

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 2, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

RAB meeting today

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting Sept. 26, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Graces Quarters and Carroll Island areas and the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action. Board meetings are open to the public. All APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Soda prices increase

The Post Restaurant Fund wishes to inform customers that the cost of vended Coca-Cola products will increase. Between now and Oct. 1, all Post Restaurant Fund vending machines will be converted to reflect this. All bottled soda, juices, sports drinks and water will vend at \$1 and all canned soda and 12 oz. water will be sell fort \$.65.

Prices have remained constant for the past two years, but the price the fund pays for these products has increased, causing higher vending prices to the customers.

For more information on Post Restaurant products or services, call 410-278-3520.

SBCCOM IT services expo

The Corporate Information Office, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command invites everyone to attend the Annual Fall Information Technology Products and Services Expo, Oct. 9, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Gunpowder Club Conference Facility, building E-4650, Parrish Road, in the Edgewood Area.

Exhibitors will include AMX Corporation, Audio Visual Innovations, Brocade Communications, CDW-G Corel, Data Base Connection, Dell Computer, Gateway, GMR, HP/Compaq IBM, I-Gov,

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55th Air Force birthday commemorated

Airmen from Air Force Detachment 1, 361st Training Squadron, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, Aberdeen Proving Ground, fold the installation's American flag after a retreat ceremony commemorating the 55th birthday of the U.S. Air Force, Sept. 18.

Photo courtesy of APG PHOTO LAB

White lauds APG energy program

Sheila Little
APG News

The Army has once again recognized Aberdeen Proving Ground's success in energy management and water conservation. In a July 31 ceremony at the Pentagon, Secretary of the Army Thomas White presented representatives of APG and its tenants with the Secretary of the Army Energy and Water Conservation Award, in the Alternative Financing Category.

Recognized for creative, innovative programs that effectively manage energy while conserving natural resources, energy management program personnel continue to find ways to save energy. So far, these efforts have resulted in a 25 percent reduction in the amount of energy expended per square foot since records for the program began in 1985.

On hand for the presentation were Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander, Gary Testerman, APG Energy Program manager, Harry Greveris, deputy director, Installation Operations, and representatives from garrison and tenant agencies intrinsically involved in the program.

"Energy conservation is part of our duty as good citizens and soldiers," Mark said. "Small changes to save energy, when applied daily, translate into meaningful savings at the end of the year. I appreciate the overwhelming participation we enjoy at APG, and am confident that through innovative projects and enthusiastic participation, we will continue to positively impact our budget and readiness, reduce our dependence on foreign sources and protect our environment."

"APG is below the glide path target to reach the goal of a 35 percent reduction in energy use [per square foot] by the year 2010," said Testerman, "but the last years are the hardest. We need everyone's participation to succeed. Educated and conscientious consumers are just as important to long-term success as good engineering projects. They are a must for long-term success."

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'Survival of the fittest' is focus of NG aviation training

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Your UH-60 Blackhawk is down. You are behind enemy lines, alone, with only your wits to depend on as you attempt to evade capture and nourish yourself until help arrives. How do you survive?

These were the challenges facing dozens of members of the Maryland Army National Guard's 29th Aviation Brigade during a three-day survival training exercise at the Baker Training Facility in the mountains of Western Maryland, Sept. 6 to 8.

Utilizing a 6-kilometer area of the 12,000-acre site of heavily wooded forests and steep terrain, aviators underwent a regimen of instruction and testing in skills that could one day mean the difference between life and death.

The exercise included 13 four-man teams, who, armed with only light rations and aviator vests, maneuvered through hostile enemy territory while avoiding opposing forces.

Col. Ronald Eaton, commander, 29th Aviation Brigade, oversaw the operation that was planned and implemented by brigade staff members. Eaton said the exercise served to display the talents of MDARNG noncommissioned officers.

"The operation shows the incredible talent in our noncommissioned officer corps," Eaton said.

He added that participants came from all over the state to train with the Edgewood Area and Annapolis National Guard.

"The participants really worked hard, but they appreciate the talents and expertise of the trainers," Eaton said.

Command Sgt. Maj. Tim Hutchins, 29th Aviation Brigade, led a Saturday morning overview of the ongoing operation that included briefings by members of support and administrative elements. Hutchins said planning for the operation began in April and included two days of preparation by the main body before the students arrived.

"The exercise will be pretty stressful," Hutchins said.

Teams were inserted into the exercise area of rough and steep terrain bordering the Potomac River and Washington Creek at 15-minute intervals. Given only emergency rations consisting of frozen rabbit strips and water, they spent the night "on the run," navigating through required sectors, while being pursued by opposing forces.

Planners left no stones unturned in seeing to the successful execution of the operation and briefing senior leaders on its status.

Sgt. 1st Class Terry Jackson, personnel NCO, Edgewood Area Armory, provided a functional accounting of personnel.

"Currently, there are 29 support personnel on the ground and 134 total participants," Jackson said.

Sgt. Maj. John Duval, 1/158th Cavalry Regiment, reported that cavalry soldiers would monitor the teams, using night vision goggles to check for hazardous terrain, and represent the opposing forces.

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2002 Combined Federal Campaign nears

John Belcher
Chairperson, 2002 CFC

Aberdeen Proving Ground's 2002 Combined Federal Campaign begins Sept. 30 and runs through Nov. 15.

Federal employees have helped bridge the hearts of America through CFC contributions since 1961.

The annual campaign solicits donations to charitable and non-profit organizations from federal employees and contractors, and is the only authorized solicitor of employees in the federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. It is the largest and most successful workplace fundraising model in the world.

All federal employees, contractors, and others may contribute to CFC. On average, eight cents of each dollar goes toward CFC administration and fund raising. This includes campaign planning, budgeting, auditing, and assis-

tance to more than 2,500 charitable organizations.

A CFC pledge can provide help for Child and Youth Services and Army Community Services on APG, meals for hungry children in Maryland, relief to Maryland families in need of counseling, further research on cures for diseases, comfort for the dying, access to water and food in Third World countries, and promote environmental protection. Contributions mean a chance for a better life and new hope for millions of people. The choice is yours.

In 2001, more than 90 percent of CFC Funds were raised through payroll deductions. Payroll deduction spreads contributions across the entire year. Deductions begin the first pay period in January 2003. The minimum suggested payroll deduction for military personnel is \$2 per month and \$1.50 per pay period for civilian employees.

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Installation Watch Card

Awareness is key! Everyone is a sensor.

Do observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.
- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.
- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.
- Unusual phone calls, messages, or e-mails.
- Unusual contacts on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

Do not:

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.
 - Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
 - Discuss force protection measures, capabilities, or posture.
 - Disclose any information related to unit deployments.
- Report any suspicious activity immediately to APG Police:**
Aberdeen Area 410-306-2222
Edgewood Area 410-436-2222
Your call may save lives!

Ceremony marks neutralization facility's end of construction

ABCDF Public Affairs Office

If you build it, they will come. And come they did. On Sept. 6, more than 200 dignitaries, workers and citizens gathered at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground to witness a ribbon cutting ceremony commemorating the completion of the neutralization facility.

"What we are here to commemorate this morning is, in reality, one small but important component of our nation's response to the infamy of the September 11th attacks," said Army Site Project Manager Joseph Lovrich. "As Americans across the country rose to meet the challenge of this new threat, so did the men and women of the ABCDF team, with the unwavering support of our larger Army family, our Harford County community, and our great State of Maryland."

Construction of the original disposal facility began in June 1999 and was more than 50 percent complete when the terrorist attacks occurred.

The Army and its systems contractor, Bechtel Aberdeen, immediately focused on the safest, most effective way to speed up the destruction process.

In February 2002, after receiving approval from Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics E.C. "Pete" Aldridge, the accelerated disposal project known as "Speedy Neut" officially got underway.

"We need to say 'well done' to Aberdeen's construction crews and technical teams, and also to our partners in other government organizations and in our community who have played such an integral part in accelerating the disposal of Aberdeen Proving Ground's chemical stockpile," said Project Manager for

Alternative Technologies and Approaches Kevin Flamm. "Your presence here today is a tribute to the teamwork that has made possible this very special occasion and will ultimately bring this project to a safe and successful conclusion two years ahead of its original schedule."

The newly completed facility will undergo an intensive, six-month testing period before mustard agent disposal operations begin in March 2003.

Neutralization of the mustard agent is expected to be complete six months later, in fall 2003.

Currently, construction of the ton container clean out area and other remaining portions of the disposal facility remains on track.

"This project is about safety and it is about people, teamed together, who can accomplish the most difficult and demanding of missions. I am very proud to be part of this team," said Bechtel Aberdeen Project Manager Lee Smith.

Noting the guidance of President George W. Bush, Dr. Mario P. Fiori, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment, said, "The President said, 'If we wait for the threats to materialize, we will have waited too long. The only path to safety is the path of action.' So, while the original neutralization facility was robust and state of the art, after September 11, your challenge was to find a new path of action, one that would lead this community to safety by accelerating our program and eliminating the risk sooner."

To signify construction completion of the neutralization facility, Fiori, Flamm; Lovrich; Smith; Gen. Paul J. Kern, commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command; Maryland Citizens' Advisory Commission Co-Chair George Englesson, and Douglas Richmond of Harford



Photo courtesy of CORPS OF ENGINEERS HUNTSVILLE CENTER
From left, Joseph Lovrich, Army site project manager; George Englesson, Maryland Citizens' Advisory Commission co-chairman; Dr. Mario P. Fiori, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment); Gen. Paul J. Kern, commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command; Kevin Flamm, Army project manager for Alternative Technologies and Approaches; Douglas Richmond, Harford County Division of Emergency Operations; and Lee Smith, Bechtel Aberdeen project manager, cut the ribbon during the Sept. 6 ceremony officially marking the end of construction for the neutralization facility that will be used to destroy more than 1,600 tons of mustard agent.

County's Division of Emergency Operations, cut the ceremonial ribbon. Robert P. Rizzieri of the Army Corps of Engineers then officially declared the facility open for inspection.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, guests including Virginia Samuel, wife of John B. Samuel, a late Army chemist for whom the disposal facility was dedicated in 1999, and her family, walked through the facility to learn

about the process and see the equipment that workers soon will use to make chemical weapons history.

"I think John would be very proud of this facility and all that will be accomplished through its operations," she said. "It's very impressive and I know he would be very pleased with everything we've seen here today."

A focus on food safety

Sgt. Laura Miller
APG Vet Services

September is National Food Safety Education Month, an annual observance to focus attention on the importance of safe food handling and preparation in both home and commercial kitchens.

National Food Safety Education Month, created by foodservice industry in 1995, is widely supported by federal, state, and local government agencies, the food industry and consumer organizations.

The theme for this year's National Food Safety Education Month is Four Steps to Food Safety.

Educators will be working to increase public awareness of the invisible cause of food borne illness - microorganisms that may make food unsafe, when the four basic steps, clean, separate, cook and chill, are not followed.

The four steps to food safety to help prevent food borne illness in the home are:

Clean. Everything that touches food should be clean: hands, cutting boards, dishes, and kitchen surfaces such as appliances, countertops and kitchen utensils.

Dishcloths, towels and sponges that smell are a sure sign of unsafe bacterial growth.

Cleanliness is a major factor in preventing food borne illness.

Each year Americans are sick more than four billion days. They spend almost \$950 billion dollars on direct medical costs.

Over 160,000 people die due to infectious disease.

Even with food safety inspection and monitoring at federal, state and local government facilities, consumers have the role of ensuring that food is handled safely after it is purchased.

Many incidents can be prevented by simply washing hands more frequently.

Separate. Fight cross-contamination. Cross-contamination is the transfer of harmful bacteria to food from other foods, cutting boards and utensils. An example of cross-contamination is cutting raw meat, poultry or fish on a cutting board and then slicing salad vegetables on the same cutting board without washing the cutting board between uses.

If possible, use one cutting board for fresh produce and use a separate one for raw meat, poultry and seafood. Never place cooked food back on the same plate or cutting board that previously held raw food.

Once cutting boards become excessively worn or develop hard to clean grooves, they should be replaced.

Make sure you use clean scissors or blades to open bags of food. Meat juices need to be kept separate from other foods in the shopping cart and in the refrigerator.

To prevent juices from raw meat, poultry or seafood from dripping onto other foods in the refrigerator, place in sealed containers or plastic bags.

Raw meats, poultry and seafood should be stored on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator so juices don't drip onto other foods.

Cook. Use a food thermometer in cooking. Using a food thermometer is the only way to tell if food has reached a high enough temperature to destroy harmful microorganisms. Most people think they know when food is "done" just by "eyeballing it." They look at it and trust their experience. Experience is good, but it sometimes can be misleading.

Meat color - pink or brown - can fool you. How do you know when your hamburger is cooked? Because it's brown inside?

Think about this - one out of every four hamburgers turns brown in the middle before it has reached a safe internal temperature, according to recent USDA research.

Public health data shows that there are more than five times the number of dangerous bacteria in our food than we were aware of in 1942.

Many people don't link their illness to food borne bacteria. They think they have a case of the flu.

For some people who are at risk - young children, pregnant women, people over 65, and people with chronic illnesses - getting sick from food borne bacteria can cause serious health problems.

Use a food thermometer to measure the internal temperature of foods such as meat, hamburgers, poultry, egg casseroles, and any combination dishes to ensure that a safe temperature is reached.

To get an accurate thermometer reading of red meats, roasts, steaks, chops and poultry pieces, insert the thermometer in the center of the thickest part, away from bone, fat and gristle to ensure harmful bacteria like Salmonella and E. Coli 0157:H7, are destroyed.

Chill. Make sure the temperature in the refrigerator is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and 0 degrees or below in the freezer.

Use a refrigerator/freezer thermometer to check the temperature.

Harmful bacteria grow most rapidly in the danger zone - the unsafe temperatures between 45 and 140 degrees, so it's important to keep food out of this temperature range.

Cold temperatures keep most harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying.

There are several rules to remember when dealing with the chill step.

- The chill factor: Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared foods, and leftovers within two hours of purchase or preparation, or within one hour if the temperature is above 90 degrees.

- Marinate foods in the refrigerator.

The thaw law: Never defrost food at room temperature. Thaw food in the refrigerator. For quick thawing, submerge food in cold water in airtight packaging, or thaw food in the microwave if cooking it immediately.

- Divide and conquer: Separate large amounts of leftovers into small, shallow containers for quicker cooling in the refrigerator.

- Avoid the pack attack. Don't over-stuff the refrigerator. Cold air must circulate to keep food safe.

When traveling with food, be aware that time, temperature and a cold source are the key:

- Keep frozen foods in the refrigerator or freezer until ready to go.

- Always use ice or cold packs and fill the cooler with food. A full cooler will maintain its cold temperatures longer than one that is partially filled.

- When traveling, keep the cooler in the air-conditioned passenger compartment of the car, rather than in the trunk.

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UP ON THE ROOF



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE
Tony Vincenti, right, and John Trionfo, both of the Directorate of Installation Operations, work on the construction of a new guard house just inside the Maryland Boulevard Gate on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

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For more information, call Donna Flemister, 301-854-3278 or Chris Zukowski, 410-436-4337.

BIG membership drive

The public is invited to join members of the Blacks In Government Susque-hanna Chapter Sept. 21, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Riverside Club House in Bel Camp for the chapter's annual membership drive. The Riverside Club House is located at the intersection of Church Creek and Declaration Circle.

Information on the chapter's mission and the national organization will be available to attendees. Membership is open to any federal, state or local government employee and/or contractor regardless of race, sex, creed, national origin or religion.

Blacks In Government was organized in 1975 and incorporated as a non-profit organization under the District of Columbia jurisdiction in 1976. BIG has been a national response to the need for African Americans in public service to organize around issues of mutual concern and use their collective strength to confront workplace and community issues.

BIG's goals are to promote equity in all aspects of American life, excellence in public service, and opportunity for all Americans.

For more information, contact Johnita Pitts, 410-273-7915, Marsha K. Glenn, 443-528-3060 or Larry D. McCaskill, 410-485-7054.

Alcohol and drug abuse prevention training

A.D.A.P.T. provides alcohol and other drug awareness education designed to focus the client's attention on the adverse effects and consequences of alcohol and other drug abuse. Changing undesirable attitudes, values and behavioral patterns associated with alcohol or other drug abuse is of particular importance.

The 12-hour A.D.A.P.T. course will be held Oct. 7 to 11, 5 to 7 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, and 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday. Self-referrals are encouraged as well as managerial, command and union referrals.

Due to processing and limited class space, contact Harry E. Brown EAP, 410-278-5319 or Troy L. Denson, PC, 410-278-3717 by Oct. 3.

Join the Army Substance Abuse Program at its new location in Aberdeen, building 2477.

Red Cross relocates

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

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

The telephone number remains 410-278-2087.

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

EA Re-Nu-It Center October hours

The Edgewood Area Re-

Pollution Prevention



Say "No bag, please" when you're buying something small and easy to carry.

APG Pollution Prevention Program

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

The hours of operation for Oct. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17 will be 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

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

EA Re-Nu-It Center relocates

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

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

For more information, call 410-436-2398.

Celebrate Hispanic heritage

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Hispanic Employment Program will present "Hispanic Americans: Strength and Unity, Faith and Diversity," 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Oct. 10, at the Gunpowder Club conference facility, building E-4650, Edgewood Area.

Events include guest speaker Jeffery Derrick Vargas, national Hispanic employment manager from the U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.; Hispanic foods, displays and music.

Some food sampling includes arroz con pollo (rice and chicken), yucca al mojo (Cassava root cooked and smothered with a garlic base light sauce) and guineito en escabeche (boiled green bananas sautéed in an onion garlic base sauce).

Live music will be provided by Wanda Liz Colon.

For more information, call Eleonor Gordon, 410-436-8304, Carmen Adrover, 410-436-8341, or Capt. Roberto Marin, 410-436-5486.

APG Newcomer Orientation Oct. 24

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

All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their

family members are invited.

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

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

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

New Internet address for PMCD

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

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

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

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

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

APG Commissary offers 'Early Bird' shopping

The APG Commissary opens at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for 'Early Bird' shopping, offering limited service for customers to purchase up to 20 items. Limited service includes items that are normally stocked at night.

The commissary opens at 10 a.m. for regular shopping.

Meeting of WACVA Chesapeake Beacon Chapter 114T

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

Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

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

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

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

Health 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.

Tobacco cessation: Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Tuesdays, noon to 2 p.m., Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26. Preregistration is required.

All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend.

Healthy eating: Classes are scheduled noon to 2 p.m., Oct. 1, 8, 15, and 22. Weight control through healthy eating will be discussed.

All TRICARE beneficiaries with a desire to learn more about healthy eating and parent(s) or sponsor(s) of children with healthy eating concerns are eligible to attend.

Bring a calculator to class.

C&GSC offered in EA

In October, the 10th Battalion, 80th Training Division will conduct classes in Phase I and III of the Command and General Staff Officer's Course at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Enrollment is open to active duty, Active Guard and Reserve, Army Reserve and National Guard officers in the rank of captain promotable and above. If planning to attend, enroll in ATTRS as soon as possible to insure a slot is reserved. The ATTRS numbers are as follows:

Phase I

School: B701

Course: 701-1-250-C3 (New-IDT)(F)

Phase: 1

Class: 300

Phase III

School: B701

Course: 701-1-250-C3 (New-IDT)(F)

Phase: 3

Class: 301

For more information concerning Phase I, call Maj. Alice Roosa, 301-543-4879 (work), or 410-297-6972 (home) or e-mail her at alice.roosa@us.army.mil.

For more information concerning Phase III, call Lt. Col. Jan Kolakowski, 410-436-2755 (Work) or 410-836-6712 (Home), or e-mail him at jekolako@sbccom.apgea.army.mil.

Sports & Recreation

October specials at Bowling Center

Oct. 4: Wanted: all E1's through E4's, 9 p.m. to closing when all games will cost \$1.50.

Oct. 13: Cosmic Scotch Doubles Tournament begins at 3 p.m. for \$8 per person. Prize fund is based on total entries. Sign up at 2:30 p.m.

Oct. 16: \$.50 Bowling Night, when all open bowling costs \$.50/game, shoe rental \$.50/pair, and hot dogs and sodas are \$.50 each. Other snack bar specials include Imported beer \$2, regular beer \$1.75 and beer on tap \$1 per cup.

Oct. 18: Special Cosmic Bowling Night, 9 p.m. to closing, includes all open bowling for \$2 per game. Rent shoes for \$1 per pair.

Oct. 21 to 25: Red Pin Special runs 1 p.m. to closing, Monday through Friday.

Oct. 27: Cosmic Halloween

Special 8 Pin No-Tap Tournament includes cash prizes based on total entries. Cost is \$7 per person. Sign-up begins at 2:30 p.m. and bowling begins at 3 p.m. A prize will be awarded for the best costume.

AA and Hoyle Health and Fitness Centers

Come to the AA Health and Fitness Center, building 320, or the Hoyle Health and Fitness Center, building E-4210, to revitalize your workout program. Certified personal trainers are available to help with fitness goals. The AA and Hoyle Health and Fitness centers offer state-of-the-art fitness assessments using computerized micro fit equipment. A fitness assessment includes body fat analysis, cardiovascular bike test, and flexibility and strength testing. Nutrition advice is provided upon request. A variety of group fitness classes are available.

At the Hoyle Health and Fitness Center, Aerobic kickboxing is held at 5 p.m., on

Monday and Wednesday. Aerobic kickboxing combines cardiovascular training with self defense moves, all to the beat. Circuit training is available at 11:30 a.m., on Friday. Various stations designed to improve cardiovascular endurance, strength and agility are set up around the room. Try the Aerobic Challenge Class, Saturday at 9:15 a.m. The class is 90 minutes of pure fun. For more information, call 410-436-7134/7135.



The AA Fitness Center, building 320, offers group fitness classes at 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. A certified instructor teaches aerobic kickboxing at 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Circuit training is held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday. This class allows participant to work at their own pace going through a circuit of stations designed to improve strength, flexibility and cardiovascular endurance. The Aerobic Challenge Class Saturday at 9:15 a.m. Beginning Monday, Sept. 30, the AA Fitness Center will hold kickboxing classes at the Athletic Center, 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 410-278-9725/9759.

FOOTBALL UPDATE



The following results were reported for intramural flag football for the week ending Sept. 20.

Aberdeen Division

Results

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NCOA, 24; HHC 61st, 21

Schedule

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Company A 16th, 0
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HHSB, 2; Company E 111th forfeit
HHC 16th, 12; NCOA, 6
USMC, 2; Company C 16th, forfeit
Sept. 30
6:30 p.m., USMC vs.
Company E 16th
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs.
HHSB
Oct. 1

6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company E 16th
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company A 16th
8:30 p.m., USAF vs. Company B 16th
Oct. 2

6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. NCOA
7:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. USMC

Standings

HHC 16th	3-0
NCOA	2-1
HHC 61st	2-1
HHSB	1-2
Company E 111th	dropped

Edgewood Division

Results

Sept. 16
HHC 143rd, 6; Company B 143rd, 0
Company A 143rd, 6;
Company C 143rd, 0
Sept. 18
Company A 143rd, 12;
MRICD, 6
Company B 143rd, 26;
Company C 143rd, 6

Schedule

Sept. 30

6:30 p.m., MRICD vs. Company C 143rd
7:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Company A 143rd
Oct. 2

6:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. HHC 143rd
7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. Company A 143rd

Standings

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

National Division

Standings

USMC	3-1
Company E 16th	2-1
Company B 16th	2-1
Company C 16th	2-2
USAF	1-2
Company A 16th	0-3

SOCCER UPDATE

The following results were reported for intramural soccer for the week ending Sept. 20

Results

Sept. 10
HHC 16th, 1; Company E 16th, 1
Company C 16th, 2; USMC, 2
Sept. 12
Company A 143rd, 8;
Company B 143rd, 0
MRICD, 5; Company C 143rd, 0
Sept. 17
Company C 16th, 1; HHC

16th, 1
Company E 16th, 5; USMC, 0

Schedule

Oct. 1
6:30 p.m., MRICD vs. Company E 16th
7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. Company C 16th
8:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. HHC 16th
Oct. 2
6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. MRICD
7:30 p.m., USMC vs.

Company C 143rd
8:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company A 143rd

Standings

Aberdeen Division	
HHC 16th	0-0-2
Company E 16th	0-0-1
Company C 16th	0-0-2
USMC	0-0-1

Edgewood Division

MRICD	1-0-0
Company A 143rd	1-0-0
Company B 143rd	0-1-0
Company C 143rd	0-1-1



Mystery Bowl winner for Aug. 31

Danny Jones
Army Lodging

AMC deputy commander to be honored at APG

E.C. Starnes
OC&S

The deputy commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command will be honored by the Chief of Ordnance at Fanshaw Field at 10 a.m. on Sept. 26.

Soldiers from the 61st Ordnance Brigade and the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School under the command of Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, the Army's Chief of Ordnance, will honor Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Roy E. Beauchamp, upon his retirement from the U.S. Army.

Beauchamp, the senior serving ordnance officer in the U.S. Army, has a long career in the military with assignments including chief, Equipment Management Division, Headquarters and Installation Support Activity, U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, Warren, Mich.; commander, U.S. Army Modification Center, Lima, Ohio; chief, Tank/Ground Mobility

Materiel Manager, 19th Support Command, Korea; executive officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga.; logistics staff officer, Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Washington, D.C.; commander, 2d Support Battalion, 3d Infantry Division, Germany; assistant chief of staff for Materiel, 2d Support Command, Germany; colonels assignment officer, Colonels Division, Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Va.; commander, 101st Support Groups (Corps), 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.; Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia; Special Assistant to the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Washington, D.C.; Commander, Defense Industrial Supply Center, Defense Logistics Agency, Philadelphia, Pa.; Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition, AMC, Alexandria, Va.; and commanding general, Tank and Automotive Command, Warren, Mich.

Prior to assuming his duties at AMC, he served as the director of Logistics and Security Assistance, J-4/J-7 at the U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Beauchamp's education includes a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Dayton, a master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University, the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Supply Management Officer Course and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

His military awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, five Legion of Merit awards, the Bronze Star Medal, six Meritorious Service medals, two Army Commendation medals, the Air Assault Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.



Former military housing building destroyed by fire

Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Searching for the cause of a 4 a.m. fire, state fire marshals comb through all that remains of what was reported as a brush fire in former military housing, Sept. 19. The building, off Cedar Drive in Edgewood and behind Edgewood Elementary School, is one of a housing complex vacated by the military and returned to the local community several years ago.

CFC

From front page

The 2003 goal for APG is \$325,000. To monitor the campaign's success, employees can view the CFC thermometer set up on both installation areas.

CFC key personnel are being assigned to each organization. If your organization, agency, or unit's CFC key worker has not contacted you by Oct. 14, contact the CFC office, building 3321, second floor, Room 7, on Raratin Road, or call John Belcher, chairperson, Melda Callender, vice-chairperson, or Gary Pitts, administrative assistant at 410-278-3131/3292/9451.

Applying for a TSP loan

If planning on taking a Thrift Savings Plan loan, be sure to use the TSP-20 Loan Application dated '02/1998' on the TSP Web site.

The newer version (that was out in circulation for a short time) will not be valid until November because of the TSP system delay.

The correct form is located at Web site <http://www.tsp.gov/forms/tsp20web.pdf>.

Police Academy graduates 22

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security welcomed 22 new Aberdeen Proving Ground police officers to its ranks during the Police Officer Training Program graduation ceremony, held Sept. 4 at Dickerson Hall.

Robert W. Krauer, director of DLES, led the ceremony that included remarks by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander.

Doesburg noted the class accomplishments and wished them well.

"Motivation in this particular class was as good or exceeded expectations," Doesburg said. "Each and every one had a goal in mind - to succeed. They are exactly what we need."

Krauer said the ceremony held a two-fold purpose.

"It marks a graduation and

formally recognizes DLES for having a nationally certified police academy," Krauer said.

The organization was certified through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies in November 2001.

Calling DLES the "biggest, baddest law enforcement team in the Department of Defense," Mark said the occasion was an exemplary example of the cooperation between state agencies and APG.

"These officers have undergone a very intensive training regimen with standards the highest in DoD," Mark said. Referring to the academy's obtainment of accreditation, Mark noted that graduates undergo intense mental and physical training, are trained and tested in local, state and federal laws, and are certified first responders for medical first aid.

"Many bring a wealth of experience to APG," Mark added. "Welcome and congratulations."

During a formal presenta-

tion, Doesburg presented the framed CALEA certificate to Krauer, Capt. Erick Stone, academy director, and Officers Jim Toscano and Jay Kinlien, instructors.

Krauer noted that Stone was tasked to set up the training program, an integral part of police business.

"He did what he needed to do to make a viable academy for the APG community," Krauer said.

He added that the organization has been recognized at the national level for its training program and was unanimously voted in last year in San Diego. Along with Toscano and Kinlein, Stone praised the work of others who contributed to the training of the officers.

Dave Bish and Suzanne Saporta, health systems specialists with Kirk, U.S. Army Health Clinic, taught six hours of defensive tactics, to include hand-to-hand combat.

Bish, the owner of the Red Dragon Ju-Jitsu school in Havre de Grace, said he focused on training in compliance with officer survival techniques, a course he teaches to civilian police departments in Harford and Cecil counties.

Aberdeen Middle School English teacher Denise Cummings taught report writ-

ing and grammar.

Cummings, who taught her third academy class, said officers are especially receptive to instruction, realizing the importance of clear writing.

"Many officers need assistance adjusting to the DoD style," Cummings said, adding, "They accept assignments willingly and most do a very nice job."

Class spokesperson, Sgt. Eric Ouimette thanked the instructors for "molding individuals who are now prepared to keep the installation safe."

"The role of police officers elevated to a new level since Sept. 11," Ouimette said.

"The final step of this process will take longer than

the course. We will learn much over the years."

Honor graduate, Officer Jeffrey B. Prochaska, also noted the "tough road ahead."

"You will be evaluated on everything you do for the next few weeks," Prochaska told his classmates. "I charge you with doing the very best job you possibly can."

The class graduates included two police officers from Fort Meade, Walter Thomas and Corey Smith.

Krauer closed the program, thanking Doesburg, Mark and the many relatives and guests who attended.

"Thank you for taking time out of your day to come here and honor my graduates,"

Krauer said.

Class 01-02 graduates include:

Sgts. Lee Gladden and Eric Ouimette, Spcs. Derek Haddock, and Michael Nelson, Pfc. Veronica Betancourt and Joseph Dunnigan, and officers Edward O. Byus, Jr., Kevin C. Forster, Robert F. Gwin, Michael L. Hayes, Kabir D. Houston, Eric C. Kradz, Philip S.J. McMorris, Mark A. Montgomery, Jeffrey B. Prochaska, Charles A. Roach, Daniel Rodriguez, Jr., Darrell Smith, Corey Smith, Walter Thomas, Charles H. Volz and Michael Williamson.



Capt. Erick Stone, director of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Academy, addresses the police officers of Class 01-02 in front of Dickerson Hall before the Sept. 4, graduation ceremony.

Officer Candidate School board announced

Steve Schultz
SBCCOM Adjutant

On Dec. 12, the U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Meade, will convene a board for soldiers applying for attendance at the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School. Along with the United States Military Academy and the Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Officer Candidate School remains an important source of commissioned officers for the Army.

Recently the Army increased the number of

soldiers who may attend OCS. Candidates apply through local boards - Fort Meade for APG soldiers - and those selected begin a rigorous, 14-week course of instruction at Fort Benning, Ga.

Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers who wish to become commissioned officers should prepare their applications early.

The key prerequisites for eligibility are:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Have a GT score of 110 or higher.
- Pass the Army Physical Fitness Test score 180 (APFT).
- Pass the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), min 850 or American College Test (ACT), min 19.
- Have at least 90 semester hours of college study.
- Achieve a score of 80 or higher on the English Comprehension Level Test (ECLT); if primary lan-

guage is not English.

- Be at least 18 years old and less than 30 (can waiver age up to 35).

- Have a complete physical exam six months prior to date of application.

Completed packets must be submitted to the SBCCOM Military Personnel Office not later than Oct. 31. Each application consists of one packet containing all original documents, and three photocopies of the original packet. Additional information may be found in Army Regulation 351-5 (Officer Candidate School) or the OCS Web page, <http://www.armyocs.com/home/>.

The APG point of contact for OCS applications is the SBCCOM Adjutant's Office; e-mail milpo@sbccom.apgea.army.mil; or call Vanessa Cefaloni, 410-436-2130 or 410-436-3239.

Enter contest to thank a service member

Marguerite Towson
APG News

The Defense Commissary Agency and General Mills is sponsoring the Letters to the Front Letter Writing Contest. Now in its fourth year, the writing contest has generated thousands of letters of support for American troops stationed in remote areas such as Afghanistan, Kosovo, Bosnia, Macedonia and the Demilitarized Zone.

Entries will be accepted through Veterans' Day, Nov. 11. All local and regional winners are automatically entered into competition for grand prizes: children under the age of 18 can receive a \$3,000 scholarship award, and the 19-and-over grand prizewinner receives a computer system valued at over \$3,000.

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

The letter, attached to an entry

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CPAC director retires after 35 years

Story and photo by
Sheila Little
APG News

The director of Aberdeen Proving Ground's Civilian Personnel Advisory Center retires Sept. 30, after a long career of government service.

Armed with a degree in political science from Dickinson College of Carlisle, Pa., Bill Lowe began his career as an intern in the installation's civilian personnel office in 1967. Thirty-five years later, the CPAC director has gone far, reaching the pinnacle of success in his career, but geographically speaking, he hasn't really moved. As a GS-15, Lowe still reports to building 305 where he worked as a GS-5 personnel management specialist so many years ago.

The life-long Pennsylvania resident accepted his first position at APG with an eye toward making himself more attractive to another federal agency, but enjoying the personnel management field, and with encouragement from others, he stayed on.

"Initially, I was interested in joining the FBI, but I needed three years of administrative experience," Lowe said of his start at APG. "Having good mentors along the way, being in the right place at the right time, and getting the right experiences kept me here."

Earning a master's degree in personnel management from George Washington University in 1980, Lowe worked his way through a variety of assignments, accepting and meeting career challenges.

"He has almost childlike enthusiasm for any challenge," said Sue Cassidy, a CPAC lead personnel management specialist who has worked with Lowe for 30 years. "Whether it's learning a new language for communicating using the latest electronic gadget, pedaling 60 miles non-stop on a bicycle adventure, or squeezing a second job into his demanding work

schedule, he's always up for a challenge." She added, "He inspires others to accept new challenges through his example and generous support."

Over the years, Lowe's progression included assignments as both position classification and labor relations specialists, and completing various special projects. While working as a labor relations specialist in 1981, Lowe became a labor arbitrator for private industry. Since then, he has taught college-level courses in labor relations and personnel management, and works as an arbitrator for the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board and the Bureau of Mediation, among others.

Lowe also works as a mediator for several counties in Delaware.

In December of 1984, Lowe briefly bid farewell to APG and building 305, when he accepted a position as the civilian personnel director for the Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. But by June 1985, Lowe was back at APG as the deputy civilian personnel officer. A decade later he became the installation's top civilian personnel officer.

As the result of reorganization in 1996, the CPO divided into the Civilian Personnel Operations Center and the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Lowe was at the helm throughout the process, and once the dust settled, was named director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Cliff Watson, CPAC's chief of personnel operations, met Lowe in 1967 when both were interns. He said Lowe "always excelled," and took personnel management classes and positions of increasing authority in order to move up in the organization. As a result, Lowe was in the director's chair during several major reductions in force, the CPO reorganization and the Commercial Activities studies.

"He's had to make some hard decisions

that weren't always popular, but they were the right decisions," said Watson. "During the reorganization we lost well over half of our people and all of us had to adjust to new roles. Bill put the welfare of the employees at the forefront and did a good job for this office and a good job for the installation."

Lowe said that although his job has been stressful at times, the vast majority of his APG memories are good ones.

"It has its moments, but a lot of stress is from who you're working for and how you're treated," he said. "Col. Mark and Joe Craten are very supportive, and when you work with good people everyday, folks that you can count on, it's fun."

Lowe graduated from the U.S. Army Materiel Command Senior Manager Executive Development Program in 1997, has attended the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Va., and completed various creative and executive leadership courses.

Lowe said the key to being a good leader is working with a great staff.

"I have nothing but good memories, people memories," Lowe said. "I've been blessed with a cadre of employees, over the years, who were always making me look good."

Lowe has confidence that the transition will go smoothly for his successor because he leaves behind a winning team. "Trust the folks that are working for you, they always come through," he said.

Retiring from one job does not mean rocking chair time for Lowe. He and his wife of 37 years, Anne, have four sons and four grandchildren, and Lowe said he intends to devote more time to the family and perhaps do more traveling. A water sports enthusiast, Lowe said he will spend more time at the couple's beach house in Delaware, enjoy his farm in Fawn Grove, and continue working in arbitration and labor relations.



Bill Lowe, director of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, answers a few last e-mails prior to his Sept. 30 retirement.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

There are a number of free professionally done state of the art Win9x/NT/2000/XP military safety, logistics and training software applications available through the Official Army Knowledge Online Army Portal Site located at: https://www.us.army.mil/portal/portal_home.jhtml.

Search for "Dalton" using the "Army KCC Search" box found at the top most portion of the "Collaborate" tab. It can be found under the "Dalton's Free Mil Software" KCC.

These free military software applications are my substantial contribution back to the Army I was once proud to be part of. I hope you will see fit to inform the soldiers, NCOs and leaders of your command of the availability of these valuable software tools and to allow them to use these powerful low learning curve applications that meet all professional standards for software.

Here are the descriptions on what is available at that AKO site:

Field safety widgets

Software utility applica-

tion, which contains field safety items such as a Wind Chill Calculator (based on the recent NWS revision), Heat Index Calculator, Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Index Calculator, Dehydration/Water consumption utility, and a Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Index Calculator.

Army Logistics Widgets

Contains a number of U.S. Army logistics related items such as a property loss depreciation calculator, a FRIS weighted rations calculator, an ammunition residue calculator, a maintenance time converter and a BDEFA breakdown calculator.

Visual Soldier Training Tracker

Everything wanted in a soldier training management and documentation (ie; MOS Qual, Common Tasks, etc), and it's LAN capable.

Bob Dalton
Master Sergeant
U.S. Army, Retired

Community Notes

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28 COMMIANTO ENTERTAIN AT VFW

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, located at 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, is featuring comedian Howard "G" and friends at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and are available at the bar or Just a Hair Better by Gilda in Havre de Grace. Every Friday is karaoke; Saturday is disco from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. and on Sunday, oldies but goodies is from 8 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call Senior Vice-Commander Suzette Shields or Junior Vice-Commander Keith Hammitt at 410-272-3444.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4 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 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5 WACVA CHAPTER 70 MEETING

The Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will hold its monthly meeting 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Center. The agenda includes planning for Veterans Day activities and the Christmas project for hospitalized veterans at Perry Point. WACVA Chapter #70 is dedicated to improving the lives of local veterans, regardless of branch. All women who have served or are serving in the Regular Army, National Guard and Reserve, Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Army Corps, and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to sit in on meetings to see what the chapter is about. Also welcome as prospective associate members are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. For more information, contact Sheila Smith, president, at 410-273-1687.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Susquehanna Shrine 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 Tesha Wright, 410-836-3619 or Doug, 410-557-8529.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9 DAV BEL AIR CHAPTER 30 MEETING

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

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10 UMUC EXCEL ORIENTATION

The University of Maryland University College will hold an EXCEL orientation from 4 to 6 p.m., building 3146. Earn credit for college-level knowledge acquired through work and life experiences with the University of Maryland University College EXCEL program. Students admitted to the UMUC EXCEP program enroll in a course that requires them to document their learning in a written portfolio. Faculty members then evaluate the portfolio for possible credit. For more information, call UMUC's APG office at 410-272-8269 or 410-278-4632.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit North Harford High School Junior Varsity/Varsity Baseball will be held at the North Harford High School, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Tesha Wright, 410-836-3619.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held at the school, 810 Aiken Ave., Perryville, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the John Archer School Family Fund will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Dotti Kirk, 410-642-6468, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19 FAMILY FUN FEST

Child and Youth Services is sponsoring a Family Fun Fest, 3 to 6 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Youth Area Youth Center, building 2522. Members and non-members of all ages from AA and EA and their parents are invited to attend. Activities include parent and child contests, arts and crafts, pool tournament, giveaways, door prizes, food and computer games. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

MOVIES

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



SIMONE

Friday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m.
Starring, Al Pacino, Chris Coppola

The career of a disillusioned producer, who is desperate for a hit, is endangered when his star walks off the film set. Forced to think fast, the producer decides to digitally create an actress "Simone" to sub for the star - the first totally believable synthetic actress. The "actress" becomes an overnight sensation, with a major singing career as well, and everyone thinks she's a real person. However, as Simone's fame skyrockets, he cannot bear to admit his fraud to himself or the world. (Rated PG-13)

BLUE CRUSH

Saturday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.
Starring: Kate Bosworth, Michelle Rodriguez

Nothing gets between Anne Marie and her board. Living in a beach shack with three roommates including her rebellious younger sister, she is up before dawn every morning to conquer the waves and count the days until the Rip Masters surf competition. Having transplanted herself to Hawaii with no one's blessing but her own, Anne Marie finds all she needs in the adrenaline-charged surf scene ... until pro quarterback Matt Tollman comes along. Like it or not, Anne Marie starts losing her balance - and finding it - as she falls for Matt. (Rated PG-13)



MARTIN LAWRENCE LIVE: RUNTELDTAT (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 p.m.
Starring: Martin Lawrence

The controversial bad-boy of comedy delivers a piercing look at his life, lifting the metaphorical smokescreen that he feels has clouded the public view, commenting on everything from the dangers of smoking to the trials of relationships, and unleashing a nonstop litany of raucous anecdotes, stinging social commentary and very personal reflections about life. (Rated R)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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



Firefight at Yechon: Courage and racism in the Korean War by retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Charles M. Bussey

This book paints an unforgettably realistic portrait of the terrifying first days of fighting in 1950, when American soldiers, blacks and whites, were reeling under the assault of the North Korean Army. Charles Bussey was a former Tuskegee airman and led the 77th Engineer combat Company for 205 days filled with almost continual fighting.



Gettysburg: a testing of courage by Noah Andre Trudeau

A Storm in Flanders: the Ypres salient, 1914-1918: tragedy and triumph on the Western Front by Winston Groom

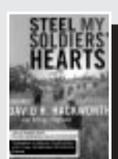


General Patton: a soldier's life by Stanley P. Hirshon

A Ranger Born: a memoir of combat and valor from Korea to Vietnam by Robert W. Black



Steel My Soldier's Hearts: the hopeless to hardcore transformation of 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry, United States Army, Vietnam by David H. Hackworth



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.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES

RELOCATING WITH AN EFM

A big part of military life is relocating. For a family with an exceptional family member who has special needs, the confusion can be particularly stressful. To avoid some of the less desirable "adventures," it may be a good idea to map out a strategy before

moving. This is especially important regarding special education needs, and medical or housing issues.

To get assistance for an upcoming permanent change of station with an exceptional family member, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP manager at 410-278-2420.



BASIC BASKET WEAVING CLASS

To learn a great hobby just in time for Christmas, register by Oct. 3 at the AA Recreation Center. The Oct. 16 class will teach participants how to make woven bottom baskets. Participants will make a door basket and a chip/cracker basket during the class. Classes are held 7 to 9 p.m. in the AA Recreation Center. Cost is \$59 for 8 weeks and includes supplies. For more information contact Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail her at chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

OKTOBERFEST TRIP AND STOUTBURG SHOPPING

Go antique shopping in Adamstown, Pa., and celebrate at the Oktoberfest in Brewery Hall, Oct. 13 or 27. Bus will depart Edgewood at 9:30 a.m., Aberdeen at 10 a.m., and Havre de Grace at 10:30 a.m.; and return around 7 p.m. Adults 21 years of age or older only. Cost is \$35. Purchase your tickets by Oct. 3 at the ITR office. For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

11TH ANNUAL MICROFEST

Learn about brews from the people who are responsible for creating them, Oct. 19 in Adamstown, Pa. Cost is \$60; participants must be 21 years of age or older. Bus will depart from Edgewood at 10 a.m. and from Aberdeen at 10:30 a.m., returning at approximately 6:30 p.m. Purchase tickets by Oct. 3 at the Information, Ticketing and Registration

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

FALL DANCE AND FASHION SHOW

Enjoy an evening of dance and entertainment, while being dazzled by the latest in East coast fashions, Oct. 5, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the AA Recreation Center. Dress to impress, black tie permitted. Purchase tickets by Oct. 4 at the AA Recreation Center for \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Hot buffet dinner includes fried chicken, potato salad, string beans, rice pilaf, assorted cakes and non-alcoholic drinks. Pay as you go bar will be open from 9:30 until closing. The Charm City dancers will provide demonstrations/lessons. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail her at earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.



ROCKTOBERFEST

Join MWR for the first annual Rocktoberfest, Oct. 18, at the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. There will be a variety of activities, contests, and entertainment including a DJ, Volksmarch, two live rock bands, Star Belly and Blue Steele; golf and bowling tournaments; and children's games. German food and a seafood raw bar will be available. Admission is free. For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail her at chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

OC&S LIBRARY

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



Roots of Strategy Book 2, three Military Classics

Strategy, The Logic of War and Peace by Edward N. Luttwak

Americans ALL! , Foreign-born Soldiers in WWI by Nancy G. Ford

Who Was Who in America with world notables by Marquis Who's Who

The Corsini Encyclopedia of Psychology and Behavioral Science, 3rd ed by W. Edward Craighead



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APG SCHOOL LIAISON UPDATE

MATH SEMINAR FOR PARENTS

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold a Parent Mathematics Academy Oct. 11, 9:40 a.m. This hands-on seminar will address the mathematical model of the "empty number line" and how it can help children solve problems in mathematics.

This seminar is free to all Roye-Williams parents. Children will bring registration forms home from school. For more information or questions, call Pam Tabor, 410-273-5536.

SCHOOL RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

The Military Child Education Coalition has developed a practical resource for parents, students, and educators called 'Chart Your Course,' an academic passport packet designed to help military parents and their children become skilled at navigating the academic path from middle school through high school graduation and beyond.

Parent Guidebook, a practical resource for parents and students experiencing transitioning from one school to another is also available at the School Liaison Office, building 2752.

For free copies, call Ivan Mehosky, 410-278-2857.

ROYE WILLIAMS PTA

For up to date information, annual calendar of events, or how to get involved and support the Roye Williams Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, contact Suzanne Wills, RWES PTA vice president/publicity coordinator at 410-273-5895 or e-mail her at Frauwillis@aol.com.



Army News



Local woman is first female command sergeant major of Army Reserve



Lt. Col. Randy Pullen
Army News Service

For the first time, a female was selected as the Army Reserve Command Sergeant Major.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michele S. Jones was selected by Army Reserve Chief Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly to become the ninth command sergeant major of the Army Reserve. She is currently serving as the command sergeant major of the 78th Division — Training Support, Edison, N.J.

She is the first woman in the Army's history to serve as a division command sergeant major.

Jones succeeds Command Sgt. Maj. Alex Ray Lackey, who has been the command sergeant major of the Army Reserve since October 1999. Lackey retires in October 2002, ending a 32-year active Army and Army Reserve career.

As the command sergeant major of the Army Reserve, Jones will serve as the principal enlisted advisor to the Army Reserve chief. She takes office Oct. 28.

Born in Baltimore, Jones entered the Army in 1982. She attended basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and advanced individual training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Jones has held every key noncommissioned officer position, to include squad leader, platoon sergeant, first sergeant and command sergeant major. She was the first woman to serve as class president at the United States Sergeants Major

Academy.

Additionally, she was selected by Helmly, to serve as the U.S. Army Reserve representative for the chief of staff of the Army's Army Development System XXI Task Force and was subsequently chosen as the core team leader for the Enlisted Personnel Management System section of the task force.

Her previous assignments include: command sergeant major, 3rd Battalion, 78th Regiment, Baltimore; instructor, Sergeant's Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas; acting command sergeant major, 2nd Battalion, 78th Regiment, Baltimore; first sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 2nd Battalion, 78th Regiment, Baltimore; Mobilization, Validation and Training Team NCOIC, Fort Bragg, N.C.; first sergeant, U.S. Army Special Operations Command (Airborne) (Troop Program Unit), Fort Bragg; First Sergeant, U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne), Fort Bragg; senior legal NCO, Fort Bragg; legal instructor, First United States Army, Fort Meade; legal NCO, 510th Theater Army Support Group, Fort Belvoir, Va.; legal specialist, Fort Carson, Colo.

Her overseas assignments include Hanau and Rhineberg, Germany, Honduras and Panama. She was called to active duty for Operations Desert Shield/Storm, Restore Hope, Provide Comfort, Joint Endeavor and Noble Eagle.

Jones' military education includes the Primary Leadership Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Battle Staff Operations Course and the First Sergeant's Course. She is a graduate of the Instructor Training Course, Small Group Instructor Course, Civil Affairs Operations Course, Master Fitness Course, Retention NCO Basic and Advanced Courses and the Sergeants Major Course.

She has an associate's degree in general studies and a bachelor's degree (Cum Laude) in business administration from Fayetteville State University. She is currently completing her master's in management/international relations.

Her awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hourglass, M Device, and Numeral 4 affixed, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 4, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon with Numeral 2, Army Service Ribbon, Army Parachutist Badge, German Army Forces Airborne Wings, and Royal Thai Airborne Wings.

(Editor's note: Lt. Col. Randy Pullen is a member of the Army Reserve Public Affairs Office.)

Command Sgt. Maj. Michele Jones was selected to become the ninth Command Sergeant Major of the Army Reserve. Jones is the first woman to be selected as the top noncommissioned officer in the Army Reserve, as well as the first woman to be chosen as the senior NCO in any of the Army's components.

Pentagon opens 9-11 Memorial Chapel

Staff Sgt. Nate Orme
Army News Service

The Pentagon has a place offering peace and solace to soothe the spiritual inclinations of its thousands of military and civilian employees — its own chapel.

Conceived after the Sept. 11 attacks of last year, the chapel is located in the newly rebuilt wedge of the Pentagon, in the exact spot that radical Islamic terrorists crashed a commercial plane filled with passengers. The chapel and accompanying memorial are dedicated to the 184 innocent passengers and Pentagon personnel who lost their lives there.

"The chapel represents an element of healing and hope, as it is wed to the memorial. One goes to the memorial to remember (the victims of the attacks), and then the chapel to find hope and healing no matter what their faith," said Col. Ralph Benson, recently appointed Pentagon chaplain.

The chapel concept originally came from Maj. Gen. Gaylord Gunhus, Army chief of chaplains, said Benson.

"This is the first large chapel at the Pentagon," Benson said. "It is the first time we've had a place large enough to conduct services, which will include Jewish, Christian and Islamic."

Prior to the new chapel, services were conducted in informal prayer rooms or held in auditoriums and conference rooms.

Placing the chapel was highly symbolic, Benson said.

"It is located at the point of impact. This is a statement by the Department of Defense that we are a people of hope, faith and transformation. In our darkest moments, we find hope," Benson

said.

The chapel and adjoining memorial are known as the Pentagon Memorial and Chapel. Inside the polished steel paneled memorial are two marble tablets carved with the names of the people lost in the attack. Between the two tablets, a guest book is open for visitors to sign. Overhead, the words "America's Heroes" are etched in black marble. Outside the Pentagon, a larger memorial will be built, which will be accessible to the public. A contest to select a design for that memorial is being administered by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Early in the chapel project, there was a lot of discussion of what to name it, Benson said.

"Basically, to military members, chapel means a place where we practice faith," he said. "We wanted to communicate what it was. We're going to hold services here. It's for every faith, symbolic for what this country stands for, freedom of worship."

Inside the chapel room, a stained glass window hangs near the chapel podium. In the shape of a pentagon, inside are two crimson rings, made of 184 pieces representing lives lost. The rings encircle a bald eagle — symbol of the nation, an olive branch representing the desire for peace, an American flag, and the Pentagon, representing the nation's defense. The words "United in Memory, September 11, 2001" memorialize the day the Pentagon was attacked.

The stained glass was created by the artist Dennis Roberts, of IHS studios in Fredericksburg, Texas. Roberts is a military veteran who gave his time and material freely, because of his strong dedication to this country's ideals, said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eric

Wester. Wester first saw Roberts' work prior to the attacks, and was able to find the artist with help from Sgt. Maj. Stephen Wilson, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, and Patricia Shinseki, wife of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

The glass pieces — actually faceted Dalle de Verre glass made to resemble stained glass — were assembled at a conference of senior chaplains and chaplain assistants last March. Each attendee had a numbered piece to go in a designated spot on a wooden mold created by the artist, said Wester.

"Art has been a language of faith for centuries, now it serves to speak for our need to express our thoughts and feelings about the event" he said.

During this year's Army 9-11 remembrance ceremony, Gunhus invited attendees to visit the chapel and see the stained glass.

"In that beautiful stained glass window I see our Army family...the Pentagon community...even our nation," Gunhus said. "Like the light that streams through the window, hope and honor stream through our lives and service to future generations."

The memorial and chapel will be dedicated in a ceremony this fall, attended by the four service branch chaplains and religious representatives from many faiths, said Benson. The Pentagon holds nine worship services and 56 faith activities per week. Since the chapel can hold only 69 people, conference rooms will continue to be used as well, reaching about 1300 people weekly with services and prayer, Benson said.

(Editor's note: Staff Sgt. Orme is a reservist with the 214th MPAD, Fort Belvoir, Va.)

Vice chief: leaders must stop rising accident toll

Staff Sgt. Stacy Wamble
Army News Service

The Army has had 189 fatalities this year, an increase from last year's total of 168, officials said.

"We've got a problem," said Gen. John M. Keane, the Army's vice chief of staff, in his opening remarks at the inaugural session of the Army Safety Coordinating Panel Sept. 4 at Fort Myer. "Those numbers will continue to climb until we stop them," he said.

Historically, safety performance has been a success story Army-wide with accidental deaths being reduced by half over the last 10 years, safety officials said, but they admitted accidents still take a significant toll on resources.

Keane said that the increased number of fatalities and accidents this year can be attributed to many things, including operational tempo.

He emphasized that the solution to this problem is tied to changing attitudes and behaviors — and that change begins with leaders.

The person in the best position to change a soldier's behavior, according to Keane, is the squad leader.

"The squad leader knows the soldier. The squad leader can get in the head of that soldier and intervene," said Keane.

"Those soldiers are willing to risk everything for us in combat," he said. "You can't put a price tag on that type of devotion and we can never, ever take it for granted."

Keane also said the Army Safety Strategic Plan — signed by the secretary of

the Army and the chief of staff last November — provides the vision and guidance for reducing accidents by integrating safety and risk management throughout the Army.

The plan also chartered an Army Safety Coordinating Panel to help institutionalize risk management into all that the Army does and to help synchronize safety investments during the budgeting process.

The Safety Coordinating Panel is made up of representatives from the major commands and headquarters principals and is co-chaired by the deputy director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, Army G-8 and the deputy assistant secretary of Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).

Keane's remarks to the panel members focused on three areas — privately owned vehicle accidents, training accidents, and headquarters oversight.

Privately owned vehicle accidents constitute the majority of the fatalities in the Army. Most of those involved in these accidents are in the 18- to 21-year-old age group because they are, as a group, more prone to take risks.

"We cannot accept that type of attitude and behavior," said Keane. "We have to change that behavior."

Unit safety briefings are not enough, Keane said. He said soldiers need education and training and leaders must intervene.

In addition to vehicle accidents, training accidents also present a problem. Keane said that the risk-management

process is a good tool to identify risks, but it is incumbent upon leaders to put controls in place to mitigate those risks.

Though the Army adopted the risk-management program in the mid 80s — to reduce accidents and improve the chances for operational success — there are two problems with the program: not everyone is trained on it and not everyone uses it properly, Keane said.

The leaders at the lowest levels usually have the least education and training on the risk-management process — as well as the least experience, Keane said. Additionally, some leaders rate identified hazards lower than is appropriate, he said, rather than recognizing the risk for what it is and implementing the appropriate controls.

Safety should be a consideration with everything we do, Keane said. It should be the operational style of the organization, he said.

"The worst thing we can do is send our soldiers into combat when they are not properly prepared," he said. Leaders need to identify tasks and set the conditions to replicate combat as closely as possible. The risk-management process enables units to safely conduct very demanding, realistic training that properly prepares soldiers for combat — without sacrificing safety.

Keane concluded his remarks by telling Safety Panel members that the Army needs to improve its system — at the program and resourcing level — for identifying the effects that budgetary decisions have on safety.

Survey shows soldiers job satisfaction on rise

Army News Service

Soldiers' satisfaction with job security, retirement benefits, and basic pay is increasing, according to the Army's latest poll.

The U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, known as ARI, conducts the "Sample Survey of Military Personnel" each spring and fall to provide Army leaders with information to assess soldier and family well being.

From spring 2001 to spring 2002, soldiers' satisfaction with their jobs and quality of life has improved significantly for about half of the 58 satisfaction items measured.

"It's important for soldiers to know that Army leadership listens to soldiers concerns," said Dr. Zita Simutis, the acting director of ARI. "Although these SSMP findings are encouraging for the Army, SSMP results are also used to identify issues that the Army needed to address."

When asked "Based on your Army experience, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with" job security, retirement benefits and amount of basic pay; soldiers participat-

ing in the survey answered using a four-point scale, ranging from very satisfied to very dissatisfied. The percentages of soldiers who were satisfied or very satisfied have increased over the 10-year period 1993 to now in the areas of job security, retirement benefits and basic pay, to name a few.

Congress responded to the Army by providing significantly larger pay raises than those in the mid 1990s. The change in the retirement system enacted in 1999 also helped to reverse the trend of growing dissatisfaction, personnel officials said. They said changes in TRICARE and the privatization of housing have also made a difference in quality of life for soldiers.

The Army is doing a lot to improve the quality of life for soldiers and their families, officials said. Although it is still in the developmental stages, the Army's well-being initiative will track quality of life issues and identify when and where changes need to be made.

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

Commentary

Getting schooled on hunting



Sheila Little
APG News

For 27 years I've been married to a serious hunter, and during that period of time I'd like to think I've learned how to cope.

My advice? Have fun with it.

Our daughters are now grown but, to me, there are times that hunting season brings to mind memories of their school days. So, I look on those early days of the season as the hunter's first days

of school.

So far, this year's season is right on target.

Bow hunting at APG started in early September, and for several weeks leading up to the first day, my husband Jim spent hours combing through Cabela's and L.L. Bean, making sure he had the appropriate wardrobe. In mid-August the anti-shopper hit the Bass Pro Shop at 8 a.m. on a perfectly fine Saturday, to be among the first in line for even more equipment and the latest attire. He was so enthralled with this hunter's mecca that he didn't arrive home until some six hours later....and was by no means empty-handed.

This quest for just the 'right look' brings back memories of the girls and I clothes shopping like mad during those days leading up to the start of the school year.

In preparation for that first day of hunting season, our phone line was occupied for hours with the guys deciding what to wear, when to meet, and what to take. After spend-

ing hours in the woods, they returned home only to get on the phone again and discuss how it went, who got what and where, and what they would plan for the next time.

Me make a call? Forget it. The last time I had to wait that long for the phone, the girls were in their early teens, and, as I recall, the conversation wasn't much different. Does this not sound like junior high to you?

As all parents of students know, during those first few school days, not everything goes smoothly. The same can be said for the hunters. After those first few days out in the woods, inevitably something is just not quite right, no matter if you've been successful or not. After serious consultation with the guys, out comes the wallet for just a bit more camouflage, or something to cut down on scent or sound. (Apparently, the road to truly successful hunting is not only straight and narrow, it's odorless, quiet and unseen.)

Am I the only parent who,

despite purchasing all the school supplies listed on the class lists, still didn't have it right? After that first day the girls and I always returned to the store for more. (Actually, it was the 'stores.' We never found everything in one place.)

I could continue with the comparisons, like how, as the season progresses, some hunters have to cancel and your hunter is left feeling like he was stood up for the school dance, but I think you get the idea.

I'm not suggesting that surviving the season means all hunting widows should look for cute comparisons to fend off listening to yet another story of the one that got away....or didn't. But to me it beats rising at 4 a.m., quietly maneuvering through the woods, climbing a tree in total darkness and remaining still for hours on end. I'll think of lighthearted comparisons from the comfort of my home while I await the venison that's sure to come.

Drought affects water quality

Due to severe drought conditions, the Chapel Hill Water Treatment Plant has been unable to provide water to the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Deer Creek, the primary water source for the Aberdeen Area, has reached record low flows and water supplied by Harford County is being used to supply the installation. Use of county water as a backup source will continue until drought conditions subside.

Because the drought has also affected the lower Susquehanna River, the main backup water source for Harford County, sodium content in the water is at levels significantly higher than normal.

Sodium levels are normally around 40 milligrams per liter or 10 milligrams for an eight-ounce glass of water. With the drought situation, sodium levels are currently in the 100 to 200 mg/l range. These levels are acceptable from a Safe Drinking Water Act standpoint, but individuals and activities with a need to know about sodium levels should be aware of the situation.

If sodium levels reach about 400 mg/l (about 100 milligrams in an eight-ounce glass of water), customers may perceive saltiness in the water. At 500 mg/l most customers will experience a salty taste.

The likelihood of experiencing brown water in the distribution system has also increased. Water users are urged to adhere to flushing guidelines previously distributed by the APG Directorate of Installation Operations.

The City of Aberdeen has increased its flushing operations in known brown water areas and is working with Harford County government to continue to provide the best quality water.

For further information contact Richard Wiggins, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, 410-306-2279.

APG traffic etiquette 101

George Martin
Retired Army Sgt. 1st Class

Since Sept. 11, 2001, folks driving onto Aberdeen Proving Ground have had to endure occasional delays at the gates. The length of these delays may be directly related to the attitude of some drivers.

Several traffic signs inform drivers that the gates are closed during certain hours, the hours they are open, and where to find an accessible gate during non-duty hours.

The signs also inform drivers to use both lanes when approaching the gates and when the roadway narrows to one lane, to alternate the right of way.

Many drivers seem confused by those instructions or choose to ignore them. Stated another way, approaching the gate, vehicles are to use both lanes until the road narrows. This serves one purpose, to get as many vehicles off the public highway as possible so as not to cause any traffic congestion on the main thoroughfare.

The signs tell drivers to alternate the right of way. In other words, when you get to the portion of the road that narrows to one lane, USE YOUR TURN SIGNAL, merge, and take turns going through the concrete barricades.

I can't tell you how many times I've heard the story, "That van zoomed down the right hand lane and tried to cut me off." Well, using the right lane was what the driver in the other vehicle was supposed to do. He (or she) was also supposed to use their turn signal (or blinker as some say) to merge into traffic. If they didn't signal, that's a violation of Maryland Traffic Code 21.303, Improper Lane Change with a \$70 fine and one point.

The fact that the driver tried to cut you off tells me that you probably sped up and refused to yield to the merging vehicle. Shame on you. That's a violation of Maryland Traffic Code 21.404, Failure of Driver to Yield Right of Way,

a \$60 fine and one point. And, if you sped up to prevent another vehicle from getting into position to merge, MTC 21.303, Driver Increasing Speed Sped When Overtaken by Passing Vehicle, is a \$70 fine.

Now, let's talk about tailgating. Maryland Traffic Code 21-310, Driver of Vehicle Following Vehicle Closer than Reasonable and Prudent, is a \$70 fine and two points on your state driving record.

People puullleeezzzz. Your job or workstation will still be there 10 minutes from now. Slow down, stay off the bumper of the car in front of you. If you're that anxious to get to work in the morning, leave home 30 minutes earlier. If you're on this installation riding someone's bumper and someone, not necessarily the driver of the vehicle in front of you, gets your tag number and reports it, you will get a visit at work from a member of the APG police. (That is, assuming that the person making the complaint signs a sworn statement and is willing to come forward as a witness if necessary and testify as to your bad driving habits.)

Concerning radar detectors, a DoD Directive 6055.4, appendix E3.11.3, dated 20 July 1999 states, "The use of radar or laser detection devices to indicate the presence or speed recording instruments or to transmit simulated erroneous speed is prohibited on DoD installations. Such devices will not be sold in DoD controlled sales outlets."

If a police officer on a DoD installation (like APG) informs you that your radar detector is a prohibited item for use on the installation, you are compelled to unplug it and remove it from your dash. Ignore the police officer's instructions and that could get you cited for 'Failing to Obey a Lawful Regulation,' which is in APG Regulation 190-5.

A little common courtesy goes a long way.



Where has all the water gone?

Photo by BARRY DECKER
Employees, visitors and golfers driving past the Maryland Boulevard Wildlife Management Area, opposite the Ruggles Golf Course, can remember seeing geese, ducks and other wildlife swimming in this pond earlier this year. However, with the increased severity of the drought, the water has evaporated and been replaced with vegetation. Until it rains again, this will just be another vegetated area.



Photo by JIM BRANSOME

Tim Vincenti, right, a Directorate of Installation Operations facilities manager, points out the self-diagnostic capabilities of a geothermal heat pump to Gary Testerman, Aberdeen Proving Ground's energy conservation manager. APG installed 643 geothermal heat pumps in post housing, one of nine projects designed to more efficiently manage energy on the installation.

Energy

From front page

Programs implemented at APG with marked energy savings include the installation of 643 geothermal heat pumps in the Bayside and Patriot Village housing areas. The successful operation of the program has an estimated annual financial savings of \$600,000, energy savings of 8,600,000-kilowatt hours, and

emissions reductions comparable to 785,000 gallons of gasoline per year.

Another project in development is an on-post electric generation facility which, when fully operational, will off-set the purchase of electricity during peak time periods when the price is especially high, and, with self production, serves the additional benefits of electric power security for the installation and less dependence on outside sources. Annual savings are estimated at more than \$4 million.

A third program promotes energy conservation through a shut down of facilities when not in use. By employees involved in the alternate work schedule, working nine hour days for eight days, resulting in every other Friday off, facilities can reduce energy for at least three days every two weeks. During weeks with Monday holidays, employees are encouraged to take leave if the Friday before is a regular workday, thus allowing a four-day shut down of many facilities. This results in six four day weekends per year, and more than a week of savings between Christmas and New Years. The program saves the installation an estimated \$750,000 per year.

In addition, APG has formed successful partnerships with local utilities, utilizing smart use of energy through cooperative efforts.

Accepting the award on behalf of APG, Mark said, "The installation receives this award, but it's through the work and actions of APG personnel, soldiers, civilians and residents, that we are able to reduce our usage and protect our environment. Those folks do a great job. Thank you."

Recognized for the efforts of their organizations on behalf of water conservation and energy management were; Gerald Carrick, general engineer, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Paul Wilson, deputy chief of staff for legis-

tics, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, James Kirk, construction inspector, DIO, Marilyn Spence, engineering technician, Family Housing, and Joey Lundy, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center project manager.

With the Army award came \$1,500. The APG DIO split it among those who stand out in water conservation and energy efficiency, dividing it between Carrick, Wilson, Kirk, Spence and Lundy.

This is the fifth Secretary of the Army award for APG since Testerman became the installation energy program manager in 1994.

The energy program manager traveled to the nation's capital, Sept. 19, to accept the Energy Project of the Year award from the Association of Energy Engineers. The award was given to Testerman for overseeing the installation's geothermal program in the Bayside and Patriot Village housing areas of APG. The project is expected to reflect an annual financial savings of \$600,000, an estimated savings of 8.6 million in kilowatt-hours and a significant reduction in atmosphere pollutants. The recipient of two commander awards from the garrison for his work and a 1996 gold award recipient from the Baltimore Area Federal Executive Board, this is Testerman's first award from his peers in the energy management field.

He said ongoing energy projects from across the region, including the Pentagon and Fort Meade, Md., offered stiff competition for the AEE Energy Project of the Year.

"I'm very appreciative of the award, especially in view of all the other great things being done in the capital region," Testerman said.

On Oct. 23, APG will receive an energy efficiency and management award from the Department of Energy, the fourth for APG under Testerman's tenure.

Rocktoberfest is coming to APG

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is bringing fun and games in the tradition of the German Oktoberfest to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Friday, October 18, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. This is an RDO Friday and public schools are closed that day.

A full day of food, sporting events and music is planned for the Maryland Boulevard picnic area.

Events for the Rocktoberfest include:

Maryland Boulevard Pavilion, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., a D. J. with karaoke; character drawing artist; balloons; magic show; face painting, food and beverage vendors, cotton candy, candy apples, pretzels, etc. Food items include bratwurst, knockwurst, sausage, pit beef on kaiser roll, pit black forest ham, hot dogs with sauer-

kraut, french fries, potato pancakes, and deserts. There will be a raw oyster and clam bar from 4 to 8 p.m. only.

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

Rocktoberfest Golf Tournament, at Ruggles Golf Course. Register by Oct. 9. Cost is \$50 for non-members; \$30 for members. The price includes food coupons good for purchases at the picnic area. For more information, contact Stacie Edie at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.edie@usag.apg.army.mil. 3-6-9 To Tap Bowling Tournament, 9

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

Musical entertainment:

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

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

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

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



Illustration by KELLY HILL

Guard

From front page

"They have to be constantly moving on very little sleep," Duval said. "Our role is to keep them involved by creating high stress situations."

Sgt. Maj. David Jenkins led a team of interrogators, responsible for land reconnaissance and planting sensors to monitor team movements.

"We will follow behind and pick up any stragglers as they move through the area," Jenkins said.

He added that his instructors briefed students in interrogation techniques, how to conduct and how to resist, then, put them to the test during the night.

"We will be observing two water points the teams must pass through," Jenkins said.

Those captured will be interrogated then inserted back into the operation, he added.

Other briefings included reconnaissance, surveillance, search and rescue, medical assistance and safety, which organizers said was paramount.

"A great deal of commitment and a lot of energy on the part of the soldiers went into this," Hutchins said.

He added that local police organizations were notified of the exercise and that the 104th Medical Evacuation Unit, civilian emergency medical technicians and the Maryland State Police provided medical support.

"We wanted to ensure everyone who needs to be is aware of our presence and that there is no conflict whatsoever," he said.

During the day, in the heavily wooded area near the sites headquarters, the aviators rotated through station training sites, learning the art of surviving in the wilderness from instructors.

Col. Mike Sweeney explained the scenario participants would follow.

"When you go down in an aircraft, what you usually escape with is what's on your back," Sweeney said. "That's why so

much is included in the aviator survival vest."

The vest, worn over the flight suit, contains life-saving aids such as rations, first aid kits, and signaling and communication equipment, Sweeney said.

At one station, Staff Sgt. Paul McClain, 104th Medical Evacuation Unit, briefed team members on trapping and snaring small game, building fires and cooking methods.

McClain explained how to look for animal trails to and from a water source such as a stream or river, how to bait traps with vegetables, how to make a net out of a common item such as a hammock, and how to use the miniature survival tools included in the vest such as fish hooks and lines.

"There are even instructions telling you when, where and how to fish," McClain said.

He demonstrated cooking small game over a fire pit and cautioned members to consider the nutrient value of what they eat.

"Squirrel and rabbit do not contain the nutrients your body needs. You can eat them all you want and still starve to death," McClain said. Plants and fish contain plenty of nutrients. Concentrate on those food sources, he suggested.

He explained ways to cook a small lizard or fish with a candle in a hostile area where a large fire is impractical and gave tips on how to keep food warm for a period of time.

"The point is to survive," McClain said. "Waiting until you're in a survival situation is the wrong time to learn this."

Other classes included a knot tying class for use on a rope bridge or stream crossing by Staff Sgt. James Knopp, 104th Medical Evacuation Unit, and water collection and purification by Staff Sgt. Warren Preston, Company F, 224th Aviation.

At noon, the teams gathered in the field for a class on evacuating via an external hoist on a UH-60 Blackhawk. Crew chiefs, Sgts. 1st Class Don Claxton and David Stephenson instructed participants in the proper way to mount a hoist from a hovering aircraft.

"The hoist weighs about 180 pounds, is load tested to 600 pounds, and has 250 feet of usable cable," Claxton said.

More than one person may be lifted at a time, depending on their injuries, he added, noting that medical personnel drop down to evaluate casualties prior to lifting.

Along with the straddle hoist, rescuers use metal baskets and a stretcher, Stephenson added.

"For water rescue, we use much the same equipment, in addition to water wings for the rescuers," he said.

At the conclusion of the class, team members watched hoist rescue demonstrations as the Blackhawk crew, hovering 50 feet above the field, led by aircraft commander Capt. William D'Albora, and Chief Warrant Officers Gilbert Doherty and Steve Jones, airlifted three volunteers.

As they watched the demonstration, several commented on the value of the training.

"This is as good as it gets," Capt. Joe DeStefano, Company C, 1/158th Cavalry, said of the live training.

A MDARNG member for seven years, Stefano said team members were eager to learn, despite the harsh conditions, so they could return to their units and "set the example."

"As a team leader you have to overcome the physical obstructions, like exhaustion. Staying in shape is the key," he said.

"We're absolutely tired, but so far it has been educational," added Chief Warrant Officer Blair Payton, 104th Medical Evacuation Unit.

A pilot with the Delaware emergency medical service, Payton said he benefited most from the station training.

"It will definitely help us get through the night. We're not looking forward to it," he added with a smile.

Although the training requirements are tough, the tasks are totally essential," added 1st Lt. William Hummer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Edgewood Armory.

"All of this is very relevant to the job we do. This is a great opportunity to brush up on what could be life-saving skills."

Eaton said the training was specifically focused on aviators to build confidence.

"We've learned from the past that personnel need this knowledge beforehand," he said adding that organizers were to be commended for putting on such a well-coordinated exercise.

"Confidence in leaders increases the trust level in the soldier," Eaton said. "That is the unspoken plus."

Staff Sgt. Paul McClain, 104th Medical Evacuation Unit, Maryland Army National Guard, explains the art of baiting and snaring small game to MDARNG aviators during the survival training exercise held at the Baker Training Facility in western Maryland, Sept. 6 to 8.



Staff Sgt. Warren Preston, Company F, 224th Aviation, MDARNG, demonstrates the use of a plastic bag to gather moisture from trees and vegetation.

Hovering 50-feet above the ground while demonstrating the use of an external hoist to evacuate personnel, UH-60 Blackhawk crew chief, Sgt. 1st Class Don Claxton, Headquarters, State Area Command, raises Sgt. Christine A. Penske, 104th Air Ambulance flight medic, to the aircraft.



McGruff the Crime Dog takes a bite out of crime at APG

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All in favor of protecting the youth came out to support Aberdeen Proving Ground's first annual Child Identification Day in Bayside Village on Sept. 7, sponsored by the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

The fight to stop crimes against children marked the beginning of an ongoing battle to keep all children safe on APG.

The event lasted over three hours, in spite of unfavorable weather conditions.

Of most interest was the fingerprinting station, giving parents

an opportunity to have their children fingerprinted for identification in the event of an abduction.

Parents and children were educated on bicycle safety, as well as the type of gear to wear when bicycling; children were taught how to say no to drugs; what to look for when on the street, in the car, in the home; what to do if you suddenly become the victim; and taught what to do if kidnapped.

Sparked as a vision to prevent any crime against children, 1st Sgt. Pamela Irle of Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion, organized the event.

"Something just had to be done to protect our children, and that's why I organized this event," Irle said.

Also participating was Spc. Damian Littles, Military Police, Headquarters Support Troop, U.S. Army Garrison, strongly

encouraging parents to get more involved.

"That's the problem, the parents don't want to take this issue serious, but it is, it is very serious," Littles said. "Usually, we don't have many parents coming into the station to have their child fingerprinted. It's not until a child is kidnapped that we hear from the parent and that's sad, that's really sad."

Other participants included members of BNCOC Class 31-02, Volunteer Coordinator Staff Sgt. Troy Painter; participants for Crime Dog McGruff: Staff Sgts. Courtney Britton and Andre Jones, Sgts. Robert Ferguson, James Winston and Luis Ortiz, Staff Sgts. Troy Gilmore, Josue Guerreo, George Valentin, Charles Spicer and John Powell.

Irle said that this may be the first Child Identification Day she has organized on Aberdeen Proving Ground but it will not be the last

(Editor's note: Sonya P. Reynolds, contract journalist from Homestead Publishing, joined the APG News staff Sept. 24.).



McGruff reminds the community that there's nothing to fear as long as the Crime Dog is here.



Above, McGruff assures Addis Buff that he is there to protect him, as he embraces him with his paws.

Dance openings for youths

There are openings in the following classes:

Ages 14 to 18 ballet/jazz, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Ages 5 to 6 ballet/jazz, Thursday 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 pm

Ages 4 to 6 Tap, Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Ages 7 to 10 Tap, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Point, Thursday 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Teenagers must have ballet experience.)

Cost is \$75 per discipline. Receive a 20 percent discount with each additional child and a 10 percent discount off additional discipline. Child must be a current Youth Center member. This cost covers the classes from now through the May recital.

If interested, contact Christina Keithley at 410-278-4995 or 410-278-7571 or e-mail her at Christina.Keithley@usag.apg.army.mil or call Angela Shannon at the Aberdeen Youth Center, 410-278-4995.

Letters

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form, should be mailed to: Letters To The Front, P.O. Box 25348, Alexandria, VA 22313. All letters must be postmarked no later than Nov. 11.

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

The contest was first sponsored in 1999, inspired by Marsha Roberts, producer of "Letters From The Front WWII," now in its 11th anniversary tour.

APG will be host to two free performances of "Letters From The Front WWII" in October. The first performance will be open to the general public on Thursday, Oct. 3, 5 p.m. The next performance will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4, and will be open for active duty military only.

For more information, call Earlene Allen, 410-278-3854, or visit www.letters-from-the-front.com.