AFAP Symposium XIX results in new ideas for APG

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AF Symposium XIX was held recently at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The event was sponsored by the Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Education Command and APG headquarters. The goal of the event was to promote and encourage Soldiers, civilians, contractors, and others to contribute ideas on how APG can improve its mission and operations. The event featured keynote speeches, breakout sessions, and a networking event.

During the opening session, Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, APG commander, and Maj. Gen. John T. Farlow, APG deputy commander, emphasized the importance of innovation and collaboration in achieving APG’s mission. They encouraged participants to bring their ideas and perspectives to the table to help shape the future of APG.


The breakout sessions were divided into six categories: technology, resources, operations, education, facilities, and partnerships. Participants were encouraged to engage in discussions and share their ideas and perspectives.

The networking event allowed participants to connect with other attendees and share their ideas and perspectives.

The event concluded with a closing session, where the APG Education Command highlighted the importance of continuous learning and collaboration to achieve APG’s mission.

Conclusion

In summary, the AFAP Symposium XIX was a successful event that brought together Soldiers, civilians, contractors, and others to share their ideas and perspectives on how APG can improve its mission and operations. The event emphasized the importance of innovation and collaboration in achieving APG’s mission.

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Mrs. LeClerc said her initial designs also contained a canton, similar to the canton on the U.S. national flag. On her original design, the canton of red and white stripes, contained the word “take” as it appears on the Medal of Honor. The committee asked if she could modify the design.

“They felt the design was better without the canton,” she said. “We said that as it is an Army design, we can change anything however you want, and so we reworked it,” said Madigan an industrial specialist with the Institute of Heraldry. A low-level party in October 2002, called for the creation of the flag, and this year, that design submitted and make a final recommendation to the Principal Deputy to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

“Several of us in the Creative Section worked on this design,” LeClerc said. “We wanted to try (to make) the medal on the wall. We took the ‘four corners’ intersection out of it, and it’s a lot cleaner.”

“Then I left to help with the regimental mission,” LeClerc said. “That was the reason he wanted to return.”

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“Whatever the service or version, the Medal of Honor symbolizes valor thru history,” Cepregi said. “It’s actually awarded to enlisted men only, said Carol Cepregi of the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry. A panel of eight members, including famous showman "Buffalo Bill" Cody, reviewed the award and its history. The Medal of Honor was included on the society’s Web site under the leadership of Lt. Gen. Nelson Speed, Jr. The Army established a board in 1916, chaired by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, to review the medals already awarded and the medal that Smith received after he returned to duty.

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When Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith’s family received his Medal of Honor, they received a new item that will be given to all future recipients of the medal – a Medal of Honor flag. When Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith and his Medal of Honor, visit http://www.army.mil/medalofhonor

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“Although the new design is already being adopted, it will take time to implement it across the Army, said Madigan. “It will be given to all future recipients of the medal. It is not an official design, and can be changed as needed.”

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Three Aberdeen Proving Ground service members and two civilians received praise for their "faithful and honor-able service to this nation," during a retirement ceremony in their honor held at the Ball Conference Center March 30.

Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and chief of Ordnance, presided over the ceremony.

The honorees included Col. Charles E. Huffman, OC&S assistant chief of staff for the Army Reserve; Sgt. Maj. Michael J. Kozak, OC&S chief of Weapons and Metallurgical Department; Sgt. 1st Class Julio A. Martinez, U.S. Army Research Laboratory; Lewis S. Pierce, audiovisual specialist, Directorate of Information Management; and Marie C. Hanna, quality assurance specialist, APG Garrison.

Boles thanked the crowd of more than 200 for attending the ceremony.

"Today we recognize the over 142 years of service that these five dedicated servants have contributed in defending our constitution," Boles said, adding that he had an opportu-nity to speak to each retiree and gather their reflections on their service during the week prior to the ceremony.

He said that Huffman had "a critical job at a critical time," during the Global War on Terror, which has required the activation of many Reserve and National Guard compo-nents.

"Huffman’s counsel and oversight have greatly aided that process for all," Boles noted, adding that Huffman had been "the difference." 

Kozak’s advice to those entering the military would be, "to understand that you are part of the greatest organization in the world," Boles said.

"He would challenge you to find a job where two-way loyalty and proficiency is as common as it is in this Army. You get what you gave, sergeant major. Thank you for your service."

Boles remarked that Martinez, who began as an artilleryman, culminated his career as the Artillery Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Noncommis-sioned Officer at ARL.

"His advice to new Soldiers would be to learn, read, know your job, and get an education, and he has done that," Boles said.

A retired sergeant first class, three of Pierce’s six chil-dren are currently serving in the military, Boles said.

"His advice to newcomers would be to always keep an open mind, look to yourself to solve a problem, and give folks the benefit of the doubt. "He wants to thank, “all the folks I worked with along the way, especially Mike Brown and Mike Miller,” Boles added.

As a Quality Assurance Specialist Ammunition Surv-eillance, Hanna made 12 permanent change of station moves in 26 years, Boles said.

"I asked her what kept her in and she told me it was very interesting work and that you have to do it right the first time. "Her advice was profound," he added. "Be honest, do the job right, do all you can, and have a smile on your face."

In a final farewell to the retirees, Boles said that their combined 142 years witnessed many military and world changes.

"Through all these changes one thing has not changed. That has been the honorable conduct of your service," Boles said.

In closing, he invited the audience to sing the Army Song "a little louder today."

"This is the last formation for these patriots," he said. "May God bless you all and may God continue to bless the U.S.A."
TRICARE coverage offered to reservists who agree to stay

Lisa Burgess
Stars and Stripes
European

TRICARE automatically covers reservists and their families when the member is activated and placed on active-duty status. That coverage lasts for an additional 180 days after the reservist returns from the deployment.

The purpose of new TRI-CARE Select Reserve, or TSR, is to "allow a wider bridge" for reservists who may experience gaps in health-care coverage during their transition from military to civilian life, according to Charles Abell, principal deputy under secretary of Defense Personnel and Readiness.

Congress mandated the creation of the new program in the Defense Department's fiscal 2005 budget authorization. Any reserve component member who has been called up for at least 90 consecutive days of active duty since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 — a pool of 400,000 reservists — is potentially eligible to join TSR, according to Thomas Hall, the assistant secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

However, reservists must agree to serve selected reserve duty after they come home. "Families First" aims to improve the moving process for military families.

Under the current claims process, service members only receive a depreciated value for property that is lost or damaged. For example, a $200 television that is lost or damaged might only be valued at $100 after depreciation.

With Families First, the carrier will either replace the television with a similar one or reimburse the service member the full cost of a new one.

When a reservist returns from service, he or she may have to replace a television or other item that was destroyed. The new program is designed to alleviate the need for temporary storage.

"Families First" covers losses due to fire, theft, burglary, vandalism, theft from a moving vehicle, or water damage.

New program to improve moving process

The new program, effective Oct. 28, 2005, will help military families by giving them more direct communication with their insurance carriers and faster processing of claims.

Instead of mailing claims paperwork or going through a claims process, members will now deal directly with the carrier to arrange direct delivery of household goods, thus alleviating the need for temporary storage.

For more information on TRICARE Select Reserve, visit http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tsrv.cfm.

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Spring Information Technology Expo scheduled

The U.S. Army Garrison, Directorate of Information Management and the Corporate Information Office, Research, Development and Engineering Command, will host the 2005 Annual Spring Information Technology Expo, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., April 20, at Top of the Bay State-of-the-art technologies will be available from vendors to include Apple, Andro Wireless, ASAP Software, Audio Visual Innovations, Ascvent, CDWG-Dr. Ech, EME Solutions, Ensho Office Equipment, Forcus 3, Gateway, GovConnection Howard Computer, HP, IBM, BICON Office Solutions, Insight Public Sector, Integrated Barcode Technology, Kanex Systems, MED, Megasoft Corp., Metrop Office Products, MPA Computers, MSC Industrial Supply, NEC/Mitsubishi, Nelson White Systems, Newark InfOce, NEIRAIN, PC Mall Corp., Pearson NCS, Plug-In Storage, SGI Fractal, Staples, Sharp Systems of America, Sun Microsystems, University Alliance, VDI Rich, Westwood Com-pat, Weightline, Xerox and more. The expo is free to all DoD, government and contractor personnel with access to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Coffee, donuts and a light buffet lunch will be available. For more information, call PSAE toll-free at 1-877-322-9376; Susan Suppa, DOIM at 410-278-7599; or Chris Zukowskim, RDECOM at 410-436-3873.
About 78,000 children under age 5 visited hospital emergency rooms due to unintentional poisonings in 2003—about one every seven minutes, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported March 21. Most of these poisonings included products commonly found in the home.

The data was released by CPSC, the National Poison Prevention Week Council, and the American Association of Poison Control Centers at a news conference to kick-off National Poison Prevention Week. CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton said that more than nine of every 10 suspected poison exposures occur at home with readily available household products. About 30 children die from poisonings each year, down from 450 in the 1960s.

“While our nation has made great progress in reducing poison-related fatalities, we must build on our commitment to protect children from unintentional poisonings,” urged Stratton.

Parents can do their part, he noted, by keeping harmful products and medicines out of children’s reach, storing items in their original containers, and properly using child-resistant packaging.

According to AAPCC, poison centers nationwide received more than one million calls about poison exposures involving children five years and younger in 2003. Among the potentially toxic household products involved with calls to the poison centers were:

- Personal care products, including baby oil and mouthwash containing ethanol
- Cleaning substances, including drain openers and oven cleaners
- Over-the-counter pain relievers – including ibuprofen, acetaminophen, and aspirin – and cough and cold medicines
- Hydrocarbons, such as lamp oil and furniture polish
- Adult-strength vitamins and supplements containing iron
- Rose Ann Soloway, chair of the Poison Prevention Week Council, noted that when repackaged at home in non-child-resistant containers, medicines and potentially hazardous household products become even more accessible and dangerous for young children.

“Grandparents who keep their prescription drugs in non-child-resistant pill boxes should be especially aware of this risk.” Soloway said. “Child-resistant packaging doesn’t work if it’s not used properly.”

Many poisoning incidents occur while the products are in use and a parent or caregiver steps away or is distracted for a moment. Children can get hold of a product and swallow it during the short time it takes to answer a phone call or doorbell.

“The alarming number of poison center calls and emergency department visits proves that children act fast, and so do poisons,” said Kathy Wruk, president of AAPCC. “Parents must act fast as well. If your child swallow or handles a potentially dangerous product, immediately call the poison center hotline at 1-800-222-1222. Your call will be answered by experts at your local poison center.”

To get a free packet of poison prevention publications, write to “Poison Prevention Packet,” CPSC, Washington, DC 20207, or visit www.poissonprevention.org. For additional information about poison prevention and poison centers, visit www.1-800-222-1222.info.

Preventing child poisonings
Most child poisonings result from common household products

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down,” Keller said. “Once the hole was knocked in the wall, they went in and started working on the area. I was still outside, but they apparently sent a couple of soldiers forward to look out the gate at the compound, and that’s when the enemy was spotted.” Keller said. “I remember when they saw the enemy. Sergeant Smith got two grenades and threw them.” Reports from other Soldiers indicate an M-113 armored personnel carrier, towing a trailer, entered the compound while Keller was still outside. A short time later, Smith radioed for a Bradley Fighting Vehicle to in hold the situation.

Keller said he entered the compound at about the same time that the Bradley came in to support Smith’s efforts. Enemy in sight
“Sergeant Smith and I went out on the front of the gate along with the Bradley and that’s when I saw the enemy. There were 15 or 20 of them and they appeared to have some fighting positions about 175 meters out.” Keller said. “Sergeant Smith had a scope on it so he could see them better than me and he started to fire.” Keller said Smith sent him for an AT-4 rocket launchers, which he prepped and Smith fired at the enemy. “I didn’t get another one and he went around in front of the wall to get some other Soldiers with heavier guns. I got three, one with the Squad Automatic Weapon and the other with the 240B, and me and Sergeant Smith had a plan to assault across the field.”

Borkowski said. “He sent me to get a jackknife with the M-203 [40mm grenade launcher] ammo. Sgt. [Louis] Berwald tossed the jackknife to me, and I ran around the wall – that’s when an RPG hit the Bradley and a mortar round hit the M-113 about the same time.”

Three Soldiers were injured by the mortar impact, includ ing Berwald, and others began to evacuate them from the site.

“That was when Sergeant Smith made a decision. He told me, the gallantry worthy of the Medal of Honor,” Lt. Col. Smith said. He got in the M-113 with Spc. Michael Seaman, but he didn’t tell Seaman, an APC driver, to get them out of there, he had him back up to pin the point where he could cover all three of the Republican Guard tar gets, the tower, the wall, and the gate. We knew where he went through three boxes of ammunition.”

Keller, fighting his own fight, saw Smith in action. “I was standing shooting the 203 while he [Sgt. 1st Class Smith] was putting the casualties evac.” When the Bradley started backing up, I went back across the compound and that’s when I saw Sergeant Smith on the 50cal on the M-113. I hollered at him to come out of there, and he did a ’sit’ motion across his throat with his hand saying he wasn’t leaving,” Keller said.

After seeing to some of the other Soldiers, Keller returned to help a group of Soldiers attempt to remove the trailer from the M-113. “I heard where Sergeant Smith was, and one of the other troops said he was gone,” Keller said. “Smith had been struck in the head while manning a 50- caliber Browning machinegun to cover the movement of other Soldiers out of the compound. Although Soldiers at the scene attempted resuscitation, it was unsuccessful.

Speaking of the fallen
Keller and Smith were both combat veterans. Smith’s experience came from the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Keller said he fought in Somalia in the 1990s. Keller said the two worked well together.

“I didn’t know him until we got to the desert. He was a pretty shy NCO, all about training and discipline, but I felt comfortable with him out on that wall,” Keller said.

Smith was confirmed as the Medai of Honor,” Lt. Col. Smith said.

Smith was a “by-the-book” sergeant.

“Everyone knew Sergeant 1st Class Smith. He was famous for his attention to standards. There are many instances in which people have witnessed him stopping so that he could do anything he could for his Soldiers,” Berwald said.

“Staff Sgt. Steven Holloway, an armored vehicle launched bridge crewman, was helping defend the compound when Smith was killed. He remember Smith as a tough taskmaster, and a good NCO.

“I served as one of his squad leaders. He was very tough to work for due to his expectation of perfection. He wanted those who served with him and for them to do their job flawlessly. If a battle drill wasn’t perfect, he wanted you to do it again and again until you could do it in your sleep. He expected the NCO’s that worked for him to set the example as he did for us,” Holloway said.

Sgt. Thomas Robbins was about 100 meters away from Smith’s position during the action, and had served with him for about four years.

“He was a hard man to work for at times, but he always did what was right and made sure that everyone on his platoon did the same. He knew his job and was more than willing to teach anyone that wanted to know all he all to give. He was the best leader that any Soldier could ask for to work under,” Robbins said.

“Our platoon was sometimes the last to go home,” Borkowski said. “When we were getting ready for inspections, if there was one thing wrong, Sergeant Smith made everyone stay up and get it right.”

Lt. Col. Smith said he was answering the aircraft runway when he received word that Sgt. 1st Class Smith had been killed. Later in the day, he visited the platoon.

“It’s a humbling feeling when you have 20 or 30 Soldiers there and they all have to tell you they did everything they could. There was no content of heroism – these were just Soldiers who were in this fight,” he said.
Learn to play chess

The Spretz Erotic Boat Racing Acceptability is achieving raucous laughter for the 2005 season. Membership is open to active duty military, full time American National Guard, retired military, active duty military personnel, or Federal Civilian or Federal Government/Army Civilian/Army National Guard/Army Reserve/Army National Guard/Army Reserve.

Membership requirements include: performance of 10 hours of work and standing instruction. Cost is $25 for an adult, or $15 for family/children 12-18 years old. Waiting list forms will not be distributed or accepted. The Aberdeen Area Library.
LEAVE DONATION

To participate in this Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 430, Application to Become a Leave Donor and OP 480, Request for Permission to Use Leave for Donor Programs. It is recommended to receive permission to donate leave 30-60 days in advance of the donation date.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Audrey Alba
Marian Balla (fracture of left rib)
Diana Blevins
Sarah Blevins
Jeanie Bowers
Iris Campbell (chemotherapy)
Steven Clarke
Barbara Crossley
Dawn Crouse
Ruth Cunningham
Victoria Cwietnie (lyme disease)
Carla Davis
Shelia Davisen (benign parasympal axial vertigo)
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Renee Gaffney
Charles Gambill
Miriam Garcia
Susan Gorham
Beatrice Helgen
Cynthia Henry (bronchiectasis with complications)
Melanie A. Hoffman (parisinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)
Renee Gaffney
Janice Johnson (diabetic neuropathies)
Beverly King (caring for husband)
Danny Kopp (lung cancer)
William B. McLean (kidney failure)
Joe McKenzie
Karen Milton
Tea Ramey (total hip replacement)
Beryl Richards
Cheryl L. Roark
Leigh Sanders
Barbara Seker
Susan Sheida
Joyce Steiner
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Linda Tignor
Sarah Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Manfreda Tate
Gary Tudor (heart valve replacement)
Gerard Yursis

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• Those charged off-post with fees that are less than ers

• Provide Internet usage; music and activities for teens (com-puter programs; e-mail usage; Internet usage; music and games).
SUNDAY APRIL 9

WACAA CHAPTER 114 MEETING
The Chesapeake Beacon Chapter, Women's Army Corps Veterans Association will hold monthly meeting at the Pcope Manor Village Center Outpatient Clinic, 10 to 11:30 a.m. All women in the armed forces are welcome to attend whether they would like to join or just visit. WACAA or a regular member.

Monday APRIL 10

Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Women’s Army Corps, Women’s Army Corps and Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps, members-at-large (women who do not want to belong to a chapter at this time), or associate members (men) at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Marine, Navy and Coast Guard.

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Corps, Women’s Army Corps National Guard, Army Nurse to attend and decide Association will hold its Army Corps Veterans’ Chapter 114, of the Women’s

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Aberdeen Proving Ground on Iraq/Air Force Prime Time, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 7 p.m. These programs are subject to change each week and these programs on Channel 21.

Your Corps, 5:30 p.m.

Army Newswatch, 9:30 a.m.

The American Veteran, 1 p.m.

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The ASAP Army Substance Abuse Program wants to know “What do you know about alcohol abuse?”  

The Army Substance Abuse Program encourages the community to be aware of the U.S. Army’s new over-the-counter (OTC) labeling regulation. Administration has issued a new labeling regulation to ensure that the labels on all over-the-counter (OTC) medications have important information listed in the same order, are arranged in a simple eye catching, consistent style, and are easy to understand words.  

The Army Substance Abuse Program wants to be sure that the community is informed about important issues such as the new label change to an important service, the ASAP provides, said Cindy Scott, the ASAP program coordinator.

What’s the truth about “sobering up”? Drinking coffee only makes a wide awake drunk, going for a brisk walk or taking a cold shower will provide exercise and a clean drink. The only thing that can help is time, the liver does most of the work to rid the body of alcohol and nothing can be done to speed up the elimination process. Drinking milk or eating a meal before drinking alcohol will not prevent a person’s getting drunk. While body weight and the rate of alcohol consumption directly influence the amount of alcohol needed to make a person drunk, nothing will prevent alcohol from entering the bloodstream.

How do people become addicted to alcohol? Alcoholism is a disease that develops when alcohol reacts with a person’s particular body chemistry. Depending on a person’s physical makeup, it may take just a little. Each person is born with a certain level of risk for developing this disease. Teenagers can quickly become addicted to alcohol because a teenager’s liver metabolizes alcohol more rapidly than an adult’s. They may build up a tolerance to the drug requiring more and more alcohol to achieve the same effect.

What are the warning signs of alcoholism?  

• Needing a drink to start the day.  
• Chronic hangovers.  
• Making excuses for drinking.  
• Frequent abstention from work or school.  
• Sniffing extra alcohol, gargling drinks.

Short-term risks include impaired judgment, automobile accidents, untreated pregnancy, criminal problems and DWI/DUI. Long-term risks include mental health, depression and anxiety, paranoia and possible suicide. 

Financial problems can include loss of employment, damage to personal property and the expense of alcohol abuse. 

Physical health from increased risk of heart disease, nervous disorders, cancer and malnutrition. 

Family problems including violence, disruption of home life and alienation of spouses, parents, children and other family members. 

Work/school problems include poor attendance, substandard work/academic performance, decrease in work/academic and class enrichments and loss of employment. 

Alcohol is a dangerous and powerful drug that impacts millions of lives everyday.

More alcohol facts

• Alcohol is involved in 60 percent of all auto fatalities. 
• Individuals under the influence of alcohol commit 83 percent of murder and 72 percent of sexual assaults. 
• 4.6 million teenagers are problem drinkers. 
• Alcohol is involved in 60 percent of reported cases of child abuse. 
• Alcohol costs the economy $50 billion a year in lost productivity and health care costs. 

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Yvonne Johnson  

ASAP  

A young service member drifted around the store, keeping to himself and occasionally looking for nothing in particular. His effort to blend in, however, only drew the sharp eye of Brenda Capulli, and that is what saved his life.  

Capulli, a loss prevention associate with the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Exchange, watched as the young service member picked up two CDs then found his way to the cold medicine aisle. “He was just walking around looking sad,” she said. “Most come in at least one friend, but he spoke to no one."

Capulli watched as the young man purchased five bottles of Robinson cold medicine and left the store. She said she was alarmed by the large quantity but unable to do anything about it.

“We can’t confound anyone as long as they pay for their purchase,” she said. Concerned by the subject’s demeanor, however, Capulli contacted the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security’s Investigative Services Division.

“I couldn’t name him because he was in uniform,” she said, “but he was wearing a jacket with the Air Force logo on the back.”

Investigators contacted the first sergeants of the U.S. Air Force Post Exchange, Child and Schools’ U.S. Air Force Post Exchange Detachment who came in to view the security footage and recognized the young man.

The next day, the [detachment] commander told him to go to his room and find him unusual behavior. Capulli said.

The Aeronaut had swallowed the contents of all five bottles and had to be rushed to a local hospital. He was revived and later admitted that he had intentionally attempted suicide.

“Luckily, they got to him within an hour of his taking it,” Capulli said.

In recognition for her life-saving actions, Capulli was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation signed by USAF Col. Ronnie J. Ballaci, Director of Loss Prevention, AAFES, during a ceremony at the APG Post Exchange March 30.

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APG organizations participating in Earth Day activity

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As part of its continuous efforts to keep the local community informed of the progress made at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, the Army’s Edgewood Chemical Officer Station will join many other environmentally friendly local organizations at Festival Park in Aberdeen Earth Day, April 16.

This year’s theme will be “Making a Safer Maryland Today,” highlighting ABCDF’s processing of its final batch of mustard agent drained from the last Aberdeen container, and becoming the first state in the continental United States to have safely eliminated its chemical agent stockpile.

APG’s environmental cleanup program will be displaying information on some of the significant environmental projects completed or begun in the last year. Information will highlight the continued efforts to stabilize the landscape against the impacts of erosion in the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas, the design of a unique method for remediation of the groundwater at Graces Quarters, the removal of hazardous material from New O’Field and the RAY Yard, the expansion of the use of tires (phytoremediation) to clean groundsites, and ongoing operation of several ground-water treatment plants.

Children who stop by the booth will have the opportunity to make a“buggy” bookmark.

The City of Aberdeen will host this year’s Earth Day Celebration 11 a.m. in Festival Park located at Howard and Franklin streets across from the library.

An activity-packed day is planned for all ages including live music, a rock climbing wall, an earth box, face painting, recycling games, environmental exhibits, and more. Children can bring a 100 percent cotton T-shirt to Tie-Dye. Any one who brings a blue recycling bag of packaged food, pet food, or clothing to benefit the needy will get three free game tokens.

For more information, call 410-275-4315.

KUSAHC improving care to service members

KUSAHC

Effective April 15, the General Medicine Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be reorganized and streamlined.

Adult patients previously reporting to two separate areas for primary and wellness care will report to one strategically located clinic adjacent to the KUSAHC main waiting area.

Patient care areas have been refurbished and modernized to provide improved access and options.

“Our goal is to provide our beneficiaries with easily accessible treatment in a caring environment,” said Janice Spellman, administrative assistant to the chief of ISD. “We hope that some patients should have any questions, they can call us at 410-278-1724.”

An upcoming expansion at KUSAHC will be the relocation of the Medical Records Room on the first floor.

This relocation is necessary to accommodate the large number of medical records on file for KUSAHC beneficiaries.

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APG schedules Annual Security Awareness Training

ISD

The APG Intelligence Division, Directorate of Law, Enforcement and Security will present the Annual Security Awareness Training Program 9 and 10 a.m. at the Post Theater and at the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E-4810 one 16-week period to ensure everyone will have the opportunity to receive the training.

This program is not limited to any one area within the APG. The Security Awareness Training Program is free to attend.

For more information, call Pete Leon Guerrero or Rick Atchison, 410-276-7401/7339.

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In reaction to changing priority, Project leaders must not take that personally.

“We no longer look at projects linger in research and development columns until the money dries up,” Nadeau said. “We identify those projects that no longer align with Army top priorities and alter or terminate them. Some projects fall in and out of favor, but that is not new. Sometimes we can only use a tool once before it is killed. To ensure the higher priority projects are identified, Nadeau has worked to integrate his command works with the program executive officers and project managers to match priorities as well as leverage cases from Army leadership in order to balance investments between current and future Army needs.

“REDCOM works very closely with the Chief of Army Training and Doctrine Command (TADCR),” Nadeau said. “As we work across the Army level we are informed of the latest technologies and types of technologies we are trying to pull into our troopers so that between Army leaders and ourselves we are not invested in the wrong directions we can pull it in before we get too far into it. The process is not perfect but it is better than it was a year ago,” he said. “And it’s getting more effective every day.”

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He prevented the enemy from overtaking his seat and position, protected his Task Force’s flank, and defended the lives of more than 100 Soldiers, according to his award citation.

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