

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 23, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### 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 the Civil Service Retirement System and 13 percent for the Federal Employees Retirement System (up to the 2003 IRS maximum of \$12,000).

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

### Auto Craft Shop offers Veterans' Day specials

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

For more information, contact Cal Adams, manager, at 410-278-2884 or e-mail him at 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 organiza-

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## Painting is award for top CFC contributor

**John Belcher**  
2002 CFC Chairperson

The 2002 original "Scenes of Maryland" painting by U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center animator, Chris White, will be awarded to the federal employee who makes the largest contribution to the 2002 Combined Federal Campaign of Central Maryland.

Married federal employees at the same or different agencies who jointly contribute \$1,000 or more to the CFC of Central Maryland will receive a limited edition of the print signed by White.

Contributors should notify their agency coordinator if they plan to use this provision.

White is an award-winning artist whose works have been displayed throughout the Chesapeake Bay area, including the Easton Waterfowl Festival, the Havre de Grace Decoy Festival and the Chestertown Wildlife Exhibition.

An internationally published artist, White has won all

three of Maryland's conservation stamp contests. He has 11 limited edition prints on the market and has donated artwork to conservation groups to support their programs. In 1998, he was awarded a Federal Executive Board Gold Award.

This year many local, national, and international volunteer agencies will benefit from the thoughtfulness and generosity of government employees.

Working together, employees can help reach this year's goal of \$325,000 and continue supporting vital services.

Employees may designate payroll deductions or make a cash/check contribution to the organization of their choice.

In response to requests from retirees and contractors, CFC will allow those who are not federal employees or active-duty military to contribute to their favorite charity with cash or check contributions.

The CFC 2002 Contributor's Guide for



Illustration by CHRIS WHITE

Scenes of Maryland—the original painting by APG animator and noted artist Chris White depicts a scene that is representative of a typical Chesapeake Bay lighthouse, circa the 1860s. White researched the works of master builder John Donahoo, who constructed 12 lighthouses along the bay from 1824 to 1852, to create the scene.

national/internal organizations is listed at Web site <http://www.opm.gov/cfc/01-Lists/2002NationalList.doc>. Paper copies of the guide

and pledge cards will be available from the organization key personnel.

At APG, the 2002 CFC solicitation period ends Nov.

15. For more information, visit the APF CFC office, building 3321, second floor, Room 7, or call 410-278-3131/3292.

## APG seeks ways to improve customer service

### Virtual comment cards cut through red tape

**Linda Holloway**  
DCFA

Wouldn't it be nice to make suggestions directly to leaders and activity managers at Aberdeen Proving Ground without having to make an appointment or go through layers of staff to reach the person in charge?

Virtual comment cards provide an opportunity to do just that through the Army Well-Being initiative.

The Department of Defense interactive customer evaluation system, or ICE, is up and running at APG. Its goal is to improve service, provide leadership with timely data on customer service and satisfaction, and save time and money.

Customers can use this Web-based program from any computer terminal with Internet access to provide feedback regarding installation services and programs.

In addition to being a vehicle to provide information on customer satisfaction, the Web site, <http://ice.disa.mil>, can also be used to obtain general

facility and program information.

After logging on to the Web site, click on "Army CONUS," then on "Aberdeen Proving Ground," and you're there. The site is user friendly requiring minimal computer experience.

As one of five Army lab sites, APG began in June actively seeking ways to improve delivery of Well-Being services.

By providing a way for them to be heard, the Army Well-Being initiative will be closer to identifying and better meeting the needs and aspirations of the various members of the Army family - soldiers (active, National Guard and reserve), Army civilians, family members, veterans and retirees. It gives leaders a snapshot of the Army and a tracking mechanism for better distribution of services.

"The success of our Well-Being programs at APG depends on feedback from the community," said Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

More than 93 APG activities are featured within

12 categories on the virtual comment cards to include communications, dining, education and training, chaplain, child and youth services, health and dental clinics, finance, personnel, recreation, safety, security, commissary, AAFES, housing, lodging, and travel. More activities will be added in the near future.

"I encourage customers to use the ICE comment cards," Mark said. "If you've recently visited some of the activities, tell us about your experience. Your comments will make a difference."

An ICE link exists on the APG Web site and one will soon be available on the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site, [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

Comments on activities not yet included can be made directly to the APG ICE systems administrator by following instructions posted on the Web site.

Questions should be addressed to Bob Phillabaum, APG Well-Being Contract Lab Site coordinator and ICE systems administrator at 410-306-4516 or [robert.phillabaum@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:robert.phillabaum@usag.apg.army.mil).

## APG MWR launches Web site and Central Registration

**Sheila Little**  
APG News

If you have access to the Internet and want the latest information on Aberdeen Proving Ground sports, classes, trips and other activities,

then the installation's Morale Welfare and Recreation Web site [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) and the new Central Registration is for you.

"We have listings of activities for youths and adults, special ticket deals, and offer a really easy way to register for intramural sports, join craft or

special interest classes, purchase special event or sports tickets, and get the latest calendar schedule," said Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing specialist.

With information on concerts, sports activities, and arts and crafts classes, explore what APG's MWR has to offer 24-hours a day. Sign up and pay for classes at your convenience, and don't watch the clock while standing in a long line.

For those who don't have easy Internet access, a quick

trip to either of the post libraries or recreation centers for free use of their computers, translates into knowledge at your fingertips in no time.

Credit card payment is secure for those who want to take advantage of a convenient way to browse, shop and pay.

The site is regularly updated, so site surfers will be among the first 'in the know,' about what is available at APG. It's safe, it's convenient, and it's fast.

Check out the site when **See MWR SITE, page 13**

### 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!

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## Unity, strength, diversity highlight Hispanic Heritage observance



From left, Staff Sgt. Ruben Santos, Sgt. 1st Class John Hodges, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, and Sgt. 1st Class Javier Aguayo, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, display their musical talents using instruments from the Harford County Hispanic Association display.

Story and photos by **Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Conveying the 2002 theme, "Strength in Unity, Faith and Diversity," the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command combined forces to present Aberdeen Proving Ground's Hispanic Heritage Month observance at the Post Recreation Center, Oct. 9.

Sgt. 1st Class Ismael Martinez, OC&S equal opportunity advisor, hosted the program which featured opening remarks by Col. Kone Brugh II, OC&S chief of staff, and a keynote address by James Rivera, APG equal opportunity officer.

Commenting on the event's significance, Brugh focused

on the courage displayed by Hispanic service members during America's conflicts. He said it was important to recognize Hispanic-American achievements.

"Each of us contributes in some way to the American way of life," Brugh said. "Let us not forget those who fought and died for our country."

Rivera, a veteran EO officer serving the federal government since 1983, said the program's theme exemplified the nation's assets. Calling the nation a global village, Rivera said, "Today we celebrate a group that came here and contributed to the American way of life."

He noted that Hispanics served in every major battle and that the Medal of Honor

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Sgt. Maritza Cisneros, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, waves the skirts of her dress as she performs a traditional Mexican dance during the Hispanic Heritage Observance at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Oct. 9.



Sgt. 1st Class Ismael Martinez, OC&S equal opportunity advisor, enjoys a dance with Lucerito Navarro, 17, an Aberdeen High School senior and a member of the Latino Dancers Group that performed at the Hispanic Heritage Observance.



A colorful doll and figurines from Mexico decorate the Mexican display provided by the Harford County Hispanic Association. Other displays included souvenirs and artifacts from Peru, Venezuela, Spain, Panama, Mexico, Guatemala and Puerto Rico.



Priscilla Gibson, right, serves tortillas and Giso, a meat and gravy dish from Mexico, to James Rivera, APG equal opportunity officer and the guest speaker at the Hispanic Heritage Observance program.

## Hispanic

*From front page*

has been awarded to 38 Hispanics.

"The academic and scientific communities are rich in Hispanic contribution," he added, noting the notoriety of Hispanic celebrities like Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs baseball team who recently hit his 499th career home run.

"We are a nation rich in mosaic cultures. Each group contributes to America's background and way of life," Rivera said.

"The strength we have is predicated on our country. Sept. 11 gave us the strength to recognize our fellow Americans. It convinced us that we must continue to improve and strengthen the body of America."

Rivera added that the Hispanic culture is based on faith and diversity.

"Like America we offer diversity and culture, the best of both worlds," he said.

More than 200 service members, civilian employees and family members attended the program.

The entertainment featured a cultural display by the Harford County Hispanic Association, dance performances by the Aberdeen High School Latino Dancers Group and Sgt. Maritza Cisneros of the Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

Erica Martinez, a popular local singer and leader of the group Erica Martinez and the Double Vision Dancers, also sang the National Anthem and performed two songs from her new CD.

At the programs conclusion, guests took in the various displays and enjoyed a wide variety

of Hispanic foods offered by volunteer cooks.

Priscilla Gibson, the wife of Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Gibson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, prepared tortillas and Giso, a meat and gravy dish from Mexico. She, like other volunteers, prepared the meal in advance for the ceremony.

"It was no trouble," Gibson said. "I was happy to help. It makes the program more enjoyable for everyone."

Paulette Cantos, a civilian OC&S employee, prepared Tres Leches (three milk) dessert cakes, a dish from Venezuela.

"It was easy," Cantos said. "I just got the recipes and made them. The cakes really went fast."

"It was my first time cooking for this big a crowd," added Pfc. Jacqueline Benzing, Headquarters and Headquarters, 16th Ordnance Battalion, as she served guests Carne Asada, a fried meat dish from Spain. "It took me about four hours to complete. It was worth it. Everyone seemed to enjoy it," Benzing said.

Martinez expressed his appreciation to all who helped with the program, particularly the volunteer cooks, the Post Commissary and the active duty service members in attendance.

"I don't remember the last time we had so many soldiers in attendance," Martinez said. "The commanders really disseminated the information well this year."

He added thanks to his fellow equal opportunity advisors, DTC, Brugh and Rivera.

"So many elements came together to make this happen," Martinez said.

"We think it was an enjoyable learning experience for everyone."

Martinez also prepared the Pernil Asado, a seasoned pork dish from Puerto Rico.

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## SOLDIER SHOW COMING



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.

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tions 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.

### Job Fair Oct. 25

Individuals seeking employment should plan to attend the Harford County Job Fair at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, I-95 Exit 77, Oct. 25, noon to 5 p.m.

Representatives from 50 local and regional companies and government agencies will conduct interviews and answer questions.

Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service Employment Readiness program manager, recommends coming to the Job Fair as if going to a job interview, with copies of a resume in hand.

The Job Fair is free and open to the general public seeking employment. Interpreters will be available to assist the hearing impaired.

Sponsors of the Harford County Job Fair are the APG Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program, Harford County Office of Economic Development, Susquehanna Workforce Network, Inc., Maryland Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation, Harford Community College and Harford County Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call Howard, 410-278-9669.

### 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.

### 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 rep-

### Pollution Prevention



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APG Pollution Prevention Program

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 personnel.

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 who serve 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 detailed job information or to submit a resume, contact Celestine Beckett, Army Community Service officer, 410-278-2500, fax 410-306-2293, or e-mail celestine.beckett@usag.apg.army.mil.

### Kirk offers classes

The following classes will

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

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

#### *Living with hypertension*

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

#### *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. 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

# APG, schools unite for the kids' sake

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground and the Harford County Board of Education formalized two agreements focused on enhancing the educational scheme for military and civilian family members during a Memorandum of Agreement signing ceremony at Edgewood Elementary School, Sept. 27.

With the shared goal of easing the hardships military deployments and transient lifestyles can inflict on students, military and civilian leaders formalized an agreement to participate in a national initiative to smooth the transition of military students from one school system to another.

The initiative, the U.S. Army Secondary Education Transition Study, focuses on high school students and calls for the development of social and logistical support systems, such as orientation programs, easing the transfer of records and enrollment processes, and increasing access to extracurricular activities. The plan gives children the support they need to successfully adjust to new schools and new environments.

In addition the U.S. Army Environmental Center renewed its partnership with Edgewood Elementary School with an agreement focused on continued support of school programs and learning enhancement.

Donald R. Morrison, Harford County Public Schools Director of Public Information, hosted the program that featured remarks by Maj. Gen.

John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; Col. James M. DePaz, commander of AEC; Jacqueline C. Haas, superintendent, Harford County Public School System and Allyn A. Watson, Edgewood Elementary School principal.

Doesburg told the hundreds of children gathered in the school gymnasium that they would be witnessing the formation of a partnership to make transitioning from one school to another easier.

"Today is important for all children," Doesburg said. "It will enhance the relationship and bond between APG and Harford County schools."

Explaining the partnership signing as a "marriage between friends," Haas added, "a real partnership takes a lot of work."

"All the people at APG, the county government and the school systems are partners now because we know that if we work together we can do a lot better things for students and parents of Edgewood and APG," Haas said. "This paper tells how we will make things better."

Morrison asked civilian and military leaders to come forward and witness the event as Doesburg and Haas signed the formal agreements. Onlookers included DePaz; Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; Gunther Hirsch, president Harford County Council; Maryland delegate Charles R.

Boutin; Terry Troy, president, Board of Education and retired Lt. Col. Gene Chandler.

DePaz, Watson and Nancy Spence, partnership coordinator, Harford County Schools, renewed the long-standing friendship between the school and the Edgewood Area organization.

Spence said the AEC agreement, now in its fifth year, was "one of the most longstanding agreements that has really been consistent."

"They have developed an ideal partnership model by sustaining year-round interactions with the school," Spence said. "It is an on-going commitment that will endure."

"The renewal of this partnership agreement signifies the commitment of the U.S. Army Environmental Center to participate in the sup-

port and education of the children in our community," DePaz said. "Caring for our environment and for the people who live in that environment, are roles we take very seriously. We view our close relationship with Edgewood Elementary as an important part of our environmental stewardship."

DePaz told the children he enjoyed a similar program at Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as the school's liaison.

"I look forward to good things here as well," he added.

"Our students have gained so much. We look forward to a sixth year of partnership with AEC," Watson said.

AEC has engaged in several events at the school, such as volunteering for classroom readings and workdays to repair the school's grounds and annual events such as Military Awareness Day, Science Night, and Earth Day and Arbor Day activities, she said.

Morrison noted that Ivan Mehosky, APG schools liaison, Eleanore Hajian, AEC, as well as others did a "superb job" in making the signings a reality.

"I hope the children realized the importance of the occasion," Morrison said.

Entertainment for the ceremony included the singing of "My Country Tis of Thee" and "God Bless America" by the fifth grade chorus. Edgewood Boy Scout Troop 651 posted and retrieved the Colors.

*"Today is important for all children...it will enhance the relationship and bond between APG and Harford County schools."*

--Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg

## APG dad recognizes son's efforts



**Connor Jones**  
Essay author

APG News

The following submission was brought to the attention of the *APG News* by Thomas W. Jones III, an environmental protection specialist at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

His son, Connor, received "100%, Superior Work" from his teacher for his essay for a science test concerning wetlands.

"I was very proud of my son for the good mark he received on his test and thought *APG News* would be interested in printing this because of the environmental impacts," Jones said. "Since National Water Monitoring Day is Oct. 18, I thought his test might raise awareness in others around the proving ground."

October 18 is the 30th anniversary of the Clean Water Act. The Environmental Protection Agency's National Water Program launched a year-long celebration of the anniversary focused on educating the American people about watersheds, water conservation and water monitoring, safe drinking water, nonpoint source pollution (polluted runoff) and others.

### Science Test

**Connor Jones, Fifth grade**  
*Bakerfield Elementary School*

"I writing three paragraphs about values of wetlands.

My first paragraph is going to be about recreation. One reason why recreation is good is it keeps everything in order, for example if people didn't fish or hunt there would be to many animals there. Another reason why recreation is good is it gives people things to do instead of people staying home all day. If wetlands didn't have recreation, some people would think nothing is happening and cover it in to build something there. I remember one time when a place for hunting was closed for a year. Then the next year me and my dad went and killed our limit in an hour and a half.

My second paragraph is going to be about flood control. One reason why flood control is good is wetlands help prevent floods by catching, holding and storing the water. For example, if there was a rain storm and all the rain water was rushing down a stream and hit a wetland, it would immediately stop the water from going somewhere and making a flood. Another reason for flood control to be good is if there were no wetlands in the world and it rained a lot, the world would be one big ocean. If that happened then the world would keep flooding and eventually everything and body would drown. I remember a time when I was at my friends house and we were at his wetland next to his house and it had just rained and the creek was moving really fast, but when it hit the wetland it slowed it down.

My third paragraph is going to be about habitat. One reason why habitat is good to a wetland is it brings more animals to wetlands and provides them food, water, space and places to hide. This is good because then there wouldn't be much recreation. Another reason why habitat is good to a wetland is if there is not a good habitat, animals would not have good food, water, space and a place to hide all the animals would probably die. If this happened, people would think it's know good and fill it in. I remember a time when I went hunting and I shot at a duck and missed then I went after it but it hid in the marsh grass and got away."

(Parent's note: The essay was graded on content only.)

## APG hosts Disability Awareness Luncheon, Nov. 20

The APG Committee for the Disabled will sponsor the annual Disability Awareness Month Observance Luncheon, Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m., at Top of the Bay. Guest speaker will be Daniel Wilkins, president and owner of the Nth Degree and also co-founder of the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association. Exhibits will be on display on the second floor from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (elevator accessible).

Tickets cost \$12 per person, any checks should be made payable to IMWRF. To make reservations, contact one of the following committee members by Nov. 12:

Angela Cheek, EEO, 410-278-1140; Judy Matthews, DTC, 410-278-1050; Terry Leicht, DLES, 410-278-3609; Linda Patrick, CHPPM, 410-436-1023; Mike Brown, DOIM, 410-278-2268; Debbie Pole, DRM, 410-278-2605 (TDD); Deana Boyd, ATC, 410-278-9186; Debra Dempsey, CPAC, 410-278-7148; Patricia Reeves, SBC-COM, 410-436-2917; Jeanne Boisseau, MRICD, 410-436-1815; Ginni Pippen, SBC-COM, 410-436-5639; and Annette Jones-Dennis, PMCD, 410-436-4164.

# Enter the eCYBERMISSION competition

**Marguerite Towson**

APG News

Accept the challenge - eligible students from the seventh and eighth grade can register for eCYBERMISSION through Nov. 30. Competition begins immediately upon registration.

eCYBERMISSION takes the science fair out of the auditorium and into cyberspace. It is a Web-based science, math and technology competition for seventh and eighth grade teams. Your team will solve a real problem in your community and compete for regional and national awards.

To participate in eCYBERMISSION, a team consists of three or four students and

a Team Advisor who have all registered on the site. Team members do not have to be from the same school or state, but must be from the same grade and region. To view the eCYBERMISSION regions, go to 'About eCYBERMISSION, Who Can Compete,' on the Web site.

The Team Advisor must have an active e-mail account to communicate with eCYBERMISSION Mission Control.

Students enrolled in either seventh or eighth grade at a U.S. school, a Department of Defense school abroad, or a U.S.-based home school are eligible to compete.

To sponsor a team in

eCYBERMISSION, a Team Advisor must be at least 21 years of age, and work with middle school children as a teacher, counselor, sports coach, or leader of a youth organization. Parents of team members are not eligible to be Team Advisors.

Team Sponsors must also have access to e-mail to communicate with eCYBERMISSION Mission Control.

To register for the eCYBERMISSION competition, visit <http://www.ecybermission.com/>. For more information, call the Community Relations & Outreach Division, Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, at 703-602-3952.

## eCybermission seeks Army volunteers

**Lt. Col. Mark H. Wiggins**

Army News Service

eCybermission, a new national Web-based math, science and technology competition for seventh- and eighth-grade students, is looking for volunteers from the Army family to help make the new program a success.

The Army launched the competition Oct. 1 to support the president's education initiative to stimulate American youth's interest in the sciences, according to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

Specifically, the Army seeks "ambassadors" and "cyberguides." Ambassadors make promotional visits to local schools and youth groups to encourage participation in eCybermission. Cyberguides provide online advice to students as they complete their projects.

Shinseki said he envisions this initiative to be one way for the Army to give back to

America's communities.

"It's about getting students of all capability levels interested in science, math and technology," Shinseki said. "The future success of our country depends on having a civilian and military workforce that is skilled in these disciplines. Through the creative use of the Internet, eCybermission can become one of the premier science competitions for the nation."

In future years the competition is slated to expand to include high school-age students.

To learn more about eCybermission, visit [www.ecybermission.com](http://www.ecybermission.com) or e-mail mission-control@ecybermission.com. To become a program ambassador, send an e-mail to ambassadorprogram@bah.com; to become a cyberguide, send your e-mail to cyberguideprogram@bah.com.

*(Editor's note: Lt. Col. Mark H. Wiggins is the Army chief of staff's special assistant for Strategic Communications.)*

## Security measures protect eCybermission users

**Joe Burlas**

Army News Service,

Maria Vargas is a working mom and concerned about the safety of her young daughters. Because of her concern, she ensures the two participate in after school activities or are otherwise actively supervised by responsible adults until she gets home from work.

Vargas' concern carries over to her daughters' use of the Internet, which she says they love to use to communicate with friends and play games. She has set time limits on computer use for each child, warned them about strangers they may meet in chat rooms and installed parental control software. Yet she knows that may not be enough to protect her children from unsavory characters that lurk in cyberspace.

Recently, Vargas returned home and found an instant text message on the computer addressed to one of her children that asked if the child was home alone. When the chil-

dren arrived, both said they did not know who sent the message.

"I can tell you that it really scared me," Vargas said. "You never know who can be trying to contact your children

online. It requires constant supervision."

Supervision through online monitoring is one of the safeguards eCybermission uses against unsavory characters

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# Sports & Recreation

## HHC 61st makes quick work of HHSB, 52-6

Story and photos by  
**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade kept up its winning ways last week, blasting the Maryland Army National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Support Battery, 1/246th Field Artillery, 52-6 in intramural flag football, Oct. 9. (HHSB is one of several MDARNG units supporting the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security access control points on the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas.)

HHC 61st, taking advantage of their opponents' six-man squad, launched a relentless attack on its slower secondary, pounding out a flurry of points to take a 30-6 halftime lead.

Coach Curtis Mock said the game was indicative of how far the team has come.

"So far, we're better than last year's team and improving as the season goes on," Mock said.

A running back himself, Mock credited quarterback Allen Bennett and receiver Charles Smallwood with creating the

team's big plays.

"Thanks to them we are doing good things," Mock said.

As if to emphasize that point, Bennett opened the second half with a 30-yard kick return to put the team at mid-field. On the next play, Smallwood completed a long pass to Bennett for the touchdown, capped off by another completion from Smallwood to Lamar Pryor for the 2-point play.

From there, the team cruised to its lopsided finish.

"Just give me enough time to find the end zone," Smallwood said after the game.

He attributed the team's 5-2 record to team members who are "learning their roles and playing well."

"Most definitely, we can win it all," he said.

The fleet-of-foot Bennett, who played with semi-professional teams in Pennsylvania and Germany, said the game motivates him.

"I just get excited," Bennett said. "This team is the same. We can handle the pres-

sure. It's all coming together for us."

Mock added that the teams' biggest threat is the undefeated HHC 16th, who leads the Aberdeen Division.

"I like our chances as long as we keep improving," Mock said. "We look forward to the challenge."

HHSB coach Charles Giles said his team was anything but discouraged by the game's outcome.

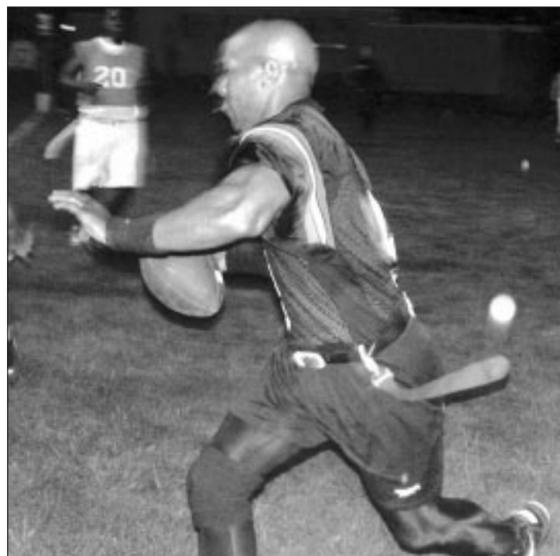
"We like to stay active and intramural sports is a good way to do it," Giles said.

In place on the Aberdeen Area just over a month, the Virginia unit has "pretty much gotten into the routine of things," learning about the proving ground, he added.

"But with so many people working different schedules, it's hard to know who we have or to be consistent," Giles said.

Regardless, the unit will continue to field teams and is already looking forward to intramural basketball, he added.

"Last week we scored two touchdowns," Giles said. "That's not bad for a six-man team."



Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade's Charles Smallwood streaks into the end zone for the final touchdown in a 52-6 win over Headquarters and Headquarters Support Battery, 1/246th Field Artillery, Oct. 9 at Shine Sports Field.

## FOOTBALL UPDATE

The following results were reported for intramural flag football for the week ending Oct. 11.

### Aberdeen Division

#### Results

Oct. 7

Company B 16, 24; USMC, 0  
Company C 16th, 8; USAF, 0  
HHC 16th, 24; NCOA, 6

Oct. 8

Company C 16th, 36; USMC, 0  
Company A 16th, 12; USAF, 6

Oct. 9

HHC 61st, 52; HHSB, 6  
Company A 16th, 18;  
Company B 16th, 16

#### Schedule

Oct. 21

6:30 p.m., HHSB vs. HHC 16th

7:30 p.m., USMC vs.

Company A 16th

Oct. 22

6:30 p.m., Company E 16th

vs. USMC

7:30 p.m., Company A 16th

vs. Company B 16th

8:30 p.m., Company C 16th

vs. USAF

Oct. 23

6:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 61st

7:30 p.m., Company C 16th

vs. Company E 16th

#### Standings

HHC 16th 6-0

HHC 61st 5-2

NCOA 2-2

HHSB 1-4

#### National Division

##### Standings

Company B 16th 6-2

USAF 3-5

USMC 3-6

Company E 16th 3-4

Company C 16th 5-4

Company A 16th 4-3

#### Edgewood Division

##### Results

Oct. 7

MRICD, 24; Company A 143rd,

6

Company B 143rd, 14;

Company C 143rd, 12

Oct. 9

MRICD, 27; Company B 143rd,

0

HHC 143rd, 14; Company C

143rd, 12

##### Schedule

Oct. 21

6:30 p.m., Company C 143rd

vs. MRICD

7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd

vs. HHC 143rd

Oct. 23

6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs.

Company B 143rd

7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd

vs. Company C 143rd

##### Standings

HHC 143rd 7-0

MRICD 5-3

Company A 143rd 3-5

Company B 143rd 3-4

Company C 143rd 1-6

## Bowling standings

### Bowling standings as of Oct. 9

#### Wednesday Night Mixed League

##### Women's High Game Scratch

Ann Thacker, 181  
Barbara Thibault, 180  
Renee Johnson, 180

##### High Series Scratch

Barbara Thibault, 519  
Kathy Anderson, 501

##### Men's High Scratch

Stewart Thacker, 224  
Sherman Winters, 223  
Time Anderson, 224

##### Men's High Game Scratch

Stewart Thacker, 619  
Tim Anderson, 612

#### Thursday Night National Guard Mixed League

##### Women's High Game Scratch

Shelly Burmeister, 232  
Luara Paligo, 168

##### High Series Handicap

Luara Paligo, 473  
Pamela Murphy, 453

##### Men's High Scratch

Cal Adams, 231  
Michael Murphy, 198

##### Men's High Game Handicap

Cal Adams, 595  
Bill Morton, 491

## Soccer update

The following results were reported for intramural soccer for the week ending Oct. 11

#### Results

Oct. 8

MRICD, 3; Company B 143rd, 0  
Company A 143rd, 4;  
Company C 143rd, 1

Oct. 9

HHC 16th, 1; USMC, 0  
Company E 16th, 4; Company C 16th, 0

#### Standings

##### Aberdeen Division

HHC 16th 2-1-2

Company E 16th 2-1-2

Company C 16th 0-2-3

USMC 0-1-1

##### Edgewood Division

MRICD 4-0-0

Company A 143rd 3-0-1

Company C 143rd 1-2-1

Company B 143rd 0-3-0



## Hole in One

Bill Turner, Morale, Welfare and Recreation employee, shot a hole in one using a 5-iron, 165 yards out on hole #15 on Oct. 15. Congratulations!

# 2002/2003 Youth Sports Winter Program

Registration for cheerleading and boys and girls youth basketball, ages 7 to 14 (age as of Dec. 31, 2002), will be held Monday through Friday, Oct. 24 to Nov. 12 during regular business hours by appointment with Central Registration.

Fee is \$30 per participant and 10 percent off siblings.

A sports physical is required to participate.

## Cheerleading

Season runs from November through March. Cheerleading league age groups include 7 to 8, 9 to 10, 11 to 12 and 13 to 14.

Youths age 6 may cheer for

the 7 to 8 squad if they have prior experience on another squad.

Volunteer coaches are needed for the success of this program.

## Boys & girls youth basketball

Season runs from December through March. The league age groups are as follows: 7 to 8, 9 to 10, 11 to 12 and 13 to 14.

## Basketball clinic

Clinic for ages 4 to 6 (age as of Nov. 16, 2002) will be held on Saturdays in November and December.

Fee is \$15 (for T-shirt and

award). Registration will be held the same date and times as basketball.

The clinic will be held for three weeks at the Edgewood Youth Center (mornings) and three weeks at the Aberdeen Youth Center (afternoons).

Clinic basketball will play on an 8 ft. goal and play with modified rules and balls.

## Teen aerobics classes

The CYS Sports and Fitness Program and the Aberdeen Fitness Center is offering aerobics for all teens ages 13 to 18, beginning Jan. 7 and will conclude on March 13.

Classes will be held at the Aberdeen Health and Fitness Center, building. 300, on Tuesday and Thursday, 6 to 7 p.m.

The cost for the 10-week session is \$40. Registration will be held at CYS Central Registration at building 2752, Monday through Fridays during daytime business hours.

For an appointment, call Central Registration at 410-278-7571.

For more information, call Bill Kegley 410-306-2297, or e-mail him a William.kegley@usag.apg.army.mil, or call Central Registration at 410-278-7571.



## Dart tournament

The dart tournament, Oct. 25 at the AA Recreation Center, 7 to 9:30 p.m., will consist of four rounds, with three darts each. The highest three-dart total in any of the four rounds wins. Cost is \$15. Register at ITR/Central by Oct. 23. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

## Workforce flag football

Are you ready for some football?? Then look around the office, put the best team together and join MWR for the first-ever APG WorkForce Flag Football Challenge, Nov. 1 on Shine Sports Field starting at 9 a.m. The tournament is open to all APG orga-

nizations. A celebration picnic is included on-site after the championship game. Cost is \$150 per team (12-person roster). Register at the AA Athletic Center by Oct. 25. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

## Seated massage therapy

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

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

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

## Arts and crafts

Classes held at the Edgewood Arts & Crafts, building E-4440 include:

**Ceramics** will be taught Nov. 9, Dec. 14, and Jan. 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The \$15 cost includes supplies.

**Woodshop orientation** will be taught Nov. 2, Dec. 7 and Jan. 4, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for \$5.

**Framing** will be taught Nov. 21, Dec. 19 and Jan. 30, 5 to 9 p.m.

Cost is \$25 plus supplies.

For more information, contact Holly Shisler at 410-436-2153 or e-mail her at holly.shisler@usag.apg.army.mil.

Framing at the Aberdeen Area Arts & Crafts, building 2407, will be taught Nov. 2, Dec. 7 and Jan. 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$25 plus supplies. For more information, call Debbie Brooks-Harris, 410-278-4207 or e-mail her at debbie.brooks-harris@usag.apg.army.mil.



Photo by MARNI ALLISON

*Donna Coyne, a member of the Program Team at Morale, Welfare and Education, discusses programs with customers at the 2002 MWR Expo, Sept. 19 at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center.*

## USO-METRO offers sports tickets

USO-METRO is offering sports tickets at reduced prices for eligible active duty military and family members. For more information, call 703-696-2552 (Ticketline). Ticket sales will continue until tickets are gone; tickets are available for pick up at the USO Center, Community Center, building 405, Fort Myer, Va.

### Washington Wizards vs. Boston Celtics

See the Washington Wizards play against the Boston Celtics, 7 p.m. on Oct. 31. Tickets cost \$10.

### Washington Capitals

Cool caps ticket certificates, redeemable for any upcoming Washington Capitals game are available at varying prices for seating sections in the MCI Center: cost for tickets in the purple section, 4th level mezzanine is \$35 (regular price is \$59); cost for tickets is \$25 in the green section, 4th level ends and balcony (regular price is \$37); and cost for tickets in the blue section, 4th level goal zone is \$17 (regular price is \$24). Redemption of certificates is subject to availability and tickets are non-refundable.

# Community Notes

**MONDAY  
OCTOBER 14  
MARITIME MUSEUM LECTURE**

The Havre de grace Maritime Museum will present a lecture and slide show: "LANDFALL: Recreating Captain John Smith's 1608 Voyage," at 7 p.m.

Dr. Susan Schmidt, of Beaufort, N.C. will give the presentation at the Maritime Museum. Schmidt has just returned from a four-month, 2,000 mile solo voyage circling the Chesapeake Bay, following Smith's 1608 voyage of discovery. To hear about her counterclockwise cruise, bushwhacking shorelines, watermen's stories, comparing wildlife and other historical observations, visit the Maritime Museum on Oct. 14.

**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. For more information, call 410-278-4995 or see ad below.

**SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 20  
BASKET BINGO**

The American Legion Post 194, 336 E. Main Street, Rising Sun, is sponsoring Basket Bingo at 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Boy Scout Troop 28. For more information, call Donald K. Wehry Sr., 410-658-3915.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 23  
SEMINAR ON RAISING SONS**

Harford County Commission for Women is offering a free seminar titled "Harford Boys to Harford Men," 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Mount Royal Avenue, Aberdeen. This is an informative discussion on raising sons in today's changing world. Panel members include experts from the fields of education, law enforcement, medicine and religion. For more information, call 410-638-4444.

**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  
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**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.

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 2  
WACVA CHAPTER 70 MEETING**

The Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will hold its monthly meeting 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Center. The agenda includes planning for Veterans Day activities and the Christmas project for hospitalized veterans at Perry Point.

WACVA Chapter #70 is dedicated to improving the lives of local veterans, regardless of branch. All women who have served or are serving in the Regular Army, National Guard and Reserve, Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Army Corps, and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to sit in on meetings to see what the chapter is about. Also welcome as prospective associate members are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

For more information about the association, contact Sheila Smith, president, at 410-273-1687.

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 9  
CRAFTERS WANTED FOR HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

Crafters are needed for the holiday bazaar at Prince of Peace Church, 2600 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To reserve a space, call Dawn at 410-676-7785.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR**

Prince of Peace Church, Edgewood, is hosting a holiday craft bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will help church programs including Youth Ministry. To reserve a space, call 410-676-7785.

## MOVIES

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



**CITY BY THE SEA**  
Friday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 p.m.  
Starring: Robert De Niro, James Franco

Based on actual events in the life of Vincent LaMarca, a New York Police Department

detective, murder is a common denominator in his family. While his father's crimes were heinous enough, he discovers his son may be on the same path. (Rated R)

**STEALING HARVARD (FREE ADMISSION)**

Saturday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.  
Starring: Tom Green, Jason Lee



Things are fine until John's sister calls to remind him of his promise to pay his niece's tuition, which costs \$29,829 and is due in two weeks. John turns to his friend Duff who convinces John to make a short-term commitment to petty crime. (Rated PG-13)

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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



**Why America's Children Can't Think** by Peter Kline

Kline argues, from deep experience as an innovative consultant and researcher in reading and accelerated learning skills, that standardized testing produces a population that can follow instructions, but it kills the creative minds of our children.

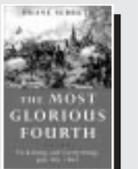


**Surgery and Its Alternatives** by Sandra McLanahan

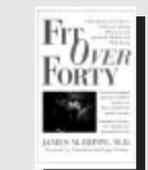
**Remaking the Conquering Heroes: the postwar American occupation of Germany** by John Willoughby



**The Most Glorious Fourth: Vicksburg and Gettysburg, July 4th, 1863** by Duane Schultz



**The Forgotten Hero of My Lai: the Hugh Thompson story** by Trent Angers



**Fit Over Forty: the winning way to lifetime fitness** by Sherri McMillan



**Printmaking for Beginners** by Jane Stobart

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

**COLLEGE SAVINGS**

To learn more about state-sponsored college saving plans and other options, visit The Internet Guide To 529 Plans at [www.savingforcollege.com](http://www.savingforcollege.com). Also ask for their newsletter and "The Hurley Report on College Investing."

**NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND**

School Liaison/Youth Education Services Office, building 2752, has resource materials for parents from the U.S. Department of Education:

- "Back To School, Moving Forward"
- "How Do I Know a Good Early Reading Program When I See One?" - A Guide For Parents
- "Reading Tips For Parents" (English/Spanish)
- "Partnership for Family Involvement in Education"
- "Community Update Newsletter"

**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* On Nov. 14, lunch with Allyn Watson for all PTA members who are in the 'Principal's Club.'

*Aberdeen Middle School PTA* meets

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

**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.

**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.

**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. Child 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](http://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.

## 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 "Ferrous" 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.



Courtesy [www.ironbirdsbaseball.com](http://www.ironbirdsbaseball.com)  
Ferrous, the IronBirds mascot, will be at the Fun Fest.



# Army News



Photo by COURTNEY BROOKS

Lt. Col. Mark Dickens and Maj. Rob Key examine an unmanned aerial vehicle in the Pentagon courtyard. The "Shadow 200" UAV was on exhibit Sept. 25 to educate Army members about new short-range surveillance technology.

## Army's Shadow Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle to begin full rate production

Army NewsService

The Army announced Oct. 1 that Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Claude Bolton Jr., signed an Acquisition Decision Memorandum authorizing the Shadow 200 RQ-7A Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle program to enter into full rate production. Bolton signed the memorandum after the Army Systems Acquisition Review Council assessed the readiness of the Shadow system to enter into the full rate production and fielding phase of the Defense Systems Acquisition Life Cycle. This decision to enter into full rate production is a first for any of the services' unmanned aerial vehicle programs.

The contract with AAI Corporation will provide 41 Shadow 200 TUAVs for the active Army component, to include all six Stryker Brigade Combat Teams. The fiscal year 2003 program is expected to fund nine systems at a cost of approximately \$99 million in procurement dollars. The first Shadow 200 systems will be fielded by the end of October 2002 to the 1st and 2nd Stryker Brigades at Fort Lewis, Wash., the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, and to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where soldier training for UAVs is conducted. All six Stryker Brigade Combat

Teams will receive the Shadow system by May 2006.

The full-rate production of the Shadow system achieves another key milestone in the Army's Transformation into the Objective Force. The deployment of the Shadow is the culmination of a focused, accelerated effort to get a much-needed capability to commanders.

The Shadow 200 TUAV system went from program initiation (Milestone 0), through Initial Operational Test and Evaluation to full-rate production decision (Milestone III) in just 33 months. The Shadow 200 met or exceeded all key performance parameters specified in the Objective Resource Document (ORD) during the April/May '02 IOTE. During the past two years, there have been more than 1,000 Shadow flights totaling more than 2,000 flight hours, with an operational availability rate of more than 95 percent, measured during the IOT&E.

The Shadow 200 RQ-7A TUAV System will be employed by ground maneuver brigade commanders to gain a tactical advantage against adversaries. The Shadow system provides a near real-time, highly accurate, sustainable capability for reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition and battle damage assessment. It will significantly improve commanders' ability to detect

and engage the enemy by having dominant situational awareness so commanders can "see first, understand first and act decisively." The images and telemetry from the air vehicles can be used by the brigade commander and his staff, the brigade's subordinate maneuver battalions, supporting artillery units and supporting aviation assets.

The basic Shadow platoon consists of four air vehicles, six High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles, two Ground Control Stations, four Remote Video Terminals and antennas, one Portable Ground Control Station and Data Terminal. One HMMWV of the platoon transports the air vehicles and launcher trailer. Two more HMMWVs each transport one mounted GCS. Two HMMWVs are personnel and equipment transports. The sixth HMMWV carries associated maintenance equipment.

The Shadow itself has a wingspan of 13 feet and can carry a payload of 60 pounds. It has a gross takeoff weight of just over 300 pounds and has significant range and loiter capabilities. The air vehicle is equipped with an electro-optic/infrared suite.

For more information concerning the Shadow 200 system and its fielding, call Carl Mahnken, Army Public Affairs, at 703-693-4987, or e-mail carl.mahnken@hqda.army.mil.

## Army grants wish to terminally ill boy



Photo by MASTER SGT. RICHARD PUCKETT  
Ten year-old Justin Bryce grins after he is sworn into the Army as an honorary sergeant by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley, Oct 7.

Michelle Bard  
Army News Service

With help from the U.S. Army, the Make-A-Wish Foundation was able to grant a 10-year-old freckled faced boy with a terminal illness his greatest wish — to become a soldier.

To honor that wish, the sergeant major of the Army and the Office of the Secretary of Defense helped swear in Justin Bryce of Binghamton, N.Y., as an honorary soldier and then promoted him to sergeant in a Pentagon ceremony Oct. 7.

Bryce's 20-year-old-brother, Pvt. Raymond Bryce, a 10th Mountain Division artilleryman at Fort Drum, N.Y., was flown in to surprise his little brother and family attending the ceremony. The older Bryce said he thinks he inspired his brother's wish to become an Army soldier.

"I think I had something to do with it. I think he leaned more toward it after I joined," Bryce said.

The ceremony kicked off with the official swearing in of Bryce as an honorary soldier by Lt. Gen. John Craddock, the senior military assistant to the Secretary of Defense. "The Army gets better every time we enlist a new American," Craddock said prior to the swearing in.

Bryce was then given a complete custom uniform with Military District of Washington insignias, a challenge coin, black beret and certificate. The uniform and name tapes were donated.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley assisted in the ceremony and presented Bryce with other special Army mementos including various Sergeant Major of the

Army coins, an Army briefcase, a bag full of Army footballs, a Sept. 11 remembrance coin and an Army pen.

He told Bryce, as the boy eagerly held his hand out, "As long as you're a good soldier, this pen will never run out of ink."

Tilley said the experience held special meaning for him.

"I have an exceptional family (member), so to be able to play a small part in something that makes you feel so good...I think it's something everybody should do," Tilley said.

Bryce was promoted from private to sergeant following the promotion orders signed by Tilley. Bryce became confused at one point in the ceremony and asked, "What's a promotion?"

"We're going to make you from a private to a sergeant so you get an increase in pay. But not much!" Tilley said.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld also participated in the ceremony and awarded Bryce with a Secretary of Defense hat and pin. He praised Bryce on his advancement in the ranks.

"Congratulations on your elevation to sergeant," Rumsfeld said.

After the ceremony, Rumsfeld met with Bryce's parents, younger sister and two older brothers and welcomed them to the Pentagon. He also expressed his appreciation to Bryce for choosing to become an Army soldier.

"Thank you for choosing the Army for your wish," he said.

Jon Rosa, Make-A-Wish's public relations and development coordinator, out of Kensington, Md., said doctors, family members, and the children who have a life-threatening illness can make wish referrals.

In Bryce's case, the hospital in Wilmington, Del., where Bryce was seeking treatment made the call to the foundation and official word of Bryce's wish was made to them Oct. 3. Rosa said it was urgent to grant the wish "as soon as possible."

"We wanted to provide Justin with some quality time with his family in these last stages of his illness," he said.

Rosa said the foundation has a policy of not disclosing the illnesses of clients.

In addition to the swearing-in and promotion ceremony, Bryce also had a full day of "training" at the Pentagon, Fort Belvoir, Va. and the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Baltimore, Oct. 8 to get some hands-on experience.

"He really seemed to enjoy himself," Rosa said.

Tilley said he felt honored to assist in the ceremony and grant Bryce's wish.

### 'Sgt. Justin's' training day

His day began, like so many soldiers' days begin, with training. Sgt. Justin Bryce was trained on the latest night-vision technology and weaponry. Following his successful training, Bryce and his squad were loaded into an Armored Personnel Carrier, following a camouflaged face-painting session, and sent out on a secret mission to recover top secret equipment.

"Move out! Let's Go!" Sgt. Bryce said, quickly assuming his new leadership role. Senior noncommissioned officers and officers alike followed their orders from "Sgt. Justin." Within 20 minutes Bryce had completed his "top secret" mission.

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# Letters from soldiers brought home to APG

Story and photos by  
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Aberdeen Proving Ground was granted the opportunity to have its first showing of Letters-From-The-Front, Oct. 3 and 4. More than 300 people that turned out to see, hear and feel the heart behind the letters from the soldiers fighting for their country.

Dedicated men and women of the U. S. armed forces have been fighting for the United States for centuries. Although soldiers continue to fight for the United States today, many have not had the opportunity to experience the letter tug-of-war game.

"It's an experience I've never had before, I wanted to know what it felt like," said Pvt. Billy Vaughn, Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

The show proved that whenever a soldier is deployed, it's a very difficult time for them as well as the families they leave behind. They need something to keep them going.

"I thought it was great, one of the best things I've ever seen that really got the message across. Letters and phone calls — they all help your days go by faster," said Master Sgt. David Maynard, Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

The event was not only rewarding for the

soldiers but for the actor and actress as well.

"I have played in a lot of roles, but never have I gotten the gratification that I feel when acting out Letters-From-The-Front," said Bobbi Kravis, who plays the role of Katharine Hartgrove, a delirious widow who received a telegram stating that her husband was killed during World War I, and then 20 years later, receiving another telegram stating that her son is missing in action.

The play focused on how the soldiers, on a regular basis, would write family members, in most cases a spouse, with the hopes that they would extend the same courtesy. However, a returned letter was not always received. In this case, the excuses went far beyond the soldier's imagination as to why the family member did not write one sentence of encouragement.

In some cases, letters were received by soldiers but not from the party they expected, rather a letter coming from a third party stating the birth of a child or the ending of a relationship. Or, how about receiving a letter from a soldier, who is indirectly letting his/her mate know that this will be the last response they will ever receive. And, later to have a loud knock on the door from a messenger, letting them know that the spouse, son or daughter has been killed in the war.

"I've seen a lot of plays and a lot of acting, it's definitely emotional and entertaining. It's



Actor Bob Curren, playing Johnny Chastain, listens to Actress Bobbi Kravis, playing Katharine Hartgrove, as she receives a call from her son after being told that he was missing in action.

great and it's free," Pvt. Jashua Daniel Bligh said.

In any wide array of subjects or for whatever reason for the letters from the soldiers, Letters-From-The-Front, presented by actor

Bob Curren, playing Johnny Chastain and Kravis, was able to bring the issues introduced home.

"It was truly an experience I never had," Vaughn said.

## Scholarships for Military Children program opens Nov. 1

**Bonnie Powell**  
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The 2003 Scholarships for Military Children program opens for business Nov. 1 and the burning question is "how has being the child of a military service member influenced your educational goals?" That's the essay topic for 2003 and if the two previous years are any indication, it's a question applicants should consider carefully when applying for the \$1,500 scholarships.

"According to program administrators, the essay has been a key factor in deciding recipients," says Edna Hoogewind, program liaison for the Defense Commissary Agency. "Although the minimum grade point average to apply for these scholarships is 3.0, the average recipient has a 3.8 or better. The grades of the applicants are so high that factors such as community involvement, activities and the essay become extremely important."

The Scholarships for Military Children program is administered by the nonprofit Fisher House Foundation, best known for building family comfort homes near military medical facilities.

"We're certainly pleased to administer this program as it serves the military community exclusively and is rapidly becoming one of the premiere scholarship programs worldwide," says Jim Weiskopf of Fisher House Foundation. "We utilize the ser-

vices of Scholarship Managers, a professional firm that has handled more than 400 programs. They do everything relating to the process of deciding who is awarded a scholarship and it's a very painstaking process when you have more than 5,000 applicants."

The Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded 920 scholarships and nearly \$1.5 million in its first two years. All funds for scholarships are donated by the various manufacturers, brokers and suppliers that provide products for sale in military commissaries, which are recognized as a valuable quality of life benefit and an integral part of the military community.

"Most of the scholarship recipients also participate in formal recognition ceremonies, which take place each spring and summer at local commissaries," Hoogewind said.

Applications for the 2003 program can be downloaded from <http://www.commissaries.com> or <http://www.fisherhouse.org> starting Nov. 1. They can also be picked up at any commissary. The deadline for returning applications by hand or mail to a commissary is Feb. 21, 2003.

"That's in the store, not postmarked," Hoogewind said.

"There are very few changes from last year," says Hoogewind. "The essay topic is new and we have a two-page instruction sheet to make things easier for the applicants. The

application can also be filled out on a computer, then printed and mailed or delivered to the nearest commissary. It should be an improvement over handwritten applications for both the student and Scholarship Managers."

The scholarship program is open to dependent unmarried children (under the age of 23) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and that they have a current ID card. All applicants must be citizens of the United States.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2003. Students attending a community or junior college must be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. See instruction sheets for additional criteria.

A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

## Letter to the Editor

**Dear Editor:**

I am concerned and upset at a practice that is ongoing at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The fire hydrants are from time to time flushed. I assume that this is done to prevent the clogging of fire hose nozzles in the event of fire.

I have noticed on a number of occasions that the fire hydrants are opened to flush and left open hours on end.

The majority, if not all of the state of Maryland, is under some form of water restrictions and I feel that everyone should adhere to the policies in their respective areas to conserve water.

The waste of water that is happening at APG is ridiculous. To give one example I observed the fire hydrant at building 4118 open and draining water at a steady flow from 10 a.m. until approximately 10 a.m. the following day.

On another occasion I observed the same thing from approximately 9 a.m. until 10:20 a.m. on the same day. On both occasions a phone call was made to the fire dept to correct the situation, only then were the hydrants closed.

My concern is that this is just one hydrant. Does this happen to every hydrant on APGAA and possibly APGEA? If there is a logical explanation for these occurrences, I would like to hear it.

Ronald T. Cassidy

U.S. Army Environmental Center

**Response**

Fire hydrants are flushed for one of five purposes:

1. If a water pipe leaks or brakes and it must be repaired. After the repairs have been com-

pleted the water is super chlorinated to restore water quality.

2. If brown water is detected within a building or group of buildings, the system is flushed outside of the building and the building is flushed internally to remove all of the brown water.

3. As a procedure prior to taking periodic water samples required by the Safe Drinking Water Act. These samples are taken in accordance with the APG Water-sampling Plan.

4. By APG fire department personnel to check the water pressure at the hydrants. This flushing is normally of a short duration only to get a pressure reading.

5. Semi-annually the system is flushed, normally in the spring and fall, to remove any sediment that has accumulated and to ensure valves and fixtures in the fire hydrants are working properly.

The hydrants are flushed at varying times and of varying durations depending upon the reason for the flushing. The City of Aberdeen flushes the hydrants in the Aberdeen Area using a low flow system to prevent the erosion of soil adjacent to the hydrants. Directorate of Installation Operations personnel flush hydrants in the Edgewood Area.

If a building is at the end of a water line, flushing may be of a longer and more intense duration to clear out the brown water and raise the chlorine levels at the building.

Flushing is accomplished to maintain water quality for the safety of all APG personnel.

Directorate of Installation Operations

remarked that Bryce already had more coins than they had collected over their years in service.

Bryce also hauled away quite a load of loot in addition to his achievement awards. He received a warrior pack full of soldier goodies, including Meals, Ready to Eat. Just like a typical soldier, Sgt. Justin went right for the poagie bait. In fact the candy seemed more of a treat for the young soldier than some of the plaques and certificates he received in his award ceremony.

Then it was time for "chow." Sgt. Justin ate at the Fort Belvoir Consolidated Dining Facility with soldiers from all over Fort Belvoir. At lunch, Sgt. Justin was assigned a new "battle buddy," a soldier from Headquarters Battalion, Spc. Juan Forero who was decked out in full battle-rattle gear.

"We always have your back, Sgt. Justin," Forero told the recently decorated sergeant.

Bryce met with commanders, including Garrison Commander Col. T.W. Williams. Fort Belvoir's Headquarters Battalion Commander

## Director serves 'PIE' to council members

**Rick Brink**  
DECA

Defense Commissary Agency Director Maj. Gen. Mike Wiedemer's first meeting with the DeCA Patron Council was as easy as "pie." It wasn't exactly dessert, though.

Drawing on a food analogy, Wiedemer enlisted the council's support to work with DeCA to "Preserve, Improve and Expand, PIE, the commissary benefit."

Patron council members represent active duty, Guard, Reserve and retired service members and their families. The 11-member council meets twice annually to share views and recommendations with the agency director. They also work throughout the year to provide commissary infor-

mation to their constituents. The Sept. 27 meeting was the first with Guard and Reserve representation, as well as invited guests from industry.

"Everyone on the council is keenly interested in promoting the value of the commissary benefit, and we're working together to do that more efficiently and effectively," Wiedemer said.

Communicating to customers through a variety of media such as newspapers, magazines, the Internet, e-mail, radio and television, is a critical piece of PIE - pardon the pun. Council members applauded this multimedia approach and seconded the Director's belief that delivering commissary information in

many different media forms through council constituent networks will help preserve, improve and expand the value of the benefit.

Meeting highlights included updates from key DeCA leaders on operations, resources, construction and technology, as well as on-going customer service initiatives such as the scholarship program, gift certificates and outreach activities.

New council member Ron Tippa, the National Guard representative, said the session provided an excellent forum to exchange ideas and improve efforts to expand commissary usage among all authorized patron groups.

## Wish

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"Good job," he told his troops. "Yes, sergeant!" said Maj. John Kalainov, a member of Bryce's team for the secret mission, who works daily within the Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate. "Let me know if there's anything else we can do," Kalainov said to Bryce.

Sgt. Justin called Kalainov to him and quietly said, "Don't tell my mom, but I really want to ride in a helicopter."

"I'll see if we can accomplish that mission," Kalainov said.

Following that, Bryce was debriefed for his mission as the soldier of honor at an awards ceremony, where he received a Meritorious Service Medal, a number of certificates of achievement, certificates of training and more coins. Career soldiers present at the ceremony

Lt. Col. Mark Lindon told Bryce that Fort Belvoir was happy he chose to become a soldier because "there's nothing better than being a soldier."

At that point, Bryce seemed completely indoctrinated as a soldier, responding with the all-purpose, "Hooah!"

From there Bryce was treated to hands-on time with some of the heavy equipment and training aides for the Military District of Washington Engineer Company. Sgt. Justin got to climb in a small "Bobcat" bulldozer and a giant excavator, as well as perform suspended litter training with the "Extractors."

It was smiles all around following that training when Bryce received more tokens of the military community's appreciation of the young warrior.

"Of all the things you could have chosen to do as your wish," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Westbrook, "you chose to become a soldier, like us. That means a lot to us."

To help Sgt. Justin remember his time and continue his Army adventure Westbrook gave

him a special edition Army Monopoly game.

The child sergeant's delight was hard to hide.

It was then that word finally came through that an aviation mission was set for Sgt. Justin. He convoyed over with the Military Police to Davison Army Airfield and boarded one of 12th Aviation Battalion's VH-60 Blackhawk helicopters.

"Let's go!" Bryce said as he and his brother, dressed in Class A's, boarded the helicopter. The mission's flight took him along the Potomac and over portions of the district. Sgt. Justin fought sleep while playing with his new aviation wings which he had pinned on him by 12th Aviation's Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Joann Eberle.

Tuckered out from all the day's activities, Sgt. Justin was carried out of the helicopter upon its return and waved good-bye to his Belvoir Battle Buddies. He had time for a quick nap during a drive to Baltimore and perhaps some dreaming of wishes that had come true. (Spc. Casandra, assistant editor of the Fort Belvoir Eagle, contributed to this article.)

# Hispanic Career Fair opens doors for opportunity

Story and photo by  
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The Hispanic Employment Program, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground, swung wide the doors of opportunity for dozens of attendees to its annual career fair held Sept. 25 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Aberdeen.

Government and contracted organizations filled the main ballroom tables, offering information about job openings, collecting resumes, and giving on-the-spot interviews.

Organizers said the focus is to increase the representation of Hispanics on APG.

"This is our way of letting the Hispanic community know the opportunities are there," said Cindy Sepulveda, personnel staffing specialist, Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center and co-chair of the event.

Organizations providing information included the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense; the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine; the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center; the APG Federal Credit Union; the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy; the Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program and various contracted organizations supporting APG employers.

Attendees varied as much as the opportunities. Most said they were curious about available options and eager to obtain stable employment.

"I'm interested in positions in marketing," said Reshma Khan, a sales associate with Kohl's Department store, as

she gathered information on the Employment Readiness Program.

Khan said her husband contacted Marilyn Howard, ERP program manager, and was encouraged to attend the fair.

"We network with the government and contractors, locally and nationally, obtaining a variety of positions for job applicants," Howard said.

She encouraged job seekers to visit the ERP for more information and to attend the upcoming Harford County Job Fair to be held Oct. 25 at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood.

"The command remains focused on helping military, civilians and family members obtain employment," Howard said.

"The survival of APG depends largely on the quality of the people working here," said Dave Robinson, president of TRI-S Inc., an Aberdeen contracted company that supports APG, providing technicians in support of test missions.

Robinson said the TRI-S, is part of a three-part organization that has provided nearly 500 employees to the proving ground.

"We are happy to support Harford and Cecil counties and the APG mission," Robinson said.

At the MRICD table, Dr. Brennie Hackley, scientific advisor to the commander, said there is always a need for chemists, pharmacologists and neuro-scientists.

"Many we recruit are working on their post-doctorates," Hackley said. "The main benefit is the chance to work with state-of-the-art equipped facilities on a mission related to national security."

He added that interest in the organization remains high with the recruitment of "high caliber" candidates.

"With many of our veterans retiring, the goal is to sustain a fresh, quality staff," Hackley said.

"We recently brought in 29 interns, some right out of college with master's degrees," added Barbara Knapp, ECBC.

Although there are no current openings, we are here to let people know the ECBC mission and gather information on potential future employees.

"The technical director has a push on to bring new scientist and engineers to augment an aging workforce," added Francis Hughes, ECBC engineering directorate.

Hughes said he has been recruiting new talent for the organization for 11 years.

Felix Reyes, ECBC electronics engineer, added that the quality of candidates is outstanding.

"People have more of an interest in serving the government, likely due in part to Sept. 11 and the economy," Reyes said.

He credited Hughes with "reaching out" and obtaining quality applicants through career fairs like this one.

Also in search of quality recruits, John Wallace, ATC director automotive corps, said there is always a need for scientists and engineers.

"With a strong mentoring and training program, we focus on increasing skills," Wallace said.

He added that the ATC mission is to ensure safe and effective equipment for the Warfighter.

"We have recruited folks with incredibly high talents



Civilian Personnel Operations Center employees Pam Frazier, center, RESUMIX team leader and Rose Medina, right, CPOC recruiter, answer questions for Dolka Vazquez, left, a Baltimore job development program counselor in search of job opportunities for Hispanics during the Hispanic Career Fair sponsored by Aberdeen Proving Ground's Hispanic Employment Program committee.

and potential," Wallace said. "All they lack is experience. They can get that with ATC."

Jane Gervasoni, public affairs specialist, and Eleanor Gordon, physical science technician answered questions at the CHPPM table.

Gervasoni said the goal was to "let people know we are available and what services we provide."

"We work with contractors to obtain professional associates," she said.

The CHPPM focus is on health-related issues, environmental surveillance and lab analysis focused on the health of the soldier, she added.

"The services we provide help not only the soldier but

the community as well," Gervasoni said.

At the CPAC table, Jana Kesavan, a research physicist with ECBC, said she came to look for a job for her brother, a computer information specialist.

"I've found a lot of helpful information," Kesavan said.

Dave Mial, CPAC personnel manager, said that gathering information was the key to obtaining employment.

"If you are serious about finding a job you should be searching the media outlets like Channel 3 and the APG News," Mial said. "They do a good job of putting out the information we provide. Too often, people overlook it," he

said.

Along with Sepulveda, organizers for the event included Alisha Baldauf, U.S. Army Environmental Center. On the Hispanic Employment Program committee since 1987, Baldauf said she focuses on maintaining connections with colleges and universities.

"The AEC constantly provides opportunities for engineers, scientists and mathematicians," Baldauf said.

She added that the committee seeks to bring the amount of Hispanic employees in line with the civilian population.

"This is a good place to start to accomplish that mission," she said.

## MWR site

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online registration begins Oct. 21, and be among the first to register. Add it to your 'favorites' and check it often to stay on top of the updated list of available activities for the whole family.

Starting Oct. 21, APG is introducing the best feature yet; MWR Central Registration. Payment is quick and easy by using a credit card at this completely secure site. The MWR registration office will be located in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center with Information Ticketing and Registration. For more information, e-mail MWR-Registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

"This will be the one-stop shop for all registration needs," Meadows said. "You no longer need to wait in lines or deal with long hold time on the telephone. Just click on to [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com), look for the program that interests you and sign up. It is that easy. You can also see what else is going on at APG in the meantime."

### Examples of upcoming classes include:

Manicure Workshop, Oct. 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Dart Tournament, Oct. 25, 7 to 9:30 p.m. (in the snack bar)

Pool and Billiards, Nov. 6 to 20, 7 to 8 p.m.

Pedicure Workshop, Nov. 12, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call Meadows at 410-278-4497.





## And the rains came to APG...

Photos by ROGER PARKS

Top, the combination of a broken pipe and the drought causes a 400,000 gallon water loss from Darlington Street storm water pond, an area frequented by installation wildlife. After last week's rain, the bottom photo shows the pond filled to capacity. A great blue heron has been seen searching for fish.

## Rocktoberfest is tomorrow



Photo courtesy of [www.starbelly.tv](http://www.starbelly.tv)  
Starbelly will perform at APG MWR's Rocktoberfest tomorrow.

Aberdeen Proving Ground's first annual Rocktoberfest, Oct. 18, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area will feature a variety of activities, contests and entertainment.

Two live bands, Starbelly, and Steele Blue, a D.J., children's games, a Volksmarch, golf and bowling tournaments are only part of the fun.

Vendors will sell beer, wine, soda, as well as a large variety of German style foods.

Event will be held rain or shine. For more information, call Chris Lockhart, 410-278-3904 or e-mail her at [chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil).

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## Security

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who might want to establish relationships with youngsters using the new Army-sponsored education initiative, Vargas said.

eCybermission is a new Web-based science, math and technology competition for teams of three to four seventh- and eighth-graders. It is designed to stimulate interest in those subjects, officials said. Registration for this year's competition runs through Nov. 28.

Vargas, who works as an eCybermission manager for Army contractor Booze-Allen & Hamilton, discussed some of the security safeguards with attendees of the initiative's launch announcement at Edgar Allan Poe Middle School in Alexandria, Va., Oct. 1.

Beyond the monitoring of the system, other safeguards include:

- An instant messaging system that only works with other eCybermission participants and administrators through a secure server.

- Youth only register with a screen name of their choice, date of birth, gender and zip code — no youth e-mail addresses or other personal information will reside within the eCybermission database.

- All collaboration and other communications for the project are done through the secure server via its monitored text-messaging program, chat rooms and discussion forums.

- Paid and volunteer staff that monitor the system or interact with the youth to help them find the online resources they need for their projects have all successfully passed a criminal records background check.

"Security was a critical element that went into the design of eCybermission," Vargas said. "Our intent was to provide a safe environment online where children can have fun while discovering and learning more about math, science and technology."