

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Nov. 6 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

PX, commissary opens doors for trick or treaters

The PX and Commissary have scheduled trick or treating from 6 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31, when most stores will give away candy to children in costume.

Judging for a costume contest for trick-or-treaters ages 14 and under begins about 5 p.m. at the PX. The prize is a gift certificate. There will also be a contest to win a gift certificate by guessing the weight of a pumpkin on display.

For more information, call 410-272-6828/5784.

APG welcomes trick or treaters

Halloween and the traditional trick or treat activities will be celebrated at Aberdeen Proving Ground on Oct. 31. Trick or treat activities are specifically limited from 6 to 8 p.m., and an adult must accompany children under age 12.

Personnel driving in the housing areas during the trick or treat period are cautioned to exercise extreme care, and to be especially watchful for young children who may not be readily visible or attentive to moving vehicles.

It is strongly recommended that children either wear reflective markings on their costumes or carry a flashlight.

Access to the installation is limited to those persons who possess government identification cards and their guests.

The cooperation of all concerned is being solicited to ensure that Aberdeen Proving Ground has a safe and happy Halloween.

NAF announces limited open season

The Nonappropriated Funds limited open season ends Nov. 15. The Department of the Army has mailed literature to each eligible employee's home address explaining the changes and options available to regular full-time and regular part-time employees. To make an appointment to make changes to benefit elections or for more information, call NAF Personnel Office at 410-278-
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SMA talks pay, education, war

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

No, the Army isn't revising its physical training test — maybe in the future, but not now, said the Army's top noncommissioned officer.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley put an end to rumors and talked about the top issues on soldiers' radar screen. Pay and incentives kicked off the two-hour-long briefing during the annual Association of the United States Army conference Oct. 21 to 23.

"There are a lot of soldiers who are interested in incentive pay for being instructors, airborne or rangers. I think incentive pay is important, but my

focus is base pay because that is what goes toward retirement," Tilley said. "And soldiers can expect pay raises over the next two years."

A specialist from Fort Bragg, N.C., asked if the recent pay raises were because junior soldiers are more educated than ever before.

The pay increases are because soldiers are good at what they do, Tilley said. Education is important, but a soldier being competent in his military occupational specialty is even more important, he added. Which is one reason why the Army is going back to competency tests, Tilley said.

"There were people who were promoted that shouldn't have been," Tilley

said. "So sergeants through master sergeants will be tested once a year, and it will be used for promotion. This will ensure that people know their job because it's too late to learn it when we're at war. And we're at war."

Tilley encouraged soldiers to continue their education and said they are working on ways to get soldiers college credit for their MOS and other non-commissioned officer courses they are required to take.

"We're working with colleges so that by the time soldiers retire they will have at least a bachelor's degree," Tilley said. "It's not just about education, it's about preparing soldiers for life after the military."

Added courses to the Noncommissioned Officer Education System will also help prepare soldiers for future endeavors.

Financial planning will eventually be taught in the Primary Leadership Development Course, Tilley said. Retirement benefits will be included in the Advanced and Basic Noncommissioned Officer Courses, he added.

Other changes to the NCOES is that master sergeants who have good track records and work hard will most likely attend the Sergeants Major Academy early in their career, Tilley said. The chances of attending the academy with
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Fest offers fun for family members

Story and photos by
Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

Child and Youth Services sponsored the Fall Family Fun Fest, Oct. 19, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Youth Services Center. Parents and children of all ages were invited to participate in the free festivities ranging from sports competitions to educational programs along with musical entertainment by a local D.J.

Regina Dannenfelser, chief coordinator of Child and Youth Services on Aberdeen Proving Ground, said that the Family Fun Fest was only the beginning in letting the community know what's available to the youth of APG.

"We'd like for the public to know that we have an awful lot to offer on a regular basis, not just during the event, but everyday of the week. We don't feel like it's well known, Dannenfelser said.

"We have the drama club, a photography club and so much more. We would like to get input from the youth to see just what kind of things they would like to do and we can do it for them."

The fest is just one of several marketing tools used to let the
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Zaya Davis, center, remains glued to the computer, for more than an hour. Dante Davis, forefront, listens to headset, as he also concentrates on the computer.

People can prevent, prepare for terrorism

Sgt. William A. Graves
Army News Service

Many national and senior Army leaders have said it's not a question if terrorists will strike again; it's a matter of when and where.

"We want to be a nation that serves goals larger than self," said President George W. Bush during the State of the Union Address. "We have been offered a unique opportunity, and we must not let this moment pass."

"We are all combatants," Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton recently said.

Given that, residents of Army posts across the country, along with civilians, can benefit from learning what to do to help prevent and prepare for terrorist attacks, according to the CitizenCorps Web site, located at www.citizenCorps.gov.

Alice Bass, directorate of Intelligence and Security, offered advice on preventing terrorist attacks:

- Be alert to strangers on government property for no apparent reason.
- Write down license numbers of suspicious vehicles, noting the description of the occupants.
- Report anything unusual to your chain of com-

mand; report unusual or suspicious behavior.

- Avoid using your name and rank on answering machines.
- Don't open your door to strangers; use a peephole viewer.
- Ask for identification for contractors assigned to work on your home and quarters.
- Brief family members on residential security and safety procedures.
- Instruct family not to provide strangers with information about you or your family.

According to the Weprevent Web site, located at www.webprevent.org, people should do the following to do their part in the prevention of terrorist attacks:

- Know your routines. Be alert as you go about your daily business. This will help you learn the normal routines of your neighborhood, community and work place. Understanding these routines will help you to spot anything out of place.
- Be aware. Get to know your neighbors at home and while traveling. Be on the lookout for activities such as unusual conduct in your neighborhood or in your workplace. Learn to spot suspicious packages, luggage or mail abandoned in a crowded place like an office building, an airport, a school or a shopping

center.

- Take what you hear seriously. If you hear or know of someone who has bragged or talked about plans to harm citizens in violent attacks or who claims membership in a terrorist organization, take it seriously and report it to law enforcement immediately.

People can do much more to help with the war on terrorism, Eaton said. People should lose weight if necessary, know how to fire a weapon accurately and be able to administer first aid, he advised.

According to the CitizenCorps Web site, the Citizen Corps has many opportunities for people who want to volunteer their time or be proactive in the fight against terrorism. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Citizen Corps Councils, which help drive local citizen participation by coordinating Citizen Corps programs, developing community action plans, assessing possible threats and identifying local resources.
- The Community Emergency Response Team, which is a training program that prepares people in neighborhoods, the workplace, and schools to take a

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CFC off to slow start

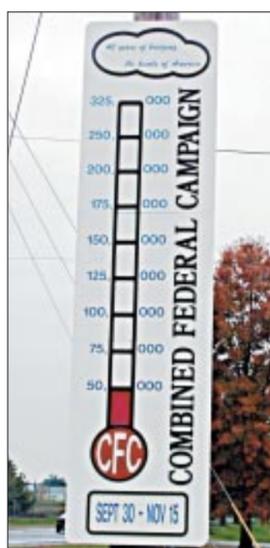


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
The mercury on the CFC thermometer, located at the intersection of Marland and Aberdeen boulevards, has far to rise.

John Belcher
2002 CFC Chairperson

The 2002 Combined Federal Campaign is off to a slow start this year. As of Oct. 25, APG has 56,981 in contributions.

In light of the slow start, Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander, has extended the post campaign to Nov. 29.

"The economy is not the best these days, and money is tight in every family, but it's times like this when help is needed the most," Mark said. "CFC also stands for 'Cause Folks Care' and 'Caring for Family and Children.' The contributions given can make the difference in someone's life. By extending the campaign period, maybe one more person will contribute."

The contributions from Aberdeen Proving Ground

help families and people on post, in local communities, in the state of Maryland, and all over the world.

Caring environments have been established for the sick, and homeless, and food kitchens set up for the hungry.

Employees have until Nov. 29 to choose the charity, the amount and method of payment and turn in their forms to a key person from their organization.

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

To make a donation in person, stop by CFC headquarters at building 3321, Rarantin Street, 2nd floor, Room 7.

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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Deals on bagged salads just got better at the commissary



Bonnie Powell
DeCA

Prices on bagged salads in the commissary are heading south, and it's not just for the winter. Prices have dropped by an additional 10 percent in stateside commissaries thanks to a new merchandising agreement between the Defense Commissary Agency and a major supplier of bagged salads.

"Customers in U.S. commissaries are already starting to notice that the bagged salads have dropped in price and they're really taking advantage of the additional savings," said Robert Vitkacs, executive director for operations and product support at DeCA.

The reason prices are heading south is fairly simple. "This is the first time DeCA has entered into a merchandising agreement for bagged salads," said Vitkacs. "Previously the bagged salads were obtained from a number of sources, and even though customers were still receiving savings of more than 30 percent, our buying power is increased through a national bagged salad program. We have a greater ability to obtain lower prices and increase the variety," he said. "The national program also means more frequent deliveries to commissaries which translates to a longer shelf life in the customer's refrigerator," he said.

"Savings over retail on commissary bagged salads are nearly 50 percent now," said Carroll Allred, produce category manager at DeCA. "Since the new program took effect in early October, customers have saved \$120,000 - and that's just in the first two weeks."

Bagged salads have taken the nation by storm since they first made an appearance in grocery stores and commissaries. About 70 percent of consumers routinely bring home bags of spring mix, romaine, Italian, garden, slaw, Caesar salad and more. Garden mixes and Caesar salad kits are the most popular with commissary shoppers.

The increase in bagged salads has meant a slight decrease in sales of head lettuce. In the last 24 months, bagged salads and head lettuce have reversed positions in sales, according to Allred, and commissary sales of bagged salads are up 21 percent from last year.

"Where head lettuce was always a top-10 seller in stores, bagged salads now fill the top spots," he said. "It's mainly a reflection of the customer looking for convenience, but it also reflects the trend toward healthier diets. People are buying more produce and the more produce they buy at the commissary, the more they can save over retail."

Commissary savings on the overall shopping basket average 30 percent over retail, but produce savings typically run even higher - 36 percent or more. The higher the better, said DeCA Director, Maj. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer.

"The commissary is the premier military benefit and we're constantly seeking initiatives that can help us provide greater savings for our military shoppers," Wiedemer said.

Photo by CHERIE HUNTINGTON

Commissaries offer a wide variety of bagged salads, now at greater savings than ever. The Aberdeen Commissary offers nearly a dozen varieties, and Store Director Tammy Spickler says bagged salads are a top seller here.

AUSA meeting focuses on soldier, family well-being

Dawn Thacker
Army News Service

Senior Army leaders held a two-day forum to discuss military family issues at the Association of the United States Army's annual meeting in Washington, D.C., Oct. 21 and 22.

Themed "Building on Well-Being Successes," the first day featured testimonials by Army families who personally benefited from the Army's programs and services, such as the improved condition of family housing units due to recent privatization measures.

Day two of the forum was called "Soldiers and Army Families - Well-being Way Ahead."

A five-member panel spoke on issues of concern to the typical Army family, including the state of Well-Being, community and installation management, health care, family strength and readiness, and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation and family programs.

"It takes a cultural change in the

Army to properly execute, organize, and develop people programs," said Brig. Gen. Steven Schook, chief of Well-Being.

By effecting this change in attitude, the Army will be able to accomplish its mission of getting well-being written into policy and doctrine, as well as using resources and garrison-level leaders to improve the total Army lifestyle, Schook said.

Part of improving Army life is improving installations, officials said.

"We have fundamentally altered the way we manage our installations," said Maj. Gen. Larry Lust, chief of Transformation in Installation Management Agency. "We will bring it all up to a higher standard by taking a community first approach."

Two main goals for this program are to have all single-soldier barracks modernized by the year 2008 and to have all family housing at an adequate level by 2007, either through new construction or renovation, he said.

Another forum issue was Army

health care. Lt. Gen. James Peake, chief of Army medicine, spoke on a number of Army medical programs that are currently being expanded, reworked or created.

Some of those programs include having TriCare cover school physicals, more inclusive dental insurance, a national mail order pharmacy and reimbursement for travel done to obtain specialized treatment, Peake said.

Army Well-Being includes both soldiers and their families, officials said. Maj. Gen. G.T. Gunhus, chief of chaplains, discussed the importance of building strong and ready families within the Army.

There are programs underway, and gearing up for expansion, that aim to strengthen individual and couple well-being, personally and spiritually, to help Army families learn to cope with the challenges of military life, he said.

Based on the results from an already-complete pilot program,

classes, workshops and retreats improve a couple's quality of life, Gunhus said. They learn to appreciate their Army lifestyle and they are more likely to stay in, he said.

Brig. Gen. Robert Decker, chief of the Community and Family Support Center, concluded the forum with a discussion of Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs and goals.

"The greatest challenge in the 21st century is 'work-life balance,'" Decker said. "We want to make sure the outreach program is better than it's ever been."

Along with the programs that people typically associate with MWR such as fitness centers and worldwide lodging, other goals include making it easier for the 70 percent of Army families who live off post to use Army services.

There are also plans to create or improve Army Family Team Building workshops, spouse volunteer programs and deployment support services, he said.

TSP open season ends in December

The Thrift Savings Plan open season ends Dec. 31. During open season, eligible employees may begin to contribute or increase or decrease the amount of their contributions.

Participants may terminate their contributions at any time. Contribution maximums have been increased to 8 percent for Civil Service Retirement System and 13 percent for Federal Employee Retirement System employees (up to the 2003 IRS maximum of \$12,000).

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SOLDIER SHOW THIS WEEKEND



Photo by HARRIET RICE

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. Spc. Jeffrey Larson performs 'Yeah baby' in the 2001 Soldier Show. MWR hosts this year's performances at the post theater, building 3245. See Community Notes, page 8, for details.

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5126/8994. All changes must be processed before close of business Nov. 15.

DA holds NAF long term care briefings Nov. 20

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

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

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

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

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

2003 DoD Team Bass Tournament

The 78th MSG Services Division will sponsor the 13th Annual DoD Team Bass Tournament from March 30 to April 4, 2003, at Goose Pond Colony, Lake Gunterville, Ala. The Bass Tournament will be limited to the first 200 registered teams.

Entries sent by mail must be received no later than Feb. 28, 2003. Only full payments of \$160 per team will be accepted.

Entry fees may be paid on March 30, 2003 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and immediately after the tournament meeting. There will be a \$25 late registration fee from March 31 to April 1, 2003. No refunds after March 15, 2003.

Registrations will not be accepted after April 1, 2003. Registration must be filled out completely and signed by both

Pollution Prevention

Avoid toxics. An increasing number of pens and markers are now available in nontoxic ink, as are crayons made from soybean oil instead of more dangerous chemicals.

APG Pollution Prevention Program



team members. No guides are allowed during practice or the tournament.

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

EA Thrift Shop consignments curtailed

Until future notice, the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop, building E-2458, will NOT be accepting consignments or donations.

Sales hours remain Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 410-676-4733.

Kirk offers classes

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

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

Living with hypertension

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

Tobacco cessation

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

All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are eligible to attend.

Using dumpsters at APG

After depositing trash and refuse in APG dumpsters, shut doors and lids. Health and safety problems occur 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.

See article on cleaning up on page 4.

Within your reach

remains 410-278-2087.

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

New Internet address for PMCD

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

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

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

Meeting of WACVA

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

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

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 Personnel Advisory Center, 410-278-4331.

Re-Nu-It centers closed Nov. 9

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

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

Youth behavior is major concern at APG CAC meeting

Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

Issues related to health, well-being and concerns with unsupervised youth on APG were the main focus of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Action Council meeting Oct. 3.

Bert Scott, Directorate of Installation Operations, began the meeting by swearing in volunteer mayors Gayla Hurley, Bayside Village, and Sherry Trunck, Patriot Village.

Health issues

Lt. Allison Mirakian, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, said more flu vaccines should arrive soon. *APG News* will provide information on scheduling vaccinations.

Chronically ill patients will get first consideration and dependents, retirees and others will receive the vaccine as it is available.

The clinic will undergo a re-organization and a new phone system in about a month.

The new pediatrician, Dr. Barbara Siskind, and new chief of primary care, Maj. Irvin Carty have arrived.

According to Maj. Curt Schmucker, commander, U.S. Air Force Detachment, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 16th and 143rd Ordnance Battalion student appointments are working. He asked if sick call procedures are going to change since more classes are held at night. The clinic will work with them if changes are necessary.

Mirakian alerted residents to stay out of the woods and use insect repellent to prevent contracting West Nile Virus.

Also, she warned that listeria, a bacteria in raw meat, can be avoided by cooking meat completely before eating it.

The new dentist will arrive at the Dental Clinic in January 2003.

AAFES offers treats

The PX is opening its doors to trick-or-treaters from 6 to 8 p.m. on Oct 31 for children 14 and under. A costume-judging contest begins at 5 p.m. Winners will receive gift certificates. Guessing the weight of a pumpkin also wins a

gift certificate.

The Commissary opens an hour earlier Tuesday through Friday.

APG News

APG News editor Debi Horne, introduced Sonya P. Reynolds as the replacement reporter for Sheila Little, who accepted a position at URS Coleman in Bel Air.

Chaplain

Chaplain, Maj. Joseph Di Gregorio is deploying to Southwest Asia.

The Oak Grove Baptist Church is holding its annual Living Christmas Tree musical program. Tickets are free and obtainable by mail directly from the church.

Col. Paul Meredith has started a new bible study program that meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., at Quarters 9, Plumb Point Loop.

A new bible study for high school girls is forming and will soon meet on Monday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel in Aberdeen.

For more information, call the Post Chapel at 410-278-4333.

Well-Being Program

Robert Phillibaum, APG Well-Being Lab Site coordinator, briefed the committee on the Well-Being Program.

Aberdeen was selected as a test site because of its civilian population. Phillibaum said five areas from the Well Being program will be monitored over the next 10 years - personnel, physical, material, mental and spiritual state of the soldiers.

The Well Being structure goals are to provide competitive standards, connect unique culture, expand and be prepared to serve readiness issues. They are trying to address religion, financing, educational assistance and family employment.

The Well Being process has formed a functional committee with representatives from installation and Well-Being services to assist in the process. They have also formed an execu-

tive steering committee and a dream team to aid in the process.

The Well Being status briefings are held quarterly in installation Town Hall meetings.

ICE>DISA.MIL, is the eye-site program used to measure satisfaction to see how well they are providing customer service.

The 10 areas that the Well Being Program will focus on are heath care, lodging, civilian continuing education, legal services, transitional retiring, work place maintenance, Army Community Service, child development, community recreation and sport and fitness. The program's manager is Linda Holloway.

Cleanup

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings thanked everyone for their help and support during spring cleanup and throughout the summer. Stallings asked for the same support during fall cleanup. He will be inspecting the area and asks that everyone help keep the place clean.

He encouraged senior area coordinators to solicit occupants for help, and if they are reluctant to assist, use the chain of command.

Stallings said if there are any problems, call 410-278-1509.

Drought

The Water Prevention Group issued a warning that APG is under zone level 2 of the state's drought conditions, which means APG should be saving 10 percent more water. Residents are asked to see where they can cut down on water use.

Entertainment

The U.S Army Soldier Show will be held Nov. 1 and 2 at the Post Theater. The performance on Nov. 1 will be held at 7 p.m. and is open to the general public. Performances on Nov. 2 will be held at 2 and 7 p.m. and are for active duty soldiers only. Both performances are free.

DLES

The installation remains at force protection "Charlie." If visitors to the post do not have

identification, card holders can vouch for them entering the gates. Another procedure underway is the issuance of day passes where visitors will be able to sign themselves in.

Safety /Halloween

Susie Ashby, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, encourages parents to hold parties in their homes or use the Recreation Center for Halloween gatherings. *APG News* published her article on Halloween safety on Oct. 24, which covered safety on the streets, costume safety and inspection of treats.

DIO Housing Office

Emergency service orders for quarters should be done within 24 hours and a normal order, within three days. A deferred service order takes an average of 11 days. Concern was to have resident call in repairs giving a 30-day window. If it's something minor, they may be able to get to it sooner and fix it.

The end of year funding was received for the repairs of Patriot Village roofs. If there are any questions or concerns on housing issues, call Marilyn Spence, 410-306-2012.

Village reports

Unsupervised children during late evening hours in Patriot and Bayside villages is a major concern of residents at this time. To alleviate the problem, Patriot Village is proposing a Neighborhood Watch program, and more police officers on the street are alternatives that will be researched.

Miscellaneous

The Maryland Free State Challenge Program is in need of tutors to help teenagers earn their GEDs. Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours per week should call 410-306-1802.

For information on voting, call 410-278-1801/1802/1803.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14, in building 305 Conference Room.

Scholarship offered to young female entrepreneurs

Courtesy of Guardian Life

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America has announced its 2002/2003 Girls Going Places College Scholarship Program, a national competition designed to recognize and reward teen-aged girls who demonstrate exceptional entrepreneurship.

Guardian designed the annual program to help women create, invest, and protect wealth by honoring girls between the ages of 12 and 16 who are taking the first steps toward financial independence.

Norma Warwick, Aberdeen Youth Services, works with

female youths at the Youth Center on a daily basis and sees much potential, but she said teens who don't visit the center may miss an opportunity.

"While we can share this information with the youths we see on a regular basis, there are many girls between 12 and 16 years we don't see, and they deserve an opportunity to participate in this program," Warwick said.

Guardian and Girls Going Places will award 15 girls \$30,000 to be used toward their college education. Three top scholarship prizes of \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$3,000 and twelve finalist prizes of \$1,000 each will be awarded.

Adults may nominate girls, who could be their daughter, relative, neighbor, or student, by submitting an essay on why the nominee deserves a Girls Going Places award.

Nominees should demonstrate entrepreneurship and/or financial acumen, have taken the first steps toward financial independence, make a difference in their school, community, or in other people's lives, and show potential for future success.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 28, 2003.

For complete program information and nomination procedures, see the Guardian Life Insurance Web site <http://www.glic.com/>.

DIO gives advice about cleaning up

Chris Barwick
DIO

Bulk trash disposal

Housing occupants wishing to dispose of bulk items such as furniture, appliances or large items, who can't wait for their normal trash pickup day, may bring them to Aberdeen Area, building 3558, Collection Station on Rodman Road, or the Edgewood Area Collection Station at building E-1376 near the electrical shop.

If disposing of lawn mowers or motorized equipment, gas and oil must be drained.

Operating hours for Collection Stations in the Aberdeen Area are Tuesday

and Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and in the Edgewood Area, Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information about the disposal of items, contact Bill McGuire of Delmar Systems at the Collection Station at 410-278-3719/3683.

Dumpster use on APG

Commercial dumpsters located in the industrial areas are not for housing occupants or APG employees to dump trash or bulk items from home. They are for use by government employees to dispose of waste generated from assigned buildings.

This kind of dumping is illegal at APG and becomes an

added expense to the government.

Illegal dumping also causes dumpsters to remain full — someone has to physically go out and remove the items that are placed into the dumpster causing an inconvenience to all occupants.

Disposal of fall cleanup debris

APG Housing occupants wishing to dispose of leaves and tree limbs from fall cleanup may do so at the Collection Station, building 3558 on Nov. 19, 21 and 23 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the days listed.

For further information, call 410-306-2349/2337/1161.

In memoriam--Celebrating the life of APG Chaplain Rabbi Seymour Essrog

Lt. Col. Roxanne E. Baumgartner
MRICD

Rabbi Seymour Essrog, Auxiliary Jewish Chaplain to Aberdeen Proving Ground, died at his Ruxton, Md., home on Oct. 18, at the age of 68. Essrog, diagnosed with cancer just two weeks earlier, was undergoing chemotherapy.

Funeral services were held at Beth El Congregation in Pikesville on Oct. 20, attended by over 1,000 mourners. The services were followed by a miles-long funeral procession led by an honor motorcycle contingent of the Baltimore Police Department.

After his 1959 ordination, Essrog served in the Army as a chaplain. He went on to serve 28 years in the Reserves and retired as a lieutenant colonel.

As the Auxiliary Jewish Chaplain, Essrog presided over a weekly Jewish Luncheon at the post chapels at APG and Fort Meade.

APG's "Lunch With the Rabbi" was a popular event attended every Thursday by military and civilian, active duty and retired, Jewish and non-Jewish personnel.

Essrog would bring in a kosher lunch and lead discussions on a variety of topics, including current events, Israel, Judaism or whatever attendees brought up. He reveled in sharing stories, and telling or hearing a good joke.

His love for the military community was apparent.

"I knew Rabbi Essrog for

22 years. We were both Reserve Component chaplains. He was always support-

ive of efforts to bring the Jewish and Christian communities into better communication with each other and to have more respect for each other. He will be profoundly missed," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich, director of Freestate Challenge Academy, Maryland National Guard.

Essrog will be fondly remembered by his friends at APG.

"In December 1985 I bumbled into a room at the APG Chapel and saw 10 men seated, all wearing funny little hats," said Deacon Simon "Si" Driesen, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. "The leader said, 'Oh, you're looking for the Christian Fellowship Luncheon. That's next door.'"

"What is this?" I asked.

'I'm Rabbi Essrog', this is the Jewish congregation. 'I got all excited. My father was Jewish. Baruch haShem Adonai Eloheinu [Blessed be the Name of the Lord our God]. Can I come back some-

time?'

'Absolutely,' Essrog said.

"At the conclusion of my luncheon, an hour later, there was Rabbi Essrog waiting by the door to greet me and extend an invitation to the weekly luncheon. Ultimately I became his Shamos [or helper] and helped prepare the lunch. What joy to know him and to serve with him," said Simon.

APG Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Kenneth Kolenbrander and Essrog shared background and interests that formed a lasting friendship.

"The Rabbi became a dear friend of mine while at APG. We would visit each Thursday afternoon following the Jewish luncheon and talk about our different worlds and spheres of influence," Kolenbrander said.

"Little did I know that he was a retired Army chaplain in the reserves with a couple years of active duty.

"In the last conversation we had we were talking about Old Testament prophecy and the promise of the coming Messiah. We both had an interest in this topic and had a very animated conversation centered around Jerusalem in the Holy Land. Finally, at the end

of the conversation about Messiah, we talked of whether this would be the Messiah's first or second appearing and he made a humorous remark with a smile that I will long remember, saying 'We will see at that time and then we will agree and we left the discussion at that with much love and appreciation for each other's theological positions but parting good friends and not knowing that was the last time I would see the Rabbi in this lifetime. I have wonderful memories of him and will (am) missing him dearly already,'" Kolenbrander said.

At the time of his death, Essrog was rabbi at Adat Chaim Congregation in Reisterstown and chaplain for Baltimore City, Baltimore County and the Maryland State police.

Rabbi Essrog held many offices during his 40 years of service to the international Jewish community, including a two-year term as 48th president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the international organization of Conservative Rabbis, which he completed in 1999.

His survivors include his wife, Toby, their three children, his mother and three grandchildren.



Rabbi Seymour Essrog

Obligate December 2002 funds early

ACA

Early planning and coordination are the keys to successfully obligating requirements.

Because Contracting automated systems will be upgraded during the period Dec. 16 to 31, anyone having funds that will expire on Dec. 31 must have purchase requests and backup materials submitted to Contracting for the obligation to be made prior to Dec. 13.

Early customer support in identifying and submitting purchase requests by or before the dates below will enhance the Army Contracting Agency's ability to meet customer needs.

- Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 - Nov. 1*
- Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 - Nov. 15*
- Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million - Nov. 1
- Commercial Items under \$100,000 - Dec. 6

* There may be instances when this date may not be adequate for complex actions. In this case, the action must be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

Although the PR submission schedule has been established to allow appropriate time to process actions through this system, customers are advised to submit their requirements as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at calendar year end.

Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Refer questions to Joyce Roberts, acting director, APG Directorate of Contracting, Army Contracting Agency by e-mail joyce.roberts@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, or call 410-278-0869; Renee Hodge, Technology Branch, at e-mail renee.hodge@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, or call 410-278-0881; Shirley Kelly, Services Branch, by e-mail shirley.kelly@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, or call 410-278-0854; or Martha Mitchem, Facilities Branch, at e-mail martha.mitchem@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, or call 410-278-2362.

Army Community Service

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 18
PACT OFFERS
BREASTFEEDING
CLASS**

Parents and Children Together will offer a Breastfeeding Class at Army Community Service, building 2754, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Register by calling Diana Hayes, PACT coordinator at 410-278-4372 by Nov. 15.

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 25
PACT OFFERS DAD'S
BOOT CAMP**

PACT invites all fathers to a "Dad's Boot Camp at Army Community Service, building 2754. Register by calling Diana Hayes, PACT coordinator at 410-278-4372 by Nov. 20.

**PLAYMORNING AT
THE CHAPEL**

Weekly Playmorning will be held every Thursday beginning Nov. 7 in Edgewood in building E-1902, 10 to 11:30 a.m. for children up to the age of 6. Playmorning will continue in Aberdeen every Wednesday from 9:30-11 a.m. at the AA Chapel. For more information, call Diana Hayes, ACS Parents & Children Together coordinator at 410-278-4372.

National Red Ribbon Campaign observed at APG

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

National Red Ribbon Week, the annual campaign that targets drug prevention among America's youth, was celebrated on Aberdeen Proving Ground with programs sponsored by the Army Substance Abuse Program, led by Cynthia Scott, prevention specialist.

To mark the week, Scott visited area youth centers to hand out red ribbons and brief youths on the importance of saying no to drugs.

In 1985, the death of federal Drug Enforcement Agency Special Agent Enrique Camarena touched off a national outrage. Americans were frustrated over the brutal violence of the drug war. To ensure Camarena's sacrifice would not be forgotten and to demonstrate a commitment to take a stand against drug abuse, Americans began wearing red ribbons.

In 1988, the United States Congress officially proclaimed the first National Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23 to 31.

This tribute spread around the world. Today, millions proudly wear red ribbons during the last week of October as a symbol of their commitment to be drug free. The Red Ribbon Campaign has also grown into a symbol of support for DEA's efforts to reduce the demand for drugs through prevention and education programs.

Sports & Recreation

Company C 143rd outshoots Company B 143rd, 25-19 in overtime

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Despite an inspired offensive performance by Company B 143rd Ordnance Battalion quarterback Brian Ligon, Company C 143rd triumphed in an overtime win, 25-19 in Edgewood Division flag football action, Oct. 28.

The two teams, both unlikely to qualify for the post-season, were aiming for bragging rights in the division led by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, which is undefeated at 7-0, and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense in second place at 5-3.

Company B fielded a 7-man team with no bench, forcing players to play offense and defense throughout the game.

The team held tough with Ligon scrambling for most of the yards himself.

On its first drive, Company C running back Richard Thompson gained more than 30 yards on two plays and quarterback Shawn Carr completed a touchdown pass to the end zone to go up 6-0. The extra point attempt failed and Company B took over.

Despite superior numbers, Company C defenders could barely contain Ligon who scrambled on nearly every play. On third down, he surprised defenders, dishing off a pass to Donnie Moyers who ran untouched into the end zone. A failed extra point attempt left the score tied, 6-6.

The teams remained close, throughout with neither more than a touchdown ahead. With time running out and a 19-19 tie, both teams had a chance to put the game away.

Company C took over with less than 3-min-

utes to play. Carr threw a missile to Thompson who took it inside the Company B 20-yard line. A defensive penalty on the play gave Company C a first-and-goal at about the ten. Carr's next pass was intercepted in the end zone by Ligon who ran it all the way back to the 20-yard line. The play proved fruitless however, as Company B failed to score on fourth down as time ran out.

In overtime, Company C got first shot at the end zone. The Carr-to-Thompson match up worked again as Thompson made a leaping catch over defenders in the end zone for the 25-19 lead.

Then, Company B took its shot. Ligon nearly won the game single-handedly as he ran untouched into the end zone for what would have been the tying score, but was called back for a uniform violation because one of his flags was missing.

On the next play, Ligon ran wide right then threw left to a waiting receiver in the end zone for another would-be score that was called back as an illegal forward pass. The next play got short yardage on the ground and Ligon's pass on third down was intercepted in the end zone to end the game.

Company C Drill Sergeant Angelo Pennyamon said the game was as rough as the team's season.

"They never gave up," he said of their opponents. "We had a rough season too but we hung in there. We had a good time and were never blown out."

Ligon, and teammates Chris Clark and Dannie Moyers agreed the game and their season was memorable.

"I just come out to play," Ligon said. I love the game and the competition."

"We get as many players as we can and do



Evading the grasp of a Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion defender, Company B, 143rd quarterback Brian Ligon heads toward the end zone during the first half of their Oct. 28 flag football game. Company C, 143rd prevailed, 25-19 in overtime.

what we can," said Clark. "We did pretty good this season. Better than I thought we would."

Moyers added that the three were the only ones left of the team that began the season but

that all players were willing to play on both sides of the ball with no rest.

"We're tired, but it was worth it," he said.

"It was tough, but it was fun too. That's what it's all about."

The Golf Cup



Tom Green
MWR

(Editor's note: Tom Green is the new director of golf at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He comes with nearly 10 years of experience in daily fee, semi-private and private golf and country club operations working at such facilities as Indian Wells Country Club (Indian Wells, Calif.) and most recently from Greenbrier Country Club

(Chesapeake, Va.). Green, originally from Saint Paul, Minn., spent time in Dallas, Texas; Palm Springs, Calif.; and Chesapeake, Va., before coming to Maryland. He married his wife Megan just prior to relocating to Maryland.

"The Golf Cup" is a new addition to the APG News. Green requests golfers submit e-mail golf questions to him at tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil or drop them off in writing to either Exton Golf

Course in the Edgewood Area, or Ruggles Golf Course in the Aberdeen Area. He will answer them in the APG News so that other golfers can benefit from his responses.

Everyone is wished long straight shots.)

Water hazards defined

Red or yellow, water is water, right? Wrong.

There always seems to be confusion

about the difference between water hazards and lateral water hazards on golf courses. If you understand the options, often good can come from a bad situation. Confusion mostly arises when taking relief. Remember there are two types: water hazards, marked with yellow stakes and or painted lines, and lateral water hazards, marked with red stakes and or painted lines. One

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Football update

The following results were reported for intramural flag football for the week ending Oct. 25.

Aberdeen Division

Results

Oct. 21
HHC 16th, 2; HHSB, forfeit
USMC, 14; Company A 16th, 6
Oct. 22
USMC, 16; Company E 16th, 6
Company A 16th, 14;
Company B 16th, 6
Oct. 23
HHC 61st, 14; NCOA, 0
Company C 16th, 13;
Company E 16th, 12

Schedule

Nov. 5
6:30 p.m., Company B 16th
vs. Company E 16th
7:30 p.m., USAF vs.
Company A 16th
8:30 p.m., USMC vs.
Company C 16th

Standings

HHC 16th 6-0
HHC 61st 5-2
NCOA 2-2
HHSB 1-4

National Division

Standings

Company B 16th 7-2
Company C 16th 6-4

Company A 16th 4-4
USAF 4-5
Company E 16th 3-5
USMC 3-7

Edgewood Division

Results

Oct. 21
MRICD, 34; Company C
143rd, 28
HHC 143rd, 7; Company A
143rd, 6
Oct. 23
No results
Standings
HHC 143rd 7-0
MRICD 5-3
Company A 143rd 3-5
Company B 143rd 3-4
Company C 143rd 1-6

Soccer update

The following results were reported for intramural soccer for the dates ending Oct. 25

Results

Oct. 22
Company A 143rd, 7;
Company B 143rd, 0
MRICD, 2; Company C 143rd, 1
Oct. 23
Company E 16th, 2; HHC
16th, 1
Company C 16th, 1; USMC, 0

Standings

Aberdeen Division
Company E 16th 4-1-2
HHC 16th 2-3-2
Company C 16th 1-2-3
USMC 1-6-1

Edgewood Division

MRICD 6-0-0
Company A 143rd 6-0-1
Company C 143rd 2-3-1
Company B 143rd 0-7-0

Intramural Soccer post-season tournament begins Nov. 2.

The post championship will be held Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m. on Shine Sports Field.



Central registration, MWR online

Check out www.apgmwr.com for the latest program and event information. Registration is also available online at **MWR-Registration@usag.apg.army.mil**.

If you don't have a computer, stop by MWR Registration, located in building 3326, or call MWR Registration at 410-278-4907.

Pedicure workshop

Learn the tricks of the trade to do pedicures at home Nov. 12, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center. This hands-on workshop teaches a basic pedicure step by step. Cost is \$30. Register at the ITR/MWR Registration by Nov. 6. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.Umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Pool and billiards class

To help develop the skills necessary to enjoy the game of pool, classes start Nov. 6 through 20 at AA Recreation Center from 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Register at ITR/MWR Registration by Nov 1. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Lunch and bowl leagues

Tuesday Lunchtime bowl league includes two games, shoes and the choice of three lunch specials. Sign up for this league at the Bowling Center or ITR/MWR Registration by Nov. 5. League is \$10 per week. For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

Thursday lunchtime bowl league includes two games, shoes and the choice of three lunch specials. Sign up for this league at the Bowling Center or ITR/MWR Registration by Nov. 7. League is \$10 per week and runs 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

hart@usag.apg.army.mil.

New York shopping trip

Ride in a deluxe motorcoach and arrive at Macy's 34th Street to 'shop til you drop' Nov. 16. The bus leaves Aberdeen Shopping Center at 7:30 a.m. and Ames Shopping Center, Edgewood, at 8 a.m., and returns at 10:30 p.m. Purchase tickets at ITR/MWR Registration by Nov.8. Cost of trip is \$35. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Washington Wizards vs. Seattle Supersonics

Come cheer on the Washington Wizards on Nov. 12 as they take on the Seattle Supersonics. Tickets are only \$35. Purchase tickets by Nov. 1 at ITR/MWR Registration. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Chess and table tennis clubs

Register for the Chess or Table Tennis club and visit the AA Recreation Center to play your favorite activity on Tuesday starting Nov. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. Annual dues are \$20 for adults 18 years of age or older. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

Self defense for women workshop

Learn the basics of self-defense in real life situations by using martial arts fundamentals. These techniques are designed to help victims cope with any aggressor, regardless of size or strength. Class will be held Nov. 23, at the AA Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$40. Register by Nov. 14 at ITR/MWR Registration. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie/umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Bowling standings

Wednesday Night Mixed League	Barbara Thibault, 513 Dolores Huff, 464
Women's High Game Scratch	Men's High Scratch Stuart Thacker, 225 Tim Anderson, 223
Cathy Shimek, 187 Barbara Thibault, 187 Dolores Huff, 178	Men's High Game Scratch Stuart Thacker, 601 Tim Anderson, 598
High Series Scratch	

Upcoming APG golf events:

The Turkey Shoot Scramble will be held Nov. 23.

A holiday shopping sale is scheduled at Ruggles Golf Course on Dec. 2.

Golf

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clarification is made in the Rules of Golf about lateral water hazards. "A 'lateral water hazard' is a water hazard or that part of a water hazard so situated that it is not possible or is deemed by the Committee to be impracticable to drop a ball behind the water hazard in accordance with Rule 26-1b."

A water hazard is defined by yellow stakes or lines, which are part of the hazard (by definition). The margins of the hazard extend vertically upwards and downwards. A ball is deemed to be in the hazard when it lies in or any part of it touches the hazard. If a ball is in or is lost in a water hazard (whether in actual water or not) the player may under penalty of one stroke:

- a. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played, or
- b. Drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the point at which the ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped.

A lateral water hazard is defined by red stakes or lines, which are part of the hazard (by definition). If a ball is in or lost in a water hazard (whether in actual water or not) the player proceeds under either of the two procedures above or under the following additional options:

The player may drop a ball outside the lateral water hazard within two club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than:

- a. The point where the where the original ball last crossed the margin of the lateral water hazard, or
- b. A point on the opposite margin of the lateral water hazard equidistant from the hole.

First determine which type of water hazard the ball is in, then investigate the options and make the decision which offers the most relief and the best option for the next shot. Know options and avoid confusion.

PAY

From front page

about 17 years in service is good, he added.

Today's soldier will see a transforming Army, and withstand a long battle in the war on terrorism.

"I don't know if we're going to Iraq, but be prepared," Tilley said. "The war on terrorism will not end this year or the next. So don't get complacent. Stay focused. If you're on guard duty stay focused on guard duty. This war could possibly last for the next 10 to 20 years."

While framing the Army's path for the 300 junior soldiers who were in attendance, Tilley showed that his primary job as an NCO is still implementing standards.

He fixed a young soldier's collar and pointed out to another one that the words "sergeant major" should end any statement addressed to him.

"When I walk up to a soldier he should go to parade rest. Not because I'm better than he is, but because he respects who he is and who I am based on what we both do. It's professionalism," Tilley said.

Community Notes

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 COMESTO 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 for 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 11 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.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6 NATIVE AMERICAN HONORING CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to attend a Native American Honoring Celebration from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Aberdeen Recreation Center. Guest speaker will be Boe Harris-Nakakakena (which means 'rattles with feet'), a member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa of Turtle Mountain, N.D. Harris-Nakakakena travels up and down the East Coast telling people about her American Indian heritage and culture. Guest flutist will be Jeff Ball, a renowned Native American flutist. Included in the presentation will be food sampling, dancing, a slide presentation, videos, face painting, vendors and displays. Admission to this event is free.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Serino, 410-278-1534, or Carol Baker, 410-436-2182.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9 HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

Prince of Peace Church, 2600 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood, is hosting a holiday craft bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit church programs including the Youth Ministry.

Crafters who need to reserve a space should call Dawn at 410-676-7785.

WACVA CHAPTER 114 MEETING

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13 DAV BEL AIR CHAPTER 30 MEETING

The DAV Bel Air Chapter 30 will meet at 7 p.m., at the VFW hall, 303 S. Atwood Road. For information and transportation, call 410-838-8325 or 410-879-0861.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16 VFW HOSTS "HOT IN HERRE" CONTEST

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

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

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20 APG DISABILITY AWARENESS LUNCHEON

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

Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association. Exhibits will be on display on the second floor from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (elevator accessible).

Tickets cost \$12 per person. To make reservations, contact the following committee members by Oct. 10. Make checks payable to IMWRF. Angela Cheek, EEO, 410-278-1140; Judy Matthews, DTC, 410-278-1050; Terry Leicht, DLES, 410-278-3609; Linda Patrick, CHPPM, 410-436-1023; Mike Brown, DOIM, 410-278-2268; Debbie Pole, DRM, 410-278-2605 (TDD); Deana Boyd, ATC, 410-278-9186; Debra Dempsey, CPAC, 410-278-7148; Patricia Reeves, SBCCOM, 410-436-2917; Jeanne Boisseau, MRICD, 410-436-1815; Ginni Phippen, SBCCOM, 410-436-5639; and Annette Jones-Dennis, PMCD, 410-436-4164.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23 RWES CRAFT FAIR

Roye-Williams Elementary School is having a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To reserve a table and/or space, call Melissa Daniels at 410-273-5536. Tables cost \$10; spaces cost \$10. If you reserve both, receive \$5 off.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10 BAND HOSTS HOLIDAY CONCERT

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

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

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

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13 CWFTRIP TO DINNER THEATER

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

TUESDAY DECEMBER 17 HOMELAND SECURITY WORKSHOP

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

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

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

FRIDAY THRU MONDAY JANUARY 17 to 20 BEP HOSTS MLK HOLIDAY TRIP

The Civilian Welfare Fund, in conjunction with the Black Employment Program is sponsoring a trip to Atlanta, Ga., to celebrate the Martin Luther King holiday, Jan. 17 to 20.

The trip price will include charter bus transportation and hotel stay at the Sheraton. The price per person is \$300 for single occupancy, \$210 for double occupancy, \$185 for triple occupancy, and \$170 for quad occupancy. A \$50 per person deposit will be due upon reservation.

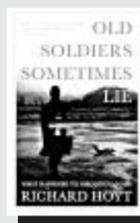
For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771. You may also contact Jackie Pitts at 410-436-2771, or Brenda Clayton at 410-436-3856, from the BEP Committee.

MOVIES

The Post Theater will be closed Nov. 1 and 2 for the 2002 Army Soldier Show.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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



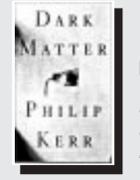
Old Soldiers Sometimes Lie by Richard Hoyt

Over five decades ago, Gen. Douglas MacArthur permitted Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita to be executed for alleged war crimes. Now Yamashita's granddaughter is determined to clear his name, even if it means unraveling a web of deceit and corruption that may stretch back to the Emperor himself, and a secret pact between Hirohito and MacArthur.



No Way to Treat a First Lady by Christopher Buckley

White Doves at Morning by James Lee Burke



The Kill Zone by David Hagberg

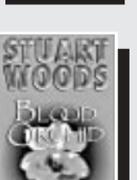
Dark Matter: the Private Life of Sir Isaac Newton by Philip Kerr



July July by Tim O'Brien

December 6 by Martin Cruz Smith

Blood Orchid by Stuart Woods



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

ORGANIZATION HELPS MILITARY CHILDREN

The Military Child Education Coalition serves as a national advocate and information and resources organization for all military and military related students in public/private/host nation and home schools. It is non-profit and seeks partnerships and provides networking of military installations and their supporting school districts to address transition and other educational items related to the military child. For more information about available resources or to join MCEC, contact Ivan Mehosky, School Liaison/Youth Education Services director at 410-278-2857 or e-mail ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil, or visit www.militarychild.org.

HOW DOES YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL STACK UP AGAINST MARYLAND'S STANDARDS, TESTING?

In January, the state will release the latest results on the Maryland School Performance Assessments.

Like other states, Maryland wants schools to emphasize results by demonstrating that students are learning at high levels. It provides critical information to parents and teachers about how well students are meeting academic standards.

Look for evidence that the child's teachers are giving assignments and exams that are reinforcing the knowl-

edge and skills children should have upon graduation. Ask what programs and strategies the school is using to improve learning and to help more students reach the standards. Demonstrate a commitment to excellence. Expect more from the children and their schools.

Visit www.mdk12.org, where scores can be viewed and analyzed. Study the statewide results and compare them against the results of your child's school.

GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE PTA

Parents can become more familiar with their child's school and staff by becoming actively involved in the PTA. Getting involved and knowing what is going on shows your support in the education process of your child and the school they attend. Call your child's school today.

HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INFORMATION

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Jacqueline C. Haas, Superintendent

Customer Service Action Line: 410-638-0022, fax 410-893-2478

Web address: www.co.ha.md.us/harford_schools_or_www.www.schools-out.com

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Information, 410-588-5303, e-mail drmmorrison.gs@hcps.k12.md.us

Facts:

Ranked 4th out of state's 24 subdivisions on 2001 MSPAP report.

75 percent of the teaching staff have advanced degrees.

60 percent of the teaching staff have five or more years of experience.

Approximately 95 percent of the students have never been involved in violations of school or systemwide rules.

The school system has over 2,500 business partnerships.

77 percent of the students plan to receive postsecondary education.

HCPS exceeds state attendance percentiles (94 percent average for elementary, middle, high school).

HCPS dropout rate is below state percentile (3.48 percent).

HCPS exceeded state percentiles in all categories for grades 3, 5 and 8 on the MSPAP.

HCPS exceeded state percentiles on the Scholastic Assessment Test.

HCPS exceeded state percentiles in the 9th grade Functional Tests in two out of three categories.



Army News



Army creates new computer network command

Chris Walz
Army News Service

The Army has created a new command to spearhead information management initiatives and become a single voice for the Army's information technology network.

Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton will head the new Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command, which came online at its Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Headquarters Oct. 8.

Hylton, Army Chief Information Officer Lt. Gen. Peter Cuvillo and Chief Integration Officer Maj. Gen. John Scott held a roundtable discussion to explain the command's objectives.

"Part of [the Army's] transformation is not just about Stryker Brigade and the way we're going to fight the war. It's also about how we're structured, how we're going to run the operation, meaning the operation of the day-to-day business of the army," said, Cuvillo, who will oversee the new command. "The leadership of the Army has recognized command, control, communications and computers [as well as] information technology are critical aspects of being able to transform the army."

"The Army is fighting a global war at the same time we're transforming," Scott said. "I don't know of any other Army on earth that can fight a global war and then transform itself at the same time. That's what this Army's doing."

Some command elements will remain in the Washington, D.C., area instead of moving to Arizona, according to Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Officer Carol Connor. Four regional offices are co-located with installation management directorates

at Fort Monroe, Va.; Rock Island, Ill.; Fort McPherson, Ga.; and Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

"Our physical location [in Arizona] will help us leverage technology," said Deputy Commander for Support Col. Melita McCully. "We have a presence in the Pentagon and a presence in the capital region. Everything is working well so far, but we will continue to make enhancements."

McCully said the command experienced minor difficulties at first, wrinkles that were quickly ironed out. The command, however, is doing everything to play catch up.

"Do we have all the systems and tools to do this seamlessly to all the [major commands]?" McCully asked rhetorically. "No, not necessarily. We may not have everything we need, but all actions are underway to do that."

The new command is composed of Army Signal Command tactical and strategic units, former staff of the chief information officer and selected personnel from subordinate commands.

"We took parts of the Army Signal Command plus we added some parts and moved that under the umbrella of NETCOM," said Cuvillo. "We took some of the stuff being done at posts, camps and stations...and put that under the [command] umbrella and took it out of the umbrella of the major commands."

"By creating an enterprise-level 'info structure,' the Army is now postured to execute the functions critical to information management," said Hylton. "Centralization of authority over these functions will ensure secure, dependable and timely communications across the Army from the foxhole to the White House."

Centralizing network operations will allow the Army to gain improved capabilities related to network management, improve dissemination management and information assurance, according to Connor.

Centralization also will enhance commands ability to react to computer network attacks, according to McCully. She said the command reacts to some 1,000 attempted intrusions per day and is responsible for monitoring cyber intrusions and isolating the infected area from contaminating the entire network.

The cyber hacker who invaded Forts Myer, Va., and McNair, Washington, D.C., servers earlier this year was isolated from the remaining servers in a similar fashion. However, McCully explained the Fort Belvoir Regional Network Operations and Security Center didn't restrict the cyber hacker alone.

"They didn't breed independently," McCully said, implying Fort Huachuca assisted in the monitoring of Army networks for security. She declined to give the details of their assistance citing the investigation is still ongoing.

A major advantage to network security is intrusion detection software and the ability to access Army computers from remote locations.

"Our objective is to manage all the way down to the desktop level," McCully added, saying the goal is to help fix individual computers from NETCOM headquarters. "It's not going to happen overnight."

(Editor's note: Chris Walz is a staff writer with the Military District of Washington Pentagon newspaper.)

Stryker demo debunks critics

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

The Army has answered a number of recent critics who have stated that the Stryker Infantry Vehicle doesn't meet the Army's requirement of being deployable by C-130 Hercules aircraft and be ready for combat operations once out of the plane.

The Army and Air Force debunked that claim with a demonstration that showed just that capability during a media event at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., Oct. 16.

This was not the first time Strykers traveled via the Hercules. Strykers were also airlifted by C-130s into the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., as part of Millennium Challenge 2002 in early August.

In front of a crowd of about 200 journalists, senior Army leaders and government officials at the Andrews demonstration, a C-130 taxied in front of a hangar and released a Stryker with two crewman and a nine-man infantry squad. Working in a cold driving rain, the squad took about eight minutes to prepare the vehicle for combat operations. The preparation entailed lifting the Remote Weapons Station into place, connecting radio antennas and moving water cans, individual rucksacks and other gear from the Hercules and attaching it to bustle racks on the outside of the Army's newest infantry vehicle.

Army leaders at a media roundtable the day before the demonstration said the Army never envisioned the Stryker to roll off a C-130 with guns blazing, but rather be capable of conducting combat operations after a short period of preparation.

Lt. Col. Rob Choppa, commander of

the demonstration troops out of Fort Lewis, Wash., 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, said he is satisfied with the short time it takes the Stryker to be combat ready once off a C-130.

Having served in Ranger and airborne units — both forced-entry capable — Choppa said the time it takes soldiers from those units to get on the ground and get their gear ready for combat is comparable to the time it takes Stryker to be ready.

"(If you) jump in, you still have to take your weapon out of your protective jump pack and put it into operation," Choppa said. "If you heavy drop a vehicle in, you still have to re-rig it on the drop zone."

Col. Charles Betack, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command systems manager for the Stryker and Bradley, told reporters that Stryker brigades are intended to be an early-entry unit, not a force-entry one.

"I can tell you right now I don't think (Air Force pilots are) going to be flying a C-130 into any kind of airfield where there are bullets flying," Betack said.

While the Hercules does currently require a waiver to carry a single 38,000-pound Stryker with its crew and infantry squad, that is expected to change in the near future, said Air Force Col. Jimmie Simmons, chief of Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation, Air Mobility Command.

"The waiver process in the Air Force is essentially to raise awareness that we're doing something a bit different than the way we normally do," Simmons said.

Calling waivers just the way the Air Force does routine business, Simmons

said there are currently about 153 pieces of equipment that require a waiver for C-130 transport. The Air Mobility Command issues about five waivers a day, from moving uncertified equipment to flying with a broken light bulb on top of the plane, he said.

Moving to take the Stryker out of the "waiver world" into the "routine business world," Simmons said the Air Force is conducting extensive testing with C-130s, Strykers and the associated crews of both.

A test conducted Oct. 15 verified that the Hercules' crew, Stryker's crew and infantry squad could exit a C-130 with a Stryker aboard in less than 90 seconds. The test subjects did it in 48 seconds.

The end result of the testing and some additional coordination with the Army will be a memorandum of agreement with the Army. Simmons said he expects the MOA to happen soon.

The Stryker is intended to provide the Army's light forces more protection and lethal firepower while maintaining the ability to deploy more quickly than heavier Bradley-equipped infantry units. While only two are currently standing up at Fort Lewis, the Army plans to equip six brigades with Strykers.

Six Stryker Brigade Combat Teams meets current Defense Planning Guidance from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and "provides the strategic responsiveness and necessary combat power to contribute to the swift defeat or the ability to win decisively when we're called upon to do so," said Lt. Gen. James Riley, commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center.

Army announces new capstone training manual

Army News Service

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki announced publication of a new Army training manual in a speech Oct. 22 at the annual meeting of the Association of the United States Army in Washington, D.C.

The new manual, which was developed after 21 months of extensive reviews by Army officers and non-commissioned officers at all levels, integrates lessons learned from recent military operations and is applicable to all segments of the Army — active, reserve, Department of the Army civilian, combat, combat support, and combat service support.

The updated doctrine is contained in a new field manual, entitled "FM 7-0 Training the Force." This new document differs from the earlier field manual (FM 25-100) in that it combines training and leader development into one program, establishes the linkage to joint, multinational, and interagency operations, and synchronizes Army training doctrine with the full spectrum of Army operations.

These changes came about from findings from the Chief of Staff of the Army's Training and Leader Development Conferences. The findings emphasize that leader development is most effective if it is integrated into all of a unit's training activities, and that Army training doctrine should be updated to better address the full spectrum of operations.

While the enduring principles encompassed in FM 25-100 enabled soldiers to win the Cold War, defeat Iraq in Operation Desert Storm, and

dominate the battlefield during operations in Panama, Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan, reviews showed that it could be improved.

Field Manual 7-0 retains the basic tenants of FM 25-100, which are fundamentally sound, and updates them to reflect the contemporary operating environment, Army Transformation, and technology. This new training doctrine is designed to leverage the war-fighting and collective training experience from across our formations and more fully utilize the knowledge of our master trainers — our noncommissioned officers.

Field Manual 7-0 will be followed soon by the publication of FM 7-1, "Battle Focused Training," which updates FM 25-101 of the same name.

Field Manual 7-0 is the capstone, overarching Army training doctrine, while FM 7-1 deals with the specifics of how to train.

Shinseki said America's Army would continue to prepare to fight and win the nation's wars and train soldiers and grow leaders. This updated doctrine is intended to provide a vehicle to enhance Army training based in the new strategic environment. While the doctrine may be changing, the commander of each unit maintains responsibility for all training. Similarly, training and leader development continues to be the Army's top priority for the current environment and future operating environment for the Objective Force.

For more information, call the Army Public Affairs at 703-697-2564/7590.



Photo by STAFF SGT. MARCIAT HART

One of three Strykers rolls off the C-17 during a Stryker deployability demonstration at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., Oct. 16, 2002.

Prepare

From front page

more active role in emergency management planning, and to prepare themselves and others for disasters.

- An expanded Neighborhood Watch Program, which incorporates terrorism prevention and education into its existing crime prevention mission.

- Volunteers in police service, who provide support for resource-constrained police departments by using civilian volunteers to free up more law enforcement professionals for front-

line duty.

- The Medical Reserve Corps, which coordinates volunteer health professionals during large-scale emergencies to assist emergency response teams, provide care to victims with less serious injuries, and remove other burdens that inhibit the effectiveness of physicians and nurses in a major crisis.

- Operation TIPS, Terrorism Information and Prevention System, which is a nationwide program providing millions of workers who, by the nature of their jobs, are well-positioned to recognize unusual events with a formalized way to report suspicious activity to the nearest FBI field office.

What can people do to prepare for a possible

attack? According to the Red Cross Web site, located at www.redcross.org, you should:

- Create an emergency communications plan. Choose an out-of-town contact your family or household will call or e-mail to check on each other should a disaster occur.

- Establish a meeting place. Having a predetermined meeting place away from your home will save time and minimize confusion should your home be affected or the area evacuated. Be sure to include any pets in these plans, since pets are not permitted in shelters, and some hotels will not accept them.

- Assemble a disaster supplies kit. If you need to evacuate your home or are asked to shelter "in place," having some essential sup-

plies on hand will make you and your family more comfortable.

- Check on the school emergency plan of any school-age children you have. Administrators may keep children at school until a parent or designated adult can pick them up or send them home on their own. The schools should have updated information about how to reach parents and responsible caregivers to arrange for pick-up. If people are unable to pick up their child, schools require proper identification to release a child to someone you designate.

(Editor's note: Sgt. William A. Graves is the assistant editor for the Fort Benning, Ga., Bayonet newspaper.)

Hispanic observance highlights diversity



Flags from countries that recognize Hispanic Heritage Month were part of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine display highlighting the role of Hispanic Americans in the military at the Hispanic Employment Program's observance, Oct. 10.



An array of Mexican folk art decorates a display honoring Hispanic Heritage Month.

Story and photos by
Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

In an effort to bring awareness and diversity to the community and to help promote employment among Hispanics, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine's Hispanic Employment Program held the 2nd Annual Hispanic Heritage Month event, Oct. 10 at the Edgewood Area Gunpowder Club. "Strength in Unity, Faith in Diversity" was the theme.

Brig. Gen. William T. Bester, commander, CHPPM, and host, began by thanking Hispanics for the hard work, courage, determination, and dedication he has seen displayed for the nation.

Capt. Roberto Marin, HEP committee member, also offered a words of encouragement.

"Think assertive about your career, what you like to do and start planning in that direction," Marin said.

Nearly 200 people were in attendance for the event including soldiers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Advanced Individual Training class from Edgewood, civilian employees, family members, friends and volunteers.

The event offered a wide variety of displays depicting members of the Hispanic culture fighting in the war, a line of flags for just about every Hispanic nation, various types of Mexican pottery, articles of clothing such as the Mexican sombrero, Mexican rugs and more.

Any type of Hispanic celebration would not be complete without entertainment. At the opening of the event, Bester introduced singer Wandlitz Colon, stage name Liz, native of Puerto Rico, graduate of Edgewood High School and local entertainer. Liz, who is currently working on her first single, dazzled and amazed the guests with her rendition of the national anthem. She sang three other songs in Spanish.

Also gracing the stage with a traditional Mexican dance

was Sgt. Maritza Cisneros from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

The guest speaker was Jeffery Derrick Vargas, National Hispanic Employment manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. Being of Hispanic descent himself, Vargas said his culture demonstrates health, unity, awareness and strength. Vargas said that the Hispanic culture has come a long way and it was not by chance, rather the decision to unify as a people that wanted more out of life.

"Recognize a people of promise, yes we know that it is not a promise in and of itself, and it does take action," Vargas said.

Vargas sent out a plea to the community and to those in positions of power to open their hearts and minds and give those of Hispanic descent an opportunity.

"What makes Hispanics strong and why should our culture be celebrated — resilience and determination," Vargas said.

He concluded by asking the community for assistance in helping the Hispanic culture grow and stressed that without their help, it could not be possible. There are five things that he asked the community to do:

- Commit to learn a Hispanic fact each month,
- Volunteer to mentor or tutor a Hispanic student,
- Speak to students on college campuses,
- Speak the words of contribution of Hispanic communities, and
- Thank God for the opportunity that you have been given.

At the conclusion of the celebration, soldiers, civilian employees, family and friends sampled foods prepared by volunteers.

Eleanor Gordon, program coordinator for Hispanic Employment Program, gave special thanks to all who contributed to make the event a success.

Fun fest

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community know what CYS has to offer.

"There's no reason for any child to be bored. It's a lot to offer in a facility like this one and at Edgewood. Aberdeen and Edgewood are mirror images, even though Aberdeen is a larger facility, they have a lot to offer as well," Dannenfels said.

Staff members gave hands-on demonstrations on how to make various arts and crafts and play pool.

For those interested in face painting, Renee Main, with School Age Services, was there to assist. Excited about the activities and interacting with the youth, she said she would love to see it happen more often and see youths more involved on a regular basis.

"I think it's great. I'm excited about the people that are here and the teens out doing a lot of work. They've been working hard in preparation for this event, cooking and such, it's just nice to see people come out from the community," Main said.

"I think its fun because you get to do a lot of activities — you get to jump and you get to make cookies," said Letisia McNeill, school age student.

Competition was also part of the family fun fest. Jerome Wing, program assistant at Edgewood-APG CYS, challenged Patrick Przeciak, a student and resident of APG, to a friendly game of chess. Wing commented on how much fun he was having.

"I feel very good about this event and I think we should do this more often," Wing said.

He was not the only one having a great time. Challenger, Przeciak was also enjoying the festivities. Even though he lives in post housing, he said he did not know how much fun it would be to come to the center.

"This is only my second time here," Przeciak said. "I will have my parents bring me back because it's pretty fun."

Other competitions included father and son teams competing in a basketball tournament. The game was designed for those who made the best out of five shots from the free throw line, then adding up the number of baskets made between the two. The team that scored the most

shots out of 10 determined the winner.

Though the competition was originally designed for father and son competitions, in some cases mothers and sons made up a team.

Peggy Horne, community health nurse at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Child and Youth Services division, offered blood pressure screenings, assisted by Daphnie Sanders, a student who attends EA CYS and is a member of Teen Supreme.

"I think it's wonderful. The community coming out and seeing what we have to offer is terrific. We have a lot of things and this is one of the best ways to let the them know," Horne said.

Lucinda McDowell, assistant supervisor of middle school students of EA CYS, gave demonstrations of what Smart Girls is all about.

"I'm demonstrating Smart Girls. We want girls 10 to 15 to join this program for adolescent girls. We try to teach them a number of things — how to learn their bodies, how to conduct themselves as young ladies, healthy eating habits, cleanliness and how to overcome peer pressure. We are starting here today with cleanliness of our nails," McDowell said.

Computer literacy today and in the future

was the focus of Charles Novack, computer lab operator, who assisted youths as they signed on to the computers.

"This is a good thing to bring the people into the building, let them know that this is also available through Youth Services," Novack said.

Ferous, the IronBirds mascot took part in the fun and games and was available for pictures.

"The fact that [the Ironbirds] logo is a military jet, has a tie into Aberdeen Proving Ground, it all kind of ties together. We're always trying to let people know that we care and that we are in the community," said Steve Spadafino, Public Relations manager and broadcaster for the IronBirds.

More than 200 parents and children showed up to see what programs were available and what the center had to offer.

Dannenfels thanked members of the centers for their help, in particular Gail Weinstein, YS training specialist, Pat Palazzi Outreach Services director, and Vaun Smith, Schoolage Services director.

LEAVE DONATION

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

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

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

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

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

Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)
Marcia Johnson (caregiver for daughter)
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)
Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)
Beverly King (caring for husband)
William Klein
Nicole L. Klein (broken ankle)
Anita L Koller care for husband)
Carrie L. Lambert
Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)

Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)
William B. McLean (kidney failure)
Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Stacy Miller (maternity)
Michelle Millary (taking care of father)
John E. Mogan (surgery)
Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Karen S Pense
Mary E. Pettaway
Linda M. D. Queen
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Michael Reynolds
Boyd J. Richards (care of

mother)
Denise Robinson (maternity)
Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Jennifer W. Sekowski
Sherry Schaffer
Diane Scott
Lena Shelton
Teresa L. Shores
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Debra S. Stark (surgery)
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Walter J Swiderski
Hilary P. Talbot
Jorta J. Thomas-Murcia

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

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

Commentary

Scared, but I dared



Story and photos by
Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

In search of a 'creepy' Halloween story, I contacted Mark T. Gallihue, Aberdeen Proving Ground historian.

Gallihue's office is located at the Mitchell House, building 5650. He told me that the only Halloween-worthy story takes place at his office on a regular basis.

According to Gallihue, the Mitchell House was built in the early 1900s by a man named Malcolm Mitchell, thus the name. The Mitchell's were told that they would have to leave due to expansion of the post in the late 1930s. Legend has it that a spirit lives in the house today.

My scary story begins here.

It was raining the day I visited the Mitchell House. The only thing missing from this day was the dark of night and thunder and lightning. The house looks scary enough in the daylight.

If you dare to approach the 97-year old structure, you will find a set of stairs that squeak and creak with every step. Slowly taking a foot forward to enter the Mitchell House, I heard a voice that said "Come on in, we're open."

Startled at the sound without the presence of a physical body, I turned to head back out the door, but a man suddenly appeared around the corner. That helped to calm my fears...a little.

As I approached the foyer staircase, I felt like someone was following me, so I started running up the stairs peering over my shoulder as I ran.

Upon reaching the second floor, I heard another voice softly saying, "Can I help you?"

Nearly jumping out of my skin, my first thought was to run back down the stairs and out the front door. Then I stopped, realizing it was a live person and not a spirit. I introduced myself and the receptionist directed me to Gallihue's office. We sat and talked about the 'tales' of occurrences at the Mitchell House.

As Gallihue began telling me the history of the house, I felt a strong vibration in the wall

behind the chair I was sitting in and heard a loud thump in the wall. I immediately jumped out of the chair and was a step away from jumping on top of Gallihue's desk.

He noticed that I was startled, but since this was his office, the experience was nothing new to him.

"Now you see what I'm talking about," Gallihue said. He told me that he and others experience things of that nature all the time.

left alone, I stayed in spite of the presence.

Trying to remember everything that Gallihue had told me so far, I began writing them down. After three minutes or so, another vibration started, this time even louder and harder, and with a cold breeze.

I moved out of the room so quickly, I bumped into the receptionist. I was so scared, my lips were trembling. She asked if I was okay.



"We just named her Aunt Mary," Gallihue said.

He went on to say that sometimes while working after hours, he is absolutely positive that no one is or should be in the house with him, but it feels as if someone else is there.

In addition to the legend, Gallihue said he had a document to share with me. He left the room to make a copy of it for me, stating that he would return shortly. Although frightened to be

I replied, "Sure, I will just wait for Mark out here."

Gallihue came out to ask for the secretary for help with the copier. Both of them said that the copier was working just fine prior to making a copy of that particular letter.

While the receptionist and Gallihue worked on the broken copier, I grew curious about what was on the third floor. I found myself climbing the stairs.

Again, frightened about what might come up behind me, I hurriedly climbed the stairs and ran right into Rachel Swearingen, environmental protection specialist. I jumped and while laughing, she asked if I was okay.

Once in Swearingen's office, she told me of her first experience with Aunt Mary, which was only one month after she started working in the Mitchell House.

One day, she said, she was working a little later than usual and knew that everyone had gone for the day. She heard someone talking on the floor beneath her. She called out but received no answer. She tried again, and still no answer. Swearingen said that what she heard were messages playing on the answering machine. But, in order to retrieve them, someone must put in an access code. All of a sudden, the voices stopped, with no explanation.

In addition to this experience, Swearingen said that visitors have told her that they've seen her or someone who looked like her standing in the window of her office. This happened on days when no one was working.

Last but not least, is the snake that lives in the tree right outside the window of Swearingen's office. She says that others in her office have told her that from time to time, he will stick his head out of the tree trunk, 'just to say hello.'

By this time, Gallihue had made the copies he promised me and came to get me. On the way back down the stairs, Gallihue pointed out the room where Aunt Mary supposedly passed away.

I dared to step inside that very room to see if I felt a presence, but I did not.

The legend of the Mitchell House still remains a mystery. It currently houses the APG Garrison Museum.

Staff members say that they often feel the presence of Aunt Mary.

If you're ever in the area, drop by to visit the museum and possibly receive a visit from Aunt Mary. And remember, all she wants is for folks to share the home with her. She never wanted to leave the Mitchell House when the government bought it, and maybe she hasn't.

DOIM employee gets 'witchy' for Halloween

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Anyone who knows Janet Brown can attest to the fact that Halloween is her favorite time of year. A business process specialist with the Directorate of Information Management, Brown is a self-professed horror guru who goes all out for the creepy holiday.

Every year, Brown can be found at the annual Horror Convention in Baltimore.

She is a year-round Web site administrator on a large horror chat board and she regularly

decks out her home and work area with Halloween decorations lest her neighbors or co-workers forget what time of year it is.

Brown said that unlike most horror advocates, her fascination with the macabre began in adulthood.

"I thought I hated horror movies until a friend suggested I check out a bulletin board on the Internet," Brown said.

She began lurking - reading but not joining in the conversations - and soon realized she had seen many of the films others were talking about.

"I never realized I had already seen most of the classics," Brown said.

After a few months, she joined the bulletin board and now is an administrator on a large horror board and a member on eight others. She said her responsibilities take about one hour a day.

"I read everything that posts, edit and delete entries and sometimes ban those who don't follow the rules," Brown said.

Along with monitoring weekly chat sessions, she said her primary responsibility is keeping predators away from the adolescents who frequent the site.

"Some older adults aren't necessarily interested in horror when they visit the boards," Brown said, adding that

because she is an authority figure, she is not popular among the teens either.

"It's a thankless job," she said.

Brown said her favorite part of Halloween is dressing up. Whether a ghost, ghoul, or witch, she enjoys decorating herself and her surroundings and including as many people as she can in on the fun.

"I like the fact that kids get to play dress up and actually do something with it," Brown said.

Although she has no children of her own, she still gets plenty of opportunities to dress others for Halloween--children and adults.

"I probably have enough in my house to fully outfit six characters -- a vampire, cat, devil, angel, grim reaper and a

witch," Brown said.

She doesn't stop there, either.

She makes most of her own costumes and enrolls in professional make-up workshops to make her creations as realistic as possible.

She added that although she puts up four Christmas trees at home every year, Halloween decorations far outnumber Christmas decorations in her house.

She said that decorating her house usually includes filling the house with black candles, throwing fake blood all over the bathroom, spreading dead leaves throughout, placing fake mice and jack-o-lanterns in strategic locations and adding several decorative extras like skeletons, severed hands and skulls.

She said her favorite outfit was a witch costume she made for a contest a few years ago.

"I wore it two years in a row," Brown said. "The first year it was for fun. Then I went back and looked at it, determined to figure out what I could have done better. The next year, I perfected it, went back and won first place."

Brown's talents include sewing and crafts.

She can make zombie skin as well as any special effects team.

"I realized I had become a hard-core horror fan when I found I could eat dinner while watching a film," Brown said. "A demon chewed its own hand off, and all I did was take another bite of my prime rib and wonder, 'How did they do that?'"



Photo courtesy of JANET BROWN
Unrecognizable in a chilling "skull" costume, one of many she made herself, Janet Brown enjoys a past Halloween celebration. The jaw actually moves when she speaks to give the effect of being real.

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Janet Brown, background right, works at her console unbothered by the creepy Halloween decorations around her. Brown decorates herself, her home and her office each year for Halloween, her favorite holiday.

Brown's favorite horror films

- Overall horror film - Hellraiser - 1987
- Vampire film - Shadow Of The Vampire - 2000
- Zombie film - Zombie - 1979 (Lucio Fulci)
- Ghost film - The Haunting (1963)
- "Cheezy" horror films - Redneck Zombies - 1987
- Splatter Farm - 1987
- Blood Sucking Freaks - 1976





Blue Steele puts out foot-stomping vibrations to close the Rocktoberfest celebration. From left are Chris Steiner on bass guitar, Danny Lough on lead guitar, David Vann on drums and Ernie Steele on harmonica



German exchange student Franzi Enderle, 16, enjoys Rocktoberfest cotton candy with her sponsor's children, Olivia and Hattie Salamy, ages 2 and 5.



Pfc. William Meyers, one of several U.S. Marine Corps Detachment volunteers, adjusts plastic lining on a Rocktoberfest booth with a staple gun

Food, music, fun highlight Rocktoberfest

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Aberdeen Proving Ground provided fans of the German Oktoberfest with the first Rocktoberfest celebration at the Maryland Boulevard Pavilion, Oct. 18.

The event was so named because rock and blues groups performed instead of the customary Ompah band.

Sponsored by APG'S Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the first-ever celebration featured a mixture of German and American fare such as pretzels, beer and a volksmarch, a D.J. with Karaoke, face painting, cotton candy and a golf tournament.

The Richlin Ballroom catered the affair offering bratwurst, Knackwurst, sausage, potato pancakes and a raw oyster and clam bar. In addition, Tim's Treats of Baltimore provided a cotton candy, pretzel and candy apple booth.

Marni Allison, Chief, MWR programs branch, said the weather could not have been better for the outdoor activities.

"It was perfect conditions for golf and the volksmarch," Allison said. "I think participants really enjoyed themselves."

She added thanks to the

MWR staff and Outdoor Recreation personnel who erected festival tents around the pavilion, and the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, which provided a detail to help with set up, maintenance and clean up of the area."

Chris Lockhart, MWR senior programmer and sponsorship coordinator, said local sponsors contributed much to the event's success.

"If MWR didn't receive local sponsorship from Harford County businesses, we would not be as successful," Lockhart said.

She thanked the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Havre de Grace, RESUN Leasing of Edgewood, Spot-a-Pot, First USA, the Richlin Ballroom and First Command Financial Planning.

Lockhart added that event planning for 2003 is already underway. Any businesses interested in sponsoring an event in 2003 may contact her at 410-278-3904 or on her cell phone at 410-652-3297.

Guided by Gunnery Sgt. David Schrum, the Marines ran the volksmarch check points, the soda and beer booths and performed odd jobs where needed.

"We're here to help out any way we can," Schrum said. "As much as MWR has done for us, it's the least we can do

to help them out."

Most attendees brought their children with them as schools were closed that day. Many said they were attracted to the event by the German fest-styled atmosphere

"We came out to let the kids enjoy themselves," said Pam Greenhow, wife of 1st Sgt. Monte Greenhow, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, as she enjoyed hot dogs and fries with her daughter, Jasmine, 5 and best friend, Melvina Yelder, wife of Sgt. 1st Class Rodney Yelder, 61st Ordnance Brigade, and her daughter Chanice, 4.

"It's reminiscent of the German fests, Yelder said, "and a nice way to spend an RDO."

Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Butz, Garrison Plans and Operations, enjoyed the day with his wife, Blanca, and their 11-month old twins Jenna and Julia.

"We really enjoyed the Bratwurst," Butz said. "It brought back memories of our time in Germany."

"The children really enjoyed this. It was a fun day for them," added Angela Salamy as she brought cotton candy for her children, Hattie, 5, and Olivia, 2.

With Salamy, the wife of Maj. Mike Salamy, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion

and Preventive Medicine, was German exchange student Franzi Enderle, 16, who is staying with the family while attending Aberdeen High School.

Although the event could not compare to an actual Oktoberfest, Enderle said it was still a good effort.

"It's nice that they would do this for the families," Enderle said.

Two local bands closed out the evening offering an array of musical selections for listeners.

Star Belly, a Beatles-style rock band included Dennis Schocket of Bel Air, Greg Schroeder of Parkville and Brian Ewald from Annapolis. The band, together roughly six years, offered listeners a variety of original songs and popular rock favorites.

Schocket said the band, which tours locally has also performed in New York, Nashville, Los Angeles and Texas, once opening a show for Todd Rundgren.

Blue Steele, consisting of Ernie Steele on harmonica and vocals, Danny Lough on lead guitar, Chris Steiner on bass and David Vann on drums, also offered a mixture of rhythm and blues and classic rock songs, many from their third CD to be released in early 2003.

APG gets fashionably footloose

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Style and grace summed up the evening for many attendees to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fall Fashion Show and Dance held Oct. 5 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

A first endeavor for MWR programmers, the evening featured students and performers from Shirley Duncans' Charm City Dancers and models from the Travis Winkey agency in Baltimore, a buffet dinner and music provided by Dee Jay Jammin' Jimmy.

Earlene Allen, MWR programmer, said the event targeted a mature audience.

"There aren't many places that offer this kind of evening for those who favor this style of dance and music," Allen said.

She added that Duncans has conducted line, hand and ballroom dancing classes through MWR for the past year.

"Her classes are very popular among those who want to improve their dance style or are just looking for an enjoyable form of exercise," Allen said.

The evening began with Jammin' Jimmy coaxing dancers onto the floor with 'old school' selections. After a buffet dinner of chicken, green beans, potato salad and desserts, the fashion show began.

Eleven models paraded stunning designer fashions from the China Doll Collection, both casual and formal, from notable designers such as Cristian Dior and Paul

KoKo.

Winkey, an entrepreneur who has been designing and promoting models worldwide for 28 years, said he now mainly produces shows and scouts new talent.

"Our season culminates with the Model of the Year Competition to be held at Baltimore's Wyndham Inner Harbor Hotel, Dec. 26," Winkey said.

He noted that many of his models have launched successful careers through his agency, many appearing in national publications.

"Even if you don't model professionally, you learn valuable self-improvement methods such as make-up, skin care and exercise," Winkey said.

The models were warmly applauded as they strode through the crowd. Many said they enjoyed the evening and look forward to more events like it.

"I really enjoyed it," said Joan Beard of Bel Camp, a student from Duncans' ballroom dancing class. "It gave me a chance to put what I've learned to use. It was a very enjoyable evening."

Allen said dance classes are customer driven and will continue as long as there is an interest.

"The overall evening was nice. It was well attended, though we wish more from the community had turned out," Allen said.

She added that future programs would be scheduled depending on customer requests.

"This is just one example of how we aim to satisfy the community," Allen said.



Baltimore models Carl Jackson, left, and twins Taisha, left, and Shaquetta Lawrence of the Travis Winkey modeling agency, display casual and formal wear during the Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsored Fall Fashion Show and Dance at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Oct. 5.