, Rachel Solomon and Sue Xue.

Registration for this year's competition opened Oct. 1 and runs through Nov. 28. Judging of projects will occur in May.

Project scores will be determined based upon four weighted categories: application of science, math and technology — 40 percent;

innovation, originality and creativity — 20 percent; benefit to the community — 20 percent; and collaboration and communication — 20 percent.

The competition is open to seventh- and eighth-graders in public and private schools, those being home schooled, and from overseas Department of Defense schools.

Prizes range from a \$2,000 savings bond per team member for category winners to a \$5,000 savings bond per team member of the national winner. Regional team members get a \$3,000 savings bond each.

Those not interested in competing in an online math, science and technology competition can still have fun with eCybermission's Mission Max section, Carlton said.

Mission Max is a Web-based interactive game that has players explore a range of planets. As players explore, they will experience different problems that require the use of math, science and/or technology to solve. Mission Max was created by the Army's simulation think tank, the Institute for Creative Technologies based in Los Angeles, Calif.

The chief made it clear that eCybermission wasn't about recruiting.

"This is about stimulating interest in math, science and technology among American youth — if I want to recruit, I have a whole other organization that does that," Shinseki said.

For more information on eCybermission, click on "eCYBERMISSION -Accept the Challenge" above the photo on the Army home page at www.army.mil.



White activates Installation Management Agency

Courtney Brooks

Army News Service

Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White officially activated the Installation Management Agency in a Pentagon ceremony Oct. 1.

IMA is the first component of the Army's initiative to transform itself into a more effective and efficient entity, said Maj. Gen. Anders B. Aadland, recently named director of IMA. He said the IMA will execute the concepts outlined by White when he pledged last year that the Army would implement better business practices.

The agency will standardize installation support services around the world and centralize money flow between installations under a central headquarters in Arlington, Va.

White said that transformation of installation management represents the Army's earnest commitment to people, readiness and transformation.

"It is not only essential to providing the requisite standards of support to our soldiers and families," White said, "but essential to our ability to project power globally from our installations, and never has that capability been more important than it is today."

Soldiers leap tall building for Letterman

Army News Service

Air assault soldiers will make an appearance on the Late Show with David Letterman by rappelling down a 130-foot building on Oct. 10.

Dave's "Top 10 List" will feature five soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y., and another five from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky. Each soldier will recite

one of the "top 10 things Army soldiers say before rappelling."

The rappel site is located adjacent to the fabled Ed Sullivan Theater, home for the Late Show, and the corner of Broadway and 53rd Street in the Big Apple. The Late Show airs on CBS at 11:30 EST.

(Editor's note: This press release was submitted by the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs in New York.)

The agency will standardize the level of service and quality of life for soldiers and families on installations worldwide and delegate city-management tasks to garrison commanders, instead of mission commanders, Aadland said. It will allow mission commanders to focus on missions and combat, instead of running administrative details on the base.

IMA will also improve fund allocation, Aadland said. It will streamline the fund flow directly from IMA to garrison commanders so they can better plan programs.

"Efficiency comes out of being a new way of doing business," Aadland said. "It is corporate efficiency that transcends the Army's current bureaucracy."

Aadland said now is a good time to be a soldier and he stressed the importance of installation change at the activation ceremony.

"We believe it is no exaggeration to say that if our soldiers are the life's blood of our great Army, then our installations are the heart," Aadland said.

Transformation will not take place overnight, Aadland said. IMA is currently at initial operating capability, he said. By fiscal year 2004, IMA headquarters should be funding garrisons directly and garrisons will be moved to the IMA organizational document. The complete redesign is slotted to take place by fiscal year 2005.

Aadland serves as principal advisor to the assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, and spokesman for the Army on all Army installation management issues.

Philip Sakowitz will serve as deputy director of IMA. Seven directors have been named to the seven regional offices. The following directors will head up their respective regions: Diane Devens, Northeast Region Office at Ft. Monroe, Hampton, Va.; J. Randall Robinson, Northwest Region Office at Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Ill.; Joseph H. Plunkett, Southeast Region Office at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga.; Hugh M. Exton Jr., Southwest Region Office at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas; Col. John A. MacDonald, Korea Region Office in Youngsan, South Korea; Russell B. Hall, Europe Region Office in Heidelberg, Germany; and Stanley Sokoloski, Pacific Region Office at Fort Shafter, Honolulu, Hawaii.

The IMA also activated its Web site Oct. 1, located at www.ima.army.mil.



The face construction in Oshia, photos on cloth, is the single part of the craft that only the Japanese artists/instructors must complete.



Gloria Carr admires her most difficult, costly and favorite completed Oshia art project.

Military wife learns art of Oshia

Story and photos by
Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

Burdened with boredom and intrigued by Japanese culture, one wife searched high and low for an outlet for her time during a military tour with her husband to Iwakuni, Japan, 15 years ago.

Gloria Carr, wife of retired Commander Washington Carr, had always been a stay at home wife and needed something to occupy her time. During her quest to find a meaningful hobby in Japanese culture, she was introduced to classes on how to make flower arrangements, doll making, etc., however, this was not interesting enough for her. She wanted something different, something unique to the culture.

It wasn't until Carr was presented with an art form known as Oshia, [Oshie-ay] did her search come to an end. Oshia classes were very difficult to get into fifteen years ago, Carr said, "because the instructor only took four to five students at a time."

Oshia is handcrafted photos on cloth, but the uniqueness of this craft is that they are of geisha women. Different photos of

the different types of geisha women are handcrafted on fabric, piece by piece.

"In constructing the photos, there was a certain way that it had to be done," Carr said. "For example, if a photo of a young geisha girl was being made, brightly colored fabrics had to be used, and if it were of an older geisha woman, the colors had to be calm and subtle."

One of the most difficult barriers in the class was that the teacher did not speak English, thus making it that much harder to grasp the concept.

Gloria said they were forced to learn to communicate with the instructor, almost by sign language.

"You knew when you did something wrong because she would give you this funny look; and if she gave you that look, you had to start over," Carr said. According to Carr, if one piece of fabric was out of place, students were prepared to take their entire project apart and start over.

Each class was \$20 and it took up to six weeks to complete the larger size photos. Taking two sometimes three classes per

week, made for a very costly project.

Though students paid a pretty penny to learn this craft, no amount of money offered, would be accepted in exchange for one Japanese secret — the construction of the faces used in the photos. Because it was against Japanese culture to teach the students how to construct the faces, the instructor went behind closed doors to make the faces of all student projects.

"Even if I wanted to try and reproduce more of these projects, or even try and teach a class in the United States, I couldn't because we did not learn how to make the faces of the photos," Carr said.

According to Gloria, Oshia was a very frustrating class and extremely time consuming but it was well worth the time and the effort once completed.

Carr has been offered large sums of money for her creations, but refuses to sell.

"My collection consists of 15 priceless photos that cannot be duplicated. I never dreamed that I could make something so pretty. You must have a passion for it, it's not easy," Carr said.



Lt. Gen. Roy E. Beauchamp (left, in vehicle) returns the salute of Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, Army Chief of Ordnance, as retired Army Gen. Leon E. Salomon, Honorary Colonel of the Ordnance Corps, looks on. Stevenson, who served as the Commander of Troops, was rejoining his staff following a review of the troops during a salute to Beauchamp at Fanshaw Field.

Beauchamp

From front page

always take the extra step to ensure the quality of the weapons and equipment you support and which you put into the hands of your fellow soldiers. Their lives depend on your commitment to excellence in your profession. You must always give them that edge."

Beauchamp also had praise for the civilian employees with whom he has served.

"They do not wear the same uniform that we wear. They do not get a call from their assignment officer with 'orders' every two or three years. But, they also serve. They serve with the same commitment and the same passion as the uniformed members of the Army.

"In many cases they do deploy and serve where soldiers serve in foreign lands and dangerous places. They serve in our headquarters and they serve in the out-of-the-way places that not many people know about, maintaining the equipment, producing, storing and shipping the ammo and missiles, maintaining and disposing of our chemical stockpiles, and doing thousands of other jobs that are essential to our Army in peace and indispensable to our success in war.

"They are always there for us, always serving soldiers they never know because they know that what they do is important to those soldiers who put their lives on the line for this nation. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their service and I happily and publicly

acknowledge today their contributions to my success as a soldier."

Beauchamp thanked many of the fellow soldiers, civilians, mentors and friends who gathered at the field in his honor. "And finally," he said, "let me recognize and thank my lovely wife, Olivia, my friend and my partner for my entire life, without whom there would be no ceremony today."

Forming the honor contingent were the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School (OMMS) from APG, led by Col. Paul D. Meredith and Command Sgt. Maj. Edith R. Crofts; the U.S. Army Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School (OMEMS), Redstone Arsenal, Ala., led by Col. David Hafele and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry C. Taylor; the OMMS Noncommissioned Officer Academy, led by Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel Torres; the OMEMS Noncommissioned Officer Academy, led by Command Sgt. Maj. Lewis Lockett; the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, led by Maj. Dan Mielke and 1st Sgt. Jose N. Osorio Jr.; the U.S. Air Force Detachment, led by Maj. Curtis Schmucker and Master Sgt. Todd C. Gilchrist; the OC&S Combined Honor Guard, led by Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy D. Ayers; the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), led by Chief Warrant 4 Jerry L. Standridge; and the Salute Battery, led by Chief Warrant 3 David Hester and Staff Sgt. Antonio Caver.

Joining Beauchamp on the podium and in the review of the command was retired U.S. Army Gen. Leon E. Salomon, the Honorary Colonel of the Ordnance Regiment.



Soldiers of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School hold the flags of the 50 states during an Ordnance Corps Regimental Review for retiring Lt. Gen. Roy E. Beauchamp, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

Lt. Gen. Roy E. Beauchamp

Lt. Gen. Beauchamp is the deputy commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command. He was previously the director of Logistics and Security Assistance, J-4/J-7 at the U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

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His military education includes the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Supply Management Officer Course, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Beauchamp's military awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with four oak leaf clusters), the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Air Assault Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.



APG soldiers assist during Alzheimer's Memory walk

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Ready, willing and able, a bus load of Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers provided assistance for the sixth Annual Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk that took place Sept. 28 at Tydings Park in Havre de Grace.

Five years ago representatives from Perry Point VA Hospital came up with an idea to involve the community in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk. The first thought was to propose that a group of soldiers participate as wheel chair pushers for the patients unable to walk themselves.

Because soldiers in the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course classes are required to take part in a community service project, Sgt. 1st Class James Caetano said that this would be theirs.

"Every class that comes in does a community project. 1st Sgt. Monte Greenhow recommended this one because they have been involved with it for the last five years," Caetano said.

During the course of the walk, it was important that the soldiers be present to push the wheel chairs through the walk.

"Without the soldiers, it would be almost impossible because there are so many patients," said Alzheimer's Association representative Stacy Schiano.

At the crack of dawn, Caetano led the group of soldiers from BNCO Class 500-02 as they helped organize tables for registration, food, drinks and provided assistance to the D.J., setting up equipment for the day's entertainment.

Alzheimer's patients from assisted living homes such as Hart Heritage Estate and Perry Point VA Medical Center participated.

Eager to assist and gracious in manner, the soldiers waited patiently as the Alzheimer's patients physically prepared for the memory walk. Caetano directed the group of soldiers as they wheeled the patients off the vans.

"I think this is a great cause that we are here to support. This group of soldiers are willing and able, and they realize that this could be them one day," Caetano said.

Many turned out to support family and friends who suffered from Alzheimer's and have passed on as well as those still living with the disease.

The event was more than a walk. It was a celebration of a

worthy, yet, often forgotten cause.

"We want to be a resource for the people. The public is not educated about Alzheimer's and I'm hoping that our presence can help educate them," Debra Jarrell, hospice coordinator, said.

Class members who participated included Staff Sgts. Maxine Barela, Kelon Brooks, Robert Burlison, Daniel Clayton, Crystal, Danny Dickerson, Anthony Drummond, Ramou Gascothbarroso, David Hamby, Brain Harlach, Eric Jackson, Scott Jobe, John Kramer, Jeffrey Palmer, Michael Rockwell, Daniel Rodriguez, Juan Santiago, Wendell Turner and David Zenner.

The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk raises funds to support the programs and services of the association's Greater Maryland Chapter.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than 80,000 people in Greater Maryland are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. The association serves those people, their families and caregivers. Services include local support groups, respite care, safe returns and a program that registers and identifies individuals who may wander.

When the event concluded, the soldiers also helped clean up.



Staff Sgts. John Kramer, left, and Eric Jackson prepare to take Fred, thru the memory walk.
(Editor's note: Full names of patients could not be published at the request of assisted living homes.)



Staff Sgt. Kelon Brooks, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Class 500-02, assists Bernie of Perry Point Veterans' Administration Medical Center, in preparation for the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, Sept. 28 at Tydings Park in Havre de Grace.

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Sirel said that Estonia is dealing with similar high incidents of dropouts due to the changing education system since the fall of the Soviet Union.

"Boys entering school can only choose based on a Soviet-styled system which is very standard," Sirel said. "Everyone has to learn the same way."

He said the military-style environment used by ChalleNGe can be "very useful" in Estonia where conscription is still a requirement for males.

Initially, the Estonian program will be for males only, Sirel said.

"We are looking at a three-year program with a civilian/military mix. Our young men need to see how the American structure is working," Sirel said.

"Estonian society is very proactive with the young," Martin-Minnich added. "They have a wonderful push to help youths develop to grow and take over the country."

"Our aim is to impress upon all 70 countries within SPP to show what the ChalleNGe program can do," MDARNG Col. Grant Hayden said. "We appreciate the opportunity to share our information. This is a growing partnership between two partners learning from each other."

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