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Recycling schedule



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

Online resource for Operation Iraqi Freedom

An online reference for frequently asked questions about Operation Iraqi Freedom, to include supporting soldiers, mail, family related issues and locating soldiers is at <http://www.army.mil/operations/iraq/faq.html>.

April's specialty meal for troops only

The first annual Installation Food Service Office/Son's Quality Food Company Specialty Meal scheduled for April 15, 5:30 to 7 p.m., will not be open to guests, retirees and Department of Army civilians. Due to increased troop strength the Dining Facilities are over capacity.

The Installation Food Service Office apologizes for the inconvenience.

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

Badge/ID, Vehicle Registration offices have new hours

Beginning April 21, the new hours for all services for the Badge/ID and Vehicle Registration offices at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas will be Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 12:30 to 4 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m.

On Fridays following payday and all federal holidays, the offices will be closed.

For more information, call 410-306-1150.

Top of the Bay renovates

Top of the Bay will close for renovations April 13 through 20. Normal business hours will resume on April 21.

For more information, call U. Doris Reitzle, 410-278-3062.

Tax Center open thru April 15

APG's Tax Center remains open thru April 15. All active duty, retirees and their spouses are eligible

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From left front, Alexandra Chabaria and Genevieve Rogers, and Sarah Rogers, rear, dressed in Statue of Liberty costumes, perform to 'The Angry American' at the USO Show presented by The Junior Girls Unit, Darlington-Dublin VFW Post 10146, 'To Honor The Men and Women Who Defend Our Freedom Every Day!'

ACS reaches out to community to celebrate military children

Laura Reich
ACS

Each year during the month of April, the Department of the Army and organizations across the nation demonstrate their commitment to the safety of all children by celebrating Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child.

This year's campaign slogan is 'Our Country, Our Children: Protecting Them Both.'

"Here at APG, we believe that when we protect our children, we protect our nation's future," said Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander.

"Whether a soldier, family member, or civilian employee, the APG community can make positive contributions to the growth and development of its children.

"Everyone can build strong commitments with our families, friends, neighbors and community to keep our children safe," Mark said. "It's really important to instill confidence in our children so that they can count on us as trustworthy adults. Each of us can acknowledge that child abuse is one danger that we can control."

The Family Advocacy Program will sponsor various activities to celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child.

Blue ribbons for child abuse prevention may be picked up throughout the month of April at the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas ACS cen-

ters, Child Development and Youth centers and chapels.

FAP will also sponsor an information booth at the PX.

Various articles will be published in the APG News related to celebrating military children and promoting the healthy social, educational, and physical well being of APG families.

"If every member of the APG community understands that any form of child abuse goes against Army values and undermines the military's mission," Celestine Beckett, director of ACS, said. "We all share the responsibility of keeping children safe. The community can take action in preventing child abuse and neglect by reaching out to other families in need of help and support, by staying informed and connected to community resources, volunteering, sharing time and skills with other parents, and reporting child abuse to the APG Police."

The FAP is encouraging the APG community to unite with ACS in its mission to remind military children of how special they are, and to keep them safe from violence.

"Stop by any of the participating organizations, pick up a blue ribbon, and wear it proudly to demonstrate your support during Child Abuse Prevention Month," Beckett said.

For more information, call ACS at 410-278-7478/4372.

Army offers ways for public to support troops

OCPA

The Army Public Affairs Office receives numerous heart-felt requests from Americans who are seeking ways to show their support for soldiers, especially those serving overseas in this time of war.

"At this time of heightened awareness we are hearing from family members, friends and concerned citizens that they want to reach out and show their support for troops deployed overseas," said Col. Richard H. Breen Jr., director of the Army's Community Relations and Outreach Division. "Knowing this, we have identified a variety of outlets that people can use."

These Web sites represent several organizations sponsoring programs for members of the Armed Forces overseas. While the items and services are not endorsed by the military, these providers help soldiers and their families keep in touch. Anyone may:

- Donate a calling card to help keep service members in touch with their families at Operation Uplink a <http://www.operationuplink.org>
- Send a greeting via e-mail through Operation Dear Abby at <http://anyservicemember.org> or <http://www.OperationDearAbby.net>
- Sign a virtual 'thank you' card at the Defend America Web site at <http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>
- Make a donation to one of the military relief societies: Army Emergency Relief at <http://www.aerhq.org/> Navy/Marine Relief Society at <http://www.nmcrs.org/> Air Force Aid Society at <http://www.afas.org/> Coast Guard Mutual Assistance at <http://www.cgmahq.org/>
- Donate to "Operation USO Care Package" at <http://www.uso-metrodc.org/care.html>
- Support the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency

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VFW hosts USO shows for Operation Uplink

Story and photo by
Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

The Junior Girls Unit, Darlington-Dublin VFW Post 10146, hosted two shows March 29 'To Honor The Men and Women Who Defend Our Freedom Every Day!' raising \$500 to support the troops through Operation Uplink.

The first show, especially for active-duty military and their family members, was free of charge and included a buffet.

The second performance, open to the general public, was \$10 per person and included dinner.

Prior to the war, members of the VFW Junior Girls Unit, ages 6 to 16, brainstormed on what they could do to support the men and women fighting for the country.

They decided to put on a USO show. Little did they know, it would be such a success.

"We were looking for a way to reach out and express our appreciation to soldiers in the area," said Carol Brown, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Darlington-Dublin VFW

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Family Action Plan Symposium invites suggestions

ACS

Aberdeen Proving Ground community members are invited to submit suggestions on improving well-being at APG for consideration at the Army Family Action Plan Symposium XVIII.

Suggested topics include medical, dental, commissary, AAFES, housing, youth, education, employment, safety and relocation.

Suggestions should answer the following questions: What is the problem? Why is it a problem? What is the solution?

Suggestions must include name and telephone number and answer all three questions to be considered. Send them to building 2754, Room 208,

ATTN: Fred Posadas or FAX 410-306-2293 by May 19.

The symposium to discuss submitted topics intended to identify well-being issues will be held June 9 to 11 at the APG Post Chapel.

A special youth work group will also be held on these dates to discuss issues concerning youth in the APG community.

Representatives from throughout APG will participate in one of five work-groups.

Anyone interested in being a delegate or would like more information about the AFAP process should call Fred Posadas at 410-278-2453. See survey on page 11.

Knowing what to do if you observe suspicious activity

Scott Ellis
DLES

An employee reported that on Feb. 27 he was approached by an individual of apparent Middle Eastern descent who claimed to be an Iraqi. The individual began making inquiries as to the employee's duty station, activities, base operations, station, and other related information.

On March 2, a man was observed following and videotaping a reserve convoy returning from training. The man followed the convoy to the installation and exited his vehicle while continuing to tape.

At or around 11:30 a.m. on March 6, two military members from the 203rd Red Horse Flight, Virginia Air National Guard, Virginia Beach, were at a restaurant in Virginia Beach when they were approached by two individuals of Middle Eastern descent. These individuals proceeded to question them as to where they could get uniforms, weapons, what base they were assigned to and if they were deploying. Both military members

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Watch card

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 DOD Police:**
Aberdeen Area 410-306-2222
Edgewood Area 410-436-2222
Off post in Maryland, call 1-800-492-TIPS (8477)
The call may save lives

AER Campaign continues

Marge Fissel
ACS

Army Emergency Relief has been the Army's emergency financial assistance organization since Feb. 5, 1942.

For 62 years, AER has provided more than \$800 million in assistance to more than 2.8 million soldiers, active and retired, and their dependents. AER is the only organization dedicated solely to helping soldiers and their families in time of emergency financial need.

Since AER is the Army's own organization, a separate campaign is conducted once a year for AER. This is the only time soldiers are asked to help their own organization and their fellow soldiers. Contributions remain important to allow AER to fulfill its mission of helping service members in time of distress and misfortune. Contributions will assure continued availability of

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Deployment News

Deployment is a family affair



Spc. Williams, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 115th Military Police Battalion, embraces his daughter, Taylor, age 2, minutes after a briefing for deploying soldiers on Aberdeen Proving Ground, April 2.

Story and photos by
Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

After five weeks of anticipation, service members from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 115th Military Police Battalion were given a one-day notice before departing Aberdeen Proving Ground April 2 to fight in the war against Iraq.

With temperatures near 85 degrees, soldiers stood in formation carrying more than 100 pounds of gear.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander stopped by to wish soldiers farewell on behalf of APG and to remind them that they will not have the privileges that they are given both here in the United States and on APG.

"It's time to leave this installation and you all are ready and well trained," Mark said. "I will warn you that in Iraq you will not have the privileges that you have here."

Mark said things such as washing machines and cable television will not be as accessible and warmer temperatures are forecast.

In closing, Mark said she is very proud of the soldiers and wished them God speed.

"You will go over and be a part of history in Iraq. I'm proud of you and may God be with you," Mark said.

Scheduled to leave in the early afternoon, soldiers were given extra time to spend with family and friends due to the late arrival of the buses.

Included in the deploying unit were two sets of family members, Staff Sgt. Tatum W. and his brother Sgt. 1st Class Tatum G., and Sgt. Rash and his son, Spc. Williams who were deploying together for the first time.

Tatum W. said he has been in the unit more than four years but his younger brother joined the unit later.

"My younger brother was promoted and was sent to this unit, that's how we ended up together," Tatum W. said.

The Tatum brothers said they have both served in conflicts



Staff Sgt. Hahn embraces his wife before deploying with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 115th Military Police Battalion.

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Band serenades deploying troops

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Members of the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) gave a musical send-off to troops slated to depart Aberdeen Proving Ground for Operation Iraqi Freedom during a concert in the Post Theater, April 4.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, Garrison and deputy installation commander, welcomed Army Reserve Lt. Col. Dale Burtyk, battalion commander of the 400th Military Police Battalion, and more than 200 personnel to listen in on the first performance of the band's newest combo.

Several soldiers danced in the aisles to the sounds of jazz, blues, country and western and classic Motown.

Staff Sgts. Albert Sanchez and Dwayne Simmons and eight other band members form the combo, which is yet unnamed.

They said the band departs soon on a national tour.

"We've been together just over a month and this is our first tune-up for the tour," Sanchez said.

Tour stops include Colorado, Utah, Indiana, Oregon and others, he said.

The concert, which began just after 4 p.m., soon had listeners singing along and tapping their feet. The highlight was a medley of Motown songs that brought all to their feet as the combo performed, "Get Ready" "My Girl"

and "Poppa was a Rolling Stone," by the Temptations, and "Easy" and "Brickhouse," by The Commodores.

"It was great, I enjoyed it," said Staff Sgt. Cynthia Whiting, dining facility NCO, after the show.

"Their music reminded me of the guys coming home Vietnam," added Sgt. 1st Class Sandra Smeltzer, battalion movement NCO. "It's almost like using the same songs to send us off."

"It picked up my spirits," added Sgt. Henry Phillips, a general maintenance specialist. "I was tired and sad when I got here but they really made my day."

Burtyk, accompanied by battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Stots, said he appreciated the show and the thought that went into it.

Several of the soldiers in the battalion are former members of the 352nd Military Police Company, one of the units assigned to APG for nearly one year following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Sgt. 1st Class Mike Clark, recalled the time the unit spent here and said it felt good to come back to APG.

"Half of us know the area and can help others. It makes the process easier," Clark said. "The faces haven't changed," he added. "It's like coming home."



Sgt. Bill Hobson on trumpet and Staff Sgt. Dwayne Simmons on saxophone back up Sgt. 1st Class Marla Robinson, left as she sings the song, "You're Getting To Be A Habit With Me" during the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) concert for deploying troops at the Post Theater, April 4.

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DOLPHIN DETECTIVES



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Richard H. Jones, U.S. Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, visits the newest U.S. citizens at Camp Patriot, Kuwait, Kona and Katrina, Atlantic bottle-nosed dolphins employed by the Navy for mine detection in shallow water. These dolphins are a very important part to clearing waterways leading into Iraq, so that civilian humanitarian assistance ships can provide food, water and supplies to the people of Iraq. Kona and Katrina are cared for by members of Naval Special Clearance Team One. Camp Patriot is home to nearly 3,000 U.S. service members, sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen forward deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the multi-national coalition effort to liberate the Iraqi people, eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, and end the regime of Saddam Hussein.

Family

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before but this is the first time they have ever went to war together.

"We have both been in conflicts so we know what to expect and we are ready for the challenge," Tatum W. said. "Lock, cock and rock, we're ready to roll, but there's nothing like having my brother right there with me. That makes me feel much better."

Tatum G. expressed nearly the same thoughts as his older brother but also shares his future plans.

"I feel good about the mission, but I'm going to retire after it's all over," Tatum G. said. "I was in the Gulf War with the 1229th Transportation Maintenance Battalion in Germany and stayed for six months; and I was at the Pentagon, 24 hours after the plane hit on Sept. 11 and stayed for more than a year doing security. So I think it's time for me to retire."

The Tatum brothers, with nearly 20 years of experience under their belts, were very

positive about the mission and were eager to get going.

Another family team was also called to duty but this time a father and son.

Sgt. Rash and his son Spc. Williams from the 29th Infantry Division, Chestertown, Md., is the second family team in the battalion.

Rash nor Williams had much to say as they were occupied saying farewell to Williams' two daughters, Hailey, 3 and Taylor, 2.

Williams' wife said she was not happy to learn that she would suddenly become a single parent without the assistance of her husband nor father-in-law, who was also helped take care of the girls.

"I'm really sad to see both of them leave," she said. "They have not left yet and I'm ready for them to come back already."

The overall mood of the deployment group was positive with soldiers eager and ready to go.

"I volunteered to join this unit," said Sgt. Milbut. "I've been ready to go, we've been here for a long while— about five weeks."

His wife did not share the same sentiments but said she respected his wishes.

"I'm proud of him, it's something he wants to do," she said. "Whatever part he wants to play in ending the war I will support him."

"I hope God will be with him and take care of him," said Milbut's mother.

Many wives and children of deploying soldiers did not attend the send-off. Instead, some said farewell, days, even weeks, before the actual send-off.

"It's something I'm prepared for. It's our families that we leave behind that are not prepared. I have three kids and a wife," said Sgt. Clark. "It's difficult on my oldest daughter. She's nine and just doesn't understand what's going on. This is my second deployment in a row. I responded to 9-11 at the Pentagon and I was gone for more than a year."

Clark said he did not want his family present to have to say farewell again, so soon.

As three buses arrived close to 2 p.m., soldiers said their final farewell to family members heading to an undisclosed location as members of the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) played on.



Above, members of the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) perform for deploying soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 115th Military Police Battalion during the farewell to family members.



From left, Tatum W. and Tatum G., brothers, bond with one another before deploying with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 115th Military Police Battalion.



Photo by SONYA P. REYNOLDS
In front of a wall in the school lobby marked with placards of the American flag and the names of Edgewood Elementary students with military parents, children from Lisa Nantais' first grade class pose while waving their flags.

Children, school show pride in soldiers

Ivan Mehosky
MWR

At a small but patriotic ceremony in March, Edgewood Elementary School showed its heartfelt pride for service members at Aberdeen Proving Ground and around the world.

Bethney Davidson, coordinator and an instructional assistant at Edgewood Elementary, thought the idea would be a great way to foster patriotism and pride at the school by honoring the men and women of the armed services and all they do in helping keep the country free.

"Military moms and dads are doing a lot of good things," she said. "Instead of being sad, let's try to be proud of what's going on."

In front of a wall in the school lobby marked with attractive placards with the American flag and the names of military parents with children at Edgewood Elementary, children from Lisa Nantais' class had their picture taken while enthusiastically waving their small flags.

Donna Lewis, assistant principal and a member of the Army National Guard, said she senses the children's

concern about their dad or mom deploying to a far off land.

"We have lots of students this is affecting," she said. "We wanted to bring a positive twist to parents' deployment to show the light side, the positive side, the bright side. We wanted to show how we appreciate what soldiers are doing for us."

"Helping children cope and also help instill a patriotic pride for soldiers, past, present and future is one of the greatest things all of us can do," Davidson said.

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for free tax preparation and free electronic tax filing.

Call 410 278-1208 for an appointment. 1040 EZ filers can walk-in without an appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 11 a.m.

Resident survey about stockpile neutralization

A telephone survey of local residents will be conducted through April 14 to determine if the community has adequate information about neutralization of the mustard agent stockpile at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility located in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Because of the public's possible heightened security concerns during Operation Iraqi Freedom, the ABCDF is notifying the media to help assure those contacted that this is a legitimate survey to assess the effectiveness of outreach efforts about stockpile neutralization.

For more information, contact the ABCDF Public Affairs Office, 410-436-5253; the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 410-676-6800; or the Public Outreach and Information Office, Office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, 410-436-4555/6137.

APG Transportation Office hours

The APG Transportation Office located in building 4302, Boothby Hill Road, will be open from 7 to 11:15 a.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 12:15 to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

The telephone number for HHG Inbound Transportation is 410-278-2992, the telephone number for HHG Outbound Transportation is 410-278-3897/4084 and the

telephone number for Passenger Travel is 410-278-3858/5695.

The Administrative Offices and TC-ACCIS Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday (closed on alternate Fridays). The phone number for the Transportation Officer is 410-278-3896 and for the administrative assistant is 410-278-5384.

TC-ACCIS is available to all units.

Days of Remembrance set for April 29

The annual Days of Remembrance observance will be held April 29, 10 to 11 a.m. at the Post Theater.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has designated "For your freedom and ours" as the theme for the 2003 Days of Remembrance observance in honor of those who took a stand for freedom in 1943 against overwhelming odds.

The guest speaker is holocaust survivor Ruben Sztajer. Born in Klobuhtz, Poland, on Feb. 28, 1926, Sztajer's journey began when the Jews were evacuated at the start of the war. Many returned or were sent back after a few months. Sztajer lived in the Klobuhtz ghettos from 1940 to 1942.

From April 1942 to June 1943, Sztajer lived and worked at Markstadt, a forced labor camp, then he was transferred to Funfteichen Concentration Camp where he was forced to participate in death marches.

Sztajer was eventually shipped to Bergen Belsen in 1944 and remained there until the British liberated the camp on April 15.

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Serino at 410-278-1534.

'Coping and Dealing with Stress' class offered

Parents are invited to attend an evening of stress relief 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., April 23 at the AA Chapel. Child and Youth Services Outreach Services will sponsor Coping and Dealing with Stress. Guest speakers, hands-on exercises, handouts and goodies will be available.

For more information, call Pat Palazzi, 410-278-7479, or e-mail Pat.Palazzi@usag.apg.army.mil.

Free Baltimore Inner Harbor Seaport Day Passes

With an active duty military ID, up to four family members (all with military IDs) may obtain a full day pass on the Seaport Taxi and visit the USS Constellation and the Baltimore Maritime Museum (includes U.S. Coast Guard Taney, U.S. Submarine Torsk, Lightship Chesapeake and Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse).

Passes are available at the Constellation Center or the National Historic Seaport ticket booth on the Aquarium Pier.

For more information or for hours of operation, visit www.constellation.org, or call 410-539-1797; or visit www.baltomaritimemuseum.com, or call 410-936-3453. The free day pass offer is valid through April 30.

KUSAHC offers class

The following class will be held in the Behavioral Health Conference Room, located on the third floor at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Room 316. For more information and to register for classes, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Asthma education

Class is scheduled noon to 2 p.m. April 15, and includes an overview of asthma; triggers that may cause attacks or symptoms; preventing attacks; use of peak flow meter and MDI/spacer and developing a personal asthma action plan.

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

Take Care of Yourself Class

Classes are held on the first and third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All patients enrolled in TRICARE Prime are eligible to attend. The purpose of the class is to teach patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and when to see a doctor.

The classes will be conducted by a Registered Nurse using the Take Care of Yourself handbook that was given to each patient enrolling in TRICARE Prime.

At the end of each class Medication Cards will be given out which will allow patients to pick up specific over-the-counter medications without a prescription.

This class and pharmacy privilege is limited to TRICARE Prime patients only. To sign up for the class, call 410-278-1964.

Lunchtime lecture series continues

The second lecture in the Lunchtime Lecture series, "The Art and Science of Troubleshooting," will be presented April 16, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School Library (formerly the U.S. Army Ordnance Center & Schools Library), building 3071, lower level. The alternate date is April 23. Attendees can bring a lunch.

Guest lecturer Tracy Reeve of SmartFix Corporation will discuss the process of reasoning, acquisition and application of knowledge, and problem-solving methods used in fault diagnosis.

Attendees will receive a training certificate. To make a reservation, call 278-4991, or visit the library.

Technology Expo, April 24

The U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Information Management and The Corporate Information Office SBCCOM are co-hosting the Annual Spring Information Technology Products and Services Expo, April 24, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Top of the Bay.

Exhibitors include ACS, Brocade Communications, CCS Presentation Systems, CDW-G, Data Base Connection, Dell, Deployable Systems Inc., Gateway, GMR, GovConnection, GTSI, HP, IBM, iGov, MEDI, Metro Office Products, MPC (for-

merly Micron PC), NCI Information Systems, NEC Mitsubishi, Newark Electronics, Office Eagle, Panasonic, Professional Products Inc., Sharp Electronics, Staples Westwood Computer, Xerox, and more.

The expo is open and free to all Defense Department government or contractor personnel. Refreshments will be served.

For more information call Federal Direct Access Expositions toll-free 1-877-332-3976.

Free medical billing class

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will offer a free Medical Billing class, 1 to 4 p.m. every Monday, through May 12, in the Army Community Service Classroom.

The class provides a fundamental understanding of medical insurance billing and the life cycle of an insurance claim in relation to the physician's practice.

Attendees must attend ALL sessions to get a certificate of completion from Harford Community College.

Topics include: introduction to claims, preparation and submission, overview of major insurance carriers, insurance and accounts receivable management, overview of the use of information systems in the reimbursement process.

The class is open to all military family members with valid I.D. cards.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, Employment Readiness Manager, ACS, building 2754, 410-278-9669/7474.

Anyone interested must register at the ACS building.

Orientation for newcomers scheduled

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Information Forum, formerly APG Newcomer Orientation, will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, April 24, 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 the latest 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.

ACS hosts Waiting Families Support Group

Army Community Service is sponsoring Waiting Families Support Group for family members whose sponsors are on extended temporary duty or on an unaccompanied tour stateside or overseas.

The support group will meet the fourth Monday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 2754, Rodman Road.

The next meeting is April 28.

To arrange for child-care, call in advance, space is limited.

For more information, call Cheryl Harris, relocation assistant, at 410-278-7474.

ROTC celebrates anniversary

On April 18, the Howard University Army ROTC Program will commemorate its 85th anniversary and annual military ball at the Hilton Hotel in Silver Springs, Md.

For more information, call Maj. Timothy F. Johnson, Ph.D., at 202-806-6785 or e-mail: tfjohnson@howard.edu.

ADAPT Course

The Army Drug and Alcohol Prevention course will be held April 21 to 24, 5 to 7 p.m. and April 25, 5 to 9 p.m. All military families and civilian employees are invited to attend.

For more information, call Troy Denson at 410-278-3137.

Deployment Quarterly

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Letters to the editor must be signed and include the writer's full name, city and state (or city and country) and mailing address. Letters should be brief and are subject to editing.

APG Telephone Directory update

The Directorate of Information Management is currently validating the Garrison and Tenant information in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Telephone Directory.

The purpose of this validation is to ensure that the Emergency Response System (911) has electronic access to accurate information.

DOIM representatives will be calling individual numbers to verify that the name, building, floor, and room number on record for the circuit are correct. The Caller ID feature on telephones will display "APG TELE MGMT" for these authorized information requests.

For more information, call Janet Brown, 410-306-1315.

Fact of the Week

Public health officials declared lead to be the number one environmental hazard to American children. Although leaded paint and gasoline have been phased out, lead remains in old paint, household dust, soil, pipe solder and some ceramics.

-APG Pollution Prevention Program

Health

Overcoming fear

Sierra Military Health Services, Inc.

Worrisome current events can make people feel that the future is uncertain. Whether an emergency situation seems imminent or possible in the distant future, the most ordinary things can seem challenging. These tips can help deal with the fear.

- Turn the television off. Limit the amount of news watched. It's important to stay informed. But listening to the same coverage for hours can leave you feeling scared and emotionally drained.

- Don't listen to rumors. In uncertain times, facts can become exaggerated and false stories may circulate. Getting caught up in rumors can add to fears. Listen to credible sources such as national or local authorities and follow their recommended course of action.

- Take safety precautions. Planning ahead for any kind of emergency can help in feeling more secure. Discuss with family where to meet if separated. Make emergency contact numbers readily avail-

able. Set aside a first-aid kit, canned food, water, a flashlight and batteries.

- Communicate feelings. Talk with friends or family members who feel the same way. Write in a journal, express personal feelings in a poem or create a piece of art.

- Spend time with loved ones. It's important to be with people you care about especially in times of distress or uncertainty. Enjoy and cherish each other's company.

- Locate support groups. It can be helpful to realize that others have similar emotions. Be sure to find a group that's led by an experienced professional.

- Practice healthy habits. This can help deal with stress. Eat well-balanced meals, get plenty of sleep and exercise regularly. Try relaxation techniques such as meditation, deep breathing exercises, yoga or tai chi. Be aware that caffeine can aggravate anxiety. Also, limit alcohol intake.

- Follow a regular routine. Eat meals and exercise at the same time every day.

Or, start a new hobby or activity that brings joy. Also, create new family rituals. This may help you feel a sense of stability.

- Avoid big changes, if possible. Don't make any major decisions when feeling uncertain or stressful-such as changing jobs or moving.

- Be kind to other people. Volunteer personal services, or donate money or blood. Assisting others can help you feel a part of the community.

- Add humor. Laughing can be therapeutic-it can relieve stress and bring happiness. Do something fun that brings a smile to the face.

The Health Care Information Line is available to help cope with physical symptoms that often are associated with emotional distress. For information and support, call 1-800-308-3518. Registered nurses are available 24 hours every day, or use PIN #208 for the automated Health Information Library.

When the active duty sponsor deploys from overseas

MEDCOM

The following information applies to the families of active duty military members who return from an overseas area to the United States upon deployment of the sponsor.

Normally, active duty family members who accompany the military sponsor on an overseas assignment are enrolled in TRICARE Overseas Prime, or TOP.

Here are some important points to consider.

- If the sponsor is deployed to another location while still assigned overseas, the family may choose to stay at their current location and remain enrolled in TOP. This is particularly appropriate if the spouse is employed in the overseas area or the children are enrolled in school. In this case, the family is covered under TOP, and nothing will change for the family as long as the sponsor remains assigned to the home station.

- Many families choose to go home to visit friends or family for a short period (60 days or less) while the sponsor is deployed. In this situation, the family should leave their TOP enrollment intact and use military or civilian providers in CONUS, as appropriate. No referral or prior authorization is required. Prime access standards apply to TOP enrollees seeking care from military treatment facilities while visiting CONUS.

Specialty Care - four weeks
Wellness Visits - four weeks

Routine Care - one week
Urgent Care - 24 hours
Emergency Care -

Immediately seek help at the closest facility with the capability for care.

- Family members who leave the overseas area for more than 60 days should execute a portability transfer of their Prime enrollment to a military or civilian provider in a Prime region in CONUS, or, if relocating far from a military installation, disenroll from Prime and use TRICARE Standard/Extra. Beneficiaries can make their election known by calling 1-888-777-8343 and selecting the appropriate overseas region, or by informing their servicing overseas TSC (TRICARE Service Center) prior to their departure. This information is required in writing and should state the effective date of their arrival at the CONUS location. When the family returns to the overseas area, they can again enroll in TOP.

TRICARE Prime Remote is a stateside program and is not available if ADFMs are not residing with the sponsor. Also, TOP in remote overseas locations is not available to ADFMs who relocate to remote overseas areas while the sponsor is deployed.

Dental care is a separate concern with unique issues to consider. If the active duty family is already enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program while they are overseas, they may continue their enrollment and use dentists while traveling in the United States or if they are permanently reassigned stateside. United Concordia Companies, Inc. provide dental services for the TDP to ADFMs who lect to

enroll and pay the premiums. Members must remember there is a 12-month lock-in period for enrollment.

If the sponsor elects to disenroll family members before the 12-month lock-in period ends, the sponsor may be responsible for paying the remainder of the premiums.

There are some exceptions to this policy. For more information on special circumstances that allow family members to enroll and disenroll before the 12-month lock-in/lock-out period is met, contact UCCI for more details.

Family members should understand that routine dental care is not normally available at CONUS military dental treatment facilities. ADFMs should consider remaining enrolled in the TDP when they go overseas, as the benefit can be used overseas and any time the family returns stateside.

For more information about the TDP and enrollment, call UCCI at 1-800-866-8499 or visit the UCCI Web site at <http://www.ucci.com/was/uccweb/tdp/tdp.jsp>.

Prior to deployment, the sponsor should discuss proposed health care alternatives with the family.

The overseas TSCs can assist members with any questions they may have concerning their health care benefits and provide the number to the stateside contractor should the family decide to transfer their Prime enrollment.

The TSC can help facilitate disenrollment if that is the family's choice.

The number for the overseas TSCs is 1-888-777-8343.

Callers select from the menu to choose the appropriate overseas region.

If either the sponsor or a family member has a problem or a question, it is very important to quickly seek help. For assistance, call a Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator located at a MTF.

Another source for help is to e-mail THEMS at: TRICARE_Help@amedd.army.mil. (Editor's note: Information was extracted from U.S. Army Medical Command, San Antonio, publication, *TRICARE Help E-mail Service (THEMS)*.)

APG, City of Aberdeen to celebrate Armed Forces Day

Katie McRoberts
USAGAPG

On May 17, Aberdeen Proving Ground and the City of Aberdeen will celebrate Armed Forces Day at Ripken Stadium.

Among the events planned are a jump by the Green Beret Jump Team from Fort Bragg, various youth organization performances, and a concert

by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) at 8 p.m. The evening will end with a fireworks display.

The stadium will open to the public at approximately 5 p.m.

The mezzanine area of Ripken Stadium will be used for static displays from APG and the outside parking area for vehicle displays (wheeled only).

For more information, call 410-278-1147.

Cut-off dates for submitting purchase requests

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Contracting of the Army Contracting Agency has established the fiscal year 2003 cut-offs for submitting purchase requests.

Customer support in identifying and submitting purchase requests by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the Directorate of Contracting to meet customer needs. Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end.

The following schedule should be used for the submission of purchase requests for FY 2003 and maintenance for FY 2004:

- Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 - May 15*
- Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 - June 15
- Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million - June 15
- Short-of-Award over \$2,500 - June 15
- Commercial Items under \$100,000 - Aug. 15
- Maintenance for FY 03 - June 15

• There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

The Defense Department contracting automated system, PD2, is used at APG. Although the submission schedule has been increased to permit additional time to process actions through this system, requestors are advised to submit their year-end requirements as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Refer questions to Joyce Roberts, Contracting Division, joyce.roberts@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0869.

More specific questions should be referred as follows:

Facilities Branch - repair, alteration, construction, sale and removal of excess real property, services for base operations functions (including, but not limited to, utilities privatization, custodial, refuse,

underground utilities locating, etc.), equipment-in-place, and facilities - call or e-mail Martha Mitchem at martha.mitchem@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-2362.

Services Branch - general and specialized services for mission support; range testing of vehicles, equipment, ammunition; lease, rental, and maintenance of equipment; full food services; environmental services; equipment-in-place, and other base operations services - call or e-mail Shirley Kelly, shirley.kelly@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0854.

Technology Branch - ADP equipment; word processing equipment; software; general, specialized, and test equipment; instrumentation; supplies; and, ADP maintenance and services - call or e-mail Ginny Corona at Ginny.corona@sbccom.apgea.army.mil, 410-278-0883.

The cutoff dates are also displayed on the Directorate of Contracting Web site at <http://www.apg.army.mil/aca/> under "Announcements, News, and Notes."

Preparing purchase requests in PRweb

• When preparing a purchase request in the PRweb system (formerly known as Acquiline), do not use any dashes or spaces in the purchase request number.

• Anyone preparing attachments for any electronic document to be used by contracting must use the following format: Normal, Times New Roman, 10. The contracting writing system used by contracting cannot format correctly if a font other than Normal, Times New Roman, 10 is used or if any special characters are used in the document.

• Do not use page breaks, section breaks, column breaks or special characters such as trademark signs, tm, @, <, etc. in any document that will be used in a purchase order or contract.

AER

From front page

AER funds to meet increasing assistance needs for soldiers.

Contributions may be by allotment, cash, or check. Contributions will be accepted through May 15. For information on donating to AER, contact your unit representative or AER Campaign Coordinator Maj. Hugh D. Shoults at 410-278-2104/3000, or the AER Officer, at 410-278-2508.

As of April 3, APG units have donated \$6751 to the AER campaign. The goal for this year's campaign is \$40 thousand.

USO

From front page

Post 10146. "We just planned to do something small - we can't believe the response we had."

More than 90 soldiers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 143rd and 16th Ordnance battalions came by bus to take part in the festivities. Family members accompanied local soldiers as well as U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard soldiers stationed at APG waiting to deploy.

VFW and community members greeted the soldiers and their families upon their arrival and personally thanked them for their hard work and dedication to the country.

"This is really great what

they've done here today," 143rd Ordnance Battalion commander Col. Anthony Grant said.

Soldiers expressed their appreciation to the group for inviting and supporting them.

A local jazz band, the Defractions, entertained soldiers as they dined. The North Harford High School Madrigals choir sang "The Star Spangled Banner, "America the Beautiful" and "Freedom Song."

Entertainers also included 16 members of the Junior Girls unit, violinists Sarah Rodgers and Denee Voss, Alicia Butcher and Veronic Woodall, and Samantha and Christina Heere-Beyer accompanied by Mary and Nick Doak.

"They were still saying thanks back at work on Monday and talking about

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season begins soon

CPAC

The Thrift Savings Plan Open Season will be held April 15 to June 30. During the open enrollment period employees may elect to enroll in TSP or change their current TSP deduction.

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season Update Pamphlets will be distributed to agency administrative offices upon receipt in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Employees must contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian at 1-877-276-9287 or <https://www.abc.army.mil> to enroll in TSP or change the amount of their contribution. Employees must also contact

the TSP Office at 1-504-255-8777 or www.tsp.gov if they wish to change their fund allocation. Personal Identification Numbers are required for both ABC-C and TSP.

Employees who wish to change the way their current balance is invested must request a TSP Interfund Transfer. Interfund transfers can be made by calling TSP, using the Web site or completing a TSP-50.

For more information, employees should contact their servicing personnel assistant, APG CPAC.

PKI/CAC user training hosted by DOIM

DOIM

The Army mandates that all e-mails are to be digitally signed by Oct. 1, 2003. Representatives from the U.S. Army Materiel Command will conduct training sessions on how to send and receive digital e-mails.

The 30-minute to one-hour session will provide an end-user with knowledge to successfully use the Common Access Card - based in their desktop environment. It will address the DoD and Army directives for this effort, fundamental Public Key Infrastructure, or PKI, concepts, specific software product features, and guidance on operational use.

By the end of the training session, each user should know about PKI, its benefits, why it is on the Common Access Card, how PKI certificates can be used for both messaging and authentication, and what to do if problems occur.

User training is being offered to APG regardless of Major Army Command. Reservations are not required. Sessions are:

May 5, 10 a.m., E-4810, Edgewood Area Conference Center

May 6, 2 p.m., Aberdeen Area Post Theatre

May 7, 10 a.m., Aberdeen Area Post Theatre

For more information, contact the Directorate of Information Management, 410-278-8716.

what a good time they had," said Eunice Hamrick, employee of OC&S and a member of Post 10146's Ladies Auxiliary.

The second dinner show drew 81 attendees and raised \$500 for the VFW to donate through the national VFW to 'Operation Uplink' a program providing free long distance calling cards to troops in the field and their families.

Operation Uplink is part of Operation USO Care Package, a program sponsored by the United Service Organizations World Headquarters.

To learn more about Operation Uplink visit www.operationuplink.org. To learn more about Operation USO Care Package visit www.usocares.org, www.usometrodc.org, or call 1-866-USO-GIVE.

Community Notes

**THURSDAY
APRIL 10
WACVA CHAPTER 114
MEETING**

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

The meeting is open to all women of all ranks serving in the U.S. military. Anyone discharged or retired that is interested in joining, should contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040. This nonprofit, federally chartered group was organized by "mothers of the Women's Army Corps" in order to ensure women are given their rights as veterans. For more information, visit www.wacva.com.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 12
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Jarrettsville Jazz Girls Softball Teams will be held at the North Harford High School, Pylesville. Bingo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and are available by calling Tesha Wright, 410-836-3619, or Susan Murk, 410-692-9480.

**VFW POST 6054 PRESENTS
THE R&B BAND BADD**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 presents the rhythm and blues band "BADD," 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. BADD recently opened for the mighty Temptations and the Mannhattans.

Admission of \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers includes hot and cold buffet. Dress to impress; anyone wearing jeans, boots or sneakers will not be admitted.

For tickets and further information, call the Entertainment Chairman Terry Robinson 410-688-3188 or 410-272-3444.

**WHO KILLED ROCKY
ROCKFISH?**

Sierra Military Health Services, Inc. and The Living Classrooms Foundation will offer a free Interactive Life Sciences Lab for Region 1 military families. Children in grades four through eight can participate in an interactive lab program, "Who Killed Rocky Rockfish," 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration deadline is April 7.

Some activities are conducted outdoors; wear appropriate clothing. Bring a lunch. Reservations are required: via e-mail ssmith@natlhistoricseaport.org or call 410-783-1490, Weinberg Education Center, The Living Classrooms Foundation, 802 S. Caroline Street, Baltimore.

For directions and information, visit www.livingclassrooms.org.

Active duty military ID required for each student on day of program.

**APRIL 19
BOOK SIGNING**

A former APG employee, Alice H. Deck, will have a book signing for Women in

History at the Barnes & Noble in Bel Air from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 410-879-6520 or 410 838-4234.

(Editor's note: See the March 29, 2001 archive issue of the APG News at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil for an article on Deck and her book.)

**BOWL-A-THON TO
FIGHT LUPUS**

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post #6054 will sponsor a Bowl-A-Thon at 3 p.m. at Harford Lanes, 20 Custis Street, Aberdeen. A portion of the proceeds will go to the LUPUS Foundation. For more information and donation sheets, call 410-575-7473.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Water Witch Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary will be held at the VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10, and are available by calling Anne Gibson, 410-939-1937, Stephanie Gibson, 410-378-2672, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**SUNDAY
APRIL 20
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

The Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held 7 a.m. at McBride Field in the Edgewood Area. The guest speaker will be Tom Bisset, general manager of the Christian radio station,

WRBS. Performances by several choirs and a special duet by Chaplain Shawn McCammon and his wife are part of the planned activities.

**FRIDAY
APRIL 25
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Bakerfield Elementary PTA will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and are available by calling Sandy Pierce, 410-273-7184, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 26
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit VFW Post 8185 will be held at the VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and are available by calling Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 or 410-939-1937, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 26
FREE INNER HARBOR
SAILING ADVENTURE**

Sierra Military Health Services, Inc. and The Living Classrooms Foundation will offer a free Baltimore Inner Harbor Sailing Adventure for Region 1 military families. Children in grades four through 12 will participate in the Sailing Program aboard the Mildred Belle Buy Boat, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Registration deadline is April 21. Students are trans-

formed into crewmembers, marine biologists and scientists as they raise and lower sails, trawl for marine life, perform scientific tests and explore the ecosystems of the Chesapeake Bay. Bring a lunch.

Reservations are required via e-mail ssmith@natlhistoricseaport.org or call 410-783-1490, Weinberg Education Center, The Living Classrooms Foundation 802 S. Caroline Street, Baltimore. For directions and information, visit www.livingclassrooms.org. Active duty military ID required for each student on day of program.

**SATURDAY, SUNDAY
APRIL 26, 27
SHOOT THE HEART
OUT OF HUNGER**

Deer Creek Archery, International Bowhunting Organization, and Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry will host a 3D shoot to raise money to help feed the hungry. The cost of the shoot is \$25 for the IBO world qualifier with \$10 going to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry and \$5 going to IBO. The cost for the fun shoot is \$20 with \$10 going to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. All registrants will be eligible for Shoot prizes, door prizes and auction items donated by Deer Creek Archery, archery manufacturers, and friends of Deer Creek Archery. Muzzy, country music star Andy Griggs, Wildlife Research Center, Inc and others have donated prizes and auction items. For an updated list, visit Web site www.deercreekarchery.com.

Anyone wishing to donate money, advertising, prizes or auction items should call George Bennett, 410-734-9554. To register for the shoot, visit Deer Creek Archery, 3021 Churchville Road, Churchville, or visit www.deercreekarchery.com.

**FRIDAY
MAY 2
PREK/KREGISTRATION**

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold its annual pre-kindergarten/kindergarten registration for the 2003 to 2004 school year, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kindergarten registration packets may be picked up at the school beginning April 14 for completion and return on registration day for children who will be five years of age as of Nov. 30, 2003.

Pre-kindergarten registration packets may be picked up after 9 a.m. on May 2 for children who will be four years of age as of Oct. 31, 2003. When application forms are received, they will be checked for completeness and stamped with the date/time they were received. Parents who register their child for pre-kindergarten prior to June 17 will be notified prior to June 30 of their child's acceptance/non-acceptance into the program.

Parents are requested to bring their child's birth cer-

tificate or verification of birth, Social Security card and all immunization records. The school also requires proof of residency, which can be in the form of a copy of a property tax bill, rental lease, or utility bill (dated within the last two months prior to registration), which contain your name and address.

**SATURDAY
MAY 3
WAC ANNIVERSARY
LUNCHEON**

The Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, Chesapeake Beacon Chapter 114T, will sponsor the 60th WAC Anniversary Luncheon, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Four Points Sheraton, Aberdeen. Guest speaker will be Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison commander, APG. Entertainment will be provided by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) Woodwind Quintet. Cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person.

All reservations must be made not later than April 23. For more information or to make reservations, call Wanda Story, 410-272-5040

**OMMS
LIBRARY**

The Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School Library new operating hours are Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, noon to 8:45 p.m. and Friday, noon to 4:30 p.m. The library is located in the basement of building 3071. For more information, call 410-278-4991.

**LUNCHTIME
LECTURE SERIES
CONTINUES**

The second lecture in the Lunch Time Lecture series, "The Art and Science of Troubleshooting," will be presented on 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School (formerly the U.S. Army Ordnance Center & Schools) library, building 3071, lower level. The alternate date is April 23. Attendees can bring a lunch.

Guest lecturer Tracy Reeve of SmartFix Corporation will discuss the process of reasoning, acquisition and application of knowledge, and problem-solving methods used in fault diagnosis. Attendees will receive a training certificate. To make a reservation, call 278-4991, or visit the library.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard. To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.

THE LIFE OF DAVID GALE

Friday, April 11, 7 p.m.
Starring: Kevin Spacey, Laura Linney



The story follows a University of Texas professor, Dr. David Gale, an advocate for the abolishment of capital punishment, who is falsely convicted of rape and murder of another activist. He suddenly finds himself on death row. The film is told in flashbacks with a female reporter interviewing Gale. (Rated R)

**GODS AND GENERALS
(FREE ADMISSION)**

Saturday, April 12, 7 p.m.
Starring: Bruce Boxleitner, Billy Campbell



Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, the famous Confederate general and fellow Gen. Robert E. Lee must weigh the mighty consequences of their actions, as each battle costs the lives of thousands of men. Over on the Union side there's Colonel Joshua Chamberlain, who, like Jackson and Lee, is fond of making long, poetic speeches to his troops. Beginning with the start of the war and ending with Jackson's death, the film chronicles the three main battles leading up to Gettysburg. (PG-13)

CRADLE 2 THE GRAVE

Saturday, April 12, 9 p.m.
Starring: DMX, Jet Li



When his daughter is kidnapped and held in exchange for priceless diamonds, the leader of a crew of highly skilled urban thieves (DMX) forges an unlikely alliance with a Taiwanese Intelligence officer (Jet Li) to rescue her. Their race against the clock to find the precious stones ultimately unravels a plot to distribute a deadly new weapon of war. (Rated R)



Morale, Recreation & Welfare



Bob Dieshel, a crewman with Centennial Contractors, smooths freshly poured cement for the floor of the Olympic Pool's new bathhouse that is tentatively set for completion in mid-summer.

Olympic Pool bathhouse renovation resumes

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Construction on the new bathhouse at the Aberdeen Area's Olympic Pool has resumed following a long delay due to a colder-than-expected winter. Barring further delays, the site may reopen by mid-summer.

A construction team from Centennial Contractors poured cement for the bathhouse flooring, April 3.

Dave Bertsch, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment was on hand as the crew, led by Eric Snyder, project manager and Brent LeMaire, site superintendent, supervised a crew of six in the lengthy operation involving a cement mixer and a hydraulic concrete pumping truck with boom.

Bertsch said the renovation project was necessitated by the decay of the former structure.

"It was very old, and not up to current standards," Bertsch said.

Snyder added that frigid winter temperatures forced the project behind schedule.

"The winter impacted us dramatically," Snyder said. "At times the ground was frozen more than a foot down."

He said that with the advent of warmer weather the project would move along more quickly.

"We start placing concrete slabs next week," he said. "Then it will really start taking shape. You will see it grow out of the ground."

Until the Olympic Pool is reopened, residents may use the Shore Pool, building 2031. For more information, contact Ed Delacruz, swimming pool information manager, at 410-278-4124.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

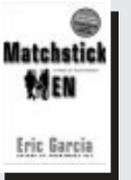
A few of the new books available at the APG MWR libraries are:

The Consignment by Grant Sutherland

In the Gulf War, Capt. Ned Rourke is appalled to learn that his men are being killed with weapons made by the United States. Disillusioned, he's determined to find the men responsible and make them pay.



Star Wars: Tatooine Ghost by Troy Denning



Matchstick Men by Eric Garcia



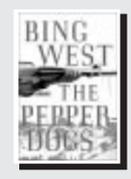
Fallam's Secret by Denise Giardina



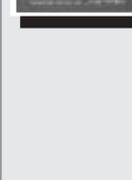
What I Loved by Siri Hustvedt



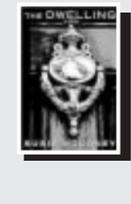
Loving Donovan by Bernice McFadden



The Pepperdogs by Francis West



The Dwelling by Susie Moloney



To receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically, call the library at 410-278-3417.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

Financing education

Students and parents of college bound students can get a free copy, while they last, of *The You Can Guide to Financing Your Education, 2003/2004*. New and updated, pursue education with more knowledge and confidence. Find out more about planning, financing and maximizing education. Learn how to put goals within reach. The guide is sponsored by the Army National Guard.

For more information, visit Ivan Mehosky, School Liaison/Youth Education Services director, building 2752, Room 200, or call 410-278-2857.

Children of Harford County

To get a free copy of the April edition 'Kids-Harford County' magazine, visit building 2752. It's loaded with parent resources and a calendar of events and activities for the month of April.

What children need to succeed

Harford County Public Library is sponsoring a series of free parent workshops during April at the following locations:

'A Great Attitude+Self Confidence=Success,' Christine Tolbert, April 15, 7 to 8 p.m., HCPL, Bel Air Branch.

'Parents Survival Guide to Reducing

Homework Hassles and Headaches,' Pam Hollars, Huntington Learning Center, April 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., HCPL, Edgewood Branch.

'Music Is Magic,' Duke Thompson, Maryland Conservatory of Music, April 29, 7 to 8:30 p.m., HCPL, Edgewood Branch.

For more information or to register, call 443-643-4260.

Teen book discussion group

A teen book discussion group meets at the Harford County Public Library, Edgewood Branch, April 17, 4 p.m. To register, call 410-638-3151.

Homeschooling parents

A homeschooling parents resource networking partnership is being formed in April at APG. If interested, call Ivan Mehosky, School Liaison/Youth Education Director at 410-278-2857 or e-mail at ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil.

A homeschooling panel of experienced home educators will discuss home schooling middle and high school students at the Harford County Public Library, Bel Air Branch, on April 10, at 6:30 p.m. To register, call 410-638-3151.

Homeschool Book Club. Come join the Harford County Public Library, Aberdeen

Branch homeschool book club on Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m. To register, call Anne Wagner at 410-638-3151.

Geographic illiteracy?

The National Education Association reports that according to a National Geographic Society survey, many of the world's adults, 18 to 24 year-olds, are on the brink of geographic illiteracy. And it seems young Americans are struggling the hardest. Among 3,000 youths surveyed from nine countries, U.S. youngsters scored next to last, followed by Mexico's youth. Less than 15 percent of American youth could locate Iraq or Israel on a map, and they struggled with locations of other well-known countries. Almost one-third grossly overestimated the U.S. population, putting it at a whopping 1 or 2 billion, not 289 million.

How can we change this negative, downward trend? Experts say geographic knowledge increases with more teaching of it in schools and at home, as well as through travel, language proficiency and personal identification with current events.

To help turn this trend around, the National Geographic Society has put together a coalition of media, policy, and educational organizations-of which the NEA is a part-to map out a plan for improvement.

For more on the survey or to test literacy, visit <http://geosurvey.nationalgeographic.com/geosurvey/>.

Disciplined kids? Parents wish

According to a recent survey, 34 percent of parents report success in teaching their kids self-control and self-discipline, and they report equally slow progress teaching "absolutely essential values" such as wanting to do one's best in school.

The national survey of 1,600 parents by Public Agenda, a nonprofit public opinion research organization, found parents are frustrated in their quest to raise responsible children and believe their jobs are complicated by endless negative messages from the mass media. As a result, only about half say they've done a good job ensuring their children are honest and truthful, and even fewer report success in teaching them how to have self-control, do things for themselves, and spend money carefully.

Yet there is a ray of hope. More than 60 percent of parents say they have managed to teach their kids to be courteous and polite.

For more information, visit www.publicagenda.org/specials/parents.htm.

Activities

Introduction to paintball

This activity will introduce participants to the basic fundamentals of paintball, learning the techniques and maneuvers employed in tournament play. A tournament with prizes follows the class, which will be held April 12, 9 to 10 a.m. at Robinhood Paintball, Havre de Grace. Cost is \$10; cost for class plus tournament is \$40. Register by April 10. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

May Golf Tournament

An individual net tournament with USAG handicap will be held May 4 at Exton Golf Course. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$22 for patrons, \$27 for authorized and \$33 for all others. The fee includes golf, cart and prizes. Register by May 2. For more information, call Gene Harris at 410-436-2213 or e-mail gene.harris@usag.apg.army.mil

Cinco de Mayo nighttime golf tournament

This is a captain's choice tournament that starts with the first nine holes played before sunset. The second nine holes will be played in total darkness. Glow balls, glow sticks and glow necklaces will be provided, as well as a Mexican Buffet. Tournament will be held on May 3 with a 5 p.m. tee off. Register by April 21. Cost for this tournament is \$35 for patrons, \$45 for authorized, and \$55 for the public. For more information, call Stacie

Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Spring/summer gospel fashion show

V & T Collection and APG MWR will present a Spring/Summer Gospel Fashion Show April 12 at the AA Recreation Center, 2 to 4 p.m. Receive a free Mary Kay facial and be entertained with gospel song and dance. Lite fare and cash bar will be available. Door prizes will be awarded. Tickets cost \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

New York City riding tour

Take a trip to New York and get a riding tour of the Harlem Experience to include the Financial District, Battery Park, Central Park and Harlem, then enjoy lunch at Sylvia's Restaurant. There will be time for shopping too. Tickets cost \$60 and must be purchased by April 10. Bus will pick up from Ames Shopping Center in Edgewood at 8 a.m. and Ollies Shopping Center in Aberdeen at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Flea Market Mall shopping trip

Anyone who loves great finds, will not want to miss this trip to Englishtown, N.J., May 3. There are more than 40 acres of

outdoor shopping and great deals. Purchase tickets by April 25. Cost for this trip is \$25. The bus will pick up from Ames Shopping Center in Edgewood at 7:30 a.m. and Ollies Shopping Center in Aberdeen at 8 a.m. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail her at earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Introduction to golf

This two-hour class will help take the fear out of the game for the first time golfer. Class includes a brief tour of the clubhouse, a demonstration on how the ball machine works, and discusses golf etiquette and the difference between golf clubs. Each participant will receive a special gift. Class will be held on May 3 at Ruggles Golf Course from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$30. Register by April 25. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Golf School for beginners

This four-week series of classes takes the intimidation out of the game for first-time golfers. Every aspect of golf will be covered from the correct stance, grip, clubs, etiquette, to the swing. The first class will be held on May 3 at Ruggles Golf Course, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., but subsequent classes will be one hour. Cost for the series of classes is \$55. Register by April 25. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.



Photo by C.W. FICK JR.

James Cole and a U.S. Army, Europe soldier perform a final check on an M2A2 ODS Bradley Fighting Vehicle during a hand-over from pre-positioned U.S. Army Materiel Command stocks to the USAREUR Immediate Ready Force. Cole and his fellow Lockheed-Martin Logistics International mechanics work at Combat Equipment Base - Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Germany, ensuring equipment and materiel is combat-ready for issue at a moment's notice.

AMC issues combat-ready equipment

C. W. Fick Jr.

AMC Combat Equipment Group-Europe

Amid a roar of engines and clank of tracks, combat-ready equipment rolled out of U.S. Army Materiel Command's Combat Equipment Base - Rhine Ordnance Barracks, or CEB-ROB, warehouses this week - and into the hands of soldiers.

"We maintain and store equipment and materiel for the U.S. Army, Europe Immediate Ready Force here at CEB-ROB," said Capt. Ted West, unit commander. "When a call comes, immediate is the key word, we're ready to roll on a moment's notice."

With only West and two Army civilian employees, CEB-ROB is surely one of AMC's smallest units. But the mission is a big one.

"We know soldiers are counting on us," said Dennis Monzingo, CEB-ROB quality assurance specialist. "Our business is enabling power projection, so we know our equipment may be the next thing on the battlefield. Because we support units that change out several times a year, so we see a lot of warfighters. We know their names and are aware they're counting on us in a very personal way. That's why we're absolutely committed to supplying top quality equipment."

"But don't ask me," Monzingo said, "Ask a soldier; he'll tell you if we're delivering the goods."

An armored vehicle recovery squad leader in a receiving U.S. Army, Europe unit said, "I'm impressed. The M88 issued to me is as good as anything I've seen. It's good to go."

Another soldier, a master gunner, remarked that his M1A1 Abrams tank is up to standard, noting his crew could take it into battle confident it will perform

as advertised.

For a receiving unit commander, going on alert means focusing on readiness - of personnel, families, and a hundred other considerations. Thanks to AMC, equipment readiness is not an issue.

"The equipment and materiel provided by CEB-ROB are outstanding. We're ready to take it into combat, if we're called," said the current supported unit commander.

That's music to the ears of Jim Bell, project coordinator for Lockheed Martin Logistics International, CEB-ROB's contract service providers.

"We're partners with the Army," he said. "All 26 of us are committed to our maintenance mission. We know the next stop may be combat, so we'll do what it takes to ensure soldiers have the best equipment on the battlefield."

A noncommissioned officer warming up his vehicle backs up Bell's claims.

"Even though we've signed for the equipment, support from Lockheed has been outstanding. Whatever we need, we make one call and they're right on it," he said.

'Whatever it takes' is a common theme at CEB-ROB.

"If a supported unit deploys, we stay on the job through the joint inspection with Air Force air cargo specialists and right up until the moment the equipment goes aboard a plane at adjacent Ramstein Air Base," West said.

"CEB-ROB is a small unit with a big job. It's a job that makes us essential in peace - and indispensable in war. Just ask a soldier," West said.

APG Catholic Community Lenten schedule

Lenten schedule

Aberdeen Area Chapel

APG Catholic Community

April 13, 8:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday mass

April 17, 11:45 a.m.

Holy Thursday mass

April 18, 11:45 a.m.

Good Friday service

April 20, 8:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday mass

APG Protestant Community

April 6, 10:15 a.m.,

Children's Easter Program

April 13, 10:15 a.m.

Palm Sunday Cantata/Service

April 17, 6:30 p.m.,

Living Last Supper

April 20, 10:15 a.m.,

Easter Sunday Worship Service

Gospel Community

20 April, 12:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship Service

Edgewood Area

Chapel

APG Catholic Community

April 10, 7 p.m.

Stations of the cross

April 13, 10:45 a.m.

Palm Sunday mass

April 17, 7 p.m.

Holy Thursday mass

April 18, 11:45 a.m.

Good Friday mass

April 19

Easter vigil, 8 p.m.

April 20, 10:45 a.m.

Easter Sunday mass

Ecumenical Community

April 15, 7 p.m., Edgewood Area

Ecumenical Tenebrae Service

April 16, 7 p.m., Aberdeen Area

Ecumenical Tenebrae Service

April 20, 7 a.m., Edgewood Area

Sunrise Service McBride Field

April 18, noon, Grace United

Methodist Church, Aberdeen

Good Friday Ecumenical Service

Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Family Action Plan Symposium XVIII June 9 to 11

Well-being questionnaire

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Family Action Plan Symposium XVIII will be held June 9 to 11. The purpose of the symposium is to identify issues that will improve well being for the APG community.

To be really effective, input is needed from civilians, military, family members, retirees and youth in such areas as the commissary, AAFES, housing, child care, all MWR activities, health services or any area deemed important to the well being of the APG community.

Suggestions must be received by May 19. Send to building 2754, Room 208, ATTN: Fred Posadas or FAX: 410-306-2293. For more information contact AFAP Coordinator, at 410-278-2453.

Name and daytime phone number must be included to be considered. Provide detailed information. Use additional paper if needed. (Please print or type.)

What is the problem?

Why is it a problem?

How can it be fixed?

Name _____ Phone _____

Aberdeen Youth Services middle school, teen news

The activities and programs listed are designed for middle school and teen youths. Age and/or grade exceptions will be listed within the program description. Participation is free, unless otherwise indicated.

This month's Character Counts Pillar is RESPECT.

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule

- Be tolerant of differences.
- Use good manners, not bad language.
- Be considerate of the feelings of others.
- Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone.
- Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.

National Youth Service Day

National Youth Service Days are April 11-13. Stop by or call for community service ideas. For details, call Angela Shannon at 410-306-4507.

Attention photography bugs

The ImageMakers National Photography Contest is underway. Deadline for submissions is April 12. The contest is for youths ages 18 and younger. The categories include Color Process, Black-and-White Process, Alternative Process, Digital, and Photo Essay.

In addition, there is a scholarship competition for ages 16 to 18. For more information, call Pam Jones or Norma Warwick at 410-278-4995.

Anger control/conflict management

Paul Papp will teach class April 3, 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Angela Shannon at 410-306-4507.

Table Tennis Tournament

Tournament will be held April 4, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For details, call Angela Shannon at 410-306-4507.

Fly a kite day

Bring a kite and see it soar, April 5, 4 to 6 p.m. For details, call Angela Shannon at 410-306-4507.

Attention home schoolers

The gym is available to Home Schoolers Tuesday and Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call Norma Warwick at 410-278-9059.

ALLSTARS meeting

Sue Henry will meet with the ALLSTARS every Tuesday in April, 4 to 5 p.m. For more information, call Sarah Gunn at 410-306-4507.

Tutoring available

A CYS Education Lab instructor is available for tutoring Every Tuesday and Thursday, by appointment 6 to 8 p.m. If interested, call Lisanne Blake at 410-278-4995 after 2:30 p.m.

SMART Girls

Tonya Turner meets with the SMART Girls (ages 10 to 14) every Wednesday, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Tonya Turner at 410-278-4995.

Boys, girls gym day

Every Wednesday throughout April will bring something new at the gym. "Girls Only" gym will be held 3:30 to 4:25 p.m. and "Boys Only" gym will be 4:30 to 5:25 p.m. For more information, call Sarah Gunn at 410-306-4507.

Torch Club

This youth leadership club for ages 10 to 13, meets every Wednesday, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Chess Club

The club meets every Thursday, 5 to 5:45 p.m. for elementary school students and 6 to 6:45 p.m. for middle and high schoolers. For more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

TEENSupreme Keystone Club

This Youth Leadership club for ages 14 to 18, meets every Friday, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Sexual Health Class

The class will be presented by Shelly Alexander from the Harford County Health Department. Course content includes hygiene, abstinence promotion, sexually transmitted diseases and wise decision making.

Due to the nature and graphic content of the course material, parents must attend the parents-only preview class and complete a permission slip in order for his/her youth to attend.

The sexual health class preview for parents only will be held April 10, 6 p.m., at the Aberdeen Youth Center.

Middle schoolers and teens classes for the

boys' sessions will be held April 15, 22, and 29 at 6 p.m.; the girls' sessions will be April 16, 24, and 30 at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Angela Shannon or Sarah Gunn at 410-306-4507.

Grand re-opening, April 14

It was the Computer Lab, now it's the Youth Technology Lab. Come by and check out the exciting changes and updates, plus, meet the instructor Duwane White, and find out about the upcoming Technology Club. For more information, call Duwane White at 410-278-4995.

YS recognizes military child with dinner

April is the Month of the Military Child. The Youth Center will celebrate with a family chicken dinner for school age services, middle school, teens and their families. This "finger-lickin'" event is scheduled for April 18, 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call Karen Johnson or Angela Shannon at 410-278-4995.

TV Turnoff Week

TV-Turnoff Week has been a tool in raising public awareness of the problems of excessive television time. It is estimated that some seven million people will participate in this year's TV-Turnoff Week celebration, April 21 to 27. Over 70 national organizations support the event, including the National Education Association, American Medical Association and more.

Check out Sarah's booklet loaded with interesting TV-related facts. No TV for the Middle School Program will run April 21 to 25. For more information, call Sarah Gunn at 410-306-4507.

Renovations at the Gym

The Gym will be closed April 21 to May 12 for renovation. Youth Services apologize for this inconvenience.

4-H Enrollments

4-H is a Youth Center partner and free to elementary through high schoolers. For more information, call Pam Jones at 410-278-4995.

Middle School/Teen Parent Advisory Council

A council is currently being formed. There will be two possible meetings per month: one

for the entire council; one for specific committee meetings. Anyone interested should provide their name, telephone number, and e-mail address to

Norma.Warwick@usag.apg.army.mil.

Egg hunt

A middle school and teen Easter egg hunt will be held April 19, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Tonya Turner at 410-306-4507.

Snow Cones, games

Stop by the youth center April 12, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for games and snow cones. For more information, call Angela Shannon at 410-306-4507.

Before and/or After Middle School Program

The Before and/or After Middle School Program provides children with a safe environment, where they can have fun too. Middle Schoolers have access to a Technology Lab, Education Lab, game room, gym, and a lounge. They even get an afternoon snack. Families searching for regular weekly usage (at least three days a week) should enroll in this program. It's free after 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. For the Before Middle School Program, there is a minimal fee. Anyone interested in taking advantage of this great program should call Child & Youth Services' Central Registration at 410-278-7571 and make a registration appointment.

Open recreation program

Parents who like the sound of the youth center setting, but don't think their children will be attending regularly, should look into the Open Recreation Program. Free for middle schoolers and teens after 1 p.m., the hours are Monday until 5:45 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday until 8 p.m.; Friday until 10 p.m. (9 p.m. for Middle Schoolers); and Saturday, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. (9 p.m. for middle schoolers). High schoolers can come in and chill in the lounge, complete with a wide-screen television and stereo system. In addition to just relaxing, there are sports, art and cooking projects throughout the week.

For more information, call Angela Shannon at 410-306-4507.

BOWLING STANDINGS

Tuesday Intramural

Week of April 1

Men's high series scratch, Chuck Castor, 595
Men's high series handicap, Andy Child, 579
Men's high series handicap, Andy Child, 825
 Brandon Dusick, 727
Men's high game scratch, Rick Lobo, 216
 Chuck Casto, 211
Men's high game handicap, Andy Child, 302
 Jeffery Bailey, 275
Women's high series scratch, Nicole Washington, 360
 Rachel Carlisle, 336
Women's high series handicap, Rachel Carlisle, 651
 Michelle Williams, 634
Women's high game scratch, Nicole Washington, 135
 Rachel Carlisle, 120
Women's high game handicap, Rachel Carlisle, 240
 Nicole Washington, 235
Wednesday Night Mixed
March 26
Men's high series scratch, Jeff Morris, 563
 Jesse Cons, 560
Men's high series handicap, Terrance Harris, 725
 Tim Anderson, 710

Men's high game scratch, Jeff Morris, 220
 Jesse Cons, 218
Men's high game handicap, Tim Anderson, 282
 Stuart Thacker, 280
Women's high series scratch, Ann Thacker, 529
 Kathy Anderson, 497
Women's high series handicap, Kathy Anderson, 705
 Ann Thacker, 701
Women's high game scratch, Betty Wyman, 220
 Ann Thacker, 196
Women's high game handicap, Ann Thacker, 301
 Betty Wyman, 278
Thursday National Guard Mixed
Week of March 27
Men's high series scratch, Bill Williams, 617
 Frank Mitchell, 559
Men's high series handicap, Jeff Finke, 755
 Phillip Murphy, 748
Men's high game scratch, Jeff Finkel, 236
 Bill Williams, 226
Men's high game handicap, Jeff Finkel, 307
 Frank Mitchell, 286
Women's high series scratch, Barbara Thibault, 529

Shelly Burmeister, 478
Women's high series handicap, Lucy Montanez, 816
 Mary Jo Smith, 727
Women's high game scratch, Barbara Thibault, 191
 Felisha Christy, 185
Women's high game handicap, Lucy Montanez, 293
 Shelly Burmeister/Lynn Sims, 289
Thursday Lunch League
Week of April 3
Men's high series scratch, Don Donnelly, 427
 John Brown, 398
Men's high series handicap, Jeff Swab, 505
 Don Donnelly, 475
Men's high game scratch, Terry Bonine, 234
 Don Donnelly, 232
Men's high game handicap, Jeff Swab, 268
 Brad Davis, 260
Women's high series scratch, Betty Taylor, 331
 Kathy Anderson, 310
Women's high series handicap, Chris Lockhart, 457
 Ronda Taylor, 436
Women's high game scratch, Betty Taylor, 170
 Kathy Anderson, 156

Women's high game handicap, Chris Lockhart, 261
 Jane Fortes, 234
Friday Night Mixed
Week of March 21
Men's high series scratch, Richard Trimble, 714
 Virgil Mills, 600
Men's high series handicap, Virgil Mills, 842
 Brian, 734
Men's high game scratch, Richard Trimble, 257
 John Jones, 233
Men's high game handicap, Virgil Mills, 295
 Johnny Jones, 276
Women's high series scratch, Tasha Taylor, 488
 Violet Smawley, 488
Women's high series handicap, Tasha Taylor, 771
 Ellen Hopkins, 697
Women's high game scratch, Violet Smawley, 170
 Tasha Taylor, 169
Women's high game handicap, Ellen Hopkins, 270
 Christine Wachter, 270
Saturday Youth League (Upcoming Stars)
Week of March 29
Boy's high series scratch, Chance Gosnell, 109

Boy's high series handicap, Chance Gosnell, 541
Boy's high game scratch, Chance Gosnell, 42
Boy's high game handicap, Chance Gosnell, 186
Girl's high series scratch, Elizabeth Kempton, 372
Girl's high series handicap, Elizabeth Kempton, 807
 Natelie Hanlon, 583
Girl's high game scratch, Elizabeth Kempton, 99
Girl's high game handicap, Elizabeth Kempton, 299
Saturday Youth Rising Stars
Week of March 29
Boy's high series scratch, James Ables, 359
 Dauvon McCormick, 319
Boy's high series handicap, Bobby Davis, 705
 Eric White, 656
Boy's high game scratch, James Ables, 125
 Dauvon McCormick, 113
Boy's high game handicap, John Keegan, 255
 Jonathan Pace, 249
Girl's high series scratch, Magan Pace, 332
 Amanda Anderson, 290
Girl's high series handicap, Amanda Anderson, 663

Jessell Cons, 654
Girl's high game scratch, Magan Pace, 129
 Amanda Anderson, 104
Girl's high game handicap, Jessell Cons, 238
 Amanda Anderson, 230
Saturday Youth League - Shooting Stars
Week of March 29
Boy's high series scratch, Curtis Swauger, 560
 Luke Lepard, 450
Boy's high series handicap, Chad Milton, 759
 Curtis Swauger, 752
Boy's high game scratch, Curtis Swauger, 198
 Luke Lepard, 169
Boy's high game handicap, Curtis Swauger, 306
 Chad Milton, 303
Girl's high series scratch, Ashley Taylor, 411
 Heather Miller, 377
Girl's high series handicap, Ashley Taylor, 686
 Angela Kerner, 653
Girl's high game scratch, Ashley Taylor, 158
 Heather Miller, 140
Girl's high game handicap, Ashley Taylor, 265
 Heather Miller, 239

Support

From front page

Services at <http://www.redcross.org/services/afes/>

- Volunteer at a VA Hospital <http://www.va.gov/vetsday/> to honor veterans who bore the lamp of freedom in past conflicts.
- Support families whose loved ones are being treated at military and VA hospitals through a donation to the Fisher House at <http://www.fisherhouse.org>.

• Reach out to military families in your community, especially those with a loved one overseas.

• Send a personal message via *Stars and Stripes* - U.S. troops deployed to the Persian Gulf region and other locations can now receive personal messages from family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues and supporters via the pages of the overseas newspaper "*Stars and Stripes*" as well as "Messages of Support," a daily section that debuted March 17, giving family and friends of deployed service members a chance to pass their greetings, words of encouragement and announcements free of charge. "Messages of Support" can be e-mailed to StarsandStripes@estripes.com, are limited to 50 words or less and will be printed on a first-come, first-

run basis. *Stars and Stripes* reserves the right to screen and edit all messages and to omit any determined inappropriate.

• Purchase "Gifts From the Homefront" gift certificate. These can be redeemed by troops in their local exchange. Anyone may purchase these "Gifts From the Homefront" with a U.S. credit card or check, but only authorized AAFES customers can redeem them at any PX or BX. Sold by CertifiChecks, these gift certificates can be purchased 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year, and they come in denominations of \$10 and \$20. At this time military authorities have advised that CertifiChecks can only be sent to a specific service member at his or her APO or U.S. mailing address. AAFES officials said they are currently working to find a solution to allow CertifiChecks to be sent to units or non-specific troops.

Breen noted that due to security concerns and limited transportation space, the military can no longer accept mail to "any service member." Many generous people have tried to avoid these prohibitions by sending large numbers of packages to an individual service member's overseas address, which, however well intentioned, clogs the mail system and causes unnecessary delays.

For additional information on the Army, visit <http://www.army.mil>.

Activity

From front page

refused to answer their questions. One of the individuals got very defensive when the military members refused to answer their questions. The military members departed the restaurant, but not before obtaining good descriptions of each one of them as well as the vehicle make/model and tag number. The military members returned to the unit and reported the incident. The local police department and the FBI were notified. Both individuals were captured. One individual was wanted in New York for weapons issues and both where in this country illegally. One of them was also known to be very violent.

These actual events were reported within the past month. Fortunately, they were immediately reported to the appropriate law

enforcement agency for investigation. The incident involving two members of the Red Horse Flight highlights the importance of being aware, protecting information, obtaining good descriptions, vehicle make/model and tag number and reporting the incident.

What would you do if you saw a broken down car with two people standing outside, parked along the road near the front gate? Probably nothing. What would you do if the same vehicle with two people inside were parked at the same location or another gate in the afternoon, or the next day?

Experience has shown that criminal and terrorist organizations are most vulnerable to detection during the surveillance cycle. This is a critical period when everyone can contribute to preventing a terrorist act, by increasing vigilance and reporting suspicious activity

World events demand vigi-

lance from service members, employees, family members, contractors and every person we routinely do business with.

Everyone is on the front lines in the war against terrorism. Everyone needs to be aware of their surroundings and report anything unusual or suspicious to the appropriate authorities.

What to report

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance
- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capability, 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 the installation
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information

Army News

Army to tighten travel-card policy

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

Using the government travel card when changing duty stations will no longer be permitted, and Army officials said non-authorized use of the card will be met with harsher penalties.

Congress directed the Department of Defense to develop a comprehensive disciplinary policy for military personnel and civilians who misuse the Bank of America travel card. The policy is scheduled to be released soon, said Francis A. Rago, the U.S. Army Travel Card program manager.

In addition to discontinuing use of the travel card during permanent change-of-station moves, a memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of the Army states that cards are to be deactivated prior to departure from duty stations, unless there is temporary duty en route.

Other changes to the travel card program, effective immediately, are: commands and activities should not use the card to pay for conference registration fees; charge cards of mobilized reservists will be transferred to active-duty agencies and deactivated until use is required; cardholders are not required to use their card for travel expenses associated with mission deployments.

At the installation level, one of the first changes program coordinators made was to put the accounts of infrequent travelers in a closed or inactive status.

"We started cutting our list of cardholders two years ago by deactivating accounts, and we have a success story now," said Cynthia Jackson, from the Garrison Resource Management

Service Center at Fort McPherson, Ga.

"The Army's goal is for installations to keep dollars delinquent below 4.5 percent and account delinquencies below 3 percent; ours is at 1 percent," Jackson said. "Creating a smaller list of cardholders allows us to keep tabs on our users. We know who is traveling, and what they are doing while in travel status."

Fort McPherson is following the example set by DoD and the Army, by limiting their number of cardholders. The Army has cancelled more than 156,000 travel-card accounts since October, and currently has 280,000 open accounts. The number of accounts will fluctuate, and once current legislation is implemented, cards will not be issued to those who are not credit-worthy, Pentagon officials said.

Commanders and program coordinators have always had the responsibility of maintaining accountability of their cardholders, but according to the January memorandum from Army Secretary Thomas White's office, travel-card coordinators now must review at least 10 percent of active accounts monthly. Investigating accounts is how Jackson said her organization keeps cardholders out of danger of nonpayment.

"If we notice that an account is 30 days late, we contact the commander or unit point of contact before the account goes past 60 days," Jackson said.

The travel card program is simple, Rago said. Cardholders use the card only for official travel expenses, a claim for reimbursement is done immediately upon return, and split disbursement is used to pay their travel card bill.

Under split disbursement, part of a reimbursement would be sent directly to Bank of America and the balance to the travel-

er's bank account.

Congress is now considering legislation that could mandate split disbursement for some cardholders.

In any case, not paying the bill could affect the user's credit and security clearance, Pentagon officials said.

At Congress' direction, there will be a government-wide quarterly report on the travel card program, to include a statistical summary of disciplinary action taken, officials added.

Misuse will also go through security channels to determine whether there should be an impact on the cardholder's security clearance, Pentagon officials said.

Three years ago DoD mandated that federal employees use the travel card for all official travel expenses such as lodging, transportation, rental cars and other allowable charges. That changed after July 2002, when a U.S. General Accounting Office audit found numerous incidents of cardholder abuse, lack of accountability and inadequate command emphasis.

"The GAO report correctly pointed out many problems with the Army's implementation of the travel-card program, and the Army is increasing scrutiny and taking corrective actions to resolve misuse and delinquency in the Army Travel Card Program," Pentagon officials said.

Since March, there were 6,869 delinquent travel card accounts, equating to \$4.1 million in delinquency. Those numbers show progress in reducing the Army's outstanding debt to Bank of America, officials said. Accounts that have past due balances made up 16.25 percent of Army accounts last year, but delinquent accounts now only total 5.24 percent.

'Gifts From the Homefront' certificates available

Army News Service

Americans can now boost the morale and well being of deployed soldiers with "Gifts From the Homefront" CertifiChecks for post exchanges.

These new PX gift certificates are the result of a partnership between the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and CertifiChecks, America's hometown gift certificate resource center.

Sending CertifiChecks is a way for people to show their support of service members, according to AAFES officials. CertifiChecks are redeemable for merchandise at all AAFES PX and base exchanges throughout the world. Details are available to anyone via the AAFES Web site, www.aafes.com, and by phone at 1-877-770-GIFT (4438).

Sold by CertifiChecks, these gift certificates can be purchased 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year, and they come in denominations of \$10 and \$20. Each order includes a festive envelope.

Anyone may purchase these "Gifts From the Homefront" with a U.S. credit card or check, but only authorized AAFES customers can redeem them at any PX or BX.

At this time military authorities have advised that CertifiChecks can only be sent to a specific service member at his or her APO or US mailing address. AAFES officials said they are currently working to find a solution to allow CertifiChecks to be sent to units or non-specific troops.

AAFES currently has 34 stores located throughout Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. CertifiChecks

can be redeemed at these facilities to purchase such items as health and beauty items, soft drinks, candy, snack items, pre-paid calling cards and much more.

By clicking on the link "Gifts from the Homefront" at www.aafes.com, anyone can find out how to access an order form and complete the transaction online or via a toll-free number at 1-800-770-GIFT (4438).

The standard cost for the certificates is \$4.95 per order, which covers the costs for printing, mailing and handling of up to 20 certificates per order, providing they're going to the same address. Delivery of the certificates normally takes between 4-10 days, possibly longer if going overseas. Shipping and handling charges are slightly more for bulk orders of \$300 or more. "Gifts From the Homefront"

Sending CertifiChecks will help reduce the number of parcels being sent via the Military Postal Service Agency, AAFES officials said.

"This program should very much help relieve the critical mail transportation situation," said Ed Pardini, deputy director of the Military Postal Service Agency. "Different from previous contingencies, like Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Any Service member Mail and Donation campaigns are not the helpful idea they were then. Unfortunately, Any Service member and Web-sponsored donation programs are counterproductive to the safety of [all] troops. The sheer volume also easily causes delays to the more important mail from families and loved ones due to transportation issues."

(Editor's note: Information taken from an AAFES release.)

Latest stop-loss freezes soldiers in deploying units

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Mirroring the Reserve-Component stop-loss measure designed to keep deploying units manned with soldiers who have trained and worked together as a team, the Army is implementing a unit stop-loss for the active force.

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Reginald J. Brown approved this latest of eight stop-loss measures Feb. 14. The initiative is targeted for selected units that have already deployed or have been alerted for deployment into the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

"This new policy supports the stability and strengthens unit cohesiveness and teamwork of deploying Active Component forces and will bolster the trust and confidence of our soldiers as they prepare to deploy," said Lt. Gen. John M. Le Moyné, G1.

The Army is also extending current tours in Korea by 90 days to keep the force there fully manned.

With the exception of the RC stop-loss announcement, previous measures targeted soldiers with specific skills in

which the Army faced a potential shortage. The skill-based stop loss has kept soldiers from voluntarily separating from the Army for a 12-month period.

The new AC unit stop-loss policy is currently open-ended, an official said, and is expected to be lifted when the Combatant Commands recommend the Army lift it based on stability of the operational environment.

The AC Unit Stop-Loss impacts soldiers when their unit is alerted for deployment into the CENTCOM AOR unless one of the following conditions apply:

The Army Personnel Command remains the Stop-Loss exception-to-policy authority for soldiers with compassionate or other compelling reasons to separate, officials said.

Stop-Loss does not prohibit commanders from moving forward on involuntary separations, they said.

Stop Move, the suspension of PCS moves, was also announced in December for AC units already deployed or alerted for deployment into the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. Because the stop-move policy will keep

many soldiers from moving from their current unit to their next assignment in Korea, the Army is extending the tours of soldiers currently assigned in Korea by 90 days. This measure has been approved by DoD, officials said, and affected soldiers in Korea have been notified of their extension by the chain of command.

"When we were working stop-move, we saw there was going to be a delta between what Korea needs in the way of manning and what the measure was going to do to soldiers on orders for Korea," said Col. Bob Ortiz, chief of Enlisted Distribution and Readiness for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1.

"Involuntary foreign-service tour extensions for Korea make up the difference between the number of soldiers no longer available to PCS to Korea under stop-move and what Korea needs to maintain personnel readiness."

MILPER message 03-93 states the extensions can be up to 180 days, but Ortiz said that review of current needs in Korea revised that figure to just 90 days.

(Editor's note: Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs contributed to this article.)

Life on a Patriot Battery Site in freedom's frontier

Story and photo by
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What seemed routine on a patriot battery tactical site months ago, can now mean the difference between life and death for air defenders deployed to the gulf region to aid in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Checks, tasks and training that transpire at a patriot site ensure the combat survival of air defense soldiers in Battery B, 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 11th ADA Brigade of Fort Bliss, Texas.

"We wake up before 5:30 a.m. After breakfast we perform preventative maintenance checks and services, PMCS's, on vehicles," said Staff Sgt. Robert Griggs, headquarters platoon sergeant, Battery B, 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 11th ADA Brigade. "Later in the day we spend time filling sandbags to build bunkers for protection."

"Sandbags placed on a bunker help protect us from missile debris falling from the sky and small arms fire from the enemy," said Capt. Moises Castillo, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Brigade.

Classes in first aid and nuclear, biological, and chemical, NBC survival, are pro-

vided to soldiers regularly.

Repetitive NBC training helps soldiers perform NBC tasks as second nature and improves survivability, said Sgt. 1st Class Mark W. Klaers, 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command.

"We spend a lot of time training on critical NBC tasks along with classes in first aid, which are essential to survival during combat operations," Griggs said.

"Soldiers practice NBC tasks in order to perform their jobs under NBC conditions," Klaers said. "Soldiers learn to drink water, decontaminate, exchange NBC suits, and other essential survival tasks." s

In addition to NBC classes, patriot soldiers also hone in on navigation skills with modern positioning technology, or conventional referencing with a map and compass. In a desert without terrain references soldiers can easily get lost without proper training.

"We conduct global positioning receiver, 'plugger' training and practice applying it to land navigation in the desert," Griggs said. "We teach soldiers to set waypoints to be used as references when navigating."

Not only is training important, but so too is the maintenance and operational readiness of the patriot system.

"Our unit has several launcher crews

that, every morning, perform equipment checks on the patriot launchers. They ensure the patriot system has no faults," said Staff Sgt. Larry Poole, patriot launcher platoon sergeant, Battery B, 5th Battalion, 52nd ADA.

"We change our launcher crews out every 24 hours," added Poole.

"Soldiers in the fire control platoon, also run self test diagnostic daily checks on the patriot engagement control station and radar. Maintenance of the ECS and Radar includes cleaning the air filters on a periodic basis," said Sgt. 1st Class, Curtis Hobson, fire control platoon sergeant, Battery B, 5th Battalion, 52nd ADA.

"Patriot maintenance is where the rubber meets the road, if a maintainer does not keep the patriot system clean and operational, the system could fail," said Master Sgt. Gina Myers, patriot launcher crewmember, 32nd AAMDC. "The end result could be a SCUD missile impacting causing a devastating loss of life."

From the break of dawn soldiers perform the daily tasks, training, and continuous equipment maintenance, which now, with a possible war with Iraq on the horizon, may not seem so tedious to patriot soldiers who keep a state of readiness for what the future may hold.



A Patriot missile battery launcher crew prepares to conduct daily maintenance checks at a remote site in Southwest Asia currently occupied by Battery B, 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment.

Four APG retirees lauded at March ceremony



Photo courtesy of APG PHOTO LAB
Col. Mardi U. Mark, left, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, addresses the audience during the March Retirement Ceremony as the honorees listen. Seated from left, Sgt. 1st Class Ismael Martinez, HHC OMMC; Sgt. 1st Class Darryl L. Taylor, HHC 61st Ordnance Brigade and his wife Jacqueline; William M. Childers, SBCCOM; and Sadie B. Hose, APG garrison.

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APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground paid tribute to four retirees with combined experience of more than 130 years during a retirement ceremony held March 26 at Dickson Hall.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander was the review-

ing officer assisted by Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald E. Stallings.

"Today we honor these four Americans as they celebrate the completion of distinguished careers spanning decades of dedicated service to our nation and our great Army," Mark said.

"We will miss these five Americans we honor today," she added. "But we will take

pride in what they taught us and continue to follow their example and meet the high standards they set for us."

The retirees included Sgts. 1st Class Ismael Martinez and Darryl L. Taylor, U.S. Army Mechanical Maintenance School; William Childers, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; and Sadie B. Hose, APG Garrison, Directorate of Community and Family Activities.

Mark thanked each retiree individually and wished them well.

"On behalf of your country, the Department of the Army and APG, I wish you and your families good health, happiness and continued success as you move into this new phase of your lives," she said.

Martinez and Taylor received the Army Meritorious Service Medal, the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement and DA Certificate of Appreciation. Taylor's wife, Jacqueline was awarded the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

Childers, who retired with more than 50 years of government service, received DA certificates of retirement and appreciation signed from SBCCOM and Hose, with more than 40 years of service, received DA certificates of retirement and appreciation from APG Garrison.

The honorees

A native of Puerto Rico, Sgt. 1st Class Ismael Martinez retired with 30 years of service. He served as the senior equal opportunity advisor for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools since 1998.

Joined by his girlfriend, Serena Fernandez, and daughter Rachel, 10, Martinez said he enjoyed a career that was "exciting and challenging."

"EO really enhanced my leadership skills and perspectives," Martinez said. "It showed me that we can have the greatest weapons in the world but nothing works without people working together."

Martinez plans to pursue a career in the EO field in the Washington, D.C. area.

Sgt. 1st Class Darryl L. Taylor, of North Carolina, served the Army for 21 years. His last assignment was as the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade operational noncommissioned officer-in-charge and brigade safety officer.

Taylor said he would always take pride in his military career.

"There were good days and bad," he said. "I'm just grateful for the opportunity to serve my country."

He added that his plans include working as a D.C. police officer and pursuing a career in corporate management.

William M. Childers concluded a 53-year career. A decorated Korean War veteran, Childers began his civilian career at Edgewood Arsenal immediately after his discharge, serving as a quality assurance specialist and product quality manager. His awards include the Edgewood Research and Development Center's Producibility Engineering award in 1989.

As yet undecided on his future plans, Childers said he is "not ready to hang it up yet."

"My fondest memories are of the people I worked with over the years and the changes in equipment and quality assurance. I like to think the work I did made a difference," Childers said.

Sadie B. Hose served APG for more than 40 years. Since 1991, she has been the secretary to the director of the garrison's Directorate of Community and Family Activities. She also volunteered her singing talent at APG events. In 1999, Hose received a bronze award for excellence from the Federal Executive Board.

Although her retirement was marred by the death of her mother in March, Hose said she looks forward to expanding her home arts and crafts business, "Sadie's Binds and Twines," pursuing her interests in golf and traveling.

\$695,450 check presented to Aberdeen High School

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APG News

Aberdeen High School received a check in the amount of \$695,450, presented by Sen. Barbara Mikulski, to equip a Math and Science Academy March 17.

Mikulski handed the ceremonial check over with a smile but said that it did not come easy. She added that it took the congressional delegation, Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger, the Harford County School Board and the Army Alliance who teamed up with Aberdeen's Mayor Doug Wilson, to make it all a reality.

"Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger worked his wings off on this project, working with the school board and the Army Alliance [concerning the need for a science program]," Mikulski said.

"This is not a grant, something you apply for, go to lunch and get the money. This is something that was put in the budget and it took a lot of work," Mikulski said.

She said with the federal funds, top-notch equipment will be purchased and high-speed communication links will be attainable.

"We will purchase computers, science laboratories, tele-conference centers and we will be linked with voice, video and data with APG," Mikulski said, adding that this is about an opportunity for the future.

"The academy is about the future. This is why we worked so hard for the federal funds. We want to make sure that children of Aberdeen are prepared for the future," Mikulski said.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander, was one of the distinguished guests and speakers. She commented on her first-hand knowledge of the academy and joint partnership.

"Shortly after assuming garrison command in July, 2001, I was given a series of briefings on areas of shared interest between Harford County and APG. A primary focus was the successful long-standing partnership with Harford County Public

Schools," Mark said. "It was during this initial briefing that I first learned about the renovation of Aberdeen High School along with plans to incorporate a mathematic and science academy."

Mark said the academy will serve as a great magnet for recruiting families to Harford County and Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"Our children will benefit from having the opportunity to compete for admission into this premier program. Graduates of Aberdeen High School Mathematics and Science Academy will have an edge in obtaining scholarships and in being accepted into colleges of their choice," Mark said.

For more than three years, APG, in partnership with the Harford County School Board, worked together to develop the academy. Technologists from APG volunteered their expertise with teachers and school administrators in planning a facility and curriculum that will prepare students for college and later careers in math, science and technology.

Greeting guests at the door were 30 high school seniors selected as Student Ambassadors for their active roles in school activities. They said they felt honored to be allowed to represent the school.

"It is an honor that we have been noticed for the hard work that we do here at Aberdeen. We have done something for the school and they are giving something back to us," said Amanda Beaslei, student ambassador, Aberdeen High School.

Master of ceremonies was Harford County Executive James M. Harkins. Other distinguished guests and speakers included Harford County Superintendent of Schools Jackie Haas, Sen. Paul Sarbanes, Aberdeen President of the Army Alliance, Bill Richardson and Harford County NAACP Chapter President Laura Copeland.



Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, center, presents a ceremonial check in the amount of \$695,450 to Aberdeen High School to equip a Math and Science Academy scheduled to be added to the campus. From left, Harford County Superintendent of Schools Jackie Haas, Harford County Board of Education member, Robert Thomas, Harford County Executive James M. Harkins, Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger and Aberdeen Mayor Doug Wilson.

Former ARL librarian, noted historian Dee Brown, remembered during National Library Week

Best selling author of "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee", Dee Brown, was Librarian of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Technical Information Branch from 1945 to 1949. A professionally trained librarian, his works on the American West have been translated into 22 languages and he has been technical consultant for numerous motion pictures. The library collection he developed and organized, here at Aberdeen, was trans-

ferred to the Ballistic Research Laboratory Technical Library in 1972 and to the Army Research Laboratory Technical Library in 1992. Many of the technical documents, and a few of the books, are still in the collection. In his memoirs he devoted a chapter to the challenges he faced as an Army Librarian, at Aberdeen.

A display of some of his books is on view outside the building 4600 library,

along with an official report he wrote in 1945 and a history of the APG Technical Library, written in 1946. Yellow with age and very fragile, they are primary documents penned by a world famous author. They tell the story of APG and the history of APG and the ARL Technical Library service. Few libraries, or other organizations, can boast of such treasures. For more information, call Louise LeTendre, 410-306-0627.

Volleyball update

The following results were received from the APG Sports Office for Intramural Volleyball for the week ending April 4.

Aberdeen Division Results

April 1
USMC, 1; USAF forfeit
Company C 16th defeated HHC 16; 21-11, 23-21
NCOA defeated 1/246; 21-13, 23-21
April 2
USAF defeated Company A 16th; 18-21, 21-14, 15-8
USMC defeated HHC 16th; 21-17, 21-11

April 3
NCOA defeated Company B 16th; 21-19, 21-18
Company C 16th defeated Company A 16th; 21-13, 21-13

Schedule

April 14
6:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. HHC 16th
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. 1/246th
8:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. Company E 16th
April 15
6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. USAF
7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 16
8:30 p.m., USMC vs. Company A 16th
April 16
6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company B 16th
7:30 p.m., USAF vs. Company E 16th
8:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. 1/246th

Standings

USMC 2-0
Company C 16th 2-0

Company B 16th 2-1
USAF 1-1
Company E 16th 0-1
1/246 0-1
Company A 16th 0-2
HHC 16th 0-2

Edgewood Division Results

April 2
CHPPM defeated Company C 16th; 21-19, 21-13
MRICD, 1; Company A 143rd forfeit
HHC 143rd defeated Company B 143rd; 21-16, 21-12

Schedule

April 14
6:30 p.m., MRICD vs. MRICD #2
7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. Company A 143rd
8:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. Company B 143rd
April 16
6:30 p.m., MRICD #2 vs. CHPPM
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company C 143rd
8:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. HHC 143rd

Standings

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

(Editor's note: Inquiries about sports statistics should be directed to the APG Intramural Sports program manager at 410-278-3929.)

Sports Shorts

Deadline dates for several All Army Sports events are approaching. Applications may be picked up at the Athletic Center and must be returned to the Sports Office in Russell Gym, building 3330 by the cutoff date.

Men's Softball May 21
Men's Soccer May 31
Men's Basketball June 1
Women's Softball June 1
Rugby July 15
Marathon July 23
Golf July 30

For more information contact Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929 or donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil

The Intramural 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held April 12, 9 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center. The deadline for team sign-ups is April 10.

The Intramural Dead Lift Competition will be held April 26 in the AA Athletic Center.