

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule,

The recycling schedule pickup for Wednesday, Nov. 12 is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Veterans Day holiday refuse removal

Because Veterans Day falls on a Tuesday, housing area refuse normally scheduled for pick up on Tuesday, will be picked up on Nov. 10. The remainder of the week will be per the normal scheduled pickup.

For more information, call Chris Barwick, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-2349.

Disposing of leaves, tree branches

The Collection Station at building 3558 will be open for disposal of leaves and branches through Nov. 12 and 18 through 24.

The station will be open Nov. 22 specifically for housing occupants to bring their yard waste.

Housing occupants and tenant activities are reminded that refuse dumpsters are not to be used for yard waste, leaves, limbs and branches.

For more information, call Chris Barwick, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-2349.

Military Family Fun Night

Army Community Service and Child and Youth Services will present two Military Family Fun Nights, 7 to 9 p.m., on Nov. 7, at AA Youth Services, building 2522 and 7 to 9 p.m., on Nov. 21, at EA Youth Services, building E-1922. Civilians and their families are welcome to participate and celebrate the military family.

The theme is "Military Families: The Strong and the Proud." Family activities include games such as 3-point showdown, family relay race, volleyball tournament and family dance freeze. Crafts include "The makings of strong roots" and "Framing a family portrait."

Recommended footwear is sneakers. For more information or to register families, call ACS at 410-278-7474/7572, or Child and

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APG News honors vets in November

Every November issue of the APG News will have a special section dedicated to all veterans past and present tasked with protecting this nation. See pages 6 and 7 this week.

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ACS

In honor of military families, Aberdeen Proving Ground's Army Community Service is sponsoring several programs during November, Military Family Month.

The month-long celebration expands the congressionally designated National Family Month traditionally held in November. It honors the dedication and sacrifices military families make so the service member can "protect and defend the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

"With our military members being called to deploy and fight the war on terrorism, we need to, now more than ever, recognize the need to promote community awareness and strengthen the family," said Celestine Beckett, ACS team leader.

The Armed Services YMCA sponsors National Family Month. In a letter sent to that organization, President George Bush said, "I thank our military families for your continued support of our service

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Photo by DONNA MELE

To kick off Military Family Appreciation Month, Army Community Service staff members and military family members pose with a banner displaying this year's theme. Front left Diana Hayes, ACS Parents and Children Together coordinator, holding Amariah Rawls, daughter of Gunnery Sgt. Undra Rawls; Jaden Maturey, son of Staff Sgt. Christopher Maturey and Sandra Hernandez-McCullough, ACS Victim Advocate coordinator; second row from left, Staff Sgt. Mary Barrett, Reserve unit, 113th Medical Group, District of Columbia Air National Guard, Andrews Air Force Base; Gunnery Sgt. Undra Rawls, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, APG, and wife, Randa; Roni Maturey wife of Staff Sgt. Christopher Maturey, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, holding her son Ryan; and back row, Staff Sgt. Brian Barrett, Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, APG, holding his son, Eric.

"Click It or Ticket" focuses on seat belts and children

DLES

"Click It or Ticket" is an intensive campaign to help increase seat belt use nationwide.

The campaign will operate Nov. 17 through

30.

The Click It or Ticket campaign is about publicizing the need for seat belts, collecting data and issuing a ticket when necessary.

"It is a valuable chance to study seat belt usage by people entering and leaving the installation, and to begin educating them about the rules and the reasons," said Maj. Joseph Darabasz, chief, Police Services Division, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

This phase of the campaign is directed

toward how adult behavior influences children's use of seat belts.

Children will be encouraged to use seat belts if they see that mom and dad use them.

The APG Police Department is partnering with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in mobilizing "Click It or Ticket," and active law enforcement is part of this campaign.

In some cases, a traffic ticket is the most effective way to get people to use what Dr. Paul Runge, head of NHTSA, calls "absolutely the most effective safety device in a car."

For more information, visit the NHTSA Web site www.buckleupamerica.org.

Watch card

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- 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.

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Annual AUSA meeting includes APG participants



Photo by KAREN JOLLEY DREWEN

Canadian Army Sgt. Christopher Parnell, left, and Capt. Jeremy DiGiota of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, try out the Army Game at the U.S. Army Materiel Command booth at the AUSA meeting Oct. 7, with assistance from an AMC employee.

Karen Jolley DREWEN
RDECOM Public Affairs Office

Attendees at the Association of the United States Army annual meeting Oct. 6 through 8 had a chance to learn about work done by organizations located at and associated with Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Among the exhibitors were the Army's new Guardian Brigade, which now is home for the Technical Escort Unit; the U.S. Army Environmental Center; the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine; the Developmental Test Command, headquartered here; Aberdeen Test Center; and several elements of the new U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, headquartered in the Edgewood Area of APG.

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personnel also were behind the scenes, as the Exhibits Division, now part of the Installation Management Agency, provided displays for several organizations, including an extensive design for the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

Attendee Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and RDECOM, held a press conference Oct. 7 to discuss how the Mobile Parts Hospital, developed by the Tank-automotive and Armaments Research, Development and Engineering Center in Warren, Mich., is changing the face of the battlefield.

The MPH, developed by TARDEC's National Automotive Center, is the automotive equivalent of the Mobile Army Surgical Hospital used to stabilize soldiers before sending them out of theater for more

complex care. This mini-manufacturing center, a 20-foot-long, 27,000-pound container, can create both standard and unique parts, and can be up and running in less than an hour.

"RDECOM is leading the way in bringing new technology to soldiers more quickly, and the Mobile Parts Hospital is part of that effort," he said.

During the press conference, he spoke with Col. Gerald Bates via live teleconference from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, who explained that the MPH is working well for them.

"Before, I'd be waiting for two weeks, minimum, to get a part. Now we can make it," Bates said. "Thank you for sending us this equipment. We're happy to have it."

Another RDECOM project

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Soldier Show jazzes up APG

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Cast members of the 2003 Army Soldier Show dance it up to the song "All That Jazz" during a Sunday afternoon performance for the 16th Ordnance Battalion at the Post Theater, Nov. 2. Read about the show's weekend visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground in next week's APG News.





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To assist in the observance of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27, we will have the following early deadlines for the **Wednesday, November 26 & December 3** editions of **The Aegis** and the **Friday, November 28** edition of **The Aegis & The Record**:

EARLY DEADLINES

The Aegis, Wednesday, Nov. 26th Edition
Business, Real Estate, PPT - Wednesday Nov. 19 • 12 PM
Legals - Friday Nov. 21 • 10 AM

The Aegis, Friday, Nov. 28th Edition
PPT, Auto MarketPlace - Friday, November 21 • 4 PM
A, Sports - Monday, November 24 • 4 PM
Legals - Tuesday, November 25 • 10 AM
Classified Display - Tuesday, November 25 • 4 PM
Classified Liners - Wednesday, November 26 • 10 AM

The Record Friday, Nov. 28th Edition
All Sections - Monday, November 24 • 4 PM
Classified Display - Tuesday, November 25 • 4 PM
Classified Liners - Wednesday, November 26 • 10 AM

APG News, Nov. 27th Edition
All Sections - Friday, November 21 • 12 PM

Weekenders, Nov. 28th Edition
All Sections - Thursday, November 20 • 4 PM
Classified Display - Thursday, November 20 • 4 PM
Classified Liners - Friday, November 21 • 10 AM

The Aegis, Wednesday, Dec. 3rd Edition
Real Estate - Wednesday Nov. 26 • 12 PM
The Business Office and the Classified Department will be closed Thursday, November 27, 2003.

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Military Family Month activities

See more activities at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 6
RED CROSS BABYSITTING
SAFETY COURSE**

A Red Cross Babysitting Safety Course will be taught at the EA Youth Center, building E-1902, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call Diana Hayes 410-278-4372.

**TIME OUT VS. WALKING
OUT WORKSHOP**

This workshop discusses how to communicate effectively with a partner. Class will be conducted in building E-4630, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Sandy Hernandez-McCullough, 410-278-2435.

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 7
AND 21
MILITARY FAMILY
FUN NIGHT**

This event will be a night of games, crafts and fun for the entire family.

Military Family Fun Night will be held Nov. 7, at the AAYouth Service Center, building 2522, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Nov. 21 at the EA Youth Service Center, building E-1902, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call ACS 410-278-7572.

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 10**

**THROUGH 24
EFFECTIVE PARENTING-
TEEN CLASSES**

Army Community Service will conduct classes in building 2754, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call Laura Reich, 410-278-7478.

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 12
THROUGH 26
EFFECTIVE PARENTING-
BIRTHTO 6 CLASSES**

Army Community Service will conduct training in building 2754, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, call Diana Hayes 410-278-4372.

ACS

From front page

members, and your encouragement helps prepare them for the important tasks they undertake in the defense of our freedom.

"Your active support of our service members plays a vital role in our national defense and in making our country's armed services the finest in the world."

In addition to the activities ACS is planning, the Armed Services YMCA sponsors two annual contests during this time.

The ninth annual Art Contest solicits artwork from military members' children, kindergarten through sixth grade, depicting their active-duty, Reserve or Guard families. A \$500 savings bond and the winners' artwork printed on posters for next year's Military Family Week are the grand prizes. The deadline for all art entries is Jan. 26.

To promote reading among children, the YMCA's annual essay contest is open to 1st through 12th graders, with prizes of up to \$1,000 in bonds. Children and teens of uniformed service members (active-duty military members, Reserve, Guard and retired) as well as Department of Defense civilians, Coast Guard, and American Mission families can enter the contest. Students are asked to write about 'why they like to read.' Mailed entries must be post-marked by March 12, 2004 and e-mailed entries must be sent no later than March 8, 2004.

"Strengthening families in our communities should be of great concern to all of us," Beckett said. "Our country faces difficult challenges with the continued breakdown of the family unit. By promoting National Family month within the military, we hope to restate the family's central role in the health of our society."

For more information, contact ACS, 410-278-7474/7478, or visit the Armed Services YMCA Web site at www.asymca.org.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2003
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Retiree Appreciation Day Nov. 8

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Retiree Council invites all retirees to attend Retiree Appreciation Day, Nov. 8, at the Recreation Center, building 3326 in the Aberdeen Area of APG.

This information-sharing program brings together retirees (civilian and military) and their widows and widowers to update them on services available and any changes that may affect them.

Representatives from several APG activities will discuss their services, and topics will include TRICARE, medical care at treatment facilities, dental insurance, survivor benefit provision and receiving retirement pay concurrent with disability pay.

Guest speaker will be from the Military Officers Association of America.

Coffee will be served at 8 a.m. The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will play at 8:30 a.m., followed by the formal program at 9 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. retirees will have lunch at the nearby APG Dining Facility. Reservations are necessary. Call Retired Col. Charles Shadle, 410-663-9263 or Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Barry Decker, 410-306-1153.

FEHB Open Season begins Nov. 10

The Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season will be held Nov. 10 to Dec. 8.

Health fairs are scheduled for Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, and Nov. 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E-4140. Plan representatives will be available to provide new health plan materials and answer questions at these fairs. Employees are encouraged to attend the health fairs to speak to the carrier representatives and obtain individual brochures from them.

AETNA is introducing AETNA HealthFund this year, a consumer driven product that will be available in Maryland.

Comparison guides will not be distributed post-wide to administrative offices this year. In the September Benefits Administration Letter 03-401, the Office of Personnel Management announced that they will not print or distribute any hard copy Benefits Guides. Copies of comparison guides and individual brochures may be obtained from

OPM's Web site at www.opm.gov/insure/health. Individual brochures will still be distributed. Employees must contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) at 1-877-276-9287 or www.abc.army.mil.

All employee changes will be effective Jan. 11, 2004.

Questions may be directed to Teri Wright, CPAC, 410-278-4331, teri.wright@usag.apg.army.mil, or to a servicing personnel assistant.

APG commander speaks at Veterans Day ceremony

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (Provisional), the Chemicals Material Agency (Provisional) and the Guardian Brigade, will speak at the Aberdeen City Veterans Memorial Park Veterans Day ceremony, Parke Street, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the hall of Aberdeen Memorial VFW Post 10028, located on 821 Old Philadelphia Road, Aberdeen.

NAF announces open season

The Nonappropriated Funds Open Season ends Nov. 14. Department of the Army mailed literature directly to eligible employees' home addresses explaining the changes and options available to each regular full-time and regular part-time employee.

To make an appointment, make changes to benefit elections or for answers to questions, call NAF Personnel, 410-278-5126/8992/8994.

All changes must be processed before close of business Nov. 14, 2003.

Gilchrest to host veterans seminar

Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, R-Maryland 1st District, will hold a Veterans Seminar, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Bel Air Armory, located on 37 North Main Street.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Representatives from the Regional Department of Veterans Affairs, the VA Maryland Health Care System, TRICARE, veterans service organizations and National Veterans Legal Services will present information to include pension and compensation benefits, reservist benefits, long term care and screening, CHAMPVA and more.

There will be Veterans History

Project and Award Presentations at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call Angela Jones at 1-877-891-9719 or Kathy Abey at 1-888-393-3915.

APG Job Fair Nov. 17

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program, Freestate ChalNge Academy and APG Military Transition Office will sponsor a Job Fair, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Nov. 17, at Top of the Bay.

The event is open to APG active duty personnel and their family members, transitioning military, retirees, DoD civilians, contract personnel and others who work on APG with a valid ID.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Readiness Program at 410-278-9669, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Martin-Minnich, Freestate ChalNge Academy at 410-306-1838, or Darrell Young, APG Military Transition Office at 410-306-2354.

PWOC upcoming activities

Operation Christmas Child

The Protestant Women of the Chapel are once again taking part in Operation Christmas Child this holiday season. For those who want to participate, donated empty shoeboxes and/or wrapping paper can be brought to the chapel or participants can fill a shoebox on their own and bring it to the chapel. Items should be for a boy or girl, age 2 to 14. Age-appropriate items may include small toys, personal items, school supplies, etc. The collection period ends Nov. 30.

Bible Studies

Join PWOC on Monday nights at 7 p.m. or on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. The Monday night series will begin "The Purpose Driven Life" in November.

Baby sitting is available for both studies.

Potluck Dinner

A Progressive Potluck Dinner for adults only will be held Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Social Hall. Childcare will be provided for those that make reservations for their child or children. Parents must also provide for their child's meal. To arrange for child care, call Paula Roland at 410-273-9230.

For further information contact Shirley Huffman at 410 273-1497 or Laura Keegan at 410- 273-8075.

PWOC December meeting

The PWOC December group meeting will be held Dec. 18, featuring a special program at 11:30 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch.

Suited to Succeed

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will sponsor a Suited to Succeed workshop, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Nov. 13 at ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road. Everything about an employee's appearance, mannerisms and speech patterns makes a statement about whom they are. Learn the secret to projecting a steady, confident image in the workplace or a job interview. The workshop will provide participants the strategies and guidelines to shape the exact image they want to project to others.

For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Manager, at 410-278-9669.

Orientation for newcomers scheduled

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Information Forum for newcomers to APG will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, Nov. 20, 1 to 3 p.m. All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited to attend.

More than 55 representatives of support agencies/organizations will be present to discuss information on their activities. Give-a-ways will be available and door prizes awarded.

For more information, call Godofredo Posadas, Family Well-Being Program manager, Army Community Service, 278-2453/7474.

VFW to start

Junior Girls unit

A new Junior Girls Unit is being formed for those who have sponsorship of relatives with VFW membership. Twelve young ladies are needed to start and receive a charter. For more information, call Penny Cacoulidis, auxiliary chaplain, Ladies Auxiliary 8216, 410-642-0208/278-3896 (work), or e-mail PJLove42@yahoo.com.

The Soldier Show finale Nov. 15

The 2003 United States Army Soldier Show - "Legacy" - will be held 7:30 p.m. at the Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C., Nov.15 for one night only. Admission is free but tickets are required. General admission tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis at HQ Army Recreation Services at the Pentagon, Room 3A146, or one of its subsidiary offices at AMC, Hoffman and Skyline; Warner Theatre Box Office and Army Entertainment offices, Fort

Belvoir, building 1434.

For more information, visit www.armymwr.com.

Kirk offers classes

The following classes will be held at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. For more information and to register for classes, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Diabetes education

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Wednesday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., Nov. 12 and 19 and Dec. 3 and 10, in the Behavioral Health Conference Room 316 on the third floor. All TRICARE-enrolled individuals with diabetes or parents or sponsors of a diabetic are invited to attend.

Take Care of Yourself class

Class is held on the third Thursday every month, 10 a.m. to noon. Patients will be taught how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and instructed when to see a doctor. Participants will be given medical cards, which will allow them to pick up specific over-the-counter medications without a prescription.

Family Child Care Training to be held

Family Child Care training will be conducted Nov. 17 to 21. Applicants who are interested in providing home-based child care, especially infant care, are encouraged to apply.

Being a professionally trained provider in a warm, home environment offers benefits such as potential for over \$500 per week; self employment; free training in a marketable profession; transferable credit to Army installations world wide; free use of lending library; free referrals by Central Registry; free monthly newsletter; free workshops (nutrition, health, child development, safety, CPR, taxes), participation in the National CDA credential program, participation in the USDA food program, participation in the National Family Child Care Home Accreditation program.

For more information, call Penny Branham, 410-278-7477/8720.

Lose weight for the holidays

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are continuing on post with the newest program from Weight Watchers' - FlexPoints. FlexPoints makes losing weight in the real world easier.

Get eleven weeks for the price of ten. Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are open to all APG civilian personnel, retirees, military personnel and family members.

Community Notes

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7 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. Cash bar is available, but dance lessons will not be provided.For more information, call 410-272-8318.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9 BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross "Save a Life Tour" will be at Ripken Stadium, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An all-day blood drive begins at 8 a.m. Join Ferrous, the IronBirds' mascot, as the American Red Cross hosts its first-ever community event and blood drive.For more information, call Carol Wendt or Tracy Laubach, 410-764-7000, ext 6871.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 10 GOLDEN CORRAL MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

This year's Golden Corral 2003 Military Appreciation Night brings special meaning to all 400 plus Golden Corral restaurants spanning 39 states to offer all veterans and retired and active duty members, reservists and National Guard members a Free "Thank-you Dinner Buffet and Beverage" from 5 to 9 p.m.

The offer is based on the honor system—no identification is required.

For more information, visit Web site <http://www.goldencorralrest.com/PromoSpec.htm> - top.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13 VFW MOC/MOCA LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Military Order of Cooties and its Ladies Auxiliary meet every second Thursday of the month at the Abingdon VFW Post 5337 (and occasionally at other VFW's in the area). New members interested in helping veterans are welcome. The MOC/MOCA is the Honor Degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars whose main goal is to support the VA hospitals. Anyone interested should call Penny Cacoulidis at 410-625-2541.

APGFCU OFFERS HOME BUYING SEMINAR IN SPANISH

A free home buying seminar will be offered in Spanish by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room at APGFCU Operations Center in Edgewood, 1321 Pulaski Highway. To reserve a space, call 410-272-4000 or 1-800-225-2555 ext. 6130 or 2158.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the USNTC Bainbridge Historical Association, Inc., will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for all paper cards, and are available by calling Anne Gibson at 410-378-3338, JoAnne Bierly at 410-378-3320, or Brenda Conjour at 410-273-7332.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15 AND 16 HOME, BUSINESS AND FAMILY EXPO

The first Harford LIVE! Home, Business and Family Expo will be held

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Ripken Stadium, Aberdeen. The showcase will bring consumers face-to-face with hundreds of businesses, offering quality products and services to positively impact their lives. Similar to one-stop shopping, everyone will have an opportunity to visit local product and service providers from in and around the Harford County Region all in one location. Holiday gifts will also be featured, including personnel and corporate gifts from gourmet food, wine, jewelry and more. Daily admission tickets can be purchased at the door and cost \$6 for adults ages 12 and over and \$3 for children ages three through 11. Children 2 and under are free.

For more information or for directions, call 410-297-9292.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22 ROYE WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY CRAFT SHOW

Roye Williams Elementary School will hold a craft show, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crafters can rent an 8 x 10 space for \$20 or a 4 x 5 space for \$10. Tables are an additional \$10. For more information and an application form, call 410-273-5536.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27 THANKSGIVING DAY SPECIALTY MEAL

The Thanksgiving Day Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facility, building 4503 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, department of defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.For more information, visiit www.apgnews.apg.army.mil.

MOVIES

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THE RUNDOWN

Friday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m.

Starring Dwayne Johnson, Seann William Scott

In order to get out of hock with mobster Billy Walker, restaurateur-turned-"retrieval expert" Beck (Johnson), has to go down to Brazil and retrieve Billy's ne'er-do-well archaeologist-wannabe son Travis (Scott). The two join forces to search for hidden riches in Helldorado while avoid the town's evil kingpin, Cornelius Hatcher. (Rated PG-13)

THE FIGHTING TEMPTATIONS (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.

Starring: Cuba Gooding Jr., Beyonce Knowles

New York advertising executive Darrin Hill (Cuba Gooding Jr.) loses his job and has nowhere to turn. He travels to a small Southern town to collect an inheritance, but finds he must create a gospel choir and lead it to success before he can collect. Darrin has his work cut out for him until he meets Lilly (Knowles), a beautiful jazz singer. (Rated PG-13)

UNDERWORLD

Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 p.m.

Starring: Kate Beckinsale, Scott Speedman

A war has been raging between the Vampires and Lycan werewolves for centuries. Selene (Beckinsale) is a death dealer, assigned to hunt down and eradicate the last of the Lycan. When she comes across Michael Corvin (Speedman), who holds the key to end the war she must decide where her allegiances will lie. (Rated R)



Recycling schedule, reminders

Chris Barwick
D/O

Aberdeen Proving Ground housing residents are reminded of the county requirement to use blue and clear bags (such as those used in grocery stores and other merchandise establishments) when discarding recycling material for pickup on Wednesday each week.

"When recycling paper products only paper bags, cardboard boxes or bundles will be accepted," said Becky Palazzi, Harford County Recycling Office. "Acceptable containers are aluminum and tin cans, glass jars and bottles and plastic jugs and bottles. These should be placed in blue or clear plastic bags."

Palazzi said that if this guidance is not adhered to, the landfill in Scarboro can reject an entire load of refuse from APG.

The refuse contractor will not pick up housing occupants' recyclables that do not follow the county guidelines.

The recycling schedule alternates between containers and paper products, and is posted in the APG News weekly as a reminder.



Photo by CHRIS BARWICK

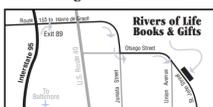
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APG honors veterans

Awarding veterans easier

Patricia Welsh
U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center

Army veterans and their families will now have an easier time tracking and receiving medals and decorations thanks to an automated system used by the Clothing and Heraldry Product Support Integration Directorate at the U.S. Army Soldiers Sys-tems Center, Natick, Mass.

The new Web-based system eliminates extensive paperwork, reduces processing time and has new capabilities such as allowing each veteran the opportunity to find out the status of his or her request or make address changes online. These types of inquiries that used to be handled telephonically or by letter now can be entered online at <http://veteranmedals.army.mil>.

Award criteria and background for the different service medals can also be found on the Web site.

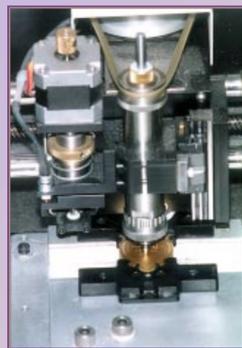
Requests for medals are initiated through the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. Eligible veterans or the next-of-kin of a deceased veteran can request medals from NPRC at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>.

Once NPRC finalizes their research, a notification letter is sent to the veterans and their next of kin listing the veteran's authorized medals, decorations and awards. The request is also then routed through the Web-enabled database directly to PSID's Medals Team in Philadelphia for processing and shipment of the awards.

The team engraves decorations with the veteran's name, a process that is now also automated, assembles attachments (such as bronze/silver stars or oak leaf clusters) and mails the set to the veteran or next-of-kin.

According to Vickie Ramoni, team leader of the Heraldry Section of PSID, 4,000 to 5,000 award requests per month are prepared and this new system will be invaluable since it will increase production and lower costs.

"It will reduce backlog and assist in order processing time by predicting incoming workload," Ramoni said.



Photos by NATHAN PIERSON
A diamond tip stylus on the engraving machine carves a veteran's name on a medal.

"It also allows us the capability to expedite a routine request when a veteran is ill or when an award ceremony is scheduled just by clicking a button. We did not have this capability prior to the automation."

A ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new system took place on Aug. 19.

During the ceremony, Greg Schech, the senior the Clothing and

team leader of Heraldry PSID spoke about the history of the organization and the many changes it has faced since its inception in 1957. He said that the motto of the team is "We Deliver Pride" and that having the new automated system lets them honor those who serve and also helps the team keep up with the intense pace of transformation.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (Provisional), also spoke during the ceremony. He

thanked those who participated in the medals process, and said that, "everyday, some veteran is being recognized or honored somewhere, and you have reached out and touched that veteran or that family."

During a previous visit, Doesburg said he had the chance to visit the medals section where the work is done. What touched him the most was that the folks who were working on the medals really cared. They didn't know whom they were making the medals for but they understood the importance of what was being done.

At the ceremony, Doesburg closed his comments with a personal story. He mentioned how after an old veteran friend of his father's passed away, no one was there to take care of the arrangements to make sure everything was done correctly, including making sure he got the correct medals recognizing his service to his country.

Doesburg said he contacted the Clothing and Heraldry PSID and they made sure the correct medals were delivered in time. Three months later Doesburg received a package that he said should have gone to the team. In the package were 53 letters from Jefferson City, Mo., the veteran's hometown, thanking him for making sure the deceased was recognized for his military service.

Robert Henry Jr., medals foreman, said that he is proud of the team and its accomplishments in the past year as they made the transformation to the paperless environment. He stated that every request they process is a way of honoring

those who have served the nation and the Medals Team takes great pride in being able to provide this service to veterans and their families.



Pictured are some of the medals processed by the Medals Team.

WWII veterans may be eligible for one more medal

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

World War II veterans who earned the Combat Infantry Badge or the Combat Medical Badge are eligible to receive another award to honor their heroism, the Bronze Star.

Twenty-two Bronze Star Medals were awarded in a small community in Goshen, Ind., last month. A few were given posthumously, but most veterans were able to enjoy the moment with family and friends.

After the tears stopped flowing for veteran Lowell "Buzz" Burdette, he began his acceptance speech. He thanked all 15 of his family members who attended the event in the local Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. From his son to his great-granddaughter, 85-year-old Buzz repeated the words "thank you" through shivering lips.

"It was a very emotional moment," said Ronald Burdette, Buzz's son. "Receiving the Bronze Star Medal was just a tidbit of an award for a man that is as amazing as my dad," Burdette said. "He endured much and showed immeasurable honor, courage and commitment."

Exactly what Buzz's heroic acts are is unknown to his family because he talks very little about his experience during the war, according to Burdette.

"He was proud to serve, and he talks about some of his buddies, but he didn't come home bragging about taking other people's lives," his son said.

In 1947, the Bronze Star Medal was authorized for all of those who earned a Combat Infantry Badge or the Combat Medical Badge, according to Army regulation 600-8-2, Military Awards. The medal was designed to honor the infantrymen who endured the greatest hardships and the medics who accompanied them on the front lines, officials said.

When the son of a World War II veteran was restoring lost copies of his father's record, he found out from the National Personnel Records Center out of St. Louis that his father was

one of many who had never received the Bronze Star Medal. John Picuch, a Vietnam veteran, said he was surprised to find out that his father, Stanley Picuch, was eligible for the medal.

Moved that his father died without knowing he had earned the award, Picuch spearheaded the drive that got due recognition for 22 others in the small county.

"These men are proud, not boastful, and I wanted as many men as possible to get the honor they deserve," Picuch said.

The chaplain for the local Goshen VFW, Picuch put announcements in the local newspapers stating that he was looking for veterans who had earned the CIB.

He started his pilgrimage in February and said that from the time he started to the event in June, two veterans died before they could be honored.

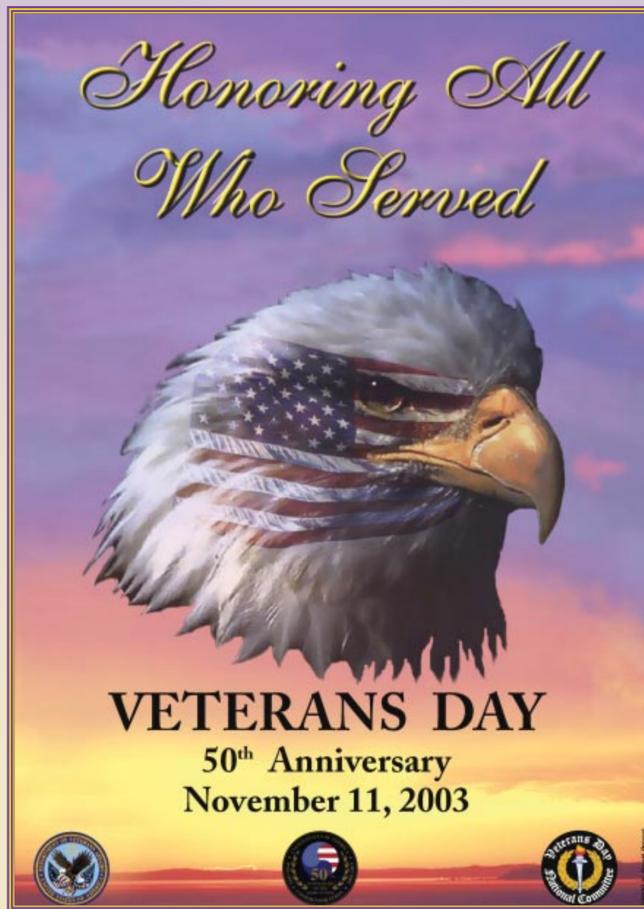
"It's sad that there are thousands of veterans who don't know that the Bronze Star Medal is automatic as long as their discharge papers states that they received the CIB, Picuch said. "Out of the 22 men we honored, only three knew they were eligible."

Officials from the NPRC say that they don't know how many veterans are eligible for the medal or have not received the award, because a massive fire in 1963 destroyed most of the official military personnel files from World War II.

Picuch believes that there are thousands, maybe tens of thousands based on the number of eligible recipients from the small town of Goshen.

"There has to be more out there that deserve recognition," Picuch said. "They went to war and quietly came back home, went to work and built this country."

The 18 men from Goshen, along with two sons and two widows who accepted the medal on their loved ones behalf, received the Bronze Star Medal with their names engraved on the back and a photocopy of a congratulatory letter from President George W. Bush and another from his father, former President George Bush.



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Veterans Day - 2003

*I read in the local paper just the other day,
A dear old veteran friend had passed away.
It was not unexpected, he was probably due,
For he retired many years ago and died at 92.
Old vets like him are seldom seen these days,
He joined the Army in '31, saw many old ways.
Went through World War II, the Korean War too,
Saw things that are old history to me and you.
I thought of friends and the places I've been,
And the many times I've lost a veteran friend.
The message I've come up with is nothing new,
It's just that it's been great to know all of you.
Take some advice, and please don't anyone delay,
Tell your old buddies you're proud of them today.*

By Buddy W. Maxwell



Red, white and blue-ready to serve you

Photo by BILL EDGE SR.

Volunteer driver Chaplain Joe Crivello of DAV Bel Air Chapter #30 is pictured with the DAV red, white and blue van that transports disabled veterans who have no means of transportation to and from Perry Point VAHC appointments. The Bel Air Chapter of DAV is in need of drivers to assure continued service to veterans. To volunteer or request transportation, call 1-800-949-1003, ext. 5384.

Honor thy veteran

CFC staff

Veterans Day, Nov. 11, is a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by members of the military services to ensure the freedom of all Americans. During the "Giving Charities a Hand" Combined Federal Campaign, APG employees have the opportunity to pay tribute to veterans when donating to organizations that help them deal with physical and mental burdens. In each November issue of APG News there will be a new list of veterans' charities.

CFC veterans' organizations

2100 - Military, Veterans & Patriotic Service Organizations of America, 1-800-626-6526 www.mvpsoa.org. Helps keep America strong, safe, and free and remembers, honors, and keeps faith with veterans, with those who serve today, and their families.

2101 - Air Force Memorial Foundation, 703-247-5808, www.airforcememorial.org. Helps build the Air Force Memorial to honor the sacrifice and patriotism of the millions of men and women who have served in the USAF.

2102 - Airmen Memorial Foundation, 800-638-0594, www.amf.org. Airmen helping Airmen. U.S. Air Force, Guard, Reserve active, retired and veteran enlisted personnel, and their families receive scholarships, financial aid, research assistance and on-line retiree information.

2103 - American Defense Institute, 703-519-7000, www.ojcd.org/ADI. Promotes a strong national defense, including homeland security, focusing awareness and patriotism among young Americans. Encourages military voter participation and resolution to the POW/MIA issue.

2104 - AMVETS Charities, 301-459-6181, www.amvets.org. Preserving freedom and supporting veterans and active duty military personnel, preserving the memory of those who served and died, and the sacrifices made for freedom.

2106 - Astronauts Memorial Foundation, 321-452-2887, www.amfsc.org. In honor of fallen U.S. astronauts, the foundation provides technology training for teachers, professors and technology specialists in the United States.

2107 - Blinded American Veterans Foundation, 800-242-0161, www.bavf.org. Helps blinded and sensory-disabled veterans attain their maximum potential through research, rehabilitation and re-employment services. Completely staffed by volunteers.

2108 - Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust, 859-441-7300, www.dav.org. Contributions provide food, shelter and medical aid to homeless veterans, transportation to medical facilities, and counseling/rehabilitation for amputees and other severely disabled veterans.

2109 - Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project, 913-432-1214. A therapeutic writing program to acknowledge veterans' experiences and build confidence and self-esteem through focused creative expression and possible publication of the works.

2111 - Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, 800-292-7777, www.marine-scholars.org. Provides scholarships to children of current/former Marines, and children of Navy Corpsmen that served with the Marines, who are pursuing collegiate or VoTech education.

2113 - National Military Family Association, 703-931-NMFA, www.nmfa.org. NMFA supports a strong and healthy military family through programs designed to enhance the opportunities, resources, and services available to uniformed service members, spouses and children.

2114 - Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association, 207-633-0333, www.river-rats.org. Provides scholarships to dependents of U.S. military personnel declared MIA/KIA in armed conflicts from Vietnam through the present, and aircrews killed performing aircraft duties.

2115 - Vietnam Veterans Assistance Fund, 301-589-4613 x126, www.vvafund.org. Helps Vietnam veterans help disabled, homeless and needy Vietnam-era veterans with shelter, employment, counseling and medical benefits assistance, with appreciation for their service to America.

2117 - Fisher House Foundation, 888-294-8560, www.fisher-house.org. Supports military and veterans quality of life by building Fisher Houses for military/VA hospitals, supporting existing houses, and awarding scholarships for military children.

2118 - Military Chaplains Association of the USA, 703-276-2189, www.mca-usa.org. A gift helps the organization work to preserve the chaplaincy's critical role in caring for America's military-active duty, reserves and veterans.

2119 - Paralyzed Veterans of America Spinal Cord Injury Education and Training Foundation, 800-424-8200 x255, www.pvaresearch.org. America's only foundation dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with spinal cord injury and disease by offering educational grants - \$4 million provided to date.

2121 - AAAA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 203-268-2450, www.quad-a.org. Provides scholarships for Army Aviation Association of America members and selected dependents. AAAA pays all foundation expenses. One hundred percent of donations applied to awards.

2124 - Special Operations Warrior Foundation, 813-805-9400, www.specialops.org. Provides four-year or vocational college scholarship grants and financial aid counseling to children surviving Special Operations personnel killed in operational or training missions.

2126 - Armed Forces Family Survivors Fund, Intrepid Museum Foundation, 212-245-0072, www.intrepidmuseum.org. Helps families whose loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice. Assists them with urgent expenses by providing immediate financial help.

2131 - 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, 910-822-4534. Provides college and university scholarship assistance grants to dependent children of association members, and former active duty members of the division.

2132 - Angel Flight for Veterans, 888-849-0507, www.angelflightveterans.org. Helps provide air transportation for military veterans and their families to distant medical centers. Health care must continue when travel funds are exhausted.

2133 - Army Historical Foundation, 800-506-2672, www.armyhistorical.org. Supports building a national U.S. Army museum and sponsors educational programs that preserve and promote the history and heritage of the American soldier.

2134 - Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation, 877-606-1775, www.mc-lef.org. Provides financial aid for disabled children of Marines and scholarship assistance to children of Marines and Federal law enforcement personnel whose parent dies on duty.

2136 - Armed Forces Foundation, 212-957-7020. Supports the "Scholarships for Military Children" program and provides scholarships to children of veterans and service members who could not otherwise afford an education.

2137 - Aerospace Education Foundation, 703-247-5839, www.aef.org. Promotes technological excellence through grants to teachers and scholarship programs. AEF also helps the Air Force family to attain its educational goals.

2138 - Air Force Historical Foundation, 301-736-7563, www.afhistoricalfoundation.com. Dedicated to preserving, perpetuating, and publishing the history and traditions of American aviation, with emphasis on the U.S. Air Force and its predecessor organizations.

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Commentary: 'In the Company of Heroes'

Capt. Eric Shuler
Special contributor

"In the Company of Heroes" is a 'must read.' It is the story of Chief Warrant Officer Michael Durrant, a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot who was shot down and captured by the Somalians.

"In the Company of Heroes" is more than just the story of his capture, it is a book about his military career and how he became a pilot for the 160th Special Operations, the elite helicopter unit of the Army.

Initially I had some trepidation about reading this book. I was at Fort Drum, N.Y., when the tragic news of Mogadishu was first released and the pain of that tragedy still lingers.

Durrant is extremely humble about his experience in Mogadishu. He states, "they gave me medals, and all I did was get shot down and become captured."

Early in the book he clears up a falsehood that it took him 10 years to set straight. In the movie version of "Black Hawk Down" there is a scene where Durrant gets hit in the face with a rifle. Durrant says, "It was not a rifle, but a limb torn off the body of one of his crewmembers."

He said the Delta Force Snipers gave their lives to protect him. He also tells about a letter one of the widows gave him. She tells Durrant that her husband's death was not in vain and he died doing what he loved and believed in.

I personally do not know how I would react to a letter like that except to thank God that I am alive.

Durrant talks about his captors and his imprisonment. He does not show animosity toward them. The Somalians tried to make his stay somewhat bearable.

Somalia is a third world country and what Americans would consider poor medical treatment was the best they had to offer.

Durrant was given a dog dish to use as a food bowl. The Somalians' gave him MREs to eat which was the best food he was given.

Durrant had gone through survival training to prepare him in case he was captured. He never thought he would have to use his training.

He tells of fellow pilots who died during training and during combat operations. Durrant emphasizes that his unit did secret missions, which even he cannot discuss.

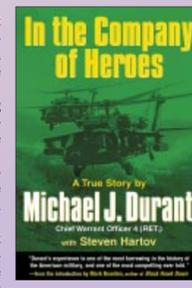
Widows and family members in some cases are not told the exact causes of their loved one's death.

I highly recommend this book; it will evoke a myriad of emotions—anger, pride, grief and joy—in our soldiers.

October 2003 marks the 10th anniversary of the battle of Mogadishu where 18 soldiers died. I hope their sacrifices and their families are not forgotten.

"Look back, but don't stare," is one of Durrant's quotes that I will leave you with. You will have to read the book to understand it.

"In the Company of Heroes" is published by G.P. Putnam's Son and contains 362 pages.



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Directorate of Information Management Exhibits Division personnel provided displays for several organizations at the Association of the United States Army annual meeting Oct. 6 through 8, including this extensive design for the U.S. Army Materiel Command.



Barry Napp of APG's Guardian Brigade and Zeke Topolosky, from the Quick Response Branch of the Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate in Fort Belvoir, Va., takes a look at the Well-Cam, a combination light and 360-degree camera used to inspect wells for weapons. The quick turnaround project went from request to prototype in two weeks, due to work performed by Topolosky's office.

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From front page

was born from a need to inspect wells for weapons.

The Well-Cam, a combination light and 360-degree camera, went from request to prototype in two weeks, and in less than two months was in the hands of soldiers in Afghanistan, said Zeke Topolosky, an electronics engineer in the Quick Response Branch of the Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate in Fort Belvoir, Va.

Part of RDECOM's Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, headquartered at Fort Monmouth, N.J., the branch specializes in fur-

ther accelerating the time from request to finished product.

Topolosky said the Well-Cam was a hit with soldiers deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We build something and hand it over to a soldier, who takes it to the battlefield, and, it saves lives," he added. "It's very rewarding."

The Well-Cam was one of several RDECOM projects featured in the AMC display. Staff Sgt. Dan Ditzler from Natick Soldier Center in Natick, Mass., modeled the prototype Objective Force Warrior, an evolving concept that incorporates advances in technology to provide soldiers with high-tech, lightweight protection and equipment.

Airlines offer 'Operation Hero Miles'

Armed Forces Press Service

Military personnel will be able to complete their journey home from Iraq thanks to the assistance of some major airlines and the generous donation of frequent fliers.

Representative C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, D-Md., asked airlines to help set up a pool through which frequent fliers can donate miles for use by vacationing soldiers, to create the "Operation Hero Miles" program.

Ruppersberger noted that some soldiers, particularly those from the West Coast, spend more than \$1,000 to get home on R&R.

Three airlines that currently participate in the program include Delta Airlines, Alaska Airlines and Southwest Airlines.

In September the Pentagon started giving soldiers two-week leaves in the largest R&R program since the Vietnam War. Some flew to Germany and others to Baltimore-Washington International Airport for free. The soldiers are responsible for flights the rest of the way to their destination, although major airlines have offered discounts.

To donate miles

Delta Airlines: Delta Airlines has donated 10 million miles to jumpstart Operation Hero Miles, enough for up to 400 round-trip tickets.

To donate Delta SkyMiles, send information to include the SkyMiles account number, name and number of miles to be donated (minimum 5,000 miles), and request to have the miles donated to "SkyMiles for Heroes." The donation request may be sent to delta.bigs@delta.com, or faxed to 404-773-1945, or mailed to Delta Air Lines Inc., SkyMiles Service Center, Dept.

654, P.O. Box 20532, Atlanta, GA 30320-2532.

Alaska Airlines: Alaska Airlines Mileage Plan members may donate a minimum of 500 miles to Operation Hero Miles. For every 5,000 miles donated, Alaska Airlines and Bank of America will each contribute an additional 1,000 miles.

To donate Alaska Mileage Plan miles, send information to include the Mileage Plan account number, name and the number of miles to be donated (minimum 500 miles).

Send donation requests to hero.miles@alaskaair.com, or call a Mileage Plan representative at 1-800-654-5669.

Southwest Airlines: Rapid Rewards members may donate free tickets earned through Southwest Rewards. Partial credits may not be donated.

Members who wish to donate their paper Rapid Rewards Award Ticket may send their ticket to Southwest Airlines, Civic and Charitable Contributions-HDQ 1CV, Attn: Donna Blackford, 'Operation Hero Miles,' 2702 Love Field Drive, Dallas, TX 75235.

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(Editor's note: References used include <http://www.hero-miles.org/donate.html> and <http://www.dutch.house.gov/display2.cfm?id=7041>.)

New APO zips for soldiers in Iraq

Army News Service

The U.S. Military Postal Service has assigned new geographic zip codes for units and personnel serving within Iraq. The intent of the new zip codes is to decrease the time it takes for service members and civilian personnel to receive their mail, as well as to improve postal service throughout Iraq. Family members and friends of service members and civilian personnel assigned to V Corps and 3D COSCOM units that currently use zip code 09302 and 09372 for their letters and packages are now required to use a new zip code that reflects the unit and individual's actual geographic location within Iraq. The new geographic zip codes are:

Al Asad	09333
Babylon (MND CS)	09332
Balad (LSA Anaconda)	09391
BIAP	09335
Mosul (LSA Diamondback)	09334
Tallil (LSA Adder)	09331
Tikrit (FLB Sycamore)	09393
Umm Qasr (Camp Bucca)	09375
Rasheed	09390
Victory Base	09342
Camp Dogwood	09344

Mail with the zip code of 09302 and 09372 will continue to be delivered to the intended recipient even after the change is in effect, however there may be a slight delay in delivery.

For service members assigned to the below listed units, the zip code numbers will not change, and they remain as follows:

101st AA Division	09325
1st Armor Division	09324
4th Infantry Division	09323
3rd ACR	09320
2nd LCR	09322
82 Airborne Division	09394, 09384, 09368
173rd Airborne Division	09347

Washington Capitals host "Salute to the Military Night"

Service members and their families will be honored guests as part of the Washington Capitals "Salute to the Military Night," 7 p.m., Nov. 12 at the MCI Center. The Capitals will dedicate the evening to recognizing the nation's military and their families. Free tickets are available for more than 5,000 service members.

To register for tickets, visit www.defendamerica.mil, select the Operation Tribute to Freedom icon, followed by the Events/Instructions/Register links. Service members are limited to four tickets and can only register using a military or government email address. There is no uniform requirement to attend this event.

School

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topics include federal and state aid, loans, student work-study programs, scholarships, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Meeting dates

Monday, Nov. 17, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Aberdeen, Edgewood, and Havre de Grace high schools

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 7 to 9 p.m., Harford

Technical High School

Thursday, Nov. 20, 6:30 to 8 p.m.,

Joppatowne High School

Monday, Dec. 1, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Fallston High

School

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6:30 to 8 p.m., C.M. Wright

High School

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 7 to 9 p.m., Bel Air High

School

Thursday, Dec. 4, 7 to 9 p.m., Havre de Grace

High School

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 7 to 8:30 p.m., North

Harford High School.

For more information contact a local high

school Guidance and Counseling department.

Red Ribbon schedule of events

The APG Army Substance Abuse Program staff conducts and participates in a variety of events to bring the Red Ribbon campaign messages focusing on the prevention of drug use and the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers Red Ribbon campaign. "Tie one on for safety" to the community. For more information, call Cindy Scott at 410-278-3784.

A Youth Red Ribbon Dance will be held Nov. 8 at the EA Youth Center, building E-1902, 6 to 8 p.m., for youths ages 6 to 11; and 8 to 10 p.m., for youths ages 12 to 18. All youths wearing something red will receive a special gift.

Commentary-- Children are a blessing, raise them with love



Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Curtis
Post Chapel

She puts her ear close to his face and hears the gentle whis-

pers of his breath as he sleeps. Before her eyes he is growing daily, the future quickly materializing before her.

A mother looks at her son for hours, and in the sweetness of his ever-present smile, she can see God. She doesn't want to turn her head away for even a second and miss one glorious moment.

What a marvel God has bestowed upon us and put in our care. We needn't seek miracles; this most precious miracle has found us. We have been blessed with the most beautiful gift in the world. A child, so fresh from God, brings heaven to earth. It is amazing to see this miracle so often as we witness the gift of life in new

babies.

"As the father of seven children, I know how fortunate it is to be blessed with a new life," wrote a friend via e-mail. "Life comes from God, and I know in every one of my children's lives God is there."

An infant has the capacity to learn so much. Entrusted into your care, a child is a piece of what the world will become tomorrow. According to the Bible, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Instill honest, old-fashioned values in your children and into the lives of those youngsters with whom you come into contact.

The influence of God in

their lives should begin before children can comprehend what it is all about and follow through all the days of their life. When children grow up seeing their parents praying, reading the Bible, and hearing songs that sing of God, they will never forget what they have seen and heard. They will establish a chain of heavenly habits so they can influence their children and grandchildren.

God has given us the task of guiding our children and raising them to know Him. By not giving your child this opportunity, you deprive your child of the most important spiritual lesson that you can give - the lesson to follow God with their

heart, mind, body, and soul.

A God-centered family provides a secure, loving framework that nourishes the child. Diligently attend to each child's welfare. Guide by your fine example, instruct by kindness, and discipline in love. Talk openly with your children. Listen to their ideas, hopes, and fears. Hug children often and tell them how much you love them. Turn off the television and read to your children. Expand their world with words, imagination, and discovery. Sit down and play often with them, have a party with some neighborhood friends and do a project together.

Show them God in their

daily world. Gaze at the stars and remind children that God in heaven loves them so very much, and that a world of wonder awaits them with limitless possibilities for the future as they seek Him.

Make raising your child in love and in the knowledge of God one of your goals. Show each one the love that God has shown you through His Son.

(Editor's note: Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Curtis is the battalion chaplain for the 16th Ordnance Battalion. He is endorsed by the Presbyterian Church in America. He and his wife have two young boys.)

Overcoming perceptions focus of annual Disability Luncheon

Story by Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground community observed National Disability Employment Awareness Month with a luncheon at Top of the Bay, Oct. 29.

Judy Matthews, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, and chairperson of the APG Committee for the Disabled, hosted the program that included several displays by local and installation organizations.

Matthews welcomed the guests who included Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, and the guest speaker, Tim Daly, author of the book, "Ramping Up for Profits," and owner of The Access Group, a consulting and training company that focuses on the removal of attitudinal barriers.

"I applaud each of you for being here today," Matthews told the audience. "One way to achieve understanding is by attending these programs."

Entertainment included Spc. Gabriel Sanchez, from the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) who provided piano music throughout the meal, and Randy Weber, from the U.S. Army School of Military Packaging Technology, who sang the national anthem and "God Bless America" while using sign language for the hearing impaired.

Speaking from his motorized wheelchair, Daly said he focuses on "results and out-

comes instead of ability or disability."

Employed in sales and marketing for 28 years, he said that after a series of heart attacks and open-heart surgery, he found that at age 50, with an obvious disability, no one would hire him.

"I learned to look beyond the situation and stay focused on what I wanted the outcome to be," Daly said.

With the opportunity to travel extensively and express sensibilities about variety in the workplace, "I began talking and getting people familiar with disability issues," Daly said.

As a result, Daly founded The Access Group and he has partnered with Salisbury University to produce a series of videotapes, workbooks, and leader's guides and online learning on why and how to be "Disability Friendly."

"May I help you;" and "What are your needs;" are the two most important questions you can ask a person with a disability," Daly said.

Organization displays included in the program included The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, Inc.; Harford County Department of Community Services; Harford County Health Department; Harford County Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Activities; Salisbury University Disability Awareness Training; Maryland Relay; Fidos for Freedom; National Federation for the Blind; Colorectal Cancer; Kirk, U.S. Army Health Clinic; Army Commu-

nity Service Exceptional Family Member Program and the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Ergonomics Program.

'America Works Best When America Works'

October's National Disability Employment Awareness Month focuses on equal opportunities for the physically and mentally challenged.

Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao has selected "America Works Best When All Americans Work" as the official theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This year's theme conveys the message that employers who include employees with disabilities in their workforce enjoy win-win situations. Employers benefit from productive employees with good attendance records and loyalty to the job and organization. Employees with disabilities gain self-esteem and a paycheck that in some cases can lift them out of poverty.

The APG workforce contains more than 800 employees with disabilities. Numerous APG organizations are dedicated to the employment and support of such individuals and many have been recognized for their hiring practices. For example, the Office Eagle store received the 2003 Employer Award of Merit award from the Harford County Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities



Photos by RALPH BROTH
Guest speaker Tim Daly delivers remarks from his wheelchair during the Disability Awareness Month Observance at Top of the Bay, Oct. 29.



Randy Weber of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School uses hand signs for the hard of hearing while singing the national anthem.

Sports update

The following results were reported for intramural football for the week ending Oct. 31.

Football Aberdeen Division

Results

All games rained out Oct. 27 to 29.

Standings

HHC 16th	5-1
USMC	4-2
USAF	3-0
Company B 16th	3-2
Company E 16th	2-2
121st	2-3
Company A 16th	1-3
Company C 16th	0-4

Edgewood Division

All games rained out Oct. 27 to 29

Standings

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

Intramural Soccer

The intramural soccer post-season tournament was held Oct. 30 to Nov. 2. Company B 16th defeated USMC 3-1 to win the post championship, Nov. 3. The story will appear in next week's APG News.

Final standings

MRICD	5-0-0
NCOA	5-2-0
Company B 16th	3-2-0
Company E 16th	3-3-0
Company B 143rd	2-2-0
Company A 143rd	2-2-0
USMC	2-2-1
Company C 16th	1-6-1
Company A 16th	0-7-0

Safety in youth sports explored

Lisa J. Young

CHPPM

Anyone driving through a residential area on any given Saturday morning is likely to see a playing field amass with children, youths and adults involved in the "play" of youth sports. For many American families, community recreation leagues and school sporting events rule the weekend schedule.

The true magnitude of youth sport participation in the United States is hard to measure. Before the 1950s, sports activities were youth organized and centered around community churches, the YMCA/ YWCAs, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and the Boy and Girl Scouts with the purpose of "building character" through physical activity.

Since that time there has been an explosion of organizations and community groups offering organized sports for youths. It is estimated that 35 million youths between the ages of 6 and 21 participate in sports, including six to eight million in school programs.

The term "youth sports" applies to a variety of athletic programs that provide practices and competitions for youths that differ greatly in competitive level, length of season, cost to competitors, qualifications of coaches and officials, and skill levels of participants.

While this increase in sports participation provides opportunities for young people to exercise and learn teamwork, there is concern with the related increase in the number of injuries within these athletic programs.

A nationwide survey indicated that nearly three quarters of American households with children between the ages of 5 and 14 have a child involved in organized sports, and that one of every three of these children has been injured, resulting in approximately three million injuries occurring yearly during sports participation.

While these numbers may seem staggering, nearly half of the sports injuries treated in emergency rooms could have been prevented. Data shows that sports and recreational activities account for about one third of all serious injuries in children ages 5 to 17. Injury is also the most common factor among high school

students withdrawing from sports.

With so many of the country's youths involved in sports-related activities and the propensity for injuries, health care providers, sports medicine professionals, parents, and coaches should be concerned.

The reasons for high injury occurrence are numerous. First, as physical educators have played a diminished role in coaching and sports, parents and well-meaning volunteers have taken their place. This is

significant because the quality and safety of the sports experience is dependent on the competence and commitment of the adult leadership. Unfortunately, the vast majority of these adults have no certified training in coaching, physical development, first aid, injury prevention, or emergency care.

Because of this lack of appropriate training, coaches may not recognize injuries or emphasize safety measures adequately. For example, one third of parents say the same safety precautions are not taken during practices as during a game, although most sports injuries occur during practice. Also reported, only one in four organized sports activity has a certified athletic trainer present during sports events, and 40 percent of parents report that the coach is not cardiopulmonary resuscitation certified and/or does not keep a first-aid kit on hand.

Another increasing cause of youth injuries is the decreased time spent by youths in physical activities. There is reduced time in elementary physical education programs and increased time spent at sedentary activities such as television, video, and computer games. As a result, young athletes enter sports activities with no underlying base of physical fitness.





Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

"Mr. Bill," also known as Aberdeen Proving Ground librarian Bill Todd, right, uses facial expressions and gestures to bring a story to life for young listeners during a Storytime session at the Aberdeen Area Library, Oct. 8. Listening from left are, Noemi Rosario, 5; Joshua Carver, 3; and Mollie Buckhouse, 3.

Storytime enhances learning skill for APG toddlers

Story and photo by Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Every other week, Aberdeen Proving Ground toddlers spend a couple of hours in a makeshift world of puppets, crayons, music and storybooks, all contrived to provide a fun learning environment and promote a love for reading, courtesy of the APG librarian, affectionately referred to as "Mr. Bill."

Bill Todd creates the 'Mr. Roger's Neighborhood-type' surroundings for Storytime sessions held in the Aberdeen Area Library on Wednesdays and the Edgewood Area Library for toddlers and preschoolers on alternating Tuesdays.

Todd even dons a sweater for the occasion, and a portable stereo provides playroom music as he entertains his young friends.

As pleased parents look on, or browse for books, Todd leads youngsters through a series of musical and interactive learning exercises, topped off with a story that reflects the day's theme.

"I've chosen vegetables for today's theme since it's fall and harvest time for many areas," Todd said as he prepared for his visitors on the second floor of the AA library, Oct. 8.

That morning, he led the children through a color identification exercise in which they picked out fruits and vegetables according to the color he described, and a counting exercise in which the youths added and removed Velcro apples from a felt apple tree.

Then, Todd read the book, "Muncha, Muncha, Muncha" by Candace Fleming and G. Brian Karas; an entertaining tale about a farmer who must deal with rabbits munching up his vegetable garden.

The youngsters listened closely, hanging on Todd's every word as he changed voices with each character and varied his tones with each situation.

"We've been coming here more than a year," said Petra Rosario, as she and her daughter Noemi, 5, listened in.

Rosario said she used to bring her two older children to Storytime until they started school.

"They all just love Storytime and the way Mr. Bill does things," Rosario said.

"She remembers everything she learns here," added Cindy Good of her 2-year old daughter, Katelyn.

"She enjoys her time here and she really loves books," Good said. "This is her school."

Naomi Buckhouse said she has been bringing her daughter Mollie, 3, about one year.

"She loves Storytime and

Mr. Bill," Buckhouse said. "She talks about everything she learns to my mom."

"He wishes it was more often than once a week," added Dawn Carver of her son, Joshua, 3.

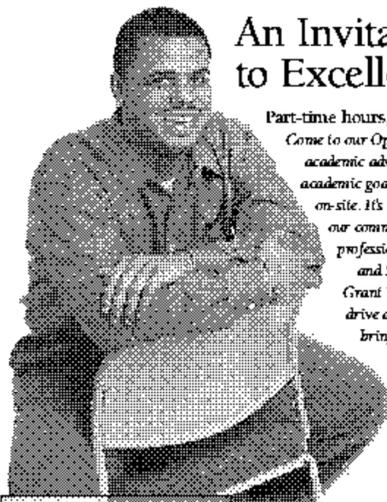
Abigail Lane agreed, demonstrating that it's never too early to get children interested in reading. Her daughters Krystle, 2, and 9-month old Anngela, listened quietly and attentively throughout the session.

Todd began Storytime shortly after his arrival here in early 2002. A former kindergarten teacher with the Department of Defense school system, he also gives Storytime sessions at the installation Child Development centers.

Todd said he encourages Family Child Care providers to attend the sessions.

The next Storytime at the APG Library is Nov. 12, 9:45 a.m.

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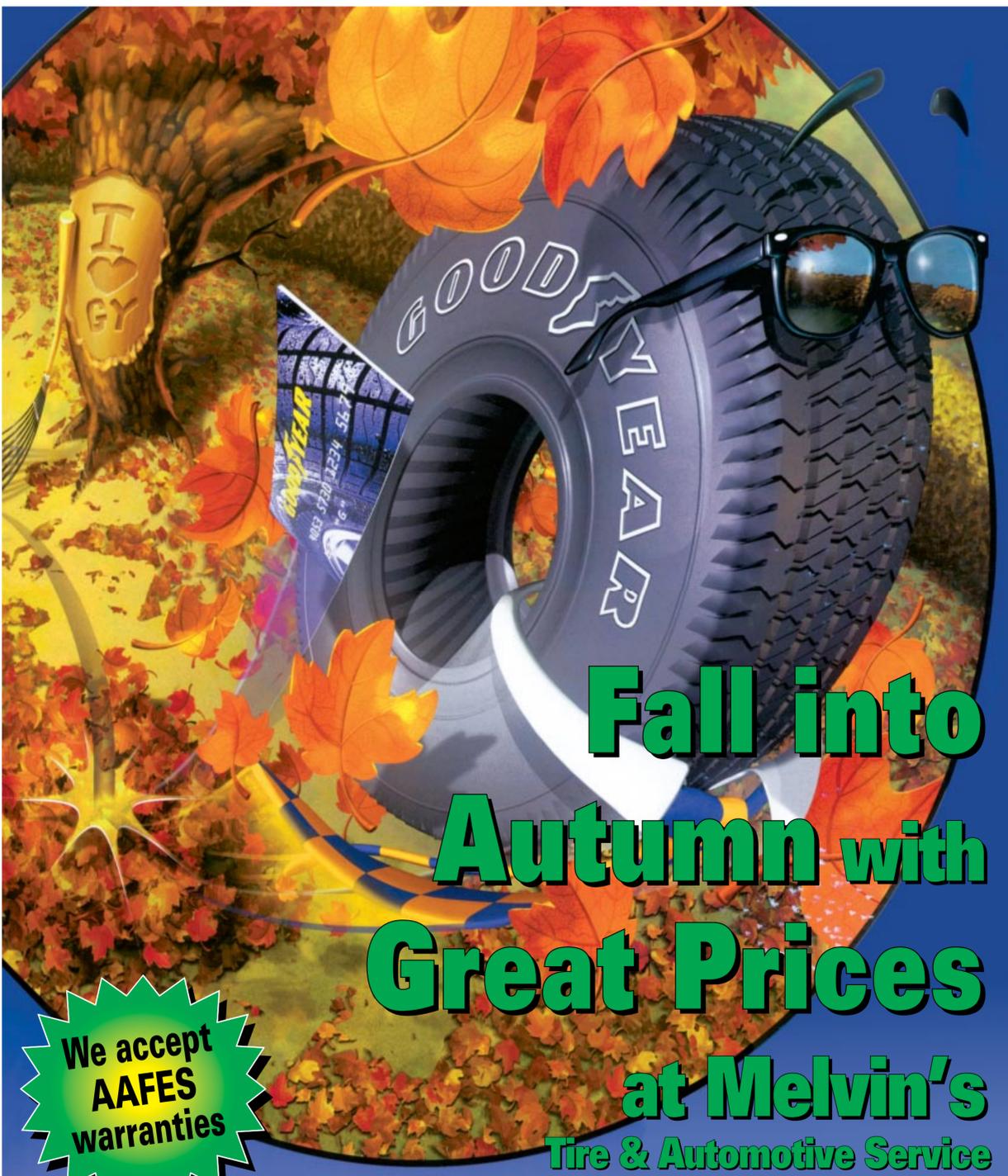
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