

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Jan. 15, is glass, plastic and metal. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Blue Cross/Shield service visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground Jan. 14 to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will be available in the Aberdeen Area, 9 to 11:30 a.m., in building 305, room B-14 (lower level), and the Edgewood Area, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center, building E-4140. No appointment is necessary.

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

NAF hiring

The Nonappropriated Funds Civilian Personnel Office is in the process of hiring for the following positions: aerobic instructors, bartenders, child and youth program assistants, cooks, custodial workers, desk clerks, food service workers, lifeguards and pool managers (for May 2003 season), recreation aids and waiters.

For applications, visit NAF CPO, lower level of building 305, APG, or call 410-278-5126/5127.

Martin Luther King Jr. birthday commemoration

APG will hold a commemoration in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 16, noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Post Theater. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Frank M. Reid III, senior pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Baltimore. The Gospel Tabernacle Deliverance Choir directed by Christine Robertson will perform.

For more information, call Capt. Scott Newkirk, 410-436-5460; or Sgts. 1st Class Rodney Yelder, 410-278-3598; Thomas Serino, 410-278-1534; Peggy McCormick, 410-278-9140; Ismael Martinez, 410-278-2529 and Duffie Robertson, 410-278-1053.

Transportation Shipping Office relocates

The Transportation Personal Property Shipping Office relocated to building 4302, Boothby Hill Road, effective Jan. 6. Customers may park in the parking lot on the corner of Boothby

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AEC marks milestone



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Top, Col. Mary K. Brown, commander, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, salutes as she rolls by the review stand in one of dozens of APG vehicles participating in the Armed Forces Day parade in Aberdeen, May 18.



Left, Benzener Stallings, a member of the Maryland Army National Guard's Company F, 224th Aviation Regiment family readiness support group, welcomes her friend, Staff Sgt. Lonnie Harris of Pikesville, home from Bosnia during a homecoming ceremony at the Edgewood Area Armory, April 3.

Military healthcare information stolen

Army News Service

Thieves made off with computer equipment and files from the office of a military healthcare contractor in Arizona on Dec. 14, and the culprits now have access to social security numbers and other information about clients, according to TRICARE officials.

The contractor, TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp., provides services to military beneficiaries in the TRICARE Central Region. That region includes Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming and part of western Texas.

TriWest indicated the stolen data may include medical procedures, diagnostic codes for medical services, and locations and dates of services. TriWest will be mailing letters through Jan. 31 to inform all affected beneficiaries, officials said.

Beneficiaries may also obtain information from the TriWest Web site, <http://triwest.com>, call the toll-free TriWest information line, 1-888-339-9378; or e-mail TriWest at computertheft@triwest.com.

The identity and motive of those who committed the crime are not known, officials said. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service and other law enforcement organizations are investigating the incident. DoD has required all contractors working with the TRICARE system to assess current physical and electronic security to ensure such theft does not occur again.

Anyone suspecting their personal information has been misused should contact the fraud departments of each of the three major credit bureaus; close or suspend any accounts known or believed to have been tampered with or opened fraudulently and file a police report

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Training with industry offered for ordnance NCOs

E.C. Starnes
OC&S

The Ordnance Corps is offering qualified noncommissioned officers the opportunity to take part in the second cycle of "Training with Industry."

Those meeting the requirements and accepted into the program, will be sent on a permanent change of station to a location within the United States to work full-time with one of two Ordnance Corps partners in civilian industry.

Positions are available for a staff sergeant or sergeant first class 44E (machinist) and a staff sergeant or sergeant first class 63B (light wheel vehicle mechanic). The suspense date for an application packet is Feb. 1, 2003.

The 44E selected will train with the American Welding Society in Miami, Fla., while the 63B selected will train with General Dynamics Land Systems in Sterling Heights, Mich.

For detailed information about the program go to the Ordnance Corps Web site at www.goordnance.apg.army.mil and

click on "Ordnance NCOs can train with industry."

Interested personnel may also contact the respective career management NCOs at the Ordnance Corps Personnel Propensity Office at Aberdeen Proving Ground for details. Machinists may contact Sgt. 1st Class Brian R. Sargeant, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, 44E Career Management NCO, at brian.sarjeant@ocs.apg.army.mil.

Light Wheel Vehicle Mechanics can contact Sgt. 1st Class James M. Cole, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, 63B Career Management NCO, at james.cole@ocs.apg.army.mil or call DSN, 298-3703 or commercial, 410-278-3703.

The Army's Training with Industry program is a one-year Army training partnership with industry designed to provide ordnance NCOs with experience in hands-on industrial practices and procedures in an industry environment.

The intent of the program is to allow Ordnance Corps NCOs to work side-by-side with civilian employees as contributing members of the firm and

to gain important new skills and knowledge that can benefit the Army. Upon completion of the TWI tour, the selected NCOs will be sent to an assignment that will maximize the benefit of their new skills, and utilize them in improving Army systems and procedures.

The machinist will be assigned to Miami, Fla., to work with the American Welding Society with a return assignment to APG; and the mechanic will be assigned in Sterling Heights, Mich., with a return assignment at the Combined Arms Support Command Training Development, Fort Lee, Va.

To apply, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Possess the rank of Staff Sergeant or Sergeant First Class
2. 15 years maximum time in service
3. Possess a 110 General Technical Aptitude Score
4. Possess a score of 12.9 on the English and Language components of the TABE-A
5. DA photo less than two years old
6. Two-page or less resume - civilian format

7. Last three years of NCOERs
8. Certified copy of DA Form 2-1
9. Current Enlisted Record Brief
10. Company commander's letter of recommendation including the individual's ability to represent the Army and his or her financial ability to meet expenses associated with being displaced from military facilities.

Notes: The NCOs selected will incur an active duty service obligation for a period equal to two times the length of time spent with the industry partner. Each NCO must meet this time-in-service remaining criteria immediately upon selection.

To be considered for the American Welding Society TWI position, the NCO must be a 44E30 or 44E40 with a welding background or welding work experience.

A 44E who did not progress from a 44B will have to provide proof of experience (i.e., civilian or military credentials, evaluations, or some other adequate proof of welding experience).

To be considered for the General Dynamics Land Systems TWI position, See TRAINING, page 8

2002 APG: a year in review

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The year 2002 began with America nursing the wounds inflicted by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks launching an unprecedented war on terrorism, and ended with the world braced for a possible U.S. led strike against Iraq and the Saddam Hussein regime.

Despite the perilous world situation and increased security measures on installations around the world, Aberdeen Proving Ground and other military communities continue to flourish with an increased interest in the welfare of its service members, family members, employees and veterans.

The new Well-Being initiative is one example of how the Army continues to take care of its own.

This issue by issue look back on the images and events that framed the year 2002 at APG is dedicated to those who work every day to enhance the Army community, its services and capabilities.

Jan. 3

The 143rd Ordnance Battalion leads the December movement of more than 700 soldiers through Baltimore/Washington International Airport enroute to Exodus leaves.

Army Community Service hosts the first annual holiday party at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center kicks off the Harvest For the Hungry food drive in support of the Maryland Food Bank.

Jan. 10

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic receives an "excellent" rating by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine is recognized for analytical support of Operation Noble Eagle following the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon.

The Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility announces that the Army is working with state officials and the Environmental Protection Agency on a plan to accelerate the destruction of the chemical agent stockpile stored at the Edgewood Area.

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Installation watch card

Awareness is key! Everyone is a sensor.

Do observe and report:

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

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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!



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion 1st Sgt. Cuahutemac Durant, rear, looks on while three Advanced Individual Training soldiers open gifts from the family of Pvt. Edward Collins, a former member of the unit who died during Exodus leave.

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CHPPM's Kenneth E. Williams receives The Order of Military Medical Merit for significant contributions to the Army Medical Department.

Jan. 17

Army Community Service opens the Video Teleconference Center for deployed service members to view and converse with local family members.

Officer Matthew A. Stewart, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, is named the APG Police Officer of the Year.

Spc. David Miedaner, APG garrison chaplain assistant, is named the U.S. Army Materiel Command Chaplain Assistant of the Year.

David H. Sliney, Ph. D., CHPPM program manager for the Laser/Optical Radiation Program, receives the 2001 President's Award from the Laser Institute of America for his many contributions to the laser safety world.

Jan. 24

Former Baltimore Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke is the guest speaker at the Martin Luther King Jr. prayer breakfast held Jan. 16 at Top of the Bay.

E.C. "Pete" Aldridge, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, visits U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command facilities in the Edgewood Area.

Retired Brig. Gen. Thomas Dickenson leads the dedication of a U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools conference room in Hughes Hall, building 3072, in memory of Timothy C. Zello, a former employee from 1983 until his death in 2000.

Responders from the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit teamed with the Orlando, Fla., Fire Department Bomb Squad in the training exercise, PROMISED SUNSHINE at the Orlando Operations Center.

Feb. 7

APG volunteers count 119 bald eagles and 42 nests during National Wildlife Federation survey.

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools selects its top instructors: Capt. Chris A. Byler, Chief Warrant Officer Rocky D. Yahn, Staff Sgt. Emy Davis, and Gregory L. Williams.

The Directorate of Information Management implements the Consolidated Service Desk, a Web-based point of entry for DOIM products

and services.

The U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit celebrates its 59th anniversary. The unit, established in 1943, moved to the former Edgewood Arsenal, now the Edgewood Area of APG, in 1944.

Feb. 21

Nearly 100 APG personnel attend the Garrison's Black Employment Program history and culture tour of Baltimore's Great Blacks in Wax Museum.

CHPPM announces it will host the Second Annual Department of Defense Population Health and Health Promotion conference, Aug. 9 to 16 at the Baltimore Convention Center.

Feb. 28

Spc. Jill Bakken of the Utah Army National Guard wins a gold medal in the first women's bobsled competition at the Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

The Edgewood Area All Stars win intramural basketball's All Star game over the Aberdeen Area, 82-73, Feb. 20 in Hoyle Gym.

The APG Commissary wins the Crystal K trophy from the Kellogg's cereal company for an eye-catching display of a town made of stacked cereal boxes, created by commissary employees.

March 7

Nearly 600 attend the OC&S Wilbert Davis Gospel Night concert held Feb. 24 at the Post Theater. OC&S personnel coordinated the signing in of more than 300 visitors at the front gate.

A U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center patrol boat is the first responder to a mayday emergency call when one of two tugboats towing a barge collides with a freight ship from Nova Scotia on the Elk River.

March 14

Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski greets Maryland National Guard and Tennessee Army Reserve service members augmenting the security forces on APG during a tour of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsors a trip to Harlem's Schomburg Center of Research in Black Culture, Shabazz Outdoor Market and Sylvia's soul food restaurant in celebration of Black History Month.

March 21

More than 200 APG employees attend a Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center-sponsored concert by the Doo Wop Cops, a group of former Washington, D.C., police officers who travel the country as musical ambassadors.

Teresa Martin is named the 2001 Swan Creek Inn Employee of the Year.

March 28

Brig. Gen. William T. Bester assumes command of CHPPM, March 14.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade repeats as intramural basketball champions, defeating the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, 58-50, to win the post championship.

April 4

Lt. Col. Jill Grant, APG staff judge advocate, Wanda Story, president of the Aberdeen Chapter 70, Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, and evangelist Barbara Polite are the guest speakers at the Women Sharpening Women program, lauding women in the military, held at Top of the Bay, March 14.

The U.S. Army Environmental Center, the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, CHPPM, SBCCOM, and USAGAPG receive the Outstanding Ethics Program award from the Office of Government Ethics.

James Fasig, ATC technical director, receives the Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service.

University of Maryland linebacker, E.J. Henderson, former Aberdeen High School standout and the son of Eric Henderson, child and youth services sports instructor, visits with youths at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center.

The APG Federal Women's Program holds its 12th annual training workshop in celebration of Women's History Month, March 6.

April 11

Sgt. Kendra Shuman, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, and Pfc. Paul Ebohon, CHPPM, are named APG's NCO and Soldier of the Year following a March 27 selection board.

Thirty-six members of the Maryland Army National Guard's Company F, 224th Aviation Regiment, are reunited with their families at the Army National Guard Armory in the Edgewood Area after six months in Bosnia.

Dr. William A. Russell, CHPPM environmental specialist, receives the Silver Beaver Award from the Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

A poster by MRICD's Dr. James Dilman III, Kriston McGary, James Clark, Catherine Braue

and Dr. John Schlager wins top honors at the Society of Toxicology national meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

April 18

Nonappropriated Fund announces its outstanding employees of the year; Margie Giles, administrative; Carissa Bare, trades and crafts; Martha Kite, para-professional and Angie Ferrell, supervisor.

ATC opens its new Army Transformation Technical Test Office. Its mission is to assist the Army in fielding the new Stryker interim armored vehicle and future combat systems.

Lt. Col. George E. Steiger assumes command of SBCCOM's Chemical Biological Rapid Response Team.

Two ECBC scientists, Drs. Charles Wick and Peter Stopa, win the Excellence in Technology Transfer award from the Federal Laboratory Consortium for developing revolutionary detection technologies for viruses and biological agents.

The Department of Veterans Affairs opens the Vet Center, a new outstation for readjustment counseling, in Aberdeen.

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) top 40s group, No Limits, performs a send-off concert at the Post Theater before departing on a nation-wide tour.

April 25

An injured APG bald eagle is returned to the skies after rehabbing at the TRISTATE Rehabilitation Center in Pennsylvania.

Four APG power lifters, Army Reserve Lt. Col. Carroll Lucas, SBCCOM; Sgt. Edgar Baotista, HHC 61st; Robert Pope, Army retiree and Margaret McLean, family member, win gold medals at the U.S.A. Powerlifting Association meet in Charlottesville, Va.

May 9

The annual Service member of the Year luncheon honors APG's top service members. They are Sgt. Kendra Shuman, APG NCO of the Year; Pfc. Paul Ebohon, APG Soldier of the Year; Sgt. 1st Class Brian Mainor, Drill Sergeant of the Year; Staff Sgt. Emy Davis, Instructor of the Year; Sgt. Ricardo E. Favela, U.S. Marine Corps NCO of the Year; Sgt. James C. Fisher, USMC Instructor of the Year; Master

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Sgt. Kendra Shuman, 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory, reviews test questions shortly before being selected the APG NCO of the Year during selection board proceedings, March 27, 2002.

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SNOW BLANKETS APG



Photo by SONYA P. REYNOLDS
 The first snowfall in 2003 leaves a white blanket on a restored armored vehicle on Maryland Boulevard.

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Hill and Frankford roads and enter the side door. New office locations are: Inbound Office, room 20, Leilani Love; Outbound Office, Cassandra Clark, room 17, and Donna Hayden, room 15; and Quality Control, Toni Evans, center front, cubical 2. Telephone numbers are 410-278-3897/4083/2992/9022, and fax 410-278-2990.

For more information, call Penny Cacoulidis, installation transportation officer, DSN 298-3896/5384, or 410-278-3896/5384.

CWF hosts trip to Italy

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to Italy, April 25 through May 3 to tour Rome, Perugia, Florence Venice and Pisa. Excursions include the Trevi Fountain, Colosseum, and St. Peter's Basilica; the Great Fountain, Cathedral and Priors' Palace in Perugia; Michelangelo's tomb and Gates of Paradise in Florence; the Roman Forum; Scenic Brenta Riviera Drive; Cruise to St. Mark's Square to see the Bridge of Sighs in Venice; and Florence.

Included is a dinner of local cuisine with entertainment in Rome, seven buffet breakfasts, and three other dinners. Transportation through Italy will be on a luxury motor-coach. The price per person is \$2,250 for a single, \$2,150 per person for a double room, and \$2,100 per person for a triple room. A \$150 deposit per person is due upon reservation. Price includes airfare, hotel, tours, and specified meals, transfers to and from the airport and taxes.

For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

UMUC to host EXCEL Orientation

Find out how to earn college credit for knowledge

Fact of the Week



Yard trimmings comprise approximately 18 percent of trash going to landfills. Composting is an inexpensive, easy, natural way to recycle garden waste and food scraps.

- Maryland Department of the Environment Solid Waste Program

acquired in work and life experiences at an EXCEL (experiential learning) orientation Jan. 14, 4 to 6 p.m. in building 3146, located on the corner of Raritan Avenue and Bel Air Street on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For information and to reserve a seat, call UMUC's APG office at 410-272-8269, or 410-278-4632.

KUSAHC offers smoking cessation classes

Tobacco Cessation Classes will be held four consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., Jan. 14, 21, 28, and Feb. 4 in the

Preventive Medicine Conference room (room A-12) at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All TRICARE beneficiaries are eligible to attend. Pre-registration is required.

For more information and to register, call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

Family Child Care training in EA

Family Child Care training will be conducted Feb. 3 to 7 at the Edgewood Area Youth Services building. Applicants who are interested in providing home-based child care, especially infant care for those residing in the Edgewood Area, are encouraged to apply.

Being a professionally trained provider in a warm, home environment offers many benefits such as self employment, free training in a

marketable profession, transferable credit to Army installations world wide, free use of the lending library, free referrals by Central Registry, free monthly newsletter, free workshops (nutrition, health, child development, safety, CPR, taxes), participation in the National CDA credential program and participation in the USDA food program.

For more information, call the FCC Office, 410-278-7477/8720/9832.

Have you updated your DEERS information?

DEERS beneficiaries are reminded to update information whenever beneficiaries face a life change, e.g., new baby, retirement, deployment, etc. Visit Web site http://www.tricare.osd.mil/smart/deers_month.cfm for more information.

Flu shots available at KUSAHC

Flu vaccine is available to retirees and family members at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. No appointment or prescription is necessary.

The Immunization Clinic is open on Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, 8 to 11:45 a.m.; Wednesday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 8 to 11:45 a.m. and Friday, 8 to 11:45 a.m.

Flu immunizations will be available for DOD civilians at KUSAHC and Edgewood Occupational Health Clinics from Jan. 6 to 9, 1:30 to 3 p.m.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
 Army Secretary Thomas White, center, receives a briefing from James W. Fasig, right, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center technical director, during the secretary's May 30 tour of the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

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Sgt. Scott Vincent, U.S. Air Force Instructor of the Year and Master Sgt. Darren Cashen, USAF Military Training Leader of the Year.

Leo Bretholz, a Holocaust survivor who escaped the

Nazis seven times, is the guest speaker at the Days of Remembrance observance, May 1, in the Post Theater.

Terri Broemm, health occupational specialist, Harford Technical High School, is the guest speaker at SBCCOM's Secretarial and Clerical Appreciation Breakfast, held in recognition of National Secretaries Week.

Mary Jo Myers, wife of Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is the guest speaker at the Military and Civilian Spouses Club and Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club combined luncheon at Top of the Bay.

Eight U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit personnel are awarded Bronze Stars upon their return from Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

More than 400 people attend the Earth Day celebration at Swan Harbor Farm in Havre de Grace. APG participants include the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, Army Research Laboratory, AEC, the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, and the U.S. Army Installation Restoration Program.

May 23

Aberdeen Proving Ground is selected as one of five sites for the Department of the Army's new Well-Being Lab initiative. The other sites include Fort Jackson, S.C., Fort Bragg, N.C., 2nd Infantry Division, Korea and 26th Area Support Group, Germany.

The annual Law Day observance includes a memorial ceremony for former APG deputy staff judge advocate, Lt. Col. Jackie L. Rice, and remarks during the Law Day luncheon by U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland Thomas M. DiBiagio.

The Ordnance Corps celebrates its 109th birthday with weeklong events that include the Ordnance Corps golf tournament, the anniversary review, the induction of 13 members in the Ordnance Hall of Fame and the Ordnance Anniversary Ball in which Army Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Tilley was the guest speaker.

at the Harford County Chamber of Commerce 25th Annual Military Appreciation Week Luncheon at Top of the Bay, May 23.

June 13

In a dual change of command ceremony at the Edgewood National Guard Armory, Maryland Army National Guard Col. Ronald Eaton assumes command of the 29th Infantry Division (Light) Aviation Brigade from Col. Alberto Jimenez who assumes command of the Headquarters, Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit, Eaton's prior command.

APG's Cadet Girl Scout Troop 881 receives a special recognition award from Maryland Adjutant General, Army National Guard Lt. Gen. James Fretterd in recognition of their support of Company F, 225th Aviation Brigade members deployed to Bosnia.

APG announces its volunteers of the year during the annual Volunteer Appreciation luncheon. Those selected are Maj. Newton Foster, military; Amy Carlson, family member; retired Maj. John Richardson, retiree; Patricia Cook, civilian, and Christina Kovalsick, youth.

June 27

Maj. Gen. H. Steven Blum, commander, Virginia Army National Guard, 29th Infantry Division (Light), is the guest speaker at the APG Army Ball, celebrating the Army's 227th birthday.

Six drill sergeants from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 143rd Ordnance Battalion, lead the honor guard presentation at the grand opening of Ripken Stadium, June 18. They are Sgts. 1st Class Angelo Pennyamon, and Wade Christenson and Staff Sgts. Joseph Bailey, Andrew Gibby, Laron Scott and Consuelo Whitehurst.

The Maryland Society of Professional Engineers names CHPPM engineer, Capt. Thomas C. Timmes, water supply management program, the Outstanding Young Engineer of the Year.

July 3

New Army regulations concerning changes to AR-670-1 regarding tattoos, headgear, the use of cell phones and pagers and grooming policies are published.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation approves a U.S. Army Environmental Center effort to create an Army-wide National Historic Preservation Act compliance action for housing built from 1949 to 1962, like the Capehart and Wherry-era housing in the Edgewood Area.

July 11, 2002

Lt. Col. Thomas J. Keegan assumes command of the 16th Ordnance Battalion during a July 3 ceremony at Fanshaw Field.

SBCCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Estronza retires after nearly 30 years of service.

CHPPM's Colleen B. Weese, program manager, See REVIEW, page 5



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
 Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, celebrates finishing the 2002 Armed Forces Day 5K Fun Run/Walk in Aberdeen, May 18.

May 30

Hundreds turn out for the annual Armed Forces Day celebration featuring a 5-kilometer fun run sponsored by the APG Sports Office, a parade of nearly 60 participants and an afternoon concert by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) in Festival Park.

ECBC kicks off its 85th anniversary with a salute to women employees. Dr. Anna Johnson-Winegar, deputy assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological Defense, and Ellen Sauerbrey, U.S. delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, are the guest speakers.

ECBC scientist, Dr. Jennifer Weeks-Sekowski, is selected as one of Ten Outstanding Young Americans by the U.S. Junior Chamber (Jaycees).

Several APG women employees participate in building a home for the Habitat for Humanity's first Harford County Woman Build Project.

June 6

Secretary of the Army Thomas White receives a command overview, an aerial tour of the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas, and rides in a Stryker during a tour of APG, May 30.

U.S. Congressman Eni F.H. Faleomavaega of American Samoa is the guest speaker at the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon at Top of the Bay.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg is the guest speaker

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Occupational and Environmental Medicine, is the 23rd recipient of the Joseph Lovell Award for excellence in her occupational field.

Tammy Spickler assumes command of the APG Commissary. Former director, Richard Nornhold departs APG to become commissary director at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.

July 18

Dr. Susan Schmidt, navigator of the Capt. John Smith 1608 Chesapeake Voyage recreation, stops at APG to explore Pooles Island and its neighboring waters.

An Advanced Noncommissioned Officer class, led by Sgt. 1st Class Javier Aguayo, is the first to successfully resist the opposing forces and avoid capture during the end of cycle field training exercise.

Jacqueline N. Cook and Adrian A. Feijoo are named the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area youths of the quarter during a July 16 ceremony at the Edgewood Area Youth Center.

Forest Hill Korean War veteran Arnold E. Kirk receives his wartime medals during a Pentagon ceremony. Secretary of the Army, Thomas White, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley and South Korean defense attaché Brig. Gen. Young Han Moon are the presenters.

CHPPM scientist Keith B. Hoddinott, environmental scientist, Directorate of Health Risk Management, is named a Master Consultant in his occupational field.

Aug. 1

APG's Directorate of Information Management is the first DOIM to showcase its technical abilities at an Information Management Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

More than 160 cadet candidates arrive for processing into the MDARNG Freestate Challenge Academy during the daylong in-processing at the Post Theater.

APG Garrison Adjutant David Burdick receives the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe during a surprise ceremony at garrison headquarters.

Aug. 8

Col. James M. De Paz assumes command of AEC during an Aug. 1 ceremony at McBride Parade Field.

APG environmentalist, Dr. Jim Bailey, natural resources manager, DSHE, is named the 2001 team member of the year for the Upper Western Shore Tributary Team.

Aug. 15

NCOA wins its first intramural softball post championship, stopping HHC 16th, 18-1.

APG runner, Master Sgt. Clarence E. Wilson Jr., operations sergeant, Military Personnel Division, completes the Old Dominion 100-Mile Memorial Run in Woodstock, Va.

Aug. 29

More than 3,000 fans attend the Miller Genuine Draft, Army Entertainment, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored concert on APG featuring REO Speedwagon, Eddie Money and Night Ranger.

Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, retires after 30 years of service.

Team Unified wins its second Civilian Welfare Fund

softball championship, downing CHPPM, 12-7.

Sept. 5

SBCCOM marks the sixth annual Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Week with a daylong technology expo at the Edgewood Area Conference Center and Gunpowder Club.

APG Drill Sergeant of the Year, Sgt. 1st Class Brian Mainor, Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, participates in the Army Drill Sergeant of the Year competition at Fort Monroe, Va.

Sept. 12

The APG Federal Women's Program names the 2002 awardees during the Women's Equality Day Program at Top of the Bay. The keynote speaker is Ellen Sauerbrey, delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. The awardees are Nellie Duprey, ATC, Supervisor of the Year; Linda D. Patrick, CHPPM, Outstanding Woman of the Year; and ECBC, Organization of the Year. In addition, Diane Scott, Directorate of Resource Management, is awarded a \$3,000 college scholarship.

Col. Marvin K. McNamara assumes command of DTC during an Aug. 29 ceremony at the Post Recreation Center.

Sept. 19

The APG community bids farewell to Army National Guard and Reserve units that

supported installation security forces during Operation Noble Eagle I since Sept. 11, 2001. The deployed units include the MDARNG's HHC and Company C, 1/115th Infantry Regiment and the 352nd Military Police Company, and the Tennessee Army Reserve's 450th Military Police Company.

Ripken Stadium hosts a ceremony commemorating the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Units from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion and the MDARNG 29th Aviation Brigade lead the color guard procession and Maj. Gen. James F. Fretterd, Maryland Adjutant General, gives the keynote address.

APG organizations stage Sept. 11 commemoration ceremonies throughout the community on Sept. 12. In the Edgewood Area, Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander hosts an 8:30 a.m. Patriot Day ceremony at McBride Parade Field; AEC's, Lt. Col. Tony Price, executive officer, hosts a ceremony at Edgewood Elementary School; Col. Marvin K. McNamara, commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, leads DTC employees in a silent tribute, and an Enduring Freedom/Noble Eagle I employee recognition ceremony, led by ECBC technical director Jim Zarzycki and Mike Parker, SBCCOM deputy to the commander takes place, Sept. 26

Airmen from the U.S. Air Force Detachment I, 361st Training Squadron, commemorate the Air Force 55th birthday with a retreat ceremony at the OC&S headquarters building.

Secretary of the Army Thomas White presents APG representatives with the Army Energy and Water Conservation Award in the Alternative Financing Category during a ceremony at the Pentagon.

The Aberdeen Chemical Disposal Facility, ABCDF, marks the completion of the



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Flowers frame a memorial plaque for the husband of former Edgewood Chemical Biological Command employee, Judy Troy. Retired Staff Sgt. Willie Troy was killed in the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon. The plaque was presented during an ECBC employee recognition ceremony, Sept. 12, 2002.

neutralization facility with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Edgewood Area site. Gen. Paul J. Kern, AMC commander and Dr. Mario P. Fiori, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations and Environment, are among the invited guests.

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security Police Academy, led by Robert W. Krauer, DLES director and police Capt. Erick Stone, academy director, graduates 22 officers from the Police Officer Training Program during a ceremony at Dickerson Hall.

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center director Bill Lowe retires after 35 years of government service.

Baltimore native, Command Sgt. Maj. Michele

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Photo by DIANE BURRIER

From left, REO Speed Wagon's Kevin Cronin, Neal Doughty, on keyboard, Bruce Hall and Dave Amato perform one of their many hits during the Miller Genuine Draft Rock Concert, Aug. 18. Eddie Money and Night Ranger also appeared in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored event.



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Erica Martinez, second from left, and the Double Vision Dancers, from left, Marili Mejias, Christine Atkins and Teresa Smith, perform at the Edgewood Area Mini Mall 5th Anniversary celebration.

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S. Jones, is selected as the ninth Army Reserve Command Sergeant Major, and the first female to hold the position.

Oct. 3

Patty Shinseki, wife of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki is the guest speaker at the Sept. 12 Commemorative Prayer Luncheon.

Penny Branham is installed as the new director of the APG Family Child Care Program.

Swan Creek Inn wins first

place in the 2002 Army Lodging of the Year Competition for Large Category. Mark, Debbie Martin, APG chief of Army Lodging and Carol Lamp, Swan Creek Inn manager, accept the award from Brig. Gen. Antonio M. Taguba, commander, Community Family Support Center at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Commander's Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

ECBC dedicates a plaque in memory of Willie Troy, the wife of former employee Judy Troy who was killed in the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon.

The group Erica Martinez and the Double Vision Dancers perform a free concert at the Edgewood Area Mini Mall 5th anniversary celebration.

Retiring AMC deputy commander, Lt. Gen. Roy Beauchamp is lauded during a Regimental Review led by Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, chief of ordnance and OC&S commander at Fanshaw Field.

The Military Youth Corps Free State Challenge Academy receives a proclamation from the Harford County Council for assisting with the Sept. 11 Memorial Ceremony at Ripken Stadium.

Col. Arvo Sirel, special project officer, general staff of the Estonian Defense Force, and retired U.S. Navy Lt. Commander Eric Arumae, Virginia Commonwealth ChalleNGe Academy and Bruce Kittleton, president of Olive Branch International, come to APG to tour the MDARNG Free State Challenge Academy.

Soldiers from BNCOC Class 500-02 serve as escorts to Perry Point VA Medical Center veterans in the sixth annual Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk at Tydings Park in Havre de Grace.

Oct. 17

Morale, Welfare and Recreation launches its new central registration Web site www.apgmwr.com.

James Rivera, APG equal opportunity officer, is the guest speaker for the Hispanic Heritage Month observance at the Post Recreation Center, Oct. 9.

APG, AEC, and the Harford County Board of Education formalize two agreements focused on enhancing the educational scheme for military and civilian family members during a Memorandum of Agreement signing ceremony at Edgewood Elementary School.

More than 300 people attend the APG performances of Letters-From-The-Front, starring actors Bob Curren and

Bobbi Kravis.

APG Garrison's Hispanic Employment Program features post and local organizations at its annual Career Fair at the Four Point Sheraton Hotel in Aberdeen.

Oct. 24

Army Community Service celebrates its Department of Defense accreditation with an open house for area family members and employees.

Oct. 31

Child and Youth Services hosts a Fall Family Fun Fest featuring sports competitions, educational programs and musical entertainment at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center.

APG Chaplain Rabbi Seymour Essrog dies at his Ruxton, Md., home, Oct. 18. More than 1,000 mourners attend his funeral at Beth El Congregation in Pikesville.

Jeffery Derrick Vargas, National Hispanic Employment manager, U.S. Department of Energy, is the guest speaker at the CHPPM 2nd Annual Hispanic Heritage Month observance at the Edgewood Area Gunpowder Club, Oct. 10.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation holds the first Rocktoberfest celebration, featuring German food, live music and beer at the Maryland Boulevard Pavilion, Oct. 18.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation holds a Fall Fashion Show and Dance featuring performers from Shirley Duncan's Charm City Dancers, models from the Travis Winkey agency in Baltimore and music by Dee Jay Jammin' Jimmy.

Nov. 7

Doesburg welcomes dozens of area retirees to the annual Retiree Appreciation Day program at the AA Recreation Center, Oct. 26.

Nov. 14

Mark is the guest speaker at the Elkton Armory Veterans Day observance, Nov. 11.

Nov. 21

Doesburg is the guest speaker at the city of Aberdeen Veterans Day observance at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10028.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show draws hundreds to the



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Blue Steele's David Vann on drums and Ernie Steele on harmonica entertain fans during the MWR Rocktoberfest at the Maryland Boulevard Pavilion.

Post Theater for two shows, Nov. 1 and 2. Fans laud the patriotic performance, with the theme 'Freedom' as the best ever.

Nov. 27

Hundreds flock to the Harford County Job Fair, co-sponsored by the ACS Employment Readiness Program, at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood, Oct. 25.

Boe Harris, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa of North Dakota, is the guest speaker at the Native American Heritage Month observance at the AA Recreation Center, Nov. 6.

ANCOC Class 01-03 and BNCOC Class 35-02 assist organizers at the annual America's Walk for Diabetes fundraiser in Havre de Grace, Oct. 20.

Dec. 5

The U.S. Army Robert Morris Acquisition Center completes the development of a Web-based government purchase card tutorial for the Department of Defense.

Cadets from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis tour the Edgewood Area's Canal Creek Groundwater Treatment Facility, one of thousands of Superfund sites operating under guidance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Ivan Mehosky, Child and Youth Services school-aged youth educator and author of "The Story of a Soldier," the

biography of his father, retired Army Col. Edward S. Mehosky, holds a book signing at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Bel Air.

The APG Legal Assistance team wins the Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance for 2001.

The Staff Judge Advocate Office receives the Outstanding Ethics Program Award from the U.S. Office of Government Ethics.

Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion "Bulldogs" with the first ever intramural flag football post championship won by an Advanced Individual Training unit, beating Company A 16th, 26-6.

Dec. 12

DTC commander, Col. Marvin McNamara, is promoted to brigadier general, Dec. 2. Lt. Gen. Joseph Cosumano Jr., commander, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command and the Army Space Command, presides over the ceremony.

Fifteen ATC employees receive command recognition awards at the ATC Annual Awards Ceremony held Oct. 9 at the Post Theater.

Dec. 19

Hundreds attend APG holiday ceremonies that include the annual holiday concert by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) held Dec. 10 in the Post Theater and the AA/EA tree lighting ceremonies.

1st Lt. Mark A. Samman

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Community Notes

THURSDAY JANUARY 9 KARAOKE AT VFW

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 presents Karaoke, 8 p.m. to midnight, featuring TC&Company. There is no cover charge.

For more information, call 410-272-3444.

FRIDAY JANUARY 10 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Aberdeen High School Athletic Boosters Club will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen.

Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5 each. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available for purchase.

Tickets are available by calling Kim Shumaker, 410-272-1381, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

SATURDAY JANUARY 11 A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Mocha Mom's and Jackson Productions present "A Night To Remember" After Holiday Party, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the VFW 10028, located behind the Aberdeen Wal-Mart. Doors open at 8 p.m.

The bands Smoke and Power Glide will provide entertainment. Tickets cost \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door.

To purchase tickets, call Cissy or Jack at 410-671-7018.

BUYING A HOME WORKSHOP

Home Partnership, Inc., a non-profit agency, is holding a free one-day workshop on how to buy a home at the Good Shepherd Presbyterian

Church in Joppa. To register, call 410-297-6700. Only registered guests can attend. A free lunch will be provided.

2003 YOUTH BUDDY POPPY CONTEST

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, will host the 2003 Youth Buddy Poppy Contest at the Post home. The contest, which begins at 3 p.m., is open to all youths up to age 17.

This time-honored local and state-level contest is designed to promote respect for the supreme sacrifice paid by our veterans in the interest of freedom.

Contestants will be given a simple set of questions to study and a short poem to memorize and recite. Judges will award a U.S. Savings Bond to the winner, who then competes at a district-level competition.

For rules and an entry packet, call Keith Hammitt or Suzette Shields at 410-272-3444.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Good Shepherd School will be held at the Good Shepherd School, Perryville. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5 each. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available for purchase.

Tickets are available by calling Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JANUARY 17 TO 18 HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN

Club Beyond and the Chaplains Activities is sponsoring a high school lock-in 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area post chapel. Suggested donation is \$10.

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

FRIDAY THRU MONDAY JANUARY 17 to 20 BEP HOSTS MLK HOLIDAY TRIP

The Civilian Welfare Fund, in conjunction with the Black Employment Program is sponsoring a trip to Atlanta, Ga., to celebrate the Martin Luther King holiday, Jan. 17 to 20.

The price includes charter bus transportation and hotel. The price per person is \$300 for single, \$210 for double, \$185 for triple, and \$170 for quad occupancy. A \$50 per person deposit will be due upon reservation.

For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771, or Jackie Pitts at 410-436-2771, or Brenda Clayton at 410-436-3856, from the BEP Committee.

FRIDAY JANUARY 24 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Harford Choral Society will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5 each. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available for purchase. Tickets are available by calling Lynn Moore, 410-399-4144 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1 MCSC INDOORYARD SALE

The APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will sponsor an Indoor Yard Sale 8 a.m. to noon at the Gunpowder Club Conference Facility, building E-4650, Edgewood Area. The cost is \$10 to sponsor a table, or donations will be accepted.

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

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

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8 MCSC INDOORYARD SALE

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

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

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

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.

FRIDAYTHROUGH 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.

MWR Morale, Recreation & Welfare

Activities

Friday Night Basketball League

This 10-week league consists of officiated games and a post league tournament. Games will have two 20-minute halves using a running clock with a 5-minute half time. Register teams by Jan. 10 at the APG Athletic Center or MWR Registration. Cost per team is \$200. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Winston Cup race

Tickets are now available for the

Nascar Winston Cup Race, Sept. 21, at MWR Registration.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Introduction to golf

Take the fear out of the game of golf with this two-hour class, Feb. 1 at 11 a.m. This introductory class begins with a brief tour of the Ruggles Clubhouse, instruction on how the range ball machine works and discussions of golf etiquette and the difference between clubs. Each registrant will receive a special gift. The cost is \$30. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

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Superbowl party

Are you ready for some football? The Sutherland Clubhouse at Ruggles Golf Course is the place to be Superbowl Sunday. View the game on multiple televisions throughout the lounge. The \$25 admission (\$35 if ticket is purchased Superbowl Sunday) includes food, fountain soda, door prizes and games. Cash bar will be available. Purchase tickets by Jan. 24 at Ruggles Golf Course or MWR Registration. For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278-9452 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

MOVIES

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



MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING

Friday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m.
Starring: Nia Vardalos, John Corbett

Toula Portokalos is 30, Greek, and works in her family's restaurant, Dancing Zorba's, in Chicago. All her father Gus wants is for her to get married to a nice Greek boy. Toula meets Ian Miller, a high school English teacher, WASP, and dreamboat she had made a fool of herself over at the restaurant. They secretly date for a while before her family finds out. Her father is livid over her dating a non-Greek. He has to learn to accept Ian; Ian has to learn to accept Toula's huge family, and Toula has to learn to accept herself. (Rated PG)

HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Jan. 11, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Alan Rickman



Harry Potter is in his second year of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. People are becoming petrified, and no-one knows what is doing it. Harry keeps hearing a voice ... a voice which seems to be coming from within the walls. They are told the story of the Chamber of Secrets. It is said that only Salazar, Slytherin's true descendent will be able to open it. Harry, it turns out, is a Parsel-tongue. This means that he is able to speak/understand snakes. Everyone thinks that it's him that has opened the Chamber of Secrets because that is what Slytherin was famous for. (Rated PG)



8 MILE

Saturday, Jan. 11, 9:30 p.m.
Starring: Eminem, Kim Basinger

A young rapper from Detroit must learn to deal with his emotions and anger through music. Struggling with the psychological drain of being the only kid around and without a supportive family to help him, the rapper turns to his music and his girlfriend. (Rated R)

BOWLING STANDINGS

Wednesday Night Mixed

High Men's Series Scratch
Tom Curtis, 558
Darryl Stewart, 528
High Men's Series with handicap
Terrance Harris, 725
Tim Anderson, 710
Women's High Series Scratch
Annie Rosario, 522
Renee Johnson, 490
High Women's Series with handicap
Kathy Anderson, 705
Sherry Cons, 693
Men's High Game Scratch
Tom Curtis, 219
Darryl Stewart, 216
Men's High Game Scratch with handicap
Tim Anderson, 282
Stuart Thacker, 280
Women's High Game Scratch
Renee Johnson, 210
Annie Rosario, 200
Women's High Game with handicap
Renee Johnson, 271
Michele Betro, 269

Thursday National Guard Mixed

Men's High Series Scratch
Frank Mitchell, 552
Bill Morton, 540
Men's High Game Scratch
Bill Morton, 213
Michael Murphy, 190

Women's High Series Scratch

Lucy Montanez, 612
Felisha Christy, 572
Women's High Game with handicap
Felisha Christy, 245
Lucy Montanez, 225

Thursday Lunch League

High Men's Series Scratch
Steve Cornelison, 400
Jack Kelly, 312
Men's High Game
Steve Cornelison, 201
Kevin Doherty, 158
Women's High Series Scratch
Dawn Gordner, 345
Kathy Anderson, 321
Women's High Game Scratch
Dawn Gordner, 200
Kathy Anderson, 173

Friday Night Mixed

High Men's Series Scratch
Dennis Williams, 622
Richard Trimble, 609
High Men's Series with handicap
Virgil Mills, 842
Johnny Jones, 730
Women's High Series Scratch
Lucy Montanez, 498
Ellen Hopkins, 454
High Women's Series with handicap
Vera Mills, 702
Tahsa Taylor, 697
Men's High Game Scratch with handicap
Virgil Mill, 295

Eddie Sabina, 282
Women's High Game Scratch:
Tasha Taylor, 186
Lucy Montanez, 183
Women's High Game with handicap
Ellen Hopkins, 270
Lucy Montanez, 255

Saturday Youth League - Upcoming Stars

Week of Dec. 14
Girls High Scratch Game
Elizabeth Kempton, 47
Natalie Hanlon, 34
For season with handicap
Dawn Kempton, 210
Natalie Hanlon, 206
Girls High Scratch Series
Elizabeth Kempton, 98
Natalie Hanlon, 93
For season with handicap
Elizabeth Kempton, 594
Natalie Hanlon, 583

Saturday youth league - Rising Stars

Boy's High Series Scratch
James Ables, 293
Dauvon McCormick, 261
For season with handicap
Eric White, 656
James Ables, 647
Boy's High Game Scratch
James Ables, 146
Dauvon McCormick, 109
For season with handicap
James Ables, 248
Dauvon McCormick, 237

Girl's High Series Scratch
Magan Pace, 386
Jessell Cons, 348
For season with handicap
Jessell Cons, 651
Magan Pace, 638
Girl's High Game Scratch
Magan Pace, 139
Jessell Cons, 128
For Season with handicap
Jessell Cons, 227
Magan Pace, 223

Saturday Youth League - Shooting Stars

Boy's High Series Scratch
Ethan Knack, 489
Corey Yonce, 458
For season with handicap
Chad Milton, 759
Ethan Knack, 737
Boy's High Game Scratch
Curtis Swauger, 174
Corey Yonce, 174
For season with handicap
Chad Milton, 303
Curtis Swauger, 275
Girl's High Series Scratch
Jessie Arthur, 303
Heather Miller, 293
For season with handicap
Ashley Taylor, 686
Heather Miller, 636
Girl's High Game Scratch
Jessica Arthur, 113
Heather Miller, 107
For season with handicap
Ashley Taylor, 265
Jessica Arthur, 230

The Golf Cup

Tom Green
MWR

Playable or unplayable--that is the question

There are a few rules of golf that are often misunderstood or misapplied. A few months ago, I discussed the differences between water hazards and lateral water hazards. Another commonly misunderstood rule is Rule 28, the unplayable lie.

If you violate this rule in stroke play, it costs you TWO strokes. In match play, you lose the hole. This is a tough penalty, so it behooves you to understand it.

Who decides the ball is unplayable? Only one person makes this decision...you. There are no criteria except what you decide fits your game, your ability and the situation. This obviously means that what is unplayable to one player is not to another. It's your choice and it only costs you one stroke to exercise this privilege.

It is the better part of valor to use this rule in many instances. For example, let's say your ball has come to rest between two tree roots. You feel you cannot safely make a stroke without either endangering your hands or, sending the ball into deeper trouble, or, when getting it out would not advance it toward the hole. Two club lengths away is the fairway and a clean lie with 150 yards to the pin. You take your drop in a perfectly safe area and you've still got a chance to get up and down.

Now that you have decided to take an "unplayable lie" penalty, what are your options? (Note: You get to clean your ball before dropping it.)

1. Play the stroke as nearly

as possible from where you played the last stroke.

2. Drop the ball behind the point at which the ball has come to rest, keeping that point directly between you and the flagstick. You may go back as far as you wish.

3. Drop the ball two club lengths either way, no nearer the hole. One exception, if you are in a bunker, you cannot drop it out.

As you can see, you have many good options under this rule. The central thought in making this decision is, "with my best shot, will I be better off if I take a drop?" That question comes up in many situations in golf but is vital here. If the answer is "no," be smart and get yourself in a position where you will only lose the single shot you would have sacrificed anyway.

Always remember to play golf to get yourself in the best obtainable situation to play your next shot.

Authorized exception to dual compensation laws

NAF

Current Appropriated and Nonappropriated Fund employees are eligible to keep their full-time position and also be employed as a NAF flexible employee for the following hard-to-fill positions:

- Aerobic instructor, NF-1712-02
- Bartender, NA-7405-03
- Cook, na-7404-04/05
- Custodial worker, NA-3566-02
- Custodial worker (leader), NL-3566-02
- Food service worker, NA-7408-01/04
- Gardener, NA-5003-04
- Gardener (tractor operator), NA-5003-06
- Operations assistant (night manager), NF-1101-02
- Recreation aid, NF-0189-01

Waiter (trainee), NA-7420-02
Waiter, NA-7420-03
For vacancy announcements and application forms, call 410-278-5126/5127.

Completed applications can be brought or mailed to: NAF personnel, building 305, 2201 Aberdeen Boulevard, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5001 or faxed to 410-278-0684.

The approved exception authority expires Dec. 9, 2003 and pertains only to the specific positions listed above. For more information, call Jean Futty, 410-278-8993.



Training

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The NCO should have a 63S background, but this is not essential. In all cases, he or she should possess substantial operational and hands-on experience with wheeled vehicles. The industry experience with General Dynamics Land Systems will consist primarily of heavy involvement in the new Interim Armored Vehicle Program. The IAV in its various vari-

ants is the vehicle of choice designated to serve in the Interim Brigade Combat Teams. Prior exposure to the is a must as the individual will receive an IAV homework assignment from the industry prior to arrival at the industry site.

Some information relative to the IAV can be obtained by contacting the Ordnance Proponency Office using the enlisted contacts found on the Ordnance Web site www.goordnance.apg.army.mil.

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assumes the duties of detachment commander and adjutant of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense.

The APG Federal Credit Union opens its new Edgewood Branch at 1321 Pulaski Highway, Nov. 23. The 143rd Ordnance Battalion color guard leads the opening day ceremony.

Dec. 24
SBCCOM employees celebrate the conclusion of another successful Food and Toy Drive with a closing ceremony at the ECBC Berger Laboratory cafeteria, Dec. 17.

Hundreds of area families attend the 2nd Annual Community Holiday Party at the AA Recreation Center, Dec. 17.

Dan Wilkins, chief executive officer of the "Nth Degree," is the guest speaker at the annual Disability Awareness Month Observance program

at Top of the Bay, Nov. 20.

Nearly 200 OC&S AIT students advance during a mass graduation ceremony. Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia A. Pritchett, command sergeant major of the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., is the guest speaker.

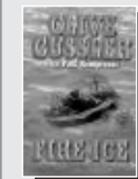
OC&S announces its instructors of the year. The awardees are Capt. William A. Galingier, Ordnance Officer Basic Course; chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Trzeciak, Warrant Officer Advanced Course; Sgt. 1st Class Michael Lee, maintenance theory and application, and Charles W. Taylor, power generation.

Ninety-three ATC government and contractor employees, Col. Mary Brown, ATC commander, and John Wallace, Automotive Core director, are recognized for their support of the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles Competitive Rebuy Program. Dennis Mazurek, deputy program manager, FMTV, presents the awards.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.\

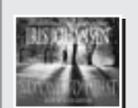
The library has the following new audio books on compact disk:



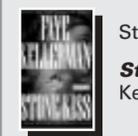
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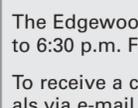
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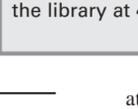
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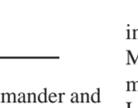
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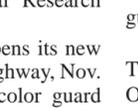
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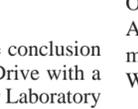
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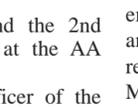
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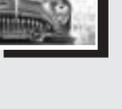
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Stone Kiss by Faye Kellerman

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President rallies troops at Fort Hood

Photo by SGT. JOHNNY A. THOMPSON

During a Jan. 3 visit to Fort Hood, Texas, President George W. Bush speaks to the troops about the resolve of the nation. "We must, and we will, protect the American people and our friends and allies from catastrophic violence wherever the source, whatever the threat," Bush said. "The success of our cause [will] depend upon . . . our military [who] serve this nation's ideals and demonstrate those ideals in [their] code and character."

Army delays eMILPO two months

Army News Service

The Army will wait another 60 days to field its Web-based "electronic military personnel office," known as eMILPO, according to U.S. Army Personnel Command officials.

The new personnel system was originally scheduled to go online in early January, officials said, but an eMILPO fielding team uncovered problems that will require technical solutions.

"We originally wanted to turn SIDPERS-3 off this month," said Col. Gina Farrissee, the adjutant general of the Army. "Waiting 60 more days however, is the right thing to do."

The eMILPO system was designed to give near real-time, Army-wide visibility on personnel information via a Web-based application.

Some data transactions into eMILPO failed at a high rate during its final systems test, though, officials said. During this test, several problems arose due to the migration of 43 super server databases to the eMILPO test database.

"Our promise is that you will not need to re-enter data that was already resident in super server and that all soldiers currently slotted against a position in super server will be slotted in eMILPO," said Farrissee in a recent Army-wide note to personnel leaders.

Other items that are being checked by sys-

tem integrators are UIC hierarchy, and a data-storage query tool. Division and Corps strength managers at several Army installations are assisting with the datastore to ensure it provides the query capability needed by the field Army to assimilate important personnel management information.

Lastly, integrators are fine-tuning the datastore for the enlisted records brief. The Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center is introducing a new initiative to provide the Enlisted Records Brief to soldiers via Army Knowledge Online in support of the selection board process.

The ERB in eMILPO and the selection board ERB are essentially the same document and the data is consistent, officials said. They said both ERBs will look very much like the officers records brief except the EREC ERB will have a photo in the bottom right-hand corner.

The eMILPO is an interim step toward a much larger, multi-service, integrated personnel and pay management system called the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System.

The Army will be the first service to implement DIMHRS during the fourth quarter of 2004, according to Lt. Col. Mark McAlister, who heads the Army's DIMHRS office.

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

More specialties drop from Stop-Loss list

Joe Burlas

Army News Service

The Army recently removed Stop-Loss restrictions that impacted two warrant officer specialties and seven enlisted military occupational specialties.

Approved by Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Reginald J. Brown, the Total Army Personnel Command announced the second partial Stop-Loss lift via Military Personnel Message 03-044 Nov. 27.

Warrant officers with the 350D imagery intelligence technician specialties or 352G voice intercept technician (Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese-Mandarin, Czech, French, German, Hebrew-Modern, Hungarian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Polish, Spanish, Russian, Serbo-Croat, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese language

only) specialties may now retire or otherwise separate from the Army under normal procedures.

The latest enlisted MOSs off the Stop-Loss list include: 13C field artillery automation fire support specialist; 13D field artillery tactical data systems specialist; 13E cannon fire direction specialist; 14E patriot fire control specialist; 33W intelligence electronic warfare repairman; 96R ground surveillance systems specialist; and 98G voice interceptor (only those with the same languages covered by the warrant voice intercept technician lift.)

Stop-Loss was initiated in November 2001 as a way to manage critical Army manpower needs in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. The first four announcements required soldiers with specific identified skills or specialties to remain in the Army indefi-

nately. The last of those four messages also released some previously selected specialties.

A fifth Stop-Loss announcement in July limited the time those soldiers who had to stay to no more than one year after being identified.

A decision in early November expanded Stop-Loss to include soldiers in mobilized Army Reserve and National Guard units for at least 90 days after the unit demobilizes. It takes effect the day the Reserve or National Guard unit is alerted for mobilization.

As of Nov. 27, there were 24,677 Reserve and National Guard soldiers serving in a mobilized status, according to Department of Defense statistics.

Stop-Loss does not apply to soldiers who are being involuntarily separated from service.

Army testing new method to detect breast cancer

Michael E. Dukas
Army News Service

A five-year trial is now underway at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to prove the value of "electrical impedance scanning" in detecting early stages of breast cancer in women under the age of 45.

Two hundred patients are enrolled so far and the goal is 4,800, said Maj. Alexander Stojadinovic, a surgical oncologist at the Walter Reed Comprehensive Breast Center. He said planning has begun for a Department of Defense study involving 12 sites with an expected enrollment of 20,000.

The study is not intended to compete with mammograms, said Stojadinovic. He said the clinical research should prove electrical impedance scanning to be a valuable ally to conventional screening methods, particularly in young women.

"The current process of using clinical breast examination alone to screen younger women is widely recognized as deficient," Stojadinovic said.

Although the risk of breast cancer in women under 50 is low, the incidence is increas-

ing, and breast cancer tends to be more aggressive in younger women, Stojadinovic said.



It is timely and warranted to pursue this screening trial now at Walter Reed, the Army's only comprehensive breast center, he said.

EIS is able to detect early stage tumors, particularly in young women; and 20 percent of the active-duty force is female; 92 percent of which are women under the age of 40.

"EIS has the potential to identify women at high risk of breast cancer, even if it does not localize a specific lesion," Stojadinovic said.

Tumor tissue differs from normal breast tissue in electrical properties, and electrical impedance scanning detects in five minutes whether further screening is needed.

The electrical impedance scanning can complement and

enhance the accuracy of mammographic screening, Stojadinovic said.

Nurse Practitioner Abby Rogers, of Walter Reed's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, said the American Cancer Society and National Cancer Institute currently recommend that women practice monthly breast self-exams a week after menstruation, get a yearly clinical breast exam, and for women over 40, an annual mammogram.

Women eligible for the trial include non-pregnant military health-care beneficiaries ages 18 to 45 who have not breast fed or had breast surgery within the preceding three months and who do not have implanted electrically-powered devices. Patients undergo outpatient assessment with electrical impedance scanning.

More information on the trial is available from the Walter Reed Comprehensive Breast Center at 202-782-3416.

(Editor's note: ARNEWS intern Nicole Dowell contributed to this article. Michael Dukas is a staff writer for the Walter Reed *Stripe* newspaper.)

Connecting America's children with the military abroad

Sgt. Erika Gladhill
Special contributor

Country singer Penny Gilley made it her life-care to support military forces worldwide, but three months ago she took her support a step further.

Gilley joined the team of two, Shannon Smith and Debbie Michelle of Arlington, Texas, in the program deemed 'Operation Enduring Response.' The program is a national letter-writing campaign, sponsored by the Red Cross, connecting America's elementary school children with the United States military fighting in the war against terrorism.

Children write letters on the 11th of every month. The Red Cross then delivers the letters in bulk to the men and women fighting overseas. Thousands of letters have already been delivered from hundreds of schools in more than 40 states.

Gilley said the soldier feedback about Operation Enduring Response has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I never realized how hungry soldiers were for a taste of home," Gilley said.

The program has been on going since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and Gilley joined the program as an ambassador in September 2002. Her role is to distribute the children's letters throughout her troop-morale tours. On her tour with her first letter distribution, Gilley said soldiers poured toward the stage, taking back with them stacks of letters.

"One girl teared up and shared her letter with another soldier," Gilley said. "Another soldier read a letter from a boy who wrote, 'I couldn't stand to be away from my parents at Christmas

either.' Still another soldier asked for a letter from an eight-year-old boy, the age of his son."

She said soldiers are appreciative of the letters and she, coming from a military family herself, was appreciative of the soldiers. Raised with watching Bob Hope troop-morale visits, and in what Gilley called a patriotic family, she said supporting soldiers is what she wants to do.

Gilley performed for troops in Germany, accomplished 11 tours in South Korea, performed throughout the Balkans, Bosnia, Hungary, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and now the Middle East. Gilley's next performance is Saturday at Camp Doha, Kuwait. The first performance of her most influential song took place in 1991 at the Gulf War troops homecoming, Camp Pendleton, Calif., when Gilley sang, 'Line Drawn in the Sand,' a ballad written by J. Randolph Smith for Gulf War troops.

The 'Line Drawn in the Sand' song was performed worldwide for troops, and the gist of the song is that, "only heroes cross the line in the sand," Gilley said.

Gilley's work for troops, she said, is the highlight of her career and her opportunity to say 'thank you' to service members. Sacrifices of service members are almost unexplainable, she said, but she added what is clear is that service members are also American's sons and daughters.

"I know because of them [service members] we can be free," said Gilley, "and when the cheers [from performances] end, we must still remember our troops and veterans."

(Editor's note: Sgt. Erika Gladhill is assigned to the Command Information Office, Camp Doha, Kuwait.)



Staff members from the U.S. Army Environmental Center gather to mark the 30th anniversary of their organization during a ceremony in October.

Photo by NEAL SNYDER

AEC quietly marks milestone

Neal Snyder
AEC

With little fanfare, the U.S. Army Environmental Center entered its 30th year in October.

The Edgewood Area tenant marked its anniversary month with a group photo taken during the filming of a "Go Army-Beat Navy" video, but otherwise the event went unnoticed.

"The longevity of AEC shows the important role Army environmental programs have in the mission of keeping our soldiers ready," said Col. James De Paz, who became the 13th commander of the Center in August.

"USAEC is a team of hardworking professionals who really put our mission first," De Paz said. "The 30th anniversary is a milestone, but nothing compared to the things AEC people have accomplished over the past year."

For example, AEC led efforts to combine the historic preservation documentation for most postwar Army housing into one program. It helped develop a public-private partnership to expand the habitat of an endangered woodpecker while improving the realism of soldier training. And AEC continued to move much of the Army's environmental data collection and analysis

to a secure, Web-based system.

In its 30-year history, under evolving names and missions, AEC has supported the Army's expanding role as a world leader in environmental responsibility. The center provides the knowledge, tools, and programs that allow soldiers, installations, and commands to balance military readiness and quality of life with sound environmental stewardship.

The Army Environmental Center traces its roots to 1972, when the Army created the Project Manager for Chemical Demilitarization. The organization's mission then was the destruction of the nation's toxic chemical agents and munitions.

In 1975, the organization began managing the newly established Installation Restoration Program, set up to develop an assessment process for evaluating environmental conditions at Army installations.

By 1978, the Army's environmental responsibilities expanded and the organization was renamed the U.S. Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency or THAMA. By 1980, the agency's responsibilities included environmental research, development, test, and evaluation; pollution abatement; and environmental control technology.

During the mid-1980s, two programs were separated from the agency's mission. In 1985, the Army established a separate program manager to clean up the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colo., and in 1986 the Army established a separate project manager to manage the destruction of the nation's toxic chemical agents and weapons.

Environmental compliance joined the responsibilities of the organization in 1988. In 1993 the Army shifted THAMA and the mission for conservation to a new Army field operating agency, the U.S. Army Environmental Center.

AEC now works with the Army's Director of Environmental Programs as part of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management.

In 1995, AEC established Regional Environmental Offices in Denver, Atlanta, Kansas City, and at Aberdeen Proving Ground to work with state and federal regulators on a regional basis.

The current focus on program management rather than project execution allows the AEC staff of biologists, chemists, engineers, lawyers, and researchers to provide sound advice and supervision of Army environmental programs worldwide.

DTC employees awarded for innovative research projects

Mike Cast
DTC

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command selected an engineer at the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command's Aberdeen Test Center on Aberdeen Proving Ground as ATEC's 2002 Federal Engineer of the Year. Three colleagues at APG's U.S. Army Research Laboratory, one of whom is now a researcher at DTC's Dugway Proving Ground in Utah, recently received the Army Research and Development Achievement Award for 2001.

ATEC selected William Connon III, an engineer with ATC's Virtual Proving Ground Team, as its Federal Engineer of the Year for his work within an international group of scientists and engineers who developed a means to predict when a type of military trailer would fail. He will represent ATEC at the Federal Engineer Award ceremony Feb. 20, at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

Dr. George Lemire, a researcher at Dugway's West Desert Test Center, and ARL's Drs. Rosaria Sausa and Robert Lieb share the 2001 R&D achievement

award for the work they performed in developing laser-based sensors that detect explosives, illegal substances, and chemical and biological agents. They received their award Dec. 4, 2002, at a ceremony in Orlando, Fla.

Connon, whose work at ATC focuses on the effects of shock and vibration on military hardware, played a key role in developing the means to determine the "life consumption" of a military trailer, a model based on analyzing the physics of failure. Connon was chosen for the award because of the "substantial expertise" he provided to the team effort by developing test procedures and standards. He is a representative of the United States on a NATO subcommittee charged with determining environmental test conditions and test procedures in accordance with NATO standards.

"During the past 33 years as a civil servant, Mr. Connon has compiled an impeccable record of achievement that is matched by very few," wrote Col. Mary Brown, the ATC commander, in the letter accompanying ATC's award nomination. "Mr. Connon is a forward-thinking, high-

ly productive self-starter whose cooperative spirit, professionalism and devotion to duty stretch far beyond what one would normally expect."

Drs. Lemire, Lieb and Sausa jointly developed advanced laser-based sensors that can detect even trace amounts of explosives as well as other types of chemicals, the agents used in chemical and biological warfare, and various types of pollutants. In addition to helping military and civilian authorities detect potential terrorist activities, these sensors can help the military conduct "demilitarization" operations by detecting chemical or biological agents in military weapons or hardware. The sensors can also be used for minesweeping, pollution prevention and environmental cleanup operations.

"[The] sensors offer the combination of high sensitivity and selectivity with real-time monitoring capabilities," according to the citation for the award. "[The] inventions and techniques have significantly advanced the scientific field and have opened the way for extensive further research on problems of great importance to the Army and the general public."

Environmental Center employees receive command kudos

Neal Snyder
AEC

Col. James M. De Paz, commander of the U.S. Army Environmental Center, honored staff members at a Nov. 25 AEC Town Hall meeting.

N. Roxann Diehl and Kristine M. Kingery of the Environmental Restoration Program Management Branch each received a Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

Diehl was honored for more than five year's work helping the Army's Installation Restoration Program meet its goals through fiscal responsibility.

Kingery helped develop

the Defense Site Environmental Restoration Tracking System and serves as one of the Army's experts on Base Realignment and Closure.

Charles A. George was promoted to environmental engineer, GS-13.

Hester Hayes, Betty Yeager, Darlene Bader-Lohn, Margaret Daniel and Richard Eichholtz received 20-year service awards.

Kerrin Dame and Michael Dette received 15-year service awards.

Joseph King received a 10-year service award.

Stolen

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with local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place.

Those suspecting fraud and contact the credit bureaus, should request that a "fraud alert" be placed in their file. Also, request a statement be placed in the file that asks creditors to call before opening any new accounts or changing any existing accounts, officials said.

If you suspect your Social Security Number has been misused, officials recommend calling the SSA Fraud hotline, 1-800-269-0271 or visiting www.ssa.gov.

Army to hold public meetings

Dennis Story
Special contributor

The U.S. Army, working with state of Maryland officials and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is preparing to begin neutralization of the chemical agent stockpile stored at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Edgewood Area.

The Army will update the community on plans to start agent disposal at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility at public meetings scheduled for Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center, 1000 Gateway Road, Edgewood, and Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m., at Chestertown Middle School, 402 Campus Avenue, Chestertown.

For more information, call the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office at 410-676-6800.

Wise Road closes for environmental cleanup

Wise Road will be closed through Jan. 17 between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily to ensure the safety of post personnel.

The Lauderick Creek Project Team will be conducting unexploded ordnance removal along Wise Road in the Edgewood Area, starting with the installation boundary and extending on post to Stark Road. The removal area will be in the golf course area east of Wise Road. The exclusion zone (the area where the public is not allowed) for UXO operations is 200 feet from the work site. The objective of the project team is to conduct a UXO clearance 200 feet wide along Wise Road.

During the closure, personnel must use the Route 24 gate for access and exit to the Edgewood Area.

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.

Funds will be distributed in late spring. Mail requests to Diane Payne at 3013 Cascade Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009 or e-mail her at kjpayne@earthlink.net.

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