

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Sept. 22, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### MCSC holds 'Super Sign-Up'

Tonight join the MCSC at the Super Sign-up event 7 to 8:30 p.m., at 4670 Parrish Road, Edgewood.

The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club is open to spouses, surviving spouses or members of the U.S. armed forces (all ranks), active duty or retired, a spouse or surviving spouse of a Department of Defense employee or a DoD employee.

The club's purpose is to have fun and be involved in the Aberdeen Proving Ground community. The MCSC has many functions that involve camaraderie, enjoyment, education and fundraising.

Social groups include the Lunch Bunch, Gourmet Club, Book Club, Bunco and more.

Fund-raising events generate money for scholarships and aid to various community organizations and offer both day and evening programs and activities, a monthly newsletter containing upcoming events and other helpful and interesting information.

For more information or to join MCSC, visit the club's Web site, [www.apgmcsc.org](http://www.apgmcsc.org).

### Commissary holds case lot sale

AAFES and the post Commissary will hold a case lot sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 16 and 17, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 18.

Some items included in the sale are frozen and dry foods, paper and canned goods, sodas and pet food.

The Commissary will remain open during the sale.

For more information, call 410-278-3926.

### CWF extends BJ's offer

The Civilian Welfare Fund will host one additional sign-up day for BJ's Wholesale Club membership.

Civilian employees, contractors, military personnel, retirees and family members are entitled to sign up 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 21, in building 2752, room 207, of the Aberdeen Area. For \$25, receive a 15-month membership for two people.

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Photos by RALPH BROTH

Illustration by BLAKE VOSHALL

Retired Gen. John G. Coburn, left, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, congratulates Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles as he passes the Regimental Colors of the Ordnance Corps to him. The exchange took place during change of command ceremonies at Ordnance Circle where Boles became the 33rd Army Chief of Ordnance. Coburn was the 26th Chief of Ordnance.

## 33rd Chief of Ordnance assumes command

**E. C. Starnes**  
US Army Ordnance Corps

Twenty-eight years ago Vincent E. Boles arrived at Aberdeen Proving Ground with a brand new diploma from Niagara University and a set of gold second lieutenant's bars on his shoulders. He returned to Ordnance Circle Friday wearing a silver star and assuming command of not only the school that trained him, but the entire Ordnance Corps as well.

Boles, who assumed com-

mand from Brig. Gen. William M. Lenaers, spent the intervening years commanding two maintenance companies, a main support battalion, a division support command, a field support command and a corps support command.

During his last command, 3rd Corps Support Command, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, he was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq.

Under a brilliant, cloudless

sky, Lt. Gen. Anthony R. Jones, deputy commanding general and chief of staff of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, passed the colors from Lenaers to Boles.

Then retired Gen. John G. Coburn, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, passed the Ordnance Corps Regimental Colors from Lenaers to Boles.

The event, which in the past has been supported with large formations of Soldiers, Marines and Airmen at

Fanshaw Field, was supported by commanders and command sergeants major representing the thousands of Ordnance Soldiers at the Ordnance Center and Schools and throughout the world.

Lenaers noted that the size of the formation was not commensurate with the importance of what was happening on the field.

"We are an Army at war," he said. "Our Soldiers and their drill sergeants, instructors and small group leaders

are out training today."

Represented in the formation were the U.S. Army Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School with Col. Joyce P. Napier, commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Lewis C. Lockett; the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School with Col. Francis O. Merritt, commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel F. Torres; the OMEMS Noncommissioned

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## Road dedication honors 175th Regiment

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

On the anniversary of the Battle of North Point and the Defense of Baltimore during the War of 1812, a portion of North Point Boulevard was renamed for the famed 175th Infantry Regiment (Fifth Maryland) of the Maryland Army National Guard during a ceremony at the Dundalk Armory Sept. 10.

Representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland State Highway Administration joined MDARNG leaders and association members, past and present 175th Regiment commanders, Soldiers and family members to witness the unveiling of one of three signs that rename the portion of North Point Boulevard - from the Baltimore City line to the intersection with Cove Road in Baltimore County - the 175th Regiment Memorial Highway. Guests included Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, Maryland

Adjutant General, George W. Owings III, secretary of Maryland Department of Veterans' Affairs; Jim Ports, assistant secretary of Administration and Projects, MDOT; David Malkowski, SHA district engineer for Baltimore and Harford counties; and the program's emcee, retired Col. Richard T. Schnell, former commander of the 2/175th Infantry Regiment. Also in attendance were representatives of Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski and delegate Joseph J. Minnick, District 6; Col. Edward A. Leacock, assistant adjutant general, MDARNG; Col. John Russo, commander of the 3rd Infantry Brigade, 29th Infantry Division; and retired Brig. Gen. Warren Hodges, former Maryland adjutant general and a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Schnell said he could not think of a more fitting time to "bestow this honor on this regiment."

"Once again citizen Soldiers are answering the call

with the same spirit as those who came before them," Schnell said.

Referring to the regiment by its nickname, "The Dandy Fifth," Schnell said the regiment is among the most decorated National Guard units in the nation, calling it a "blue collar infantry battalion."

"They respond to national disasters and emergencies throughout the state," Schnell said.

He credited the National Guard Association of Maryland, the Maryland Highway Administration and Lt. Col. Bruce Kahl, who initiated the renaming movement.

"Thank you all for making this dedication happen," Schnell said.

Tuxill extended regards from Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. and called the battalion the "premier battalion in the Army National Guard."

"More than 190 years ago today, we repelled invading forces of almost 5,000 British

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Reenactors from the Friends of the North Point Battlefield, kneeling from left, Gerry Christ and Eileen Coffee; Maryland Army National Guard Capt. Mike Bennett, standing left, and cadets from the Patapsco High School JROTC program, Adam Gaster, 15, center and Amber Crowley, 15, pose in Maryland militia uniforms worn during the War of 1812 under the new road sign designating a portion of North Point Road as the 175th Infantry Memorial Highway near the Dundalk Armory Sept. 10.

## Watch Card

### Observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.

- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations,

or operational information.

- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.

- Unusual phone calls, messages, or e-mails.

- Unusual contacts, on or off post.

- Unusual aerial activity

near or around installation.

- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

### Do not:

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.

- Discuss military capabilities or limitations.

- Discuss force protection

measures, capabilities, or posture.

- Disclose any information related to unit deployments.

**Report any suspicious activity immediately to DOD**

**Police:**  
Aberdeen Area, 410-306-

2222, 4-2222 or 911

Edgewood Area, 410-436-2222, 5-2222 or 911

Off post in Maryland, 1-800-492-TIPS (8477).

Your call may save lives.

**Note** - Do not take this card with you when on travel outside of the United States.



Photos by RALPH BROTH

Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, left, and Lt. Gen. Anthony R. Jones await the start of change of command ceremonies at Ordnance Circle Sept. 10. Boles became the 33rd Army Chief of Ordnance during the ceremony in which Jones, the Deputy Commanding General/Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, served as the Reviewing Officer.



Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, the new Army Chief of Ordnance, salutes the reviewing officer during the Ordnance Center and Schools change of command at Ordnance Circle. Behind Boles, from left, are Maj. Brian P. Clarke, Col. Kevin Smith, Lt. Col. John Kearney and Chief Warrant Officer 5 James Wynne.



## Ordnance

### From front page

Officer Academy with 1st Sgt. Thomas M. West; the OMMS NCOA with Command Sgt. Maj. Edith R. Crofts; the 187th Ordnance Battalion, with Lt. Col. Timothy R. Prior, commander; the 1st Battalion, 81st Armor Regiment, with Lt. Col. Chester F. Dymek III, commander; the 389th U.S. Army Band (AMC's Own) with Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert L. Larsen, commander; the OMMS Salute Battery with Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kurt A. Shultz, officer in charge, and Staff Sgt. Fred L. Giles, NCO in charge; and the OC&S Combined Color Guard under the leadership of Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony T. Aubain, the Ordnance Corps Regimental Command Sergeant Major.

Joining many dignitaries, local community representatives, and Soldiers and civilians of OC&S were three former chiefs of Ordnance, Gen. John G. Coburn, and retirees Gen. Johnnie Wilson, and Brig. Gen. Thomas Dickinson. Jones thanked the Lenaers'

command team for their outstanding support of the Ordnance Corps, Soldiers and their families, and the local community.

"The accomplishments of the Ordnance Corps are many. The Center and Schools is unique, training Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, and federal officers," Jones said.

"Leadership of this diverse outfit," he noted, "is extremely important" as the Ordnance team works to change the sons and daughters of America into warriors.

"You do a great service for our nation, our Army and our sister services," he said.

He noted that, "The new Chief of Ordnance comes to us with a wealth of operational experience. We are still at war and still transitioning.

"We have many challenges and we have the right people in place," Jones said.

Lenaers stated that it was a great day for the Lenaers' and Boles' families "with the colors dancing lightly in the breeze."

Speaking to the gathering of fellow Soldiers, civilians, families and guests, he said, "I



The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Combined Honor Guard, under the leadership of Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony T. Aubain, the Ordnance Corps Regimental Command Sergeant Major, stand as the national anthem is played during the change of command ceremonies for the Army's Chief of Ordnance at Ordnance Circle.

am proud of what you've accomplished in the past year. The leaders on the field truly represent an outstanding team effort. I am proud and honored to have served as the Chief of Ordnance and a part of the TRADOC team."

He had praise for his successor.

"He [Boles] and Cheryl are a perfect command team to lead our Corps into the future," Lenaers said.

Boles told those gathered that he "accepted the privilege." He added that he "didn't get here without help." He thanked his wife, his mother and aunt for attending and supporting him.

He reminded the audience that Ordnance Soldiers throughout the world were preparing to go to war, returning from war, or doing those things necessary to get ready to return to war.

"They don't do it for the glory, nor for riches, nor for fame," he said. "They do it for you."

He stated that to the Ordnance Corps, "Service to the line, on the line, on time" is not something that is just said, "It's how we measure our

success."

Earlier in the morning Jones honored the Lenaers during a ceremony in the Ball Conference Center. He presented Lenaers with the Distinguished Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious service to the United States Army while serving as the Chief of Ordnance and Commanding General, United States Army Ordnance Center and Schools."

The accompanying citation noted that, "His extraordinary leadership and uncommon vision propelled the Ordnance Corps to the forefront of Army Transformation."

Jones also presented Lorel Lenaers the Outstanding Civilian Service Award for her

"contributions as an Army community leader and the Ordnance Corps' First Lady."

The accompanying citation read, "As a result of her tireless efforts, thousands of dollars have been donated in scholarships and tons of care packages have been forwarded to Soldiers deployed in harm's way. Her enthusiasm, dedication and genuine concern for others epitomize the true meaning of selfless service. The Ordnance Corps, the Army, and the nation will remain forever grateful for her dedicated service."

Lenaers is on his way to Michigan as he takes command of the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command.

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Brig. Gen. William M. Lenaers, left, leads his staff as the Commander of Troops during change of command at Ordnance Circle. Lenaers, who served as the 32nd Army Chief of Ordnance, passed the colors to Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles. With Lenaers are Maj. Brian P. Clarke, Col. Kevin Smith, Lt. Col. John Kearney and Chief Warrant Officer 5 James Wynne.

# Motorcycle training passes the test for APG motorist



Photos courtesy of DSHE

During a mandatory motorcycle training course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, instructor David Backert shows Staff Sgt. Jimmy Hicks, Headquarters and Headquarters, 16th Ordnance Battalion, how deep the tread should be when riding this type of motorcycle.

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

A motorcycle rider on Aberdeen Proving Ground offered his praise of the installation's Motorcycle Safety Training course because of a close call he experienced just days after the refresher training.

Sgt. 1st Class Robert C. Lee, with the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's Directorate of Instruction, said that he was the only sport biker among the attendees to the mandatory course in May.

"Directly after the first riding exercise, the instructors noticed that I would ride with my foot under the shift pedal," Lee said.

He said that he made the correction and also noted that instructors emphasized the need to "slow down and be ready," at every intersection.

A few days later, Lee said that while exiting the post through the Route 22 gate, as he approached the first traffic light, he noticed a vehicle "turning right on red directly in front of me."

"At the same time, another car was making a U-turn and they both pulled out in front of me blocking the intersection. I slowed up, carefully drove around them and headed home," he said.

Lee said that although he had the right of way, he "assumed nothing" as he saw the potential accident unfolding in front of him.

"If I had not listened to what was said in the class, I might not be here to tell the story," Lee said. "I want to go by and thank the instructors for making me a rider [who] is more aware of my surroundings."

Randy Rexrode, who oversees the Motorcycle Safety Training course, said that Lee's experience was only one example of the value of emphasizing safety awareness for motorcycle drivers and passengers.

"This shows that training does pay off," Rexrode said. "Whether you have 30 years or just one year of experience, you can benefit from this course."

He added that training helps to identify and eliminate habits that can jeopardize driver's lives.

"Many riders who've been riding 20 years or more tell us that they didn't think they needed the course but learned that they had bad habits they didn't consider bad habits until the instructor showed them," Rexrode added.

This course is not a beginners course and is only for personnel who already have a motorcycle license. It is geared to sharpen existing riding skills.

Motorcycle Safety Training instructor David Backert will conduct three more classes, on dates as yet undetermined, before the season ends in October. To be scheduled for a class, E-mail Backert at [dwbvast@aol.com](mailto:dwbvast@aol.com). For more information, contact Rexrode at 410-436-2232.

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# Commentary

## The rainbow connection



**Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Curtis**  
USAGAPG

As we go through life, we make promises to people.

In middle school, sometimes those promises are quite silly. Even later in life, those promises are often hard to keep.

Our intentions tell a lot about the promises we make.

I remember getting in huge fights with one of my brothers. As is so often the case in homes with all boys, two of us just did not get along. Well, sometimes we did, but often we did not. He was two years younger than me, and this happened from the time I remember to the time I left the house

for college. Those were the worst of times. When we fought, our mother made us promise that we would not hit one each other any more. Of course, neither one of us intended to keep that promise. The fights would usually start within an hour and continue for days.

Fortunately, God is not like us when it comes to promises. He starts off the book of Genesis - the first recorded history of his dealing with man - with a number of promises.

But by the time we get to Genesis 6, we find a troubling statement. The Bible says, "The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time."

That statement is very troubling - it does not leave a way out for anyone to have any good thoughts.

Compared to God, our thoughts cannot possibly be good - he goes as far as calling our righteous deeds, the good things we do "filthy rags" in Isaiah 64:6.

Well, because of this pervasive evil in all people, God decided to do something drastic - destroy the earth.

He did find one man who was far from perfect, but he described him with some nice words. This man was Noah, and mankind would continue through Noah and his family as they built a gigantic ship and filled it with animals. I find it ironic that our kids play with little Noah's Ark toys when it really reminds us of the destruction of the world. The promise is not in the Ark - the promise of life comes later.

After the destruction of the world, God made a promise to Noah. Genesis 8:21 tells us that the Lord promises "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood." God realizes the problem was not solved in the flood - but that pervasive evil in everyone would still be present.

The promise he makes is summarized in that particular statement, and expanded as the next chapter continues. But, God gives us a reminder of

that promise. In Genesis 9:13, we see that the sign of God's promise is a rainbow. Yes, the rainbow that so excites us - that rainbow is our reminder that God loves us so much that despite our pervasive wickedness and evil, he will not destroy us. Instead, He will find a way to give us life. This sign graces our skies often to remind us of God's love. The rainbow existed before this - light struck water in the atmosphere since water graced the atmosphere, but God gave these beautiful phenomena a new meaning.

The rainbow connection is more than a Muppet song - it is a connection between God and his people. It is a connection that points us toward life. It is a connection that took on a new meaning for us. It is a connection of love. The rainbow connection is an unbreakable promise. There may not be a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, but there certainly is a promise of life.

*(Editor's note: Curtis ministers at the Post Chapel's Protestant Worship service at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays.)*

## DoD issues 'green procurement' Policy

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense announced Sept. 1 an important step forward in its efforts to align mission and environmental stewardship by issuing a new "green procurement" policy.

The policy affirms a goal of 100 percent compliance with federal laws and executive orders requiring purchase of environmentally friendly, or "green," products and services. The policy also outlines a strategy for meeting those requirements along with metrics for measuring progress.

In taking this step, DoD is reemphasizing its commitment

to the environment and its position that simply complying with environmental laws and regulations is not enough.

"Employing the department's purchasing power to conserve energy and natural resources can have a substantial positive impact on the long-term sustainability of the DoD mission and its facilities, as well as our nation as a whole," said Ray DuBois, deputy under secretary of defense for installations and environment.

Key to the policy's issuance and ultimate success is the close partnership between the environmental and procure-

ment communities across DoD.

"The green procurement program is designed to enhance and sustain mission readiness through cost effective acquisition that not only meets regulatory requirements, but also reduces resource consumption and waste generation," said Deidre Lee, director of defense procurement and acquisition policy. "Our new policy calls for procurement and environmental organizations across the department to assist purchasers in making the right decisions that result in cost effective, mission-enabling

and environmentally sound purchases."

The new policy also has been well received outside of DoD.

"We have been recommending that agencies take a holistic approach that addresses all components of federal green purchasing," said Edwin Pinero, the administration's acting federal environmental executive. "DoD is the first to fully embrace this approach. As the new model for the federal government, it holds great potential for sustainable envi-

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# Community Notes

**FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 17  
BARBECUE RIBS,  
FRIED FISH DINNERS**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 will be selling barbecue ribs and fried fish dinners 11 a.m. For more information, call 410-272-3444.

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 18  
MILITARY ORDER OF  
FOREIGN WARS  
HOLDS SOCIAL**

The Military Order of Foreign Wars Maryland Commandery will hold its 13th Annual Social, noon to 5 p.m. at the Gunpowder Military Reservation, Glen Arm. For more information or to RSVP (affirmative replies only), call Col. Jack Kutcher at 410-836-2813 or 410-734-4396 or e-mail jfkutcher@comcast.net.

**EDEN MILL NATURE  
CENTER DEDICATION**

The Eden Mill Nature Center, 1617 Eden Mill Road, Pylesville, will hold a Wetland Celebration Day and Dedication, 10 a.m. to 2

p.m., rain or shine. Activities include tours of historic Eden Mill, face painting, balloon creatures, crafts and a puppet show. Visitors can also explore the restored accessible wetland with center staff. For more information, call 410-836-3050 or visit the center Web site, [www.edenmill.org](http://www.edenmill.org).

**STROLL ALONG  
HAVRE DE GRACE  
PROMENADE**

In celebration of the rebuilding of the Havre de Grace promenade, Havre de Grace Mayor David R. Craig and the City Council invite everyone to join the city for a ceremonial first walk along the walkway. The celebration begins at 11 a.m. with a ribbon cutting near the Concord Point Lighthouse, off Lafayette and Concord streets. For more information, call 410-638-3571.

**WOODEN CANOE  
RENDEZVOUS**

The Chesapeake Wooden Boat Builders School will sponsor the 2004 Wooden Canoe Rendezvous, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, 100 Lafayette Street. For more information, call the Maritime Museum, 410-939-4800 or Bud Gillis, 410-442-1192.

**HERITAGE DAY IN  
ABERDEEN**

The 6th Annual Aberdeen Heritage Day will be held in Festival Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Breakfast will be held at the Aberdeen Senior Center at 8 to 11 a.m. For more information call 410-272-1600.

**SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 19  
AMERICAN LEGION  
HOLDS BASKET  
BINGO**

American Legion Post 194, 336 E. Main St., Rising Sun, is sponsoring a basket Bingo starting at 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 for 20 games. For more

**MOVIES**

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

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<p><i>There will be no movies Saturday, Sept. 18.</i></p> <p><b>THE VILLAGE (FREE ADMISSION)</b></p> <p>Friday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Starring: Bryce Dallas Howard, Joaquin Phoenix</p> <p>The village seems picture perfect, but this close knit community lives with the frightening knowledge that creatures reside in</p>	<p>the surrounding woods. The evil and foreboding force is so unnerving that none dare venture beyond the borders of the village and into the woods. But when curious, headstrong Lucius Hunt (Phoenix) plans to step beyond the boundaries of the town and into the unknown, his bold move threatens to forever change the future of the village. (Rated PG-13)</p>
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information, call 410-658-3915, or e-mail [basketbngors@aol.com](mailto:basketbngors@aol.com). Proceeds will benefit Boy Scout Troop 28.

**MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER 20  
LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will operate a Lighthouse cruise, noon to 3 p.m., aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis in Havre de Grace. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

**TOASTMASTERS  
MEETS OCT 20**

Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562 will meet at 11:40 a.m. at the Edgewood Gun Powder Club in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. For more information or directions, call 410-322-7748 or 410-939-0902.

**TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 21  
HOME MAINTENANCE  
SEMINAR**

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union is offering a free Home Maintenance Seminar 6 to 8 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room

in the APGFCU Operations Center in Edgewood, 1321 Pulaski Highway. To reserve a space, call 410-272-4000 or 1-800-225-2555, ext. 5451.

**HISPANIC SPECIALTY  
MEAL**

The Hispanic Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, for dinner, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited.

The standard meal rate of \$3.30 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$2.85 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Hispanic Specialty Meal Menu includes Carribean chicken, enchiladas, beef tacos (soft and hard shell), quesadillas, burritos, chicken with rice (arroz con pollo), Puerto Rican style roast pork (cerdo al horno), Spanish rice, steamed rice, Mexican corn, refried beans, Mexican cornbread, assorted breads, assorted pastries, soft serve yogurt with assorted toppings, assorted condiments and assorted beverages.

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

For more details on listed events, visit [www.apgnews.apg.amy.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.amy.mil).

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the 15 months begins as soon as the current membership expires.

Do not go to the BJ's Wholesale Club Store to sign-up, the CWF group representative must process the paperwork.

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

### 2004 Combined Federal Campaign begins soon

The 2004 Combined Federal Campaign begins Oct. 1 and ends Nov. 30.

Key-worker classes previously scheduled for Sept. 22 and 23 are rescheduled to 1:30 to 3 p.m., Sept. 23 and 24, building 305, in the commander's conference room.

Printed guides and pledge cards will be available from each organization key worker or at the APG CFC office in building 120, room 114, or call 410-278-0003/0001/0002.

### Fire Station holds open house

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire Station, building 2200, will hold an open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 9 to close out Fire Prevention Week.

Firefighters and rescue personnel will be available to answer questions on equipment displays, perform demonstrations and discuss Fire Prevention Week.

McGruff the Crime Dog will be on site to teach the little firefighters about fire prevention, test their skills with a fire hose and see if they can find their way through a smoke-filled maze.

For more information, call 410-278-0533.

### 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.

### Installation staff contractor's training

All installation staff, medical, dental and contract personnel, who in the execution of their duties come into daily or frequent contact with Initial Entry Training Soldiers, are required to attend ISCTC.

The one-hour class covers IET policies and procedures, ethical conduct and Army values.

Deputy Installation Commander Col. John T. Wright and APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby conduct the training for appropriate garrison, Kirk U.S. Army Health/Dental Clinic and AAFES employees.

Directors, division chiefs and managers are responsible for ensuring employees attend this mandatory training.

Classes will be held 2 p.m., Sept. 21 and 27, in building 4305, second floor.

To schedule employees to attend, directors, division chiefs and managers should call garrison S-3 Operations, 410-278-5225.

### CYS holds Fall Family Fun Fest

Child and Youth Services is sponsoring a Fall Family Fun Fest Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Youth Services building E-1902.

Parents and children of all ages are invited to join the festivities for an afternoon of fun and adventure. All activities are free.

A local D.J. will provide music and entertainment.

Activities include games, arts and crafts, chess and soccer shoot-out for ages 3 to adult, face painting, balloon sculptures, bounce house and more.

A special guest artist will be on hand creating caricatures. Enjoy free hot dogs, chips and lemonade.

Everyone attending will

receive a free gift. Door prizes will be given away every half hour but winners must be present.

Visit the facility and be there for the grand opening of the new Computer Tech Lab.

Program displays and registration information will also be available.

Interested in becoming a member? Come see what CYS has to offer the entire family.

For more information, call Outreach Services at 410-278-7571.

### Phase III C&GS class begins Oct. 7

Enroll now for the final Phase III Command and General Staff Officer Class to be conducted on Thursday evenings, 7 p.m., beginning Oct. 7, at the Army Aviation Support Facility in the Edgewood Area.

This final phase III class is open to all field grade officers who have completed Phase II requirements.

Officers enrolled in the correspondent course option are also encouraged to take advantage of this final class. Students will be enrolled in ATRRS when they arrive at class.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Mark Valeri, 410-299-2068.

### RAB meeting Scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Sept. 30, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

The topic is an update on the Aberdeen Area Study Areas.

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

### APG plans Retiree Appreciation Day

Aberdeen Proving Ground will hold its annual Retiree Appreciation Day 8 to 11:45

a.m., Nov. 13, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

Representatives from area agencies to include, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Commissary, Post Exchange, Community and Family Activities and the Veterans Administration will be on hand.

The National Association for Uniformed Services will provide a guest speaker.

Following the program everyone is welcomed to stay for lunch at the Dining Facility, building 4503.

For more information, call Army retirees Col. Charles M. Shadle, chairman of the APG Retiree Council, 410-663-9263 or Command Sgt. Maj. Barry Decker, co-chairman, 410-306-1153.

### Army Reserves hold high technology open house

Soldiers and civilians interested in high technology opportunities in the Army Reserve are invited to join the 311th Theater Signal Command for lunch and an open house Oct. 2 at the 311th's headquarters in Fort Meade.

Visitors will examine satellite ground stations, walk through one of the region's best-equipped emergency operations centers and meet Soldiers who work on the cut-

ting edge of Army signal technology. The 311th's networking academy, where Reserve Soldiers take manufacturer-authorized certification courses, will also be featured.

Lunch with the Soldiers (reservations required) begins at noon and the tour program begins at 1 p.m.

For more information, call 310-677-1098/1077/1748.



# Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## Activities

### New operating hours

The MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center's new operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.\*

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

### Methods of registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting MWR Registration, building 3326, or visiting online at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### MWR looks out for singles through BOSS

The BOSS "Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers" 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.

### Refunding Shirley

### Caesar concert tickets

Refunds for the Shirley Caesar Concert will be given at MWR Registration and Ticketing Office, building 3326 in the Aberdeen Area. The receipt or ticket must be presented in order to receive a refund. All requests must be in by Sept. 30.

For more information, call 410-278-4907/4011.

### Social hour at Top of the Bay

There will be weekly events such as rock wall climbing, table tennis, darts and other small games, free snacks and music. Additional beverages and food items can be purchased.

For more information, contact Doris Reitze, 410-278-3062, or e-mail [doris.reitze@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:doris.reitze@usag.apg.army.mil).

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All activities are free. A local D.J. will provide music and entertainment.

Activities include games, arts and crafts, chess and soccer shoot-out for ages 3 to adult, face painting, balloon sculptures, bounce house and more.

A special guest artist will

be on hand creating caricatures.

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### Entertainment

#### 'Laugh til your sides Hurt' Comedy Show

"Laugh til your sides Hurt" Comedy Show, A Ricky Shackelford Production, will be held Sept. 18 in the APG Post Theater. Red Bone, Kevin Anthony, Justin Schiegel and Larry Lancaster will perform. The show is open to the public.

Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show begins at 9 p.m. Cost is \$10 for upper level and \$15 for lower level in advance; \$20 at the door.

An 'after party' will be held in the AA Recreation Center immediately following the show for all ticket stub holders. Cost without the ticket stub is \$5.

Purchase tickets at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) or at MWR Registration, 410-278-4907/4011.

For more information, call

MWR Registration at 410-278-4907/4011 or e-mail [mwr.registration@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr.registration@usag.apg.army.mil).

### 2004 Soldier Show

The 2004 U.S. Army Solider Show returns to the APG Post Theater Oct. 23 and 24.

The Solider Show is a high-energy 90-minute review, showcasing the talents of active duty Soldiers who are selected by audition from throughout the Army.

They are amateur artists who have a passion for music, dance and performing.

They come from infantry, artillery, transportation, military police, medical, intelligence, armor, aviation, signal, and other tactical units. The show is assembled in six weeks and then tours for six months.

The 2 p.m., Oct. 23 and 24 shows are open to active duty personnel only.

The 7 p.m., Oct. 24 show is open to the public.

### Programs

#### Beginner tennis

Learn the basic strokes such as forehand and backhand serve, correct form and footwork. Scoring, rules, and court etiquette will also be covered. All equipment will be supplied.

Class will be held 9 to 10 a.m., Oct. 2 thru 23, at the tennis courts behind the AA Recreation Center. Cost is \$25. Register by Oct. 1.

#### Intermediate tennis

Tuesday) and 5 p.m. until closing (Wednesday thru Friday). Throw a strike on a red head pin and receive a free game of bowling.

Oct. 15: Half Off Night Special runs 9 p.m. until closing. Patrons pay \$1.25 each game.

Oct. 17: Rent-A-Lane Special costs \$9 per lane per hour. Active duty military receive an additional \$1 off, but is limited to groups of four or more.

Oct. 18 and 19: Lunch Bowling Special features all games between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. for \$.75 each.

Oct. 31: Halloween will be special for those patrons wearing a costume: bowl for \$.75 each game and \$.75 shoe rental.

Emphasis will be on ball control and shot placement. Game strategy, shot variety, pace under pressure, and practice techniques will all be covered.

Classes will be held 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Oct. 2 thru 23, at the Tennis Courts behind the AA Recreation Center. Cost is \$25.

### Chess

Learn the basic fundamentals of chess: how to play, keep score, strategies, to employ and how to move the pieces into a sound board position to gain the advantage on an opponent.

Class will be held 6 to 7 p.m., Oct. 4 to 25, at the Recreation Center. Register by Oct. 1. Cost is \$20.

### Lacrosse

Gain the knowledge to play a competitive game of lacrosse.

Instruction includes setting, passing, scoring, and goal keeping. Defensive and offensive strategies will also be covered.

Classes will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m., Oct. 5 to 21, at Shine Sports Field. Cost is \$25. Register by Oct. 1.

### Boot Camp

Jump-start the holidays with this aerobic challenge. The class will teach endurance, help participants gain more muscle, increase coordination, build stamina and lose weight...just in time for the holidays.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 6 to 7 a.m., starting

Oct. 5, in the AA Fitness Center jogging, running, interval training, and weight lifting are the focus. From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturdays, train to prepare for hiking that will be done during the last three weeks.

Requirements to begin are pre-medical screen, pre-fitness assessment and post-fitness assessment. This class is suitable for all fitness levels.

For more information, call the Fitness Center, 410-278-9725. Register by Oct. 1. Cost is \$45.

### Flag Football (3 on 3)

Tournament will be held 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 1, on Shine Sports Field, and it consists of round robin competition.

Each lesson will be matched against every other team.

Winners will be determined by win/loss percentages.

Cash prizes will be presented to the top three teams based on the number of entries. Cost is \$30 per team. Register by Oct. 1.

### 2nd Annual Customer Appreciation Tournament

Ruggles Golf Course invites everyone to participate in its 2nd annual Customer Appreciation Tournament, Oct. 2, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Enter a foursome or be paired up.

Price includes cart, prizes and appetizers. Cost is \$10 for annual patrons. Register by Sept. 25.

## APG BOWLING CENTER NEWS

### Bowling specials

The APG Bowling Center, thru Sept. 17, offers Red Pin Specials, 5 p.m. to closing. Knock down a red head pin and win a free game of bowling.

Active Duty Special will be held Sept. 19. Every game and shoe rental is just \$1.

### Leagues forming

Fall and winter leagues are now forming. All leagues are handicap leagues. Handicaps usually are 90 percent of 200. To determine handicap, after bowling the first three games, total the scores and divide by three to get an average. Take that average and subtract from 200 then multiply by 90 per-

cent. So whether a good bowler or not, this handicap helps all bowlers compete against bowlers that are.

**Monday Night Crazy Trio** - Bowling begins at 6 p.m., Sept. 27. Cost is \$8 per person per week for 12 weeks. Team is comprised of any combination (all men, women, mixed). Cash prizes are awarded at the end of league.

**Monday Night Football Widows Doubles League** - Bowling begins at 6 p.m., Sept. 27, and costs \$8 per week per person for 12 weeks. Cash prizes are awarded at the end of league.

**Tuesday Rock & Roll Doubles League** - Bowling begins at 6 p.m., Sept. 28, at

a cost of \$8 per person per week for 12 weeks. Cash prizes will be awarded at the end of league.

**Saturday Cosmic Doubles League** - Bowling begins 2 p.m., Sept. 25 for 12 weeks for \$10 per person per week. Signup is limited to first eight teams. Any combination of bowlers forms team (all men, all women, mixed). Cash prizes will be awarded at the end of league.

### October bowling specials

Oct. 3: An Active Duty Special features \$1 per game and \$.75 shoe rental.

Oct. 11 thru 15: Red Pin Special Week runs 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Monday and

Tuesday) and 5 p.m. until closing (Wednesday thru Friday). Throw a strike on a red head pin and receive a free game of bowling.

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## BRAVO! Army Theatre Touring Company accepting applications

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, Army Entertainment Division is accepting applications for this year's production, The Complete History of America (abridged), 600 years of history in 6,000 seconds.

The production will rehearse and open Dec. 10 at Fort Belvoir, Va. Rehearsals

run Nov. 8 through Dec. 9. The show will then deploy to Southwest Asia Dec. 13 through Jan. 22, and the Far East Jan. 23 through Feb. 27.

Active duty Soldiers interested in auditioning for the production should send nomination packets through their local installation and/or Installation Management

Agency Region as soon as possible. Selectee names should reach CFSC Army Entertainment Division no later than Oct. 15.

Casting needs include actors, a stage manager (who also might be an understudy for an actor) and lighting and audio engineer.

For more information on

how to apply, call Tim Higdon, DSN 656-3698 or 703-806-3698, or e-mail [timothy.higdon@cfsc.army.mil](mailto:timothy.higdon@cfsc.army.mil), or call Sgt. Tobin Atkinson, DSN 656-3702, 703-806-3702, or e-mail [tobin.atkinson@cfsc.army.mil](mailto:tobin.atkinson@cfsc.army.mil).

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### Stained glass

This beginning class will teach students how to make a simple sun catcher using the copper foil method, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 18. Cost is \$25 including supplies.

To register for this class held at the Edgewood Arts & Crafts, building E-4440, 410-436-2153, call or visit during hours of operation or at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907/4011.

### Hole in one

Anne F. Gessner made a hole in one on hole #8 at the Exton Golf Course Aug 20 using a 7 wood. Congratulations.

## SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

### Youth Services "Hip Hop" dance classes

Registration for "Hip Hop" dance classes will be held through Sept. 30. Classes cost \$95 per student (one hour of instruction once per week for 22 weeks/recital), with a 20 percent discount each additional student, and a 10 percent discount for each additional class. Students six years of age and above are required to pay a membership/registration fee.

Hip Hop classes begin Oct. 1 and will be held every Friday. Classes for ages 8 through 12 will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.. Classes for ages 13 through adult will be held 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A parent's orientation session will be held on Oct.

1 at the first class meeting.

For an appointment to register, call Christina Keithley at 410-278-7571 or Pat Palazzi, 410-278-7479, CYS Outreach Services-Central Registration Office, Room 110, building 2752), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A late registration fee of \$10 will be charged for any registration after the cut-off date.

For more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.



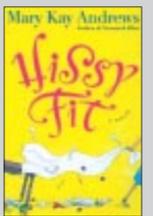
## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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 some new books available at the APG MWR libraries:

**Hissy Fit** by Mary Kay Andrews

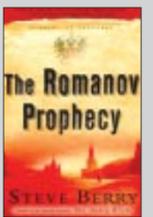
In the midst of a rehearsal dinner for her upcoming nuptials, Keeley discovers her fiancé, A. J. Jernigan, and her maid of honor in a lusty embrace. One major hissy fit later, the wedding is off but the disgraced Jernigans use their considerable clout to undermine Keeley's business.



**The Longest Night** by Gregg Keizer

**The Devil You Know** by Wayne Johnson

**The Romanov Prophecy** by Steve Berry



**A Murder of Justice** by Robert Andrews

The library's Web site, [www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html](http://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.

## LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should call Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, or e-mail [rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil), to complete a termination form.

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

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| Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)                | cations)   |
| Sarah Blevins   | Melanie A. Hoffman (paranasal sinusitis, fibromyalgia condition) |
| Michael Cain  | Richard Hoffman  |
| Iris Campbell (chemotherapy)                          | Janice Johnson (diabetic neuropathy)                             |
| Barbara Crossley                                      | Beverly King (caring for husband)                                |
| Jessica Dang  | Danny Kopp (lung cancer)   |
| Thomas Davies   | William B. McLean (kidney failure)                               |
| Carl Davis  | Tess Ramos (lung surgery)  |
| Shelia Davison (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo) | Cheryl L. Roark  |
| Natalie G. Dennison                                   | Matthew Ryan   |
| Geraldine Eaton                                       | Leigh Sanders  |
| David Fletcher  | Marguerite Soper   |
| John Furmkiewicz                                      | Alison Tichenor  |
| Renee Gaffney   | Linda Tignor   |
| Charles Gambrell                                      | Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)                   |
| Cynthia Henry (bronchitis with compli-                |  |

# Automotive Craft Center

## One-stop service for APG users



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

For automotive do-it-yourselfers, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Automotive Craft Center offers just about everything needed for maintenance and repair of privately owned vehicles.

Ed Dela Cruz, the center manager, and longtime employee-instructors John Miller and Dave Hall, provide information, guidance and instruction on the repair of most

vehicles.

“An Onboard Diagnostic device will soon be available for public use,” Delacruz said. “You would be charged between \$50 to \$60 downtown but we’ll be charging \$5 to \$7.”

For example, on cars 1996 or newer, the OBD can diagnose why an engine light keeps flashing, Delacruz said, adding that he hopes to add a new welder and realignment machine next year. Delacruz said that, “with winter right around the corner, now is the time to start winterizing your car.”

Basic and advanced tools are available for use for those possessing qualification cards.

Qualification cards are accepted from other military installations or see staff members to obtain an APG card.

For more information, contact Dela Cruz at 410-278-5178/2884 or visit the Automotive Craft Center in building 2379 behind the APG Bowling Center.

### Hours

Wednesday to Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sunday and training holidays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center is closed on Monday and Tuesday.

### Fees

General bay rental, \$3 per hour  
Lift bay rental, \$4 per hour  
Paint booth, \$8 per hour or \$35 per day  
Vehicle storage, \$3 per day

### Other services

Self-help repair and training, diagnostic testing and training, tool and equipment rentals, and lift rentals for changing, balancing, and rotating tires, batteries, brakes, fluids, body repair and painting. An overhead crane is available for pulling engines.



Lester Hitch, a Department of the Army civilian with the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command, power drills holes in the exhaust manifold of his 1990 Nissan.

Joseph Davis Jr., a retired staff sergeant and an instructor with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, replaces a brake caliper on his vehicle, one of several major operations he can do here a lot cheaper than off post,” he said.

Staff Sgt. Chris Pence, of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance Schools’ Basic Noncommissioned Officer Academy, gets his 1990 Plymouth “road ready” for his return trip to Fort Riley, Kan.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

A painting titled "The Battle of North Point" by artist Don Troiani, donated by Duane Tressler, president of the Friends of the North Point Battlefield, a group of Reenactors responsible for the historical markers that dot the area where Maryland militia engaged British troops during the Battle of Baltimore, sits on display during the ceremony renaming a portion of North Point the 175th Infantry Memorial Highway Sept. 10.

## The Battle of North Point and the defense of Baltimore

**Retired Col. Jack Kutcher**  
MDARNG

The War of 1812 lasted until Dec. 21, 1814, when the Treaty of Ghent called for a cessation of hostilities.

In August 1814, British troops marched into

Washington, D.C., after the Battle of Bladensburg. The citizens of Baltimore knew they would be next and they began to build and improve fortification throughout the city.

Of paramount importance was the need to protect the harbor and prevent an attack by sea. Fort McHenry was a

critical asset to this cause.

Fearing a simultaneous attack by land, enhanced entrenchments and fortifications were placed on the southeast flank of the city on Hampstead Hill (Patterson Park).

Maj. Gen. Samuel Smith was appointed the unified

commander of the Defense of Baltimore. Maj. George Armistead was assigned the mission to defend Fort McHenry, and Brig. Gen. John Stricker commanded the Third Brigade of the Maryland Militia, which included several regiments of the Fifth Maryland.

On the morning of Sept. 11, 1814, 70 British vessels with 5,000 ground troops laid anchor off of North Point in the Chesapeake Bay. At the same time, numerous British attack vessels sailed into the Patapsco River near Fort McHenry at the entrance to Baltimore Harbor. The Battle of Baltimore had begun.

At 3 p.m. on Sept. 11, Stricker's brigade, about 2,800 strong, marched down Old Philadelphia Road to Long Log Lane (now North Point Road). Their mission was to reconnoiter, harass, and delay the British land attack on the North Point peninsula. By 7 a.m. Sept. 12, the American forces met the British advance.

Stricker ordered his commanders to engage the enemy in a series of skirmishes to delay and confuse them.

Stricker's scouts continually harassed British forces as they advanced along Long Log Lane. Several companies under the command of Maj. Richard Heath inadvertently ran into the British vanguard and heavy fighting ensued.

During one of these fire-fights, Gen. Robert Ross, the British commander, rode forward as they advanced to determine the meaning of the fight.

Astride his white horse, he made a magnificent target. Ross had scarcely entered the wood when two marksmen

took aim and mortally wounded him. They in turn were killed by an immediate blast of musketry by the avenging enemy.

The British advance was relentless throughout the day. Muskets fired without a break, artillery roared, and billowing smoke often hid the opposing forces. By 3:45 p.m., the British front line was within

50 yards of the Americans.

Realizing that he was decidedly outnumbered, and that his troops had fought valiantly, Stricker ordered a retreat to another defensive position.

The British, disconcerted by the loss of their general, temporarily halted their advance. When they failed to

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## Dedication

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regulars," Tuxill said. "We did it with Soldiers, people and militia who were told that they could never repel the British Army."

He said the regiment continues its tradition today, assisting in homeland defense missions which include the protection of Andrews Air Force Base, home of Air Force One.

"It's so fitting today to keep that tradition alive by having this roadway named for the Dandy Fifth," Tuxill said.

"The history of the 175th speaks for itself," Owings added, commenting that he attended two funerals of service members killed in the War on Terror. "If not for the grace of God and those like [the 175th Regiment], there would be many more. It's only fitting that this road should be dedicated to one of the premier outfits in the nation."

Ports, extending congratulations on behalf of Governor Ehrlich, Lt. Governor Michael Steele, and MTA Secretary Robert L. Flanagan, said the event was a "culmination of hard work."

"This was one of your toughest battles," Ports said, adding, "National Guard service is honorable service to our nation. Take pride in your accomplishments."

He added that the Maryland Transportation Commission approved the renaming in March and that the State Highway Administration would maintain the roadway and its signs.

"It was important to come up with a design that is compatible with the organization and with state traffic laws," Ports said.

"The Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Commission thank you for your service and hereby dedicate this roadway to the 175th Regiment."

All speakers praised the efforts of Kahl, senior Army instructor of Patapsco High School's JROTC program and a member of the 175th Regiment since 1972, with initiating the bill and subsequent proposal that resulted in the renaming.

Kahl said initial Senate Bill 81 was unsuccessful.

"When it didn't pass, Secretary Flanagan assisted in simplifying the process and

the Maryland State Highway Administration worked closely with us to make it happen," Kahl said. He thanked the Friends of the North Point Battlefield re-enactors as well

as two of his cadets who framed the sign, dressed in period Maryland militia uniforms during the unveiling, and his son, Brandon Kahl, who sang the national anthem.

## Equal Opportunity advisor selected best in OC&S



Sgt. 1st Class Peggy McCormick

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

The equal opportunity advisor for the 61st Ordnance Brigade has been selected as the top EOA in the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

Sgt. 1st Class Peggy McCormick, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, topped nominees from the OC&S 59th and 61st brigades located at APG and at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., to win the competition.

McCormick will advance to U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command level competition. The TRADDOC winner will be announced in November.

During a ceremony at OC&S headquarters Sept. 8., Brig. Gen. William M. Lenaers, former OC&S commander, presented McCormick with the Army Commendation Medal; the Lt. Gen. Levin

Hicks Campbell Jr. Distinguished Award of Merit; the Commanding General's Star Note; a \$50 Savings Bond; and a coffee mug from the Ordnance Corps Association.

Col. Francis R. Merritt, 61st Ordnance commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel Torres recommended McCormick.

McCormick said she was honored by the selection.

"It's a privilege to represent the Ordnance Center and Schools," McCormick said. "They do a lot of hard work for Soldiers, and this is the same as recognizing them."

A commitment to community service weighs heavily in the selection process, McCormick said.

She coaches the Aberdeen Area Youth Services basketball and baseball teams, and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity to help build houses for for an underprivileged families.

McCormick credited Army leadership and values with making her job easier.

"My commanders really support the program. I can bring anything to them," McCormick said.

"I enjoy this job more and more everyday. You meet so many people and you get to have a positive impact on their lives right away," she added. "It's a nice feeling to help others change for the better."

## Battle

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continue the attack, Stricker ordered a retirement to Worthington's Mill near Hampstead Hill. Later, as the

British resumed their march toward Baltimore, they encountered the formidable earthworks on Hampstead Hill. Hesitating to advance against the strong American positions, the invaders paused to await the results of the simultaneous attack that the British fleet was making on Fort Mchenry. The defenders at the fort withstood the 25-hour bombardment and repulsed an attempted landing in its rear.

When news of the failed attempt reached Col. Arthur Brook, Ross's replacement, he withdrew his troops to North Point and re-embarked on Sept. 15. The Maryland Line had once again prevailed against a seemingly superior force.

On the morning of Sept. 14, Francis Scott Key, a Baltimore lawyer, penned his observations of the bombardment of Fort Mchenry in the form of a poem, which became known as the Star Spangled Banner and was eventually adopted as the national anthem.

The Battle of Baltimore has been overshadowed by the Battle of New Orleans, which ultimately won the war. Although the Fifth Regiment and the 175th Infantry Regiment have faded into history through military reorganizations, their heritage is embodied in today's 1st Battalion 175th Infantry.

The battalion, headquartered in Dundalk, stands within a few hundred yards of where the last delaying action, the Battle of Bread and Cheese Creek on the North Point Peninsula, was fought 190 years ago.

## DoD

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ronmental stewardship in DoD and other federal agencies."

The department and the Environmental Protection Agency view the policy as an example of the increasing alignment of the national security and environmental stewardship missions.

"We laud DoD's environmental stewardship, initiative and leadership in issuing a comprehensive green procurement policy," said Steve Johnson, EPA deputy administrator. "We look forward to continuing to work closely with DoD on our mutual efforts to improve our nation's environmental quality."