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The APG News salutes veterans

By YVONNE JOHNSON
APG NEWS

In honor of Veterans Day and the thousands of veterans residing within the Aberdeen Proving Ground community, the APG News will focus its November issues on veterans' interests and services.

This week's issue, styled in a format similar to that used during and after World War II, highlights the early days of blacks and women in the military and their training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, which was designated a National Historic Landmark during dedication ceremonies in July.

Traditional and non-traditional methods of treatment for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder will be explored in the Nov. 24 issue. Articles will center on the Veteran's Administration Outreach Center in Aberdeen; mental health services at Perry Point VA Medical Center in Perryville; a Native American sweat lodge constructed on the Perry Point grounds and attended often by PTSD patients; and the work of Nimr R. Hassan, a Vietnam veteran, martial artist, and therapist who has successfully treated Vietnam veterans diagnosed with PTSD using a self defense regimen that has been adopted by the University of Pennsylvania's PLAAY Project, Preventing Long-term Anger and Aggression in Youth.

The series concludes Dec. 2 with coverage of local Veterans Day observances and a glimpse at Harford and Cecil county veterans service organizations and the community-focused work they conduct for veterans, service members and youth organizations.

To view the Nov. 10 issue of APG News, which highlighted the 60th Anniversary of the Normandy invasion, visit www.apgnews.apg.army.mil.

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Nov. 24, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

APG community information forum

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Information Forum will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 1 to 3 p.m., Nov. 18. All military, civilian personnel, retirees, and their family members are invited. Representatives of support agencies/organizations will be present to discuss their activities.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service, 410-278-9669.

APG Blood Drive

APG Garrison is hosting an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive at the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 19. The goal for this blood drive is 75 good units.

For more information, call Spc. James Hyde at 410-278-4333 or Staff Sgt. Brian Adams at 410-278-3000, or Staff Sgt. Beverly Williams, Chapel Administrator, at 410-278-433 or 4593.

EA Youth center holds holiday feast

All registered youth and their parents/guardians are invited to the Edgewood Area Youth Center's Annual Thanksgiving Feast 4:30 to 6 p.m., Nov. 23. Parental support is encouraged for this event. For a reservation, call Charles Norak or Sabrina Myers, 410-436-2098, no later than Nov. 19.

Thanksgiving Day refuse pickup

Because Thanksgiving Day falls on a Thursday, there will be no refuse pickup on Nov. 25. Housing area refuse normally scheduled for pickup on Tuesday will be picked up on Monday, Nov. 22, and Thursday's refuse will be picked up on Tuesday, Nov. 23. The remainder of the week will be per the normal schedule.

For more information, call Debbie Meranski, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-2337.

Thanksgiving holiday hours

The APG PX, Burger King and the APG Shoppette will be open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed Nov. 25 through 27 for Thanksgiving holiday.

The Combined Federal Campaign Office will be closed Nov. 25 and 26.

Military Christian Center offers local tripsin November

The Military Christian Center has sightseeing and shopping trips scheduled for November. Pickup times and locations include:

Nov. 20, 1:30 p.m. pickup, Baltimore Inner Harbor (Civil War flagship, submarine, paddle boats, shopping mall)

Nov. 27, 6:30 a.m. pickup, Washington D.C. (White House, Capitol, Washington Monument and more).

Nov. 28, 9 a.m. pickup, Rockvale Shopping Outlet. All trips are free, with a donation of \$2.

The Military Christian Center is located at 16 N. Philadelphia Blvd., Aberdeen, and is open Friday through Sunday. Free home-cooked meals and dorm facilities are available.

When a call is received, a member of the staff will pick up. The center is a practical place to hang out and relax for the weekend.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call 410-272-1144 after 8 p.m. Friday evening, or e-mail

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Honoring veterans in Aberdeen



--Yvonne Johnson

Veterans and friends honor the colors during the city of Aberdeen's Veterans Day Ceremony in Memorial Park Nov. 11. Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, was the guest speaker.

APG leaders join community in honoring veterans

By YVONNE JOHNSON
APG NEWS

The installation's newest leaders spent their first Veterans Day at Aberdeen Proving Ground among the citizenry of the surrounding community.

Brig. Gen. Roger Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, and Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and chief of ordnance, participated in the Veterans Day observance at Memorial Park in Aberdeen Nov. 11. Boles was the guest speaker and Nadeau gave remarks during a reception at American Legion Post 128.

American Legion Post 128, led by Lt. Col. William Conlon, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10028, and the Catholic War Veterans Post 1941 hosted the program. APG parish priest Father John Bauer deliv-

ered the invocation and Aberdeen Mayor Doug Wilson gave welcoming remarks.

"It's great to come together on Veterans Day to honor those willing to put their lives on hold for the good of the nation," Wilson said. "We have been blessed to have men and women willing to sacrifice everything so their children and grandchildren have the opportunity to live in freedom."

Boles said that an exhibit on Military History in the District of Columbia, called "The Price of Freedom," opened that morning.

"I think they got the title right," Boles said. "As you go about your daily lives making choices, stop and take the opportunity to thank veterans because it is veterans' service that has guaranteed that choice for you."

He recalled that a senior veteran once told him he was ready to return to service and serve in Iraq if need be. Boles asked the man's wife what she thought.

"She said her husband is a Soldier and he

wants to be where Soldiers are serving," Boles said.

"They volunteer not for glory, nor riches, nor fame," he said. "They go for you."

"My names is Boles and I'm a Soldier," he added. "But I'm not just a Soldier in the Army, I'm a Soldier in your Army."

Nadeau said that many of the things helping to keep Soldiers alive in Iraq and Afghanistan are coming right out of the laboratory and test facilities of RDECOM.

"A lot of good stuff going on for the Army is due to what we do right here," Nadeau said. "With the support of this community, every single day, there's something that's happening that keeps some kid alive."

"Thank all of you for your support," he said. "We could not do it without your help."

Harford County Executive James Harkins gave the closing remarks.

Other guests included members of the

(See Veterans, page 4)

Quit for a day... or a lifetime

LISA YOUNG
CHPPM

The Great American Smokeout, Nov. 18, provides a perfect opportunity for tobacco users to make a fresh start.

The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. today. The health risks are obvious, but unfortunately, nicotine is addictive, so breaking the habit - a process known as smoking cessation - is very difficult.

Quitting isn't easy, but millions have been successful.

Here are some tips to help.

Prepare mentally: Think of the positive aspects, such as improved health, better-smelling breath and more money in your pocket.

Set a target date for quitting: Make a

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A new military pay system is on the way

DFAS

The Defense Joint Military Pay System is soon to be replaced by the Forward Compatible Payroll System.

FCP is a solution for paying the Army, Navy, and Air Force until implementation of the Defense Integrated Military Pay and Human Resource System, which integrates both pay and personnel processing.

"We look for FCP to vastly improve pay service to our military members," said Sue Schallenberg, director, Military Pay Transition Group.

DJMS has been stretched to the limits of its functionality. It is a 1970s based software application that has not been able to keep

(See Military Pay, page 14)



--Yvonne Johnson

Shirley Caesar bids goodnight to the Aberdeen Proving Ground audience after receiving flowers at the end of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation's "An Evening of Worship" concert at the Post Theater Nov. 5.

Shirley Caesar electrifies APG audience

By YVONNE JOHNSON
APG NEWS

Glowing with spirit and passion, Gospel songstress Shirley Caesar made a triumphant return to Aberdeen Proving Ground for An Evening of Worship concert held at the Post Theater Nov. 5.

The living legend and acknowledged First Lady of Gospel, Caesar eclipsed her previous visit to APG with an animated performance highlighted by a "prayerful healing" for a member of the audience.

More than 300 fans attended the Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsored event.

The show's special guest was GIA Music Group recording artist Pamela Rankins.

Minister Horace Tittle, from radio station WJSS 1300 AM and Kenneth Stewart, pastor of St. James A.M.E. Church in Havre de Grace co-hosted the program.

After an opening prayer, Stewart established the mood of the evening, serving as a solo praise team, by leading the audience in the songs, "Lift Him Up," "He's Sweet I Know," and "Couldn't Keep It To Myself."

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Smokeout

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commitment to that date and do not let anything change it. Join many who will be quitting the day of the Great American Smokeout.

Involve someone else: Bet a friend that you can quit on your target date. Better yet, ask a friend or spouse to quit with you or to support you in your effort. Consider joining a support group or attending a smoking-cessation program.

Know what to expect: Prepare yourself for the tobacco urge to hit and have a plan to handle it. Stock up on hard candies, gum, mouthwash and mints. Be sure to drink plenty of fluids, especially water, to wash the nicotine out of your body. Understand that withdrawal symptoms are temporary and a sign that the body is in a healing process.

Recognize and try to avoid tempting situations: Don't be caught unaware. Find new habits that make smoking difficult. Brush your teeth after meals instead of having a cigarette. Take a walk instead of a coffee break and avoid areas where people smoke. Use the four D's in fighting a craving: Delay, Deep breathing, Drink water, Do something.

Try nicotine-replacement therapy: In a review of over 3,000 smoking-cessation programs, the U. S. Public Health Service found that the use of nicotine gums or patches more than doubles the success rate of quitting. These products decrease the craving for nicotine, helping with physical withdrawal. Nicotine gum and patches are now available over-the-counter.

Avoid the weight-gain trap: Weight gain is a major concern for many individuals who quit smoking. Studies show the average weight gain for those who quit is only five to 10 pounds - some people do not gain any weight. The important message is: do not substitute eating for smoking. Keep low-calorie snacks such as carrots available. This would be a great time to start an exercise program. Remember to check with a physician before beginning any strenuous program.

Only the smoker can make the decision to quit smoking. When considering the benefits of being tobacco-free, what is there to lose? Even if a smoker has tried before and relapsed, try again. The chances for success increase with every attempt.

Join the Great American Smokeout and quit for the day...or quit for a lifetime.

Women and smoking

NCCD, CDC

According to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, this year alone lung cancer will kill nearly 68,000 U.S. women.

This accounts for one in every four cancer deaths among women and about 27,000 more deaths than from breast cancer (41,000). In 1999, approximately 165,000 women died prematurely from smoking-related diseases, like cancer and heart disease.

Lung cancer is now the leading cause of cancer death among U.S. women. Lung cancer surpassed breast cancer in 1987. About 90 percent of all lung-cancer deaths among women who continue to smoke can be attributed to smoking. Women also face unique health effects from smoking, such as problems related to pregnancy.

A woman's annual risk for death more than doubles among continuing smokers, compared with persons who have never smoked, in all age groups.

Women who smoke have increased risks for conception delay and for both primary and secondary infertility. Smoking women may have a modest increase in risk for ectopic pregnancy and spontaneous abortion. They can be younger at natural menopause than non-smokers and may experience more menopausal symptoms.

The risk for lung cancer increases with quantity, duration and intensity of smoking. The risk for dying of lung cancer is 20 times higher among women who smoke two or more packs of cigarettes per day than among women who do not smoke.

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DOIM, APG staff honored by Harford County Committee

By Meghan Bowen
APG NEWS

The U.S. Army Garrison Directorate of Information Management and six members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground workforce were honored at the annual Harford County Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities at the Maryland Golf and Country Club Oct. 21.

"Today is a wonderful opportunity for us to recognize our award winners," said Jackie Angerhofer, co-chair, Harford County Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

The theme of the luncheon, "You're Hired, Success Knows No Limitations", emphasized opportunities for employees with disabilities.

Angerhofer commented on the talents of the employees that were honored.

"When you think of ideals that define an exemplary employee, words like work ethic, determination, perseverance, positive outlook, and a person's innate abilities to get along with everyone come to mind," Angerhofer said. "The fact that some of the people we recognize today happen to have disabilities is eclipsed by the fact that they are excellent employees and great people."

Angerhofer recognized local community leaders Dion Guthrie and Cecilia Stepp, from the Harford County Council who came out to support the awardees.

Donald Morrison, director of Information for Harford County Public Schools, introduced the awardees.

The APG Garrison's DOIM, which is responsible for ensuring information technology systems, Web sites, and video broadcasts are accessible to employees, was honored as the Public Employer of the Year.

"Under the directorship of Kim Parker all employees are encouraged to advance in their jobs and explore opportunities for career growth," Morrison said. "Employees are encouraged to participate in a variety of activities and organizations that raise awareness of opportunities for people with disabilities."

Guest speaker, Marian Vessels, director of the ADA & IT Information Center for the Mid-Atlantic Region, providing technical assistance, training and resources on

the Americans with Disabilities Act, commented on how Aberdeen has supported the employment of individuals with disabilities.

"In [more than] 20 years Aberdeen has always been at the top of the list nationally, which is great," Vessels said.

Members of the APG workforce were also honored as Employees of the Year in both the public and private sectors, along with two members receiving awards of merit.

U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center's visual information specialist Deana Boyd was named the Employee of the Year in the Public Sector.

In her current position, Boyd uses a variety of computer and artistic skills to update Web pages, monitor e-mail, and respond to customer questions and problems.

Outside APG, Boyd has worked with the Havre de Grace Recreation Council, where her efforts to establish a safe park for skateboarders have been recognized by the mayor.

According to Col. Mary Brown, ATC's commander, Boyd's "exceptional performance, inspiration, and perseverance coupled with her professionalism and cooperative spirit have proven her to be an outstanding civil servant and a very deserving candidate for this award."

A contractor from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, David Gesswein, was honored as the Employee of the Year in the Private Sector.

Gesswein, who became disabled after a car accident, is a help desk manager who worked his way up from an unpaid student contractor to work for Log.Sec in 1999.

Besides his work at APG, Gesswein starred in an "Accessible Parking" video produced by Harford Cable Network.

"Gesswein has made accessible parking one of his personal missions resulting in improvements at Chili's in Bel Air, at Harford Community College and Aberdeen Proving Ground," Morrison said.

U.S. Army Garrison DOIM Web developer, Michael Graziano, was honored with an Employee Award of Merit.

"He has been instrumental in many

organizations that provide services to individuals with disabilities as well as the general APG community, including the APG concert last summer, Fidos for Freedom, and Self Help for the Hard of Hearing, Harford County chapter," Morrison said.

Graziano also nominated the DOIM for the Employer of the Year award.

U.S. Army Material Systems Analysis Activity's Gregory Brotzman, an information technology specialist, who installs and monitors a variety of electronic and computer equipment, was also honored with an Employee Award of Merit.

"He willingly shares his knowledge with others and is determined to get the job done right and on time," Morrison said. "In one instance, he was known to repair his prosthesis with an odd screw so he could see an important job through to completion."

Office Eagle customer assistant, Ruth Ann Borgmann, was also honored with an Employee Award of Merit.

"She always gives a hundred and ten percent effort," Morrison said.

Borgmann also volunteers at the public library where she works in the Learning and Sharing Center.

Another Office Eagle employee, Nicole DiSeta, was honored with a Student Award of Merit.

"At Office Eagle she has developed her customer service skills as well as confidence in her ability to be a productive member on their staff," Morrison said.

Vessels left the honorees and luncheon guests with a final thought on what they could do to make their daily surroundings more accessible to people with disabilities.

"I challenge you to take another role. Look around the room," Vessels said. "We have 125 people here today. If each one of you made the commitment to making our settings more accessible to people with disabilities, that would mean one-hundred and twenty-five more businesses that would be more accessible."

"You have the economic power to make a difference. I challenge you to think about that before you leave today. Ask businesses to install extra curb cuts, parking places, and lowered teller counters," she said.

APG youths plant a promise

By Meghan Bowen
APG NEWS

Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Commander Col. John T. Wright, helped elementary school aged youths to plant a tree and tulip bulbs in front of the Aberdeen Area Army Community Service building as a part of the National 'Plant the Promise' campaign in conjunction with the Army Substance Abuse Program, ASAP, to raise drug abuse awareness Oct. 25.

"I thought the Planting a Promise

Program was very clever, as a tree and the flowers will continue to serve as a visual reminder to the youths participating that day," said Norma Warwick, Aberdeen Area Youth Services director.

Rodger Stoflet, APG landscaper, donated the red maple tree and the ASAP office donated 50 red tulip bulbs.

Cynthia Scott, ASAP prevention coordinator, asked kids if they knew what was "special about this week."

Scott told the children that it was National Red Ribbon Week, which is celebrated during the last week of October

every year.

The week serves as a tribute to Special Agent Enrique Camarena, who was kidnapped, tortured and murdered by drug traffickers in Mexico, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's Web site.

"This tragic event produced an immediate outpouring of grief, but over time has generated a sense of hope across America," said Karen P. Tandy, DEA administrator. "That hope is being kept alive through the hard work of thousands of Americans, particularly our young people, who participate in Red Ribbon events."

"This is the first year Aberdeen Youth Services participated in a planting program with the drug free message," Warwick said. "Cindy Scott and her organization have partnered with CYS for several other events spreading their drug free message."

Wright talked to the youths about peer pressure and drugs.

"You will be challenged by people who will try to encourage you to take things that are bad for you, but we want to focus your attention on staying drug free," Wright said.

After Wright helped tie a red ribbon onto the Aberdeen Proving Ground police car, he helped students plant the tree.

After planting tulip bulbs, ribbons and 'drug free' balsawood planes were distributed to the youth.

"The kids had a great time and enjoyed the planes that were passed out to them," Warwick said.



--Meghan Bowen

Garrison Commander Col. John T. Wright, center, and Crime prevention officer Michael Farlow, right, tie a ribbon to an Aberdeen Proving Ground police car to celebrate National Red Ribbon Week, while McGruff the Crime Dog and Cindy Scott, Army Substance Abuse Program prevention coordinator, look on Oct. 25.

CFC continues climb toward goal

ROBERT SOLYAN
CFC CHAIRMAN

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign has collected \$217,442.47, or 66.9 percent toward the installation goal of \$325,000.

Seven more activities joined the ranks of those that have exceeded 100 percent of their goals, bringing the total to 24.

Congratulations to the Directorate of Information Management, Northeast Civilian Personnel Operation Center, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Army Evaluation Center, Army Material System Analysis Activity, Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Defense Military Pay Office and the Guardian Brigade 20th Support Command.

Even though these activities have exceeded their goals, they continue to gather new pledges from their employees. Congratulations to the Garrison Adjutant Office, which achieved 100 percent participation and exceeded 100 percent of its

goal.

Everyone is permitted to donate to CFC whether employed on the Installation or not. Those who are not government employees can contribute by cash or check and should complete a Central Maryland CFC pledge card, designating no specific charity or those outlined in the Central Maryland CFC 2004 Contributors Guide.

Government employees may not solicit from contractors employed on Aberdeen Proving Ground; however, a contractor may request a guide and pledge card and may contribute by cash or check.

Two more winners of the CFC prize of "Fort McHenry" prints by Chris White were selected Nov. 15 in the third of four drawings. They are Pvts. Melissa Tsosie, who won a large print, and Andrae McDonald, who won a small print. Both winners were from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 16th (See **CFC**, page 5)



--Meghan Bowen

Wright, center, helps Drezha Daniels, left, and Caitlyn Wamack, plant a Red Maple tree in front of the Aberdeen Area Army Community Service building as a part of the National 'Plant the Promise' campaign Oct. 25.

With Our

APG Forum...

APG Voices

The following question was asked after the Veterans Day Program at Memorial Park in Aberdeen:

Why did you attend today's Veterans Day Program?



John Shanbarger
U.S. Army veteran, Aberdeen

I realized I had never taken time to observe Veterans Day and I was determined to do so on my day off. I knew it would be something special. I'm glad I came.



Anna Sissum
Post 128 Ladies Auxiliary, Aberdeen

My husband was a veteran, a retired command sergeant major. It's important that we never forget.



Walter Godfrey
VFW Post 5337, Abingdon

We [and wife, Leonna] always come out. We like to celebrate the day.



Earl Daugherty
U.S. Army veteran, Aberdeen

I come to every ceremony. I try not to miss one because I think it's important to observe Veterans Day.

Commentary--A personal quit-smoking story

KIM REISCHLING
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

As midnight approached, my heart filled with trepidation. It was almost time to begin the task I had planned weeks beforehand. I dreaded it. How could the days between the idea and its execution have flown by so quickly? Maybe I should wait and begin the job next week, next month, next year - until stark reality stole my last, gasping breath.

No. With grim and steely determination, I reined in my galloping thoughts. No matter the cost, I would do it - nothing would shake me from my firm resolve. So, with self-pity tucked neatly away, I did it. I extinguished my last cigarette.

Slowly, I made my way to the kitchen trashcan where I dumped the ashtray and my half-empty pack of cigarettes. Seeing those items nestled amid day-old coffee grounds and blackened banana peels saddened me - it felt just like parting from a dear friend, one you know you'll never see again.

But tomorrow was my designated "quit smoking day," and I had made a vow to myself. Dejectedly, I went to bed, already dreading waking in the morning to drink coffee without a cigarette. I couldn't sleep. My husband's loud, rasping snores grated on my already jangled nerves as I watched the luminescent hands of the clock tick away second by second.

Succumbing to temptation, I kicked off the covers, got up and made my stealthy way to the kitchen trashcan. Feeling no guilt, I fished my cigarettes out of the trash, barely noticing the coffee grounds stuck to my fingers.

I smoked 'em all, then fell into an exhausted sleep on the living-room couch, the faint sounds of my husband's snores now comforting rather than nerve-wracking. I slept, nicotine-induced dreams my companions. In the morning I applied the nicotine patch. I

had no choice - I had smoked all my cigarettes.

My journey from there to here began years ago when I promised my children I would "quit tomorrow." It was a promise I never kept.

But increasing age and the decreasing ability to laugh without breaking into paroxysms of coughing or to climb a flight of stairs without becoming winded frightened me. The cancer deaths of a family member and a close friend strengthened my fear.

So I got help. I signed up for the Army Community Hospital's smoking-cessation program.

Forcing myself to attend the first class was a chore. I didn't

want to leave the office, there was too much work to do, I didn't want to miss lunch, I wanted to go to the post exchange for my weekly magazines and my hamburger and French fries - the list of excuses went on and on.

A co-worker participating in the same program prompted my presence. I didn't think he could break his habit, and I wanted to beat him at the quitting game. So I went and we sat together in class. I felt like a school girl again, and I fought the urge to pass him notes.

That first morning, the class instructor announced our quit

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Letter to the Editor...

Nov. 3

A few weeks ago, on a flight from Baltimore to Atlanta, I had the honor of sitting next to a young lance corporal dressed in his Marine battle dress uniform. He was from Rochester, N.Y., and was just finishing two weeks of [rest and relaxation] R & R. He was returning to Iraq (Fallujah)-for the third time.

As you might suspect, we talked about a lot of things. I mentioned that I was often asked the question of what can individuals or organizations send our troops to make their tour a little more bearable.

He told me that they could always use hygiene items such as razors, deodorant, etc., pocket novels-particularly suspense, murder mysteries and action, the favorite authors being King and Hitchcock. He said ATT calling cards were always nice to have.

I just received an e-mail from this young man and he said they "could really use some coffee maker coffee (caffeinated preferred), along with some powdered coffee creamer."

He assured me that whatever was sent he would share with his buddies. You gotta love these Marines.

So if anyone out there wants to make a bunch of Marines happy, feel free to send of a care package to:

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I'm sure anything received this time of year would be doubly appreciated.

Joe Brooks
Chairman

Harford County Veterans Commission

Warm Clothes for APGmen in 1943

Two thousand, four hundred and sixty-five pieces of knitted goods, the handiwork of hundreds of women in 14 states, have been distributed in recent weeks to the men of Aberdeen, William Chew, director of field service for the Aberdeen Chapter of the Red Cross, announces. Most of the articles, which included 1,400 sweaters, 700 mufflers and 365 wristlets, went to men leaving for service in frigid areas.

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*With Our***Community Notes...****NO PLACE TO GO?
TRY THE USO****THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 18 and 19
CHECK 21 SEMINAR**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union is offering a free seminar on how Check 21 will affect banking customers 3 to 5 p.m., Nov. 18, at the Elkton Branch, and 3 to 5 p.m., Nov. 19, at the Bel Air Branch. The seminars are open to the public.

For more information or for directions, visit www.APGFCU.com.

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 19, 20 AND 21
ON THE EDGE YOUTH CONFERENCE**

The Alive 2004 "On The Edge!" Middle School Youth Conference will be held at the Ocean City Convention Center, Ocean City, Md. Cost of the three-day event is \$70 at the

Movies

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard
To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.

SHARK TALE

FRIDAY, NOV. 19, 7 p.m.

Animated

The sea underworld is shaken up when the son of the shark mob boss is found dead and a young fish named Oscar is found at the scene. Being a bottom feeder, Oscar takes advantage of the situation and makes himself look like he killed the finned mobster. Oscar soon comes to realize that his claim may have serious consequences.

**FRIDAY NIGHT
LIGHTS (FREE ADMISSION)**

SATURDAY, NOV. 20, 7 p.m.

Based on H.G. Bissinger's book, which profiled the economically depressed town of Odessa, Texas and their heroic high school football team, The Permian High Panthers. Football players, coaches, mothers, fathers, boosters, fans and families struggle with ongoing per-

sonal conflict while the team fights for a state championship. (Rated PG-13)

TAXI

SATURDAY, NOV. 20, 9 p.m.

Starring: Queen Latifah, Jimmy Fallon

Mouthy and feisty taxicab driver Belle Williams (Latifah), who has earned a rep as New York's fastest cabbie, is teamed up with undercover cop Andy Washburn (Fallon), whose undercover skills are matched only by his total ineptitude behind the wheel. Washburn, whose lack of vehicular skills has landed him in the precinct doghouse, is hot on the heels of a gang of beautiful Brazilian bank robbers, led by Vanessa (Gisele Bundchen), their cold and calculating leader. Williams and Washburn begin a high-speed game of cat and mouse with the robbers. That is, if Belle and Washburn don't end up killing each other first. (Rated PG-13)

door. Events include skateboard exhibitions by Stephen Baldwin, extreme skateboarder Tim Byrne and skateboard team, a concert by hip hop band Cross Movement, music by Worship Band Fusebox, youth speaker Josh Weidmann and comedian Taylor Mason, workshops and more.

For more information or for registration, call Lisa McMahon at 1-877-896-3802 (through Nov. 19) or 410-723-8622 (after Nov. 19).

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 20
BONANZA NIGHT**

VFW Post 10028, 821 Old Philadelphia Road, Aberdeen, will hold a Bonanza Night at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Snacks and draft beer will be available.

**SUNDAY
NOV. 21
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit VFW Post 8185 will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 2 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Food, beverages, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available.

Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards, and are available by calling Anne Gibson at 410-378-3338, or Kathy at 410-378-3594.

**NER TAMID SISTERHOOD
CHANUKAH BAZAAR**

Bazaar will be held at 6214 Pimlico Road, Baltimore, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Shopping, food, silent auction and door prizes will be available. Boy Scouts Troop 13 will be providing children's activities throughout the day. Interested vendors should call 410-486-5953.

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 25****TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DAY SPECIALTY MEAL**

The Thanksgiving Day Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facility, building 4503 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, for lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, department of

defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The holiday meal rate of \$5.40 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, department of defense civilian, retiree and their guests.

The discount meal rate of \$4.60 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Thanksgiving Day Specialty Meal Menu includes: hearty turkey vegetable soup, shrimp cocktail, savory roasted turkey, baked ham with pineapple rings, carved to order steamship round, all American apple and sausage cornbread dressing, savory bread dressing, fluffy mashed potatoes with giblet gravy, sweet potato casserole, corn, green beans, broccoli casserole, assorted salad bar, bacon and tomato salad, cucumber salad, Waldorf salad, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, apple pie, pumpkin pie, pecan pie, cherry pie, fresh fruit, hard candy, mixed nuts, soft serve yogurt with assorted toppings, assorted beverages and egg nog.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information, call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green at 410-306-1393/1398.

**PURPLE THURSDAY AT APG
MAIN EXCHANGE**

The APG Main Exchange will hold a special 'Purple Thursday,' 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wear purple and receive a 10 percent off coupon, find the hidden turkey and receive a turkey.

The Exchange will feature large sales and discounts on Thanksgiving Day on children's toys, TVs, coats, shoes, all portable electric mini-systems and all Christmas items, excluding American Greetings.

Giveaways and prizes will be available.

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 26
SINGLES DINNER-DANCE**

The original Little Black Book Singles organization will sponsor a 20th Anniversary Singles Dinner-Dance at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood, 8 p.m. to midnight. All single, divorced and widowed individuals of all ages are invited to attend.

Tickets cost \$45 in advance and at the door and includes live entertainment by Krystal Klear, buffet dinner, get-acquainted dancing, door prizes and a cash bar.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-0669.

Women and Smoking

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Smoking is a major cause of cancers of the oropharynx and bladder among women. Evidence is also strong that women who smoke have increased risks of liver, colorectal, and cervical cancer, and cancers of the pancreas and kidney.

Smoking is a major cause of coronary heart disease among women. Risk increases with the number of cigarettes.

Cigarette smoking is a primary cause

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 27
CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO**

Christmas Prize Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Water Witch Fire Company will be held at VFW Post 8185, located on Route 222, Port Deposit, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and includes all paper cards for 20 games; special single card packet costs \$5 for children under 10 and extra packs cost \$5. There will be door prizes, refreshments, toys, gifts, raffles and more. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-378-3338 or 410-378-9169.

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 27 and 28
MILITARY PATCH & PIN
SHOW**

A Military Patch & Pin Show will be held at Pikesville National Guard Armory, 610 Reisterstown Rd (off I-695), Pikesville, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Antique and modern military medals, patches, insignia, uniforms, helmets, documents, books, toys & models, edged weapons, military and antique firearms and historical artifacts from all wars will be available. The show is under new ownership. Admission for military personnel in uniform is free, all others, \$5. For more information, visit www.military-show.com or 732-616-3263.

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 3
COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

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

Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8. Cash bar is available, and no dance lessons. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 18
A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

To benefit Women's Day 2005, the women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 617 Green Street, Havre de Grace are sponsoring a bus trip to Evangel Cathedral, Upper Marlboro, 3:30 p.m. to see "Christmas Celebration" a play featuring Vickie Winans.

Cost is \$45 and includes bus and ticket to show. A non-refundable deposit of \$23 is due at the time of reservation.

For more information, call Joan Hunter, Shirley Rumsey, Christine Thomas or Jonise Stallings at 410-939-2267.

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Harford County and Aberdeen City Councils and Chambers of Commerce and the Aberdeen Police Department.

The ceremony included the posting of colors by honor guards from American Legion Post 128 and VFW Post 10028; a gun salute by the Post 128 salute team, "Taps" and wreath layings led by Robert Hanson, officer of the day. Presenters included Gold Star Mother Emma Riley; organization commanders, Louis Fernandez, VFW Post 10028; Milton Feliberty, Catholic War Veterans Pot 1841; Jeff Deel, past commander, American Legion Post 128; Sandy Hamilton, president, VFW Auxiliary Post 10028; and Ann Brown, president, American Legion unit auxiliary Post 128.

Post Shorts...

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Winningapp@aol.com.

Johns Hopkins USFHP open forum

An open forum will be offered 1 to 2 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m., Dec. 8, in the NCO Room at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center, building 3326, on the corner of Raritan and Erie streets. Representatives from Johns Hopkins will provide materials and answer questions about the USFHP, a TRICARE Prime option.

The forum is open all DEERS-eligible family members of active duty and retired uniformed services members, retirees of all ages, family members of Reserve/National Guard on active duty for 31 days or more, non-remarried spouses and unmarried children of deceased service members, Coast Guard family members, NOAA retirees and their family members, as well as eligible family members of deceased NOAA members. No pre-registration is required.

For information, call 1-800-80-USFHP (7347), or Ed Cramer, USFHP at Johns Hopkins, 443-287-2529, e-mail ecramer3@jhmi.edu, or visit www.hopkinsmedicine.org/usfhp.

Operation Christmas Child

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will once again take part in Operation Christmas Child.

For those who want to participate, donated empty shoeboxes and/or wrapping paper can be brought to the chapel, or participants can fill shoeboxes on their own and bring them to the chapel.

Items should be for a boy or girl, ages 2 through 14. Age appropriate items may include small toys, personal items, school supplies and more.

The collection period ends Nov. 30.

Army seeking warrant officer candidates

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Airmen to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open to qualified applicants in all 45 specialties. Applicants with less than 12 years of active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information and all forms/documents required, visit www.usarec.army.mil/warrant, or call DSN 536-0328/0466/0271/ 1860/0458 /0484 or commercial 502-626-1860.

Emmett Paige scholarships available

The Gen. Emmett Paige Scholarship provides funding to veterans, military personnel, and their family members who are majoring in specified fields in college for \$2,000.

This program is open to veterans and persons on active duty in the uniformed military services and to their spouses or family members who are currently enrolled full-time in an accredited four-year degree-granting institution in the United States. Veterans entering college as freshmen may apply. Spouses or family members must be sophomores or juniors.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, be of good moral character, have demonstrated academic excellence, be motivated to complete a college education, and be working toward a degree in engineering (aerospace, chemical, computer, or electrical), mathematics, physics, or computer science with a GPA of 3.4 or higher.

For more information, visit <http://www.military.com/Education/ScholarShip/Profile/1,14220,0546,00.html>.

Army Suggestion Program On AKO

Aberdeen Proving Ground is transitioning to the new Army-wide suggestion program located on AKO. To access, visit https://armsuggestions.army.mil/services/asp/asp_home.cfm.

There is also a link from www.apg.army.mil.

Users will need their AKO user name and password to access this site.

For more information, contact Marjorie Sexton, 410-278-0944, or e-mail marjorie.sexton1@us.army.mil.

ACS holds Family Movie Night

Army Community Service will hold Family Movie Night, 6 to 8 p.m., Nov. 30, at the Post Theater. The feature presentation will be Shrek 2.

This is a free, ticketed event, with free popcorn and drinks.

Tickets are available 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Edgewood Area ACS, building E-4630, or at the Aberdeen Area ACS, building 2754, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or call ACS at 410-278-7572.

Donate to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund

The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund provides unrestricted grants to the families of military personnel who have given their lives in the current operations in defense of this country, including military operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere. The grants are intended to help families through any immediate or long-term financial difficulties they may face.

It is supported entirely by donations. Administrative costs are not deducted from donations.

The fund will provide support to the surviving spouses and/or children of United States and British uniformed military personnel killed in action in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

Through a special contribution from the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation, the fund will make an additional contribution of \$1,000 to the families of all U.S. troops lost in Iraq, regardless of whether they left behind a spouse or children. For more information, visit http://intrepidmuseum.org/foundation_heroesfund.html.

To donate online to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, visit http://intrepidmuseum.org/foundation_heroesfund_donate.html. Contributions may also be mailed directly using contribution form or made by phone at 1-800-340-HERO.

Understanding leasing, the active duty card holder

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is available to discuss the finer points of off-post leasing with active duty ID card holders.

Many of the problems and unforeseen costs of residential leases can be avoided by reviewing the lease with an attorney prior to signing it. An attorney can explain hard-to-understand "legal-ese" and the duties of both the landlord and the active duty ID card holder.

A legal assistance attorney can discuss lease termination and eviction rights under the Service members Civil Relief Act. Don't be caught later by the "fine print."

To schedule an appointment with an attorney, call OSJA Legal Assistance, 410-278-1583.

USPS offers free packing materials

The U.S. Postal Service is offering free packing materials to spouses and families of military members who are deployed overseas.

To take advantage of this service, call 1-800-610-8734 and press 1 (for English and then 3 for an operator) and they will send the requestor free boxes, tape and mailing labels for priority and express mail. These products are to be used to mail care packages to service members only.

DA photo policy change

Effective immediately, military personnel are no longer required to forward hardcopy photos to the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center for Enlisted Soldier Promotion Selection Boards if the photo studio has the capability to upload photos electronically to the Department of the Army Photo Management Information System (DAPMIS).

Only selection boards held at the Human Resources Command in Alexandria for active Army officers still require hardcopy photos.

The APG Photo facility will no longer issue paper copies to enlisted Soldiers for the annual promotion boards.

Requests for hardcopies for other types of selection boards will still be honored as well as for officers in the above category.

Any questions should be directed to the Soldiers' servicing Military Personnel Branch.

Winter coat drive underway

A winter coat drive will be held through Dec. 17. Winter is fast approaching and many are in need of a coat or jacket.

Help someone in need keep the chill off during the upcoming winter months. Many people have one or two articles in their closets that have not been worn in a year or more.

Allow someone in need to use these items.

Donate coats and other clothes and food items to those in need. Drop off points include the Post Chapel, PX and the Commissary.

For more information, call Spc.

James Hyde at 410-278-4333 or Staff Sgt. Brian Adams at 410-278-3000.

Checking employee Leave & Earnings Statement

Employees are reminded it is their responsibility to check their Leave and Earnings Statement to verify the correct deductions are being withheld for their benefits.

This includes Thrift Savings Plan, Federal Employees Health Benefits and Federal Employees Group Life Insurance.

All deductions are listed on the LES under "Deductions" and include the dollar amount.

The TSP is also listed in Block #22 on the LES with either the percentage or dollar amount elected for contribute.

A TSP loan would also be listed under deductions with the TSP loan number.

Employees transferring to the installation are strongly encouraged to double check all deductions to make sure everything has transferred with no interruption.

FEGLI Open Season changes will not be reflected since they are not effective until September 2005.

For more information, contact a servicing human resources assistant.

Use both lanes

Drivers are urged to use both lanes as they approach the gates to APG's Aberdeen Area. At the barricades, motorists should alternate the right of way - allowing every other car to move into the primary entrance lane, like a zipper.

The provost marshal warns drivers who pull out in front of other vehicles, block traffic lanes or exhibit other aggressive tendencies, that they are driving on a federal installation and are subject to citations through the federal court system.

Sign-up for Christmas Gift Wrap Program

Plans are underway for the 2004 Christmas Gift Wrap Program sponsored by AAFES and coordinated by APG Army Volunteer Corp Coordinator.

All Aberdeen Proving Ground Family Readiness groups, APG non-profit organizations, and APG volunteer activities are eligible to participate and should designate a representative.

Organization and activities interested in participating must contact Sarah Staats, 410-278-2464, by Nov. 18 with the name and phone number of a representative. All representatives must attend a mandatory meeting 10 a.m., Nov. 22, at building 2754, Army Community Service. During this meeting representatives will draw for the dates and times for their organization to work the gift-wrap booth.

AAFES will provide the wrapping paper, gift boxes/tissue paper, ribbons and an area to wrap at the main PX. Organization and activities will be responsible for the labor, tape, scissors, etc., and will receive all money their group earns. Packages are wrapped for donations only. Gift-wrapping starts the day after Thanksgiving and runs through Christmas Eve.

To register an organization, call Staats, 410-278-2462 or e-mail mari-lynn.e.howard@usag.army.mil.



CFC

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Ordnance Battalion, Company C. Joseph Craten, Garrison civilian deputy, conducted the drawing.

The final drawing for the large and small "Fort McHenry" Chris White prints will be on Nov. 30, and will include entries submitted by noon of that day. To enter, write contributor's name, activity, and phone number on the back of the pledge card tear strip.

The 2004 Contributor's Guide for national/international organizations is at Web site <http://www.cfcemd.org>. Paper copies of the guide and pledge cards are available from each organization key worker or at the APG CFC office.

For more information, visit the APG CFC office at building 120, room 114, or call Robert Solyan, Lisa Mack, or Betty Scott at 410-278-0001/0002/0003.

With Our**MWR Services...****Buy 1944 War Bonds****2004 Thanksgiving holiday schedule...**

Activity	Thursday Nov. 25	Friday Nov. 26	Saturday Nov. 27	Sunday Nov. 28
Arts & Crafts AA Arts & Crafts EA	CLOSED CLOSED	CLOSED CLOSED	CLOSED CLOSED	CLOSED CLOSED
APG Athletic Center	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Automotive Crafts	CLOSED	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Bowling Center	CLOSED	5 – 10 p.m.	1 – 10 p.m.	1 – 6 p.m.
Equipment Resource Center*	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Health and Fitness Center AA	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Hoyle Gymnasium / Fitness Center EA	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
MWR Registration	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Library AA Library EA	CLOSED CLOSED	CLOSED CLOSED	1 – 5 p.m. CLOSED	1 – 5 p.m. CLOSED
Recreation Center AA Snack Bar	noon – 12 a.m. 3 – 11:30 p.m.	noon – 12 a.m. 12:30 – 11:30 p.m.	noon – 12 a.m. 12:30 – 11:30 p.m.	noon – 6 p.m. 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Stark Recreation Center EA Snack Bar	noon – 11 p.m. 6 – 11 p.m.	noon – 11 p.m. 12:30 – 11 p.m.	noon – 11 p.m. 12:30 – 11 p.m.	noon – 5 p.m. 12:30 – 5 p.m.
Ruggles Golf Course Exton Golf Course	CLOSED CLOSED	7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Top of the Bay	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

*The Equipment Resource Center is having a Thanksgiving Special. Rent any piece of equipment on Nov. 24 and return it on Nov. 29 for a one-day rental fee.

Activities**Operating hours**

The MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center's operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the first and third Friday of every month.

If this happens to fall on a training holiday, then the Thursday prior the office will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

MWR looks out for singles through BOSS

The "Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers," BOSS, Program meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m., building 305, conference room.

The program is Department of the Army directed, installation managed and service member operated to support the overall quality of life, recreation and leisure and community service for single and unaccompanied service members and single parents.

For more information, call Joyce Founds, Morale Welfare and Recreation advisor, at 410-278-2621.

"Paint your own"

Edgewood Area Arts and Crafts now has "Paint Your Own Ceramic Studio."

The ceramic studio is open to all APG civilians, active duty military, contractors and reservists and their dependents.

No previous artist skills are required. There is a wide assortment of gift and holiday items to choose from.

Hours of operation are 1 to 9 p.m., Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

Arts and Crafts is located in building E-4440, next to the Military Police Station.

For more information, call 410-436-2153.

Limited supply of Entertainment Books

A limited supply of Entertainment Books are available at MWR Registration for \$30. The book offers discounts and coupons on dining, movies, hotels, car rentals and much more.

For more information, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

Sightseeing and holiday shopping in New York City

There will be two trips to New York

City for a tour and holiday shopping on Nov. 27 and Dec. 11. Experience the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and enjoy a two-hour guided tour of New York's more popular attractions. Following the tour, take time out to do some holiday shopping.

The trip costs \$70 per person and includes round trip bus transportation, guided tour and dinner at Harold's New York Deli. Trips are available without a tour for a smaller fee.

For more information or registration, visit MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel, building 3326, or call 410-278-4907.

White House Christmas ornaments have arrived

MWR Registration has the latest White House Christmas ornaments for \$15, but supplies are limited. For more information, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

Bowling specials

Rent a lane special on Nov. 28 for \$9 per lane per hour. Active duty military will receive an additional \$1 off. (Must have group of four or more).

Get a save-a-card special good in December only at the APG Bowling Center. Buy a 20-game card for only \$30, valid Monday thru Friday.

Call the APG Bowling Center for more information, 410-278-4041.

Turkey Shoot golf tournament

This is a four player A,B,C,D Captain's Choice Scramble. Men will play from the white tees and the ladies will play from the red tees.

Players may signup as a team or will be paired singles or twosomes. Event will be held 10 a.m. shotgun start, Nov. 20, at Ruggles Golf Course.

Cost is \$35 per person. Participants must be registered by Nov. 18.

Racquetball turkey shootout

A Racquetball Turkey Shootout will be held 6 to 11 p.m., Nov. 19, at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300. The event will be a round-robin singles tournament with winners selected on

their win and loss record percentage.

Trophies will be presented to the top three competitors in each division.

Cost to enter is \$10; players may enter only one event.

Categories include male and female advanced, intermediate, beginner and novice.

For more information or to register, stop by MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center, building 3326 or call 410-278-4011/4497.

MWR 3 on 3 volleyball competition

This round robin format competition will be held 6 to 8 p.m., Nov. 30, at Russell Gym. Winners will be selected based on win-loss percentage.

Awards will be presented to the top three teams. All games will be to 15 points.

The number of games in a match will be determined by the number of teams participating in the event.

Cost is \$30 per team. Register by Nov. 26.

8-ball billiards singles and dart tournament

Events will be held at EA Recreation Center on Dec. 3.

The 8-ball billiards singles tournament is a cash prize tournament based on the number of entries.

It will be double elimination.

The Dart Tournament will have the winners selected based on the best score of four throws (three darts per throw).

Cash prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries.

Cost for each event is \$10. Register by Dec. 1.

MWR Registration special

Carnival Cruise gift certificates are on sale for a limited time only starting at \$450 for two guests. All sales end Dec. 31.

These make a great Christmas gift for anyone.

For more information, contact MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center, 410-278-4011/4907.

Holiday rental equipment special

The Equipment Resource Center is offering a holiday equipment rental special. Rent any equipment on Nov. 24 and return it on Nov. 29, between 9 a.m. and noon and pay only a one-day rental fee.

For more equipment and fee information, call Outdoor Recreation, building 2407 at 410-278-4124 or e-mail outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.

With Our **MWR Services...**

Library Book Corner

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Edgewood Area Library is open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

The following is a list of new books available at the APG MWR Libraries:

Tuskegee Airman: the biography of Charles E. McGee by Charlene McGee Smith.

Col. Charles McGee began his military service as one of the Tuskegee Airmen and later served in Korea and Vietnam.

African-American Heroes of World War II (videocassette)

The Tuskegee Airmen: the men who changed a nation by Charles E. Francis

Lady G.I.: a woman's war in the South Pacific, the memoir of Irene Brion

To Serve My Country, To Serve My Race: the story of the only African American WACs stationed overseas during World War II by Brenda Moore

WACs: Women's Army Corps by Vera S. Williams

The library's Web site, www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html, provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

Caesar...

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Inserting words of praise, Tittle thanked all for coming. "I'm hoping there are some WJSS fans here tonight but either way we're going to have a good time in the spirit," Tittle said.

Pastor Michael German and the Holy Temple Urban Connectional Church Praise Team from Aberdeen opened the show, bringing the audience to its feet with the stirring song, "Through the Years," led by German. Rising Sun soloist Cheri M. Dupree followed with a moving rendition of "Order My Steps," which brought her a standing ovation. Then, the Helping Hands Ministries Voices of Inspiration from Churchville, led by Marian Tatum, performed "Walk Like Jesus Walked," and "Soldier in the Army of the Lord."

Rankins raised the spirit-filled atmosphere even higher with the song "I Want to Thank You In Advance," to end the pre-concert.

After a short pause, Caesar entered to a welcoming roar. She wowed the audience with old favorites and new songs. She brought the crowd to its feet, singing along with the songs "You Will Never Be the Same," and thrusting their fists in the air to, "Power of the Holy Ghost."

As she did in her previous concert, Caesar welcomed soloists to take turns leading her most famous single, "Jesus, I Love Calling Your Name."

She thanked the audience for inviting her back to APG and said that the community is "a part of us now."

"We've adopted Aberdeen because you make us feel so welcome here," Caesar said.

Moved by the presence of a wheelchair-bound child in the audience, Caesar offered prayer and comfort to the child and her parents.

She compelled the audience to "gather round" retired 1st Sgt. Kenneth Telsec Sr., his wife, LaVonne, and their daughter Kortney Marie, 11, who has cerebral palsy.

All in attendance stood with one hand reaching toward the family in a single prayerful mass as Caesar prayed for healing

blessings.

"God's gonna straighten everything out," Caesar said. "All you have to do is believe."

Caesar was presented with a bouquet of flowers before departing. She brought MWR programmer Earlene Allen to the stage to thank her for organizing the event.

"Thank God for Earlene and her drive to bring Gospel to this place," Caesar said.

Members of the audience agreed the evening was a moving experience.

"It was awesome," said Regina Mack, an Army spouse who leads the APG Gospel Service choir. "She added a special touch this year the way she reached out and ministered to the audience," Mack said.

"This was more than a show. It was heartwarming," added Headquarters Support Troop 1st Sgt. Lonzia Hawkins, adding that he's been a fan for a "very long time."

"She seems to get better and better," Hawkins said. "The way she acknowledges service members and takes time out to come here is a tribute to her patriotism."

Telsec, an administrator with Company G, 16th Ordnance Battalion, and the pastor of True Joy Ministries, Inc. in Aberdeen, said he and his family were "overwhelmed by her show of compassion."

"We weren't expecting this," LaVonne Telsec added, noting that their daughter suffers from "low-end" cerebral palsy. "My life will never be the same again," she said.



--Yvonne Johnson

Shirley Caesar, right, looks delighted as she listens to 12-year old Darnell Shaw sing her famous song, "Jesus, I Love Calling Your Name," during her Nov. 5 concert at the Post Theater.

Bowlers choose promotional bowling balls

APG NEWS

The APG Bowling Center is gearing up for two new bowling promotions, American Heroes and Marvel Action Heroes.

After signing up, each bowler selects which bowling ball they will be bowling for. Bowlers must bowl for 17 weeks, as many times per week as they want. The cost is \$10 each time they bowl and includes shoes and two games of bowling during the 17 week period.

The American Heroes promotion offers six limited edition Viz-A-Balls to choose from - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or a USA ball.

The Marvel Action Heroes promotion offers limited edition Incredible Hulk, Spider-Man and the X-Men designs. These glow under a black light.

The balls are drillable and come in weights of 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 15 pounds.

To sign up, visit the APG Bowling Center, building 2342, or call 410-278-4041.



--Yvonne Johnson

Just a few of the American Heroes and Marvel Action Hero bowling balls available for selection after 17 weeks on the new bowling leagues. To see them in color, visit the MWR Web site at www.apgmwr.army.mil.

Bowling Scores

Tuesday Lunch League

Week of Nov. 6

Men's High Game Handicap

Ralph Sporay, 220

Tim Molle, 215

Men's High Series Handicap

Johnny Jones, 413

Mike McFadden, 409

Women High Game Handicap

Jean Craig, 227

Debbie Morrow, 226

Women High Series Handicap

Debbie Morrow, 442

Jean Craig, 423

Wednesday Mixed League

Men's High Game Handicap

Tom Curtis, 259

Chris Wigfall, 228

Men's High Series Handicap

Tom Curtis, 692

Bill Goforth, 635

Women's High Game Handicap

Nikki Washington, 232

Linda Boyle, 216

Women's High Series Handicap

Renee Johnson, 599

Nikki Washington, 598

Thursday Lunch League

Men's High Game Handicap

Josh Sturgill, 268

Ed Bukowski, 266

Men's High Series Handicap

Ed Bukowski, 467

Josh Sturgill, 465

Women's High Game Handicap

Joyce Smith, 216

Carrie Lambert, 199

Women's High Series Handicap

Carrie Lambert, 386

Joyce Smith, 379

Thursday National Guard

Men's High Game Handicap

Julian Christy, 286

Bernard Hammond, 255

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Remembering Fort Des Moines & the TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

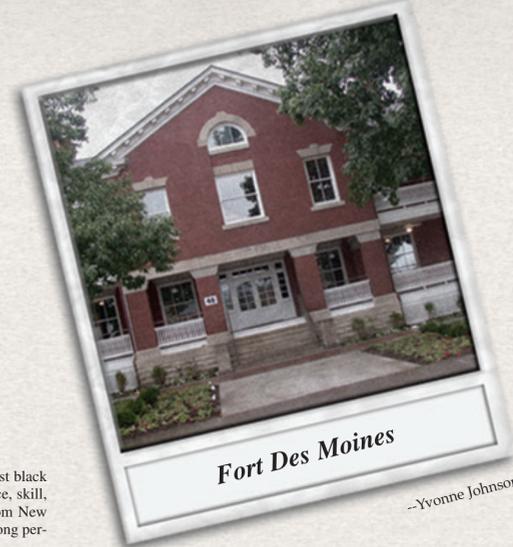


--National Archives and Records Administration

Members of Squadron 10, the first black unit to undergo navigational training, report for duty at Hondo Army Airfield, Texas.

"It's [Fort Des Moines] an historic site. I think it will be good to preserve it, make a museum out of the barracks, restore the chapel, and let it stand as an important part of the history of this part of the country and the military history of the nation."

Retired Gen. Colin L. Powell, former board member, Fort Des Moines restoration project, 1999



Fort Des Moines

--Yvonne Johnson

Tuskegee Airmen... Army's first black officers remembered

WWW.TUSKEGEEAIRMEN.ORG

The Tuskegee Airmen were dedicated, determined young men who enlisted to become America's first black military airmen, at a time when there were many people who thought that black men lacked intelligence, skill, courage and patriotism. They came from every section of the country, with large numbers coming from New York City, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit. Each one possessed a strong personal desire to serve the United States of America to the best of his ability.

Those who possessed the physical and mental qualifications were accepted as aviation cadets to be trained initially as single-engine pilots and later to be twin-engine pilots, navigators or bombardiers. Most were college graduates or undergraduates. Others demonstrated their academic qualifications through comprehensive entrance examinations. No standards were lowered for the pilots or any of the others who trained in operations, meteorology, intelligence, engineering, medicine or any of the other officer fields. Enlisted members were trained to be aircraft and engine mechanics, armament specialists, radio repairmen, parachute riggers, control tower operators, policemen, administrative clerks and all of the other skills necessary to fully function as an Army Air Corp flying squadron or ground support unit.

The black airmen who became single-engine or multi-engine pilots were trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field (TAAF) in Tuskegee, Ala.

More than 350,000 blacks served in segregated units during World War I, mostly as support troops. Several units saw action alongside French soldiers fighting against the Germans, and 171 African Americans were awarded the French Legion of Honor.

In response to protests of discrimination and mistreatment from the black community, several hundred had received officers' training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. By October 1917, over 600 were commissioned as captains and first and second lieutenants.

After the war in Europe ended in 1945, black airmen returned to the United States and faced continued racism and bigotry despite their outstanding war record. Tuskegee Army Air Field continued to train new airmen until 1946, with women entering the program in several support fields. Large numbers of black airmen elected to remain in the service but because of segregation their assignments were limited to the 332nd Fighter Group or the 477th Composite Group, and later to the 332nd Fighter Wing at Lockbourne Air Base, Ohio. Opportunities for advancement and promotion were very limited and this affected morale. Nevertheless, black airmen continued to perform superbly. In 1949, pilots from the 332nd Fighter Group took first place in the Air Force National Fighter Gunnery Meet at Las Vegas Air Force Base, Nev.

The newly formed U.S. Air Force initiated plans to integrate its units as early as 1947. In 1948, President Harry Truman enacted Executive Order Number 9981, which directed equality of treatment and opportunity in all of the U.S. armed forces. This order, in time, led to the end of racial segregation in the military forces. This was also the first step toward racial integration in the United States of America. The positive experience, the outstanding record of accomplishment and the superb behavior of black airmen before and after World War II were important factors in the initiation of the historic social change to achieve racial equality in America.

Glory eluded some..

George Mitchell, a native of Des Moines, Iowa, joined the Army in 1944 and after training at Fort Des Moines and Tuskegee, served with the 477th Bombardment Squadron in Louisville, Ky. He said he joined the Army Air Corps "when they opened the flying program to blacks."

He volunteered for an assignment to Los Alamos, N.M., during the development of the atomic bomb. He recalled that during a 1944 reunion with Tuskegee Airman buddies, "everyone was bragging about what they had learned and what they could do. All I knew was how to build a bomb," Mitchell said.

Mitchell was injured and left the service after just two years. He found that work was scarce, however.

"I couldn't get a job as a pilot back then so I reenlisted in 1948,"

Mitchell said. But he'd lost his commission and upon reentry was awarded the rank of Airman Basic. After complaining he was made an Airman 2nd Class, which left him "bitterly disappointed." Mitchell blamed his predicament on the requirement to list group affiliations on enlistment applications.

"I was with the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People," Mitchell said. "I'm sure that made a difference to somebody."

Knowing he could do better than Airman 2nd Class, Mitchell applied to take an exam for admission to West Point but found himself transferred to an air-base near Denver, Colo. three months later. Although he said he feels he was cheated out of a career, Mitchell said he still has fond memories of his years as a Tuskegee Airman.

--National Archives and Records Administration

Pioneer aviation cadets and soon-to-be pilots, from left, Richard B. Carter, Everett E. Richardson and Thomas W. Giddings Jr., approach the twin-engine aircraft they will pilot upon earning their silver aviator's wings.



Black Army officers training at Fort Des Moines selected the Black Buffalo emblem for their 92nd Division formed in France, in honor of the name "Buffalo Soldiers," which Native Americans gave to black cavalry Soldiers who patrolled the plains in the 1800s.



--http://www.mustangsmustangs.net

Tuskegee Airmen's P-51 Mustang Red Tails.

Historic Fort Des Moines, Iowa

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The First World War presented the initial opportunity for black soldiers as a group to become commissioned officers in the United States Army. Although three black officers had previously graduated West Point and served bravely on the plains, skeptics toward the first black officer candidate class argued that blacks lacked the intelligence and courage to lead troops in combat.

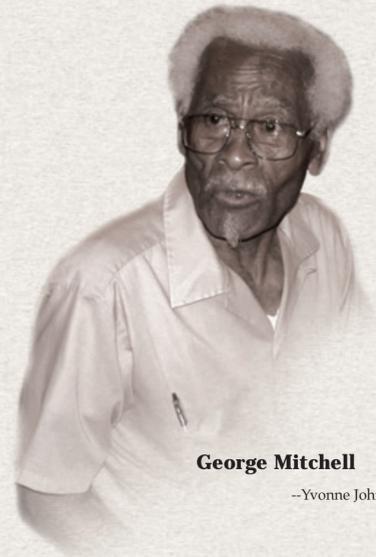
Of the 1,000 black college graduates and faculty, and 250 non-commissioned officers from the 9th and 10th Cavalry "Buffalo Soldiers," and 24th and 25th Infantry, who comprised the 17th Provisional Training Regiment at Fort Des Moines, 639 graduated as captains or lieutenants on Oct. 15, 1917.

After completing basic training at sites across the nation, including Camp Dodge, Iowa, they went on to lead the 92nd Division against Imperial Germany on the bloody battlefields of France in 1918. Many of those who survived combat returned to America to become leaders in

the battle for racial equality and their sacrifices launched the integrated officer corps of today serving in all of America's Armed Forces.

During the Second World War, Fort Des Moines hosted the formation of the first Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), later renamed the Women's Army Corps (WAC), training 72,000 troops and commissioning the first female officers for non-combat duty from 1942 to 1945. Among the 436 initial WAAC officers were 39 black women who graduated as 3rd Officers (2nd Lieutenants) on Aug. 29, 1942 and served in England and France in 1945. Fort Des Moines produced 118 black female officers and 3,656 enlisted women by war's end, representing 4 percent of all WAC troops. The success of the WACs freed 250,000 male soldiers for combat duty in Europe and the South Pacific.

With these two successful events, the military led the march toward racial and gender inclusion and equality throughout greater American society.



George Mitchell

--Yvonne Johnson

Pilots of the 332nd Fighter Group head for their P-40 Warhawk fighter planes. From left, Lts. Andrew Maples Jr., John A. Gibson and N. Milton Hall. The crew chief's name is unknown.



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Pfc. John Fields, an armorer with the 332nd Fighter Group, 15th Air Force, Italy, inspects the .50 caliber machine gun ammunition in a North American P-51 Mustang.

Military mavericks

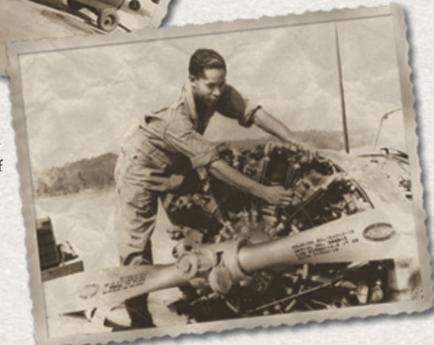
"African Americans have long had an important share of the story that is America. They've sacrificed in nearly every conflict, worked in nearly every field of endeavor, and contributed to nearly every cause."

An important chapter in America's story is the U.S. Army's first training camp for African-American officer candidates conducted at Fort Des Moines.

This is not a classic story with a beginning, middle and end. In many ways it more resembles the Underground Railroad - a station on the way to full freedom, with its rights and responsibilities."

- Fort Des Moines Memorial Park and Education Center

Cpls. Robert Nesbitt and George Williams drive a tug to the flight line at Oscoda Army Air Base, Mich. They service P-40 pursuit planes of the 332nd Fighter Group.



A crew chief gives a trainer plane a final check at Tuskegee Army Airfield.

--National Archives and Records Administration



WAAC

Women's Army Auxiliary Corps



The Greek goddess of war and protection of state, Pallas Athene, inspired members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and became the symbol of the Women's Army Corps.

The Women's Army Corps: A commemoration of World War II service

By JUDITH A. BELLAFAIRE
U.S. ARMY CENTER FOR MILITARY HISTORY

The Women's Army Corps in World War II

More than 150,000 American women served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. Members of the WAC were the first women other than nurses to serve within the ranks of the U.S. Army.

Both the Army and the American public initially had difficulty accepting the concept of women in uniform. However, political and military leaders, faced with fighting a two-front war and supplying men and materiel for that war while continuing to send lend-lease materiel to the Allies, realized that women could supply the additional resources so desperately needed in the military and industrial sectors.

Given the opportunity to make a major contribution to the national war effort, women seized it. By the end of the war their contributions would be widely heralded.

The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps

Early in 1941, Massachusetts Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers met with Gen. George C. Marshall, the Army's chief of staff, and informed him that she intended to introduce a bill to establish an Army women's corps, separate and distinct from the existing Army Nurse Corps.

Rogers remembered the female civilians who had worked overseas with the Army under contract and as volunteers during World War I as communications specialists and dietitians. Because these women had served the Army without benefit of official status, they had to obtain their own food and quarters, and they received no legal protection or medical care. Upon their return home they were not entitled to the disability benefits or pensions available to U.S. military veterans.

Rogers was determined that if women were to serve again with the Army in a wartime theater they would receive the same legal protection and benefits as their male counterparts.

As public sentiment increasingly favored the creation of some form of a women's corps, Army leaders decided to work with Rogers to devise and sponsor an organization that would constitute the least threat to the Army's existing culture. Although Rogers believed the women's corps should be a part of the Army so that women would receive equal pay, pension, and disability benefits, the Army did not want to accept women directly into its ranks.

The final bill represented a compromise between the two sides. The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was established to work with the Army, "for the purpose of making available to the national defense the knowledge, skill, and special training of the women of the nation." The Army would provide up to 150,000 "auxiliaries" with food, uniforms, living quarters, pay, and medical care. Women officers would not be allowed to command men.

The director of the WAAC was assigned the rank of major. WAAC first, second, and third officers served as the equivalents of captains and lieutenants in the Regular Army, but received less pay than their male counterparts of similar rank.

Enlisted women, referred to as "auxiliaries," were ranked in descending order from chief leader, a position comparable to master sergeant in the Regular Army, through junior leader, comparable to corporal, and down to auxiliary, comparable to private.

Although the compromise WAAC bill did not prohibit auxiliaries from serving overseas, it failed to provide them with the overseas pay, government life insurance, veterans' medical coverage, and death benefits granted Regular Army Soldiers. If WAACs were captured, they had no protection under existing international agreements covering prisoners of war.

Rogers' purpose in introducing the WAAC bill had been to obtain pay, benefits, and protection for women working with the military. While she achieved some of her goals, many compromises had been necessary to get the bill onto the floor.

Rogers introduced her bill in Congress in May 1941, but it failed to receive serious consideration until after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December. Marshall's active support and congressional testimony helped the Rogers' bill through Congress. Marshall believed that the two-front war in which the United States was engaged would cause an eventual manpower shortage.

To Marshall's way of thinking, the Army could ill afford to spend the time and money necessary to train men in essential service skills such as typing and switchboard operations when highly skilled women were already available.

The bill finally passed the House 249 to 86. The Senate approved the bill 38 to 27 on May 14. When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill into law the next day, he set a recruitment goal of 25,000 for the first year. WAAC recruiting topped that goal by November, at which point Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson authorized WAAC enrollment at 150,000, the original ceiling set by Congress.

The day the bill became law, Stimson appointed Oveta Culp Hobby as director of the

WAAC. As chief of the Women's Interest Section in the Public Relations Bureau at the War Department, Hobby had helped shepherd the WAAC bill through Congress. She had impressed both the media and the public when she testified in favor of the WAAC bill in January.

Hobby was thus the perfect choice for director of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. The position needed a woman with a proven record of achievement. The individual selected had to be politically astute, with an understanding of how things got done in Washington and in the War Department. Most important, the director of the WAAC had to show a skeptical American public that a woman could be "a lady" and serve as a member of the armed forces at the same time. This was crucial to the success of the WAAC.

A volunteer force, the WAAC had to appeal to small town and middle-class America to recruit the skilled clerical workers, teachers, stenographers and telephone operators needed by the Army.

Hobby believed very strongly in the idea behind the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Every auxiliary who enlisted in the corps would be trained in a noncombatant military job and thus "free a man for combat."

In Hobby's view, WAACs were to help the Army win the war, just as women had always helped men achieve success.

WAAC officers and auxiliaries alike accepted and enlisted under this philosophy.

Fort Des Moines

Hobby immediately began organizing the WAAC recruiting drive and training centers. Fort Des Moines, Iowa, was selected as the site of the first WAAC training center. Applications for the WAAC officer training program were made available at Army recruiting stations on May 27, with a return deadline of June 4.

Applicants had to be U.S. citizens between the ages of 21 and 45 with no dependents, at least five feet tall, and weigh 100 pounds or more. Over 35,000 women from all over the country applied for less than 1,000 anticipated positions.

On July 20, the first officer candidate training class of 440 women started a six-week course at Fort Des Moines.

Interviews conducted by an eager press revealed that the average officer candidate was 25 years old, had attended college, and was working as an office administrator, executive secretary, or teacher. One out of every five had enlisted because a male member of her family was in the armed forces and she wanted to help him get home sooner. Several were combat widows of Pearl Harbor and Bataan. One woman enlisted because her son, of fighting age, had been injured in an automobile accident and was unable to serve. Another joined because there were no men of fighting age in her family. All of the women professed a desire to aid their country in time of need by "releasing a man for combat duty."

Black WAACs

The 40 black women who entered the first WAAC officer candidate class were placed in a separate platoon. Although they attended classes and mess with the other officer candidates, post facilities such as service clubs, theaters, and beauty shops were segregated. Black officer candidates had backgrounds similar to those of white officer candidates. Almost 80 percent had attended college, and the majority had work experience as teachers and office workers.

Enlisted WAACs

In July, Army recruiting centers were supplied with applications for volunteers to enlist in the WAAC as auxiliaries (enlisted women). The response, although not as dramatic as the officer candidate applications, was still gratifying.

The first auxiliary class started its four-week basic training at Fort Des Moines on Aug. 17. The average WAAC auxiliary was slightly younger than the officer candidates, with a high school education and less work experience. These women enlisted for the same reasons as the officer candidates. Many with family members in the armed forces believed that the men would come home sooner if women actively helped win the war and that the most efficient way a woman could help the war effort was to free a man for combat duty.

Although the first WAAC officer candidate class started its training before the enlisted class, the first enlisted WAACs entered training before their future officers graduated. Consequently, male Regular Army officers trained the first classes of both WAAC officer candidates and enlisted personnel.

The majority of the newly trained WAAC officers, the first of whom finished their training on Aug. 29, were assigned to Fort Des Moines to conduct basic training. As officer classes continued to graduate throughout the fall of 1942, many were assigned to staff three new WAAC training centers in Daytona Beach, Fla.; Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; and Fort Devens, Mass. Others accompanied WAAC companies sent to U.S. Army field installations across the country. Black officers were assigned to black auxiliary and officer candidate units at Fort Des Moines and Fort Devens.

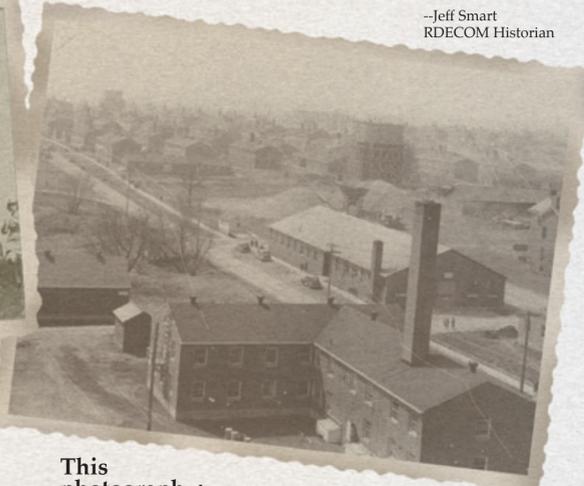
—Jeff Smart
RDECOM Historian



The Army WAAC band marches across the Fort Des Moines parade field in this 1943 photograph.

"My motives? In the first World War I was there and saw ... the women in France, and how they had no suitable quarters and no Army discipline ... I resolved that our women would not again serve with the Army without the protection men got."

—Edith Nourse Rogers, Massachusetts Congresswoman



This photograph shows some of the temporary buildings in use at the WAAC Training Center, Fort Des Moines, Iowa, 1942.

Col. Oveta Culp Hobby First WAAC Director

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Col. Oveta Culp Hobby was born Jan. 19, 1905, in Killeen, Texas. After attending Baylor College, she married William P. Hobby, publisher of the Houston Post and governor of Texas.

Hobby served as Parliamentarian of the Texas Legislature from 1926 to 1931, then as chief of the Women's Interest Section, Bureau of Public Affairs for the War Department.

In 1942, Hobby became the first woman sworn into the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, WAAC, at which time she was appointed as its director. She was the first woman sworn into the Women's Army Corps, WAC, in 1943 and appointed a colonel.

Hobby is credited with establishing procedures for recruitment, training, administration, discipline, assignment and discharge for the WAAC and WAC. She surmounted enormous difficulties in arranging for the training, clothing, assignment, recognition, and acceptance of women in the Army and in achieving legislative action that gave members of the WAAC/WAC the rights and privileges of Soldiers in the Army. She made it possible for women to serve in more than 400 non-combat military jobs while serving stateside and overseas.

Hobby resigned from her post in 1945 due to poor health. Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, conferred on her the Distinguished Service Medal, the highest military decoration given for meritorious service. She was the only WAC to receive this medal during World War II.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower made Hobby the only woman in his Cabinet when she served as the first Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare from 1953 to 1955.

She assumed full control of the newspaper and its radio and TV stations and other holdings upon the death of her husband in 1964.

In 1978, Hobby was awarded the George Catlett Marshall Medal from the Association of the United States Army for meritorious public service, and the Alumni Association Gold Medal for Distinguished Public Service from Rice University. In 1995, she was inducted into the George C. Marshall Foundation Hall of Honor for her contributions to the Marshall Foundation and was later honored by the dedication of the Oveta Culp Hobby University Center at Fort Hood, Texas. In 1996, Hobby was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. She died Aug. 16, 1995 and is buried in Houston.



Oveta Culp Hobby
1905 - 1995

—Jeff Smart
RDECOM Historian

"We learned and grew and were transformed not so much by what we did but by how and why we did it."

—Words on wall bordering reflecting pool at Fort Des Moines Memorial Park



—Jeff Smart
RDECOM Historian

WAAC officers are sworn into the U.S. Army at Fort Des Moines, Sept. 1, 1943.



WAAC members of the 149th Post Headquarters Company read dress mail in North Africa in this 1943 photograph.

First WAACs share their stories

Noel Mitchell

A native of Tuskegee, Ala., Noel Mitchell entered the WAACs at Fort Des Moines in July 1942 and was a member of the first class of WAACs to receive their commissions.

Mitchell said she remembers Fort Des Moines as "a big Army post with houses on the sides and a parade field down the middle."

She said there was no basic training, only six weeks of officer training, and that the black females lived separately from the whites.

"We were all by ourselves. We never socialized," Mitchell said, but we did get promoted together.

"We had to learn as we went," she added about the training regimen. "You didn't have a moment to yourself."

Mitchell went on to serve in the famous 6888th Postal Battalion in France under Battalion Commander Maj. Charity Adams-Early, the Army's highest ranking black female at the end of World War II, and the first to join the Women's Army Corps.

Mitchell said that she never expected to be treated "so special"

for something she did so many years ago.

"This is the first time we've been recognized as members of Fort Des Moines' first [WAAC] class," Mitchell said. "People have even been asking for our autographs. It never crossed my mind that anyone would think that what we did was so important."

Vera Harrison-Haskin

After leaving Fort Des Moines, Vera Harrison Haskin served at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., for four months then joined a black battalion of 150 women at Fort Devens, Mass. She served as company commander there and at another training unit in Fort Knox, Ky., before going to Birmingham, England, in 1945.

"I was mainly in postal companies," Vera said. "It was my job to make sure the mail moved, and that's what I did for over three years."

Smith said she used her GI Bill to obtain a master's in socialism. She taught at colleges in Massachusetts and Illinois before retiring in 1994. She now lives in San Francisco.

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—Yvonne Johnson
Tuskegee Airmen and members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, who attended the dedication weekend for the Fort Des Moines Memorial Park and Education Center, July 23 to 25, pose for a group photo in the Marriott Downtown in Des Moines, Iowa. From left, front, Doris Richardson, Sarah Emmert-Jackson, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Ruth Lucas, Noel Mitchell, and Robert Martin. From left, rear, Vera Harrison-Haskin, Luther Smith, George Mitchell and James Bowman.

Tuskegee Airmen, WAACs return to Fort Des Moines for dedication ceremonies

By YVONNE JOHNSON
APG NEWS

Some call them heroes, leaders who set the standards and paved a path for others to follow.

Although they say they were only trying to serve their country and support their families like other Americans, the brave men and women who served in the Army during the early efforts to bring blacks and women into its ranks accomplished much more than that. Their actions provided the foundation upon which the diversity and tolerance that exists in today's armed forces was laid.

A memorial to the Tuskegee Airmen and the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was dedicated to the Army's first black and first female officer candidates during a dedication weekend at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, July 23 to 25.

Black officer candidates who were at Fort Des Moines in 1940, went on to become known as Tuskegee Airmen after their flight training at Tuskegee Army Airfield in Alabama. They were the beneficiaries of the men of the 17th Provisional Training Regiment, the first blacks in the modern-day Army who trained there in 1917, during the first world war.

During World War II the fort became the first site to train Women's Army Auxiliary Corps officer candidates during efforts to establish a female corps to work with the Army to support the war in Europe.

Four Tuskegee Airmen and five

WAACs returned to Iowa in July for ceremonies establishing Fort Des Moines as a National Historic Monument.

The dedication weekend included a media-only tour of the Fort Des Moines Memorial Park and Education Center, including its library and chapel, a luncheon and formal evening gala at the Marriott Downtown, and an official dedication and memorial ceremony in the park grounds.

The National Association of Black Military Women, led by retired Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Rosetta Burke, president, hosted the three-day event. During the luncheon, held July 24, Burke welcomed the program guests who included Lt. Gen. William E. Ward, deputy commander and chief of staff, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army; Brig. Gen. Donald L. Jacka Jr., commander, 3rd COSCOM, U.S. Army Reserves, Fort Des Moines; Stephen Kirke, president, Fort Des Moines Memorial Park; Constance Burns, liaison for the U.S. Army Center for Military History; retired Air National Guard Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis; Lizette Rhone, national president, Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association; former Oklahoma congressman, J.C. Watts; members of the Iowa legislature; and history and film students from Iowa State and Drake universities.

Ward thanked Burke and the NABMW, "for all you did to make this happen for the great state of Iowa." He also thanked the four Tuskegee Airmen and five WAACs who returned to Iowa for the dedication weekend.

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THIS IS MY WAR TOO!

"It never crossed my mind that anyone would think that what we did was so important."

—Noel Mitchell, WAAC Class, 1942

Smoking...

(Continued from page 3)

date - two weeks later. Two more weeks of smoking! I was happy, as I fought the urge to ask for a smoke break....

Now, on the first morning of my new, smoke-free life, as I felt the faint tingle of my skin beneath the patch, I thought again of how quickly the days between idea and execution passed.

Though class participation had dwindled as the quit day approached, the hardy souls who threw their butts away with mine were a source of secret inspiration, though I felt it rather unfair that they all got Wellbutrin and I didn't.

Possible side effects with a medication I was already taking prevented my use of the antidepressant, prescribed to help fight the emotional compulsion to smoke.

"Oh, well. That will just prove my great mental strength," I crabbily comforted myself, ready to rip the patch off and light up after only five hours.

Still, it was good to be with people who, like me, were ready to tear their hair out.

A lot of helpful information was passed out in class, and the instructor offered a few tips that really stuck in my head. One of them was about hand-to-mouth movement.

Think about it. A smoker brings a cigarette-laden hand to their mouth six to eight times per cigarette. If you smoke 20 cigarettes a day, that's between 120 and 160 hand-mouth movements. You better have something to replace that movement, or you're not going to make it.

I've become a familiar sight around the office as I smoke a cinnamon stick. I actually inhale on the darn thing. I even tamp it as if I'm flicking ash off a burning cigarette. It's almost like smoking one of those candy cigarettes many of us enjoyed as children - at least those of us old enough to remember them.

I've traded one addiction for another. I knew I was hooked when I frantically flung to the floor piles of paper perched on my desk in search of one lone, lost cinnamon stick. I breathed a sigh of relief when I found it.

If you detect a certain sense of smugness in this commentary, you're wrong.

I admit I am proud of myself, because almost three months into my effort, I am still cigarette-free. I'll even admit that I've

become a rather obnoxious ex-smoker.

My husband is no longer allowed to smoke his odorous cigars in the house and when I walk by a smoker, the smell is overpowering. It's all I can do not to carry a pocket-sized can of air freshener to point and shoot at anyone puffing away. Rather, I am trying to move you through humor.

If you smoke or chew, QUIT.

If I - a hard-core, two-pack-plus-a-day, 30-year smoker - can, anyone can.

Life is so much better now. I can breathe again. I can laugh again. I can walk up a flight of stairs without feeling as if the air has been stolen from my lungs. If it weren't for my aching knees, I could probably RUN up that same flight of stairs. I no longer cough up stuff that's too disgusting to mention in print. I can smell better. I can taste better. I no longer worry about offending anyone with cigarette breath.

It hasn't been easy. Nicotine patches took away many of the physical cravings, but after two weeks an allergic reaction prevented me from wearing them. (I thought that grossly unjust - no Wellbutrin, no patches. I was on my own.)

Not a day goes by that I don't want a cigarette desperately, especially when I am under stress. I've gained a few pounds - and for me to admit that is proof positive of my sincerity. And I've almost given into temptation several times.

But I can't. My co-worker is still nicotine-free and if I start smoking again, he wins.

What's even more important is the disappointment I would see in my daughter's beautiful eyes should I choose to start smoking again. How could I put cigarette to mouth when my 21-year-old has told me that the day I quit was the happiest of her life?

And I have a deep-rooted need to have learned something from the deaths of my loved ones.

Think about quitting. In fact, I challenge those smokers who nurture the spirit of competition in their hearts. If I've quit and you don't, I win.

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Military Pay

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pace with the evolving complexity of military pay. As a result of the fragility and inflexibility of DJMS and the lengthy change cycle, the military pay community has had to establish manually intensive processes outside of the system. This work ensures the military member gets paid, but it is not without periodic problems that impact pay.

There are many recent examples of this associated with the DJMS Reserve Component, which was originally designed to only pay members on active duty for less than 30 days.

With the current global situation, many reservists have returned to active duty and are on tours that far exceed 30 days. A very complex manipulation of the system is required to properly pay these members and the large numbers of activated troops only compound the workload and problems.

FCP will eliminate the majority of manual workloads and eliminate redundant data entry requirements.

Input to the new system will be through a familiar product used today to update DJMS, the Defense MilPay Office, which is being enhanced with new capabilities to support the more modern FCP. Input feedback will be more frequent than the current DJMS nightly batch and next morning reports. Transactions will be processed throughout the day, updating the pay record, and returning the feedback as it is posted. While the Army has fully implemented DMO, installation and training for the Navy and Air Force are ongoing.

The current interfaces and reports associated with DJMS today are planned to transition with minimal change to FCP.

The core of FCP is a modern, commercial software product. FCP's table driven capabilities make it easy to change when new legislative entitlements are established. This too will eliminate the interim, and often times, permanent work around activity that is required with DJMS.

These are just a few of the positive changes with FCP. More updates will follow as implementation draws closer.

FCP testing

To minimize problems at the time of FCP implementation, a considerable amount of testing is being done to validate the system's performance. The FCP System Acceptance Testing is designed to validate system performance from a Central Site and Service Field Site user perspective, in a simulated production-like environment.

To effectively cover this objective, the FCP SAT will encompass 14 field service sites covering all three Services with a total of 51 service personnel and three DFAS central sites with a total of 24 DFAS personnel. Overall, there will be 17 sites and 75 testers actively engaged in conducting the FCP SAT.

Testing locations

U.S. Army - Fort Hood, Fort McCoy, Army National Guard - Indianapolis, 208th Finance Battalion Fort Jackson and the Human Resources Command

U.S. Navy - PSD Norfolk, Pay and Personnel Ashore and the Naval Reserve Center - Cleveland

U.S. Air Force - Robins Air Force Base, Buckley Air Force Base and Andrews Air Force Base

DFAS central sites - DFAS Cleveland, DFAS Indianapolis and DFAS Denver

Data cleansing

In the meantime, efforts are underway to clean up as many of the existing problem accounts on DJMS as possible. This is a necessity to ensure all data is valid and up to date, as well as to ensure a smooth transition to FCP.

To facilitate this cleanup effort, a monthly report by service and ADSN that lists accounts that need to be reviewed and corrected will be provided. Correction may involve the collaborative efforts of the personnel, finance and central site communities. To emphasize the importance of this data cleansing, a monthly "report card" showing the status of required corrections is being prepared and distributed. While Army is the first to implement FCP, Navy and Air Force data cleansing is starting now to provide as much time as possible to fix the accounts and to train everyone with preventive measures.

FCP implementation schedule

March 2005 Army - Guard/Reserve

July 2005 Army - Active

November 2005 Air Force - Active, Guard/Reserve

March 2006 Navy - Active and Reserve

Training will be provided as time nears for each service's implementation. Most training will be computer-based and will be addressed in future newsletters.

For more information, visit <https://dfas4dod.dfas.mil/systems/fcp/>.

(Editor's note: DFAS will provide update articles for reprint in APG News.)

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EA Tech Expo connects APG with IT resources



--Meghan Bowen
Todd Leskoski, Gateway Army account executive, displays the 'latest' tablet technology, which is similar to a notebook personal computer that has wireless handwriting capabilities.

By Meghan Bowen
 APG NEWS

Vendors displayed new technology systems and innovations for Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations at the 2004 Fall Information Technology Products and Services Expo held at the Edgewood Area Gunpowder Club Oct. 27.

"We had approximately 35 vendors here today, with a variety of products that specialized in audio visual, software applications, new hardware and supplies," said Chris Zukowski, systems analyst, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, who helped organize the event.

The 32nd expo was hosted by the Corporate Information Office of RDECOM and the U.S. Army Garrison Directorate of Information Management.

DOIM's Sue Suppa, expo co-organizer, commented on the advantages of the Fall Tech Expo for APG organizations just starting the new fiscal year.

"People are able to look at their budgets to see what they can spend on equipment," Suppa said.

One potential customer talked about what vendor products they were looking for at the Tech Expo.

"I came to check out the new products," said Staff Sgt. Denise James, support technician for the U.S. Properties and Fiscal office. "I was interested in checking out some CD burners and the audio visual equipment."

Bill Hottman, Audio Visual Innovations account manager, commented on attendees' response to his 21-pound PowerPoint projectors.

"People like the little portable ones," Hottman said.

Tyrone Shoulders, Staples federal account manager, explained how a significant percentage of the products they sell are made by people with disabilities.

"A large percentage of our products are made by people with disabilities in the JWOD program," Shoulders said, in reference to the Javitis-Wagner-O'Day Act, which supports the continued employment and training opportunities for nearly 40,000 people who are blind or have other disabilities.

Another vendor who utilizes JWOD program products is Office Eagle, located in both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. Office Eagle employees handed out bags filled with assorted office supplies for attendees.

One vendor commented on the networking success he has had by attending the expo.

"It was an excellent turn out both in quality and quantity of leads we got," said Todd Leskoski, Gateway Army account executive.

Paul Griffin, a CDW-G field specialist who traveled to the expo from Virginia commented on the opportunity.

"The best thing is being able to put a face to a name with the clients you do business with," Griffin said.

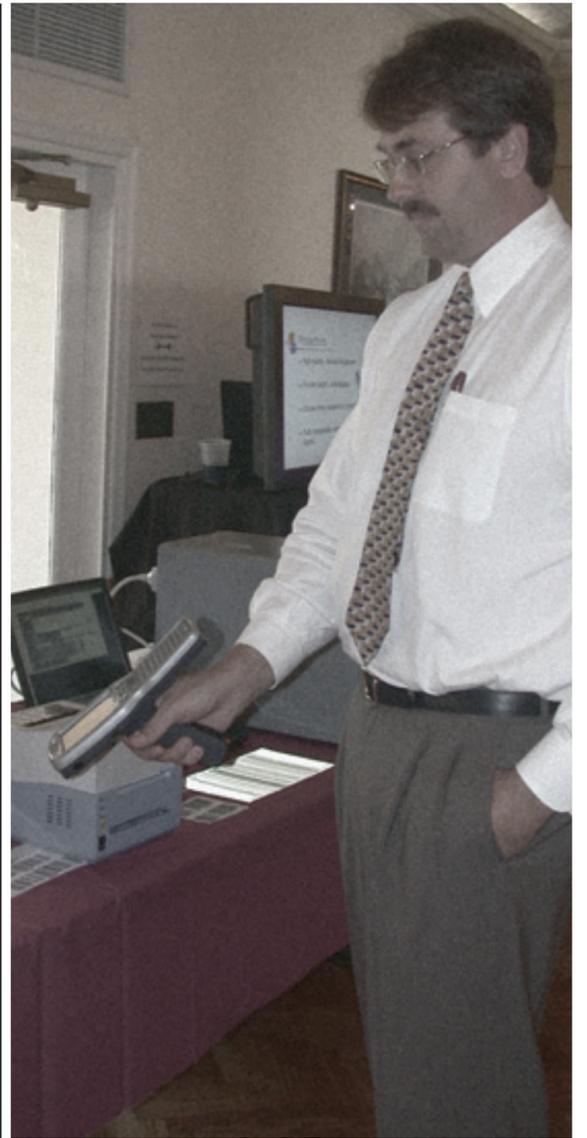
Another vendor also commented on the advantages of meeting with potential clients in person.

"We like the old fashioned way of doing business -live and in person. It helps us sort out the products they need," said Paulina Baublitz, Metro Office Products customer service representative.

Griffin complimented those who organized the expo, one person in particular.

The next technology expo is planned for spring 2005 in the Aberdeen Area, Suppa said.

Suppa added that with the 35 vendors that attended "this was the largest show held on the Edgewood Area."



--Meghan Bowen
Thomas Jackson, systems analyst, demonstrates a laser gun reader from Integrated Barcode Technology.

Combined Federal Campaign-Honoring those who served

By LISA MACK
 CFC VICE-CHAIRWOMAN

November 11 marked Veterans Day, a day to honor the men and women who have made sacrifices to protect the freedom of all American citizens.

Pay tribute to the brave men and women of the armed forces during the 2004 Combined Federal Campaign by donating to organizations that provide services like physical therapy; counseling for active military, veterans, and family members; and financial aid for college-bound military dependents.

This year's campaign theme, "Every 1 of Us," can mean many different things but one that fits appropriately is that this effort caters to all or one depending solely on choice.

CFC veterans organizations

0040 Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel, 202-244-4177, www.pccmp.org - Provides and supports Presbyterian clergy ministering in the U.S. military and Veterans Administration chaplaincies; guides pastoral care by chaplains for military members, their families and VA patients.

0461 Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation, 202-483-9222, www.vvaf.org - Co-founder and coordinator of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize-winning global landmine campaign. Operates international rehabilitation clinics and landmine awareness programs and conducts mine impact surveys.

0600 USO, Inc., 202-610-6487, www.uso.org - Provides programs and services to the military community, including Internet access, family crisis intervention, educational workshops, travel assistance, childcare, language courses, recreational lounges and celebrity entertainment.

0803 American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation, 317-630-1200 - Provides direct financial assistance to veterans and their families for essential medical and living expenses.

0822 Achilles Track Club, 212-354-0300, www.achillestrackclub.org - Disabled runners (including the newly wounded from the Iraqi War), wheelchair athletes, amputees, blind, paralyzed, participate with the general public in distance competitions and marathons, using prosthetics, wheelchairs and crutches.

1053 Olive Branch International, 757-518-8749, www.obintl.org - Improves the quality of life among military families worldwide through chaplains, family support programs, education and humanitarian programs in Russia, Ukraine, Central Europe and Africa.

1142 Service members Legal Defense Network, Inc., 202-328-3244, www.sldn.org - SLDN is the sole national legal aid and watchdog organization that assists men and women who are harmed by "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

1174 National League of Families of American Prisoners & Missing in Southeast Asia, 703-465-7432, www.pow-miafamilies.org - Coordinates humanitarian efforts to gain release and fullest possible accounting of American POW/MIAs from the Vietnam War; advocates and sponsors public education and awareness programs.

1184 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 202-393-0090, www.vvmf.org - Built the Vietnam Memorial to honor Americans killed and fosters healing of injustices committed against those who served. Maintains the memorial with the government, educates the public and sponsors ceremonies.

1337 Navy Supply Corps Foundation, Inc., 706-354-4111, www.usnscf.com - Provides scholarships to qualifying dependents of active, reserve, retired, or prior service Supply Corps officers and enlisted personnel. Fosters professional development of the supply community.

1364 Navy League Foundation, 703-528-1775, www.navyleague.org - Provides scholarships and financial sup-

port to U.S. Sailors, Marines and Merchant Mariners and their families, and educates citizens on the vital role of maritime forces.

1620 National Association for Black Veterans, Inc., 800-842-4597, www.nabvets.com - Promotes rights and privileges, and establishes and maintains monuments honoring black veterans. Addresses contemporary human services issues including homelessness, veterans' services, and youth and community empowerment.

1969 Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation, 800-222-2294, www.womensmemorial.org - Operates and maintains the only major national memorial and education center honoring all American service women and educates the public about women's service.

2004 Campus Crusade for Christ's Great Commission Foundation, 757-247-7502, www.milmin.com - Reaching the world for Christ through military and world leaders, using God's word, provides deployment kits, discipleship, evangelism and marriage seminars.

2017 Navigators, The, 719-594-2292, www.navmilitary.org - Strengthening the personal and spiritual lives of military members and their families through disciplineship, bible studies, leader development, conferences, counseling and group activities.

2019 Officers' Christian Fellowship of the USA, 800-424-1984, www.ocfusa.org - Equips military personnel in providing humanitarian leadership to all ranks. Individual and group counseling is provided during deployments, transfers. Provides retreat centers for rest/renewal.

2100 Military, Veterans & Patriotic Service Organizations of America, 800-626-6526, www.mvpsoa.org - Helps keep America strong, safe, and free and remember, honor, and keep faith with our veterans, with those who serve today, and their families.

2101 Air Force Memorial Foundation, 703-247-5808, www.airforcememorial.org - Helps build the Air Force Memorial to honor the sacrifice and patriotism of the millions of men and women who have served in the USAF.

2102 Airmen Memorial Foundation, 800-638-0594, www.amf.org - Airmen helping Airmen. USAF, Guard, Reserve active, retired and veteran enlisted personnel, and their families receive scholarship, financial aid, research assistance and on-line retiree information.

2103 American Defense Institute, 703-519-7000, www.ojc.org/ADI - Promotes a strong national defense, including Homeland Security, focusing awareness and patriotism among young Americans. Encourages military voter participation and resolution of POW/MIA issue.

(Editor's note: See next week's paper for more 2004 CFC veterans organizations.)

Des Moines

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Iowa."

He said that the timing was fitting to show that "all we value must not be lost."

"America has proven time and again that her sons and daughters will step into harms' way to preserve our freedoms," Ward said. He added that the renovation of the park was "magnificent."

"The beauty of the fort is a marvel," Ward said. "You can expect visitors from all over America and around the world to enjoy its beauty and all it stands for."

Davis said he was stationed at the fort, the home of the Iowa Air National Guard's 132nd Fighter Wing, for 13 years. He served on the Fort Des Moines Advisory Board seven years has seen the restoration project through, from start to finish.

"This was a magnificent project," Davis said. "I moved here in 1965 and I met and got to know some of the original World War I officers. One became a surrogate grandfather to my children. "Coming back here was like coming home," he added. "Hopefully, what we've done here will serve as a lesson to others that some things need to be recognized so that they won't be forgotten. So many have gone unrecognized for too long."

The Fort Des Moines Memorial Park and Education Center is a 4.6-acre site that includes park grounds, a reflective pool, a Walk of Honor, and a monument to the Army's first blacks and first women by world-renowned sculptor, Richard Hunt.

The focal point of the park is Clayton Hall, the former officer's visiting quarters built in 1901, which houses the museum and library. Phyllis A. Swink, the museum project director, and Caesar Smith, the museum manager, said the research center inside the library will supply learning resources for historical projects for students from kindergarten to grad school.

"This will be the state resource center for those researching blacks and women in the military," Caesar said, noting that the library will take up all three floors in the building's west wing.

"We are already working with professors of military history from Iowa State and Drake University," he said.

"It was important to us that we not only provide a museum, but an environment to educate people on women, blacks and world history," Swink added. "We're all very pleased with the result and thrilled to be a part of it."

LEAVE DONATION

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