

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Dec. 28, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Christmas, New Year weekend gate operations

The Harford Gate, or Route 22, in the Aberdeen Area will be closed at 10 p.m. and the Wise Road Gate, or Edgewood Road in the Edgewood Road, will be closed at 8 p.m., Dec. 24 through Dec. 27. The Harford Gate and Wise Road Gate will reopen 4 a.m., Jan. 3.

The Harford Gate will close at 10 p.m. and the Wise Road Gate will close at 8 p.m., Dec. 30. The Harford Gate and Wise Road Gate will reopen 4 a.m., Jan. 3.

The Aberdeen Gate (APG Road/Aberdeen Boulevard) in the Aberdeen Area and the Route 24 Gate in the Edgewood Area will be open throughout the holiday weekend.

Holiday closures

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 for training holidays. The Edgewood Area Clinic will be closed Dec. 19 through Jan. 2.

Donna's Pit Beef will reopen Jan 3.

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will be closed Dec. 23 and 26 due to staffing shortage and the Christmas break, and Dec. 30 for inventory.

Reduced hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Dec. 22, 27 and 29 and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 28.

For more information, contact the VTF at 410-278-3911/4604.

The Commissary will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 24, but closed Dec. 25 and 26, and Jan. 1 and 2.

The APG Thrift store will reopen Jan 4.

The movie theater will be closed Dec. 24.

APG Railroad Club open house tonight

The Model Railroad Club, building E-5173 on Webster Road, will hold an open house 7 to 10 p.m., Dec. 22 and again on Dec. 29.

Everyone is welcome. The club members meet each Thursday evening to work on the model railroad

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Holiday wishes from the APG Fire Department



The APG Garrison's Fire and Emergency Services Division, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, wish all members of the armed forces a quiet and peaceful holiday. Fire Inspector Doug Farrington designed the theme assisted by members of the division.

Photo by ANDRE' FOURNIER, DSHE

APG promotes crosswalk safety

Story and photo by Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With the installation's numerous pedestrian crosswalks and a flurry of recent close calls, the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security's Traffic Branch and the Installation Safety Office want to increase awareness and make Aberdeen Proving Ground roadways safer for drivers and pedestrians.

They encourage all who live and work on the installation to adhere to Maryland law regarding pedestrians in crosswalks.

"A point to mention is that pedestrians are subject to traffic regulations as well," said APG police officer Joe Davis, chief of the Traffic Branch. "At intersections, pedestrians are subject to traffic control signals."

In addition, pedestrians crossing a roadway at any

point other than in a marked crosswalk or in an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection must yield the right-of-way to any vehicle approaching on the roadway, he added.

Right of way in crosswalks

Maryland House Bill 738, which was enacted in 2003, goes further in establishing crosswalk law.

It states that the driver of a vehicle is required to stop when a pedestrian crossing the roadway in a crosswalk is approaching from a lane that is adjacent to the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling. This supersedes the previous law that said the driver of a vehicle shall come to a stop when a pedestrian crossing the roadway in a crosswalk is on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling or approaching so closely from the other half of the roadway as to be in danger.

Violators can be fined up to \$500 and/or receive up to two months in jail as well as have one point added to their drivers license.

Additionally, Maryland pedestrian safety law states that drivers proceeding on a green signal, including drivers turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within the adjacent crosswalk.

Violators can be fined \$75 and one point.

Pedestrian responsibility

Pedestrians, on the other hand, may not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

According to the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, pedestrian safety in Maryland is a pressing issue. Each year in

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Watch card

Do observe and report:

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

Do not:

Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning. Discuss military capabilities or limitations. Discuss FP measures, capabilities, or posture. Disclose any information related to unit deployments.

Report any suspicious activity to the APG Police: Aberdeen, 410-306-2222, 4-2222 Edgewood, 410-436-2222, 5-2222



A caution sign in the crosswalk on Longs Corner Road between buildings S 310 and 314 reminds drivers to stop for pedestrians.

Band spreads holiday cheer

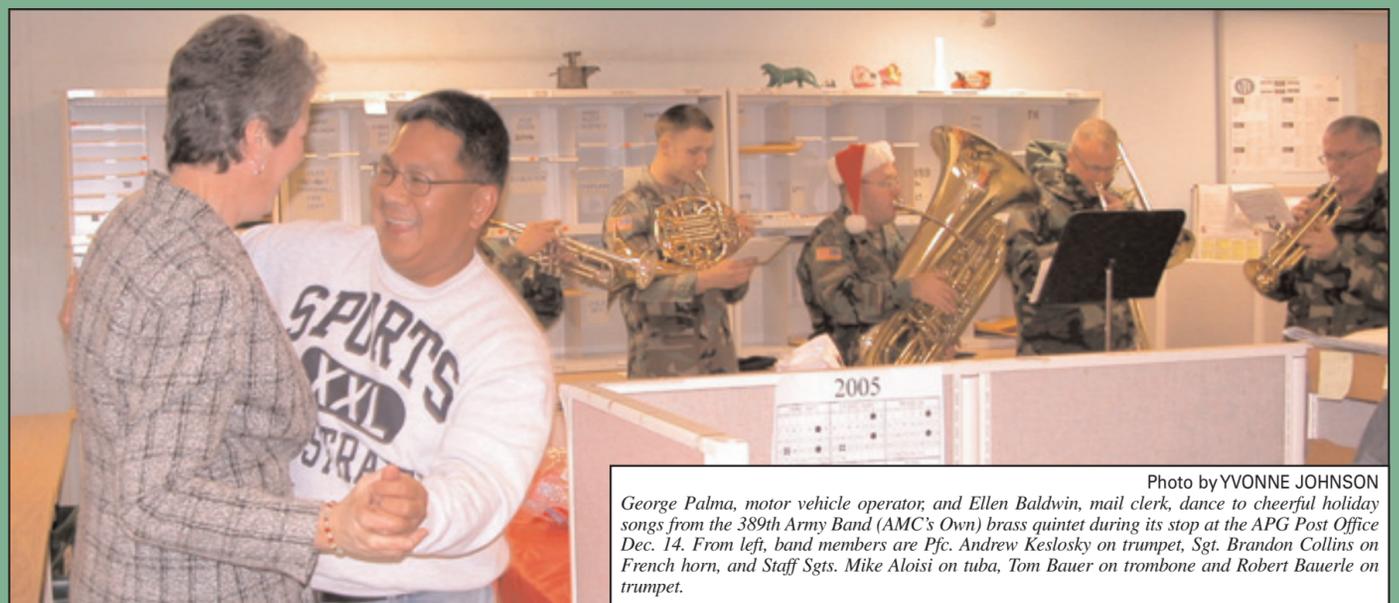


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

George Palma, motor vehicle operator, and Ellen Baldwin, mail clerk, dance to cheerful holiday songs from the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) brass quintet during its stop at the APG Post Office Dec. 14. From left, band members are Pfc. Andrew Keslosky on trumpet, Sgt. Brandon Collins on French horn, and Staff Sgts. Mike Aloisi on tuba, Tom Bauer on trombone and Robert Bauerle on trumpet.

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NECPOC continues holiday tradition with 'Eye on the Soldier' show

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center delivered a touching salute to deployed Soldiers and to the family members they leave behind during its 'Eye on the Soldier' show at the Post Recreation Center Dec. 15.

Debbie Jennings, NECPOC branch chief, Branch I, began what has become a holiday tradition in 2003 with the original, "Keep Your Eye on the Soldier" show.

"She got it started and coordinates every show," said assistant branch chief John Carbone. "Every year it's gotten progressively better."

This year's theme, "The Empty Chair," focused on how family members endure the service member's absence and featured NECPOC employees who are family members of deployed Soldiers.

Holding empty chairs representing their loved ones, six women and one child marched onto the stage one by one and talked about the birthdays, anniversaries, sporting events and other things their Soldiers missed due to deployments. They included Shaunta Barnes, Judy Cade, Darlene and Jessica Green, Lisa and Philip Irving and Tara Walker.

Leslie McGlothlin, NECPOC director, hosted the program which began with personal recollections of a past deployment by Air Force Maj. William L. Sherrill, squadron commander, 231st Combat Communications Squadron, Maryland Air National Guard.

The show included two skits, 'A Soldier's Living Salute,' and 'It's Basic.'

In 'A Soldier's Living Salute,' Shannon, played by Carrina McNeal, keeps a promise made to her fellow Soldier and best friend, Renee, played by Tia Floyd, to pursue a position on their unit's drill



Lisa Irving, accompanied by her son, Philip, 6, waits her turn to carry an empty chair, representing her once-deployed husband, Col. Howard C. Irving, onto the stage during the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center Eye on the Soldier show Dec. 15.

team, moments before Renee is killed by sniper fire.

After much coaxing from her 'Momma,' played by



"Momma," played by NECPOC human resources assistant Joyce Booth, reacts to a letter from her Army daughter during the show at the Post Recreation Center.

human resources assistant, Joyce Booth, McNeal recovers from her grief and obtains a position on the drill team,

despite resistance from the team leader played by Nathaniel Benjamin, a NECPOC human resources specialist, who also is a member of the Maryland Air National Guard's 231st Combat Communications Squadron. Benjamin led a stirring drill exhibition that included his rendering of a salute to McGlothlin which brought the audience to its feet.

The drill team included Benjamin, McNeal, Sheila DeVeaux, Troy Perry, Joyce Green, and De'Shawna Roberts.

The skit 'It's Basic,' detailed the camaraderie that begins in basic training. 'Soldiers' in a basic training classroom listened carefully to an uptight instructor, played by NECPOC systems administrator Ray Jones, then let their hair down with a party featuring popular songs and a 'Soul Train' line which brought peels of laughter from the audience.

Playing the 'Soldiers' were Cheryl Pitts, Lawanna Alston, Cheryl Bonine, Christina Bryant, Jackie Frieze, Missy Jones, Cheryl Litteral, Doretha Townsel, Tara Walker and Betty Watters.

The program's highlight was a video titled, "From the Eyes of the Soldier," which featured snapshots from the desert, including greetings to the civilians of NECPOC from Capt. Lawson Brannan and the Soldiers of the 69th Combat Support Battalion.

"Sometimes you have to stand up for those who are unable to stand up for themselves," Brannan said. "You

hire and maintain the civilian workforce that supports the Soldier. Thank you, Northeast CPOC and keep up the good work."

Collaborators on the video included editor Kelly Smith and fellow NECPOC employees Tracey Corkran, Lisa Hammond, John Carbone, Tim Feerran and Kibwana Burks.

McGlothlin said the program was "really wonderful." "Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on this project," she said. "It was absolutely outstanding."

"It was very emotional," added Margaret Jones, a NECPOC human resources specialist whose son is serving in Iraq.

"It's hard for me to watch Soldiers in combat," she said, noting that her son recently lost a team leader and a close friend in his unit.

"I went with him to Arlington [National Cemetery] to bury his friend," she said.

"I really miss him and worry about him, but he told me, 'Mom, those people really need us. This is what I've been trained to do.'"

About the 'Empty chairs'

Lisa Irving, human resources staffing specialist, is the wife of Col. Howard C. Irving of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, who was deployed to Germany and Afghanistan from 1999 to 2002. She shared her empty chair story with her son Philip, 6, standing by her side, clutching a teddy bear.

"He missed my fortieth birthday, our basement flooding and our son's birthdays and ear infections," Irving said.

A retired Army Reserve sergeant major, she added that "Sacrifices like ours come with the commitment."

"We understand that and learn to live with the consequences," she said.

Tara Walker is the wife of Chief Warrant Officer 5 Dennis Walker, currently serving in Camp Casey, Korea. She said that along with their sons B.J., 13 and Jason, 17, her husband missed two annual family events that they try to make every year, his sister's community cookout in South Jersey and her college homecoming at Fayetteville State in North Carolina.

"It might not sound important but these are events that involve the whole community that we enjoy being a part of," Walker said.

She said that perseverance is the most important quality needed to be a military spouse.

"You have to understand that the mission comes first," she said, "But that's not just about being an Army spouse, that's a part of being an American. They do this so we can sleep at night and enjoy our freedoms."

Shaunta Barnes, senior staffing specialist, is the wife of APG Garrison's Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Barnes.

"He just got stationed here but he was at Fort Drum [New York] the past two years and before that, Korea," she said. "He missed the ground-



During a skit about basic training, 'young recruits' party while their instructor's back is turned. From left, Doretha Townsel, Lawanna Alston, Christina Bryant, Cheryl Pitts, Cheryl Litteral, Jackie Frieze, and Tara Walker. Not shown, Cheryl Bonine, Missy Jones and Betty Watters.

Empty Chairs

By David Brown
CPOC

Empty chairs throughout the land
200,000 or more the count now stands.

Duty calls it cannot wait

Whether war or nature's wrath, a Soldier doesn't hesitate.

Soldiers are ready through years of training
Nothing can prepare family for the waiting.

Bags are packed and ready to fly
All that's left is to say goodbye.

Hugs, handshakes one last kiss and God's speed
Come home to me unharmed is the promise I need.

Deployments are long and even longer
Bonds of love and yearning for family grow stronger.

First words, first steps, and the entire first grade
Just some of the things given up in the trade.

Birth and birthdays, anniversaries too
Having Christmas in July are some things we do.

Emails, phone calls and letters are great
It's the 24 hour newscasts we've grown to hate.

The car needs repair and the refrigerator is broken
Still the grief and worry remains unspoken.

Time passes by, the days are long
But the sight of your empty chair and your promise keeps me strong.

A long trip home, ceremonies abound
The cheering of friends and neighbors is a welcome sound.

Hugs, a kiss, a long embrace
Safe at last and in my proper place.

One less empty chair throughout the land
That's the count as it currently stands.

(Author's note: I drew partly upon personal experience throughout 23 years in the military, and being the son of a career Soldier who served in Vietnam, and also personal knowledge of families currently affected by the war in Iraq. A lot of experiences comes from just a general camaraderie shared amongst Soldiers and their families. My experience working at a military hospital getting to know many wounded Soldiers also contributed. I never really looked at my service from the point of view of sacrifice; it was a way of life for me and my family. I guess my eyes were opened to the other side when my spouse was mobilized, and I realized just how much of my family's life that I have missed.)

breaking for our first home, our oldest daughter learning to drive, our middle daughter making the honor choir and our baby getting his first teeth."

"As a military wife, you have to have a certain amount of courage," she said, adding that she had to move her family to Maryland from Fort Riley, Kan., while her husband was stationed in Korea.

"I've been a military wife for 17 years," she said. "You have to be able to do things on your own and keep reminding yourself that what they are doing is important."

Judy Cade is the wife of Sgt. 1st Class Martin Cade, currently stationed in Fort Benning, Ga. She said he is sorry to have missed the athletic achievements of their children, Martina, 14 and Montrell, 10.

"He's missed their soccer and basketball most of all," she said. "Thankfully, he'll be home for the holidays and

we'll be a family again...at least for a little while."

Darlene Green is the wife of retired 1st Sgt. John Green. Her daughter, Jessica is a former Marine, currently employed with the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command. In addition, she has another daughter, Sgt. Jamie Turner, in the Army who "just left Afghanistan," a son, Spc. John R. Green II, currently serving in Iraq, and a son in law, Spc. William Turner, serving in Afghanistan.

(Editor's note: Brown has worked for the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center since May 2004. He is currently a human resources assistant and provides servicing support to Headquarters, U.S. Army Material Command. He works in Division 3, Branch I and is the resident poet laureate for the branch. He came to APG from Madigan Army Medical Center in Fort Lewis, Wash.)



"Shannon," played by Carrina McNeal, calls for help after her fellow Soldier and best friend, Renee, played by Tia Floyd, is felled by sniper fire.

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system and operate the trains according to the orders for the evening. For more information, e-mail david.renard@verizon.net

Santa visits early

Santa will arrive in APG early this year. Riding a fire truck from APG-North "Pole," Santa will visit the housing areas in the Aberdeen area 5:30, Dec. 23.

Introduction to Computerized Medical Billing

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will offer a free computerized medical billing class, 6 to 9:15 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, Jan. 4 through Feb. 1.

The class introduces students to computerized medical billing procedures. Topics include computerized billing programs, how to enter patient demographics, charges, and how to post patient payments.

The prerequisite is Introduction to Medical Insurance Billing.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, employment readiness manager, Army Community Service, building 2754, 410-278-9669.

PWOC announces upcoming programs

All women are invited to join Protestant Women of the Chapel for any of three bible study groups at the APG Main Chapel.

PWOC will hold a kick-off event 9:15 a.m., Jan. 5, with lots of fun games, music and fellowship time.

On Monday nights starting Jan. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m., the study topic will be "The Patriarchs" by Beth Moore.

On Thursday mornings from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. PWOC will offer three different studies: "Following God: Enhancing your marriage" by Judi Rossi; "The Confident Women: Knowing who you are in Christ" by Anabel Gilham and "A Heart Like His" by Beth Moore.

The Women of Grace meet the first Friday of the month at 7 p.m. and the second

Saturday at 9 a.m. This group will study "Calm my anxious Heart" by Linda Dillow. During all bible studies child-care will be available.

For more information, call Marcia Larsen, 410-2727-7425.

WANTED: Female Youth Supervisor

Females looking for a challenging career working with teens between the ages of 16 and 18 need look no further. The National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Academy based at Aberdeen Proving Ground is currently accepting applications. The starting salary is \$11.73 hourly. It is a contract position, but can lead to a permanent state position.

Females interested should call 410-306-1839 or 410-306-1845.

CID offers reward for information on computer theft

A \$500 reward is being offered by the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division, which is investigating the theft of government property.

On Oct. 24, person(s) entered the Intelligence Security Command server room, building 2444, Fort Belvoir, Va., and stole one Dell laptop computer, model Precision M60, serial numbers: 9MP3L31.

Anyone with information pertaining to the whereabouts of the property or the individual(s) responsible for the theft, should contact the Fort Belvoir CID Office, 703-806-3239/0497/3795 or the Military Police Desk, 703-806-3104.

ACS announces 'Holiday Sponsor Program'

With the holiday season fast approaching and the nation still fighting the War on Terrorism, the APG community is constantly reminded of the great sacrifices of the men and women in the U.S. armed forces. During these stressful times, some military families are experiencing financial difficulties and require additional

assistance. Army Community Service works closely with these families providing supportive services throughout the year. To make this holiday season a little bit brighter for some of these families, ACS is collecting donations from individuals or groups desiring to sponsor a military family.

For more information, call Arcelio V. Alleyne, ACS Financial Readiness program manager, 410-278-2450/7572, fax, 410-306-2293 or e-mail, arcelio.alleyne@usag.apg.army.mil.

Volunteers needed on Minority College Team

To meet the minimum requirements outlined by DA, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Minority College Team needs volunteers.

The team meets quarterly to develop and administer aggressive outreach strategies that promote beneficial collaborative partnerships and relationships with minority serving institutions.

Anyone interested in joining the team should e-mail APG-MCRT@apg.army.mil.

Pet vaccination and microchip clinic

Effective Jan. 1, all privately owned dogs and cats residing on he installation must be micro-chipped.

The clinic is open to all active duty, activated reserve and retiree military personnel who are eligible for services at the VTF (proper ID is required). No appointment is necessary.

Services include feline canine distemper shots, \$14; feline and canine rabies, \$8; bordetella/kennel cough, \$13; FIV/FeLV test, \$22.50; FeLV vaccination, \$13; heartworm/Lyme disease test, \$18; microchip, \$20. The user fee for all transactions is \$2.

The clinic is accepting donations of dry dog and cat food, canned cat food and litter.

For more information, call 410-278-3911.

USAWOA meetings

The Aberdeen-Edgewood Chapter of the U.S. Army

Warrant Officers Association meets on the third Thursday of the month at noon in the Warrant Officer Hut located on School Street.

For more information, call retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Pete Hill, 410-278-4195.

MCSC offers pies, membership

The Military and Civilian Spouse's Club has apple pies for \$7 in time for the holidays and gift-giving. Anyone interested can call Gloria DeBerry, 410-273-1926. The club is accepting half year memberships at a cost of \$10. Anyone interested should call Sandy Matthews, 410-272-9130.

Spring fling scheduled

APG's second Community Festival will be held April 8 at Capa Field in Edgewood. All community groups are invited to participate in the Spring Fling with a booth and/or activities. Planning meetings are held Wednesdays, the next being Jan. 18. Anyone interested may contact Pat Palazzi, event chair, 410-278-4685.

MLK observance Jan. 12

APG and the Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine will sponsor a Martin Luther King Day Observance 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Jan. 12, in the Starke Recreation Center on Edgewood. The theme is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On...Not A Day Off!"

The guest speaker is Minister Teresa Samuels. Sgt. Jamal Lawson, CHPPM, will perform a musical selection.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Serino, AGP EO Office, 410-278-1534, Kathleen Crosby, APG EEO Office, 410-278-1137 or Linda Patrick, CHPPM, 410-436-1023.

Re-Nu-It centers

change hours

The Aberdeen Re-Nu-It Center hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.,

Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday. The Edgewood Re-Nu-It Center hours will remain the same, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday.

'Energy Matters'

Water heating

www.socalgas.com

Bathing can account for over 50 percent of your hot water usage. Take shorter, cooler showers rather than baths. Baths can use up to two and a half times as much hot water as a five-minute shower.

Install low-flow, water-saving shower-

heads to cut water use and save 5 to 10 percent on water heating costs.

Save up to 10 percent of hot water costs by washing full laundry loads in cold water.

Wash full loads in the dishwasher. Insulate exterior, uncovered hot water pipes.

Fix leaky faucets. One drop of hot water per second can waste 2,500 gallons per year.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard

To verify listing, call 410-272-9008, or visit
www.aafes.com and click on "Movie Listing."

CHICKEN LITTLE place. (Rated R)

Friday, Dec. 23, 7 p.m. ZATHURA

Animated Friday, Dec. 30, 7 p.m.

After Chicken Little causes widespread panic - when he mistakes a falling acorn for a piece of the sky - the young chicken is determined to restore his reputation. But just as things are starting to go his way, a real piece of the sky lands on his head. Chicken Little and his band of misfit friends, Abby Mallard (aka Ugly Duckling), Runt of the Litter and Fish Out of Water, attempt to save the world without sending the town into a whole new panic. (Rated G)

JARHEAD

Friday, Dec. 23, 9 p.m.

Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Jamie Foxx, Peter Sarsgaard, Lucas Black

Anthony Swofford (Gyllenhaal), a third-generation enlistee in the Marines, goes from boot camp to active duty in the first Gulf War. As an elite sniper under the command of hardcore Marine lifer Sgt. Sykes (Foxx), Swofford and his pals face nearly intolerable heat, an expansive desert, an enemy they often can't see and a growing disillusionment over why they were sent to Iraq in the first

Starring: Jonah Bobo, Josh Hutcherson, Dax Shepard

This followup to Jumanji follows Danny (Bobo) and Walter Budwing (Hutcherson), two brothers who discover a strange box while playing at a park. Inside the box is a jungle-themed board game (in the original, the game's animals came to life) and a second board, which is marked with a path to a purple planet called Zathura. They are drawn into an intergalactic adventure when their house is magically hurtled through space. (Rated PG)

YOURS, MINE AND OURS

Friday, Dec. 30, 9 p.m.

Starring: Dennis Quaid, Rene Russo, Ty Panitz, Bridger Palmer

Widowed Coast Guard Admiral Frank Beardsly (Quaid) and Helen North (Russo), a widow handbag designer, fall in love and marry, much to the dismay of her 10 and his 8 children. They have to cope with their children's attempts to destroy their relationship. (Rated PG)

Community Notes

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 24
HOLY EUCHARIST

The Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 2929 Level Road, Churchville, will celebrate Holy Eucharist for Christmas Eve service, 5 and 11 p.m. Come and join in singing holiday carols at 10:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 410-836-2227.

Exception to dual compensation prohibition approved

NAF

Current Appropriated Fund and Nonappropriated Fund civilian employees are now eligible to hold their current position while also accepting a flexible position with NAF.

Based upon a history of difficulty locating qualified applicants, the following flexible positions have been approved as exceptions to the dual compensation prohibition.

Applicable positions

- Bartender, NA-7405-03
- Cook, NA-7404-04
- Cook, NA-7404-05
- Custodial Worker (Trainee), NA-3566-01
- Custodial Worker, NA-3566-02
- Custodial Worker (Leader), NL-3566-02
- Food Service Worker, NA-7408-01
- Food Service Worker, NA-7408-03
- Food Service Worker, NA-7408-04
- Gardener, NA-5003-04
- Motor Vehicle Operator, NA-5703-07
- Operations Assistant, NF-1101-01
- Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01
- Recreation Assistant (Aerobic), NF-0189-02

Waiter (Trainee), NA-7420-02
 Waiter, NA-7420-03
 Visit Web site <http://cpol.army.mil/employment/naf>.

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

The Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 2929 Level Road, Churchville, will celebrate Christmas Day service 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, call 410-836-2227.

htn for job listing and <http://cpol.army.mil/library/naf/jobkit> for the NAF Job Application Kit.
 The exception to dual compensation only applies to vacancy announcements listed above.
 For more information, call 410-278-5126.



Channel 21 features
Pentagon Channel programming

The Pentagon Channel will feature the following programs on Channel 21. These programs are subject to change each week and will be updated accordingly.

Monday

- Focus on the Force, 5:30 a.m.
- American Veteran, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
- Army Newswatch, 11 a.m.
- FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 1 p.m.
- State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
- Around the Services, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

- Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Stallion Report, 10:30 a.m.
- Focus on the Force, 1 p.m.
- State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
- FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.
- Army Newswatch, 7 p.m.
- Navy/Marine Corps News, 9 p.m.

Wednesday

- Around the Services, 8 a.m.
- Army Newswatch, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
- American Veteran, 1 p.m.
- Focus on the Force, 2 p.m.
- State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
- FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.
- Stallion Report, 5 p.m.
- Around the Services, 8 p.m.

Thursday

- Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Army Newswatch, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- Navy/Marine Corps News, 11 a.m.
- Focus on the Force, 1 p.m.
- State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
- American Veteran, 5 p.m.

Friday

- Around the Services, 5:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 9 a.m.
- Recon, 12:30 p.m.
- State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
- FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.

Saturday

- Around the Services, 5:30 a.m.
- FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
- Engineer Update, 1:30 p.m.
- Opportunity Showcase, 3 p.m.
- Army Newswatch, 5:30 p.m.

- Battleground, 7 p.m.
- Recon, 8 p.m.

Sunday

- Army Newswatch, 5:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Stallion Report, 11 a.m.
- American Veteran, 1 p.m.
- Navy/Marine Corp News, 3 p.m.
- Around the Service, 7:30 p.m.
- Battleground, 9:30 p.m.

Army Newswatch - Bi-weekly report on the men and women of the Army

Around the Services - From the Pentagon Channel NewsCenter, daily half-hour program featuring military news from top defense officials and the military services from around the world

RECON - A monthly information television program providing an in-depth look at a variety of topics, highlighting the accomplishments of U.S. Military men and women.

Your Corps - Monthly view of the men and women of the Marine Corps

Freedom Journal Iraq - A daily news program produced by American Forces Network Iraq. The program focuses on military missions, operations and U.S. military forces in Iraq

Navy Marine Corp News - A weekly look at the men and women of today's sea service.

Opportunity Showcase - A monthly program dealing with a variety of subjects that benefit small business owners, transitioning military members and other subjects of opportunity-produced by the United States Air Force

The American Veteran - A half-hour video news magazine designed to inform veterans, their families and their communities about the services and benefits they have earned through their service to America and to recognize and honor that service

Battleground - Every weekend, this series features historic films from WWII, Korean War, and the Vietnam War. A Pentagon Channel Original Series

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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

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For more information, call Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, or e-mail rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil.

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Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Christmas holiday schedule

ACTIVITY	THU 22-Dec	FRI 23-Dec	SAT 24-Dec	SUN 25-Dec	MON 26-Dec	TUE 27-Dec	WED 28-Dec	THU 29-Dec
ARTS & CRAFTS AA	10 a.m.-5 p.m.	10 a.m.-5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
ARTS & CRAFTS EA	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
ATHLETIC CENTER	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	CLOSED	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	5 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
AUTO CRAFTS CENTER	11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.	11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
BOWLING CENTER	11 a.m.-10 p.m.	5 - 10 p.m.	1-6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	11 a.m.-8 p.m.	11 a.m.-8 p.m.
ODR RENTAL CENTER	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	10 a.m.-5 p.m.	10 a.m.-5 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
FITNESS CENTER AA	5:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	5:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	5:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	5:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	5:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
HOYLE GYM/FITNESS CTR	6 a.m.-6 p.m.	6 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	6 a.m.-6 p.m.	6 a.m.-6 p.m.	6 a.m.-6 p.m.
MWR REGISTRATION	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
LIBRARY	11:30a.m.-6:30 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	11:30a.m.-6:30 p.m.	11:30a.m.-6:30 p.m.	11:30a.m.-6:30 p.m.
RECREATION CENTER AA	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
SNACK BAR	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
RECREATION CENTER EA	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
SNACK BAR	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
RUGGLES GOLF COURSE	7 a.m.-5 p.m.	7 a.m.-5 p.m.	7 a.m.-3 p.m.	CLOSED	7 a.m.-5 p.m.	7 a.m.-5 p.m.	7 a.m.-5 p.m.	7 a.m.-5 p.m.
EXTON GOLF COURSE	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
TOP OF THE BAY	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

* Bowling Center New Year's Eve Party. (Only open if there is enough participation for the party.)

ACTIVITY	FRI 30-Dec	SAT 31-Dec	SUN 1-Jan	MON 2-Jan
ARTS & CRAFTS AA	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
ARTS & CRAFTS EA	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
ATHLETIC CENTER	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	CLOSED	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
AUTO CRAFTS CENTER	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
BOWLING CENTER	5 - 10 p.m.	10 p.m.-1 a.m.*	CLOSED	CLOSED
ODR RENTAL CENTER	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
FITNESS CENTER AA	5:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
HOYLE GYM/FITNESS CTR	6 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
MWR REGISTRATION	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
LIBRARY	CLOSED	1 - 5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
RECREATION CENTER AA	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
SNACK BAR	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
RECREATION CENTER EA	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
SNACK BAR	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
RUGGLES GOLF COURSE	7 a.m.-5 p.m.	7 a.m.-3 p.m.	CLOSED	7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
EXTON GOLF COURSE	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
TOP OF THE BAY	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Gift wrap schedule at PX, building 2401

Thursday, Dec. 22
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Family Readiness Group

Friday, Dec. 23
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
20th SUPCOM Family Readiness Group

Saturday, Dec. 24
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
143rd Ordnance Battalion Family Readiness Group

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

The library has the following Christmas books and DVDs available for checkout.

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| Non-fiction
Heaven Scent: Aromatic Christmas Crafts, Recipes, and Decorations by Julia Lawless
Christmas in Colonial and Early America: Christmas Around the World from World Book | An Irish Christmas by John B. Keane
Children's fiction
Santa and the Three Bears by Dominic Catalano
Dream Snow by Eric Carle |
| Adult fiction
The Mitford Snowman by Jan Karon | DVDs
The Polar Express
A Charlie Brown Christmas |

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

Activities

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.

Register for Start Smart Basketball program

Children ages three to five (age as of start date) are eligible to participate in the Start Smart Basketball program 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday evenings, March 20 through April 24 at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522 and the Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902.

The cost is \$40 per youth.

Start Smart Programs, created by the National Alliance for Youth Sports, help kids get ready for sports and succeed in life.

It is a step-by-step approach that builds confidence and self-esteem, and makes sports fun.

The children and parents will have a positive sports experience together.

Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 9 through 31.

At Aberdeen Youth Services, registration will be held Monday through Friday by appointment only at CYS Central Registration.

At Edgewood Youth Services, registration will be held on Wednesdays.

For more information or to make an appointment, call Central Registration at 410-278-7571/7479.

Reserve tickets for Disney's Beauty and the Beast

The Lyric Opera House presents Beauty and the Beast, 1:30 p.m., Jan. 28.

It is the classic story of a young woman, Belle, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped in a spell placed by an evil enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self.

Tickets cost \$65 each. (Tickets cost \$73.25 through Ticketmaster). A limited number of

tickets are available. Pre-order tickets now. All DoD ID card holders are eligible for this and all MWR services.

Holiday sale at Ruggles

Last minute holiday shopping is possible at the Ruggles Golf Course Pro Shop, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Dec. 24. Featured sale items include 40 percent off the entire stock of men's and ladies' Ashworth apparel; 30 percent off the entire stock of men's and ladies' Ruggles Logo apparel; 25 percent off Greg Normal Golf apparel; 20 to 40 percent off select group of woods and wedges.

The Victory Golf Pass Book costs \$49 and gift certificates also are available.

For more information, call Dave Correll, 410-278-4794, or visit building 5600.

Armed Forces Vacation Club lodging rates to increase

The Armed Forces Vacation Club will increase their rates from \$264 to \$299 per week effective Jan. 1. These are among the lowest lodging rates anywhere. Current discount rates are available at \$264 per week through Dec. 25, 2005. Reservations made before Jan. 1 will be accepted at the \$264 rate, including reservations for dates in 2006.

This and all MWR services are available to all DoD ID card holders. Visit Web site www.afvclub.com to purchase vacation destinations. Use base code 105 when registering.

Passport to Manhood

Passport to manhood, a program designed for young men, ages 9 to 16, will be held 6:30 to 8 p.m., on Thursdays.

All young men are welcome to come and learn about their future as men. Each class will feature a guest speaker.

Parents are invited to come and share this experience with their children.

The designated meeting date and time will be established pursuant to the availability and time of the parents.

Annual CYS memberships cost \$18 per child or \$40 per family.

Hole in One recognized

Congratulations to retired Sgt. Maj. Samuel A Gilliam who made a hole in one Nov. 1 on hole # 15 at Ruggles Golf Course using a chocked up 4 wood into the wind from 147

yards. One hole and it went into the hole.

For Golf Course hours, visit www.apgmwr.com/recreation/golf.html.

SCHOOL LIAISON

Science, Math Academy accepting applications

The Science and Mathematics Academy is currently accepting applications for the 2006-2007 school year. Applications can be downloaded at www.scienceandmathacademy.com, and are due on or before Jan. 20.

For more information, call Ivan Mehosky, APG School Liaison Office, 410-278-2857.

College resource

www.EdRef.com presents information on 7,500 U.S. colleges and universities, including minority, athletic and religious search options.

Harford County KIDS Magazine

The APG School Liaison Office has a limited supply of the 2005-2006 Family Resource Guide, Harford County KIDS Magazine.

To receive this valuable resource that features county-wide information on such topics baby and childcare, education and schools, summer camps, family fun, birthday parties, and quick references and ads, pick up a copy at building 2752, room 111 or e-mail ivan.mehosky@apg.army.mil and include name and building number and a copy will be sent mailed.



Happy Holidays

from the Army Community Service staff



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Army Family Team Building Birthday
with cake cutting at the Commissary
Dec 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteer Gift Wrappers wanted
410-278-2464
Wrapping available until Dec 24

Army Volunteer Corps has openings
for you and your needs

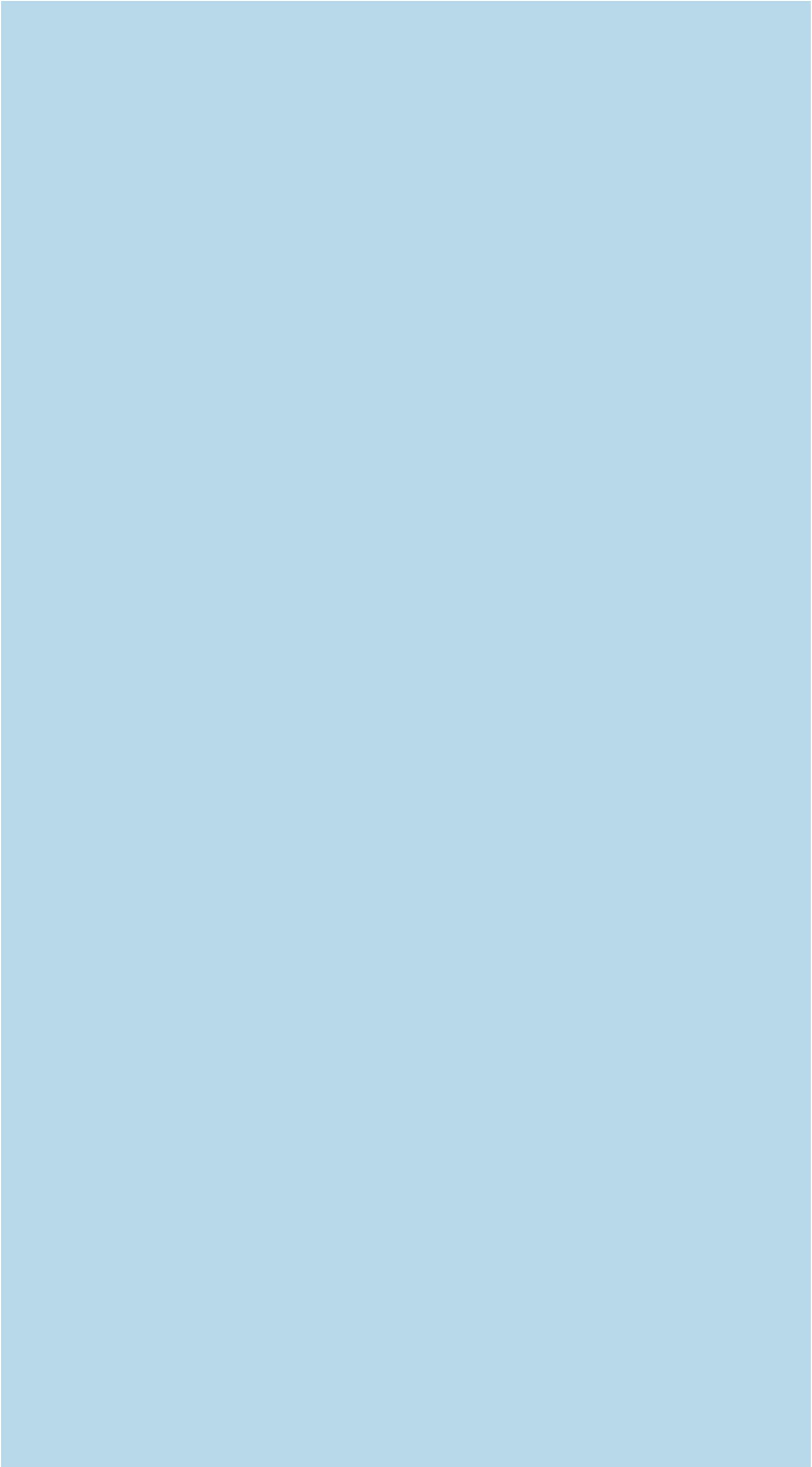
The Self-Help Job Information Center
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8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.





Call ACS for more information.

410-278-2464



Toy drive benefits families on and off post



Story and photos by **Rebecca J. Chisholm**
APG News

After gathering toys and food items from throughout their organization, the 19th annual U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command/Chemical Materials Agency Holiday Food and Toy Drive holiday party was Dec. 14, celebrating the success of the drive.

Supporting 100 families in Edgewood, with that number growing every year, this was the first year in quite a while that military families were able to be included. Twelve post families benefited from the donations this year.

Each year the need increas-

es, said Barbara Knapp, workforce management associate and chair person of the drive.

"And, as the need increases, so does the amount donated. We have an outpouring of support from our employees," she said.

Not only were food and toys donated, but when the military families expressed a need for clothing, the employees of RDECOM/CMA proved themselves generous.

After the party, members of the Police Athletic League distributed the donations to the Edgewood Community.

Army Community Service and the Technical Escort Unit presented the goods to the military families.



Becky Stump, secure systems operator, and Carol McVey, Program Support, prepare toys to be handed out to needy Edgewood and APG children.

Toys are piled up for distribution after the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command/Chemical Materials Agency Toy Drive party Dec. 14.

Commentary

Remembering Nipper, the APG Christmas Horse

Rev. John J. Bauer, C.Ss.R.
Retired

Preface: Rev. John J. Bauer was a priest at Aberdeen Proving Ground for 15 years. One of the traditions he inherited was the annual Stable Mass. Each year at the Edgewood Chapel families would gather the Saturday before Christmas in the dark of the evening. As many as 125 people attended. This is Bauer's memorial to Nipper, the Christmas Horse.

At 6:30 p.m. when the white horse known as Nipper arrives at the chapel from the barn, the procession back to the barn will begin. There is excitement among the children and their parents. The horse has arrived.

His owner, Paulette Jones, leads him as she has for at least 17 years.

The gentle horse stands on the lawn listening to all the happy voices praising him and feeling all the little hands reaching out to touch him.

He waits, for this is his 'big night.' It is time now for his once-a-year glory ride.

A little girl dressed as Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is mounted on his back. A little boy, dressed as Joseph, takes the reins.

Slowly the horse and the crowd begin the journey as one to the barn.

The singing of carols begins. "Away in a Manger," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Silent Night, Holy Night" gently fill the cold night.

The quiet white horse moves his ears ever so much to take in the joyful sound.

This night, this borrowed white horse, much like the donkey Jesus borrowed years later to ride into Jerusalem, hears words sung in praise of the same Jesus at His birth.

We approach the barn singing, "O Come All

Ye Faithful." We enter and prepare for the Holy Mass among His humble animals.

Nipper is now in his stall facing the altar, his white head directly before it. He seems to know what is happening. He seems to know that in this stable tonight His Creator's Son Jesus will be on that altar.

Every year on time, at the elevation of the consecrated host this horse trumpets his sound. At the moment when normally a bell would sound, he seems to instinctively know a sound is needed and he neighs his approval, sounding his own, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

The Mass ends. Our Christmas horse has done his sacred duty once again. The parishioners say a special farewell to the gentle creature.

Alas, the beautiful custom was brought to an end. Two Christmases have passed and so too has gentle Nipper.

Did our gentle white horse wait for his one big night of holy service only to be disappointed the past two years? Did he feel rejected - no longer needed to bring little Mary to the barn for Mass? Did he miss the carols?

How saddened we are to learn that our Christmas Horse no longer waits for his special moment.

Farewell, Christmas horse. You remain a part of the memories of our Christmas joy.

(Editor's note: An Advent program at the Post Stable in Edgewood resumed this year. The gathering featured songs, prayer and readings from the Old Testament and concluded with hot chocolate and refreshments at the Edgewood Chapel Dec. 17. For more information, call the APG Chapel at 410-278-4333.)

The sands of Christmas

Michael Marks
Special contributor

I had no Christmas spirit when I breathed a weary sigh,

And looked across the table where the bills were piled too high.

The laundry wasn't finished and the car I had to fix,

My stocks were down another point, the Chargers lost by six.

And so with only minutes till my son got home from school

I gave up on the drudgery and grabbed a wooden stool.

The burdens that I carried were about all I could take,

And so I flipped the TV on to catch a little break.

I came upon a desert scene in shades of tan and rust,

No snowflakes hung upon the wind, just clouds of swirling dust.

And where the reindeer should have stood before a laden sleigh,

Eight Humvees ran a column right behind an M1A.

A group of boys walked past the tank, not one was past his teens.

Their eyes were hard as polished flint, their faces drawn and lean.

They walked the street in armor with their rifles shouldered tight,

Their dearest wish for Christmas, just to have a silent night.

Other Soldiers gathered, hunkered down against the wind,

To share a scrap of mail and dreams of going home again.

There wasn't much at all to put their lonely hearts at ease,

They had no Christmas turkey, just a pack of MREs.

They didn't have a garland or a stocking I

could see,

They didn't need an ornament--they lacked a Christmas tree.

They didn't have a present even though it was tradition,

The only boxes I could see were labeled "ammunition."

I felt a little tug and found my son now by my side,

He asked me what it was I feared, and why it was I cried.

I swept him up into my arms and held him oh so near

And kissed him on the forehead as I whispered in his ear.

"There's nothing wrong, my little son, for safe we sleep tonight.

Our heroes stand on foreign land to give us all the right,

To worry on the things in life that mean nothing at all,

Instead of wondering if we will be the next to fall."

He looked at me as children do and said, "It's always right, to thank the ones who help us and perhaps that we should write."

And so we pushed aside the bills and sat to draft a note,

To thank the many far from home and this is what we wrote:

"God bless you all and keep you safe and speed your way back home.

Remember that we love you so, and that you're not alone.

The gift you give you share with all, a present every day.

You give the gift of liberty and that we can't repay."

(Author's note: I freely submit this poem [for use] without reservation. This is an open and grateful tribute to the men and women who serve every day to keep our nation safe.)



ASAP offers alcohol-free drink recipes

ASAP

Anyone who didn't attend the recent Army Community Service Extravaganza missed out on not only some fun activities, good food and wonderful door prizes, but also an opportunity to participate in an alcohol-free taste testing sponsored by the Army Substance Abuse Office.

Alcohol and Drug Control Officer Jareta Coyle and Prevention Coordinator Cindy Scott stirred up some excitement with the non-alcoholic beverages they offered as alternatives for holiday hosts. Non-alcoholic wines and beers

were offered for comparison along with a tasty, palate-pleasing punch. There were so many requests for punch recipes, the ASAP staff wishes to share them with the entire APG community in order to foster happy and safe holidays.

"Remember: "If you drink, don't drive; and if you drive, don't drink," Scott said, quoting the national slogan for December's 3D Month anti-drinking, drugging and driving campaign.

So, for those conscientious hosts and hostesses who wish to ensure good times and safe returns, here are the ASAP

recipes:

Sunshine Punch

1 can frozen pineapple/orange juice
1 can frozen cranberry/apple juice
1 1-liter bottle 7-up or sprite

Place all frozen juices into a punch bowl, add 6 juice cans of water. Mix and add 7-Up or Sprite. Carefully, place whole tub of sherbet into the punch bowl.

Open House Perk-A-

a vehicle is stopped to let a pedestrian cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear may not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

Between adjacent intersections at which a traffic control signal is in operation, a pedestrian may cross a roadway only in a marked crosswalk.

Pedestrians may not cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by a traffic control device for crossing movements. If authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians may cross only in accordance with the traffic control device.

pedestrians.

"Additionally, pedestrians need to exercise caution when they move through an intersection," Ashby said. "They put themselves at risk when they dart into the street without paying attention to traffic around them.

"All of the laws and guidelines do not supersede prudent judgment and common sense. Whether walking or driving, the first priority is safety."

Maryland Highway Safety Office guidance

Passing a vehicle stopped for pedestrians is prohibited.

If at a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, if

Punch

1 quart cranapple juice
1 quart pineapple juice
1 quart water
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon whole cloves
2 cinnamon sticks
2 lemons sliced
Put juice and water in 30-cup percolator. Place other ingredients in percolator basket. Perk for 30 minutes. Makes 28 servings or 5 quarts

Fort Knox Punch

12 oz. frozen orange juice (thawed)
12 oz. frozen lemonade (thawed)
46 oz. unsweetened pineapple juice
1 qt. apricot nectar
2/3 cup sugar
32 oz. ginger ale
orange slices, cut horizontal, chilled
Combine all ingredients except ginger ale and stir until sugar is dissolved. Chill. To serve, add ginger ale and ice

cubes. Float orange slices in punch. Serves 30.

Designated Driver's Delight

2 1/2 oz. orange juice
1 1/4 oz. pineapple juice
1 1/4 oz. cranberry juice
2 scoops vanilla ice cream
3-4 frozen strawberries
Mix in a blender until smooth. Serve in a hurricane glass with an orange slice and a strawberry.

APG closing announcements

If the installation is closed, is experiencing a delay in opening or if liberal leave is in effect due to weather or other emergency situations, check for postings on the local television and radio stations (listed below), WAPG-TV Channel 21 (on Aberdeen Proving Ground), or call 410-278-SNOW (7669). A recorded telephone message will

contain updated information and should begin at about 5 a.m.

Announcements about federal offices in the greater Baltimore metropolitan area do not apply to APG; listen for those that name APG specifically.

For general information, call the APG Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147.

Station	Frequency	Location
WAMD	AM 970	Aberdeen
WXCX	FM 103.7	Havre de Grace
WBAL	AM 1090	Baltimore
WIYY	FM 97.9	Baltimore
WPOC	FM 93.1	Baltimore
WDEL	AM 1150	Wilmington, Del.
WSTW	FM 93.7	Wilmington, Del.
WSBA	AM 910	York, Pa.
WARM	FM 103.3	York, Pa.
WROZ	FM 101.3	Lancaster, Pa.
WBAL-TV	Channel 11	Baltimore
WMAR-TV	Channel 2	Baltimore
WBFF-TV	Channel 45	Baltimore
WJZ-TV	Channel 13	Baltimore

Safety

From front page

Maryland, more than 100 pedestrians are killed and nearly 3,000 are injured. This accounts for 17 percent of total traffic fatalities in the state and places Maryland 13th for pedestrian fatalities in the United States (per population).

Susie Ashby, program manager, Installation Safety Division, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, said that the main contributing factor in pedestrian crashes is driver inattention or distraction, followed closely by failure to yield the right of way to

