

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Aug. 27, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



### Road closure

Hoadley Road in the Edgewood Area will be closed Aug. 22 at 5 a.m. through Aug. 24, 8 p.m. for the purpose of installing a new underground steam line from buildings E-5246 to E-5307. Detours will be set up in this area. The road will re-open Monday, Aug. 25.

For more information, call Rich Dunham, construction representative, 410-306-1163.

### Sobriety check points planned

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security will conduct "sobriety checkpoints" during the upcoming Labor Day holiday weekend, Aug. 29, 30 and 31, in both the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas. The goal is to reduce the number of impaired drivers and save lives. For more information, call Maj. Joseph J. Darabasz, chief, Police Services Division, DLES.

### Holiday closings

Both Re-Nu-It Centers will be closed for Labor Day Weekend Aug. 29 and 30.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will observe a training holiday on Aug. 29. There will be limited staff to handle acute appointments only between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For nurse triage scheduling, call 410-278-1751.

KUSAHC will also be closed on Sept. 1.

### RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program is holding its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting Aug. 28, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

The topics will include updates on the Westwood Study Area and the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

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## Last time as Ordnance commander and chief



Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson (center front) leads the combined colors of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools forward as his last duty as the OC&S commanding general and chief of Ordnance at Fanshaw Field, Aug. 15.

Photo by E.C.STARNES

## Brig. Gen. Lenaers becomes 32nd chief of Ordnance



Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, salutes as the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Salute Battery fires a salute during the OC&S change of command at Fanshaw Field. To Byrnes' left is Brig. Gen. Mike Lenaers, incoming commanding general of OC&S and 32nd chief of Ordnance.

Photo by RALPH BROTH

## Maj. Gen. Stevenson moves on to AMC

E.C. Starnes  
U.S. Army Ordnance Corps

There was all the colorful military pageantry. A slight breeze broke through the humid morning and rippled the 50 state flags that flanked the gathering of soldiers, airmen and Marines, as Brig. Gen. Mike Lenaers became the 32nd chief of Ordnance.

Lenaers also assumed command of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools from Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson who served in the dual-hatted position for the past three years. Stevenson is headed to the U.S. Army Materiel Command as the deputy chief of staff for Logistics and Operations.

During the Friday ceremony, Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, passed the OC&S colors from Stevenson to Lenaers. Stevenson affixed the Ordnance Corps Regimental Crest he wore as the chief of Ordnance to the Ordnance Regimental colors and passed it on to Lenaers via retired Gen. John G. Coburn, a former chief of Ordnance and currently the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

Following the traditional passing of the colors, Byrnes addressed the soldiers, airmen and Marines of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the 61st Ordnance Brigade, as well as a large crowd gathered in the stands at Fanshaw Field.

"I would like to thank the Ordnance Corps leadership and soldiers for all they do for the Army every day," he said. "It's a great day in Maryland to be in the oldest proving ground where ordnance soldiers have trained since 1918."

He noted that ordnance soldiers are "everywhere on the battlefield, especially where they are needed."

Byrnes said that "TRADOC is where tomorrow's victories begin and you have contributed to that promise."

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## ARL, USAMSAA, MRICD garner FWP awards

Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's annual Women's Equality Day Awards Ceremony, sponsored by the Federal Women's Program, was held in the Edgewood Area Conference Center, Aug. 14.

The event honors the woman, supervisor and organization most supportive of FWP goals during the past year.

The 2003 awardees were: Peggy M. Dymond, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Agency, FWP Woman of the Year; Dr. Brad E. Forch, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, FWP Supervisor-Manager of the Year; and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense, FWP Organization

Most Supportive of FWP Goals.

In addition, FWP presented a \$300 college scholarship to Caroline Hall, a historian preservation planner from the U.S. Army Environmental Center who is pursuing a doctorate in urban affairs and public policy with special emphasis in historic preservation with the University of Delaware.

Maj. Michelle Ross, MRICD deputy commander, accepted the award for Col. Dennis Platoff, who was out of town.

Kathleen Crosby, program manager, APG Equal Employment Opportunity Office, emceed the program. She introduced Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, who offered remarks, and

guest speaker, Brenda Taylor of the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service.

Mark commended the award winners--individuals and organizations--for their commitment to women's equality.

"Our theme for this year's celebration is Building Tomorrow's Leaders Today," she said. "We have traveled far in our journey to equality, and as we look toward a future of limitless possibilities, we celebrate the women and men here at Aberdeen Proving Ground who continue to work hard to support the goals of the Federal Women's Program and women's equality."

Dr. David Shaffer, director,

AMSAA, introduced the guest speaker.

Taylor delivered a slide presentation entitled "Women and Leadership," in which she detailed findings from national studies that assert the leadership and management qualities needed for success are most often possessed by women.

Citing the great diversity in the work force and women's ability to manage family and career, Taylor said that, "Women innately are capable of leadership. Our management styles are better suited to the new millennium."

"Research by the Hagsberg Consulting Group which evaluated feedback from managers and coworkers found that women scored higher on

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## New school year approaching for Harford County students



Harford County schoolbuses are lined up awaiting their upcoming missions behind a gated fence at the Harford County Board of Education building in Hickory.

Photo by DIANE BURRIER

Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

The 2003 to 2004 school year begins Monday, Aug. 25, for about 40,500 Harford County school students, including those from the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Important information about Harford County public schools can be obtained at the Web site [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) or contact Ivan Mehosky, APG school liaison, at 410-278-2897, or e-mail him at [Ivan.Mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:Ivan.Mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil).

### 2003 school bus schedules and routes

The school bus schedule and routes appear in this issue (pages 7 through 18). Since routes are based on estimated fall enrollments, school officials warn parents and students to expect minor adjustments in busloads and schedules during the first week to avoid overloading buses.

The morning pick-up time for each bus is the estimated time of the first stop the bus will make on its morning run. These times may vary several minutes during the first few

days until drivers are able to establish a definite schedule. Children planning to ride the bus should do so beginning on the first day of school.

Public transportation rules will be distributed to students on the first day of school and discussed in class.

Since violations can result in suspension of bus privileges, parents are urged to review the rules with their children.

### Starting age to change

For the 2003 to 2004 school year, a child who is 4 by Oct. 15 will be eligible for school. See SCHOOL, page 22

# Commissary to hold case lot sale

**Bonnie Powell**  
DeCA

After back-to-back years of tremendously successful worldwide events, commissary customers have come to look forward to Defense Commissary Agency's annual "Worldwide Case Lot Sale" and the increased savings that they can achieve.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Commissary will hold its sale Sept. 4, 5 and 6.

Tammy Spickler, store director, APG Commissary, is hoping for nice weather for the upcoming sale.

"We have the trucks coming in on Wednesday, September 3, to unload so we can set up. We're hoping for better weather than last year so we don't have to hold the sale in the commissary again this year," Spickler said.

Springfield Boulevard will be closed Sept. 3 and throughout the sale. Sale hours are Sept. 4 and 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sept. 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some items included in the case lot sale are

frozen foods, paper goods, sodas, pet food and dry foods.

According to Spickler, the Commissary will remain open during the sale.

"This event is becoming a commissary tradition and this year's event will be even better," said Bob Vitikacs, executive director for operations and product support at the Defense Commissary Agency.

"Last year we sold nearly \$10 million in products and saved customers more than \$4 million on their purchases," he said.

In the process, military consumers hauled away more than a million cases of products.

The third annual version of the Worldwide Case Lot Sale will feature a major difference from the previous two years. Commissaries will have the flexibility to hold their sale anytime during the month of September rather than all on the same weekend.

The reason?

"We found that having the sale in every store on the same weekend put a strain on commissary resources and employees as well as spreading industry support too thinly," said Vitikacs, "particularly in areas where several commissaries are located close together and need to share support. This flexibility gives stores the opportunity to participate when they can offer customers the best selection, the best prices, and the best service."

Case lot sales feature a variety of sought after items ranging from canned and paper goods, to meats and chilled items in some locations.

Since commissaries sell groceries at cost, profits are not the motivation for case lot sales, says Vitikacs.

"The promise of increased sales convinces manufacturers to sell products at much lower prices than customers will find anywhere and that translates into significantly higher savings than our average of 30 percent or more," Vitikacs said.

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## AIDAN AND THE CORNSTALKS



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Aidan Dubay, 3, seems even smaller compared to the corn stalks growing in the backyard of his Edgewood Area quarters. Dubay is the son of Capt. Anthony and Kristen Dubay. Aidan's grandmother, Dorothy Kinney, said her son-in-law has a green thumb. "He just loves to grow things," she said. Dubay is assigned to Company A, Technical Escort Unit.

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## Activities

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### 15th Annual APG College Fair

The fair will be held Aug. 21, 4 to 6 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet directly with representatives from colleges and universities, offering both traditional education and distance education via the Internet.

The fair is sponsored by the

Education Division sponsors. For more information, call Rosalind Strickland at 410-278-3385.

### Lunch and Bowl Mixed League

There will be a Lunch and Bowl League Sept. 10 thru Oct. 29, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Bowling Center. This league gives everyone a chance leave their desk at lunch and have a little fun. Register by Aug. 27. Cost is \$10 per week.

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

### Self Defense Workshop for Women

A Self Defense Workshop for Women will be held Sept. 6, 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. at Russell Gym. This workshop will give women the basic self defense techniques to use in real life situations by using martial arts. Practice punching, kicking, striking and releasing techniques. Register by Aug. 29. Cost is \$40. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail [stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Pre-ordering Entertainment Books

For a limited time, customers can pre-order Entertainment Books from MWR Registration for \$31. The book offers discounts and coupons on dining, movies, hotels, car rentals, and much more.

For more information, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4907 or send

an e-mail to [mwr\\_registration@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Golf activities

#### Events at APG

Aug. 23 and 24, Senior Club Championship (Event is limited to annual golf patrons only.)

For more information and registration, visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) or call 410-278-4794.

#### Introduction to Putting

Improve that golf score with this one-hour group lesson that teaches the proper grip, stance, and aim on the putting green. Class will held Sept. 8, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course. Register by Aug. 29.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail [stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Beginning applique quilting

This class will be held on Thursdays Sept. 4 to 25, 6 to 8 p.m. at Russell Gym. Students will learn seven different ways to applique: needle-turn, reverse, freeze paper, machine, fusible, stuffed and button-hole applique. Students will also be making a miniature quilt. Register by Sept. 2. Cost is \$40. For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail [charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil).

## Bowling Activities

### Bowling Center specials for August

**Red Pin bowling** every Wednesday through Friday, 5 p.m. to closing.

Try and win that free game by throwing a strike with a red head pin in the middle.

**Cosmic Dollar Night** is Aug. 28, 5 p.m. to closing. All bowling is \$1 per game per person, and shoe rental is \$1 per pair.

The snack bar will feature other specials.

### Leagues forming

Fall/winter bowling leagues are just around the corner, including ladies, men's, mixed, cosmic and youth.

**Monday Night Crazy Trio** begins Sept. 22, for any combination of people.

Start bowling at 6:30 p.m., \$10/person/week for 12 weeks.

**Monday Football Widows Trio** begins Sept. 22. Bowling begins at 7 p.m. for \$10/person/week for 10 weeks.

**Tuesday Rock & Roll Trio League** begins Sept. 23.

Bowling starts at 6:30 p.m. for any combination of bowlers, \$10/person/week for 12 weeks.

**Tuesday Intramural Trio** begins Jan. 13 for \$5/person/week for 10 weeks.

**Wednesday Mixed**, which includes two men and two women, is taking sign ups.

**Thursday National Guard teams** must include two men and two women. There will be a meeting Sept. 4, 7 p.m. at the Bowling Center, to determine when bowling will begin.

**Friday Fun Bunch** includes two men

and two women and will have a meeting Sept. 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Bowling Center, to discuss cost and start date of league.

**Saturday Youth league**, for ages 4 and up, early sign-up is Aug. 30, noon to 2 p.m. Bowling begins Sept 6, 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday Cosmic Trio League**, for any combination of people, begins Sept 13, 1 to 3 p.m.

Bowling includes three games, \$10/person/week for eight weeks, skipping Oct. 11. Handicap will be established after the first week.

**Sunday Happy Trio** starts Sept. 28, 3 p.m. Bowl three games for \$10/person/week. Handicap will be established after the first week.

Anyone interested in signing up should call 410-278-4041 or stop by the Bowling Center.

## 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.

The following is a list of some of the new books for younger readers at the APG MWR Libraries:

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**Ragweed** by Avi



**The Ghost and Mrs. Hobbs** by Cynthia DeFelice

**Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog** by John Erickson



**The Ink Drinker** by Eric Sanvoisin

**Mightier than the Sword** by Jane Yolen



**Beetles, lightly toasted** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

The library's online catalog can be accessed at [www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html](http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html).

## Bowling scores

### Wednesday Doubles Lunch League

#### Week ending Aug. 16

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Seth Ghiorse, 179  
Bob Dowding, 176

**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Jeff Swab, 251  
Dave Spagnuolo, 248

**Men's High Series Scratch**  
Bob Dowding, 333  
Kevin Doherty, 302

**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Dave Spagnuolo, 483  
Terry Pollard, 460

**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Betty Taylor, 167  
Linda Ghiorse, 156

**Women's High Game Handicap**  
Chris Lockhart, 268  
Dawn Gordner, 257

### Women's High Series Scratch

Linda Ghiorse, 295  
Sue Spagnuolo, 292

**Women's High Series Handicap**

Chris Lockhart, 497  
Kathy Anderson, 491

### Thursday Doubles Lunch League

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Gordon Brown, 211  
Terry Bonine, 201

**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Gordon Brown, 265  
Marshal Childers, 248

**Men's High Series Scratch**  
Terry Bonine, 357  
Don Donnelly, 343

**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Marshal Childers, 471  
Terry Bonine, 459

**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Jane Fortes, 158

Sandt Dowell, 149

**Women's High Game Handicap**

Tasha Taylor, 248  
Sandy Dowell, 243

**Women's High Series Scratch**  
Jane Fortes, 314  
Sandy Dowell, 287

**Women's High Series Handicap**

Tasha Taylor, 489  
Sandy Dowell, 464

### Friday Adult/Youth

**Men's High Game Scratch**  
Rusty Kerner, 194

**Men's High Game Handicap**  
Rusty Kerner, 236

**High Series Scratch**  
Rusty Kerner, 493

**Men's High Series Handicap**  
Rusty Kerner, 619

**Women's High Game Scratch**  
Dianne Swauger, 142

### Women's High Game Handicap

Dianne Swauger, 205

**Women's High Series Scratch**  
Dianne Swauger, 402

**Women's High Series Handicap**

Diane Swauger, 591  
**Boy's High Game Scratch**

Curtis Swauger, 154  
**Boy's High Game Handicap**

Curtis Swauger, 199  
**Boy's High Series Scratch**

Curtis Swauger, 433  
**Boy's High Series Handicap**

Curtis Swauger, 568  
**Girl's High Game Scratch**

Angie Kerner, 111  
**Girl's High Game Handicap**

Angie Kerner, 201  
**Girl's High Series Scratch**

Angie Kerner, 284  
**Girl's High Series Handicap**

Angie Kerner, 554

## LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer

Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should contact Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, to complete a termination form.

### Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Michele Amrhein (taking care of premature son)  
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)  
Mildred T. Becker (surgery)  
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)  
Robert J. Boonstoppel (coronary bypass surgery)  
Tammy Budkey  
Patricia Burcham (caring for father, Arthur Cummings, ATC retired)  
Jane E. Calahan  
Patricia D. Choate  
Patty Gibson  
Edgar W. Greer  
Susan Grendahl (maternity

leave)  
Melanie A. Hoffman (parainfluenza, fibromyalgia condition)(surgery)  
Tamara Ince  
Beverly King (caring for husband)  
William Klein  
Anita L. Koller (caring for husband)  
George Kudrna (caring for father)  
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Cindy Orwig (surgery)  
Calvin E. Peake

Karen S. Pense  
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Tess Ramos (lung surgery)  
Michael Reynolds (care of mother)  
Cheryl L. Roark  
Teresa L. Shores  
Claudia Sparks  
Jorja V. Thomas-Murcia  
Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)  
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)  
Ludilina O. Valarao (surgery, brain tumor removed)

For information about donating annual leave, call Ronda McKinney at 410-278-8988 or fax 410-278-7652.

## Arts and crafts classes

To register for these classes, call or visit during hours of operation, or online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

For more information, call Holly Shisler at 410-436-2153 or e-mail her at [holly.shisler@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:holly.shisler@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Stained glass

This beginning class will teach students how to make a simple sun catcher using the copper foil method Sept. 20, 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Edgewood Arts and Crafts building E-4440. The \$25 fee includes supplies.

### Woodshop Orientation

The woodshop orientation is a safety course, required to use the woodshop, Sept. 6, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Edgewood Arts and Crafts building E-4440. Cost is \$5.

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### FRIDAY AUGUST 22 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit St. John's Episcopal Church - Memorial Garden will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street. Tickets cost \$10; additional cards are \$5 each.

Doors will open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available.

For tickets call Debbie Keithley, 410-939-3543, Carol Thompson, 410-939-5807 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

### TUESDAY AUGUST 26 WEST NILE VIRUS PRESENTATION

The APG Committee for the Disabled will host a presentation on West Nile Virus at 2 p.m. at Top of the Bay in the Chesapeake Mezzanine. Guest speaker will be Benedict B. Pagac, an entomologist with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at Fort Meade. The presentation is open to the entire APG community.

For more information, call Judy Matthews at 410-278-1017, Angela Cheek at 410-278-1140, or Kathleen Crosby at 410-278-1137.

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3 DAV BEL AIR CHAPTER 30

The Disabled American Veterans Bel Air Chapter 30 will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. at American Legion Harford Post #39 upper hall, 500 Conowingo Road. DAV Chapter 30 meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

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### VFW LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

The Havre De Grace Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post 8126, Union Street, hosts its meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Members are committed to working for programs that facilitate helping youth and veterans.

For more information, call the Post Home at 410-939-4578.

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5 COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Cost

of admission is \$8. A cash bar is available but no lessons will be given. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

### THURSDAY AND SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11 AND 13 EFFECTIVE BICYCLING CLASS

The League of American Bicyclists "Road 1" course helps cyclists develop bicycle handling and traffic skills. Given by a certified instructor from One Less Car, Maryland's bike advocacy group, the class teaches cyclists how to ride safely in traffic and on multi-use trails and to fix the most common mechanical problems.

The class will be Sept. 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Sept. 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Bel Air United Methodist Church on the corner of Route 924 and Linwood Avenue.

Cost is \$28, payable to One Less Car.

Bring a bike and helmet. The course is designed for those age 14 and older.

Pre-registration is required; call Jeff Springer at 410-638-

8812, or e-mail at springjk1@comcast.net to reserve a spot in the class.

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14 PADDLE FOR SIGHT

The Chestertown Lions Club will hold the Second Annual Paddle For Sight at 9 a.m. at the Chestertown American Legion Hall just east of town off Morgne Road.

All kayak and canoe paddlers of all experience levels are invited to participate. The cost to participate is \$20 and includes a map, morning beverage, certified paddlers for safety, a food stop and restrooms.

Optional courses include Morgan Creek (six miles) or Deep Landing (10 miles). Registration is 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. with the paddle starting at 9 a.m., ending at 3 p.m. The last sweep will be at 2 p.m. All proceeds will benefit sight conservation projects.

For more information, call Matt Bershon at 410-708-3053.

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16 SAFE BOATING COURSE

The Bush River Power Squadron will hold a Safe Boating Course at 7:30 p.m. at Joppatowne High School. Registration will be held the first evening of the class. The class lasts nine weeks.

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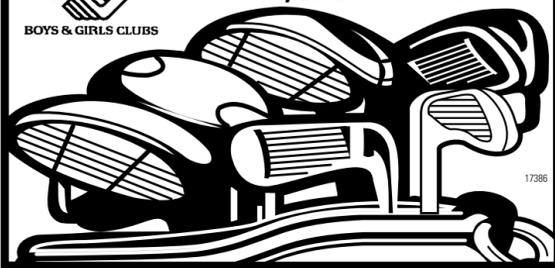
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### Veterans needed for speakers bureau

The Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs is compiling a list of veterans who are interested in becoming members of a speakers' bureau to attend and participate in local functions.

This resource list will consist of veterans from all eras to present a balanced perspective of the costs to maintain freedom.

Any veteran who would like to be included on this list, or who wishes to discuss this project, should contact Mike Poulin, Harford Community College designee to the commission, at 410-836-4172 or e-mail him at mpoulin@harford.cc.md.us.

### Back to School night for PIE

The Parent Information Exchange presents "Back To School" for Exceptional Family Members at Army Community Service in building 2754, Sept. 8, 6 to 7:30 p.m. The agenda includes special education, individualized education plans and parents and children's rights. RSVP to Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP manager, 410-278-2420. For childcare, call by Sept. 4.

### Cold War Recognition Certificates available

Service members, veterans and federal employees who served between Sept. 2, 1945 and Dec. 26, 1991 are still eligible for a Cold War Recognition Certificate, said officials of the U.S. Army Personnel Command.

In fiscal year 1998, the Secretary of Defense approved awarding the certificate to personnel who served during the Cold War. Thus far, about one million people have responded out of the 22 million entitled to receive the certificate, officials said.

An application for the Cold War Recognition Certificate

can be found on the Internet at <http://coldwar.army.mil>. The Web site informs applicants about the correct procedures and the required documentation to receive a certificate.

Applications will only be accepted by fax or mail, officials said. More information on the certificate can be found on PERSCOM's Cold War Web site or by calling customer service at 703-325-5864.

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

### Breast cancer awareness training at KUSAHC

To recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month join the staff of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic on Sept. 24, noon to 1 p.m., for a Lunch and Learn training session. Light refreshments will also be provided.

For more information or to register, call Milgaros Borrero-Ruiz at 410-278-1774, Peggy Horne at 410-278-1772 or Cheri Whiting at 410-278-1908.

### Kirk offers classes

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

#### Tobacco cessation

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24. Pre-registration is required. All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend.

#### Diabetes education

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Tuesday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30. All TRICARE-enrolled individuals with diabetes or parents or sponsors of a diabetic are invited to attend. Class is taught by a diabetic educator and registered dietitian.

### Take care of yourself

Class is held the third Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon in the KUSAHC. Class is taught by a registered nurse using the "Take Care of Yourself" handbook. Class teaches patients how to treat I nor illnesses and injuries at home, and when to see a doctor. 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.

### NFL kick-off live for military

Operation Tribute to Freedom and the National Football League will host the NFL Kick-Off Live, Sept. 4 at 6 p.m. on the National Mall.

The NFL invites service men and women and their families to join them for the season opening kick-off festivities. Military personnel who want to attend the concert events with their family members should register at <http://www.ima.army.mil/tribute-to-freedom.asp> to get information about the event. The Web site will be updated on a daily basis.

The first 5,000 uniformed men and women will have stage-front access at the concert, which includes Aerosmith, Mary J. Blige, Britney Spears, Good Charlotte and Aretha Franklin who will sing the national anthem. An additional 20,000 uniformed men and women and their families will also have preferred access to the event.

At the end of the concert the game between the Washington Redskins and New York Jets starts at 9 p.m. and will be shown at the Mall on the jumbo-tron.

### Medical clinics to close early Sept. 5

On Sept. 5, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic (including the Pharmacy), the Edgewood Troop Medical Clinic, the Dental Clinic, and the

Veterinary Clinic will close at noon to celebrate their annual organization day. All clinics will open at the regularly scheduled time and the Edgewood Troop Medical Clinic will remain open in a limited capacity to support the post chemical mission.

### APG Transportation Office hours

The Personal Property Offices relocated to building 4302 on Boothby Hill Road earlier this year. The office is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., except from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. when it is closed for lunch.

For after hour's emergencies, the Installation Transportation Officer, Penny Cacoulidis, is available until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, (except on Garrison RDO). After 5 p.m., contact the Staff Duty Officer, who will notify this office of the problem.

Anyone scheduled for a move and on the day of "Pack Out" has not heard from the mover by 3 p.m., should contact this office immediately, at 410-278-3897, or after 3 p.m., call 410-278-3896.

Remember this is peak season and customers are required to be available between 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The correct numbers to call for information are:

Inbound Household Goods, room 15, 410-278-2992

Outbound Household Goods, rooms 21 and 23, 410-278-3897

Quality Control, cubicle 2, 410-278-4084

Passenger Travel, Recreation Center, 410-278-3858 or 7960.

### Telephone switch upgrade

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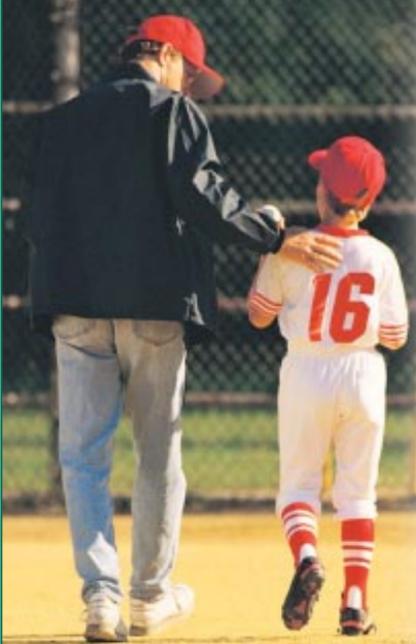
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Sierra Military Health Services Inc., the TRICARE Administration for TRICARE Northeast, offers the following information about cataracts courtesy of The National Institute of Health.

A cataract is a clouding of the eye's lens that causes loss of vision. Researchers suspect that there are several causes of cataracts, the most common being age related. People can have age related cataracts as early as their 40s and 50s, however these cataracts are often small and do not affect vision. Total loss of vision does not usually occur until after the age of 60. Other possible causes for cataract development include smoking, diabetes and protein fluctuations in the lens that are a normal part of the body's aging process.

A cataract starts out small, having little effect on vision at first. Objects may appear cloudy or blurry and problems with light, including headlights that seem too bright at night, glare from lamps or very bright sunlight, may occur. Conversely, colors may seem faded. Other symptoms include poor night vision and double vision, requiring changes in eyeglass or contact lens prescriptions. These symptoms can also be a sign of other eye problems. If experiencing any of these symptoms, check with an

eye care professional.

Cataracts can only be detected by having a comprehensive eye examination. Should an eye care professional find one, he or she can monitor it and provide advice about optimal treatment. A cataract needs to be removed only when vision loss interferes with everyday activities, such as driving, reading or watching TV.

For early cataract treatment, vision may improve by using different eyeglasses, a magnifying lens, or stronger lighting. If these measures do not help, surgery is an effective treatment. Surgery involves removing the cloudy lens and replacing it with a substitute lens. Cataract surgery is very successful in restoring vision. It is one of the most common surgeries performed in the United States, with more than 1.5 million cataract surgeries performed each year.

Anyone over age 60 should receive an eye examination at least every two years to protect their vision. Included in this exam should be a process called dilation where drops are added to the eye to create an enlargement of the pupils. Dilation forces the pupils to open, creating a greater viewing area for the doctor. This procedure could produce mild discomfort and extra sensitivity to light, but is necessary when caring for the eyes.

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The enrollment year is based upon the anniversary date of Prime enrollment.

Once the catastrophic cap is satisfied, TRICARE will pay the full allowable amount for all covered services or supplies for the remainder of the FY or enrollment year. Amounts are applied to the cat cap based upon the date the services were provided. The cap for active duty families is \$1,000 per year. For all other beneficiary categories, the cap is \$3,000.

The cat cap includes expenses in the

following categories: Prime enrollment fees, outpatient and inpatient cost shares and co-payments, deductibles, and deductibles and cost shares associated with the Prime point of service option.

There are, however, several aspects surrounding the accumulation and application of the cat cap which are worth noting. These are some of the topics that generate the most questions:

- Since normal cost shares and co-payments are no longer collected from ADFMs enrolled in either Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote, the enrollment year cap has been eliminated. Any authorized deductibles and cost shares accumulated by ADFMs are applied only to the FY cat cap;
- TRICARE Standard/Extra beneficiaries are subject to only the fiscal year cat cap. Expenses for Prime enrollees who are other than active duty or ADFMs are

applied to both the FY and enrollment year caps;

- Authorized expenses accumulated by non-ADFM Prime enrollees are applied to both the FY and enrollment year caps. When either of these caps is met, TRICARE will pay the entire allowable amount for the remainder of the FY or enrollment year as appropriate;
- Although deductibles and cost shares associated with POS are applied to the cat cap, they are not subject to the cap. For example, if the Prime or TPR spouse uses the POS option, he or she will continue to pay the \$300 deductible and 50 percent cost share, even though these amounts may exceed the cap. Care for other family members, however, would be fully covered up to the allowable amount since the family cap has been met;
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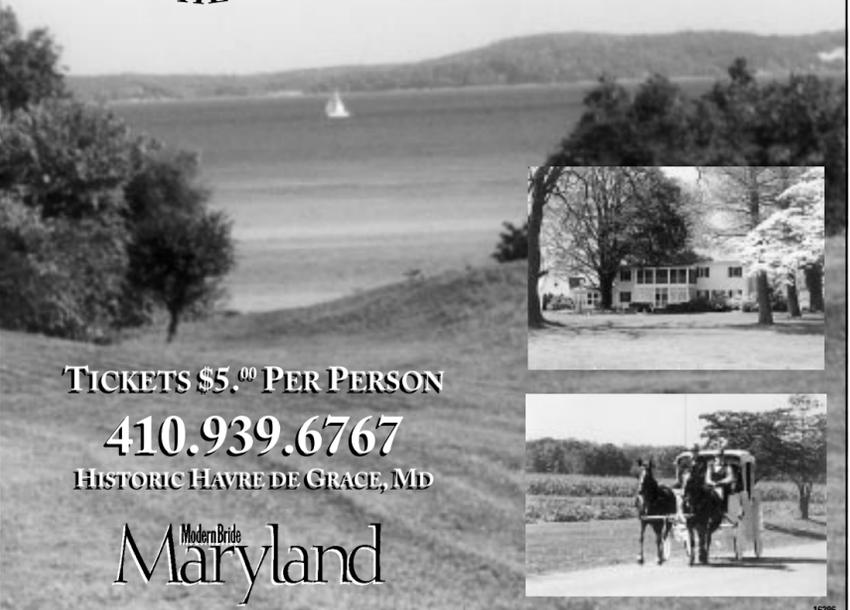
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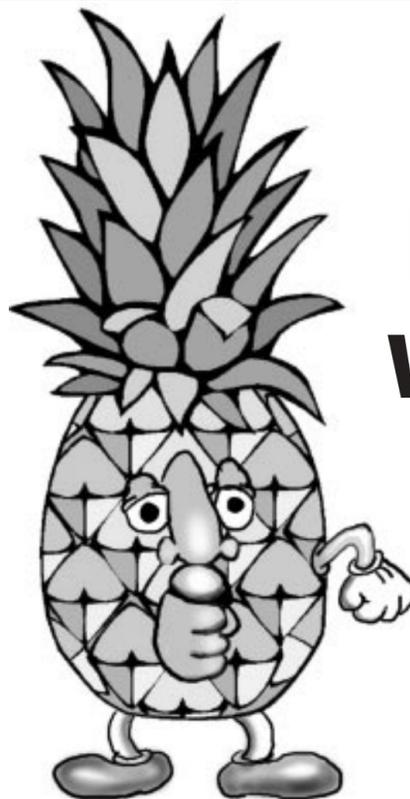
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For more information, visit [www.apgmcsc.org](http://www.apgmcsc.org) or call Katie O'Connell, membership chairperson, 410-297-6872.

## FWP

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traditional management skills such as hiring, coaching and developing subordinates," Taylor said.

"They also were rated high in organizing and monitoring other's work," she said.

She encouraged listeners to familiarize themselves with and adopt appropriate leadership styles, such as the Visionary Evangelist, the Team and Consensus Builder and the Manager of Execution.

"A true leader can deal with the corporate vision and has an open mind," Taylor said. "Sometimes you must evaluate your styles and change your behavior if you are to succeed as a leader within the organization."

Other 2003 nominees included:  
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*(Editor's note: Source of information is TRICARE Help E-mail Service, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.)*

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## Lonestar concert set for Sept. 12

Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting country western band Lonestar, with special guest Trace Adkins at this year's summer concert on Sept. 12.

Tickets are \$20 per person in advance, and \$25 at the gate.

Tickets can be purchased from the Hoyle Fitness Center, MWR Registration in building 3326, Ticketmaster, or at the MWR Web site [www.apg.mwr.com](http://www.apg.mwr.com).

For more information, call Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing director, 410-278-4497.

Volunteers are needed to work various jobs at the concert. For more information about volunteering, contact Ruth Overbay, 410-278-9536, or e-mail [ruth.overbay@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:ruth.overbay@usag.apg.army.mil). For general information, call 410-278-4907/4011, TTY 410-278-4110.

# APG home schoolers doing things their way

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

Several parents with school-age children on Aberdeen Proving Ground aren't concerned with back to school sales for the upcoming school year since their children do all their learning at home.

About one dozen APG families have turned to the non-traditional method of home schooling as an alternative to using the public school system.

The biggest advantage is flexibility, said Sgt. 1st Class Dan McGee, an instructor with the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academy. McGee's wife, Lisa, has been teaching their children Jacob, 10 and Vicktorya, 13, at home for the past two years.

Although she designs her children's curriculum around the public school year, there are more options available, she said.

"School for them began two weeks ago to allow for a family trip in October," she said.

Lisa McGee cited dissatisfaction with the public school system, and the desire to "give my children the attention they deserve."

"They can't get that in a room with 30 other kids," McGee said.

She is forming the APG Home School Co-Op, a group in which military home schoolers can get together for group activities such as physical training and field trips.

"Military children are different. They've traveled more, seen more, and can do more," McGee said. "We build on those advantages."

Some of the advantages include access to installation activities such as the fitness, youth and athletic centers.

"For physical training, the kids can play racquetball while their moms are on the treadmill," McGee said. "You can't do things like that outside the gate without paying for it."

"There are currently four families in the co-op," she added.

Although it has its rewards, home schooling is hard work and requires much dedication and patience, the McGees said.

Parents must familiarize themselves with the state requirements as far as curriculum and adhere to Maryland State Law, COMAR 13A.10.01.01.05.

In addition, inspectors from the Harford County Public School Pupil Services Office visit twice yearly for progress reports and to ensure compliance with state laws.

"We provide our curriculum, class work and test samples for their inspection, McGee said. "It's not like we're out here unregulated. Educating your child is a serious responsibility."

The McGees also are a family that trains together. Dan



Lisa McGee, right, reviews lesson plans with her children Jacob, 10, left and Vicktorya, 13, center, in their Patriot Village home. The McGees are one of about one dozen home schooling families on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

McGee is a TaeKwonDo instructor and all four hold black belts in the art. In the evenings, their family room doubles as a gym, Lisa McGee said.

Her children have adjusted to learning at home, she added. "You have to wean them off the blackboard style of learning and it takes patience and may not seem like it's working at first, but it will. Then things just take off," she said, adding that home schooled children consistently score higher on college entrance exams than public or privately schooled youths.

"It's fun. You finish earlier and can take better breaks," said Vicktorya, who added that during their breaks she works on her drawings.

"I couldn't do that in school," she said. "Here, mom teaches

us and helps us to learn."

For Jacob, who at age 9 could not read, due to a learning disability, school is not the chore it used to be.

"Reading was hard then," Jacob said. "Everything was switched around for me. But now, I can read perfectly."

He added that his favorite subject is science and that he loves the art projects that include a quilt he and his sister are working on.

"It's not for everyone, but it can be," Lisa McGee said about making the homeschooling choice. "I'm with my children 24 hours a day and I dearly love it," she said. "It's not a control thing. God gave them to me to raise."

## School

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31 may enter pre-kindergarten, and a child who turns 5 by Nov. 30 must be enrolled in kindergarten.

In a sequence that will be phased in over the next four years, the birth month that determines when a five-year old may enter kindergarten will be changed to Sept. 1 by the 2006 to 2007 school year.

In addition, under the changes approved by the Maryland State Board of Education, during the 2004 to 2005 school year, a child will have to be 6 by Nov. 30 to enter first grade.

The dates will continue moving by one month each year until all requirements have the same Sept. 1 date.

"The academic rigor of the kindergarten classroom has been building over time," said state superintendent of schools, Nance S. Grasmick. "It is our goal that students enter Maryland schools ready to learn, and this measure is an important step in that direction."

### New directory information

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, known as the Buckley Amendment, the Harford County Public School system has designated the following as Directory Information policy for students age 18 or over: "Student's name and grade, but only when it appears on an honor roll or graduation list or as a member of a school-approved team, club, or other student organization or school publication; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; dates of attendance; degrees and awards received; student's name and photograph as they appear in individual school or school system publication."

The above information will be considered to be public information unless the parents of a student or a student age 18 or over informs their school principal in writing no later than 10 school days after the first day of school that such information is not to be designated as directory information with respect to that student.

This policy is included in

the Parent-Student/Handbook Calendar for 2003-2004.

### Free and reduced price meals

Federal income eligibility guidelines for free and reduced price school meals and for free milk have been revised. The new guidelines are effective for July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

Household size and income determine eligibility. For example, a child from a family of four would be entitled to a free lunch, and, where available, a free breakfast and/or free milk if the household's current annual income is below \$23,920. If that same family's income is between \$23,920 and \$34,040, the child would be eligible to purchase lunch at the reduced price of 40 cents. Breakfast would cost about 10 cents.

Income eligibility guidelines and a Meal Benefit Form application will be distributed to students on the first day of school. Copies also are available in the school principal's office.

To apply for free or reduced meals, fill out the MBF and return it to the school. This information will be used to determine eligibility.

### Dress code outlined

According to the Harford County Public Schools-Dress Code Procedures 6-03, "students have the responsibility to choose their attire and to arrange their personal appearance in a manner that is safe, healthy, inoffensive, and not disruptive to the educational process."

"Accordingly, students are prohibited from wearing clothing, headgear, jewelry, tattoos, sunglasses, book bags, or other articles of personal appearance that:

- Depict profanity, obscenity, or the use of weapons or violence.
- Promote the use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other illegal or harmful products.
- Contain sexually suggestive messages.
- Unduly expose or reveal skin or undergarments such as tank tops, tube tops, halter-tops, mesh tops, bare midriff tops, spaghetti straps, pants worn below the hips, short-shorts, miniskirts or bedtime attire.
- Contain language or symbols that offend or demean an identifiable person or group or otherwise infringe on the rights of others.

• Cause or is likely to cause a substantial or material disruption to school activities or the orderly operation of the school, including but not limited to swastikas and gang-related attire.

• Contain profane, disrespectful, or discourteous expressions inconsistent with civil discourse and behavior.

• Endanger health and safety.

For more on the HCPS Dress Code, check the Web site at [www.hcps.org/Policies/HCPSDressCodeAdminProcedures.html](http://www.hcps.org/Policies/HCPSDressCodeAdminProcedures.html).

**Instant school info**  
In cooperation with a private Internet-based company, those interested in being instantly notified of breaking school news or emergencies may do so through their home or business e-mail system. Schools Out, Inc. will provide the service free of charge. Those who wish to be part of this notification system can sign up at the Internet address, [www.schools-out.com](http://www.schools-out.com). Step-by-step instructions are provided and users can register as many e-mail addresses as they wish.

When the Harford County Public School Web administrator, acting on directions

from the Superintendent and the Office of Public Information, provides an emergency or otherwise important message to Schools Out, it will immediately transmit that message to those registered for the service.

"We see this service as just one more way we can be in communication with the public - especially our parents - in times of emergency, or when we have an important piece of information to convey," said Harford County superintendent Jacqueline C. Haas.

Information sent out will include school closings for inclement weather or other emergency conditions and emergency closings or early dismissals. In addition, messages listing countywide meetings, changes for previously scheduled meetings, and other items could be forwarded to subscriber's e-mail.

Haas said that unanticipated schedule changes at individual schools also could be listed on [www.schools-out.com](http://www.schools-out.com).

For more information, call the HCPS Systems Information Office at 410-588-5203.

### SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN

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Newborn through age 4	NO	NO	NO	NO
Age 5 through 6	NO	NO	YES: with immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision	NO
Age 7 through 9	NO	NO	YES: with access to emergency supervision and sponsor knows location of child	NO
Age 10 through 11	YES: with ready access to adult supervision; limit to 3 hours	NO	YES: with access to adult supervision	NO
Age 12 through 14	YES: with access to adult supervision	NO	YES	NOTE: Must be 13 (*see below)
Age 15 through 18	YES	YES: Sponsor in local area and access to adult supervision	YES	YES (*see below)

\* Child Youth Services Babysitting Training -- 410-278-7479/7571  
It is never appropriate to leave children under the age of 16 unattended in a vehicle.

## Aberdeen Proving Ground Child Youth Services offers programs for

Child Development Centers provide quality childcare for children birth through 5-years old located in both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas:  
Aberdeen CDC, building 2485, 410-278-5748/3487  
Edgewood CDC, building E-1901, 410-436-2692/3487.

**School Age Program:** Providing specialized activities for elementary age, and middle school age children to include before and/or after school care.  
Aberdeen School Age/Middle School Program: 410-278-9061/9667  
Edgewood School Age/Middle School Program: 410-436-2862/2098.

**Youth Services Program:** Programs include the following youth and teen service areas: Life skills/Leadership; Sports/Fitness; Leisure and Recreation; and

Mentoring/Intervention/Support services.

Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522, 410-278-4995  
Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902, 410-436-2862.

**Family Childcare Homes:** Certified childcare homes that offer quality childcare in a family type atmosphere with a limited number of children, and flexible hours.  
Aberdeen Area, building 2752, 410-278-8720/7477.

**Outreach Services:** Includes one stop registration for all CYS programs, in- and-out processing for installation school-age children, and school liaison, youth education services.

Aberdeen Area, building 2752, 410-278-7479/7571/2857.



Soldiers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools stand with U.S. state flags during the OC&S change of command ceremony on Fanshaw Field, Aug. 15.



Photos by STEVEN HOLLINGSHEAD

Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson addresses soldiers and civilians gathered at Fanshaw Field for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools change of command.

# Chief of Ordnance reflects on the Corps

**E.C. Starnes**

U.S. Army Ordnance Corps

In 1969 Mitchell H. Stevenson had a close up view of Aberdeen Proving Ground. The teenage son of a career Army noncommissioned officer, the future 31st Army chief of Ordnance labored as a janitor with a local contractor on post. Little did he realize then that he would return someday as a major general and the chief of the Army's second largest branch.

"I still remember many of the buildings I cleaned," he recalled recently, "some of them behind the fence."

On July 25, 2000, Stevenson returned 'home' and took charge of the activities in some of the buildings he used to clean, as well as becoming responsible for, in varying degrees, Ordnance training conducted at nine locations: the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, APG; the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.; Fort Gordon, Ga.; Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort Knox, Ky.; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Bliss, Texas; and Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Much had changed since his days as a student at local Perryville and Aberdeen high schools. Most of the Ordnance buildings he cleaned are gone. Also, the Army and the Ordnance Corps are different than they were in the days his father served.

It was a major change for the general.

"It was unlike anything I'd ever done in my career," Stevenson said.

It was also a changing time for the Army as it began a major transformation. Also, during his tour as the chief the Corps, the Army and the nation have been involved in an ever-increasing war with terrorism.

## The Ordnance team and soldier training

When he was asked what he feels he has accomplished as the chief of Ordnance, the general was quick to state. "I don't think I've accomplished much personally, rather the Ordnance team has accomplished a lot. I've tried to stress teamwork and not individualism. I think the thing that I'm most proud of, and if people remember me here, I hope that what they think of is that I was focused on quality of training."

Early on, Stevenson learned that the best way to understand what was going on in the Ordnance Corps, and especially the training arena, was to travel to where the training was actually done.

"I did a lot of traveling," he recalled. "We're a very distributed set of schools and I found there's no way you can learn about what's going on at Fort Jackson, for example, in our Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic School until you go there and see it and walk through the bays, walk through the classrooms, sit in on training, go to the barracks, eat in the dining facility, do physical training with them, get to know the cadre. And I did that everywhere, Fort Knox, Jackson, Gordon, Redstone, Leonard Wood, Bliss, and Sill."

One result of his personal observations and travels to the various Ordnance training sites was the development and adoption of a concept plan to address the organizational structure of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

One major issue involved in the operations of the Ordnance training programs is that "We're different than any other school model. The Infantry Center and School exists at Fort Benning, period. The Armor Center and School exists at Fort Knox, period. But when you look at the Ordnance Center and Schools, then you have to talk nine locations.

"It just happens," the general said, "that the center is co-located with one of the schools, but only one, and the scope of the commanding general's job here is much broader than just the one school that's here."

"We have two major schools, the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School here at Aberdeen, and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School at Redstone."

The OMMSI was the Ordnance School when Stevenson arrived at APG. The Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School was known as the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. The names were changed to better reflect the actual training they do. Also, the "Center" was removed from the school title at Redstone, to reflect the fact that there is one Ordnance Center and it is the home of the chief of Ordnance at Aberdeen.

Another change is that soldiers at both schools wear the same patch, formerly the patch of the school at Redstone.

In addition to the structure of the training institution, Stevenson also worked on the focus of training.

"We tend to be very 'initial-entry-training centric,' and we forget about a very, very important piece of our business that we collectively refer to as professional development."

To work on the quality of training, Stevenson reads every end-of-course critique from every soldier who undergoes training.

"I read them all, every one of them, every student. I read them and they are enormously enlightening to me," he said.

The general stressed that he doesn't believe everything that a student tells him, "but it's healthy for the faculty to believe they're answerable to their students."

Stevenson said he received positive feedback during a visit by the American Council on Education to assess military occupational specialty training for college accreditation.

"As they left us here, the thing that they spoke about most, that they could not get over, was how focused all the instructors seemed to be on the quality of their instruction, and you know I just thought we had achieved a touchdown here. This is great stuff!" Stevenson said.

The general noted that a lot of work has been done with national institutions to recognize Ordnance training standards.

"We've been doing a lot of work in the area of accreditation with organizations like the American Welding Society, the Society for Automotive Excellence, the National Institute for Metalworking Skills, and the Electronics Technicians Association. Every time we've asked, we have successfully gotten our courses accredited. And, we're not done yet.

"Our overall goal is that when a student graduates from an Ordnance MOS-producing course," Stevenson said, "he or she graduates with more than just an MOS [military occupational specialty]. They get a no-kidding, nationally recognized certificate conferring upon them their credentials."

The Army has also recognized the importance of professional certification by working with the Ordnance Corps and has begun a program to grant promotion points for such certification by national institutions.

Improvements have also been made in noncommissioned officer and warrant officer training.

"We've instituted a couple of blocks of training that I refer to as motor sergeant training and unit maintenance technician training," the general said. "We train them all, all the unit maintenance technicians [warrant officers] and all the motor sergeants in the Army."

## Ordnance Vision and levels of maintenance

As the chief of Ordnance, Stevenson was responsible for everything involving the Ordnance Corps, from training to personnel policies to combat developments. To do so, he relied on the Ordnance Vision.

"Right after I took command, I wanted to understand what the Ordnance Vision was," he explained.

He gathered several documents which had been published and studied them to find out what they had in common.

"The thing that was most common in all the vision statements," Stevenson noted, "was that we needed to change the way we do maintenance in the Army. The four-level maintenance system that we've all grown up with needed to change, and we had examples of that [change] already happening in the Army, but it was an incremental and not particularly coherent."

There was a lot of work to do to make the vision, the goals and objectives become reality.

"You have to do the force structure changes, submit the proposals, and you have to get the Army to buy in on it," the general said. "Two-level maintenance has been probably the, or one of the, defining parts of this command tour and it's not done. But it's on a path now to where it's going to be awfully hard to stop, and we shouldn't stop."

The four levels, or echelons, of maintenance mentioned by the general consist of unit/organizational, direct support, general support and depot. The two-levels of maintenance concept essentially merges the organizational and direct support levels and the general support and depot levels.

"That's essentially what we've proposed," explained Stevenson, "but it's more than that. It's a differentiation between on-system maintenance and off-system maintenance; it's a differentiation between repair and return to the user versus repair and return to supply. It's a 'component centric' maintenance system and the time has come for this.

"The M-1 and the Bradley are perfect examples," he continued, "but it's true of our aircraft, it's true of the Paladin, it's also true of the Stryker, and it will be true of the Future Combat System. We are component oriented in our maintenance system and so we have to get our structure behind it and oriented in the same way."

Stevenson stated that it has been demonstrated that you can merge organizational and direct support levels in the Force XXI division with the maneuver battalions, tank battalions and mech-

anized battalions.

He believes that the current force can convert to a two-level maintenance systems and it will not require a lot of investment.

"They don't require embedded diagnostics. That would help, but it's not necessary," he said. "They don't require a lot of different types of tools and test equipment.

"We pretty much have the tools we need to get the job done, we've just got to make the structural changes to make it work and I think we're on track to do that."

## A look at the future

Stevenson noted that the Army Objective Force will be enormously complex.

"And, this business that we're in, the maintenance business," he stated, "is going to be more and more challenging."

He noted that the challenge isn't necessarily what most people think.

"It's not like the guy who used to work on his car, as I did in the 1960s, where you lift up the hood of your car and you understood what was a carburetor and what was a distributor, and what was a spark plug and where the alternator was and all that stuff. Nowadays you open up the hood of your car and you can hardly see anything because there's so much stuff there and you don't know what electronic component does what and you need all this fancy test equipment. That's not what I'm talking about [as the challenge].

"We can design equipment for ease of maintenance and that's in fact what we set about doing in the Future Combat System. It doesn't have to be complicated to the mechanic, but clearly, we are going to have a very complex Army that thinks three dimensionally," he said.

He mentioned the Internet as an example.

"It's amazing what our children do on the Internet. How they can reach out and grab information and how they learn to get the computer to work for them to do things, and the more you do the more it seems that you can do. It just makes your head spin, the complexity of it all. I think that will be a challenge for us in the future.

"Teaching is going to be a challenge for us in the future, but I'm not worried about that. I think we'll be okay. But, it's going to require some evolution in the schoolhouse. Exactly what, I don't know yet; because I haven't seen the [Future Combat System] that we've got to repair. I suspect it's going to be different that it is today and we therefore need to be different than we are today."

## The Ordnance Corps and Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom

As the second largest branch in the Army, the Ordnance Corps was very involved, and continues to be very involved, in the operations in Iraq.

"We are in every piece of the Army," Stevenson said, "and so we were very involved in a big way. We have had individuals deploy to gather lessons learned for us, particularly in the area of munitions and maintenance and EOD [explosive ordnance disposal]. The Ordnance Corps has done exceptionally well.

"If you were ever wondering how the 3rd Infantry Division did so well in getting so far so fast and didn't seem to have any particular maintenance problems, just imagine a duck sitting on top of the water. He looks very calm, but beneath him his legs are paddling like mad; that was the Ordnance Corps beneath the duck. They were paddling like mad. It was a brilliant, brilliant performance by the maintenance people," he said.

Stevenson also had high praise for EOD soldiers.

"We've got two battalions of EOD in Iraq today. We've got another battalion in Afghanistan. It's probably going to be that way for a while.

"Of course, our ammo guys also did well," he said. "This war did not use anywhere near the amount of munitions that we heard about in Desert Storm. We learned a lot of our lessons there. We only downloaded less than 300 containers of ammunition from one of our container ships, which holds more than a couple of thousand containers and just didn't consume a lot of ammunition. A good bit of that is already back aboard ship, being retrograded, and readied for the next war. Our ammunition soldiers did very well."

Stevenson noted that there are some areas that require improvement, but overall Ordnance soldiers acquitted themselves very well, and "[I am] very, very proud of them all."

(Editor's note: Dr. Peter Kindsvatter contributed to this article.)



Photos by STEVEN HOLLINGSHEAD

Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes (left), commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, and Brig. Gen. Mike Lenaers listen as Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson makes his farewell remarks during the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools change of command ceremony. Lenaers assumed command of OC&S and became the 32nd Army chief of Ordnance during the Aug. 15 ceremony.

# Lenaers

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He praised Stevenson for his work during the past three years, noting that his leadership focused on quality training and made sure that soldiers had up-to-date gear and that they were warrior leaders who were technically qualified.

Byrnes also credited Stevenson's insights for facilitating the Army's drive toward transformation.

"You leave a legacy of caring and compassionate leadership," Byrnes told Stevenson, "and soldiers trained to standards."

The general also praised Stevenson's wife Nancy for all she had done as the first lady of the Ordnance Corps. He

noted her leadership role in family issues and her volunteer work at Aberdeen Proving Ground and in the local schools.

"Nancy Stevenson is a leader in her own right," Byrnes said, "by being involved."

He stated that Lenaers brings an extensive background in ammunition and maintenance and "assumes command after a great command at Fort Hood."

Lenaers comes to APG following a tour as commanding general of the 13th Corps Support Command.

Byrnes stated that he had directed Lenaers to continue the work of training the warrior ethos.

"It matters and it matters right now because we are a nation at war," he said.

Stevenson told the soldiers gathered in front of him that it was hot and he wouldn't talk long.

"You don't need me to stand up here and tell you what a great outfit you are," he said.

"It has truly been my honor to serve as your commander and 31st chief of Ordnance," he said. "You do look great today. I will never forget what you do. I would like to offer a special thanks to the drill sergeants and instructors who often don't get the recognition they deserve."

He thanked his mother, wife and daughters for their support of an often-absent son, husband and father.

He also addressed the soldiers undergoing advanced individual training, welcoming them into a great Army and a truly honored Corps.

"To the soldiers, officers, warrant officers and NCOs [noncommissioned officers], you pump me up just by being around you," Stevenson said.

Lenaers thanked Stevenson for his leadership of the Corps.

"I am proud to assume command of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and to be the 32nd chief of Ordnance," he said. "We all have much to do together. These are exciting and challenging times for the Army and the Ordnance Corps."

In addition to the two ordnance brigades, troops participating in the ceremony included the Noncommissioned Officer Academies from the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School at APG and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School at Redstone Arsenal,



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Brig. Gen. Mike Lenaers (left) receives the U.S. Ordnance Center and Schools' colors from Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, during change of command ceremonies at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Ala; the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment; the U.S. Air Force Detachment; the OC&S Combined Honor Guard, the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own); and the OMMS Salute Battery.

Prior to the change of command ceremony, Byrnes honored the Stevenson's as family, friends and well wishers gathered across from Fanshaw Field.

He presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Stevenson and the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal to Mrs. Stevenson.

## Brig. Gen. William M. Lenaers

Brigadier General Mike Lenaers was promoted to this rank on August 7, 2000. He assumed command of the 13th Corps Support Command on July 17, 2001. He has commanded at every level from company through brigade, and held a wide variety of important staff positions culminating in his current assignment. Most recently, Lenaers commanded the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, Armament Research Development and Engineering Center at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.

Lenaers received an ROTC commission upon graduation from the University of Santa Clara with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He also holds a master's degree in oceanography from Oregon State University. His military education includes the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

Lenaers has commanded logistics units at the company, battalion and brigade level.

His previous assignments include serving as the technical supply officer and shop officer for the 699th Maintenance Company, 85th Maintenance Battalion, in Hanau, Germany; aide-de-camp to the commander of the 3rd Support Command (Corps) in Frankfurt, Germany; transportation and maintenance officer for the Naval Support Force Antarctica and the U.S. Antarctic Research Program at McMurdo Station, Antarctica; commander of the 190th Maintenance Company, Armor Support Battalion, at Fort Hood, Texas; associate professor of chemistry at the U.S. Military Academy; chief of the Plans Branch for the assistant chief of staff for Logistics, 21st Support Command in Kaiserslautern, Germany; commander of the 707th Main Support Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, at Fort Ord, Calif.; commander of the 1st Infantry Division Support Command, at Fort Riley, Kan.; three separate assignments as a general staff officer for the deputy chief of staff for Logistics, at Head-quarters, Department of the Army; and as the deputy chief of staff for Ammunition, Headquarters, AMC.

Lenaers' awards include the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Antarctic Service Medal.

He and his wife, Lorel, are natives of the San Francisco Bay area. They have one daughter, Nicole, who resides in Denver, Colo.

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