

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, July 30, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its next monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on July 31, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. Topics will include updates on the Lauderick Creek Study Area.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

EA conducts fire hydrant flow tests

The Fire and Emergency Services Division required annual fire hydrant flow testing in Family Housing on the Edgewood Area is expected to be completed by July 28.

Testing will be conducted between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily. Residents noticing rusty or cloudy water should let a faucet flow until the water runs clear.

Any questions can be directed to Inspector Thomas Stanford at 410-436-2377.

New hours for Aberdeen Shoppette

Due to the decline in sales, operating hours at the Aberdeen Shoppette are changed to Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., effective Aug. 2.

For more information, call Deirdre Taylor, APG Shoppette manager, 410-272-1681.

USO-Metro, JETS co-host job fair

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services will co-host a Job Fair, July 25, 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 government agencies, high tech corporations, law enforcement agencies, security compa-

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KUSAHC welcomes new commander

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic welcomed its newest commander, Lt. Col. John M. Wempe, during a change of command ceremony in the clinic's conference center, July 11.

The outgoing commander, Col. David D. Krieger, assumes command of the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity in Heidelberg, Germany.

Col. Joan P. Eitzen, commander of Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center, Fort George G. Meade, presided over the passing of the colors and presented Krieger with the Army Meritorious Service Medal.

Eitzen said that Krieger guided the center under extraordinary circumstances to make it "one of the most lauded programs in the Army today," and that thanks to his guidance, "Kirk is well positioned to support Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, post 9-11, without compromising health care."

Krieger thanked all for attending and noted that his first battalion commander, retired Army Col. Walter H. McClendon from Virginia was in attendance.

"We've accomplished a lot the past two years," Krieger said, citing the list of missions since 9-11 that included providing a health support platform for deploying and re-deploying elements for two installations – the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

"To all the soldiers at Kirk, you are the very best," Krieger said.

He added his thanks to Maj. Gen John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and SBCCOM, and Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

"They allowed us to work freely to accom-

plish our missions," Krieger said.

Eitzen introduced Wempe as "another competent leader with a tremendous amount of experience, both in the medical and veterinary corps."

"I have full confidence in his leadership ability," Eitzen said.

Wempe thanked service members and civilians for all they do.

"I look forward to serving this community," Wempe said. "Duty first."

He added that APG was his first choice as an assignment and that having lived here for a year, from 1997 to 1998, he was eager to return.

"We feel fortunate to come back to APG," Wempe said.

Diane Wempe added that one of the couple's four children, all of whom are in the military, graduated from Aberdeen High School.

"With our children grown and this being a training post, he's looking forward to taking on a parental role," she said of her spouse.

Lt. Col. John M. Wempe comes to APG from the 1st Infantry Division, Wurzburg, Germany, where he served as division surgeon.

He is board certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine Public Health and General Preventive Medicine; the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology and microbiology from South Dakota State University; master's degrees in preventive veterinary medicine and comparative pathology from the University of California at Davis; a doctorate of veterinary medicine from Kansas State University; a doctorate of medicine from the University of South Dakota; and a doctorate of philosophy in pathobiology from the University of Illinois at Urbana.

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Col. Joan P. Eitzen, left, commander of Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center, Fort George G. Meade, passes the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic colors to Lt. Col. John M. Wempe, the incoming commander, during the July 11 change of command ceremony.

Korean War commemorative stamp coming soon

The U.S. Postal Service will issue a 37-cent Korean War Veterans Memorial commemorative stamp in a pressure-sensitive adhesive pane of 20 stamps during the Armistice Day Ceremony at the memorial in Washington, D.C., 10 a.m., July 27.

The stamp honors the memorial, which recognizes the sacrifices of those who served during the Korean conflict. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the armistice that ended the hostilities.

The memorial features 19 stainless-steel statues of servicemen from the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force, marching in a wedge formation. The photograph on the stamp shows the memorial

just before dawn, shrouded in heavy snow that fell during a storm in 1996.

Stamps may be purchased at the Post Office, by calling 1-800-STAMP-24, or by visiting the Web site at www.usps.com/shop.

Customers have 30 days to order the first day of issue postmark.

To obtain the postmark, affix the stamp to an envelope, address the envelope (to yourself) and place it in a larger envelope addressed to: Korean War Veterans Memorial Commemorative Stamp, Postmaster, Special Cancellations, P.O. Box 92282, Washington, D.C. 20090-2282.



Developing FCS 'key' to Army transformation

Spc. Bill Putnam
Army News Service

Development and eventual fielding of the Army Future Combat System by 2010 is a key step in transforming the Army, said Dennis Muilenburg, vice president and program manager for Future Combat Systems at Boeing Corporation.

Developing the system in

seven years that will transform the current heavy force to a force that deploys in a matter of hours, will be challenging, said Muilenburg.

The Chicago-based Boeing Corporation is one of two partners of the Army's FCS Lead System Integrator. The other is the Scientific Application International Corporation. Boeing and SAIC will lead 15

subcontractors in developing the Army's FCS.

The Army's transformation started with the Stryker vehicle, currently fielded by 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash. As envisioned by retired Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki, the Stryker is the first step in bridging the gap from heavy to

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This is an artist's drawing of the Future Combat Systems howitzer vehicle. The crew will be reduced from four to two soldiers with advanced fire control and loading technology.

Good food, good fun highlight ACS family picnic



A giant crab watches over parents and youths lined up for the bounce house during the Army Community Service Family Picnic held at the Maryland Boulevard pavilion, June 30.

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

More than 200 Aberdeen Proving Ground parents and children enjoyed an afternoon of fun and games during the Army Community Service family picnic held June 30 at the Aberdeen Boulevard picnic area.

The event, hosted by the ACS staff and supported by units from the 16th Ordnance Battalion, U.S. Air Force Detachment and the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, featured face-painting by 'QT Pie the clown,' balloon sculptures, a magic show by Mister Twister, a bounce house, games, food and refreshments, all at no charge to participants. In addition, an information table provided pamphlets on ACS programs and services.

"This is a great event. It's a chance to get out and meet the ACS family and enjoy this beautiful Maryland weather," said Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby as he surveyed the festivities.

"It's all about family and taking care of them," Irby added. "And not just our military but our civilian partners as well."

Program Managers Reeshemah Bugg, Exceptional Family Member Program, and Diana Hayes, of Parents and Children Together, organized the event. ACS Director Celestine Beckett and the ACS staff served as event coordinators and food servers.

Parents and children agreed the event was a good and timely idea.

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Top artist captures Iraqi's Freedom

Spec. Petersi Liu

A U.S. Defense Information School's award-winning multimedia illustrator visited Iraq for a month-long oil painting project to capture the essence of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I enlisted in 1984 when I was 28-years-old," said Sgt. 1st Class Elzie Ray Golden, staff artist at the U.S. Army Center of Military History, Museum Division, Washington, D.C. "I drew women's underwear and ketchup bottles for commercials [prior to enlistment]. However, a friend told me that my skills were better utilized if I was an artist for the military. Sure enough, there were fine arts courses taught at DINFOS, and so I joined."

Eventually, Golden became a senior fine arts instructor with more than two years at DINFOS and passed his skills to 19 joint service instructors before leaving DINFOS in October 2002.

Golden's oil-on-canvas painting, "Tracking Bin Laden," won the 2002 DINFOS MILGRAPH.

He used photos taken in Afghanistan to visualize his painting, including a High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle driving across a shallow stream, an Afghan civilian walking with a donkey, and a mountainous landscape of Afghanistan.

The elements from these photos were combined to form the essence of tracking for Bin Laden. Golden used the mountains as the background, a reminder of the region's numerous caves that hid terrorists. The HUMMWWV rides across the calm stream

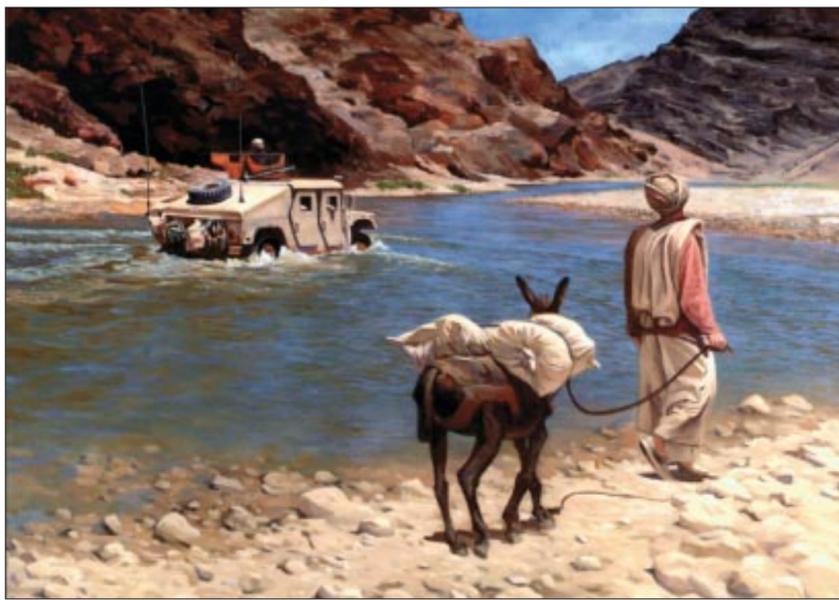


Photo by SGT 1ST CLASS ELZIE GOLDEN
"Tracking Bin Laden," an oil on canvas by Sgt. 1st Class Elzie Golden, is the first place winner in the DINFOS MILGRAPH 2002, Military Graphic Competition, Fine Art category.

searching for Bin Laden. The mysterious Afghan civilian walks along the stream holding a donkey on the leash, with his back turned and face hidden.

Golden visited Iraq with a sketchbook, color pencils, and a 35mm camera to capture images for oil paintings, which he

poses at his museum studio in Washington, he said. Golden also specializes in pencil, ink, chalk, coal and watercolor arts.

At age four, Golden drew on chalkboards at school. With maturity, he became fascinated with how images could depict emotional feelings, he said.

However, Golden found it hard to survive as an artist working as a civilian because he had to worry about putting food on the table, he said.

"A regular-size oil painting for example, takes a month to complete," Golden said.

Time consumption meant he would not be paid during that period unless he received an advanced commission. But as the industry is, that would seldom happen, he said.

Prior to enlistment, Golden's works for various commercial advertisements sustained his living as an artist, but he was not satisfied. Golden wanted something more; he wanted to be able to envision time-consuming works. The Army gave him that unique position to make his ideas reality.

He is now the only staff artist in the ACMH who can explore his own creativity for months without worrying about having cash for food, rent and utility bills. For Golden, the Army takes care of those factors; factors that once discouraged Golden and other civilian artists from performing to their full potential.

(Author's note: Golden won first place in 2000 in the fine art category of the first Military Graphic Artist of the Year competition and again in 2002.)

Female soldier accepts the challenge

Story and photo by
Spec. Ryan Smith
372nd MPAD

The debate has gone on for years: should women serve with combat units in the military?

If the question is asked whether female soldiers are up to the challenge and rigor of infantry duties, one woman serving in Iraq would answer with a definite "Yes."

Spec. Melissa Kranning, a petroleum supply specialist attached to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, is serving in what is regularly an all-male combat unit.

Although not actually a part of the infantry unit, she and two other females are attached to the unit, for duty in Baghdad.

Due to religious and cultural beliefs in Iraq, female soldiers serving as de facto infantrymen have become a necessity. Soldiers serving as gate guards must pat down civilians coming through the gate, to ensure that someone does not smuggle a weapon or explosive device on to the U.S. compound downtown, while soldiers on patrol (outside of the gate) search peo-

ple suspected of looting or other crimes.

Often, however, the people who are being searched are Muslim women who do not wish to be touched by men whom they do not know.

Army leaders requested female soldiers to volunteer to work with infantry units, whose duties include patrolling the streets and guarding the gates to coalition posts in Baghdad.

Kranning, 20, a Minerva, Ohio, native, deployed to Iraq with her unit, the 47th Forward Support Battalion, a 1st Armored Division unit out of Baumholder, Germany. When offered the opportunity, she volunteered to be attached to the 2/6 Infantry Regiment.

Kranning's regular unit is currently stationed at the Baghdad International Airport, and many soldiers in the 47th Forward Support Battalion do not have reason to leave the secured area there.

She saw this as her opportunity to experience something new and different from her life with her regular unit.

"I get to go out and see the city," she said. "That's something a lot of people in my unit don't get to do."

Kranning also found that life with an infantry unit is much different from what she is used to.

"It's a totally different world. They have a different way of thinking," she said. "They have a 'go out and get them' kind of attitude."

As far as duties are concerned, Kranning does not see a distinction between herself and the other soldiers in Company A.

Her job is to search women for weapons coming through the gate while she's on duty there, and to interfere in any crime while she and other soldiers in the unit are on patrol. If women are suspected of a crime, Kranning searches them.

"She's a hard worker," said Staff Sgt. Julio Fortis, her squad leader from Company A, 2/6 Infantry. "She sticks with us in extreme heat, and long road marches while we're on patrol."

"And she doesn't fall out," he said after a patrol in which another soldier in the company had to be treated for dehydration.

"The way she works, there should be females in the infantry," Fortis said.



Photo by SPC. RYAN SMITH

Spec. Melissa Kranning, a petroleum supply specialist attached to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, pulls security while on a patrol in Baghdad July 9. She is a member of the 47th Forward Support Battalion, a 1st Armored Division unit out of Baumholder, Germany.

'Fun Ship' cruises for military offered at discount

Anchors Away Cruise Center

Active duty military personnel can book up to two "Fun Ship" staterooms with Carnival Cruise Lines at a savings of up to 50 percent off published fares.

The special rates are available for a limited time only on a wide variety of "Fun Ship" departures through the end of 2003.

The discounted rates start at \$169

per person for three-day cruises; \$199 per person for four-day cruises; \$219 per person for five-day cruises; and \$299 per person for seven-day cruises to the Bahamas, Caribbean, Mexico, Alaska, and Canada/New England. Carnival has historically offered discounts for military personnel.

However, this new program not only allows men and women currently serving in the U.S. armed forces to

enjoy special savings on 'Fun Ship' vacations but also to bring along their friends and family members at the same discounted rates."

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tions can be found at <http://military.interliner.com/homepage/index2.cfm>.

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AVIATOR IN TRAINING

Photo by NEAL SNYDER

Daniel O'Donnell, 3, explores a Black Hawk helicopter from Company B, 3/126th Aviation Battalion, stationed at the Army Aviation Support Facility at Weide Army Airfield, Edgewood Area, on display June 26 at Capa Field. Daniel is the son of Richard O'Donnell, an environmental specialist with the U.S. Army Environmental Center. The helicopter was on display during AEC's organization day.



Modular gloves layer on warmth

Story and photo by
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US Army Soldier Systems Center

Trigger fingers, as well as the rest of the hands, will be ready to react wrapped under the Modular Glove System developed by the Special Operations Forces Special Projects Team at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, Natick, Mass.

The glove system brings a significant change for the SOF community in hand protection, according to Stephanie Castellani, project officer.

"It's new and never been done before," Castellani said. "It's a great improvement because they've never had anything baseline that all the [SOF branches] have agreed to, and [the system] lays the groundwork for future improvements with new materials and technology. Most importantly, the gloves pass the 'trigger test.'"

"Function is first. They have to be able to manipulate their weapon systems," said Richard Elder, an equipment specialist with the SOF Special Projects Team. "Safety used to be the primary concern, but if he can't shoot, he'll toss it for something else."

Now special operators won't have to buy gloves on the commercial market to find a product that works for them.

Starting as a science initiative in 2001, the program transitioned to a fielding initiative in the past year, Elder said. In testing, special operators from different services wore the modular gloves while mountaineering, skiing and snowshoeing on a glacier in Alaska.

Eight companies submitted a glove system

through the Small Business Innovative Research program, but the glove system from Outdoor Research in Seattle, Wash., was chosen in the final selection.

The system is composed of a Nomex contact liner, intermediate wet/dry glove and extreme wet/dry glove with a removable insulation liner. Comfort ranges from minus 20 degrees to 45 degrees Fahrenheit depending on which individual glove or combination is worn. In all, there

are five ways to dress with the glove system. The Nomex contact liner was designed for the first layer. It's constructed of a Malden Mills Powerstretch fleece with Nomex and soft, flame-resistant Pittards leather lining the palm and fingers that provide a lightweight, flexible glove with an acceptable grip and abrasion resistance.

"This is good alone at temperatures above 40 degrees or when handling hot weapons," Castellani said. "For dexterity and tactility, everyone loved it."

The intermediate wet/dry glove worn with or without the Nomex contact liner protects from 10 to 45 F.

Except for the palm, the glove's shell is made with three types of Gore-Tex laminate materials for waterproofing and windproofing while providing moisture vapor transfer and abrasion resistance. AlpenGrip, a proprietary polymer material with a slightly rubbery feel, is used for the palm for complete waterproofing and high abrasion resistance while retaining flexibility. Attached inside the glove is a waterproof liner coated with brushed polyester to improve moisture wicking.



The Modular Glove System is composed of (from left) a Nomex contact liner, intermediate wet/dry glove and extreme wet/dry glove.

Even when the intermediate glove is worn over the contact liner, Castellani said tactility is still acceptable. Part of the credit goes to the shape of the glove with its curved fingers and tapered fingertips.

In colder climates, the extreme wet/dry glove protects from minus 20 to 20 F worn in combination with the Nomex contact liner or intermediate glove.

The same AlpenGrip palm with Cordura Gore-Tex material for the shell, waterproof liner with brushed polyester coating and curved, "box-cut" fingers with an articulated thumb for dexterity are found in the extreme glove.

What's different is a lengthened top portion of the shell to protect the wrists and a remov-

able Moonlite Pile insulating insert. Pocket heaters can be placed into either the intermediate or extreme glove, according to Castellani, but the extreme glove insert has a pocket on top designed specifically for that purpose.

The extreme glove also uses hook and loop fasteners at the wrist and forearm for a snug fit.

"It's a bit bulkier, but you need the extra bulk for the extra warmth," she said. "It's been tested to minus 29 F, so it exceeds the minus 20 requirement."

Fielding of the glove system is scheduled for late summer beginning with the 10th Special Forces Group in Fort Carson, Colo. The glove system will be sold commercially, enabling conventional forces to purchase the item, according to Elder.

ECBC announces WMD preparedness courses for emergency responders

Timothy Lavery
ECBC

The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center is offering a one-day workshop on Weapons of Mass Destruction with a focus on basic awareness and responder operations for civilian and military emergency responders. This workshop is intended to enhance the response capabilities of emergency first responders to a terrorist use of WMD.

The seminar will take place Aug. 20 at the Battelle Eastern Science and Technology Center in Aberdeen, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Two courses will be included in the workshop.

The Responder Awareness Course will help participants build their level of awareness and improve response capabilities during a WMD incident. Course topics include identifying signs, symptoms and characteristics related to a

terrorist incident involving chemical, biological and nuclear materials, as well as recognizing possible dissemination devices.

The Responder Operations Course will train responders on how to initiate the correct defensive posture during a WMD terrorist incident and includes discussions on personal protective equipment, decontamination, basic concepts of downwind hazard analysis, and detection and

identification equipment.

The classroom courses are available to all interested emergency responders. The cost of the Responder Awareness course is \$180 per person. The full day workshop including both courses is \$270. Lunch will be provided for full day participants, and certificates of attendance will be presented.

For more information or to register, call Verna Puckett at 410-306-8691.

3rd Annual Army Knowledge Symposium set for August

Army News Service

The 3rd Annual Army Knowledge Symposium will be Aug. 11 to 15 in Valley Forge, Pa., with the theme of "Decision Dominance: Mitigating Risk in an Unpredictable World."

Senior Army leaders and top industry experts will share knowledge on how to improve an organization's performance. The latest Army Knowledge Management lessons learned will include those from Operation Iraqi Freedom. Professionals will explain how the delivery of critical information and increased collaboration capabilities provided knowledge dominance to troops on the battlefield.

Rescheduled from April, this year's event will focus on issues critical to transforming the Army into a knowledge-based, network-centric force, officials said. Sessions will address increasing collaboration across Army organizations and using knowledge management on the battlefield to achieve mission-critical

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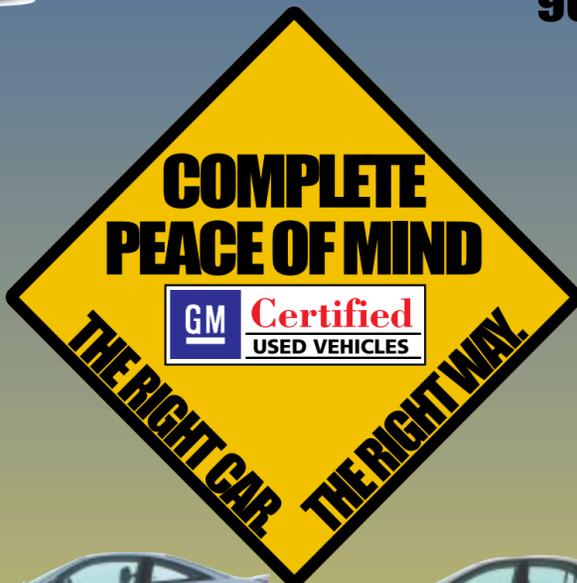
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Seminar provides information for the hearing challenged

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The speaker spoke for more than an hour without uttering a word - with her mouth, that is.

Yvonne M. Dunkle, director of the Maryland Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, led a briefing for Aberdeen Proving Ground's hearing challenged during a seminar at the Edgewood Area Conference Center, June 26.

Dunkle's presentation offered a twist for attendees. Instead of using an interpreter to deliver sign language, Dunkle, who is deaf, stood at the podium lecturing with sign language, as an interpreter sat with his back to the audience and voiced her comments.

Dunkle said she came to update the community on the latest initiatives concerning the hearing challenged.

A governor appointee, Dunkle runs the operation that concerns itself with the more than 575,000 deaf and hard of hearing persons in the state.

Through the interpreter, Dunkle explained the ODHH was established in 2001. Its five-year strategic plan includes establishing itself as a guide for the deaf and hard of hearing community. She said the plan was developed based on issues and concerns voiced at five community town hall meetings and symposiums, from which strategic goals were developed. In addition it

was based on input from the professional medical community, Dunkle said.

Its goals include enhancing knowledge of DHH issues and needs in criminal justice; health care; social services; technology; transportation, safety and emergency preparedness, and other areas.

"In every system, at every level, people must be made aware of the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing," Dunkle said. "Our plan is to educate those in the system."

"If you can think of any issues that concern you about this, e-mail us and let us know," Dunkle told the audience as she passed out business cards.

Kathleen Crosby, APG Garrison equal



employment opportunity said the seminar also was held to inform supervisors and coworkers of issues facing the hearing challenged.

"The more people know about various disabilities, the better they can communicate," Crosby said.

In October 2001, the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was established (Chapter 537, Acts of 2001).

The office advocates for and promotes the general welfare of individuals in Maryland who are deaf or hard of hearing. In doing so, it provides, advocates, and coordinates the adoption of public policies, regulations, and programs that will benefit deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

Future

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lighter.

The Army had several requirements for FCS, said Muilenburg. It had to be light, about 20 tons; it had to be transportable on a C-130 Hercules-like aircraft; it had to fight upon arriving; it had to be as survivable as the current vehicles in conventional and unconventional battles; and a network had to tie the system together for battlefield communication.

Currently eight different manned vehicles like the howitzer and infantry carrier vehicles have been designated for development, Muilenburg said. Unmanned ground and aerial vehicles have also been designated, he said. Those unmanned vehicles will perform reconnaissance, surveillance and cargo-carrying roles.

There is a requirement for one of the ground vehicles to be an "armed robotic vehicle," Muilenburg said. But there isn't a requirement for any of the aerial vehicles to be armed similar to today's Predator UAV, but that could change.

"That is one spiral technology capability that we've included on our list of things to look at," Muilenburg said. "But it's not currently an official part of the program."

It's the network that will tie everyone and everything in the Objective Force together, and will allow situational awareness compared to past wars, Muilenburg explained.

Think of the FCS as using a 10-foot pole instead of just your arms and fists in

a bar fight. By pushing the enemy away, the Army will have a better opportunity to put massive firepower on one spot from a further distance, he said.

As the world becomes more urbanized in the 21st century, military planners predict that battles will be fought in those very unpredictable environments where unconventional forces will be intermixed with civilians. Military planners call those battles Military Operations in Urban Terrain, or MOUT.

Seeing that threat, the Army gave the developers a requirement for surviving in a place where guerillas can fire rocket propelled grenades from sewer holes or rooftops, Muilenburg said.

As it's envisioned, Muilenburg said, the system will do incredibly well in both unconventional battles — comparable to something the Army is facing today in Iraq — and conventional battles — comparable to a potential battle against the North Korean army.

The FCS will have a "decided advantages in terms of both lethality and survivability compared to our current forces," Muilenburg said.

"When there's unpredictability in the threat, that's where the network really has an advantage," he said.

The network that Boeing, SAIC and the 15 sub-contractors are developing will allow a commander a greater amount of flexibility to maneuver his units in a battle, he said.

These vehicles will be more survivable in conventional and unconventional battles than today's vehicles even though they'll be one-third the weight of an Abrams tank, Muilenburg said.

Commanders will also see how vehicles and soldiers are operating through "health monitoring" equipment that will tell a headquarters unit if they need spare parts, food or ammunition, Muilenburg said.

"Over all, this will improve the reliability and maintainability of the fighting force," he said.

Individual soldiers will also have monitoring equipment that will give physiological elements of how the soldiers are doing, he said.

Because wars in the future will be fought with other U.S. military branches and in a coalition, the FCS was approved as a joint development program, which means the Navy, Marines and Air Force will be very involved with the testing, said Muilenburg.

"We expect to work very closely with the other services to make sure we have interoperability," he said.

NATO nations aren't involved with testing now, said Muilenburg, but there is a requirement to enable coalition warfare.

Another key requirement that Boeing and the SAIC have is to tie this new system in with the current force of M1 Abrams tanks and M2 Bradley vehicle, and Stryker brigades.

Tying those systems into the FCS will mean more information to aid communications. Battle command and situational awareness will flow better between units than is currently possible, said Muilenburg.

Seminar

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goals. Speakers will explain the importance of developing enterprise solutions to improve individual and organizational decision making; and how applying just-in-time learning enhances unit training and readiness.

Sponsored by the Army Chief Information Office/G-6, this symposium is designed to help transform organizations into knowledge-based operations, leverage technology to improve performance and keep attendees connected with what is happening on the cutting edge of the Army's knowledge strategy.

Pre-symposium events include a two-day Knowledge Management training course, Army Knowledge Management tutorials, the AKO Community and Page Administrators Workshop, and the AKO Configuration Control Board.

Online registration is located at www.armyknowledgesymposium.org.

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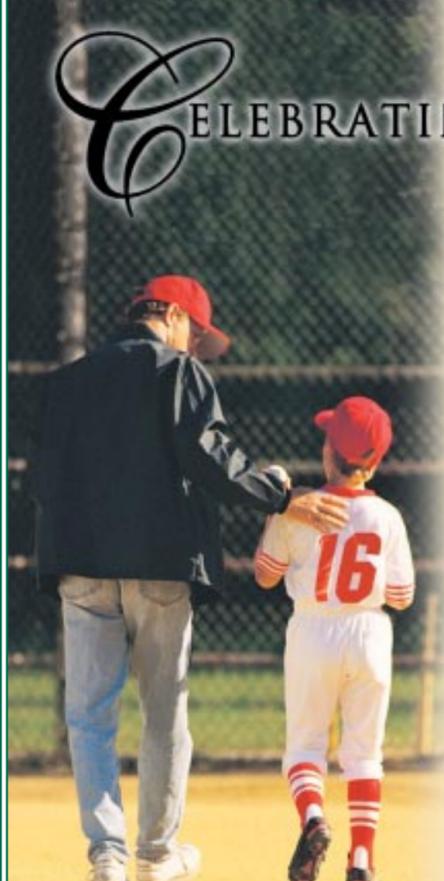
Wempe's previous assignments include Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center, Fort Meade; 10th Medical Laboratory, Landstuhl, Germany; Fort Detrick, Md.; Brook Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii; and Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Wash.

He and his wife, Diane, have four children. Their daughters, both Army nurses, are 1st Lt. Kerri Simoncic, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and 2nd Lt. Kelli Wempe, serving in Kuwait. Sons Ryan and Andrew Wempe are cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Staff Sgt. Elida Bush presented flowers to Diane Wempe and Unhui Krieger, the incoming and outgoing commander's spouses, and Sgt. 1st Class Freeman Witherspoon narrated the program. Maj. Henry K. Jung was the commander of troops and Sgt. 1st Class Dorothy W. Allen served as senior medical noncommissioned officer.

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EEO special emphasis programs course

The APG Equal Employment Opportunity Office is sponsoring a Special Emphasis Program Course for all SEP chairpersons and committee members of all serviced tenant activities that directly support the U.S. Army Garrison, APG EEOO program. The training will be held Sept. 8 to 10 at Top of the Bay, building 30, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Registration is required by Aug. 7. Space is limited. For more information contact Kimberly Alcorn, EEO specialist, at 410-278-1145/1100 or e-mail her at Kimberly.Alcorn@usag.apg.army.mil.

DA mandatory prevention of sexual harassment training

The schedule for the DA mandatory POSH refresher training for fiscal year 2003 is listed below. This training is for all APG, civilian employees and military personnel who supervise civilian employees. Training will be conducted at the APG Post Theater and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command Conference Center, building E-4810, Edgewood Area. Any civilian employee or military supervisor who has attended DA Mandatory POSH Training during FY03 is not required to attend these sessions.

For more information, contact Kimberly Alcorn, EEO specialist, at 410-278-1145/1100 or e-mail her at Kimberly.Alcorn@usag.apg.army.mil.

| Date | Time |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Post Theater | |
| Aug. 4 | 8 a.m., 1:30 p.m. |
| Aug. 6 | 8 a.m., *10 a.m., 1 p.m. |
| Aug. 18 | 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. |
| Aug. 19 | 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. |
| Aug. 20 | 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m. |
| | |
| Sept. 16 | 10 a.m., 1 p.m. |
| Sept. 18 | 8 a.m., 10 a.m. |
| Sept. 29 | 1:30 p.m. |
| Conference Center | |
| Aug. 11 | 8 a.m., 10 a.m., *1 p.m. |
| Aug. 12 | 1 p.m. |
| Aug. 13 | 8 a.m., 10 a.m. |
| Aug. 21 | 1 p.m., 3 p.m. |
| Aug. 26 | 1 p.m., 3 p.m. |
| Aug. 28 | 1 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | 8 a.m., 10 a.m. |

(*Interpreter will be available at these sessions only.)

Lonestar concert set for Sept. 12

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

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

Tickets can be purchased from the Hoyle Fitness Center, MWR Registration in building 3326, Ticketmaster, or at the MWR Web site www.apg.mwr.com.

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

Volunteers needed for country concert

Morale, Welfare and Recreation needs volunteers for the APG Miller Lite Army Concert

Tour, Sept. 12, at Shine Sports Field.

Jobs include gate workers, ticket sellers, concession workers, sponsorship assistants, warehouse workers and photographers. Licensed bus drivers and parking attendants are also needed.

Volunteers must be 18 or older and available to work from 4 p.m. to midnight. Staff T-shirts and training will be provided.

For more information about volunteering, contact Ruth Overbay, 410-278-9536, or e-mail ruth.overbay@usag.apg.army.mil. For general information, call 410-278-4907/4011, TTY 410-278-4110.

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Registering for HCC fall credit classes

Registration is underway for fall 2003 credit classes at Harford Community College's Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, building 3146 Raritan Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and alternate Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 410-272-2338 or 410-278-0516.

In addition, registration is taking place at HCC's Registration and Records Office in the Student Center, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Due to budget cutbacks, the Student Center will be closed on Friday and Saturday through Aug. 3). Starting Aug. 4, Student Center hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students who register prior to Aug. 4 will be billed with payment due Aug. 13. Fall classes begin on Sept. 3.

Students may also register for courses by mail or FAX through Sept. 2. Forms and further information are included in the Schedule of Fall 2003 Credit Classes. In addition to the Schedule of Classes being available in the Registration and Records Office, students can access the information at www.harford.edu.

Students who have never attended HCC, or who attended before Spring 2001, should complete an HCC Application for Enrollment prior to registering.

For further information, call the Office of Registration and Records at 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222.

AA Thrift Shop bag sale, discount

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop offers 10 percent off total purchase to patrons who present this ad.

Customers can also take advantage of the \$3 brown bag sale in July. The cashier will fill bags at the counter with customer's selections from the donation room for \$3, no matter how many items.

The Thrift Shop sales hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Consignment hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-8572.

Arm wrestling to benefit the USO

Give your right arm for freedom, security and safety by entering the First Federal Hill Arm Wrestling Contest. Net proceeds will go to Operation USO Care Packages for deployed U.S. soldiers; the Baltimore City Order of Police Memorial Fund; and the Widows and Orphans Fund for Baltimore City Firefighters.

Contests will be held at 7 p.m. every Tuesday night through July and August at local Federal Hill, Baltimore locations and are open to all males (18 years of age and over), right arms, in five weight classes: 154, 171, 189, 209 and 209 pounds and over. The finals will be held at Bohager's on Sept. 11 in remembrance of Sept. 11,

2001.

First place winners in each weight class will receive \$1,000 and second place winners in each weight class will receive \$500. Registration costs \$25, payable by check or money order to Mob Town Productions, LLC, 408 Westgate Road, Baltimore, MD 21229. Include a copy of photo I.D.

Early registration by mail will be appreciated, however, walk-ins are welcome. For more information and registration, call Mob Town Productions, LLC at 410-945-4799, or www.mobtownproductions.com. This event is sanctioned by the American Arm Sport.

ACS holds classes

For more information or to register for the following classes, call Marilyn Howard, ACS employment readiness manager at 410-278-9669.

Seating is limited. Participants must register at ACS, building 2754.

Lunchtime basic computer classes

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will offer Lunchtime Basic Computer Classes, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the ACS Employment Computer Lab, building 2754, room 205. All sessions are for two days.

Classes are scheduled to be held July 29 and 30; Aug. 5 and 6, 26 and 27; Sept. 2 and 3 and 9 and 10.

This hands-on course is designed for those with little or no background in computers. Students will learn basic skills needed to operate a computer, how to access the Internet and navigate through MS Word.

Job search classes

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program presents "How Do I Get Started? Let Us Help With Your Job Search." Classes will be held July 31, Aug. 14, Sept. 25 and Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to noon in building 2754, ACS Computer Lab, room #205.

All classes include: Where are the Resources; Basic Resume Information; Using MS Word features for your Resume; and an Internet job search session.

Job interview workshop

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will present a job interview workshop on July 29, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Army Community Service, building 2754 Rodman Road, classroom #103.

The class will teach participants how to make a positive impression during an interview and how to answer questions effectively and ask questions that show interest.

An interview session will give participants an opportunity to practice what they learned.

C&GSC classes forming at APG

Command and General Staff College Phase I and Phase III classes are forming now for fall.

For more information about Phase I enrollment, e-mail Maj. Alice Roosa at alice.roosa@us.army.mil or for Phase III enrollment, Lt. Col. Mark Valeri at mvaleri@regaldecision.com.

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, Aug. 21, 1 to 3 p.m. All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited to attend.

Over 55 representatives of support agencies/organizations will be present to discuss the latest and greatest information on their activities. Give-aways will be available and

door prizes awarded.

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

Kirk offers classes

The following classes will be held in the Behavioral Health conference room (Room 316), located on the first floor at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend. Registration is required. For more information and to register, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Take care of yourself class

This class teaches patients how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and when to see a doctor. Class will be held the third Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon. Each participant will receive a "Take Care of Yourself" handbook and a "Take Care of Your Child" handbook.

Additionally, at the end of each class, medication cards will be given out which allow patients to pick up specific medications without a prescription.

Lyme Disease class

A class on Lyme Disease will be held Aug. 5, noon to 1 p.m. in the Preventive Medicine conference room located on the first floor of KUSAHC.

These classes are open to everyone. For more information, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Opportunity to earn money

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory is conducting several studies on hearing. Paid listeners must be 18 to 28 years old with normal hearing.

Listening time is five hours or more. Each listener will be paid \$10 per hour. Qualified listeners can participate in one or more studies. Interested volunteers should contact Paula Henry at 410-278-5848 or e-mail her at phenry@arl.army.mil or Martha Dennison at 410-278-5918 or e-mail her at mjdennison@arl.army.mil.

We've lost a ton

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are continuing on post, and new participants are welcome. Since the Weight Watchers at Work Program began at Aberdeen Proving Ground, APG members have lost over 2,220 pounds. The program offers professional leadership, group support and a sound and safe weight control plan. Join WW for an open meeting on July 16, or call 410-278-1151 to learn more.

Volunteers needed for country concert

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Fact of the week

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Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Mobile Sources

Community Notes

FRIDAY JULY 25 BINGO

Aberdeen V.F.W. Post 10028 will hold a bingo night (below Wal-Mart) with early bird games starting at 6:45 p.m.; regular games will start at 7:15 p.m. Food will be available. For more information, call 410-272-1218.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JULY 26 AND 27 THE SECOND ANNUAL MARYLAND SHOOT FORTHE CURE

Deer Creek Archery and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation are teaming up to hold a 3D shoot for the cure, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bring personal equipment or use Deer Creek Archery supplied equipment. All archers will be shooting at IBO approved 3D targets by Delta Targets in the world's largest indoor range.

The cost of the shoot is \$20 with proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. All registrants will be eligible for door prizes donated by Deer Creek Archery, archery manufacturers, and friends of Deer Creek Archery. Muzzy Silent auction items consist of a Schrader's Hunting youth hunt, a BuckShot tree-stand, and a Remington 50 Caliber Model 700 muzzle loader.

To register, visit the store at 3021 Churchville Road, Churchville, or the Web site at www.deecreek-archery.com and look for '2003 Shoot For The Cure Registration.'

SATURDAY JULY 26 HOMEBUYER'S WORKSHOP

Home Partnership, Inc., a nonprofit agency, will offer a free seminar on how to buy a home, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wilson Community Center, 1024 Main Street in Darlington.

A free lunch will be provided. Registrants must call 410-297-6700.

THURSDAY JULY 31 AMSC LUNCHEON

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Chesapeake Chapter, will host a membership luncheon at Vitali's Restaurant, Edgewood, starting at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker is Col. William M. Landrum III, commander, U.S. Army Finance Command and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Operations.

Reservations must be made by noon July 22. The menu includes chicken breast with stuffing or roast beef bordelaise, herb roasted potatoes, green beans almondine, tossed salad, rolls, apple pie

ala mode, coffee and tea. Cost is \$15 for members and \$16 for non-members. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Contact an ASMC representative if interested in attending.

FRIDAY

AUGUST 1 COUNTRY HOE DOWN

Due to summer vacations, the Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, will not hold country western dancing in August.

It will resume Sept. 5 at the American Legion on Parke Street in Aberdeen. For more information, call 410-272-8318.



BINGO

Aberdeen V.F.W. Post 10028 will hold a bingo night (below Wal-Mart) with early bird games starting at 6:45 p.m.; regular games will start at 7:15 p.m. Food will be available.

For more information, call 410-272-1218.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 9 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit The Port Deposit Heritage Corporation will be held at the VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Tickets cost \$10; additional cards are \$5 each. Doors will open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available.

For tickets call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 or 410-939-1937, Joanne Bierly, 410-378-3320 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

FRIDAY

AUGUST 22 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit St. John's Episcopal Church - Memorial Garden will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street. Tickets cost \$10; additional cards are \$5 each. Doors will open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available.

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

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 26 BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce will hold a Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors

open at 6 p.m. and bingo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10; refreshments will be available. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be earmarked to continue with current chamber projects.

For tickets and additional information, call the Aberdeen Chamber at 410-272-2580.



Ticketmaster ticket center (including Andrews AFB,

Discount Alabama concert tickets available to military

USO-Metro in partnership with Information Manufacturing Corporation and Nissan Pavilion will present a Salute to the Military Night, Aug. 24, 8 p.m. at the Nissan Pavilion at Stone Ridge, 7800 Cellar Door Drive, Bristow, Va.

Military personnel and their families can purchase lawn tickets at half-price for Alabama's Farewell Tour 2003 for \$11.50 plus service charge. The discount tickets will remain on sale through Aug. 23.

To purchase tickets, military personnel should present

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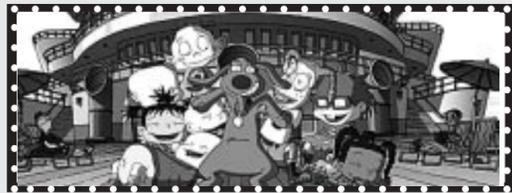
MOVIES

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

HOLLYWOOD HOMICIDE

Friday, July 25, 7 p.m.
Starring: Harrison Ford, Josh Harnett

When not solving murders in Tinseltown, Detective Joe Gavilan and his rookie partner Kasey Calden both moonlight in other fields: Gavilan sells real estate (poorly), and Calden aspires to become an actor (Brando, namely). Assigned to the vicious in-club slaying of a promising young rap act, the two detectives delve into the recording industry where they hope to find answers - ideally ones that also come with property buyers or auditions. (Rated PG-13)



RUGRATS GO WILD (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, July 26, 1 p.m., 7 p.m.

Animated

The Rugrats and family become stranded on an island, and Stu is blamed. The kids wander off into the jungle, and Spike loses his sense of smell due to sneezing. This becomes a problem when a clouded leopard named Siri finds out about the babies and goes after them, and the situation only gets worse when the kids become trapped underwater with an amnesiac Nigel, losing oxygen fast. (Rated G)

WRONG TURN

Saturday, July 26, 9 p.m.

Starring: Eliza Dushku, Desmond Harrington

A turn down an uncharted dirt road leads six young people into a night of pure terror where they are hunted by cannibalistic mountain men. They find that they've fallen victim not to local pranksters, but a gang of inbred backwoods killers with a taste for blood. (Rated R)



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open at 6 p.m. and bingo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10; refreshments will be available. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be earmarked to continue with current chamber projects.

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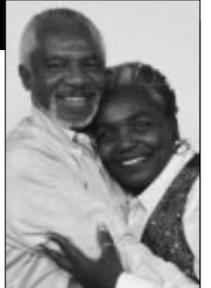
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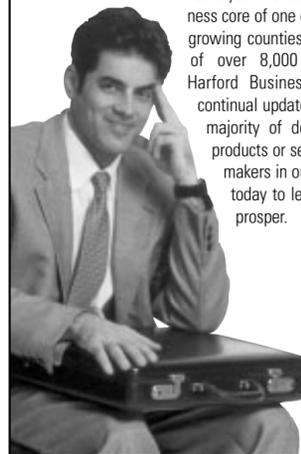
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Photo by TOM GREEN

Tom Eller, center, prepares to hit his second shot on the second playoff hole at Ruggles Golf Course while Dave Ryan, left, Herb Naylor and Norm Phillips look on. The quartet edged out the competition to advance to the Mid-Atlantic Sectional Tournament of the Buick Scramble golf competition.

Scramble winners advance to sectional tournament

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The golf foursome of Herb Naylor, Norm Phillips, David Ryan and Tom Eller edged out the rest of some stiff competition to advance to the Mid-Atlantic Sectional Tournament of the Buick Scramble golf competition during the one-day tournament at Ruggles Golf Course, June 22.

The event was a local qualifying championship tournament for the chance to advance to the Buick Scramble National Finals at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Oct. 2 to 6 and the National Tournament at Grande Lakes

Orlando, Oct. 8 to 12.

Twenty-eight players on seven teams competed for one spot, said Tom Green, Aberdeen Proving Ground director of golf.

"It was very exciting," Green said. "Four teams tied for first place with a score of 66. The winning team won on the third extra hole when Dave Ryan hit his tee shot to within five feet on the par three hole as it was getting dark."

The winners edged out the team of Wayne Doyel, John Aljets, Mike Aljets and Hannelore Aljets to win the local qualifier, he added.

Green will join the winning team dur-

ing the sectional competition at the Hampshire Greens Golf Course in Silver Spring, Md., Aug. 29.

"It was a hard fought, closely contested battle," Green said. "The players gave their all."

Four teams participated in the sudden death playoff. The other teams in the playoff included Jim Wood, Eric Braerman, Pat Sheldon and Mark Bovelsky; and Bill Braerman, Frederick Braerman, Janice Moore and Bud Moore.

"The weather cooperated and a good time was had by all," Green said.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

The following is a list of some of the new books at the APG MWR libraries:

Seizure by Robin Cook



What could the Shroud of Turin, a conservative Southern senator, and an entrepreneurial researcher have in common? Politics, religion, and bio-science collide in Cook's latest medical thriller.



Scaredy Cat by Mark Billingham



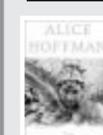
Trading Up by Candace Bushnell



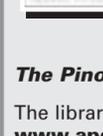
Runaway Heart by Stephen J. Cannell



Flirting with Pete by Barbara Delinsky



Wish Come True by Eileen Goudge



The Probable Future by Alice Hoffman



Fear Itself by Walter Mosley



Bare Bones by Kathy Reichs

The Pinocchio Syndrome by David Zeman

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During the first class students will be instructed what materials and supplies they will need to bring to future classes.

Class will be held every Thursday in August, 6 to 8 p.m. in the Russell Gymnasium, building 3330. Cost is \$40.

Register by Aug. 5 at MWR Registration, building 3326;

stuffed applique.

Students will also be making a miniature quilt (22 inches square).

Class will be held every Thursday in September, 6 to 8 p.m. in the Russell Gymnasium, building 3330. Cost is \$40.

Register by Sept. 2 at MWR Registration, building 3326; call 410-278-4907, or online at www.apgmwr.com.

For more information, call Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail him at charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON



School opens Aug. 25

Harford County public schools will open for all students kindergarten through grade 12 on Monday, Aug. 25, and for all pre-kindergarten students on Wednesday, Aug. 27.

For Harford County Public Schools 2003 to

2004 school year starting Aug. 25, the date a child must turn four in order to enter pre-kindergarten will be moved to Oct. 31, and a child must turn five by Nov. 30, 2003 to enter kindergarten.

Monday, Sept. 1, is Labor Day and all schools will be closed.

For a complete 2003 to 2004 school calendar, visit Web site: www.co.ha.md.us/harford_schools.

School registration

Since local schools are staffed based on enrollment, it is important that parents ensure that all students transferring between schools from outside Harford County be registered immediately.

For more information, contact Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857 or Linda Holloway at 410-306-4520.

Activities

Methods of registration

Registering for any MWR event can be accomplished by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting the MWR Registration, building 3326, or online at www.apgmwr.com.

Lunchtime glamour beauty clinics

This lunchtime clinic provides a hands-on approach to applying makeup—try the latest colors for the season and pick up other tips.

Class will include customized color cosmetic samples and a glamour brush set to take home.

Classes will be held Aug. 9 and 14, and Sept. 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

Register by Aug. 1 for the Aug. 9 and 14 class, and Aug. 29 for the Sept. 12 class.

Cost is \$20. For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

Aug. 2, 1 to 2 p.m.

Cost is \$15. Register by July 25.

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

Bowling special

Customer Appreciation Night is Aug. 20, 5 p.m. until closing at the APG Bowling Center.

All games and shoes are \$75 each.

For more information, call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil.



Body building class

Fundamentals of body building will be held Wednesdays, Aug. 6 through 27, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300.

Instruction will include hands-on training designed to teach the fundamentals of body building.

Precise exercises and work-out procedures essential for achieving desired results will be covered, including diet and nutritional needs. Techniques proven to increase the effectiveness of overall prescription and assessment will be discussed.

Participants will learn how to design their own program. Proper gym attire is required.

The class fee is \$30 or free to Corporate Pass Members.

Register by July 30 at MWR Registration, building 3326; call 410-278-4907, or online at www.apgmwr.com.

For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or charles.heinsohn@usag.apg.army.mil.

This week's Mystery Bowl winners



Photo by KELLY HILL

1st place - Donald Donnelly, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion

2nd place - Michael Banks, APG Police

3rd place - Sean Enderlle, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment (not pictured)

Commentary

Author captures racism, military

Capt. Eric Shuler
Special contributor

"Farewell to the Mocking Birds" is one of the most difficult books I have reviewed. The novel, set during World War I, depicts how white soldiers and the public treated the "colored" soldiers of the 24th United States Infantry.

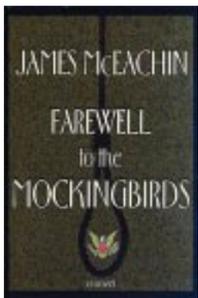
The African-Americans were called everything but that. Terms like "those people" "colored" and "Nigger" is how they were referred. I found that very offensive, but author James McEachin wants the reader to understand the treatment of the African-American soldier during World War I.

It is tough for me to picture separate units for different races. However even in World War II they

had separate units for African-Americans as well as for Japanese-American soldiers.

This colored unit had an African-American first sergeant and a white pacifist captain in charge. During World War I, a white officer in charge of a colored unit was considered a screw up. There were no African-American officers. The Army thought they were not capable of leadership.

The colored units were given half the supplies of white units and had officers who did not want any problems and did not want to get to know their men.



The problems for this unit increase when they are shipped to Texas. The soldiers of King Company are told they are going to France to fight the Germans. They start dreaming of medals and women and how they will be big heroes.

Unfortunately, when they leave the train and march to their new base, the colonel in charge of the regiment orders all the colored units not to sing but to march silently. The first sergeant of King Company disobeys that order. He marches his unit proudly while singing.

The captain in charge of the unit is chastized by the colonel and ordered

to demote the first sergeant.

The men of the colored unit soon learn that they would be getting all of the dirty details. One of the soldier's remarks that they have to clean up after the white soldiers.

In Houston, the people do not welcome the colored soldiers. One of the biggest fears they have is a black man with a gun. The sheriff of the town is the biggest racist of all and plans to arrest colored soldiers.

He and his deputies arrest some colored soldiers and beat them severely.

King Company is outraged and marches into Houston to free their fellow soldiers from their unjust incarceration.

The colonel mobilizes the white units and locks down the other colored units.

The colored soldiers are arrested and are to be tried for multiple violations of military law.

A young female lieutenant represents the colored soldiers. The outcome was predetermined even before the first soldier took the stand. I will not tell the conclusion.

Though this book is a novel, it is well written and captures the racism and prejudice once prevalent in society and the military. The ironic part of this book is that colored soldiers, although treated like second-class citizens, were willing to die for this country.

(Editor's note: This book was written by author/actor James McEachin; published by Rhari Publishing Group, Encino, Calif., and has 508 pages.)

SMARTbooks to help the soldier

Capt. Eric Shuler
Special contributor

I consider SMARTbooks the Leatherman(r) of Army manuals. The books contain all of the tools a leader needs in one small package. The chapters of the books are all referenced to Army publications. The books have numerous graphics as well as visual aids to help the reader.

Norman Wade is author of the SMARTbook series, which consists of three books--"The Leader's SMARTbook," "Battle Staff," and "Operations."

It is impossible to carry and manage all of the field manuals needed on an exercise or operation however; it is a lot

easier to carry a one-pound book.

I like SMARTbooks because the information is in an easy to read format as well as being layered out in a logical manner. If you cannot remember a symbol to use on your map board, turn to Chapter 4 of the Battle Staff Book.

The cover of the book states, "Step-by-Step Visual Guide to Military Decision Making &

Tactical Operations." There are numerous templates for decision making as well as

Operations Center Personnel.

The "Operations SMARTbook" is a guide to FM 3-0, Full Spectrum Operations and the Battlefield Operations Systems. This book covers everything from battle command, stability operations, to combat service support. Chapter 10, on Stability Operations, has important topic in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in the world. I did

not even know that there are 10 different types of stability operations. Have you ever had to deal with a DISCOM? See Chapter 7; there is an organization chart, a breakdown of types of support a DISCOM provides as well as the units that make up a DISCOM.

The last book, "Leader's SMARTbook," is on training management leadership and team building. It deals with the nuts and bolts of units and presents the five different leadership styles in Chapter 4.

The book is ideal for a new noncommissioned officer or lieutenant because it helps explain how a unit functions.

There is a good checklist on Sustainment: Teamwork

Assessment in Chapter 6. The checklist has questions on leaders, units, and sustainment in combat. One of the questions is, "Do your soldiers observe and learn from actual experiences in combat?"

I spoke with the author about his books and while they have been recently updated and on their second printing, "no book can give you all the answers, but the SMARTbook can make your life a lot easier," Wade said.

Smart Books are available at military clothing sales or a www.lightningpress.com or call 1-800-997-8827. This series will make a worthy addition to any military library.



Airmen James Benevides and James Jarvis, U.S. Air Force Detachment, rush to assist Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby through the Drunk Driving Awareness obstacle course.



Sgt Jason Miller, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, encourages Percy Franklin, 5, and Jared Shepard, 6, through the hoola-hoop portion of the obstacle course.



From left, twin sisters Aaliyah and Erykah Tisdale, 4, check out the rainbow painted on Aaliyah's arm by QT Pie the clown, right, during the ACS family picnic, June 30.

Picnic

From front page

"They are definitely having a good time," said Doris Tisdale as she watched over her twins, Aaliyah and Erykah, 4.

She said the EFMP is helpful to the girls who both have asthma.

"They give us medical referrals, the whole works," Tisdale said.

"I came out because I'm a big fan of ACS and what they do

for the community," added Michelle Walker-Alexander, a secretary with the Directorate of Information Management and the mother of two, ages 7 and nine months.

"ACS is always the first place I go to get acclimated to the area," Walker-Alexander said. "When your spouse is away, it's a great place to help you get your bearings."

An added event was the Drunk Driving Awareness obstacle course provided by Cindy Scott, prevention coordinator, Army Substance Abuse Program.

Airmen James Benevides and James Jarvis, U.S. Air Force Detachment, guided participants wearing goggles that distort the vision through the course in which they must walk a straight line without knocking over yellow cones.

"Everyone's enjoying it," Benevides said. "It's fun but educational too."

Scott said the event was added to teach the dangers of drinking and driving.

"I tell them when they drink and think about driving, to remember these goggles," she said.

Helen Davis, her daughter Miracle, 11, and granddaughter Deja Davis, 6, planned what events they would enjoy as they ate a meal of burgers, baked beans, chips and watermelon.

"I didn't tell them where we were going to surprise them," Davis said. "Count on ACS to have a nice event for children like this just as school lets out."

Sports & Recreation

APG pair win national, advance to world powerlifting competition

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Matthew Long and Margaret McLean reached the top levels of Powerlifting competition by winning the World Natural Powerlifting Federation national competition, held June 22 in Philadelphia, Penn.

Long, a sergeant and military police officer with Headquarters Support Troop and the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security placed first in the 198-pound category and was named the best overall male lifter.

McClean, the wife of Staff Sgt. Maurice McLean, HHC 16th Ordnance Battalion, won her division and was named best overall female lifter.

Both advance to the WNPLF world championships, set for Oct. 24 to 26 in Edison, N.J.

Long bench-pressed 405-pounds, squatted 625-pounds

and completed a 635-pound deadlift in the three-event trial.

He said that he plans to use different strength training techniques in preparation for his first world-level competition.

"Ordinarily, you can relax to a certain degree but once you get past national, you have to buff it up a little," Long said. He said his goal is to place within the top five in his weight division.

"Naturally, I want to win, but anything less than the top five will be a disappointment," Long said.

"This is the point where you go for your personal best," Long said. "Even if I win, if I don't meet my standards, I'm hard on myself."

(Author's note: Margaret McLean was not available for an interview at the time of this printing. I wish them both luck in their quest for the best.)



Photos by KIM LONG
Although this 425-pound bench press was unsuccessful, Matt Long still was named best overall lifter during the World Natural Powerlifting Federation national competition in Philadelphia, Pa., June 22.



Matt Long deadlifts 650-pounds on his way to winning the WNPLF national championship.

Tia first soldier to win five All-Army Chess Championships



Sgt. Rudy Tia Jr., of Fort Hood, Texas, contemplates his next move en route to winning his fifth All-Army Chess Championship at Fort Myer, Va.

Story and photo by
Tim Hipps
Army News Service

It seems nobody in the U.S. Army can figure the chess strategy of Sgt. Rudy Tia Jr., who recently became the first five-time winner of the All-Army Chess Championship.

Tia, 38, of Fort Hood, Texas, won his fifth overall and fourth consecutive championship June 21 to 26 in Army-wide competition at Fort Myer, Va. Sgt. Michael Fletcher, the only other four-time winner of the event, owned the All-Army crown from 1979-1982.

Sgt. Kenneth Davidson came all the way from Karsi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan - just north of Afghanistan - to get a rematch with Tia, the ultimate commander of an Army of 16 chessmen.

"I was trying to get him this year," said Davidson, who lost to Tia in the first round. "I thought I had him beat last year, but I just missed my winning move. This year, I was trying to get my revenge, but he's tough."

Only by defending against opponent's threats can chess players successfully exercise their own strategies. Once they figure out what their opponent is plotting, attempts are made to nip those plans in the bud.

"He has a strong, solid game and he doesn't beat himself," Davidson, 36, of Fort Myers, Fla., continued of Tia. "The small things you overlook, he never seems to overlook. He can pretty much run the table on anybody."

Davidson deployed to Uzbekistan last December and originally was scheduled to

come home this month. Having been extended until September, he was allowed two weeks leave to return to the States.

"I told them I didn't care about the leave, to just make sure I could make this tournament," said Davidson, who has half the members of his unit playing chess. "I even hosted a chess tournament over there for soldiers, so they supported me wholeheartedly on this."

Staff Sgt. Vidal Carvajal Jr., of Camp Stanton, Korea, was humbled by finishing 12th in the 43rd annual, six-day, round-robin tournament.

"I thought I was good until I got here," said Carvajal, 44, a native of Fort Sill, Okla. "I've lost more games in this tournament than I have in the last two years. I play a lot, but I don't have the chance to play this caliber of chess players."

Carvajal's final game was against Tia, a native of Manila, Philippines.

"He plays really, really hard," Carvajal said. "Everything I did, he countered - every single thing. Every time I weaseled my way in somewhere, he had a trap waiting for me. Then he just picked me apart, one part at a time."

Although everyone wants to know Tia's secrets to chess success, he won't offer any clues.

"I don't know what it is," Tia said with a smile while rubbing his head. "I think it's about being aggressive. I don't care about the opening. What I care about is the middle game and the endgame, and being aggressive."

Veterans of this tournament say Tia always opens the same way, and then finishes them off

like an unfazed champion. He credits playing against a laptop computer for immensely improving his game - along with his overflowing shelf of more than 60 chess books.

"I just play my own style," Tia said. "I don't know why these guys cannot beat me. I would be happy just to become a master."

Tia entered the tourney with a United States Chess Federation rating of 2,109. A master's rating ranges from 2,200 to 2,399.

Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey McAleer, who finished fourth, won the All-Army Chess Championship in 1993 and boasts two victories over Tia.

"I'm the only one to beat him, and I beat him twice, but neither one of those efforts was good enough to take first place [in the tourney]," said McAleer, stationed at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. "He's like a notch above the rest of us; he's more consistent. Even though I'm able to beat him every now and then, over the long run, his consistency pays off for him. He can do it day in and day out. We know where he is, and we know what he's coming with - we just can't stop him."

The top six finishers in this tournament will represent the Army in the Interservice Chess Championships Aug. 4 to 8, at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. Top finishers there will comprise the U.S. Military Chess Team in matches against 13 NATO countries at the 14th International Military Chess Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark, Sept. 8 to 12.

(Tim Hipps writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs Office.)

Softball update

The following results were reported for intramural softball for the week ending July 14:

American Division

Results

July 7
HHC 16th defeated HHC 143rd
HHC 143rd, 15; HHC 16th, 14
WOA, 26; HHC 61st, 4
HST, 17; NCO, 16

July 9

Rained Out
July 14
MRICD, 9; HHC 143rd, 6
HHC 143rd, 14; MRICD, 8
USMC, 9; 398th Chemical, 6
HHC 16th, 14; Company A 143rd, 11
HHC 61st, 17; Company C 143rd, 4
HST, 15; Company B 143rd, 3

July 16
HHC 143rd, 18; HHC 61st, 9
HHC 143rd, 11; HHC 61st, 9
MRICD, 1; 398th Chemical, forfeit

Standings

USMC 7-1
HHC 16th 6-3
WOA 4-4
HST 4-4
HHC 143rd 3-2
NCOA 3-4
MRICD 3-5
HHC 61st 2-8

National Division

Results

July 15

Company B 16th, 9;
Company A 16th, 2
Company E 16th, 9; Company C 16th, 4
USMC, 18; USAF, 6
July 17
Company A 16th, 17; USAF, 14
Company B 16th, 16;
Company C 16th, 15
USMC, 13; Company E 16th, 12

Standings

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

Edgewood Division

Results

July 7 and July 9 rained out
July 14
HHC 16th, 14; Company A 143rd, 11
HHC 61st, 17; Company C 143rd, 4
HST, 15; Company B 143rd, 3

Standings

Company B 143rd 5-3
Company A 143rd 3-4
398th Chemical 3-4
Company C 143rd 1-4

Register now for the Army Ten-Miler

<http://www.armytenmiler.com/exec/army/Home.cfm?publicationID=16>

Team and individual registration is now open for the Army Ten-Miler. Tickets for the Kids Fun Run and Pasta Dinner are also available.

The Army Ten-Miler is America's largest ten-miler and the U.S. Army's premier running event. Race weekend is filled with a number of activities including a two-day race expo, pasta dinner and post race party. Children can find lots of fun activities in the Kids Zone and participate in the Kids Fun Run.

Registration for the Army Ten-Miler costs \$25; registration for the Kids Fun Run costs \$8. Registration can be made at https://www.active.com/register/index.cfm?event_id=1040328, but there is an on-line processing fee.

All mail-in entries must be postmarked no later than Aug. 15.

All packets must be picked up at the Race Headquarters Hotel, the Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va. Packets can be picked up on Friday, Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Packets will not be available outside of designated pick-up hours.

To receive packets, runners and team captains must show a

photo ID and have their race number. Team captains or a representative must pick-up team's packets. Individuals may pick-up a friend's packet if they present a copy of the individual's photo ID and e-mail confirmation. Applicants who do not have e-mail confirmation should look up the name on the Army Ten-Miler confirmation page and print the page as a confirmation record.

Packets will contain race numbers and Champion Chips. Check the label on the race numbers and chip envelope to be sure that they match. There will be no late registration or race day pick-up.

The Kids Fun Run, for children kindergarten through eighth grades, will begin after the Army Ten-Miler. The first race begins at approximately 10:45 a.m. Runners are separated into age group divisions. Run distances will vary depending on age groups and will not exceed a 1K run.

All participants will receive a T-shirt and special finishers medal.

The Wheelchair Race begins at 7:50 a.m., the Army Ten-Miler starts at 8 a.m. and the Kids Fun Run starts at 10:45 a.m.

MILES checks for post hunting permit discontinued

Jim Pottie
DSHE

Aberdeen Proving Ground will no longer provide MILES/Criminal History Check (background) checks as in the past. The check must now be done by the Maryland Criminal Justice Information System.

A fee of \$23 is required and must be in the form of a check or money order made payable to "CJS." Cash will not be accepted.

To acquire a CHC background check

hunters must go to the Criminal Justice Information Service office located in Pikesville, Md.

(Directions: Take the beltway (695) to exit 20. Once on MD 140. Follow it towards Pikesville. Go approximately 3.5 miles and watch for "THE PLAZA" shopping center. Turn into the plaza and go the far right corner. To the left there is a building with the numbers 6776 on the front. Enter and go to the second floor, Room number 205. Inform the receptionist that a "state" level background check is needed

to qualify for an APG Hunting Permit.

The results will be mailed in about six weeks. Early submissions have taken six to eight days to get a response by mail, hopefully it will continue. The form must be submitted to the Marine and Wildlife special agent for review prior to buying an APG Hunting Permit.

Once the Checking Stations open they can be left for pickup by DLES. Once the request is approved an updated roster will be provided to Outdoor Recreation.