

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Jan. 26, plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Monthly RAB meeting Jan. 27

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Jan. 27, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics are the Westwood and the Other Aberdeen Areas Study Areas.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and community members are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

### Military Marriage Seminar offered

The APG Chapel will host a Military Marriage Seminar Jan. 28 and 29. The seminar can rekindle that "just married" feeling. Couples who care enough about their marriage to make it better should attend the Military Marriage Seminar at the Aberdeen Area post chapel. Space is limited. Call 410-278-4333 or stop by the chapel and complete a registration form. Cost is \$30 per couple. The seminar is open to anyone.

### KWVA Chapter 2721 membership drive is on

The Korean War Veterans Association Upper Chesapeake Chapter 271 is renewing its membership drive for 2005. All eligible veterans and service members are encouraged to join this community service-based organization. The qualifications for membership in the KWVA are as follows:

Membership is open to anyone who has seen honorable service in any of the armed forces of the United States, said service within Korea and without Korea, June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955, or to any member of the armed forces who served honorably in Korea from Feb. 1, 1955 to present.

The chapter meets the last Monday of the month,

See SHORTS, page 4

## ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

### Page 2

Science and Math Academy

### Page 3

Cold weather tips

### Page 5

Community Notes

### Pages 6

MWR

### Page 11

Sports

### Page 12

Young artists display finest

# DLES names Police Officer of the Year



Aberdeen Proving Ground police officer Mark Holden, right, gets help from his wife Catalina, left, and son Raphael, 2, as he slices his celebration cake after being named the APG Police Officer of the Year for 2004 in APG's Emergency Services Center Jan. 12. Looking on is Maj. Joseph Darabasz, chief of Police Services Division, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

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

The Garrison Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security named Mark Holden Police Officer of the Year for 2004 during a ceremony at APG's Emergency Services Center Jan. 12.

A native of Baltimore, Holden has been with DLES since 2003 when he graduated with honors from the APG Police Academy. He spent four years with the U.S. Coast Guard and three with the Baltimore City Police Department before coming to APG. Holden is the first Edgewood Area officer to be named the Police Officer of the Year.

Maj. Joseph Darabasz, chief of the Police Services Division led the ceremony and presentations.

"I had a gut feeling that he would do good things one day," Darabasz said. "He's a good officer who is always upright with people and who always puts family first."

Holden received the Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement and a commander's coin from Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, and a coin of excellence from Robert Krauer, APG provost marshal.

Other awards included an Officer of the Year plaque, gift certificates, a brass nameplate and pen set, and a designated parking space for one year. Holden also will receive two days off with pay.

On hand for the ceremony were Holden's friends and coworkers, including Capt.

Floyd Rose, Edgewood Area Police branch chief, and Lt. Johnny Boyles, shift commander.

Boyles said that Holden's duties, which include shift work, car patrols, and traffic enforcement, are no different from other officers.

"His everyday work stands out," Boyle said. "He goes above and beyond looking for and solving problems."

He said that Holden was nominated with 14 other people on a point selection voting system.

"He came up on the first ballot every time," Rose said. "We're very proud of the fact that he is the first officer selected from Edgewood."

A pre-school teacher from Baltimore, Holden's wife Catalina, said she felt "really proud," of her husband's accomplishment.

Holden thanked his supervisors and coworkers and said he has grown as an officer within the Defense Department work environment.

"Here, you get exposure to other local police departments and learn the military aspects of law enforcement. You also have to enforce military, state and federal laws," he said. "There are a lot of advantages because you learn more than most police officers. For me, it's been a great benefit."

He said his prior military knowledge aids him in communicating with Soldiers.

"I deal with people person by person. I show them respect but I still do my job," Holden said. "I find that's how you get respect from people."

## New military pay system scheduled for March

**Tom Philpott**  
Special contributor

Projected for implementation in March, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will phase in a new, more reliable and effective pay system for the military.

Called the Forward Compatible Payroll, it promises far fewer errors, an easy-to-understand Leave and Earnings Statement for service members and instantaneous adjustments to pay records.

FCP "should have a huge impact on our efficiency in providing pay services," said Sue Schallenberg, director of what DFAS calls its Military Pay Operations Transition Group.

Phase in of FCP will begin with the [a portion of] the Army Reserve and National Guard in March, followed by the active duty Army in July, the entire Air Force next November and the Navy Department, with its more complex shipboard environment, in March 2006. This is subject to change.

That will mark the end of a problem-plagued pay system developed during the Vietnam War. DFAS officials suggest they're as inclined as service members to exclaim, "Good riddance."

The current military payroll scheme, called the Defense Joint Military Pay System (DJMS), actually is two systems, one for active duty and another for reserve component forces. The two are compatible only with enormous effort, said DFAS officials.

The reserve system was designed to pay members for weekend drills and two weeks' active duty a year. Relying on it to provide accurate and timely pay to a few thousand thousand mobilized reservists has been difficult, requiring frequent manual intervention, which raises the risk of errors.

The Government Accountability Office blamed the reserve pay system in part for a plague of pay errors that hit Army Reserve and National Guard members mobilized since 9-11 to guard the nation and fight wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. GAO studied a sampling of mobilized units and estimated that more than 90 percent of activated soldiers suffered the frustration of significant errors in pay in 2002 and 2003. DFAS and the Army have taken aggressive measures since to ease the errors.

With FCP, permanent relief is on the way.

To spread that word, Schallenberg in Denver and Sylvia Hanneken, program manager for military pay system transition in Cleveland, discussed FCP and the system it will replace in a phone interview with Military Update.

The current system, DJMS, is written in a programming language developed in the late 1960s. So it is cumbersome, fragile and woefully inadequate to handle recent complex changes to military pay. With DJMS, if Congress approved new pay feature, like Assignment Incentive Pay, it takes on average 12 to 18 months to automate such payments. Some pays, such as medical bonuses, can't be programmed.

"The workforce within DFAS is actually computing and manually manipulating members' pay to make sure that they are getting the right pay," Schallenberg said.

FCP will end the need for 95 percent of current "workarounds" for reserve mobilization and new pays, said Schallenberg, and allow DFAS to shift workforce focus to "prevention rather than after-the-fact corrections."

The process of moving reservists and National Guard members to activated status, with all appropriate pay and

See PAY, page 10

## APG increases use of Compressed Natural Gas

APG Garrison

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison is moving forward with a program to reward fuel conscious drivers who consistently save money using its fleet of Compressed Natural Gas vehicles.

Annual and quarterly awards will go to those persons or organizations whose vehicle uses 70 percent or more of CNG and uses a minimum of 100 gallons of CNG per year.

The Equipment Operations Branch will announce winners on a quarterly basis. Supervisors will award 59 minutes.

In addition, EOB will declare one annual winner with the highest percentage of CNG consumption. The annual winner will receive a coin and a certificate of appreciation.

## APG remembers Martin Luther King, Jr.

Story and photos by  
**Meghan Bowen**  
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground community and workforce recognized the legacy of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a commemorative ceremony at the Aberdeen Area Post Theater Jan. 12.

"The ceremony was very touching and very moving," said Staff Sgt. Curtis Legette, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine.

The theme of the ceremony was "Remember, Celebrate, Act - a day on, not a day off," remembering King, a Nobel Peace Prize winner and activist, his remarks and ideas on life that "stirred the concern and sparked the conscience of a generation" during various movements and non-violent marches he led, including the Montgomery bus boycott from 1955 to 1956 and the march on Washington D.C. in 1963.

The USACHPPM Color Guard opened and closed the ceremony and Eva Taylor, sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Members of the APG Special Emphasis Program as well as Taleya Taylor from Aberdeen Middle School presented two readings of King's speeches.

Brig. Gen. Roger Nadeau, commander of APG and the

If the annual or quarterly winner is a tenant or contractor, their organization will determine whether they wish to participate in a similar awards program.

Compressed Natural Gas is one of the cleanest fossil fuels. It reduces tailpipe emissions of carbon monoxide by 90 to 97 percent, nitrogen oxide by 35 to 50 percent, and ozone causing pollutants by 75 to 90 percent.

The APG fleet of vehicles includes 80 bi-fuel vehicles operable on CNG or unleaded gasoline.

For FY 2004 those vehicles consumed 2,679 gallons of CNG, 14 percent of total fuel, and 16,720 gallons of gasoline.

For more information, contact Tina Carr, 410-278-3489.

U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, introduced the guest speaker, Pastor Marshall E. Rush, who holds a doctorate in pastoral theology and is the founder of the Light of the World ministries in Edgewood.

"A special thanks goes out

to our guest speaker, Pastor Rush...for sharing his message with us today, and to APG's organizations and individuals whose participation, contribution and support made this program possible," Nadeau said.

Rush opened his speech

See KING, page 11



A Martin Luther King, Jr. poster collage sits on display at the remembrance ceremony held at the post theater Jan. 12.

# Science and Math Academy becomes reality

**Meghan Bowen**  
APG News

Freshmen at Aberdeen High School are exploring a world of science and math that goes beyond the textbooks thanks to a partnership between Aberdeen Proving Ground and Harford County Public Schools.

The Science and Math Academy at AHS began as a vision in the eyes of APG scientists, technologists and personnel. In 1999 a committee was formed to determine its mission, according to Donna Clem, SMA coordinator.

"APG professionals from the tenant organizations and the Garrison have worked together with the Harford County Public Schools and with members of the local community for the past several years to make the Science and Mathematics Academy a reality," said Linda Holloway, operations officer with the APG Garrison's Directorate of Community and Family Activities. "It was extremely gratifying to see the Academy open to the first class of ninth graders in the Fall of 2004."

The academy gives Aberdeen High School students, enrolled in the SMA program, an additional background in math and science, which will aid them when applying for scholarships and college, Holloway said.

"The students have a state-of-the-art facility and an environment where they are challenged to perform to their capabilities," Holloway said.

"As our student population gains more experience in math, science, and technology, we hope to utilize the experts at APG in a partnership that will enhance the learning experiences of our students," Clem said.

In fact, many of the SMA students have an affiliation with APG, according to Clem. Out of the 50 freshman students currently enrolled, six of the students are military family members and 11 are children of civilian employees at APG.

While most students came from public middle schools and a few private schools in Harford County, there were two students whose parents were stationed elsewhere, Clem said.

"Included in the freshman class is a girl whose parent was stationed in Germany and a Naval officer's daughter from Hampton, Va., who transferred to the Edgewood Area of APG," Clem said.

Ivan Mehosky, APG school liaison officer, provided the necessary information and assistance to parents and potential students throughout the application process, including the student from Germany, according to Holloway.

Holloway explained how APG professionals worked with county public school leaders and teachers to create the SMA with the expertise and resources available.

"We wanted to make it known to the community that the people at APG are reachable. So APG hosted tours of its labs and technical facilities," Holloway said. "Many of our scientists, mathematicians, and technologists have served as technical advisors on issues of equipment, laboratory requirements and set-up for the academy."

The HCPS and APG partnership will allow the SMA to train teachers in research and related skills as well as to provide an avenue for student mentoring, according to Clem.

"We hope that teleconferencing may allow students to interact with the professional scientific community as they prepare to do their own original research," Clem said.

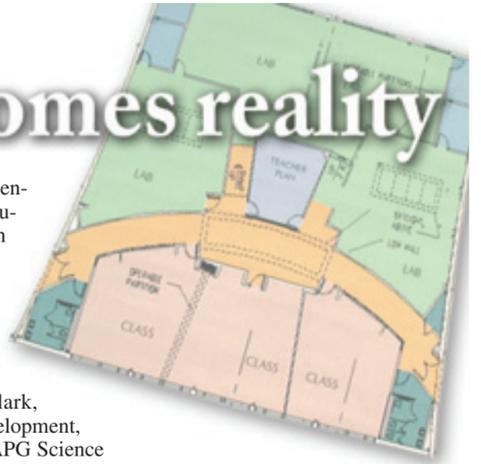
Our professionals have committed to

working one-on-one as mentors with the academy students by assisting with projects, Holloway said.

U.S. Army Developmental Test Command's Brian Simmons, deputy to the commander/technical director, and Steve Clark, director for business development, are both members of the APG Science and Technology (S&T) Board, which has been involved every step of the way with the Academy, she said.

"Representatives from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, Chemical Materials Agency, Army Environmental Center, Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, DTC, Aberdeen Test Center, APG Garrison, along with many members of the APG community have also played key roles," Holloway said.

Clark commented on **See SCIENCE, page 3**



A flat-screen TV used to display students' projects is set up in the main hall of the SMA.



Photo courtesy of SMA  
Donna Clem instructs SMA students Leon Brown, left, and Kristin Mincey, right.



Photo courtesy of SMA  
From left, Christina Orlowicz, Sarah Farley, Kayleigh Cole and Marie Balboa work on an SMA assignment.



SMA's digital projector.



Science & Math Academy



Flat-screened computers used in the SMA lab.

Photos and Illustration by **BLAKE VOSHELL**

## APG News

The APG News, a civilian enterprise newspaper, is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. Army. Contents of the APG News are not necessarily official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army or the U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground. The newspaper is published weekly by the APG Public Affairs Office, ATTN: AMSSB-GIM-P, APG, MD 21005-5001, 410-278-1150. Printed circulation is 8,900.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. If a violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the printer shall refuse to print advertising from that source.

Editorial content is prepared, edited and approved by the APG Public Affairs Office. The APG News is printed by Homestead Publishing Company, a private firm in no way connected with the Department of the Army, under exclusive written contract with APG. The civilian printer is responsible for commercial advertising. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of the Army or Homestead Publishing Company of the products or services advertised.

For advertising matters, call Homestead Publishing, 410-838-4400. Send articles or information for publication to the APG Public Affairs Office, Building 2201, AMSSB-GIM-P, APG, MD 21005-5001; call the editor at 410-278-1150, DSN 298-1150; send a fax to 410-278-2570; or send e-mail to editor@usag.apg.army.mil.

Deadline for copy is Thursday at noon for the following Thursday's paper.

### Staff

APG Commander ..... Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau  
Public Affairs Officer ..... George P. Mercer  
Editor ..... Debi Horne  
Editorial Assistant ..... Marguerite Towson  
Contract Photojournalists ..... Yvonne Johnson  
..... Meghan Bowen  
Graphic Designer/Web Designer ..... Blake Voshell  
Web site ..... www.apgnews.apg.army.mil

## Pet of the Week



Photo by MEGHAN BOWEN

### She only has eyes for you...

Meet Big Eyes, a one-year old gray and black tiger-striped female.

"She is very sweet and mellow," said Dodi McMillan, civilian veterinary technician.

To see Big Eyes and other cats available for adoption, visit the Aberdeen Proving Ground Veterinary Treatment Facility at 2479 Oakington Street. The facility is open Mon. through Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call 410-278-3911/4575.

# APG joins county breaking ground for retrofit project at Waste to Energy plant

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Harford County government officials along with representatives from the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority and Aberdeen Proving Ground participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for an air pollution control retrofit project to comply with Federal Clean Air Act Amendments at the Harford Waste to Energy Facility in Joppa Dec. 15.

Harford County invested over \$10 million in the advanced air emissions equipment. Retrofit construction is expected to take approximately one year.

Tim McNamara, director of APG Garrison's Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, spoke at the ceremony, saying the facility is "good news for everyone in the county."

"The waste facility takes

trash from APG and creates steam, which APG purchases for heating and air conditioning," McNamara said. "This way, the garrison's Directorate of Installation Operations doesn't have to operate a steam plant."

He said the system was a type of resource recovery in that it helps the city reduce waste in landfills.

"We use the steam byproduct which saves on fossil fuel," McNamara said. "Since it opened 16 years ago, the facility has processed two million tons of solid waste into energy and produced eight billion pounds of steam equivalent to 960,000 barrels of oil."

"This is a unique partnership between the county and the Army, working together to safely dispose of solid waste and at the same time reduce the Army's dependence on oil," said County Executive James Harkins. "The steam energy also meets the federal

and state goals for replacing fossil fuels with clean and renewable energy."

The Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority is responsible for construction oversight and ongoing operations at the facility.

"Generating energy from our solid waste has a proven track record here in Harford County. A clean source of energy will soon become cleaner," said Authority Executive director Robin Davidov. "Harford County's commitment to clean water, clean air and renewable fuel sources is exemplary and commendable. Aberdeen Proving Ground supported the project from the beginning, and as a result, benefits from a long-term and stable source of steam produced from a renewable fuel."

The county also has achieved a regional goal of minimizing land filling of waste, which means that less

of the county's valuable land will be taken out of productive use in the future.

"Harford County is proud to boast the highest recycling rate in Maryland and one of the highest rates in the United States. I attribute this success to our comprehensive recycling system, of which this facility plays an important role," Harkins said. "So far during this calendar year, 191 tons of metals have been recovered from the ash residue and recycled. Homeowners and businesses complement this impressive achievement by recycling at home, school and work."

Turning garbage into energy makes important contributions to the overall effort to achieve increased renewable energy use and other positive environmental benefits.

*(Editor's Note: Information in this article provided by Harford County.)*

## Cold weather tips to avoid home winter problems

DIO

Now is the ideal time to prepare homes for the cold months ahead. Performing a few quick and easy maintenance chores could save homeowners a lot of time and money later.

- Disconnect exterior hoses on outside and turn off all outside faucets.
- Freezing water lines: When the outside temperature is 32 degrees or below, leave inside faucets dripping. Open cupboard doors to provide some heat.
- Clean or replace furnace filters

monthly. Check the thermostat to be sure it is working properly and the pilot light is functioning.

- Check the chimney. If the fireplace hasn't been used in a while, it's a good idea to have it checked for animals, debris and leaves. Consider installing a screen over the chimney opening.
- Clean gutters and ridge vents. When gutters are clogged, rainwater backs up. If the temperature drops below freezing, the standing water freezes causing the gutters to expand and crack. The ridge vents need to be cleaned in order to allow the house

to "breathe" correctly. Otherwise, air will stagnate and create an unhealthy environment.

- Check the caulking around doors and windows. If the caulk is cracking and peeling away, it allows the home's heat to escape. In addition, insure that the doors and windows shut tightly and no cold air is coming in.

For more information, call the Aberdeen Area Service Order Desk, 410-306-1400, or the Edgewood Area Service Order Desk, 410-436-3731.

## Science

From, page 2

APG's goals for the partnership with the students.

"We wanted to look at any opportunities to interface with all Harford County Public Schools, where our people could serve as mentors and judges for science projects, and tutoring students while trying to build bridges between the community and APG," Clark said.

"Our first real involvement, both professionally and personally, was to work with members of the APG S&T Board to support the schools on behalf of APG," Clark said.

The APG S&T Board represents APG organizations who work together as professionals and technologists to bring knowledge of the different fields of expertise together to speak as one voice and to be a single source for the local community to go to be "pointed in the right direction to the capabilities and facilities on APG," Clark said.

"We can give teachers an idea of how we work so that they can replicate, to a certain degree, the ideas and concepts that APG professionals use in their everyday work," he said.

For instance, the traditional chemistry labs are wet labs, but a lot of the current teaching takes place in a dry lab concept, according to Clark.

"The APG board can help teachers set up their space so that kids can interface with each other more directly," Clark said. "This also helps the teachers create their curriculum and provides students the opportunity to use a real world application of what they're learning in schools to reinforce what they're studying and to build interest in the subject matter."

Clark also discussed the future goals and physical advantages of the SMA labs.

"The idea is if we can eventually teleconference with schools and people around the world, then the students could get to discuss topics with a high-level scientist or engineer," Clark said. "The SMA program is in its infancy this year. There is a learning curve for all involved."

Clem referred to the "pioneers" of the SMA who are the first group of students to enroll in the program and the teach-

ers who signed on to educate them."

"These young men and women came to the SMA on a promise of a unique educational experience. Students came to a program that had no building, no previous students, and no tried-and-true curriculum," Clem said. "Yet they are flourishing. They are now a tight knit group of friends and competitors."

"I am proud of them and I know that they will go to accomplish great things because they have our help,

the help of HCPS, APG, and the professional scientific community who are ready to support and encourage them to achieve," she said.

When the SMA is fully operational it will have 200 students from grades 9-12.

The SMA is in the process of evaluating applications for next year's freshman class, according to Clem.

Holloway commented on the long-term hopes and goals for the SMA students.

"What this really gives students is an advantage to

achieve their own goals in higher education in science and technology," Holloway said. "After they earn their advanced degree, they will remember their experience with APG and return to Harford County to seek employment."

## POST SHORTS

7 p.m., at American Legion Post 128 in Aberdeen.

For more information, contact Nick Guerra, chapter president, 410-272-0458.

### Special compensation to Purple Heart recipients

The Combat Military Medically Retired Veteran's Fairness Act of 2004 (HR 4637) authorizes the payment of special compensation to members of the Armed Forces retired due to disability with less than 20 years of active service who were awarded the Purple Heart.

The act states that such payments shall be made without regard to special rules applicable to other disability retirees, which require offsetting reductions.

To learn more about HR 4637, visit <http://vote.military.com/military/issues/bills/?bill=6778421>.

### Military Order of Foreign Wars commander to speak at dinner meeting

The Harford County chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, MOAA, will hold a dinner meeting at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Aberdeen at 6 p.m. Jan. 21.

The guest speaker will be retired Col. Bert L. Rice, the national commander of the Military Order of Foreign Wars.

Rice will give a presentation on Maryland veterans' statewide objective to remove Maryland state taxation from military retired pay. Several bills to be submitted to the Maryland General Assembly this year could affect the change in taxation if passed and enacted.

Rice is a graduate of Montana State and Central Michigan universities. His distinguished 30-year career included two tours of duty in Vietnam, and a short tour in Iran during the 1979 revolution. Rice continues to fly helicopters as a volunteer pilot for the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

For ticket information, contact Col. Hank Passi, 410-287-8602.

### MCSC offers half-year membership

The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club is offering half-year membership (January to June) at \$7.50. Membership is open to any spouse of military or civilian associated with Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information, call Sarah Novak, 410-297-8158.

### Registering new-borns in TRICARE

Newborns over 60 days old must be enrolled in TRICARE Prime or they are considered TRICARE Standard and will only have space available care after 11 a.m. at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

There is no automatic enrollment in TRICARE Prime. Parents or Guardians must fill out the TRICARE Prime enrollment forms as family members change. Family members must be enrolled in DEERS through their personnel office before they can enroll in TRICARE.

Members should stop by the TRICARE Service Center located at KUSAHC, Room A06, to update their family's TRICARE enrollment status. After updating the TRICARE enrollment, go to Patient Administration, Room C22 to register or update member's registration in the electronic medical records system. It is essential that correct information be entered in this system so that KUSAHC may contact the member or process any specialty referral for civilian network care. A local address and phone number is required.

### Tax Center opens

The APG Tax Center will open for business Jan 24. The official ribbon cutting is scheduled for 1:15 p.m., Jan. 26 at building 310. For more information, call 410-278-1208.

### NAF military spouse program changes

Nonappropriated Fund military spouses will not lose their spousal preference until they either accept or decline a regular full-time or regular part-time position.

Effective immediately, a military spouse will be able to accept a Flexible position and retain her/his preference. This will permit changing from one flexible job to another while retaining preference until a RFT or RPT position is accepted or declined.

Military spouses currently employed by NAF are eligible to use their spousal preference as vacancies are announced provided they have not held a RFT/RPT position or declined a RFT/RPT position since

relocating to APG.

Each time a spouse claims preference, she/he must complete the Spouse Employment Preference form in addition to the standard application forms.

For more information, call 410-278-8994/8992/5127.

### Visit the land of tulips, windmills, wooden shoes

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to Holland, April 19 through 26.

The price per person is \$2,449 for a single, \$2,149 based on double-occupancy, and \$2,099 based on triple-occupancy and includes roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, six buffet breakfasts, four three-course dinners, a welcome dinner, air transfers and tours.

Tours include a canal-cruise in Amsterdam; a diamond polishing demonstration; a visit to Rembrandt's masterpieces, the flower auction in Aalsmeer, a windmill, a wooden shoe factory and cheese factory in Zaanse Schans; stops in Sloten, Staphorst and the Royal Palace in Het Loo, the Netherlands Open Air Museum; a trip to the pewter factory in Tiel; a visit to Waterland in Zeeland; ascend the Euromast Tower in Rotterdam; a stop in Scheveningen; a visit to the Peace Palace in the Hague; and a visit to the Flower Park in Keukenhof and more.

A \$200 per person non-refundable deposit is due upon reservation.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline

McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

### Elective deferral limits set for 2005, 2006

For 2005, the annual limit on elective deferrals will be \$14,000. The annual limit for 2006 will be \$15,000.

After 2006, the increase will be indexed to the annual cost of living adjustment referred to in the Tax Code.

For purposes of the Thrift Savings Plan, the term "elective deferrals" refers to employee contributions, which are made on a tax-deferred basis. Federal Employee Retirement System employees may be affected by the elective deferral limit. For 2005, any FERS employee whose annual basic pay exceeds \$93,333 will be affected. The latest version of the Fact Sheet "Annual Limit on Elective Deferrals" is available on the TSP Web site, [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).

For more information, contact a servicing human resources assistant.

### Army Suggestion Program On AKO

Aberdeen Proving Ground is transitioning to the new Army-wide suggestion program located on AKO. To access, visit [https://armysuggestions.army.mil/services/asp/a\\_sp\\_home.cfm](https://armysuggestions.army.mil/services/asp/a_sp_home.cfm). There is also a link from [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil).

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

For more information, contact Marjorie Sexton, 410-278-0944, or e-mail [marjorie.sexton1@us.army.mil](mailto:marjorie.sexton1@us.army.mil).

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Quimby,

I wish to commend the Editor and staff of the APG News for their outstanding work dedicated to the coverage of veterans'-related events this past November and early December.

The photojournalism talents of Ms. Yvonne Johnson and her ability to "tell the story," coupled with the graphics expertise and prowess of Mr. Blake Voshell, provided truly dynamic features. Of particular note was the December 2 issue centerfold that focused on the many veterans' service organizations and their activities that continue to support the various communities in Harford County. Indeed - a job well done!

Too many times in our history the plight of our veterans has been ignored or set aside. Thanks to you, and other good people who ply in the journalism trade, that time is over. The voice of America's veterans is loud and clear, and with your continuing help, it will always be a voice to be reckoned with! The men and women who have served in the Armed Services of the United States, and those that are still serving, sincerely appreciate your collective efforts.

Again, my heartiest congratulations - keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

John F. Kutcher, Sr.

Colonel, U.S. Army Retired  
Secretary, Maryland Commandery,  
Military Order of Foreign Wars



### 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

Army Health Watch, 2 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
Air Force TV News, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
Studio Five, 9 a.m., 3:30 and 9 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.  
Air Force TV News, 10:30 a.m.  
Studio Five, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 12:30 and 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.  
Studio Five, 9 a.m., 3 and 9 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 9:30 a.m., 4 p.m.  
Your Corps, 5 p.m.

#### Thursday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 p.m.  
Studio Five, 7 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.  
Air Force TV News, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.  
Navy/Marine Corps News, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

#### Friday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.  
Studio Five, 7 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Army Newswatch, 3 p.m.  
Army Football, 4 p.m.

#### Saturday

Army Football, 4 a.m.  
Around the Services, 5:30 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Air Force TV News, 3 p.m.  
Your Corps, 1:30 p.m.  
Studio Five, 8 p.m.

#### Sunday

Army Newswatch, 5:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
Navy/Marine Corps News, 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
Your Corps, 11 a.m.  
Air Force TV News, noon  
Army Healthwatch, 2 p.m.

Air Force TV News - Bi-weekly TV magazine on the men and women of the Air Force.

Army Health Watch - Health issues concerning military personnel.

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

Studio Five - A conversation with the military: Weekly interviews of Defense Department about today's top issues

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

# Community Notes

**FRIDAY  
JANUARY 21  
MCSC BASKET  
BINGO**

The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club is sponsoring a Basket Bingo at the Gunpowder Club in the Edgewood Area. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door for 20 games.

There will be door prizes and drawings for larger baskets. Food will also be available for purchase.

For more information, call Kristen Dubay, 410-679-1285 or Lisa Panozzo, 410-273-9527.

**SUNDAY  
JANUARY 23  
BASKET BINGO**

American Legion Post 194, 336 E. Main St., Rising Sun, is sponsoring a basket bingo.

Games start at 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 for 20 games.

For more information, call 410-658-3915, or e-mail basketbingo@zoominternet.net.

Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 28.

**MONDAY  
JANUARY 24  
WOMEN'S BIBLE  
STUDY**

Grace Assembly of God offers the winter session of Bible Studies 10 a.m., every Monday. "The Book of James" by Max Lucado will be the topic.

For more information, call Jan Bowersox at 410-879-5340.

**TUESDAY  
JANUARY 25  
WOMEN'S BIBLE  
STUDY**

Grace Assembly of God offers the winter session of Bible Studies 10 a.m., every Tuesday. "A Heart Like His"

by Beth Moore will be the topic.

For more information, call Jan Bowersox at 410-879-5340.

**THURSDAY  
JANUARY 26  
WOMEN'S BIBLE  
STUDY**

Grace Assembly of God offers the winter session of Bible Studies 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., every Thursday.

The 10 a.m. session topic is "Beloved Disciple" and the 7 p.m. session topic is "Believing God," both by Beth Moore.

For more information, call Jan Bowersox at 410-879-5340.

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 29  
SOUL FOOD DINNER**

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street are offering a Soul Food Dinner, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$7 for a chicken dinner and \$10 for chitterling dinner. Side dishes will be potato salad and either collard greens or green beans.

The program will benefit the church's Annual Woman's Day program scheduled for March 13.

For more information or to place orders, call 410-939-2267.

**WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 2  
MEETING OF DAV  
CHAPTER 30**

Bel Air Chapter 30, Disabled American Veterans will meet at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 39, 500 Conowingo Road, Bel Air.

For more information, call Wanda Story, 410-272-5040. For information on how to join, call George Mitchell at 410-879-0861.

**TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 8  
PANCAKE SUPPER**

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, are

hosting a Pancake Supper, 5 to 7 p.m. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, grits, sausage, bacon, cream beef, biscuits, fried potatoes, orange juice, coffee and tea.

The cost is \$7. The program will benefit the church's Annual Woman's Day program scheduled for March 13.

For more information, call 410-939-2267.

**THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 10  
MEETING OF CHESA-  
PEAKE BEACON,  
WACVA CHAPTER  
114**

Women's Army Corps Veteran's Association, Chesapeake Beacon Chapter 114 will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. at Perry Point VA Hospital, Outpatient Clinic, Perry Point.

A membership drive is ongoing.

For more information, call Wanda Story at 410-272-5040 or e-mail OkieGirlMD@aol.com, or visit Web site www.wacva.com.

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 12  
RED HAT TEA PARTY**

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, are hosting a "Red Hat" tea party, 2 to 4 p.m. All women are encouraged to wear red hats.

The cost of the tea party is \$5. The program will benefit the church's Annual Woman's Day program scheduled for March 13.

For more information, call 410-939-2267.

**TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 15  
BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH SPECIALTY  
MEAL**

The Black History Month Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.50 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests.

The discount meal rate of \$3 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Black History Month Specialty meal menu includes okra and shrimp gumbo, barbecued spareribs, fried chicken, southern fried catfish, curried chicken, meatloaf, ham hocks/barbecued pigs feet, steamed rice, baked macaroni and cheese, red beans and rice, collard greens, black eyed peas, green beans, corn bread, assorted salad bar and more.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

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

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 6  
WOMEN'S HISTORY  
MONTH LUNCHEON**

The 21st Annual Women's History Month Luncheon, sponsored by Harford County government, will be

held 12:15 to 2:30 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom on Van Bibber Road, Edgewood. This year's luncheon theme is "Plant a Seed. . .Grow a Future."

Guest speakers are Connie Beims and Christine Tolbert, authors of Journey Through Berkley, Maryland: A Tapestry of Black and White Lives Woven Together Over 200 Years at a Rural Crossroads. Beims is a member of the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame, while Tolbert is an Educator's Hall of Fame inductee.

Tickets cost \$25 per person and must be purchased no later than Feb. 22.

A Silent Auction will be held. Proceeds will provide scholarships for worthy female students pursuing post-secondary education.

Application forms are available on line at [www.co.ha.md.us](http://www.co.ha.md.us), in the Office of Community Services, First Floor, at the Harford County Government Administration

Building, 220 South Main St., Bel Air, or call the office at 410-638-3389.

Completed forms must be postmarked by April 1.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Tina McCarthy Potts at 410-638-3389.

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 13  
WOMEN'S DAY CELE-  
BRATION**

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, are celebrating their 97th Annual Woman's Day.

Rev. Laverne Steele, Grace A.M.E., Catonsville, will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service.

A musical program is planned for the 4 p.m. service. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

## MOVIES

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

---

<p><b>CLOSER</b></p> <p>Friday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Jan. 22, 9 p.m.</p> <p>Starring: Natalie Portman, Jude Law</p> <p>An intriguing story of passion, drama, love and abandonment between two couples, which only gets more complicated when the man from the first couple gets acquainted with the woman from the second coupling. (Rated R)</p>	<p><b>FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX (FREE ADMISSION)</b></p> <p>Saturday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.</p> <p>A group of air crash survivors are stranded in the Mongolian desert with no chance of rescue. Facing a brutal environment, dwindling resources, and an attack by desert smugglers, they realize their only hope is doing the impossible. . .building a new plane from the wreckage of the old one. (Rated PG-13)</p>
--	---



# Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## Activities

### Operating hours

The MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the first and third Friday of every month.

If that is a training holiday, the office will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Thursday prior.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail [mwr\\_registration@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Engraving machine at Arts and Crafts

The Arts and Crafts facility has a new engraving machine.

The New Hermes Gravograph, with its state-of-the-art font and ornamental capabilities gives customers a wider selection of graphics for special occasion plaques.

Used mainly for plaques and trophies, one new capability includes the option to space letters randomly instead of using straight lines.

A large plaque selection includes a selection of accessories and eight to 10 different metal colors.

The standard fees for engraving include 10 cents per letter and 15 cents per square inch of metal. Plaques range from \$4 to \$40 and accessories, such as organizational crests, are additional.

Anyone who has taken the Framing Class can use the area for \$5 a day.

For more information, call 410-278-4207.

### Sit Down and Laugh Comedy Show

Ricky Shackelford Productions presents comedians Dee-Shaw, Jimmy, Will-E, Justin Schiegel and Ricky Shackelford in a comedy show to be held Feb. 5 at the APG Post Theater.

Tickets cost \$10 for upper level advance, \$15 for lower level advance and \$20 at the door.

Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show starts at 9 p.m. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) or MWR Registration, 410-278-

4907/4011.

### Reserve a picnic area today

Installation units and activities have until Jan. 31 to make their reservations for use of the Maryland Boulevard Picnic area. On Feb. 1 the picnic area will be open for public organizations and individual reservations.

The Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area is located adjacent to Route 755 gate entrance on Maryland Boulevard.

This area is operated on a reservation basis for major organizational picnics for weekends and holidays.

Off-post groups and weekend groups pay a \$250 user's fee. Fees must be paid within two weeks from the time the request is received at Outdoor Recreation.

The park has two 50-by-90 pavilions, several picnic tables, a large cooking pit, several individual barbeque grills, a softball field, a basketball court, three sand volleyball courts, four playground areas, four horseshoe pits, bathrooms, games, a dunking booth, a public address system and free ice (from our machine located at the park.)

For reservations, contact Mary Brousseau, 410-278-5789, e-mail her at [mary.brousseau@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:mary.brousseau@usag.apg.army.mil), or fax 410-278-4160, or come to Outdoor Recreation, building 2407, Aberdeen Area.

### Paint your own

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

The ceramic studio is open to all APG civilians, active duty military, contractors and reservists and their dependents. No previous artist skills are required.

There is a wide assortment of gift items to choose from.

Hours of operation are 1 to 9 p.m., Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday in building E-4440, next to the Military Police Station.

For more information, call 410-436-2153.

### Disney on Ice!

Join Mickey and Minnie as

they travel the globe visiting magical lands on ice. Join Lil and Stich as they embrace "Ohna, the family spirit of Hawaii; fly away to Never Land with Peter Pan and Tinkerbell, escape with Ariel and Sebastian under the sea; and make tracks to London with 101 Dalmatians, all without leaving your seat. Pre-order tickets before they go on sale to the general public.

This event is held at the 1st Mariner Arena in Baltimore Feb. 9 for \$13 and Feb. 10 to 13 for \$16.25. Show times vary daily.

Last day to purchase tickets is Feb. 3.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center at 410-278-4907/4011 or e-mail [mwr\\_registration@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Haircut tips for women

This class teaches how to cut, trim, and shape hair. Classes will be held 1 to 3 p.m., Jan. 22 and 29 at the Stark Recreation Center. Cost is \$20. Register by Jan. 19.

### Biking for beginners

This class is for the beginning bicyclist wanting to learn skills required for recreational biking. Bike maintenance will also be covered as it relates to keeping equipment in safe operating condition. Learn about local opportunities for biking clubs, trips and races.

Classes will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 1 and 8 at the Stark Recreation Center. Cost is \$15. Register by Jan. 27.

### Basketball Triathlon Challenge

This event will be held at Hoyle Gym 2 to 6 p.m., Jan. 29, and at the APG Athletic Center 2 to 6 p.m., Feb. 26.

The events include Basketball Three Point Perimeter Shooting, Basketball Free Throw and Horse.

There will be cash prizes awarded. Cost is \$10. Register

by Jan. 25 for the EA Challenge, and Feb. 23 for the AA Challenge.

### Bowling specials

On Jan. 20 from 1 to 6 p.m. bowl for just 75 cents a game.

Jan. 28 is the Cosmic Bowling Special, 9 p.m. to closing. All games are \$1.50 and shoes are 75 cents.

For more information, call 410-278-4041 or e-mail [dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Basic plumbing

This course will teach participants how to make plumbing repairs in their home or business including how to repair pipes and stop leaks, what steps to take in emergency situations, and when to look for warning or danger signs and why. The proper way to care for and maintain existing fixtures and other plumbing apparatus will also be covered.

Classes will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 2 and 9, and 6 to 7 p.m., Feb. 16 and 23, in Auto Crafts. Cost is \$25. Register by Jan. 28.

### Volleyball "Inside the Lines"

This class will help teach the basic hitting techniques and how to employ defensive and offensive strategies of ball control such as serving, returning, blocking, setting, and spiking. Better practice techniques will also be covered. Classes will be held Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m., Feb. 3 through 24, at Russell Gym. Cost is \$20. Register by Jan. 28.

### Handwriting Analysis Seminar

Learn about handwriting analysis from an expert in the field. This presentation will demonstrate how to determine the identity of the writer or author of handwritten materials. The methods and techniques of breaking down the elements used in individual character analysis will be cov-

ered in detail. Class will be held 7:30 to 9 p.m., Feb. 8, at the AA Recreation Center. Cost is \$15. Register by Feb. 3.

### Mardi Gras Ball

Everyone is invited to dance the night away and enjoy a delicious dinner featuring New Orleans cuisine, 7 p.m. to midnight, Feb. 26, at Top of the Bay. Dress up and wear a favorite mask, or one will be provided. Enjoy live music performed by the band "Fifth Avenue." Cost is \$45 per person.

For more information or tickets, contact Angela Keithley, 410-278-4603 or e-mail [angela.keithley@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:angela.keithley@usag.apg.army.mil).

[apg.army.mil](http://apg.army.mil).

### Party like the 70's

Join MWR for an evening of 70's music, dancing and fond memories of a not-so-forgotten time, 8 p.m. to midnight, Jan. 28 at Top of the Bay.

Light fare included, along with a cash bar. Attendees must be at least 18 years of age to attend and 21 years of age to consume alcohol. Proper identification is required.

Tickets cost \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door.

For more information or tickets, contact Angela Keithley at 410-278-4603 or e-mail [angela.keithley@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:angela.keithley@usag.apg.army.mil).

## SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

### Parent nights at local schools

Harford County Public Schools Parent Information Nights are being held as follows. For starting times, call a number listed below.

#### Aberdeen Middle School

Cafeteria  
Jan. 25  
Brice Irwin, 410-273-5510

#### Bel Air Middle School

Media Center  
Jan. 26  
Sean Abel, 410-638-4140

#### Edgewood Middle School

Cafeteria  
Feb. 2  
Chris Anderson, 410-612-1518

#### Fallston Middle School

Media Center  
Feb. 3  
Ron Wingate, 410-638-4129

#### Havre de Grace Middle School

Media Center  
Feb. 9  
Natalie Holloway, 410-939-6608

#### Magnolia Middle School

Multi-purpose Room  
Feb. 22  
Betty Mull, 410-638-3658

#### Southampton Middle School

Cafeteria  
March 2  
Barbara Sauer, 410-638-4150

### Driver's Education classes scheduled

Youth Services will present winter and spring State-certified Driver's Education classes at Child and Youth Services, building 2752, room 210. Classes are 30 hours of instruction each and will begin on Wednesday and end on Tuesday of the second week. There will be no classes on holidays. Parents and students must attend the first hour of class together (Feb. 2, Feb. 16, etc.) to review rules and procedures.

The following classes are scheduled:

Feb. 2 through Feb. 15, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Feb. 16 through March 1, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

March 2 through March 15, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

March 16 through March 29, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

March 30 through April 12, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

April 13 through April 26, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

April 27 through May 10, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

May 11 through May 24, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

The cost is \$295 plus \$18 registration/membership fee for teens or family members 15 years of age or older, of military, retired, DoD (and DA) personnel and contractors who work at APG per student. Adults may also register on a case-by-case basis.

Registration will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the

Outreach Services-Central Registration Office, room 110, building 2752. A minimum class size of three students is required, 21 students maximum.

To make an appointment to register and pay the fee, call Christina Keithley at 410-278-7571 or Pat Palazzi at 410-278-7479.

For more information about the Teen Driver Education program, call Greg Williams, Rules Driving School, Inc., at 410-939-7008 or 937-2184, or Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

### Learn to play chess

Youth Services offers free chess classes for APG students 3rd grade and up at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522, and Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902.

Aberdeen Area classes will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center 3:45 to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, for students 6th grade and up and for 3rd through 5th graders. Edgewood Area classes will be held at the Edgewood Youth Center 4:30 to 5:15 p.m., Wednesdays for students 3rd grade and up.

Instructional booklets and chess sets are available to all participating students. Round robin tournaments will also be conducted. Sign-up with Charles Heinsohn at the times stated above, or call him at 410-278-3868

### Scottish Highland Dance classes begin soon

Youth Services will offer Scottish Highland dance classes for students ages five and up. Children of military and civilian employees at APG and sponsored students are eligible to register.

Scottish Highland dance classes cost \$55 per student per class (one hour instruction once per week for 14 weeks). An \$18 registration/membership fee is required for all students six years of age and up. Adults may sign up and pay fee to take the class with their son/daughter. A minimum number of eight students are needed to hold a class. Classes will be held 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., every Saturday beginning Feb. 5, at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522, Ballet Room. Beth Knight will be the instructor.

Registration will be held through Feb. 5.

A parent orientation session will be held on Feb. 5 at the first class meeting.

For an appointment to register, call Christina Keithley at 410-278-7571 or Pat Palazzi, 410-278-7479 at the CYS Outreach Services-Central Registration Office, Room 110, building 2752, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

## MWR Fitness Classes

### Monday thru Thursday

*Thru March 31*  
AA Health & Fitness Center (building 320; 410-278-9725)  
Hoyle Gym & Fitness Center (building E-4210; 410-436-7134)  
\$48 per quarter

### AA classes

*Monday and Wednesday*  
Step: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.  
*Tuesday and Thursday*  
Power Sculpt: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Kickboxing: 5 to 6 p.m.

### EA classes

*Monday and Wednesday*  
Power Step: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
*Tuesday and Thursday*  
Power Sculpt: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Yoga: 5 to 6 p.m.

## 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 DVD collection available at the APG MWR Libraries includes many television programs:

#### American Family, Season 1

#### Columbo, Season 1

#### CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, Seasons 1-3

#### M\*A\*S\*H, Seasons 1-5

#### The Mary Tyler Moore Show, Season 1

#### Quantum Leap, Season 1

#### Sex and the City, Seasons 1-6

#### Tour of Duty, Season 1

#### The Waltons, Season 1

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.

## Bowling Scores

### Tuesday Lunch League

Week of January 8, 2005  
Final Standing's

#### Men's High Game Handicap

Johnny Jones, 257  
Mike Busse, 240

#### Men's High Series Handicap

Mike Busse, 459  
Johnny Jones, 437

#### Women High Game Handicap

Ronda Taylor, 259  
Leeann Brainard, 236

#### Women High Series Handicap

Ronda Taylor, 442  
Sandy Bowers, 427

### Wednesday Mixed League

#### Men's High Game Handicap

Eddie Rodriguez, 242  
Tom Curtis, 237

#### Men's High Series Handicap

Daryl Cheatham, 674  
Eddie Rodriguez, 636

#### Women's High Game Handicap

Marion Nelson, 242  
Cathy Shimek, 214

#### Women's High Series Handicap

Marion Nelson, 67  
Nikki Washington, 594

### Thursday National Guard

#### Men's High Game

#### Handicap

Alberto Jimenez, 243  
Gibby Gibbons, 238

#### Men's High Series Handicap

Gibby Gibbons, 688  
3D Donnelly, 660

#### Women's High Game Handicap

Kat Travers, 251  
Luz Montanez, 249

#### Women's High Series Handicap

Kat Travers, 702  
Linda Martin, 660

### Friday Fun Bunch

#### Men's High Game Handicap

Virgil Mills, 250  
John Lewis, 227

#### Men's High Series Handicap

John Lewis, 641  
Virgil Mills, 625

#### Women's High Game Handicap

Tasha Taylor/Georgia Myers, 246  
Luz Montanez, 231

#### Women's High Series Handicap

Tasha Taylor, 671  
Georgia Myers, 660

### Saturday Youth - Rising Stars

#### Boy's High Game Handicap

David Sexton, 243  
Kevin Carter, 239

See the APG Web site for more bowling results. [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil).

# MRICD's Maturey receives NCO honor

**Cindy Kronman**  
MRICD

Recently, Staff Sgt. Christopher L. Maturey, the noncommissioned officer (NCO) in charge of the Comparative Medicine Division, US Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, received a special honor, one that surpasses many others earned by an NCO in the Army: Maturey was inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

Like the famous World War II soldier for which the club is named, members epitomize the qualities professionalism, excellence, and, most especially, leadership.

A SAMC NCO is the type of individual who truly cares about the welfare of his soldiers and their families and who understands how to motivate and train his soldiers, and how to get the mission done.

The first club was established in the mid-1980s in Fort Hood, Texas, within the III Corps and expanded to other III Corps installations in the early 1990s. By the mid-1990s the program had spread Army-wide.

The club's motto, a Murphy quote, is "You lead from the front," and the club's crest, featuring a bald eagle, an olive-branch wreath, a saber, a lighting bolt, Army staff sergeant stripes, and a powder-blue banner for the infantry, displays the words loyalty, caring, discipline, and professionalism.

Though the ceremony was held at MRICD, Maturey was

inducted into the SAMC established at Fort Detrick, Md. As is customary, he received a 2-inch round, silver-colored medallion, which is suspended by a broad powder-blue ribbon so that the medal can be worn around the neck on the outside of the Class A or Dress Blue uniform for official functions or Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meetings.

Two other SAMC members officiated at Maturey's ceremony: Command Sgt. Major Domingo Costa of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, and Sgt. Major Benjamin H.S. Scott, Jr., 6th Medical Logistics Management Center, both at Fort Detrick. Also, in attendance was Maturey's wife of 13 years, Roni, who was honored with a bouquet of flowers.

Along the lines of the procedures established by many of the SAMCs, Maturey was first nominated for membership by the commander of MRICD, Col. Gennady E. Platoff. He then went before two boards: a screening board and a final board, the latter made up of command sergeant majors who are themselves SAMC members.

"It was not like any other board, I've ever gone before," explained Maturey. "It was much more freestyle. You were asked situational questions that covered a broad range of things in the military that an NCO should know. You had to think quickly and remember how you had answered previous questions."

## Kuwait-based Soldiers help with tsunami relief

**By Spc. Curt Cashour**  
Army News Service

Hundreds of U.S. troops and civilians deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom have been doing their part to aid Tsunami victims in Southeast Asia.

Kuwait was physically unaffected by the disaster, but troops there are donating their extra time, effort and resources to help their Asian neighbors.

At Camp Buehring, more than 400 troops, many of whom were on their way to Iraq, participated in the Camp Buehring 5K Relief Run/Walk Jan. 8. The event allowed participants to show their support for tsunami victims by running or walking a five-kilometer course and making donations to the American Red Cross tsunami relief fund, said 2nd Lt. Michelle Dittloff, one of the event's organizers and a member of the 448th Engineer Battalion, a Reserve unit from Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.

The mood of the run was more carefree than competitive. Several folks were still signing up minutes after the 3 p.m. start time. Sgt. Anessa Cunningham lagged behind a few minutes, long enough to boast that her unit, the 319th Signal Battalion, a Reserve unit based in Sacramento, Calif., contributed exactly \$617. Dittloff said the event wasn't about who won or lost, but helping others.

"You can run, walk, stroll, skip - we just wanted as much

participation as possible," she said.

The event raised more than \$5,000, and all junior-enlisted participants received certificates of achievement worth five promotion points, said 2nd Lt. Terri Twombly, another event organizer and a member of the 317th Quartermaster Battalion, a Reserve unit headquartered in Lawrence, Kan.

The same day as the Buehring run, Col. John Olshefski put a \$2,731 check for tsunami relief efforts in the mail at Camp Arifjan. The check was the result of a four-day collection effort Olshefski started after getting the idea from one of his Soldiers, Capt. Jeff Shearin. Shearin relayed to Olshefski that, although troops in Kuwait are separated from their families, they don't have it nearly as bad as the tsunami victims, Olshefski said.

Olshefski, deputy of the Coalition Forces Land Component Command logistics section, mentioned the collection effort in a staff meeting, and the 100-or-so Soldiers under him did the rest, he said. The supply section's 30-man logistics automations group even donated \$1,500 on its own.

Sgt. Maj. Bobby Walden, of the CFLCC logistics section and a member of the 377th Theater Support Command, knows what it feels like to be on both ends of a relief operation. She donated funds for this effort and was on the receiving end of a gift cam-

The interview before the final board took about an hour, and a decision was made after about 25 minutes of deliberation by the board members, all of whom had to agree on whether the nominee should be admitted into the club.

At MRICD Maturey is also an instructor in the institute's Field Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties Course, the unit's equal opportunity representative, and the unit prevention leader. He will now have additional duties as a SAMC member.

The Army's regulation on the club recommends that club members be invited as guest speakers at command information classes and seminars, attend selected command briefings, participate in various adhoc committees within a unit, and greet VIPs visiting local commands.

It is also recommended that they, among other things, be interviewed as possible officer candidate school or warrant officer candidates, that they be given leadership positions that will develop their skills, and that they be assigned to instructor positions to teach NCO development program classes.

Involvement in community activities is also encouraged.

Maturey already volunteers as a coach for the Edgewood/Joppatowne Recreation program as well as with the Edgewood Boy Scout pack.

## 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

Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)  
Dianna Blevins  
Sarah Blevins  
Jeanie Bowman  
Iris Campbell (chemotherapy)  
Steven Clarke  
Barbara Crossley  
Cathryn Cruz (cancer)  
Ruth Cunningham  
Victoria Cwiertnie (lyme disease)  
Carl Davis  
Shelia Davison (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo)  
Geraldine Eaton  
David Fletcher  
Renee Gaffney  
Charles Gambrill  
Cynthia Hairston (Surgery)  
Beatrice Heilpern  
Cynthia Henry (bronchitis with complications)  
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyal-

gia condition)  
Richard Hoffman  
Janice Johnson (diabetic neuropathy)  
Beverly King (caring for husband)  
Danny Kopp (lung-cancer)  
Joyce Mauldin  
William B. McLean (kidney failure)  
Edward Myers  
Tess Ramos (total hip replacement)  
Cheryl L. Roark  
Leigh Sanders  
Barbara Seker  
Sheilah Silberberg  
Joyce Steininger  
Alison Tichenor  
Linda Tignor  
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)  
Gary Tudor - (heart valve replacement)

## Pay

*From front page*

entitlement changes, "will be as simple as making a single change on the record," she added. Pay specialists no longer will have to re-enter basic information on tax exemptions, marital status, numbers of dependents, allotments or what financial institutions should receive direct deposits of members' pay.

"There will be no redundant data entries like we have today," Schallenberg said.

Also to disappear will be confusing entries on Leave and Earnings Statement, such as the "Save Pay" field where any number of unnamed entitlements might now be listed. Instead, service members will see a full and clear list of entitlements and the amounts paid, allowing them to better understand and manage their paychecks.

The revised LES "will be very specific...so they won't feel like they have to go to another source to translate," Schallenberg said.

With FCP, pay specialists will work in a friendly Windows-based application versus rigid "green screens" used with DJMS.

DJMS software is so old and inflexible that when states change their tax rates, DJMS has to be reprogrammed which can take 12 to 18 months. That's why a surprisingly high proportion of service members every year receive corrected W-2s,

or Wage and Earning Statements, from DFAS. During the first half of 2004, for example, 2.7 percent of service members received corrected W-2s for their 2003 tax years, so thousands of early tax filers had to file corrected tax returns.

FCP, by contrast, will use existing commercial tax packages that contractors are obligated to keep up-to-date with the latest state tax laws to allow timely recalculations of member tax liabilities.

Another benefit to FCP will be around-the-clock pay record updates versus nightly batch updates under DJMS.

"This essentially means records are in a 'pay ready' status at all times," Schallenberg said, whether updated by pay specialists or by members using the Web-based MyPay tool to change addresses, allotments or other pay features. With FCP, reservists activated longer than 30 days will be able to use MyPay to make payroll allotments.

FCP will restore member confidence in their pay system, particularly among those aware of pay problems suffered by mobilized reservists, Hanneken said. It will eliminate system challenges that led to operational problems, she added, and ultimately benefit all service members.

## Maryland Historical Society Partners with Harford County Public Library to Provide Children's Programming in February

The Maryland Historical Society has partnered with Harford County Public Library to provide children's programming at four branches in February - Aberdeen, Bel Air, Edgewood, and Havre de Grace.

In celebration of Black History Month, MdHS staff will read *Can a Coal Scuttle Fly?*, a children's book written and illustrated by Tom Miller and Camay Calloway Murphy and published by the MdHS Press in 1996. The book tells the story of Tom Miller's life as a boy in Baltimore when he discovered his talent for seeing art and stories in recycled materials of everyday life. Attendees will then have the opportunity to make their own piece of "found art" out of recycled materials.

Tom Miller (1945-2000) was born and raised in Baltimore and attended Carver Technical and Vocational School and received a scholarship to the Maryland Institute College of Art. He is widely known for his painted furniture in the bold, colorful, and wildly inventive style he called "Afro Deco," sculptures, prints and paintings; several pieces can be found on display at the Maryland Historical Society.

## Scholarships for Military Children program enters fifth year

**Application deadline is Feb. 16**  
**Bonnie Powell**  
DECA

The fifth year of Scholarships for Military Children is now underway. Administered by Fisher House Foundation and funded by the manufacturers and industry supporting commissaries, the program has awarded over \$3 million through nearly 2,000 scholarships to the sons and daughters of active duty service members, Guard and Reserve members, and military retirees.

"The Scholarships for Military Children program has become a major community event for commissaries since its inception five years ago," said Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer for the Defense Commissary Agency. "The program awarded 500 scholarships in 2004

and ceremonies were held in commissaries worldwide in honor of these outstanding students. The industry members who support this program should be proud - and we hope the fifth anniversary year will be the best yet."

Applications for the 2005 program are available at commissaries or online at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org). A link to the program will be on [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com), the DeCA Web site. Eligibility and other information are also available at the Web site.

Applications, which must include an essay on how the heightened awareness of terrorism has impacted the student's life, are due at commissaries Feb. 16.

At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The scholarship program is open to

The MdHS is proud to continue to pursue its mission of celebrating Maryland's history statewide with this new and exciting partnership.

For more information about programming at Harford County Public Libraries, visit their web site at <http://64.26.82.10/> or call your local branch.

The Maryland Historical Society (MdHS), founded in 1844, is the state's oldest cultural institution. Located at 201 W. Monument Street in the Mount Vernon Cultural District, the MdHS collects, preserves, and interprets objects and materials reflecting Maryland's diverse heritage through a museum, library, press, and extensive educational programs. Today, the MdHS preserves and exhibits more than seven million artifacts and documents including the original manuscript of Francis Scott Key's "The Star-Spangled Banner" as well as one of the most extensive collections of Americana in the world.

*(Editor's Note: Information from Md. Historical Society press release.)*

unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military.

Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, DEERS, database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2005, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

The scholarship program can also accept public donations at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org).

ages Soldiers received as Christmas gifts from their families, he said.

Collection efforts headed by the Kuwait chapter of the Masonic Family, a worldwide community assistance and relief organization, kicked off Jan. 15, said Masonic member Herbert Frink. Frink, a civilian contractor for the military, said the Kuwait chapter's membership includes native Kuwaitis and a number of civilian military-support workers.

Frink and other Masons set up collection points for food, clothing and children's items at Camps Arifjan and Doha. After a week's worth of collecting, the group will turn the items over to the Sri Lankan, Indonesian and Indian embassies in Kuwait, he said.

With the help of Lt. Col. Scott Fletcher of Army Materiel Command, it took Frink and fellow Mason Calvin Corley Jr. about two weeks to get permission to set up collection points on the camps and ensure the family's efforts would not violate any Army regulations, according to Frink and Corley. Now that he knows the proper procedures, Frink said he hopes to mount a future collection effort to aid foreign national workers, some of whom had family members affected by the tsunami, at Kuwait's U.S. military camps.

"I don't want to shine, I just want to help people," Frink said.

# Sports

## 2005 Intramural basketball results

The following results were received for intramural basketball for the week ending Jan. 14. For more information, contact the APG Sports Office at 410-278-3929.

### American Division Results

**Jan. 10**  
NCOA, 71; 203rd MI, 44  
DLES, 56; HHC 16th, 41  
KUSAHC, 55; HHC 61st, 54

**Jan. 12**  
DLES, 49; 203rd MI, 35  
HHC 16th, 68; KUSAHC, 63  
HHC 61st, 46; NCOA, 42

Schedule

**Jan. 24**

6:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. DLES  
7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHC 16th  
8:30 p.m., 203rd MI vs. HHC 61st  
Jan. 26  
6:30 p.m., DLES vs. NCOA  
7:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. HHC 16th  
8:30 p.m., 203rd MI vs. KUSAHC

### Standings

DLES 3-0  
HHC 16th 2-1  
KUSAHC 2-1  
NCOA 2-1  
HHC 61st 1-2  
203rd MI 0-3

### Edgewood Division Results

**Jan. 10**

HHC 143rd, 65; Company B 143rd, 40  
Company A 143rd, 34; 22nd Chem., 25  
Nat. Guard, 52; MRICD, 29

**Jan. 12**  
HHC 143rd, 49; 22nd Chem., 40  
MRICD, 42; Company B 143rd, 37  
Nat. Guard, 87; CHPPM, 23

### Schedule

**Jan. 24**  
6:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. HHC 143rd  
7:30 p.m., Nat. Guard vs. Company A 143rd  
8:30 p.m., MRICD vs. CHPPM

**Jan. 26**  
6:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. Company B 143rd

7:30 p.m., MRICD vs. Company B 143rd  
8:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. CHPPM

### Standings

HHC 143rd 3-0  
Company C 143rd 2-0  
MRICD 1-2  
Company A 143rd 1-2  
CHPPM 0-2

### National Division Results

**Jan. 11**  
Company E 16th, 37; USMC, 25  
Company A 16th, 42; USAF, 33  
Company C 16th, 39; Company B 16th, 30

**Schedule**

**Jan. 25**  
6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company E 16th  
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. USAF  
8:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. Company A 16th

**Jan. 27**  
6:30 p.m., Company C 16th vs. Company B 16th  
7:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. USMC

8:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. USAF

### Standings

Company E 16th 2-0  
Company A 16th 1-1  
Company B 16th 1-1  
Company C 16th 1-1  
USMC 1-1  
USAF 0-2

## CPSC, Rio Brands announce recall of folding lawn chairs sold at Wal-Mart

CPSC

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in cooperation with Rio Brands of Philadelphia, announced the recall of the Mainstays Garden Folding Lawn Chair Oct. 26.

The chair arms can break, posing a fall hazard to consumers.

Wal-Mart has received 26 incident reports involving broken plastic arms. In 17 of these incidents, consumers have reported injuries such as a fractured wrist, torn ligament, minor back injuries, bruises and abrasions.

The recalled folding lawn chairs have green plastic arms with green steel folding frames or blue plastic arms with blue folding steel frames.



They are constructed of matching vinyl webbing. The chairs measure 31-inches high and 22.5-inches wide. The left hand arm of the chairs has the word "RIO" on it. Only the chairs with green or blue plastic arms are included in this recall.

The chairs were sold exclusively at Wal-Mart stores nationwide from January 2004 through March 2004 for about \$8.

Consumers should immediately stop using the product and return the chairs to Wal-Mart for a refund.

For additional information, call Rio Brands customer service at 800-866-8520 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit their Web site at [www.riobrand.com](http://www.riobrand.com) or Wal-Mart's Web site at [www.walmartstores.com](http://www.walmartstores.com). To see a photo of the chair, visit <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel-prhtml05/05027.html>.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at 800-638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at 800-638-8270, or visit CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov/talk.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html).

## Beware of a "phishing" scam

DOIM

Internet scammers now have a new way to lure unsuspecting victims into divulging personal financial information. It's called "phishing."

Phishing is a high-tech scam that uses spam or pop-up messages to deceive a computer user into disclosing credit card numbers, bank account information, Social Security number, passwords, or other sensitive personal information.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, phishers send an e-mail or pop-up message that claims to be from a business or organization that the e-mail user deals with - for example, the Internet service provider, bank, online payment service, or even a government agency.

The message usually says that the user needs to "update" or "validate" their account information. It might threaten some dire consequence if you don't respond. The message directs you to a Web site that looks just like a legitimate organization's site, but it isn't. The purpose of the bogus site is to trick the e-mail user into divulging personal information so the operators can steal their identity and run up bills or commit crimes in the user's name.

The FTC, the nation's consumer protection agency, suggests these tips to help avoid getting hooked by a phishing scam:

• Do not reply or click on the link in an e-mail or pop-up message that asks for personal or financial information. Legitimate companies don't ask for this information via e-mail. If concerned about a personal account, contact the organization in the e-mail using a telephone number known to be genuine, or open a new Internet browser session and type in the company's correct Web address. In any case, don't cut and paste the link in the message.

• Don't e-mail personal or financial information. E-mail is not a secure method of transmitting personal information. If initiating a transaction to provide personal or financial information through an organization's Web site, look for indicators that the site is secure, like a lock icon on the browser's status bar or a URL for a Web site that begins "https:" (the "s" stands for "secure"). Unfortunately, no indicator is foolproof; some phishers have forged security icons.

• Review credit card and bank account statements as soon as they are received to determine whether there are any unauthorized charges. If the statement is late by more than a couple of days, call the credit card company or bank to confirm billing

address and account balances.

• Be careful about opening any attachments or downloading any files from e-mails received, regardless of who sent them.

Some phishing e-mails contain software that can harm a computer or track user's activities on the Internet without their knowledge. Anti-virus software and a firewall can protect user's from inadvertently accepting such unwanted files.

Anti-virus software scans incoming communications for troublesome files. The Directorate of Information Management remotely updates users of the Aberdeen Proving Ground computer network with the latest anti-virus definitions. The procedure is accomplished during non-duty hours. That is why it is vital important to leave computers turned on when leaving work for the day.

Finally, report suspicious activity to the DOIM Help Desk or your Information Assurance Security Officer. If you believe your identity has been stolen, visit the FTC's Identity theft Web site at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft) to learn how to minimize your risk of damage.

Information for this article was gathered from the FTC Web site at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

## King

From front page

with a brief historical background of King.

"Dr. King was born on January 15, 1929...in Atlanta, Georgia," said Rush. "He attended Morehouse College in September 1944...where he found his calling to deal with the social-ills of this country."

King earned a Bachelor's degree in Divinity at Crozer College where he studied Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent methods of dealing with social-ills, Rush said.

"On August 28, 1963, Dr. King gave his landmark 'I have a dream' speech to over 250,000 people [in Washington D.C.] and changed the foundational views of how a people thought about themselves, their environment and their country," Rush said.

Then, Rush applied King's teachings and views to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"Against everything that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in, on Sept. 11, 2001, nineteen terrorists tried to change the face of our nation by using airplanes to attack our economical, military and political systems," Rush said.

"There were three American Airline planes and one United Airline plane," Rush said. "If Dr. King were alive today, I just wonder what he would say. What would his thoughts be...about this great attack on our nation?"

"[King would have said] this is a travesty against our great nation but thank you. We've struggled with the loss of life from some great hard-working Americans but thank you...You tried to scare the foundation of our military structure but thank you...You tried to put fear in our hearts but thank you. For the three American Airlines planes hit their target, but the one United

Airline plane did not, because a united people cannot be defeated. A united people cannot be separated. A united people work together and function as one."

"People who unite are strong in their foundation, stable in their commitment, true to their beliefs, sound in their thoughts and true to their heart. So thank you terrorists for uniting a nation of people who stand on one accord, and now focus their economic, military and political power to rid the world of terrorism."

Rush extended King's ideas on a common respect for one another and how that could lead to "real" freedom.

"When we all learn to get along and accept one another just as we are, we learn to love, learn to appreciate, learn to accept, and learn to take care of one another. Then we'll find real freedom," Rush said. "Because freedom allows you to be who you are. Freedom gives you a chance to make your own choices. Freedom helps you to live comfortably and in peace."

Rush asked the audience to say "Let freedom ring."

Freedom rang three times from audience to speaker.

Rush continued to petition peace for places around the world.

"Let freedom ring from the ancient mosques of Baghdad to the Muslim mosques of Tehran. Let freedom ring in your life, for the many tsunami victims that have lost their cannot," Rush said. "Let freedom ring in your thoughts today. Make a good decision for your life and help change the life of another."

Rush also asked people to practice acts of freedom as individuals.

"Let freedom ring in your actions. For the word love is an action word. It can be said many times but until it's put into action it's nothing but a word," he said. "When we let

freedom ring, we can work together to restore the fabric of this world and stand as one unit."

Nadeau thanked Rush for speaking and presented him with a plaque of appreciation from APG.

Fred Brewington, EEO officer for RDECOM, attended the ceremony and also commented on Rush's speech.

"His remarks were inspirational," he said.

"Rush brought out some very pertinent points for people to live by, especially regarding 9-11," said Lewis Pierce, audiovisual specialist.

Another listener commented on how Rush applied King's teachings to today's issues.

"I really liked how he talked about current events," said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Serino, Garrison's EEO officer.

Rush commented on his first time speaking at APG.

"Whenever I have an opportunity to come and talk to the military, I work as hard as I can to be there," said Rush, whose father fought in the Korean War, his uncle fought in Vietnam and his grandfather served in WWII.

Another observer commented on Rush's speech.

"It's always good to hear someone else's perspective on Dr. King," said 1st Sgt. Keith Burroughs, USACHPPM. "It makes you think what else you can do to make a difference."

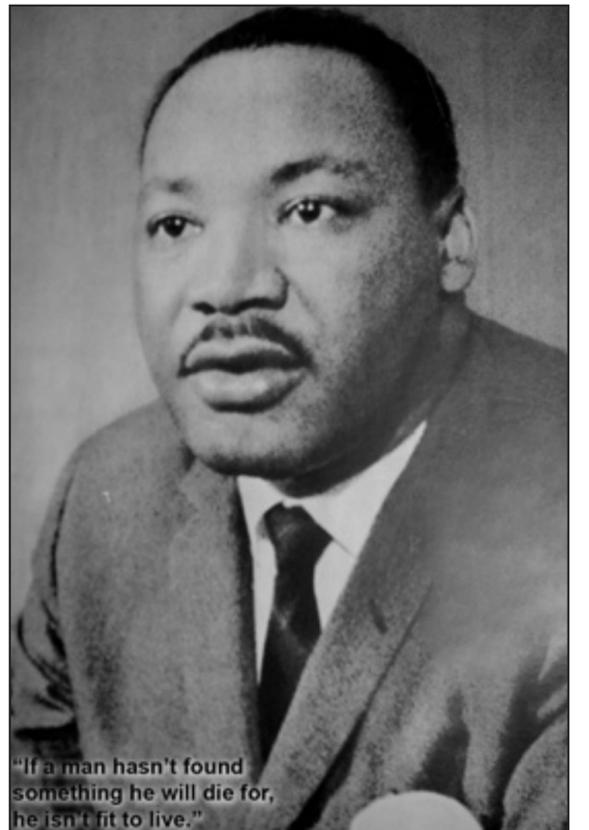


Photo by MEGHAN BOWEN

A poster portrait of Martin Luther King, Jr. displays one of his messages: "If a man hasn't found something he will die for, he isn't fit to live."

## CWF events, trips for 2005

Jan. 15 Scrapbook Crop at Top of the Bay  
Jan. 28 70's Party at Top of the Bay  
Feb. 26 APG Mardi Gras Ball at Top of the Bay  
March 4 thru 6 Ski Trip to the Poconos  
March 18 Celtic Feast at Top of the Bay  
March 25 "Behold the Lamb," at Sight and Sound and dinner at Willow Valley dinner theater  
April 1 Trip to Holland  
April 19 thru 26 New York for the Day  
May 14 Caribbean Party at Top of the Bay  
June 3  
June 24 thru 26 Weekend in Cape May  
July 15 Medieval times at Top of the Bay  
July 23 Broadway show "Wicked" in New York City  
Aug. 8 thru 22 Alaskan Cruise and Land Tour, including the Arctic Circle  
Sept. 9 Wine and Cheese Tasting with an evening of jazz, the Fiore Winery  
Sept. 17 Broadway show in New York City  
Oct. 28 Murder Mystery Dinner, Top of the Bay  
Nov. 25 thru 27 Weekend in New York City, Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular optional one-day visit or week end stay

# Young artists

## display their finest



A pot collage decorated with multicolored jewels.

**Meghan Bowen**  
APG News

Young artists received awards for their work at the 2005 National Fine Arts Exhibition awards ceremony hosted by the Aberdeen Youth Center at Top of the Bay Jan. 7.

The artwork was displayed Jan. 5 through 7 for members of the community to view.

"Tell your kids that MWR Northeast says they're all winners!" said Sgt. Maj. Michael Marshall, top Non-commissioned Officer for Morale Welfare and Recreation, Installation Management Agency Northeast Region, after visiting the exhibit.

"This is AYC's first year participating in the national exhibit," said Norma Warwick, AYS facility director. "Sixty-four youth participated this year, submitting 100 pieces of art. We had entries from three age divisions and five categories, including monochromatic and multicolored drawings, sculpture, watercolor and collage."

The exhibit program came through the AYC's affiliation with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

The Fine Arts Exhibit's two main purposes were to stimulate an interest in art, but more importantly, to give the children another opportunity to express themselves creatively while improving their self-esteem, Warwick said.

Army Community Service shares the common goal of helping promote youths' self-esteem and provided a table full of information regarding two of their family-based programs: the Family Advocacy Program and the Exceptional Family Member Program.

"By participating in the 2005 National Fine Arts Exhibit program, we were able to uncover the artistic talents of our members and motivate them to develop their creative skills and possibly explore related career opportunities," Warwick said.

During the ceremony Warwick thanked those who helped make the event possible.

"There were a lot of people working behind the scenes to make this exhibit a success," she said, "but there are two members of Aberdeen Youth Services staff I'd like to recognize: Betty Jackson and Katie Knoph."

Jackson and Knoph volunteered to decorate and plan the exhibit and were responsible for coordinating the location as well as matting the artwork.

"I appreciate their hard work and I think they've done a fantastic job!" Warwick said.

Knoph commented on the young artists work.

"The children worked very hard," Knoph said.

The young artists received certificates of merit for their artwork, which was judged by an "impartial" panel of two judges, according to Warwick. Debbie Brooks-Harris and Pat Beauchamp were the judges for Aberdeen Youth Services' local exhibit.

The following youths' work will advance to the regional level:

In the monochromatic drawing category, Taylor Cole, Michael Britton and Darryl Clark were nominated.

In the multicolor drawing category, Dominique Gibson and Dasia Robinson were chosen.

In the collage section, Joseph Santana, Santita McNear and William Stone were selected.

In the sculpture category, Breanna Clark and Thyeshia Barnes advanced.

And in the watercolor category, Tamia Kimble was chosen.

Winning artists at the national level will also receive an engraved plaque and letter of congratulations from the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's President Roxanne Spillet.

Warwick commented on the value of the fine arts program and exhib-



From left, Chavon Borden, Tamia Kimble, Dominique Gibson, Bianca Williams-Versammy and Stephanie Williams cheer on fellow young artists receiving their certificates.

it.

"By showcasing Aberdeen Youth Center's fine arts program and providing members with the unique opportunity to see their artwork professionally displayed, the participating youths gain recognition from their family, peers and community," Warwick said.

"I think the exhibit is great for the kids," said William Tipton, Jr. whose son William, III, had a multicolor drawing in the show.

"Usually their work is only posted on the fridge," Tipton said. "This is a good experience for the children to see their work shared with others."

Kimble, who advanced to the regional level, explained one of her works.

"The green bracelet stands for friendship and best friends," Kimble said.

Kimble's friend Gibson, who also advanced in the multicolor drawing category, said that she "would like to do more painting."

Darius Owens-White, submitted a multicolor drawing, and described what tools he liked to use in his art.

"I like to draw with pencils, but gel pens are my favorite to draw with," Owens-White said.

Tipton said drawing was important to his son.

"It's something he likes to do," Tipton said. "He loves to draw all the time and I hope he continues doing it."

Another parent commented on the AYC program's work to involve the youths.

"I'm really impressed with all the things that the youth center involves the kids in," said retired Staff Sgt. Kristina Williams, whose daughter Stephanie art was on display. "It's a great program."

"We're already excited and looking forward to next year's program," Warwick said.

"Artwork that's completed in 2005 will be eligible for next year's exhibition."



A heart-shaped glass collage decorated with tiny seashells.



Reeshamah Bugg, left, from Army Community Service and her son, Addis, center, distribute family related information to Alexia Baker, right.

Aubrey Stafford points to her multicolor drawing of her "favorite" Japanese animation character.