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Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Feb. 12, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Blue Cross service visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground Feb. 11 to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will be available in the Aberdeen Area from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room B-14 (lower level). The representative will be available in the Edgewood Area, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in building E-4140 (Recreation Center).

No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

ASAP basic course

The Army Substance Abuse Program Basic Class will be given Feb. 11, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., 10 to 11 a.m., 1 to 2 p.m., and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. It offers an introduction to the ASAP program and includes an overview of the program and regulation; military and civilian drug testing program; and Substance Abuse Prevention Education services. The class is open to all military and civilian personnel. Class slots are limited. To make a reservation, call the ASAP office, 410-278-3137.

ADAPT class

Army Drug and Alcohol Prevention Training, or ADAPT, will be held Feb. 24 to 28, Monday through Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday, 5 to 9 p.m. Class is limited. For more information or to make a reservation, call Troy L. Denson at 410-278-3137.

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, Feb. 27, 1 to 3 p.m. All military and civilian personnel,

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Resume Builder experiences failure

Important notice to Army Applicants

Department of Army

The computer that houses the Army Resume Builder has experienced a hardware failure that may have affected resumes created or edited from 3 p.m. EST Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003, through 3:30 p.m. EST Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003.

Anyone who submitted a resume using the Army Resume Builder or began to build a resume during this timeframe, the following scenarios will help in determining if there was any impact on the resume.

- Anyone who already had a resume on file and edited the resume or anyone who created a resume for the first time between Jan 5 and Jan 16, 2003 and clicked the "submit" button on the E-mail Existing Resume page to send the resume, it was successfully submitted. However, the resume was not saved in the Army Resume Builder and to edit it, it must redone

or prepared again.

- Anyone who created their resume during this period, saved the resume, but did not click the "Submit" button on the E-mail Existing Resume page to send it, the resume created was lost. In this instance, the resume must be recreated in the Army Resume Builder. In addition, anyone who initially established their Resume Builder Account during this period, the account was also lost. To recreate the resume, a user account must be built again.

To review and confirm the status of a resume submitted, access one of the following Army notification systems. Go to:

- ANSWER for resumes submitted to Europe, North Central, Northeast, South Central or Southwest regions. Click on the following link: <https://cpsrxtp.belvoir.army.mil/staffing/answer>.
- ROAR at West region for resumes submitted to

West CPOC at <https://138.27.195.8/ROAR/ROAR-Form.asp>.

- SOARS at Pacific region for resumes submitted to Pacific CPOC at <http://pacific-cpoc.ak.pac.army.mil/220600/index.html>.

- SOARS at Korea region for resumes submitted to Korea CPOC at <http://cpoc-www.korea.army.mil>.

Be assured that anyone submitting their resume by clicking on the "Submit" button and also applying against an open vacancy announcement will not miss consideration for any vacancy for which applied.

Every applicant is encouraged to go into the Army Resume Builder and check the status of the resume they have on file.

Apologies are extended for any inconvenience this may have caused and future patience is appreciated.

For more information, contact your servicing Civilian Personnel Advisory Center specialist.

Supporting overseas troops

Department of Defense

Thousands of Americans are asking what they can do to show their support for service members, especially those serving overseas in this time of war.

Below are Web sites for several organizations that are sponsoring programs for members of the armed forces serving overseas.

<http://www.operationuplink.org/> - Donate a calling card to help keep service members in touch with their families at Operation Uplink.

<http://anyservicemember.navy.mil/> or <http://www.OperationDearAbby.net> - Send a greeting via e-mail through Operation Dear Abby.

<http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html> - Sign a virtual thank you card at the Defend America Web site.

<http://www.aerhq.org/links.htm> - Make a donation to one of the military relief societies such as:

- 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/>
- <http://www.usometrodc.org/care.html> - Donate to "Operation USO Care Package."

<http://www.redcross.org/services/afes/> - Support the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services.

<http://www.va.gov/vetsday/> - Volunteer at a VA Hospital to honor veterans who bore the lamp of freedom in past conflicts.

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

People are asked not to flood the military mail system with letters, cards and gifts. Due to security concerns and transportation constraints, the Department of Defense cannot accept items to be mailed to Any Service Member at http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Nov2001/b11282001_bt603-01.html.

Some people have tried to avoid this prohibition by sending large numbers of packages to an individual service member's address, which however well intentioned, clogs the mail and causes unnecessary delays.

While it would be inappropriate for the Department of Defense to endorse any specifically, service members do value and appreciate such expressions of support.

The support and generosity of the American people has touched the lives of many service members, over 300,000 of whom are deployed overseas.

(Editor's note: Information taken from DoD NEWS RELEASE No. 623-02, Dec. 12, 2002.)

First Lady of Gospel to visit APG

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The renowned First Lady of Gospel, Shirley Caesar, is bringing her energetic style to Aberdeen Proving Ground for the First Annual Gospel Concert, "Celebrating the Gospel in Song," March 8 in the Post Theater. Tickets cost \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door.

Coordinated by Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program

Manager, Earlene Allen, the show features Caesar and the Caesar Singers. Allen said sales are brisk for the popular gospel star.

"Seating is very limited. Anyone wanting tickets should call for reservations right away as they are going fast," Allen said. Tickets may be purchased over the phone by credit card, she added.

In addition, those without

government identification cards may call in advance to have their name placed on a roster that will be on hand at the gate, Allen said.

"This is just a time saver for convenience sake," she said.

For tickets, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4907 or visit building 3326. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail her at earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

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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 APG Police:
Aberdeen Area 410-306-2222
Edgewood Area 410-436-2222
Your call may save lives!

DLES names the 2002 Police Officer of the Year

Story and photo by

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security has named Daniel Rodriguez the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Officer of the Year for 2002.

The announcement was made during a ceremony at the Aberdeen Area Provost Marshal Office, Jan. 14.

Rodriguez is a member of the AA second squad, an instructor at the APG Police Academy and a member of the Special Reaction Team. His supervisor, Lt. Joel Holdford, nominated him.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, joined Rob Krauer, provost marshal, fellow officers, family members and friends in congratulating Rodriguez on his achievement.

Krauer thanked Mark and Joseph Craten, deputy to the garrison commander, for their support of the six-year old tradition of selecting DLES' finest.

"Leadership and development are key," Krauer said of the selection process.

Mark noted that awardees are nominated by their supervisors and voted in by contemporaries.

"That says a lot for how you are seen by your peers," Mark said.

Rodriguez received a Garrison Certificate of Achievement, a Garrison coin, a DLES coin, a "time off" award, an engraved pen set and reserved parking for one year.

Joined by his wife, Catherine, and children, Andrew, 8; Alexandria, 5; Hunter 3; and Tony, 2, Rodriguez said he was proud to receive the award, which he accepted on behalf of his fellow officers.

"It takes strong character to put yourself in harms way for others, to stand while others run, to post yourself as a beacon, overcome most unbearable odds and strive to pass un-passable obstacles," Rodriguez said.

Army to realign major commands, agencies

Army News Service

Five major commands will report directly to Department of the Army staff principals under a realignment announced Jan. 30.

The realignment of major commands and field operating agencies will create a new position on the Army staff — the provost marshal general — and the Criminal Investigation Command, known as CID, will report directly to the new staff officer.

The Military District of Washington will become a direct reporting unit to the Office of the Army Chief of Staff.

Medical Command will become a direct reporting unit under the Army surgeon general.

The Intelligence and Security Command, known as INSCOM, will report directly to the Army's assistant chief of staff, Intelligence/G2.

The Army Signal Command will be realigned under the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command. NETCOM will report directly to the chief of Information Operations/G6.

U.S. Army South, or USARSO, will continue moving to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from Puerto Rico and will continue supporting the joint U.S. Southern Command, officials said, although it will report to Forces Command under the realignment plan.

Preliminary decisions about the realignment of other MACOM headquarters have been made, officials said, but details will not be released until the commands review the proposals. Over the next few months, MACOMs will develop implementation plans that address the challenges involved, officials explained.

Proposed changes will affect the following U.S. Army commands: Army Europe, Army Pacific, Eighth Army in Korea, Forces Command, Army Material Command, and the Military Traffic Management Command.

Training and Doctrine Command, Special Operations Command and the Corps of Engineers will remain unchanged, officials said, under the current realignment plan.

The realignments are a continuation of Secretary of the Army Thomas White's initiative started in June 2001 to assess all Army headquarters and supporting activities properly align responsibility and eliminate redundancy, officials said. The FOA realignment is Phase II of that initiative and the MACOM realignment is Phase III.

The realignment plan will incorporate better business practices and organizational concepts that have proven successful in

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"We do this daily, and yet, 'Thank you' is a phrase that is seldom heard. So to my brothers and sisters in my profession, I say 'Thank you,'" he said.

Originally from Texas, Rodriguez served four years in the Army, including in Panama during Operation Just Cause then in the Chicago area before coming to APG.

He credits the near-death experience he had, after being attacked by several gang members, with providing him new direction and incentive.

"It got me back on track spiritually," Rodriguez said. "I realized the Lord was looking out for me."

He said he appreciates the "close-knit" community of APG. "I feel that you are all my family whom I am here to serve," he said.



APG police officer Manuel Rodriguez displays the Certificate of Appreciation and commemorative plaque he received for being named the APG Police Officer of the Year for 2003. A patrol officer with the second squad, Rodriguez is an Army veteran, an instructor at the APG Police Academy and a member of the Special Reaction Team.

The Communicator watches over APG

Employees urged to learn emergency procedures

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground is prepared to weather any storm thanks to an advanced early warning system dubbed 'The Communicator.'

The Communicator is a computer-based notification system that contacts designated personnel during emergencies or routine test notifications.

It is primarily used during Department of the Army mandated exercises conducted quarterly at APG to notify personnel on the Emergency Action Officers notification roster for chemical or nuclear accidents or incidents or for weather advisories.

Warnings are received in the form of a telephone call from the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment's Emergency Operations Center.

When answering such a call, individuals should listen to the entire message and follow any instructions given before hanging up, according to Rogelio Chevannes, plans specialist in the EOC.

"Many people hang up the phone too soon or fail to pass the information on to the Emergency Action Officer or other personnel in the work place," Chevannes said. "It is essential they listen to the entire message or The Communicator will redial the number and valuable time will be wasted."

"These exercises are designed to protect those living and working on the proving ground and

government property in the event of an incident or accident," he said. "When people fail to listen to the entire message, they jeopardize the lives of others. Proper actions help minimize delays and prevent confusion."

A typical call begins with, "This is the Emergency Operation Center," then goes on to describe the type of emergency and what action should be taken.

"It may ask you to respond by pushing a certain button, (one to zero)" Chevannes said. "Please push that button."

He added that commanders should ensure a copy of the APG Disaster Control plan is maintained in the work place. In accordance with APG Regulations 500-2 and 1-3, anyone who feels they should be notified in the event of an emergency may submit a memorandum to the Emergency Operations Center, DSHE, AMSSB-GSH-FE-EOC, building 314, room 114.

The memorandum must include the person's name, office and home telephone numbers. If there is more than one name, they should be listed in the order in which they want to be notified. Whenever there is a personnel change, the Emergency Operations Center should be notified promptly.

Chevannes urged that employees familiarize themselves with established Disaster Control plans and follow the directions given when contacted by a Communicator text message.

"Remember, emergency procedures are in place to guard you and your family," Chevannes said. "Learning the system and understanding how to use it is your best protection."



During a luncheon at the National Press Club, Jan. 22, Donna "Didi" Foss sits by a portrait of her husband, the late Brig. Gen. Joe Foss, the former U.S. Marine Corps flying ace and Medal of Honor recipient who died in January. The luncheon memorialized Foss and introduced the Foss Institute, an idea he conceived.

Foss Institute launches veterans project

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Within the solemn, wood-lined walls of the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., political, corporate and military leaders gathered to witness the launching of the Joe Foss Institute on Jan. 22.

The Foss Institute is a non-profit organization designed to promote patriotism through interactions between veterans and school-aged children.

Brig. Gen. Joe Foss, a U.S. Marine Corps flying ace during World War II and Medal of Honor recipient, established the institute shortly before he took ill in 2002. Foss died Jan. 1 and was interred in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors, Jan. 21.

Headquartered in Scottsdale, Ariz., the institute is "dedicated to the restoration of patriotism, integrity, and an appreciation for America's freedoms."

The plan is to establish a speaker's bureau of veterans willing to go into schools and share their experiences with children, said the program's host, Chuck Ashman.

"We hope to achieve our goals by 'sharing the uniform experience,'" said Foss Institute Chairman C. Gus Grant.

The founder of Sprint and current president and CEO of FocusSystems, a company specializing in global locating devices, Grant was named chairman after Foss' death.

He said organizers hope to establish the plan regionally, and then go national within three years.

"Our target is to reach one million school children each year," Grant said. "Through essay contests with \$500 scholarships we will encourage two-way communication."

"Freedom must be protected and nurtured or we will lose

it," he said. "By sharing the uniform experience, we are confident we can inspire young people."

Guests of the gathering included Foss' widow Donna "Didi" Foss, Senator John Glenn, Jack Kemp, former New York Congressman, and retired U.S. Marine Lt. Col. and noted television commentator, Oliver North, along with several Medal of Honor recipients. In addition, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz stopped by to offer his remarks on Foss.

Calling Foss "distinguished in so many of the things that make this country great," Wolfowitz said his "willingness to do anything for his country was evident in any of the dozens of activities he undertook."

"This spirit of national service and national education will benefit us," he said of the

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MCSC offers scholarships through membership

Katie McDonald
MCSC

It's a known fact that higher education costs are escalating — a four-year degree currently rings in anywhere from \$50,000 to \$180,000. That fact hits especially close to home for those currently paying tuition and book fees for a child, spouse or even one's self. If college costs are an issue, information on scholarships and grants is equally important.

Some education-expense relief is available within the Aberdeen Proving Ground community. Last year, the APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club awarded \$2,000 in scholarships to three local recipients. The club also awarded \$3,500 in welfare grants to military and local organizations.

This year, MCSC raised funds for scholarships and welfare requests through a variety of programs, including Basket Bingo, the Basket-A-Day program, sales of its ever-popular apple pies and other fundraising ventures.

The club's annual scholarships are only open to members and their immediate families.

This year the club is accepting applications from students pursuing full-time studies at accredited four-year colleges and universities. New this year to the MCSC Scholarship menu is an award for individuals pursuing part-time continuing education, technical and certificate programs for career enhancement.

In addition to the MCSC Scholarship pro-

gram, the club also administers the First Command Educational Foundation, which offers a \$1,000 scholarship. To be eligible for this scholarship high-school seniors and continuing undergraduate students must be dependents of active duty, retired or deceased military personnel. The dependents of active duty reservists and national guardsmen may also apply, however, they must provide documentation that the military reservist or national guardsman is presently serving on active duty by including a copy of military orders with the First Command application.

Applications to both scholarships are available on the MCSC Web site, www.apgmcsc.org.

For those Aberdeen and Edgewood area community members who have educational expenses on the horizon this fall and haven't been able to register with MCSC, there is still time to join. The cost of a half-year membership is \$6.

MCSC offers a variety of regularly scheduled programs, including a book club, bunco and a gourmet group, walking and playgroups, and tours of local attractions. The club also hosts monthly membership functions such as daytime luncheons and popular evening events, like the Fall Frolic and Beer Tasting.

For more information, call Amina D'Ambrozio at 410-676-1543.

To find out more about MCSC membership, call Katie O'Connell at 410-297-6872 or visit Web site www.apgmcsc.org.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPECIALTY MEAL

The annual Black History Month Specialty Meal will be held Feb. 18 in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.70 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Black History Month specialty meal menu includes old fashioned bean soup, barbecued spareribs, fried and barbecued chicken, crab cakes, fried shrimp, fried flounder, pulled pork, red beans and rice, baked macaroni and cheese, sweet potatoes, kale and collard greens with ham hocks, corn on the cob, cracklin' corn bread, assorted salad bar, potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw, bread pudding with lemon sauce, hot apple and cherry cobbler, assorted pies, fresh fruit, soft-serve ice cream and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information call Edward Parylo, or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1399/1393/1398.

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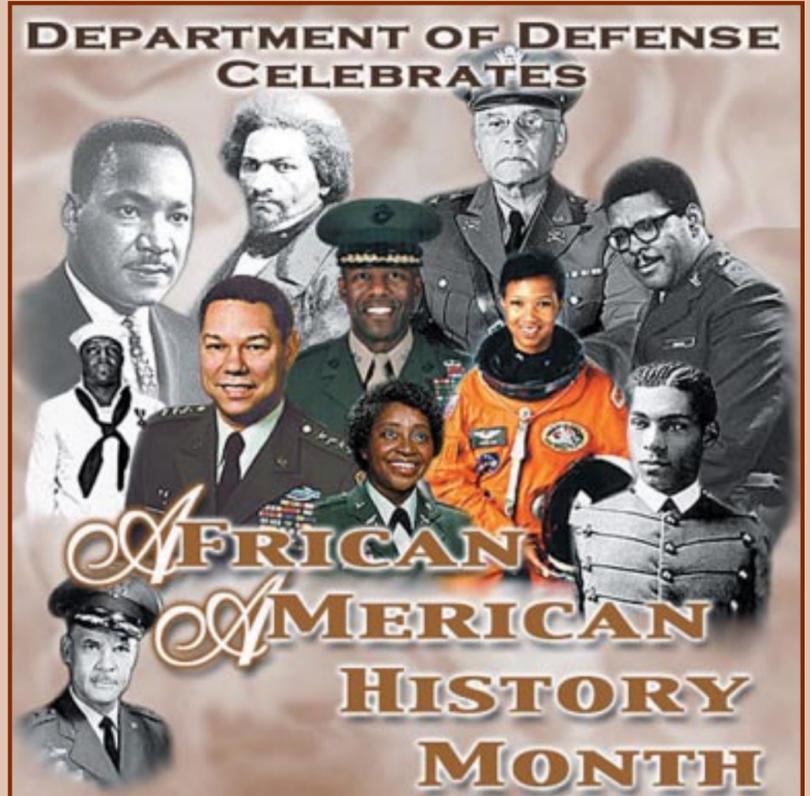
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retirees and their family members are invited to attend.

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

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

Kirk offers classes

The following classes will be held in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12), located on the first floor at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. For more information and to register for classes, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Tobacco cessation

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m., Feb. 12, 19, 26 and March 5. 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., Feb. 12 and 19 and March 5 and 12. All TRICARE-enrolled individuals with diabetes or parents or sponsors of a diabetic are invited to attend.

Asthma education

Class is scheduled noon to 2 p.m. March 4, 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.

Healthy eating class

Classes to discuss weight control through healthy eating are scheduled 7 to 9 p.m. March 12, 19 and 26. All TRI-

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

Participants should bring a calculator to class.

APG MWR holds job fair

Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a job fair at the Aberdeen Sheraton Four Points Hotel, March 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Positions available include sports, fitness, golf, recreation, youth services and more.

For more information, call 410-278-4497.

Reduction of veterinary services

For the next six to eight weeks, the APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will be experiencing limited availability of a veterinarian. The VTF will not be able to publish scheduled appointments.

Anyone wishing an appointment with the clinic may phone the clinic at 410-278-3911/4575. However, appointment dates will be known only on a short notice basis.

The clinic maintains a waiting list, and as appointment dates become available, the clinic will call persons on that list on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pet owners should be prepared to visit a civilian veterinarian during this period.

Personnel who need health certificates for PCS only should call the clinic for help in locating another VTF to obtain the certificate.

The VTF apologizes for any inconvenience

Thrift Shop to disburse funds

The Edgewood Area Thrift Shop will be accepting requests for donations from

schools, service organizations and military units through March 1.

The request should include the name of the organization, point of contact, address, telephone number, amount of the request and specific details on what the funds will be used for.

Mail requests to Diane Payne at 3013 Cascade Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009 or e-mail her at kdjpayne@earthlink.net.

Funds will be distributed in late spring.

For more information, call Colleen Newing, 410-676-8583.

Join the spouses club

MCSC membership is open to all spouses (or surviving spouses) and members of the armed forces of the United States on active duty or retired; spouses or surviving spouses of Department of Defense civilian employees; and DOD civilians.

The club's purpose is to provide a support system for MCSC members, to develop leadership, to create a sense of unity within the military community, to broaden and enrich the lives of its members and to promote the relationship between the military and surrounding civilian communities.

MCSC offers a variety of regularly scheduled programs, including a book club, bunco and a gourmet group, walking and play groups, and tours of local attractions.

The club also hosts monthly membership functions, which include both daytime luncheons and popular evening events, like the Fall Frolic and Beer Tasting.

The cost of a half-year membership is \$6.

For more information about MCSC, visit the club's Web site, www.apgmcsc.org.

Maryland taxes provide a vehicle for healthy bay

Taxpayers can contribute via Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund

Jeff Muller
Chesapeake Bay Trust

It is tax season again and Marylanders have an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to the Bay by contributing to the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund - Line 37 on their Maryland State Income Tax Return.

Contributions through the check-off are split equally between the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Heritage Program. From oyster restoration projects on the eastern shore to tree plantings along stream banks in western Maryland, the trust funds projects throughout the state that benefit the Chesapeake Bay.

The Wildlife and Heritage Program is actively protecting endangered species, such as the leatherback turtle and the bald eagle.

"As always, our ability to help the Bay is integrally bound to the success of the Bay Fund check-off, and we want Marylanders to feel confident that their money is wisely spent," said David O'Neill, executive director for the trust. "That's why we're proud to say that 90 percent of the trust's annual revenues directly support on-the-ground restoration and education projects that involve thousands of Maryland students and volunteers."

Former governor and now Maryland Comptroller William Donald Schaefer encourages all taxpayers to consider the

Chesapeake Bay donation feature on their state income tax return this year.

"Your donations are needed now more than ever to help support local projects throughout our state that get results in protecting our Bay and other natural resources," Schaefer said.

Since its inception, the trust - a private, non-profit grant-making foundation - has funded more than \$12 million to on-the-ground projects engaging 2,500 organizations throughout the state and more than 300,000 school children. This grant giving depends on two primary funding sources: the Chesapeake Bay and Endangered Species Fund on the Maryland State Income Tax Return and the popular "Treasure the Chesapeake" Blue Heron Commemorative License Plate.

During fiscal 2002, the trust awarded more than 500 grants totaling in excess of \$1.2 million. The organization hopes to increase that amount for fiscal 2003, and is currently on track to do so.

The trust - whose mission is to promote awareness and public participation in the protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries - focuses much of its grant-giving on schools and activities that engage children throughout the state.

For more information about the Chesapeake Bay Trust or to apply for a grant, contact the organization at 410-974-2941 or visit www.chesapeakebaytrust.org.



Poisoning - a common occurrence

Col Frances J. Sorge
CHPPM

Ten million cases of poisoning occur in the United States each year. In 80 percent of the poisoning cases, the victim is a child under the age of 5.

Curiosity, inability to read warning labels, a desire to imitate adults, and inadequate supervision are some reasons childhood poisonings occur.

The elderly are the second most likely group to be poisoned due to mental confusion, poor eyesight, and the use of multiple prescription drugs.

Poisonings may also be intentional as suicide attempts or drug overdoses.

Poisons are products that are not meant to be ingested or inhaled, such as pesticides, houseplant leaves, shampoo, and tobacco; and are meant to only be ingested in small quantities and are harmful if they are taken in large amounts such as prescription drugs, medicinal herbs or alcohol.

Other types of poisons

- Bacterial toxins that cause food poisoning.

- Heavy metals, such as lead, found in the paint of old houses.

- Venom found in the bites and stings of some insects and animals.

Preventing poisonings

- Keep chemicals and medicines out of reach, out of sight, and preferably locked up.

- Never let products out of sight when they are in use.

- Apply pesticides ONLY after removing children and their toys from the area.

- Store medicines separately from household products.

- Store chemicals away from food.

- Keep all items in their original containers.

- Always turn the light on when giving or taking medicine.

- If you wear glasses, always wear them when looking for, measuring, or taking medicines.

- Do not take medicines in front of young children because they like to imitate adults.

- Refer to medicine as medicine, not candy.

- Use safety packaging properly by closing the container securely after use.

- Clean out medicine chests and dispose of unused medications periodically.

- Mark poisons with skull and cross bones or 'Mr. Yuk' stickers, and teach children not to touch anything with these labels on them.

Emergency procedures when poisoning occurs

- Remain calm and do the following:

- Call the operator or emergency number. Numbers should be listed on or near the phone before an emergency arises.

- Follow first aid instructions on the label of chemicals or products.

- Give these facts to the Poison Control Center: the victim's age; weight; existing health conditions or problems; substance involved and was it swallowed, inhaled, absorbed through skin contact, or splashed into the eyes; any first aid given; if the victim vomited; location and how long it will take to get to the hospital.

- Induce vomiting only when it is first aid for the product taken or when directed to do so by the Poison Control Center.

Realign

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major corporations, White said, adding that it will optimize the use of technology.

The realignments are also designed to improve the control of resources and thereby provide tangible benefit to Army commands, installations and ultimately soldiers and their families, officials said.

Most of the initiatives, including those for FOAs, will

be begin next fiscal year after the affected organizations develop and submit implementation plans for approval, Army officials said.

Decisions about the following Army agencies have been made:

Office of the Inspector General — The TIG will integrate 10 reserve-component soldiers into the organization and consolidate its Information Technology Activity with the Directorate of Information Management.

The Judge Advocate General — The U.S. Army

Legal Service Agency will eliminate one function and 22 spaces, while the TJAG School will eliminate seven spaces.

Army Contracting Agency — One hundred spaces were eliminated in the consolidation and further reductions are proposed over the next three years.

Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command, or STRICOM — This command has been eliminated and its acquisition functions transferred to the Army Acquisition Executive as a Program Executive Office. Research and development activities were retained in AMC, to become LOGCOM.

Logistics Integration Agency — Consolidation of this agency will eliminate 25 spaces and provide more integrated support to the deputy chief of staff, G-4.

Army Physical Fitness Research Institute — APFRI has been transferred to the control of the Surgeon General from the Army War College, and the spaces will move to the Medical Command on Oct. 1.

Army War College — The peacekeeping institute is disestablished and its missions and functions transferred to TRADOC. Further, 26 other AWC spaces are eliminated, and the college is transferred to TRADOC.

Center for Military History — Thirteen spaces are transferred to Fort Belvoir, Va., to begin establishment of the National Museum of the U.S. Army.

Army Test and Evaluation Command — The command will assess the potential for consolidation and co-location of its headquarters and report recommendations in the spring of this year.

Army National Guard Readiness Center — The center will cut 164 spaces.

A study of Human Resources agencies, activities and missions has been completed, officials said, adding that results are expected within 60 to 90 days. They said the Army will announce decisions after the findings and recommendations have been briefed and approved.

Also as part of the Department of the Army Realignment Plan, the U.S. Army Central Personnel Security Clearance Facility was recently realigned as a subordinate command of INSCOM. Formed in 1977 as part of the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center, CCF at Fort Meade, Md., has responsibility for granting security clearances for Army personnel worldwide.

The announcement is the result of continuing efforts by the Headquarters, Department of the Army Realignment Task Force that White established June 25, 2001, officials said. The Phase 2 and 3 task forces were established on Jan. 8, 2002, immediately following final decisions on Phase 1.

The two task forces, consisting of about 30 senior civilians and military members of Army headquarters, looked at all aspects of Army agencies and MACOMs to include acquisition, headquarters management, logistics, operations, training, intelligence, requirements development, resource management, external affairs and civil works.

The approved initiatives are designed to streamline decision-making processes and achieve efficiencies, officials said, as the Army adapts to meet rapidly changing institutional and operational challenges.

APG finds success with Recreation Delivery System

APG wins international LERN award for recreation programming

Douglas Ide
CFSC

(Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series on the trials, tribulations and successes Aberdeen Proving Ground encountered in implementing the Recreation Delivery System for Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. The first part of this story was published in the Jan. 23 issue of APG News and covered APG MWR's winding road through the A-76 process. This story is about assistance received from outside agencies and APG's successful first year under the RDS model.)

"Dear Randy: You should be very proud. The Community Recreation and Business Programs staff at Aberdeen Proving Ground has made outstanding progress implementing the RDS/MWRDS this past year."

So begins a letter to Randy Moore from Learning Resources Network's [LERN] Vice President for Organizational Development Greg Marsello. Moore, APG's Community Recreation/Business Programs chief, was ecstatic.

The executive summary letter presented LERN's one-year "report card" to Moore on APG's conversion to the Recreation Delivery System model for its community recreation and business programs.

LERN is an international association providing information and consulting services in a variety of disciplines, including certified program planner training. LERN has 4,000 members in 16 countries.

"If that's my report card, I'll take it any day," said Moore with a wide grin. "I'm real pleased with what he had to say, and he was pleased with what he saw."

Moore quickly added that it's a success he and his staff would not have achieved without a lot of help from Marsello and LERN, as well as from the Community and Family Support Center, U.S. Army Materiel Command and other AMC installations.

"We have a great relationship with AMC and the MWR staff," he said. "As we were telling them that we were getting ready to use the RDS concept ... they would start asking me 'How can we help you?'"

Fort Monmouth, N.J., provided some of that help in APG's RDS process, said Moore.

"Fort Monmouth signed on to be the Army's model for RDS, and because we're both AMC installations we got a chance to go visit them and watch the challenges they were faced with and the problems they identified and over-

came," Moore said.

Lessons learned from Fort Monmouth helped him better tailor his implementation plan to avoid the pitfalls the Fort Monmouth team encountered, he said. Moore said he and his team also got assistance from CFSC Community Recreation officials.

"When you decide that you are going to do RDS, CFSC comes down and gives you an implementation workshop," Moore said. "The workshop gets you geared for the whole process, including reorganizing with job descriptions and moving people around on the TDA [tables of distribution and allowances] and even changing the shape and focus of your TDA.

"They give you a huge implementation guide that they publish on RDS," Moore continued. "The guide basically takes you through this week-long implementation workshop and they bring in facilitators and experts to help you get organized."

LERN's Marsello was one of those experts.

Moore first encountered LERN when he and other AMC MWR chiefs attended an overview of LERN's Certified Program Planner training.

"We weren't going to be certified but we were going to get an overview so we would feel more comfortable about sending our folks to the training," Moore said.

"I was blown away. I absolutely loved it and I thought, 'This is information that works and it is so appropriate for the recreation delivery system.'

"I asked AMC if they would consider funding Greg Marsello to come in and give my entire staff the workshop, the day and a half version that I got," Moore said. "AMC was very much behind it."

So behind it, said Moore, that they offered to bring Marsello and LERN to APG to do a baseline study of where APG was just prior to its RDS realignment and again a year later to measure APG's progress.

"We said, 'Yeah, great, we'll sign up for that,'" said Moore.

After visiting APG, Marsello told Moore that he had some good programs and some great staff, but they weren't really doing any programming.

"He said 'You have a million self-directed activities but you are not doing any programs,'" Moore said. "So basically our baseline was zero."

Before Marsello left he helped Moore and his team leaders develop an action plan

that complemented the plan Moore developed through the CFSC workshop.

The plans gave Moore a start in answering important questions: how to start programming, how to start doing assessments, how to start focusing on the philosophy and the action of RDS.

Two months later, Marsello returned to give Moore's team the day and half workshop, but stayed the entire week. CFSC and AMC Community Recreation officials also participated in the training. At the end of the week, Moore and his team were ready to start implementing their action plan.

"It was fantastic," Moore said. "What LERN offers MWR is information that works. It's not a lot of hot air and it's not a lot of cool catch phrases, it's literally information that works."

Moore and his team began implementing their plan with gusto. His new five-person programming team went from zero to 116 programs in the first six months.

Their two-person marketing team developed APG MWR's Web site, including weekly "e-zines" to inform MWR customers on weekly events and programs.

His team developed an annual facilities guide that lists hours of operation of various facilities and price lists of certain activities. They also put out a program brochure six times a year. A quarterly newsletter focuses on his operations team and their activities. A regular e-mail flyer lets workers know about MWR events and offerings.

"We're visible. People know who we are. They even know what MWR stands for," Moore said.

Moore and his team also began conducting focus groups and needs assessments and evaluating their programs.

"These are things we never did, but we're doing now," Moore said. "All the things that the textbook says you should be doing in MWRDS or RDS, we're doing it."

Marsello thinks they're doing it well. In his executive summary of LERN's one-year baseline report to Moore, Marsello wrote Moore that APG was "evolving into a credible and practical RDS/MWRDS model."

Marsello commented positively on APG's RDS team, session programming, RecTrac and WebTrac, marketing materials, the programming team and the relationship between the operations and marketing teams.

An even bigger compliment, APG won the international LERN award for recre-

ation programming, a measure of just how far Moore and his team have come. The award was presented in December in Orlando at LERN's annual convention.

Moore is not only thankful for Marsello and LERN, he believes the organization has been vital to APG's success.

"I want everyone to know how valuable LERN has been," Moore said. "Greg has been the catalyst, but his organization, they critique our brochures, they critique our flyers, they critique our Web site, our programs, our evaluation forms, our assessment tools.

"This is the FY03 baseline report but that's a bad name for it," Moore continued.

"Really, it's a continuation of our action plan and some of the goals and objectives that we should be doing. I can take a lot of this information and turn it into performance standards for my staff and keep them on track. It is just amazing, it really is."

For information on LERN visit www.lern.org.

Local company receives government award

Nancy Samuel
Special contributor

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander, Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, presented EAI Corporation, Headquarters Office, 1308 Continental Drive, Suite J, Abingdon, with an award recognizing them in the U. S. Army's Contractor Perfor-

mance Certification Program, Jan. 27.

The program was established to promote quality performance and foster high standards in government contracting. EAI Corporation was the first Maryland corporation in the service field to receive this award.

For more information, visit their Web site at www.eaicorp.com.

Community Notes

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8

VFW PRE-VALENTINE'S DANCE

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 will hold a pre-Valentine's Day Dance, 9 p.m. until. Tickets cost \$10 for non-members and \$5 for members and includes a hot and cold buffet and door prizes. Cash prizes will be awarded to the best dressed woman and man in "red."

For more information, call Entertainment Chairman Terry Robinson at 410-272-3444.

BASEBALL UMPIRE TRAINING OFFERED

The Harford County Umpires Association will offer eight free consecutive umpire training sessions Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the William McFaul Activity Center in Bel Air. Pre-registration is required. At the completion of training, umpires will be eligible to work thru the association officiating boy's baseball in Maryland. For more information, call Steven Danner at 410-538-3842, or e-mail at stevdann@cs.com.

MCSC INDOOR YARD SALE

The APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will sponsor an Indoor Yard Sale from 8 a.m. until noon at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. The cost is \$10 to sponsor a table, or donations will be accepted.

To sponsor a table, submit name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, number of tables needed, indicate whether you are a member of MCSC, and mail to MCSC, c/o Angie Salamy, 119 Plumb Point Loop, APG, MD 21005.

For more information, call 410-272-6712, or visit the

Web site
<http://www.apgmcsc.org>.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 10

PIE FOR EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS

Army Community Service is sponsoring Parent Information Exchange for exceptional family members 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the ACS building 2754.

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

For more information, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, at 410-278-2420.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11

AN EVENING WITH SCOTTY MCGREGOR

Healthy Harford, Inc. and "What Kids Need to Succeed" will present An Evening with Scotty McGregor, 7 p.m., at the Bel Air Athletic Club, 658 Boulton Street.

All sports coaches, parents and children are invited. To register, call 410-838-2670.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12

DAV BEL AIR CHAPTER 30 MEETING

The Bel Air Disabled Veterans Chapter 30 will meet at 7 p.m., at the VFW Hall, 303 S. Atwood Road. Bel Air DAV Chapter 30 holds meetings the second Wednesday of each month except July and August.

For information and transportation, call 410-838-8325 or 410-879-0861.

FRIDAY THROUGH MONDAY

FEBRUARY 14 TO 17

SKI TRIP TO NEW YORK

Club Beyond and the Chaplains Activities is sponsoring a high school ski retreat to Ski Windham, New York. Ski or snowboard for two days with high school students from USMA West Point and Aberdeen Proving Ground. Suggested donation is \$210, not including rentals.

For more information, call Alan Leavell at the Aberdeen Area Chapel, 410-278-4333.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15

BLACK HISTORY MONTH BREAKFAST

St. James A.M.E. Church School Members, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will host its annual Black History Month Breakfast 9 to 11 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, waffles, eggs, fried potatoes, bacon, sausage-gravy, biscuits, orange juice, coffee and tea. Children and adults will showcase talent by playing musical instruments, reciting poetry, readings, skits, etc. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21

CHICKEN AND FISH DINNER

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will sell chicken and fish dinners for \$6 from 10:30 a.m. until dinners are sold out. The proceeds will benefit the Church's Annual Woman's

MOVIES

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

TWO WEEKS NOTICE

Friday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Hugh Grant

George doesn't make a move without Lucy, his chief counsel at Wade Corp. It's not the job that's getting to her, it is George. After five years of calling the shots on everything from his clothes to his divorce settlement, Lucy is calling it quits. Is it ever too late to say "I love you?" (Rated PG-13)



THE WILD THORNBERRYS (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m.
Animated

Eliza and Debbie are two sisters who don't always get along. But their relationship is put to the test when Debbie's life is in danger, and Eliza might have to give up her power to talk to animals. (Rated PG)

LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS

Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 p.m.

Starring: Elijah Wood, Sean Astin

In the second in the Tolkien trilogy, Frodo the hobbit, braves terrible danger in an attempt to have the evil destroyed.



Day program scheduled for March 23. To place orders, call 410-939-2267.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28

USO-METRO JOB FAIR

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services, or JETS, will co-host a job fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Spates Community Club, Fort Myer, Va. More than 50 companies with full or part-time positions will attend. Job seekers can talk to representatives from high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security companies, temporary agencies, financial service companies and more. The fair is free and open to all members of the armed services, their family members, retired military and DoD and Coast Guard civilian personnel. For more information, call Dale Jovero or Dawn Ruth, 703-696-2552.

SATURDAY MARCH 1

VFW BASKET BINGO

The Fifth District Scholarship Fund, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Maryland, 1714 Morse Road, Jarrettsville, will hold Basket Bingo at 6 p.m. Call Jim at 410-557-6743 or Tina at 410-452-5396.

'STATES RALLY'

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, are hosting a "States Rally" at 3 p.m. The program will benefit the church's Annual Woman's Day program scheduled for March 23. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

SUNDAY MARCH 2

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH LUNCHEON

The Harford County Commission for Women will hold the 19th Annual Women's History Month Luncheon, 12:15 to 4 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, Van Bibber Road, Edgewood. This year's theme is "Living

to Learn. Learning to Live." Guest speaker will be Dr. Jennifer Weeks Sekowski, a molecular toxicologist at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. Sekowski was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans for 2002. Cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person; reservations must be made by Feb. 24.

For more information, or to request disability-related accommodations, call Karen Tegges, 410-638-4444.

TUESDAY MARCH 4

PANCAKE SUPPER

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, are hosting a Pancake Supper that includes pancakes, eggs, grits, sausage, bacon, cream beef, biscuits, fried potatoes, orange juice, coffee and tea. The cost is \$7. The proceeds will benefit the church's Annual Woman's Day program scheduled for March 23. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

FRIDAY MARCH 7

COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8; cash bar and no lessons. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

MONDAY MARCH 10 to 14

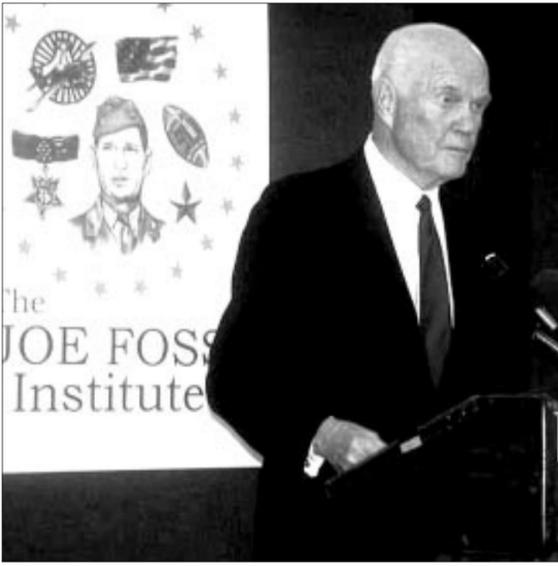
ADAPT COURSE

Army Drug and Alcohol Prevention Training will be held Monday through Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday, 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.

SATURDAY MARCH 15

HOMEBUYERS SERMINAR

Home Partnership, Inc. a nonprofit agency for homebuyers, will hold a free seminar and lunch, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Havre de Grace Housing Authority. Registration is required due to limited seating. Call 410-297-6700.



Ohio Senator John Glenn gives the keynote address, proclaiming his support of Foss Institute goals at the National Press Club, Jan. 22.

Foss

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institute. "Our country needs it and I think we will need it for a long time to come."

North added that the Freedom Alliance, which grants scholarships to children who lose parents in conflicts, also will be working with the Foss Institute.

"I am pledged with Fox [television network] to get videos of the show "War

Stories" into the public schools," North said.

He added that he was honored to have eulogized Foss, calling him a man who "fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the fait." North presented a \$500 check to the Foss Institute.

Glenn gave the keynote address. He said the institute was "the greatest living memorial we could have for Joe."

"Who better to carry this message into schools than the veterans of this country,"

Glenn said.

He pledged his support of the institute and said he believes that veterans offer a dramatic opportunity for information.

"Through them, we can instill a love of God, country and family," he said. "I hope that many will assist in this legacy of action."

Other program highlights included the presentation of an original painting commissioned by Ron Kaplan, deputy director of the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio, and remarks by radio personality Barry Farber who conducted the last Foss interview.

"We had in Joe Foss a flying circus who showed you can tame a lot worse than lions and tigers," Farber said. "I was honored to have met him in 1997," Kaplan said.

After a lunch of crab cakes, diners watched a video of the Foss funeral that took place the day before and in which Vice President Richard Cheney gave remarks and that ended with NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw closing a national broadcast with the remarks, "Now that Joe is gone, it's up to the rest of us to achieve the work of the Foss Institute. That's the least we can do for our late friend, Joe Foss."

For more information, call 480-348-0316 or e-mail: www.fossinstitute.org.

In memory of Joe Foss: 1915 - 2003

Joe Foss was born in 1915 in South Dakota. Foss was inspired by Charles Lindbergh after he saw him at an airport near Sioux Falls. Five years later he watched a Marine squadron put on a dazzling exhibition, led by Capt. Clayton Jerome, future wartime Director of Marine Corps Aviation.

In 1934, Foss scraped up \$65 for private flying lessons. Five years later, he entered the University of South Dakota. In his senior year, he also completed a civilian pilot training program before he graduated with a Business degree in 1940.

Upon graduation, he enlisted in the Marine Corps reserves as an aviation cadet. Seven months later, he earned his Marine wings at Pensacola, Fla., and was commissioned a second lieutenant. For the next nine months, he was a 'plowback' flight instructor.

He was at Pensacola when the news of Pearl Harbor broke, and since he was Officer of the Day, he was placed in charge of base security. Thus, he prepared to defend Pensacola from Japanese invaders, riding around the perimeter on a bicycle. To his distress, he was then ordered to the aerial photographers school and assigned to a VMO-1, a photo reconnaissance squadron.

Foss insisted he wanted fighter pilot duty even after being told that at 27 he was too old. After lengthy lobbying with the Aircraft Carrier Training Group, he learned all about the new F4F Wildcat, logging over 150 flight hours. When he finished training, he became executive officer of VMF-121. Three weeks later, he was on his way to the South Pacific.

Guadalcanal

Foss' duties included leading two four-plane divisions, whenever there were enough Wildcats to go around. He was the oldest pilot in the flight, four years older than the average age of 23. The flight would become known as 'Foss's Flying Circus' and rack up more than 60 victories. Five of his flyers would become aces; two would die in the fight for Guadalcanal.

Oct. 25 was the day that the Japanese planned to occupy Henderson Field; they sent their fighters over, with orders to circle until the airstrip was theirs. It didn't work out that way, as the U.S. ground forces

held their lines and 'Cactus' did its part. Joe Foss led six Wildcats up before 10 a.m., and claimed two of the Marine's three kills on that sortie. In an afternoon mission on the same day, he downed three more, to become the Marine Corps' first 'ace in a day'. He had achieved 14 victories in only 13 days.

On Nov. 7, Foss led seven F4Fs to attack some destroyers and a cruiser, covered by six Rufe floatplane fighters. They dispatched five of the Rufes promptly and prepared to strafe the destroyers. Foss climbed up to protect the others and got involved in a dog-fight with a Pete, a two-man float biplane. He shot down the slow-flying plane, but not before its rear gunner perforated the Wildcat's engine with 7.7mm machine gun fire. Once again, Foss' aircraft started sputtering on the way home. However, this time, it didn't make it. As the engine died, he put it into the longest possible shallow dive, to get as close to home as he could.

As the plane went into the water off Malaita Island, Foss struggled with his parachute harness and his seat. He went under with his plane and almost drowned before he freed himself. He drifted in his life raft until, as darkness approached, he heard searchers looking for him. They hauled him in and brought him to Malaita's Catholic mission. The next day he was rescued.

On his return to Guadalcanal, he learned that 'Cactus' had downed 15 Japanese planes in the previous day's air battle. His own tally stood at 19.

On Nov. 9, Adm. Bull Halsey pinned the Distinguished Flying Cross on Foss and two other pilots.

Foss returned to combat flying on Nov. 15 when he shot down three more planes to bring his total to 26. He flew his last mission 10 days later when his flight and four P-38s intercepted a force of

more than 60 Japanese planes.

Quickly analyzing the situation, he ordered his flight to stay high, circling in a Lufbery. This made his small flight look like a decoy to the Japanese. Soon Cactus scrambled more fighters and the Japanese planes fled.

It was ironic that in one of Joe Foss' most satisfying missions, he didn't fire a shot.

A few months later, he went to Washington, D.C., to be decorated for his 26 aerial victories that equaled Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I record.

He gave pep talks, made factory tours, and went on War Bond tours. In May 1943, President Theodore Roosevelt presented him with the Congressional Medal of Honor for outstanding heroism above and beyond the call of duty.

Back to active duty, he served as a training advisor at the Santa Barbara Marine Corps Air Station. Then he became commander of VMF-115 in the South Pacific, where he met Charles Lindbergh.

After the war, Foss was commissioned in the South Dakota Air National Guard, which he helped organize. Joe then turned to politics and was elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives.

During the Korean War, he returned to active duty as an Air Force colonel. He then became chief of staff of the South Dakota Air National Guard with the rank of brigadier general.

In 1954, Foss was overwhelmingly elected governor of South Dakota and two years later was elected to a second term.

After that, he was elected the first commissioner of the American Football League and served until 1966.

He was president of the National Rifle Association from 1988 to 1990.

Foss was featured in Tom Brokaw's bestseller, *The Greatest Generation*.

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Activities

Chili cook-off

The first-ever MWR Chili Cook Off will be held Feb. 15 at Ruggles Golf Course. All types of chili are welcome, from spicy to sweet. Participants must be willing to share their recipe and provide a quart sample. Cook off starts at 11 a.m. and the winning chili will be served at the Chili Open Golf Tournament, Feb. 22 and 23.

Chili Open Golf Tournament

The Chili Open, using a seven-club format, will be held rain or shine, Feb. 22 and 23. Select any seven clubs to use for both days of the tournament. All players must walk, but pull carts are permitted. There will be ladies, men's, and a senior division. Cost is \$35. Register by Feb. 20 at MWR Registration or Ruggles Golf Course. For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278-9452 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

Luck O' Irish' Basket Bingo

Get those bingo blotters ready. MWR is bringing Basket Bingo back on Feb. 21 at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. There will be famous name baskets and more. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available for purchase. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10. Purchase tickets at MWR Registration. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Discover Drawing for Beginners

To discover the fun of drawing and learn the fundamental drawing skills through various techniques and projects, register for Drawing for Beginners by Feb. 13. at MWR Registration or register online at www.apgmwr.com. Students should bring an 11" X 14" sketchpad, two drawing pencils and a drawing board. Class will be held Feb. 18 at the AA Recreation Center from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$55. For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail chris.lockhart@us-ag.apg.army.mil.

Beginning piano lessons

This eight-week group class starts Feb. 20. and will teach the fundamentals of piano, including reading music and keyboard skills. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the AMC Band Building. Cost for this class is \$69. Register by Feb. 13 at MWR Registration or register online at www.apgmwr.com. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Introduction to Golf

This two-hour class will help take the fear out of the game of golf for the first time golfer. Class includes a brief tour of the clubhouse, a demonstration on how the ball machine works, and discussions on golf etiquette. Class will be held Feb. 20, 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$30. Register by Feb. 14 at MWR Registration or register online at www.apgmwr.com. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail her at stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Golf school for beginners

This four-week series of classes takes the intimidation out of the game for the first time golfer. Every aspect of golf will be covered from the correct stance, grip, clubs and etiquette, to the swing. The first class will be held on Feb. 20 at Ruggles Golf Course, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. but subsequent classes will be one hour. Cost for the series is \$55. Register by Feb. 13 at MWR Registration, Ruggles Golf Course, or register online at www.apgmwr.com. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Introduction to the Short Game

This one-hour class will help golfers improve their short game by teaching club selection and stroke. The class will take place at Ruggles Golf Course from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and costs \$10. Register by Feb. 14 at MWR Registration, Ruggles Golf Course, or register online at www.apgmwr.com. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

2nd Annual Harlem Experience

Celebrate Black History Month with a tour of Harlem Feb. 15. Experience the history and renaissance of Harlem, beginning with lunch at Sylvia's Restaurant, the Queen of Soul Food. Then travel back in time with a tour of the Apollo Theater and The Cotton Club. The rest of afternoon is reserved for shopping. Cost is \$65. Purchase tickets at MWR Registration. Bus will pick up at 8:30 a.m. at the Ames Shopping Center in Edgewood and return at 11 p.m. Bus will also pick up at 9 a.m. at Ollie's Shopping Center in Aberdeen and return at 10:30 p.m. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-287-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Outdoor Recreation ski special

Get a sweetheart of a deal at Outdoor Recreation. Rent a set of skis Feb. 14 to 17 and get another set for no rental fee. Skis must be returned on Feb. 18. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or e-mail OutdoorRecreation@usag.apg.army.mil.

Bowling specials

A Thursday Lunch league starts Feb. 6 at the APG Bowling Center. The league costs \$10 per week and includes two games and lunch.

Starting Feb. 7, the APG Bowling Center is starting a Friday Couples League. This eight-week league costs \$10 per week.

There will be a King of the Hill Tournament on Feb. 9 for all men league bowlers. Bowl four games and the top four will qualify for a stepladder final. There will be cash prizes at the end of the tournament.

On Feb. 15 there will be a Scotch Doubles tournament. Partners will pick up any left over pins from the first bowler. Cost is \$8 per person.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

NEW - The library has over 700 award winning films available for checkout, 90 percent in DVD format. A few of the DVD titles include:



Alice at the Palace (1982)

Meryl Streep leads a musical comedy cast through a unique version of the classic Lewis Carroll tales.



The Apartment (Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine) (1960)

The Dead Poets Society (Robin Williams) (1989)

Full Metal Jacket (Matthew Modine, Adam Baldwin) (1987)



Groundhog Day (Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell) (1993)

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe (1988)



The King and I (Yul Brenner, Deborah Kerr) (1956)

The Man From Laramie (Jimmy Stewart, Arthur Kennedy) (1955)



Sea of Love (Al Pacino, Ellen Barkin) (1989)

Sands of Iwo Jima (John Wayne, John Agar) (1949)

The Shining (Jack Nicholson, Shelly Duvall) (1980)

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.

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.

BOWLING STANDINGS

Wednesday Night Mixed

Jan. 22
Men's High Series Scratch
 Tim Anderson, 650
 Ken Shoemaker, 622
Men's High Series Handicap
 Terrance Harris, 725
 Tim Anderson, 710
Men's High Game Scratch
 Tim Anderson, 246
 Ken Shoemaker, 228
Men's High Game Handicap
 Tim Anderson, 282
 Stuart Thacker, 280
Women's High Series Scratch
 Ann Thacker, 547
 Kathy Anderson, 471
Women's High Series Handicap
 Kathy Anderson, 705
 Ann Thacker, 701
Women's High Game Scratch
 Ann Thacker, 219
 Anita Harris, 175
Women's High Game Handicap
 Ann Thacker, 301
 Renee Johnson, 271

Thursday National Guard Mixed

Week of Jan. 23
Men's High Series Scratch
 Phillip Murphy, 587
 Michael Murphy, 585
Men's High Series Handicap
 Phillip Murphy, 748
 Bill Morton/Cal Adams, 730
Men's High Game Scratch
 Michael Murphy, 218
 Bill Morton, 205
Men's High Game Handicap
 Frank Mitchell, 286
 Bill Morton, 278
Women's High Series Scratch
 Lucy Montanez, 524
 Fay Christy, 470
Women's High Series Handicap
 Lucy Montanez, 816
 Mary Jo Smith, 727
Women's High Game Scratch
 Lucy Montanez, 233
 Barbara Osborn/Sally Leonetti, 184
Women's High Game Handicap
 Lucy Montanez, 293
 Shelly Burmeister/Lynn Sims, 289

Thursday Lunch League

Week of Jan. 30
Men's High Series Scratch
 Paul Moy, 339
 Kevin Dougherty/John Brown, 335
Men's High Series Handicap
 Steve Cornelison, 510

Bob Dowding/John Brown, 481
Men's High Game Scratch
 Paul Moy, 187
 John Brown, 180
Men's High Game Handicap
 Bob Dowding, 263
 Steve Cornelison/John Brown, 256
Women's High Series Scratch
 Dawn Gordner, 293
 Betty Taylor, 265
Women's High Series Handicap
 Dawn Gordner, 492
 Betty Taylor, 465
Women's High Game Scratch
 Dawn Gordner, 158
 Betty Taylor, 144
Women's High Game Handicap
 Dawn Gordner, 255
 Betty Taylor, 250

Friday Night Mixed

Week of Jan. 17
Men's High Series Scratch
 John Smith, 617
 Virgil Mills, 593
Men's High Series Handicap
 Virgil Mills, 842
 Johnny Jones, 734
Men's High Game Scratch
 John Smith, 224
 Dennis Williams, 215
Men's High Game Handicap
 Virgil Mills, 295
 Eddie Sabina, 282
Women's High Series Scratch
 Tasha Taylor, 633
 Violet Smawley, 521
Women's High Series Handicap
 Tasha Taylor, 771
 Vera Mills, 702
Women's High Game Scratch
 Tasha Taylor, 221
 Violet Smawley, 198
Women's High Game Handicap
 Ellen Hopkins, 270
 Christine Wachter, 270

Saturday Youth League (Upcoming Stars)

Week of Jan. 18
Boys High Series Scratch
 Chance Gosnell, 126
 Jerry Garner, 58
Girls High Series Scratch
 Elizabeth Hempton, 173
Girls High Series Handicap
 Elizabeth Kempton, 639
 Natelie Hanlon, 583
Girls High Game Scratch
 Elizabeth Kempton, 69
Girls High Game Handicap

Elizabeth Kempton, 222
 Natelie Hanlon, 206

Saturday Youth Rising Stars

Week of Jan. 25,
Boys High Series Scratch
 Bobby Davis, 309
 James Ables, 293
Boys High Series Handicap
 Bobby Davis, 705
 Eric White, 656
Boys High Game Scratch
 Eric White, 119
 Johnathan Pace, 112
Boys High Game Handicap
 James Ables, 248
 Bobby Davis, 245
Girls High Series Scratch
 Jessell Cons, 334
 Magan Pace, 312
Girls High Series Handicap
 Jessell Cons, 654
 Magan Pace, 635
Girls High Game Scratch
 Jessell Cons, 144
 Magan Pace, 113
Girls High Game Handicap
 Jessell Cons, 236
 Magan Pace, 227

Saturday Youth League - Shooting Stars

Week of Jan. 24
Boys High Series Scratch
 Ethan Knack, 588
 Corey Yonce, 515
Boys High Series Handicap
 Chad Milton, 759
 Curtis Swauger, 752
Boys High Game Scratch
 Corey Yonce, 205
 Ethan Knack, 202
Boys High Game Handicap
 Chad Milton, 303
 Curtis Swauger, 278
Girls High Series Scratch
 Ashley Taylor, 400
 Heather Miller, 322
Girls High Series Handicap
 Ashley Taylor, 686
 Heather Miller, 630
Girls High Game Scratch
 Ashley Taylor, 137
 Heather Miller, 121
Girls High Game Handicap
 Ashley Taylor, 265
 Jessica Althur, 230

APG CHILD, YOUTH SERVICES

School age/middle school services summer program announced

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Summer Program will run for eight weeks, June 23 through Aug. 15, Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You may sign up for the weeks that fit your schedule. There will be no program on July 4.

The program is open to all qualifying children who have completed first through eighth grades. There is a \$20 non-refundable deposit required at the time of registration for each week selected. Tuition fees are based on total family income.

Waiting list forms may be picked up starting Feb. 7 at the Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902, the Aberdeen Youth Services, building 2522, or the Outreach Services, building 2752 during regular working hours. They may be dropped off at the Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902, the Outreach Services, building 2752, or faxed to 410-306-2294. Waiting list forms will not be accepted at the Aberdeen Youth Services. Registration is by appointment only. For questions or further information, call the Outreach Services Office at 410-278-7571/7479.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FAIR

An Assistive Technology Fair will be held on Feb. 8, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the John Archer School. The fair is designed to provide information about Assistive Technology for students ages birth through 12 who have diverse learning styles and special needs. It will include a workshop and demonstrations of software and hardware including talking word processors, modified keyboards, and switches to operate toys and appliances. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day. The fair is sponsored by the Harford County Public Schools' Partners for Success Resource Center. For more information, call 410-638-3858.

SCHOOL SPEECH FESTIVAL

The Eighth Annual Harford County Elementary School Speech Festival is scheduled for March 22 at Bel Air High School, 9 a.m. to noon. Forest Hill Elementary is hosting this year's festival, and Marybeth Ford is the coordinator. The festival will be divided between primary (K-2) from 9 to 10 a.m., and intermediate (grades 3 to 5) from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 410-638-4166.

APG HOMESCHOOLER PARENTS NETWORK

APG Homeschooler parents are asked to call Ivan Mehosky, School Liaison/Youth Education Services, to set-up a meeting to share information and establish a resource network. Call the School Liaison Office, building 2752, Room 200 at 410-278-2857.

PRIVATE SCHOOL NETWORKING GROUP

APG parents whose children attend private schools are asked to call Ivan Mehosky, School Liaison/Youth Education Services, at 410-278-2857, for the purpose of establishing a networking meeting group at Aberdeen Proving Ground.



New Reserve CSM working concerns for mobilized troops

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

With Reserve soldiers being increasingly mobilized, the new Army Reserve command sergeant major has placed the concerns of their family members and civilian employers left behind as her priority.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michele Jones replaced retired Command Sgt. Maj. Alex Ray Lackey in October. As the first African-American and first woman to be appointed as top sergeant major for an Army component, Jones said she will focus her job on what she does for soldiers and not what she does as the "first."

When reservists become active-duty soldiers, most families no longer receive medical entitlements from their civilian employers, Jones said. To ensure families get needed medical attention under TRICARE, a number of organizations — TRICARE, Medical Command, Reserve Command and some instal-

lations — are making proposals and working through the issue. No decisions have been made yet, she added.

Not only do mobilized soldiers leave behind families, they also leave job positions. The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act protects reserve-component soldiers, and USARC wants to assist employers by informing them about how long soldiers will be deployed, Jones said.

"Whenever there is a contingency, reserve-component soldiers are attuned to the fact that they may be mobilized, and they usually start informing people who will be affected by their absence," Jones said. "Some units are called on more than others, such as military police, civil affairs and psychological operations."

For the reservists, known as "2Xcitizens," who find themselves gearing up to support operations Enduring Freedom or Noble Eagle, Jones said they should be able to put their basic

soldier skills to use.

"You can't do your MOS [military occupational specialty], if you can't survive in a hostile environment. The basic soldier skills are what keeps soldiers alive," Jones said. Volunteering to be a soldier is a critical decision for people now, but all who serve do it for a reason, Jones said.

"I serve for three reasons, God, country and family. Those are the things I'm willing to die for and this is the only job in the world that protects all those rights," Jones said. "In some form I'm sure that's why my soldiers serve too."

As the senior enlisted adviser for Reserve soldiers, Jones said she's not only looking out for their best interest, but also looking out for their talent.

From private to master sergeant, Jones is calling on soldiers to participate in a contest to design her military coin and "Team of

Excellence Card."

"Throughout my career, and travels across the U.S. Army Reserve, I am continuously inspired by the determination, motivation and commitment to step up to the plate by soldiers of all ranks. I will present the CSM TeamEX card to serve as a constant reminder of their commitment to teamwork, initiative and leadership," Jones said.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 15. More information can be found at <http://www.army.mil/usar/>.

Cards and coins will be issued based on Jones' leadership philosophy: training, leadership, counseling, caring and communication, she said.

Quantifiable achievements don't always make an excellent soldier, Jones said. Courage and strength to strive for excellence, make for an excellent soldier, she added.

Afghanistan vets attend 'State of Union' address

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

A Ranger who helped drive the Al Qaeda out of Afghanistan and a civil affairs soldier who helped rebuild the structure and confidence of a war-torn country were invited as guests to the president's State of the Union address Jan. 28.

President George W. Bush ended his address with a message to service members: "Sending Americans into battle is the most profound decision a president can make. The technologies of war have changed. The risks and suffering of war have not. For the brave Americans who bear the risk, no victory is free from sorrow."

Capt. Nate Self, who sat in the balcony with first lady Laura Bush, saw sorrow when his platoon returned from Afghanistan without three of its Rangers.

Self was a 25-year-old platoon leader who found himself in a 17-hour firefight during operation Anaconda last March. In the end, seven American service members were killed in that fight.

For the service members who are assembling in or near the Middle East, there are some crucial hours ahead, Bush said. The success of America's cause will depend on America's military, he said. Their training has prepared them, he added.

Master Sgt. Juan Morales, a reservist from Webster, N.Y., who was also an invited guest, spent nearly a year deployed to Southwest Asia. He said that he's ready to go back if called to do so.

"Just seeing the faces of the little children who were able to go to school and have the luxury of sitting at desks and writing on a blackboard is motivation for me to go back," Morales said.

While in Afghanistan, Morales was part of a six-member

team that worked with Afghan leaders, doctors and nongovernmental agencies to make school repairs and build other needed facilities. The teams used contracts with local labor and Afghan businesses to help the Afghan economy.

Breaking up terror networks and disarming Saddam Hussein, if need be, are not the only plans for the American military and their coalition partners, Bush said.

"If war is forced upon us, we will fight ... and we will prevail. And as we and our coalition partners are doing in Afghanistan, we will bring to the Iraqi people food, medicine, supplies and freedom."

Morales and his team were responsible for 55 projects that led to rebuilding schools, medical clinics and water wells. They built 208 desks and chairs for both boys and girls. Being invited as a guest left Morales in awe, he said.

Self said his presence was for the soldiers that died on Takur Ghar mountaintop in eastern Afghanistan's Shah-I-Kot Valley.

"I will always accept the accolades of a grateful nation, but I can not take pride in the honor," Self said. "I'm representing my fallen soldiers and their families. It's important that Americans understand that soldiers are still conducting operations in Afghanistan and to not forget them."

Self said he's concerned that when terrorism isn't the hottest news, Americans forget about the risks soldiers are taking.

Even when the war isn't being covered on the news, the war is still going on, Bush said.

"There are days when our fellow citizens don't hear about the war on terror. But there's never a day when I don't learn of another threat or receive reports about operations in progress," Bush said. "The war is going on, and we are winning."

The war is being won and some might say with the small battles. Beginning in December 2001 Special Forces took over the town of Tarin Kowt, which was considered the heart of the Taliban, Pentagon officials said. Then Operation Anaconda destroyed the stronghold Al Qaeda had in Eastern Afghanistan, officials said. Most recently 18 enemy insurgents were killed after Special Forces came under fire at Bagram.

Self credits the success of his mission to the relationship he had with his noncommissioned officers.

"There were several missions that I thought it would be more beneficial for my senior NCO to be in charge because of his experience level. That was the type of trust I had in him and the other NCOs in my platoon," Self said.

In "cadet land" the relationship between officers and NCOs is harped on so much that it can actually alienate the two, Self said. But in combat, there is no time to stand there and say this is your job. A mutual trust and respect has to be there, he said. And Self added if he gets the chance to go back to his alma mater, West Point, that's what he's going to tell future officers.

To the credit of those who have played a part in the War on Terrorism and to those who will deploy, Bush said the terrorists are on the run, and one by one they are learning the meaning of American justice.

(Editor's note: A related article about Capt. Nate Self and his Rangers earning Silver Stars during Operation Anaconda is located at <http://www.dtic.mil/armylink/news/Jan2003/a20030122silver-rangers.html>.)

Franks: 'It's an honor for me to stand with you'



Army Gen. Tommy Franks, commander, U.S. Central Command, prepares to speak to Marines and sailors of the I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) at Camp Commando, Kuwait Jan. 24.

Sgt. Colin Wyers

I Marine Expeditionary Force

Army Gen. Tommy Franks, commander, U.S. Central Command, visited the Marines and sailors of the I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) at Camp Commando, Kuwait Jan. 24.

Franks talked to the assembled troops at the Coliseum, an open-air amphitheater, thanking them for their service to America.

During the speech, Franks told a story about a Marine he met in Kuwait several years ago.

"We had a MEU that came ashore, and we had them dug up here at the bottom of one of the ridgelines, and there was a young private, he was down in the hole," said Franks. "I walked up and I got down in the hole, looked at that Marine, and I said, 'How you doing?'"

"He said, 'Ooh-rah, doing fine.'"

"I said, 'Is there anything that you

need, that you don't have?' I thought that Marine was going to look at me and say, 'I could use a hot meal.'"

"He looked up and said, 'General, I'm glad you asked. I could use a couple more magazines of ammunition.' It's that that separates a United States Marine from a lot of other people."

The general's comments were met with shouts of 'ooh-rah' from the assembled crowd.

"It was great to have somebody with such a high rank come and give us such a motivating speech," said Cpl. Camilo Antonini, 27, from New York. "It keeps the spirits high."

Franks told the troops that he was impressed by their dedication and service.

"You guys are half a world away from everything that's important to you - from husbands, wives, sons, mothers, fathers, aunts, and uncles," said Franks. "It is such an honor for me to stand with you... that I just can't

hardly stand it. All y'all swore to defend the Constitution of the United States. I look at you, and I recognize that it is on your shoulders that my grandkids stand, and I realize what an honor it is to stand with you."

While Franks did not know what the future would hold for the I Marine Expeditionary Force, he told them that he was sure they were ready for it.

"A more special force has never been put together in one place in one time," said Franks. "Better leaders have never been put together in one place in one time. We've got great expectations of all of you. When are you going to go home? ... When it's done. Is there gonna be a war? Don't know. But if there is a war, and we win, it's because of you."

(Editor's note: Sgt. Colin Wyers is assigned to the I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Commando, Kuwait.)

Shirley Caesar remains Gospel's First Lady

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Born in 1938 in Durham, N.C., Shirley Caesar was active in her church and in gospel music as soon as she could walk and talk.

By age 10 she was belting out spirituals for family and friends and by 20 had launched her professional career with the Chicago-based group, the Caravan, a hugely popular gospel act in the 50s and 60s.

In 1966, Caesar began a solo career. She won her first Grammy in 1971 for the album "Put Your Hand in the Hand."

Since then, she has won numerous gold albums, a half-dozen Dove Awards and eight Grammys, most recently for 1995's "Shirley Caesar Live: O He Will Come."

In 1992, Caesar performed her signature song, "Hold My Mule," at the White House for President George Bush.

She said it was written to encourage people to "fight the good fight."



Other well known hits include "He Will Come," "God is Good," "Revive Us Again," and "Time to be Blessed."

Throughout her career, Caesar has been unabashedly in-your-face religious. She frequently preaches between songs and fans appreciate her boisterous style and the fact that she combines music with ministry to convey her messages.

Caesar graduated from Shaw University with a bachelor's in business administration in 1984. She also received honorary doctorates from Shaw and Southeastern University.

In addition to recording and touring, Caesar leads the Mount Calvary Word of Faith Church in Raleigh, N.C., has served on the Durham City Council and appeared in the Broadway gospel musical, "Mama I Want to Sing," and the sequel "Born to Sing."

Caesar is an ordained minister and is married to a bishop.

Names of deceased Vietnam vets sought

Officials of the Vietnam Memorial Fund are seeking the names of Vietnam veterans who died as a result of their service but not of injuries suffered in combat zones.

Those service members, whose names are not eligible for the wall, will be honored at the fifth annual In Memory Day ceremony April 21 at the memorial. Anyone who would like their deceased loved ones to be honored should apply to the memorial fund by Feb. 28. Applications can be obtained by calling 202-393-0090 or by visiting the fund's Web site www.vvmf.org.

A copy of the death certificate and military records showing service in Vietnam must accompany application.

ACSIM honors Environmental Center employees

AEC

Maj. Gen. Larry J. Lust, assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, honored two members of the U.S. Army Environmental Center staff during a Jan. 23 ceremony on the Edgewood Area.

Lust presented the Department of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award to David Guldenzopf, chief of the AEC Cultural Resources Branch, for his achievement in developing a programmatic treatment of 19,600 Capehart-Wherry era Army housing structures. This treats the housing, built between 1949 and 1962, as a single program, balancing the

Army's legal requirement to properly manage and care for historic properties with its readiness mission.

The ACSIM also presented the Commander's Award for Civilian Service to George Robitaille, of the Technology Implementation Branch, for his work as program manager of the Defense Department Standardized Unexploded Ordnance Test Sites from August 2001 through October 2002. His work helped establish the nation's first standardized test site to evaluate UXO detection and discrimination technologies on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Sports



Commander's Cup point standings



In the first Commander's Cup point competition of 2003, Headquarters Support Troop, Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion and the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment are tied at four points apiece. HST won the Bench Press competition while Company C 16th and USMC tied for second place. With two points awarded in the competition for first place finishes and one point for second place, HST was the winner with two first-place finishers.

Company C 16th and USMC each had one first-place and two seconds.



Above, HST's Matt Long, named best overall male lifter, presses a successful 415-pound lift to also take runner-up in the military men's division.



Right, Tracy Graves, a police officer with the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, presses 175 pounds on her way to winning the women's heavyweight division during the 2003 Intramural Bench Press Competition at Hoyle Gym, Jan. 25.



MWR Programmer Earlene Allen and Spc. Juvart Mingledolph, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, count up the winners to see how many coins will be needed for the award ceremony following the bench press competition.

HST team grabs first bench press championship

Story and photos by Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The winning team in the Aberdeen Proving Ground intramural bench press competition, held Jan. 25 in the Edgewood Area's Hoyle Gym, walked away with the post championship and five individual awards.

The stunning part is that the winning team consisted of only five people, three males and two females.

APG Garrison's Headquarters Support Troop won its first Bench Press competition thanks to the power of Tracy Graves, Jamie Jackson, Jeffrey Johnson, Matt Long and William Long, no relation.

Graves won the civilian women's heavyweight division, Jackson finished second in the military women's 132-pound division and took best overall female lifter; and Matt Long was the runner-up in the military men's 198-pound division with a press of 415 pounds and won best overall male lifter for his efforts.

Marni Allison, Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs chief, said the event went faster and smoother this year due to fewer participants, in part because of the limited number of points allowed for participants.

"It levels the playing field and keeps it down to the serious lifters, not just those going for points," Allison said.

Ability weighed heavier than quantity in this competition as

novices surprised themselves and veteran lifters outdid past performances.

Robin Edie, at age 55, won her first trophy, taking the civilian women's lightweight championship with a press of 85 pounds. The mother of MWR's Stacie Umbarger who also competed, said she was nervous, but enjoyed the competition.

"I go to the gym with Staci all the time but this is my first time competing," Edie said. "It was fun."

Another small team consisting of only four entrants was the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, led by Steven Bunker, a regular competitor who sat out this year due to injury.

Bunker said the team was thinking positive.

"There is good, solid competition this year," he said. "That's a good challenge for lifters."

The team took home two individual trophies won by Martiza Cisneros and Brandi Simmons.

With 14 Marines competing, John Mikolajczyk, a well-known lifter among APG regulars, said his team was motivated.

"I've been working with them about a week. Many have a natural ability," he said, noting it was the first competition for most of the team members.

Mikolajczyk, who retires later this year, said he was enjoying his last competition at APG.

"I'm starting at 225 pounds and going up from there," he said. "We'll see how well it goes."

The competition's only tie was between Brian Prediger, from

the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, who tied David Diana of the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit in the civilian men's heavyweight division. Both pressed 425 pounds and finished with 1.82 ratios.

Prediger, a 30-year old mechanical engineer with 20-inch biceps said he's been working with weights for 12 years.

"I started in college and got hooked," Prediger said, following a successful 395-pound press.

After a successful 225-pound press, BNCOC's Wesley Coombs said he heard about the competition through his instructor.

"I haven't had time to prepare like I'd like to so I'm being conservative," Coombs said.

"I'll stop at 300 pounds today. I don't want to press it," he added with a smile.

Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion's Eddie Mayner won the 242-pound military men's division with a press of 430 pounds. Mayner, who is attending the OC&S warrant officer course, attempted 450 pounds but was unsuccessful.

"It's all in the preparation," he said. "I've lifted as much as 470 but I was better prepared then. This is a nice change from the books and a chance to help out the unit," he added.

Command Sgt. Maj. James Barkley, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, presented trophies and coins to the winners during the award ceremony at the end of the competition.

Basketball update

The following results were reported for intramural basketball for the week ending Jan. 31.

American Division

Results

Jan. 27
HHC 61st, win; 1/246th, loss
KUSAHC, 47; NCOA, 38
HHC 16th, 54; HST, 37

Schedule

Feb. 10
6:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. HHC 61st
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. HHSB
8:30 p.m., NCOA vs. 1/246th

Feb. 12
6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. HHSB
7:30 p.m., 1/246th vs. HHC 16th
8:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HST

Standings

HHC 61st 3-1
HHC 16th 3-1
HHSB 2-1

NCOA 2-1
KUSAHC 2-1
HST 0-3
1/246th 0-4

National Division

Results

Jan. 28
Company E 16th, 69; 389th, 41
Company A 16th, 40; USMC, 24
Company B 16th, 39; Company C 16th, 18

Jan. 30
Company B 16th, 50; USAF, 29
Company C 16th, 60; 389th, 33
Company E 16th, 73; USMC, 41

Schedule

Feb. 11
6:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. USAF
7:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. 389th
8:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. USMC
Feb. 13
6:30 p.m., USMC vs. 389th

7:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. Company E 16th

8:30 p.m., USAF vs. Company C 16th

Standings

Company B 16th 5-0
Company E 16th 4-1
Company C 16th 4-2
USMC 1-3
Company A 16th 2-3
USAF 1-3
389th 0-4

Edgewood Division

Results

Jan. 27
TEU, 58; CHPPM, 19
Company B 143rd, 50; HHC 143rd, 38
Jan. 28
CHPPM, 69; TEU, 39
MRICD, 66; Company C 143rd, 42
Jan. 30
MRICD, 56; HHC 143rd, 46

Company B 143rd, 48
CHPPM, 35

Schedule

Feb. 10
6:30 p.m., TEU vs. HHC 143rd
7:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. Company A 143rd

Feb. 11
6:30 p.m., Company A 1/246th vs. CHPPM
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. MRICD

Feb. 12
Company A 143rd vs. HHC 143rd
7:30 p.m., TEU vs. Company C 143rd

Standings

MRICD 6-0
Company A 1/246th 3-1
TEU 4-2
Company A 143rd 2-2
Company B 143rd 2-2
HHC 143rd 2-3
Company C 143rd 1-4
CHPPM 1-6