

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, July 6, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

RAB meeting tonight

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

The topic will be an update on the Other Edgewood Areas Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

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

Gate construction update

The gate construction project began June 20 with the Edgewood Area, Wise Road (Route 755) Gate. At 8 p.m., Friday, June 17, the Wise Road Gate closed until construction on that gate is completed. To support traffic flow, the Magnolia Gate has been opened.

The Magnolia Gate hours and entry control is identical to the Wise Road protocol—government ID only, no trucks or deliveries. The Magnolia Gate hours are 4 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday and closed on Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays.

Visitors should continue to enter the Edgewood Area of APG via the Route 24 Gate, which is operational 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Visitors will not be permitted to enter the Edgewood Area through the Magnolia Gate unless accompanied by a government ID holder.

No other gates will be affected during this period.

Road closure continues

Grant Road at Skippers Point Road will be closed until the end of October.

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RDECOM commander pins on second star



Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, center, commanding general, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, receives his second star during a ceremony June 22. Pinning on the rank are Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, and Helen Lardner, Nadeau's wife.

Julie Cupernall
RDECOM

The commanding general of U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command was officially pinned with his second star in an afternoon ceremony June 22.

Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, and over 150 RDECOM employees and family members

attended the event promoting Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau.

As a key note speaker, Griffin praised Nadeau's leadership and future potential.

According to Griffin, Nadeau's selection was based on two main criteria, his past performance, and more importantly, his future. He said Nadeau's history as a successful military officer in a variety of leadership positions has demonstrated his ability to get

the job done and to take care of his people, which are the elements of an exceptional leader.

Nadeau's potential as a Soldier and leader first took shape in his home state of Rhode Island. He was commissioned in 1974 as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, University of Rhode Island. Nadeau continued to pursue higher education

while working his way up the ranks, earning a master's in business administration from the Florida Institute of Technology in 1987, and a master's in national resource strategy from the National Defense University, Washington, D.C., in 1996. Nadeau credited his many achievements to the unwavering support of his wife and family.

"The one thing I remember most about my dad is the idea

that there is nothing you can't do," Nadeau said. "That was the mentality. And mom was the one that was always there."

Nadeau is responsible for ensuring employees do their very best in achieving the command's motto — Technology to the Warfighter Quicker.

In doing this, he must also focus on spreading the word about research, development, and engineering across the Army, the Department of Defense, academia, and beyond. It is his dedication to working this large-scope mission for the good of every Soldier that Nadeau says truly makes him RDECOM's commander.

"A piece of paper lets you know you're an officer. The troops will let you know when you're a leader," Nadeau said.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (four Oak Leaf Clusters); Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal; Parachutist Badge; Air Assault Badge; Ranger Tab; and Army Staff Identification Badge.

Nadeau has been RDECOM's commander since taking the reins in October 2004.

New command sergeant major sets commanding goals

Julie Cupernall
RDECOM

The U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command's new command sergeant major has 27 years of soldiering in his arsenal of experience. And, he has aimed that entire arsenal at two targets.

After just a month in place, Command Sgt. Maj. Eloy Alcivar's is focused on more effective training and better care for Soldiers.

At his last duty assignment, Alcivar served as the com-

mand sergeant major of the 2nd Infantry Division Engineer Brigade. Alcivar also is an experienced senior drill instructor and has training in combat engineering, jungle warfare, fitness training and air assault.

The opportunity to further his scope of experience at a research and development engineering headquarters was one he relished, he said.

"I was very excited and interested," Alcivar said. "[RDECOM] is an area I never dreamed of being stationed at.

I consider it an honor and a privilege."

Before the new command sergeant major could take on any new challenges facing him at RDECOM, he first had to make sure employees knew of his open door policy. He says it's his way of eliminating blocks in the two-way flow of communication - an idea thematic throughout his set plans for RDECOM. So far, he's been pleased with employees' devotion to Soldier and mission.

"I'm very impressed with

the attitudes the employees of RDECOM have," Alcivar noted.

With his door officially open for business, Alcivar has started toward achieving his goals by focusing on communication and productivity, the first step being, "talking with RDECOM employees to make sure the quality of life and working conditions are where they should be."

"You have to take care of the most important resource, the center piece, and that's the people--whether they're Soldiers or civilians," Alcivar said.

RDECOM's command sergeant major has worked out a simple equation.

"Satisfactory working conditions plus good quality of life equals greater productivity. It's the kind of math that adds up to better care and better training programs for the



Photo courtesy of APG PHOTO LAB
Command Sgt. Maj. Eloy Alcivar

Soldier, faster," he said, adding he is very aware of the latter half of RDECOM's motto--Technology to the Warfighter Quicker.

"My job is to find out how I can help to make your job and your work conditions better so you'll be more productive," Alcivar said.

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Mosquito fogging and spraying will start soon

Abdul Sheikh
DIO

The Directorate of Installation Operations Pest control Office, in coordination with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic (Preventive Medicine) continues to collect data on the mosquito population on Aberdeen Proving Ground from several mosquito traps placed around post.

Fogging and spraying for mosquitoes in the housing and barracks areas will be held in Aberdeen at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, and in Edgewood at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. The fogging starts after the 4th of July or when the mosquito count will be 21

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22d Chemical Battalion conducts first change of command

U.S. Army 20th Support Command

The 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) will conduct a change of command at 9 a.m., July 7, on Edgewood's McBride Parade Field on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Lt. Col. Franz J. Amann will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Patrick R. Terrell.

Amann's next assignment will be with the U.S. Army 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives).

Brig. Gen. Walt L. Davis, 20th Support Command (CBRNE) commander will host the ceremony.

Immediately following

the ceremony, a reception will be held at the Gunpowder Club, directly adjacent to McBride Field.

Terrell comes to the 22d Chemical Battalion (TE) from the Officer Personnel Management Directorate of the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, where he served as chief of the Chemical Branch.

Terrell is a native of Boise, Idaho. He attended New Mexico Military Institute where he was commissioned as a Chemical Corps lieutenant.

His civilian education includes a bachelor's of business administration degree from New Mexico State University and a master's in

administration from Central Michigan University.

Terrell has held a wide variety of command and staff assignments in the United States as well as overseas.

Amann was born in Switzerland and raised in South Carolina.

He is a 1985 distinguished military graduate from The Citadel where he was commissioned as a Regular Army Officer in the Chemical Corps.

His civilian education includes a bachelor's in biology from The Citadel and a master's in business from Central Michigan University.

APG hosts funeral for fallen Soldier



Fallbearers from the 16th Ordnance Battalion stand at attention after placing the coffin in the hearse after the funeral for Sgt. 1st Class Neil A. Prince, the Maryland Soldier who was killed in Iraq, held at the Aberdeen Proving Ground chapel June 21. From right, Sgt. 1st Class Marcos Grove, tragedy assistance officer, 143rd Ordnance Battalion looks on with Prince's widow, Suzette Prince, a staff nurse in the Pediatrics Clinic of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

A Maryland Soldier killed in Iraq was eulogized at Aberdeen Proving Ground during a funeral with full honors before family, friends and fellow Soldiers June 21.

Sgt. 1st Class Neil A. Prince was killed June 11 in Al Taqaddum, Iraq, by a roadside bomb that exploded near his vehicle.

Prince was the husband of Suzette Prince, a staff nurse in the Pediatrics Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. He is also survived by his parents, Cecil and Retinella Prince of Forest Hill, his 4-year old son, Jordan, three sisters, and one brother.

In Prince's memory, KUSAHC has established a scholarship fund for his son.

Maj. Evelyn Sangster-Barnes, chief of Ambulatory Nursing and Mrs. Prince's supervisor, said that, "The Kirk family has gathered around her."

"She's holding up well and even with the stress and strain she tries to be there for others," Sangster-Barnes said.

She said that Prince often talked about how her husband was looking forward to his next duty station.

"The Army was his life," she said. "We just want people to be there for her, to help and support her. The adjustment will be difficult and she is a

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PEO adjusts NSPS implementation schedule

<http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/index.html>

The Department of Defense reported June 9 that it will be working with the Office of Personnel Management to adjust the proposed National Security Personnel System regulations based on public comments and the meet and confer process with employee representatives. Although the meet and confer process has not concluded, the schedule adjustments are for planning purposes and are based on projected events.

The department anticipates publication of the revised regulations in the Federal Register to occur later this summer. Thirty days following publication, implementing NSPS could begin, however, that will not occur until implementing issuances are in place, and training is underway. The implementing issuances process includes continuing collaboration with the unions.

Based on DoD's event driven approach, the Labor Relations System is planned to be effective for all bargaining unit employees in late fiscal year 05. Spiral 1.1, which affects approximately 60,000 employees, will launch early in FY06 but in phases, starting with the Performance Management element of the Human Resources System. The balance of the Human Resources elements (i.e., paybanding staffing flexibilities, etc.) and the Appeals System will go in place in early calendar year 2006 after any General Pay Increases and Within Grade buyouts.

The first performance-based payout under NSPS will be in January 2007. Spiral 1.2 will go under all the Human Resources System and the Appeals System in the spring of

2006.

A spiral approach will be used to incrementally phase in the rest of the eligible DoD civilian workforce over the subsequent two to three years, upgrading and improving NSPS as it goes forward.

Preparing for NSPS

While everyone—employees, supervisors, senior leaders, human resources practitioners—need general information, each group has a unique focus in preparing for the transition to NSPS. These Web sites provide detailed information:

<http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/pdf/CommWithYourSupervisor.pdf> provides tips for employees on how to initiate and effectively participate in performance-based discussions.

<http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/pdf/CommWithYourStaff.pdf> describes communication techniques for managers and supervisors to use during performance-based discussions.

<http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/pdf/HelpingOrgThrive.pdf> offers advice on making the successful transition to NSPS with practical advice on what employees can do now to prepare.

<http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/pdf/RoleOfHRPract.pdf> explains how the traditional role of the HR Practitioner is changing and offers advice on successfully making the transition.

BRAC 2005 impact

The Department of Defense announced its recommendations for Base Realignment and Closure in May 2005.

While final decisions regarding these recommendations are

months away, questions have arisen relative to the impact of this announcement and subsequent decisions on NSPS. Although BRAC will be a major initiative in DoD, the department will continue its plans to implement NSPS.

NSPS, like BRAC, is critical to the department's transformation and the department will not delay its implementation as a result of BRAC. For example, no activity on the BRAC list will automatically be excluded from Spiral One. Components will assess whether inclusion of a BRAC site in Spiral One is appropriate, considering such factors as the anticipated time frame for the closure/realignment and impact on the mission and the workforce.

Benefits such as health and life insurance, retirement, thrift savings plan, annual and sick leave, severance pay and moving expenses are untouched as a result of NSPS. Additionally, the department's traditional tools for transition assistance for its civilians, such as outplacement services, priority placement and separation incentives, will be available to employees under NSPS. Eligibility for those programs and services is not affected by NSPS.

Human Resources Office staff will have more detailed information on these programs.

For more information on BRAC, visit the DoD official BRAC Web site, www.defenselink.mil/brac.

Civilian employees can find information on BRAC transition assistance at Web site, www.cpms.osd.mil/bractransition.

ARL employees bring their children to work

Story and photos by **Sheryl Coleman**
ARL

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory held its annual "Bring Your Child to Work Day" program April 28.

Ruthellen Forrest-Rodgers, the program coordinator, provided a half-day of hands-on activities and several speakers for the students and parents.

"More than 30 students participated in the program from the surrounding counties and the state of Pennsylvania school system, as well as several home schoolers," said Forrest-Rodgers.

The students were led in the "Pledge of Allegiance" by ARL staff members David Ore and Dotti Kirk.

Doctors Sandra Young and Matt Abrams of the Weapons and Materials Research Directorate gave a presentation about what materials engineers look for in different materials and composites.

Young asked the students what they thought a scientist does.

The students randomly responded with, "make and invent things," and "invent cures."

Young told the students that it was important to realize that scientists do all sorts of things that affect people's lives (such as make toothpaste, work on water treatment, make our food taste better, etc.) She gave the students a "celebrating chemistry" sheet that included simple experiments for them to experiment with at home.

Young and Abrams also gave each student a science kit to create slime and a super ball. The object of the experiment was for the students to understand that materials are (sometimes) made through simple reactions and have all sorts of properties – slime is clear, thick and pliable, slow to flow, while super balls can be colored (blue), are hard and can bounce.

Shelly Mouldsdale of the Survivability/Lethality Analysis Directorate and former middle school teacher told the students that she always liked doing math.

"I find it thrilling to use my math skills to conduct ballistic vulnerability analyses on Army helicopters," she said.

She gave the students an overview of helicopter vulnerability and explained why math is important in all aspects of life.

Mouldsdale said the focus of her job was "keeping the Soldier alive" while explaining the meaning of "vulnerable-withstanding many obstacles" and survivable-keeping the Soldier alive."

"It is important to improve our helicopters to make them less vulnerable and more survivable in hostile environments," Mouldsdale said.



As part of U.S. Army Research Laboratory's Bring Your Child to Work Day, Rachel Acord, 9, a 4th grader at Bakerfield Elementary School, got to climb aboard a high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle. Acord's father, Eric Blecke, works in ARL's Computational and Information Sciences.



Sgt. 1st Class Jessie Ruffin, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, and Nick Bellingher, a sixth grader at North Harford Middle School, demonstrate how to prepare a meal ready to eat.

She asked the students why math is important in all aspects of life. Some responded in math class, measuring for preparing food, paying bills, shopping, buying a car or house, and guessing the probabilities or outcomes, like the odds of giving birth to a boy or girl.

She told the students that math may not seem like a subject that would be used every day but in reality everyone uses it all the time.

Linda Mullins, Human Research and Engineering Directorate, gave the students a science kit including a plastic vial, glass straw pipette, glass vial containing a clear colored reagent and a yellow swatch of paper. The students then followed the instructions sheet. The purpose was to see how fast the liquid contents in the vial would turn the shade of yellow of the paper swatch. Mullins explained that the faster the sample changed to the color of the swatch indicated the more stress is occurring in an individual's life. This test measure is used to determine the stress level of military personnel depending on the job they are performing.

Jim Ferguson from SynHAZMED Corporation, gave the students a presentation on the use of the Spill Trailer and all of its features, from the overpak drums, to the different color pads and their abilities.

The students were taught that the pH papers and testing the coca-cola, coffee and orange juice identified which liquids were acids and which were bases.

During the "oil in the water absorption demonstration" students learned the capabilities of the spill pads that are used regularly when responding to spills. They learned that when

there is an oil sheen on top of water, whether a puddle, pond, lake, or river, the pads that are colored white will absorb the oil off the top of the water and not take any of the water along with it.

They learned that other colored pads would take the water along with the oil.

The objective was to let the children know that these pads are used on a rainy day on a puddle that some sort of petroleum based product had seeped into.

Mort Baker, WMRD, provided a concurrent static shop display and answered questions for the students regarding machining and model fabrication. He explained the different settings of the machines for model fabrication.

At the final workstation of the day, Sgt. 1st Class Jessie Ruffin, WMRD, gave a demonstration on how Soldiers prepare their meals in the field using "Meals-Ready-to-Eat," and gave a tour of a newly air conditioned High Mobility Multi-Purpose Vehicle.

Nick Bellingher, a sixth grade student from North Harford Middle School, whose father, Brady, works in the Computational and Information Sciences Directorate of ARL, participated in the MRE demonstration. Bellingher told the other students and audience members that the MRE was really good.

"The best part of the program was getting a chance to sample the MRE," Bellingher said.

At the conclusion of the program Forrest-Rodgers thanked the demonstrators, volunteers and students and parents for their participation.

Students spent the remaining part of the day at their parents' work sites.

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Field trip begins CYS summer

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EDGEWOOD YOUTH CENTER

Ian Kecskes, a fourth grader and a four-year veteran of the Edgewood Summer Program, silently wishes that "the big one" will be on his hook soon during the program's first field trip of the summer to "Fish-in-Barrel," located in White Hall.



American Legion director visits APG

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The American Legion's deputy director of economics visited Aberdeen Proving Ground's Garrison Adjutant Office June 20, to gather information for testimony on the economic opportunities for veterans to be presented before Congress.

Joseph T. Sharpe and Juan Lara, American Legion assistant director, national legislative commission, met with David G. Burdick, garrison adjutant, AG division; Janet Dettwiler, military personnel operations officer; and Darrell Young, local veterans employment representative, Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, to discuss the installation's Transition Assistance Program, or TAP.

Burdick said the meeting served two goals, to publicize how the TAP functions on the installation among service members who are separating,

retiring or demobilizing, and to examine TAP training options for demobilizing reserve and national guard members.

"It's important to examine all areas," Burdick said. "What we do during demobilization may be beneficial to another operation."

Burdick provided background on the program. He said the Army Career and Alumni Program, ACAP, at APG went away due to downsizing, which resulted in relying on Fort Monmouth, N.J., for support.

"Then it was contracted out to Harford Community College, but many who had never worn the uniform had problems understanding Soldier issues," Burdick said.

Eventually, the departments of defense and labor signed a labor agreement giving responsibility to DOL.

The current TAP program is DoD certified and useable by all branches, not just the Army, Burdick said.

"We have Marines and Air Force personnel and they can get TAP training right here at APG instead of going to [the Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va., or [Dover Air Force Base, Del.], thus saving valuable TDY funds."

The APG program has drawn interesting clients, he added, one from the White House Communications Agency and another from the Navy out of Philadelphia.

"The key is that service members take about a 60 percent hit on their income when they retire," he said. "If we can support them through job search, resume writing and interviewing skills, thus lessening the period they are unemployed, we can help make their situations better."

"We also encourage them to bring their spouses to TAP," Young added, noting that often if the spouse is not working, the reduction in income due to the sponsor's retirement hits hard. "Getting prepared in advance helps minimize the

impact if the spouse must return to work."

Service members attend training sessions in the Soldier Processing classroom, located on the third floor of building 4305. The class offers computerized instructional programs that are displayed on monitors throughout the room.

In addition resources in the Maryland Job Services and Veterans Resource Center on the first floor, offer local, state and national job information and computer search engines as well as VA assistance forms.

"There is a treasure trove of information there for the job seeker," Young said.

The traditional three-day TAP for active component Soldiers supports separating and retiring service members through enhancing their job search skill," Burdick said.

A shorter eight-hour demobilization TAP provides similar support for the demobilizing national guard or Army reservists.

"Through talking to clients, evaluating their issues and putting together a compressed package designed just for their needs, we think we've come up with a pretty viable demobilization plan.

"Not everyone will want to take a government resume class but as long as we can offer things meaningful to the majority, I'm happy with that," he said.

Sharpe said that he was impressed with what he saw.

"My office oversees issues regarding economic well being for veterans, homeless veterans, the TAP and small businesses," Sharpe said. "We're looking at the adequacy of services at different installation and focusing on those not getting full service."

He said that a One Force concept, which serves all branches, will soon be enforced in certain areas.

"We're trying to level out the quality of service for all. Considering the size of the operation and its clients, Aberdeen seems to be doing well in those efforts."

TAP provides job opportunities for vets

U.S. Department of Labor
www.dol.gov/vets

The Transition Assistance Program, TAP, was established to meet the needs of separating service members during their transition into civilian life by offering job-search assistance and related services.

The law creating TAP established a partnership among the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Transportation and the Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service, VETS, to give employment and training information to armed forces members within 180 days of separation or retirement.

TAP helps service members and their spouses make the initial transition from military service to the civilian workplace with less difficulty and at less overall cost to the government. An independent national evaluation of the program estimated that service members who had participated in TAP, on average, found their first post-military job three weeks sooner than those who did not participate in TAP.

TAP consists of comprehensive three-day workshops at selected military installations nationwide. Professionally trained workshop facilitators from the State Employment Services, military family support services, Department of Labor contractors, or VETS' staff present the workshops.

Workshop attendees learn about job

searches, career decision-making, current occupational and labor market conditions, and resume and cover letter preparation and interviewing techniques. Participants also are provided with an evaluation of their employability relative to the job market and receive information on the most current veterans' benefits.

Service members leaving the military with a service-connected disability are offered the Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP). DTAP includes the normal three-day TAP workshop plus additional hours of individual instruction to help determine job readiness and address the special needs of disabled veterans.

Although experience shows that veterans generally enjoy a favorable employment rate in the nation's job market, many veterans initially find it difficult to compete successfully in the labor market. The TAP program addresses many barriers to success and alleviates many employment related difficulties.

For more information about U.S. Department of Labor employment and training programs for veterans, contact the Employment and Training Service office listed in the phone book in the U.S. Government under the Labor Department or visit Web site <http://www.dol.gov/vets/about-vets/contacts/main.htm>.

Fogging

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female per trap. Fogging will not be done in rain or high winds, and swimming pool areas will not be fogged.

The training exercise areas will be fogged on alternate Mondays if the weather permits. In the FTX area, it is recommended that trainees use repellent to keep mosquitoes and other bugs away.

To ensure the health and safety of all residents, it is recommended that adults, children and pets remain indoors when the fog generator passes through their areas.

Parents should explain to their children that the fog is a pesticide used for killing mosquitoes and other flying insects, and that under no circumstances should the truck

be followed or the pesticide inhaled.

Personal cars and trucks should be parked away from the fogging route.

Motorists are reminded to avoid the fogging route during spraying.

Pest control personnel will make every effort to avoid accidentally exposing residents to the fogging material.

For more information, or to report a planned outdoor event on a fogging day, call 410-278-3303.

Community Notes

SUNDAY JULY 3 'CELEBRATE THE USA'

Pastor Stephen Schuessler and the congregation of Edgewood Assembly of God, 803 Edgewood Road, invites the community to come and "Celebrate the USA" at 10 a.m.

Along with guest speaker, Gerald Mayhan, we will be hosting the musical talent of The Collingsworth Family

(voted "Horizon Group of the Year") and Called Away (contemporary worship music with a unique sound).

For the children, there will be a petting zoo, pony rides, puppets, balloon art, a special illusionist, face painting, crafts and a moon bounce and/or slides. There will also be a special performance by the Frontline Youth Ministry Team, as well as a basketball competition and a dunk tank.

Come and celebrate the blessings of the freedom that this nation enjoys. Hot dogs, hamburger, and beverages will be available.

For more information, call 410-676-4455. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

MONDAY JULY 4 KINGSVILLE PARADE

The Greater Kingsville Civic

Association in cooperation with the Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company will sponsor the Kingsville 4th of July parade 10 a.m., rain or shine. This year's theme is "Let's Celebrate the 50 States."

Opening ceremonies will be held at the judges viewing stand 11 a.m. presided by Bruce McCubbin, master of ceremonies, with Susie Rising performing the national anthem accompanied by the John Carroll

High School Band.

Participating bands include Westminster Municipal, John Carroll High School, the Baltimore City Pipe Band, Baltimore Lutheran High School, Havre de Grace High School, Edgewood High School, Aberdeen High School and Fallston High School with Buttons the Clown, and Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion from APG and more.

For more information, call Linda Alexander, parade chairman, 410-592-7385.

SATURDAY JULY 9 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit VFW Post 8185 will be held at VFW Post 8185, located on Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Food, beverages, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards, and are available by calling 410-642-9297, Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, or Kathy, 410-378-3594.

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SUNDAY JULY 9 AND 10 EDGEWOOD YARD SALE

Edgewood will hold its community yard sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date will be July 16 and 17. Participating housing areas include Everette Road, Deer Run, Skippers Point, Clearview Drive, Chevron Drive and Austin Road. For more information, call 410-306-2008/2011.

SATURDAY JULY 16 BASKET BINGO

The Warrior Brotherhood Veteran's Motorcycle Club will sponsor Basket Bingo at American Legion Post 17, located on 415 Edgewood Road, Edgewood. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m.

Food, beverages, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards. All proceeds will benefit veteran's activities.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Carol Heard, 410-882-2328 or Carla Bloss, 410-676-0972.

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Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard**

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www.aafes.com and click on "Movie Listing"**

STAR WARS: EPISODE III - REVENGE OF THE SITH

Friday, July 1, 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 2, 9 p.m.

Starring: Ewan McGregor,
Hayden Christensen

Three years after the Battle of Geonosis, the Clone Wars are coming to a close. Obi-Wan Kenobi, now a general, is dispatched by the Republic to bring down remaining Separatists Count Dooku and General Grievous. Chancellor Palpatine has become corrupt, proclaiming himself Emperor, and, with Anakin Skywalker's help, begins to turn the Republic into the Galactic Empire.

As Anakin ultimately becomes the evil known as

Darth Vader, Padme goes into hiding, and, at the end of one war, another conflict known all too well, is about to begin. (Rated PG-13)

MINDHUNTERS (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, July 2, 7 p.m.

Starring: Val Kilmer, LL Cool J

On a remote island, the FBI has a training program for their psychological profiling division, called "Mindhunters", used to track down serial killers. The training goes horribly wrong when a group of seven young agents discover that one of them is a serial killer, and is setting about slaying the others. Can the few that are left figure out who the killer is in time? (Rated R)

Post Shorts

The construction company C&R Environmental Associates will be readying the old family housing buildings for demolition.

Occupants are asked to keep children and pets out of this area. Police will be patrolling the area to make sure unauthorized persons stay out.

For more information, call Richard B. Dunham, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-1163.

\$1 Bag sale at Thrift Shop

A \$1 bag sale began at the APG Thrift Shop yesterday and will continue throughout August. Customers will be provided a 13-gallon bag to fill from items displayed in the shop's parking lot.

Consignments are not being taken at this time.

Shopping hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 2 and Aug. 6.

For more information, call 410-272-8572 during shop hours.

Blue Cross visit

The APG Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) to visit APG July 12. The representative will be available from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room 236 to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. The representative will be available from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in building E-4811 (Seminar Area of Conference Center). No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call Teri Wright, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, 410-278-4331.

Community Information Forum

July 14

Army Community Service will host the Community Information Forum 1 to 3 p.m., July 14, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, 410-27-9669.

ACS hosts family picnic

Army Community Service will host its annual family picnic 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 21 at the Maryland Boulevard picnic area.

The picnic is open to all families in the APG community, and will be held rain or shine.

Free tickets must be picked up at the Aberdeen ACS office, building 2754, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or the South ACS office building E-4630, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

For more information, call 410-278-7572/4372.

Earn money in research studies on hearing

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory is conducting a study on hearing. Participants need to be 18 to 30 years old with normal hearing. The time commitment is 3 to 4 hours, and each participant will be paid \$15 per hour. Employees of ARL and their relatives are not eligible.

Interested volunteers should contact: Justin MacDonald, 410-278-5925, email: jmacdonald@arl.army.mil or Paula Henry, 410-278-5848, email: phenry@arl.army.mil.

Dental Command news

The Edgewood Dental Clinic hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Sick call hours are 7 to 8 a.m.

The dental clinic will no

longer shuttle Soldiers to the Aberdeen Clinic. For appointments call 410-436-3481.

Effective July 11, the hours of operation at the Aberdeen Clinic will change to Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sick call hours will remain 7 to 8 a.m.

Summer rotations will create a severe personnel shortage therefore limiting availability for teeth cleaning appointments at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood clinics. For more information on the Aberdeen Dental Clinic Command, contact Sgt. 1st Class Karen Rooks, 410-278-1795.

CWF presents a Medieval Banquet

All ye fair maidens, gents and bairns are invited to attend a Medieval Banquet 7 to 11 p.m., July 15 at Top of the Bay. The cost is \$40 per person and \$29 per child 10 years of age and younger and includes soup, chicken, oven roasted potatoes, bread, corn on the cob, brownies, musical entertainment provided by the Lady Fingers, storytelling and a live jester. Childrens' meal includes chicken fingers, french fries and a vegetable. All food will be eaten in Medieval style – no utensils allowed.

For more information or to make reservations, call the Civilian Welfare Fund Office, 410-278-4603/4771 or e-mail angela.keithley@apg.army.mil.

Post AA meetings suspended

Effective immediately, the Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held at the Post Chapel on Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. are suspended.

Depending on the level of interest or demonstrated need, they may be resurrected in the fall. For more information, call the chapel, 410-278-4333.

KUSAHC offers Tobacco Cessation classes

A tobacco cessation class will begin at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., July 6 for four consecutive Wednesdays in the Behavioral Health Conference

Room on the third floor.

To sign up and for more information, call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

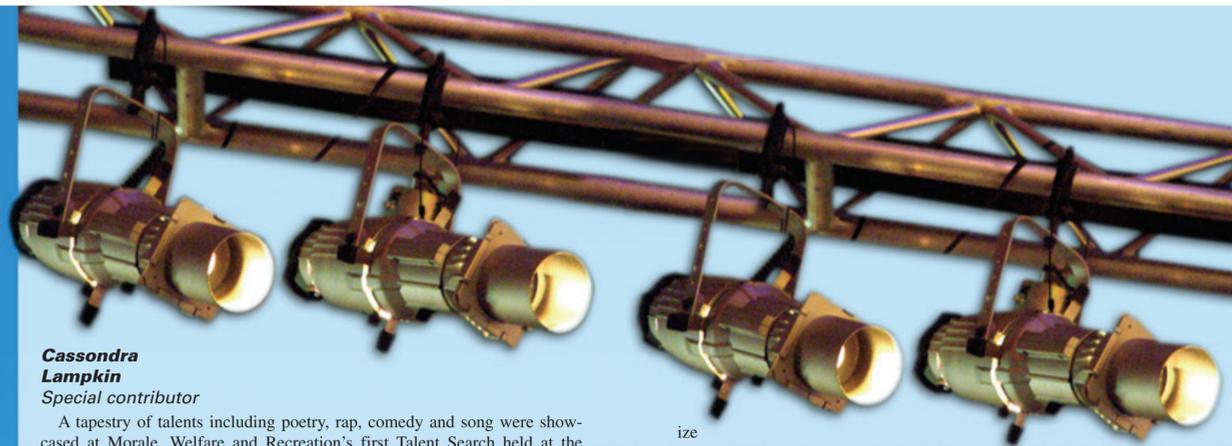
Pre-registration is required.

All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend.

Fuel Station closes on Ozone Action Days

MWR

hosts first APG talent search



Cassandra Lampkin
Special contributor

A tapestry of talents including poetry, rap, comedy and song were showcased at Morale, Welfare and Recreation's first Talent Search held at the Aberdeen Recreation Center June 4.

Performers competed for a chance to be recruited for the Army Festival of Performing Arts, the Soldier Show, Stars for Tomorrow, Bravo, Concert Series and USA Express.

For the first place winner, 18 year-old Pvt. Shaun Brantley of Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion, fame and fortune was not a top priority.

"What sets me apart from other artists is that I could care less if it sells," Brantley said. "I want to put my feelings into the music. That's why I play.

"My inspiration is the late Ray Charles. I just sit down and let my fingers do the talking," he said.

Brantley, from Dayton Beach, Fla., received a cash award of \$250 for his medley of songs he belted out while playing the piano.

"I'm probably going to use the money to pay my next car insurance bill," Brantley said.

"I liked his demeanor," said judge Charles "Cejay" Burgess, chief executive officer of Brandname Recordings. "He walked up to the stage with confidence. I gave him a perfect score because he gives you the American Idol feel. He had the scating down and the audience was with him."

The Freestate Youth Singers from the Military Youth Corps Freestate ChalleNge Academy came in second place and won \$175. The group included Ryland Anderson, 17, Christina Butler, 17, and Charlitta Mack, 17, from Prince Georges County; and Michael Austin, 19, Stanley Robinson 18, Chavonne Williams, 17, and Jlesia Gillard, 16, from Baltimore.

In addition to being contestants of the talent search, the Freestate Youth Singers took part in the program by singing the national anthem.

Michael Bryant, program coordinator of the academy said initially the youths were invited to sing the national anthem, but then were encouraged to enter to compete in the show.

"I thought they did an excellent job," said judge Cardelia Lee, owner of The Ultimate Driving School. "It took a lot of guts to get up there and sing gospel in front of their peers."

The Freestate Youth Singers said there was a spiritual motivation behind their performance.

"To me it didn't matter if we won or lost, it was about how many people we touched," Williams said. "You're not singing to please people, you're singing to make a difference."

"We just enjoyed being with each other," Austin added.

"For some of us it was a reason to stay in the [Freestate ChalleNge] program," Gillard said.

The third place winner of \$100 was Sgt. Tara Goodman, 34, a Philadelphia native and mother of two.

Goodman recited her original poetry which she said is derived from her life experiences.

"Once it's on paper, it's out of my head; once it's recited, it's out of my heart," Goodman said.

She said she wants people to be empowered from her work. "People need to learn how not to be embarrassed to play the fool, but learn from your mistakes," she said.

"Not only did she recite her poetry, Tara lived her poetry for everyone to see and appreciate," said judge Debi Horne, editor, APG News. "A true poet makes you feel the words, and she did just that."

The talent show served several purposes according to Earlene Allen, MWR special events coordinator, and senior programer.

"The talent search was to allow performers to be recognized and possibly further their success," hence the program's theme "Reaching for the Stars," Allen said. "It also was a great night of entertainment for the APG Community, for those of you that always say, "There is just nothing to do."

"The performances were judged based on a percentage that consisted of 60 percent talent, 30 percent showmanship and 10 percent audience response," Allen said.

"There's probably a story behind every one of these talented performers," Horne said, "from the poet who writes her own poems and has just the perfect voice and presence for delivery, to the young Soldiers who write their own rap music and put a group together in a few weeks, to someone who just has a natural God-given talent for playing and singing. I'd like to get a story on every one of them for the post newspaper."

The show's judges were unanimous in their ranking decisions. The show was entered into the Army Festival of Performing Arts. Personnel from Army Entertainment Division were present to critique its overall quality, from talent, diversity, production, sound lighting, and more, which will be compared with like shows from other installations. Victor Hurtado, artistic director for the Army Soldier Show, and Joe Leavell, director of Army Festival of Performing Arts, were pleased with the show, it's diverse talent, and the great spectator turn-out.

"The main objective is participation, but we're looking at every facet of the show from the emcee, to the organizer, to the talent," Hurtado said. "We real-

ize the constraints that the installations have, [and even though] it was Aberdeen's first time entering the competition, they were very well represented.

"[It [the talent search] has actually set a precedent for other shows like the Military Idol, a new pilot program created this year in affiliation with American Idol," he said.

Allen said the Army representatives were "taking notes to see who they might want to pull for other shows," however, she said the show makes no promises that the talent at the show would be picked up.

Other performers included a trumpet player, a banjo player, a three-piece band and a modern dancer.

Pvt. Matthew Ollerton, who performed a comedy routine, said, "If I can make one person laugh a day, I'm happy."

A member of the rap group Young Squad, Matthew Santano, said they were happy to just have the chance to perform, but their primary focus is their upcoming album.

"Our goal is to be number one, keep the fans happy and not go broke," Santano said.

Staff Sgt. Antonio Lewis, who did a rap performance, said, "I've performed for about 12 years doing this to inspire others and share my personal testimony including trials and tribulations."

Allen said that the show would not have been as successful without the help of the sponsors, Holiday Inn Chesapeake House, The Ultimate Driving School and MWR.

"I enjoy giving back to the community and in particular the youth and military," said Sylvester Lee, owner of The Ultimate Driving School. "We got involved because we saw the need and took advantage of it."

"This is where the real talent is," said Gary Force, sales manager for Holiday Inn's Chesapeake House. "We're here to support our armed services as they protect the greatest nation on earth. We love working with our neighbors."

Holiday Inn donated a complimentary one night stay and a \$30 dinner for two at the Olive Garden during the intermission raffle.

"The show set the standard for participation, and shows that the installation coordinators are interested," Hurtado said.

Hurtado advised those with potential talent to "continue to prepare yourself on a daily basis."

"It doesn't hurt to continuously work, because one of the worst things that can happen is for an opportunity to come up and you are not prepared...Good opportunities are hard to find," Hurtado said.

"Success in this industry is mainly about stage presence. We all know that there are performers that make millions that don't have the Whitney Houston voice but are good performers."

Throughout the night's performances the audience came to their feet to show appreciation for the acts.

Audience member, Jason Fuentes agreed with the judges first place choice. "I liked the piano player the best because of his style and that fact that he played his own music," Fuentes said.

Drill Sgt. Anthony Harris, of Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion said, "I came out to watch over my Soldiers and support the troops."

Performers

- Maj. Charles Fields**, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools
- Sgt. Tara Goodman**, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade
- Gordon Williams**, ATSS contractor for U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center
- Leo Sydlík**, U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command Acquisition Center
- Pvt. Zachariah McKinley**, **Pvt. Larry Whitfield**, **Pvt. Matthew Ollerton**, and **Pvt. Gregory Gates**, Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion
- Sgt. Jamal Lawson**, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
- Freestate Youth Singers** **Michael Austin**, **Christina Butler**, **Jelesa Gillard**, **Charlitta Mack**, **Stanley Robinson**, **Chavonne Williams** and **Ryland C. Anderson** and directed by **Michael Bryant**, Military Youth Corps Freestate ChalleNge Academy
- Randy Weber**, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School
- Pvt. Quinton Allen**, Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion
- Young Squad members Brent Friend**, **Ryan Sparks** and **Mat Santano**, family members, non-military
- Pvt. Shaun Brantley**, Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion
- Pvt. Ericka Puzia** and the **C143 Band** comprised of **Spc. Samuel Wendt** and **Pvts. Matthew Sotelo** and **Chris Sites**, Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion
- Staff Sergeants Antonio Lewis** and **Samuel James** and **Spc. Christopher Churillal**, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion

Pvt. Larry Whitfield, Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, right, entertains the audience with his own unique rap performance and dance moves during MWR's first Talent Search June 4.



Photo by DONNA COYNE, MWR

U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Chaplain (Maj.) Charles Fields, above, displays his skills on the banjo. Gordon Williams, ATSS contractor for the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, right, performs a medley of songs on the trumpet.



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Photo by CASSONDRALAMPKIN
Staff Sgt. Samuel James, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, starts his performance in Stevie Wonder-like style.

Illustration by BLAKE VOSHELL



First place winner Pvt. Shawn Brantley, Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion, captured the audience with his "American Idol" style performance, according to Judge Charles "Cejay" Burgess, chief executive officer of Brandname Recordings.



MWR's Second place winners, The Freestate Youth Singers, sing a number of gospel medleys as part of their performance.



Sgt. Tara Goodman, third place winner of MWR's first annual Talent Search, explains what would happen "If I was a cat and you were my kitten" while reciting her original poetry during the show.

Spotlight on the winners

(Editor's note: Author Cassandra Lampkin held personal interviews with each of the winners. A short synopsis of their conversations spotlights them.)

Pvt. Shaun Brantley
"I follow BB King, Jerry Lee Lewis and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

I also sing and I am learning to play the guitar.

In the future, I plan to see where music takes me and possibly start a family. Two days after I go home I'm having my own album release party.

I was motivated mostly by my mother.

In high school I started performing at local bars. After about 6 months of playing in a bar and being informally trained on the piano by a member of the band, I picked up on it quick. I dropped out of school to pursue music full time. I started my own band but it didn't last.

After that I joined the military. This is where I am today.

I admire a lot of the older music. Not only did they depend on the music but the music depended on them.

When I perform my concentration is on the music. I don't even really realize the crowd is there.

My advice to anyone who thinks they have talent is "Don't give up. If it feels good keep doing it. If not, try something else."

Freestate Youth Singers
"The individuals that make up the Freestate singers each have their own uniqueness about them," said music director Michael Bryant. "Each member of the group plays their own special role."

Ryland Anderson: "I want to be an electrician and musician."

This as a way to stay connected to my first love and get better at what I'm doing."

"He has an upcoming audition for the Peabody Conservatory," Bryant said.

"While he plays the piano, it is not his main instrument. He is also excellent on the guitar," Bryant said.

Christina Butler: "I am interested in studying music performance in higher education."

"Christina Butler is a really good soloist," Bryant said.

Michael Austin: "I want to explore career options in computers, automobiles, and criminal justice."

"The group needed his maturity," Bryant said.

Jelesa Gillard: "I plan to get my master's in music technology."

We developed a family. We have to thank Mr. Bryant because he always believed that we could do it."

Gillard was the founder of the group, Bryant said.

Charlitta Mack: "I want to attend Morgan State and major in social work."

Chavonne Williams: "I plan to go to college for business management and music."

"Williams is an undiscovered great soloist," Bryant said.

Stanley Robinson: I am going to pursue a career in the Air Force.

The program has helped me a lot. I've improved as a person, a family member and a man. I've gained a family, friends and a relationship."

Bryant said Robinson is a great musician.

"He writes a lot of music, but time was just on our side enough to perform them," Bryant said.

Bryant said the group sings mainly gospel and has a piano player that is considered a part of the group. Bryant said they have sung at a number of churches across the state.

"I have gotten so many requests for them and I had to turn a majority of them down [making sure this did not interfere with their education]," he said.

Bryant said that he didn't recognize their commitment at first.

"They developed a family," he said. "Jelesa worried me until I finally decided to listen to them. We started with about 15 kids."

Sgt. Tara Goodman

"I've been writing for at least 12 years and reciting for 10.

I'm inspired by my mother.

I admire poets like Jill Scott, Nikki Giovanni and Maya Angelou.

I plan to continue getting my work out there and possibly do some commercials [in the future].

Writing and reciting is therapeutic. For me it's soul cleansing.

I also write to give others serenity. Someone can be going through what I am going through using my poetry as the blueprint (for success). I just love getting my poetry out there.

I also enjoy singing.

People should check out the message in the music. If it's not positive, then why listen to it?"

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**COMMUNITY RECREATION DIVISION HOLIDAY HOURS
VETERAN'S DAY - 11 NOVEMBER 2004**

FACILITY	FRIDAY July-01	SATURDAY July-02	SUNDAY July-03	MONDAY July-04
Arts & Crafts, AA	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Arts & Crafts, EA	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Auto Crafts	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	CLOSED
Bowling Center	4 - 10 p.m.	1 - 10 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Library, AA	CLOSED	1 - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.	CLOSED
Recreation Center, AA	noon - midnight	noon - midnight	noon - midnight	noon - 6 p.m.
Recreation Center Snack Bar, AA	12:30 - 11 p.m.	12:30 - 11 p.m.	12:30 - 11 p.m.	noon - 5 p.m.
Recreation Center, EA	3 - 11 p.m.	3 - 11 p.m.	noon - 11 p.m.	CLOSED
Recreation Center Snack Bar, EA	5 - 10 p.m.	3:30 - 10 p.m.	3 - 10 p.m.	CLOSED
MWR Registration/ITR	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Health & Fitness Center, AA	5:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
APG Athletic Center	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Hoyle Gymnasium/Fitness Center	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation Equipment Center	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Ruggles Golf Course, AA	7 a.m. - dusk	6:30 a.m. - dusk	6:30 a.m. - dusk	6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Exton Golf Course, EA	7 a.m. - dusk	7 a.m. - dusk	7 a.m. - dusk	7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Top of the Bay	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

Keeping a current physical for school-age children

KUSAHC

Physicals for 3- through 17-year old beneficiaries, which are often required for daycare, school, camp or sports, are a continuation of the health supervision visits begun in infancy and recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"These 30-minute visits are available daily on a year round basis in the Pediatric Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and will continue to be available over the summer," said Jan Spellman, KUSAHC patient advocate.

In Maryland, physicals are required for initial entry into daycare, kindergarten or into any grade if the student is new to the Maryland school system.

Although the state advises a physical exam before entry into schools and daycare settings, there is a six-month window after entry for obtaining the physical examination and completing the paperwork. Appointments for these physicals can be scheduled after the beginning of the school year.

Sports physicals are required before participation only for high school varsity/junior varsity sports teams.

"If a patient had a phys-

ical examination at the KUSAHC Pediatric Clinic within the past 12 months, an additional appointment and exam is not needed," Spellman said. "The relevant information can be transcribed onto the school form by the pediatric clinic nursing staff."

When a patient is scheduled for a physical examination, they must be accompanied by a parent or an adult with a legal power of attorney.

All paperwork required by the daycare, school, sport or camp must be brought to the appointment. The forms must be completely filled out, with the exception of the health care provider portion of the form. The patient's official immunization record must also be brought to the appointment.

There is a separate form for documentation of immunizations which can be completed by the school nurse, the pediatric clinic nursing staff, or the immunization clinic staff based on a review of the immunization record provided by the parent. If the child's immunizations are up to date, no appointment is needed. If immunizations are needed prior to school entry, the child will need a 10-minute "immunization update" appointment with a pediatric provider.

For more information, call, 410-278-1724.

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.

Registration

Register by visiting the specific MWR facility for the event, mailing in a registration

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form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting MWR Registration, building 3326, or visiting online at www.apgmwr.com.

Jujitsu

These instructional classes in the "ancient art of hand-to-hand combat" are designed to enable the student to become proficient in the art of self-defense. The course includes learning take-downs, grappling, gripping, and ground floor fighting to subdue an opponent.

The instructor for this course will be World Champion, Grandmaster Irving Soto, a 10th degree black and red belt, who has experience as an actor, stuntman, musician and was honored in the International Hall of Fame.

Cost is \$35. Class meets Tuesday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the APG Athletic Center, building 3301.

Introduction to Cooking

Class teaches basic cooking procedures used in preparing home-cooked meals, special dinners, desserts, and other menu items. Cost is \$25. Class meets on Wednesday, 6 to 8 p.m. at

the Aberdeen Recreation Center. Register by Aug. 8

Rollerblading

A certified ISA instructor will teach the fundamentals of rollerblading. Hands-on skating techniques proven to be effective when practiced correctly will be covered. Participants must wear protective equipment to include wristlits, pants and shirt while learning to skate.

Cost is \$10. Class meets Friday, 5 to 6 p.m. at the Russell Gym, building 3330.

Register by July 13.

British Soccer Camp

Camp begins the first week of August, with a mini soccer camp 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and a half day camp 10:10 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. at the Youth Soccer Field.

Cost is \$69 for Mini Soccer and \$98 for half-day camp. Register early and receive a free jersey. All participants will receive a T-shirt and soccer ball.

Registration runs through July 15.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

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

Without a Net: Middle Class and Homeless (with Kids) in America: My Story by Michelle Kennedy.

Kennedy went from middle-class housewife... to homeless single mother in less than a year. The former Senate page and college student found herself, at 25, living in a station wagon with her three young children, making pots of noodles at campgrounds and showering at truck stops.

Soldiers and Slaves: American POWs Trapped by the Nazis' Final Gamble by Roger Cohen.

Cohen recounts the fate of 550 American POWs shipped into eastern Germany during the winter of 1944 and 1945. Most were Jewish--or appeared Jewish enough to satisfy Nazi officials,

who needed to meet labor quotas that the dying concentration camp inmates were no longer fit to handle.

Squandered Victory: the American Occupation and the Bungled Effort to Bring Democracy to Iraq by Larry Diamond.

In early 2004, the author was asked to go to Iraq by Condoleezza Rice as an adviser to the American forces. This is his critical assessment of the efforts of the United States to stabilize the nation.

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

CSA recognizes MRICD

Cindy Kronman
MRICD

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense was recognized as a runner up in the 2005 Chief of Staff, Army, Supply Excellence Award competition. The MRICD competed in the Level II - Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA) category, TDA large (200 or more authorized personnel).

This was the second time in recent years that the MRICD was chosen to represent the U.S. Army Medical Command in the competition for the CSA SEA, and the best finish for a MEDCOM organization in the past few years.

The first place winner and runner up in each award category were presented plaques at a ceremony and banquet on May 20, during the

Association of the U.S. Army Logistics Symposium in Washington, D.C. Award recipients were also given a boxed set of coins from the Army Chief of Staff, the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, and the 13th Sergeant Major of the Army, as well as a Supply Excellence Award commemorative coin.

Accepting the award for MRICD was Kenneth Snyder, chief of the MRICD's Logistics Branch. Snyder was accompanied by Phyllis Murawski, Sandra Kennedy, and Michael Massarelli of the branch's Property Book Section whose efforts were instrumental in earning MRICD this award.

Implemented in 1986 and administered by the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 and the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School, the CSA

recognizes "demonstrated excellence in Army supply programs" and was established "to enhance the logistical readiness and supply effectiveness of Army organizations," according to AR 710-2, dated February 2004. Nominees from each MACOM (major Army command), as well as from National Guard and Reserve components, compete in one of several categories. Nominees are evaluated during a site-visit from evaluators coordinated by the USAQMC&S. Scores from the site-visit determine the winner and runner up in each category.

The Department of the Army does not release the number of competitors in each category nor the selection criteria.

Funeral

From front page

lady who has always gone the extra mile to make sure people are taken care of."

"She's a diligent worker who cares a great deal about her patients," added Deborah Cherry-Shields, a friend and co-worker from the KUSAHC Unified Business Office.

"She's very sweet and kind," Cherry-Shields said. "This hit all of us pretty hard."

She added that, "the service was extra special."

"Our Soldiers and leaders did an outstanding job. I'm sure the family appreciated it,"

Cherry-Shields said. Staff Sgt. Benjamin Williams, installation chaplain noncommissioned officer in charge, said the tasking for the service came down one week earlier. It was the installation's first funeral for a Soldier killed in Iraq, Benjamin said.

"This was the first one we've had of this magnitude," he said, adding that chapel personnel coordinated with the Garrison's plans and operations division to obtain details, design the program and arrange for flowers.

"I want to thank the 16th

Ordnance Battalion for providing the funeral detail and pallbearers," Benjamin said. "They performed well in honoring a fellow Soldier."

Master Sgt. Harvey Thomas led the pallbearers.

Installation support for the family also included the assignment of a Tragedy Assistance Officer, Sgt. 1st Class Marcos Grove of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

Grove said he spent the week seeing to the needs of the family, assisting the widow with paperwork and appointments, and escorting her through the funeral and interment.

He stood at her side as pallbearers placed her husband's coffin into the hearse at the APG Chapel and held her son as she was presented the flag from her husband's coffin during the interment at Arlington National Cemetery.

"We do what we can for our fellow Soldiers," Grove said.

Maj. Richard Mitchell, a chaplain from Fort Carson, Colo., where Prince was assigned to the 17th Field Artillery Regiment, performed the invocation and Prince's former supervisor retired 1st Sgt. Johnnie Pickett, gave a special tribute. Maj. Chip

Fields, chaplain of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools delivered a memorial prayer and the benediction.

In addition, law enforcement officers from the Maryland Transit Authority and Department of Transportation Authority Police, led by Sgt. Rick Sullivan of the Maryland State Police, provided a motorcycle escort for the funeral procession to Arlington.

Sgt. 1st Class Neil Armstrong Prince

Prince was born Feb. 21, 1970, in Ocorios, Jamaica. He was a 1989 graduate of City College in Baltimore.

He joined the Army July 6, 1989 and attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Okla.

His assignments included Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Hood, Texas, Korea, and Germany where he deployed to Operation Desert Storm.

At the time of his death, Prince was serving as the chief, fire control sergeant with the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery.

Prince was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

APG Bowling Center news

Leagues forming

Summer Leagues beginning soon

Adult/Youth League starts July 8, 12 weeks long, start time 6 p.m. Handicap is based on 90 percent of 200. Cost is \$6 per person per week.

Winter leagues looking for bowlers

A Saturday Youth League for ages 5 and older starts 9:30 a.m., Sept. 1 for \$5 per person per week. A banquet is held at the end of the season.

A Monday Doubles League starts Sept. 12, start time 6 p.m., any combination (all men, women, mixed). Handicap based on 90 percent of 200. Cost is \$8 per week per person. Cash prizes are awarded at the end of league bowling.

A Tuesdays Doubles league starts 6 p.m., Sept. 13. Handicap is based on 90 percent of 200. Cost is \$8 per person per week. Cash prizes are awarded at the end of league bowling.

New hours announced

New hours for July and August are:
Sunday, Monday and holidays, closed
Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday, 11 a.m. through 10 p.m.
Saturday, 1 through 10 p.m.

Sign up for Upper Deck Kids Club bowling league

A new youth league, Upper Deck Kids Club, will run July 9 through Sept 3 at the APG Bowling Center.

Upper Deck Kid's Club will reward each bowler with a new pack of ESPN baseball player trading cards each week of the league.

At the start of the league, bowlers will receive an exclusive baseball card collector's album, equipped with sleeves to display all of their cards. During the ninth and final week of bowling, each bowler will receive a "blaster box" which contains another eight packs of cards.

In each new pack of cards, bowlers could receive a 'chaser' card, which could be:
Signature Cards - 1 in 480 chance of getting a card with authenticated player signature
Sports Center Swatch Cards - 1 in 12 chance of getting a card with actual game-used jersey swatch

Themed Cards - 1 in 4 chance of getting cards with ESPN The Magazine cover, ESPY award winners, etc.

E-Cards - 1 in 24 chance of getting an e-card with scratch off to win prizes at www.upperdeck.com.

The league costs \$8 per person per week and includes two games with shoe rental. Start time will be 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Bowling is 'Cosmic.'

To sign up for the league, call Dave Brewner, APG Bowling Center, 410-278-4041.

APG lunch options

Recreation Center Snack Bar

Building 3326
Serves lunch Monday thru Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-2621.

Ruggles Golf Course

Sutherland Golf Clubhouse
Building 5600
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday thru Sunday, 7 a.m. to dusk.
For more information, call 410-278-7263.

Top of the Bay

Building 30
Lunch is served Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-3062.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar

Building 2342
Specials for July 4 through 10
Grilled ham with cheese, chips and 16 oz. soda, \$4.75
OR
Double cheeseburger, French fries, 16 oz. soda, \$5.75
For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041.
Orders must be laced before 11 a.m.



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

American Veteran, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 11 a.m.

State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
Around the Services, 5:30pm

Tuesday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
Your Corps, 10:30 a.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
The American Veteran, 1 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 9:30 a.m.
Your Corps, 5 p.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.

Thursday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 p.m. and 8pm
Army Newswatch, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
Navy/Marine Corps News, 11 a.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.

Friday

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

Saturday

Around the Services, 5:30 a.m.
AFN News Europe, 6:30 a.m.
Battleground, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Your Corps, 1:30 p.m.
Opportunity Showcase, 3 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 5:30 p.m.
American Veteran, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday

Army Newswatch, 5:30 a.m., noon and 4:30 p.m.
Battleground, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Freedom Journal Iraq/Air Force Prime Time, 10:30 a.m.
Your Corps, 11 a.m.
Navy/Marine Corps News, 3 p.m.

Army Newswatch - Bi-weekly report on the men and women of the Army
Around the Services - From the Pentagon Channel NewsCenter, daily half-hour program featuring military news from top defense officials and the military services from around the world
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

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

Air Force Prime Time - A weekly topical news program covering Air Force events and people for all of Europe, Southwest Asia and Africa. Produced by the Air Force Broadcasting Service, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

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

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

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

American Forces Network Europe Evening News - Daily news and information from the U.S. European Command - produced by the American Forces Network Europe, Frankfurt, Germany.

Eagle Scout Project beautifies DIO/DSHE grounds

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APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground Boy Scout Troop 429 conducted an Eagle Project May 21 and 22, which included an grounds beautification project for building 4304, which is home for the directorates of Installation Operations and Safety, Health and Environment.

The DIO/DSHE grounds cover approximately 40,000 square feet, and had not been landscaped for more than eight years. Many of the bushes and shrubs were overgrown, and mulch had not been effective, allowing weeds to grow.

Under the direction of Eagle Scout Project Leader Erik Lesniak, 16, the members of Troop 429 and their parents trimmed more than 50 bushes and replaced 40 cubic yards of mulch; the equivalent of a full tractor trailer.

Jose Quinones, 13, Devon Ramsey, 13, and Jonathan Silva, 11, Tenderfoot Boy Scouts, worked on the weekend project. They best remember the "fun, the mulch and the blisters."

In addition to the mulching, the scouts also trimmed bushes, removed old mulch and vegetation debris, placed down a weed inhibitor called PREEN, placed black weed prevention cloth on top of the PREEN and replaced the mulch. In addition, the troop trimmed all the sidewalks and surrounding area as well as cut the grass.

"It was hard work, but very worthwhile," Ramsey said of the two-day project.

Lesniak, who attends The Tome School, is the son of retired Col. Chris Lesniak. He currently has achieved the rank of Life Scout. After completion of this project and a Boy Scout board of review, Lesniak will attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

"It was fun; a great way to spend the weekend and help on an Eagle quest," said Joshua Edwards, 17, Troop Guide.

On May 26, Col. John T. Wright reviewed the cleanup and beautification work Troop 429 conducted on the grounds of the DIO/DSHE building. Calling the work the scouts performed "a welcome relief," Wright praised the boys for their hard work, and thanked them by presenting Troop 429 with a coin.

While most of the project materials and equipment were donated by the DIO, all planning and labor was done by the members of Boy Scout Troop 429 and their family members.

Lesniak's team leaders for the project were Silva and Quinones. His tool custodian was Josh Edwards and his photo-journalist was Ramsey. Lesniak was also able to recruit about 18 volunteers to assist in this task.

"We did an excellent job. We used all the mulch, and [probably] used more than we needed to," Lesniak said. "Physically, it was a challenging job, laying the mulch and cleaning the grounds. But for me, it was a bit mentally stressful too, having to plan [more than 320 hours worth] and coordinate the project."

Sponsored by the Troop Charter Organization, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 116F, APG Troop 429 is one of Maryland's oldest, and also Department of Defense's oldest Boy Scout Troops at 52-years-old.

For information about Troop 429, contact Fred Silva, Troop committee chairman, 410-272-4570.



Photo by KATIE LESNIAK

Building 4304 is shown before Scout Leader Erik Lesniak implemented his Eagle Scout Project to beautify the grounds.



Photo by KATIE LESNIAK

Project Leader Erik Lesniak moves mulch to project site.



Photo by DEVON RAMSEY

Trimmed bushes, mulch and clean up are part of the improvements to building 4304.

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But he is careful to point out he's only looking to foster a seed that is already well on it's way to full bloom.

"It's very encouraging to see the dedication of all the people I have met. What they do is so important for our Army, our country and for the future," Alcivar said.

The command sergeant major has also aimed his energy at exposing RDECOM to the rest of the Army and finding out what it thinks. RDECOM employees can't provide better care and training technology if they don't know the needs of the Soldier.

"Everything that this command does requires feedback from the Soldiers, and I don't think we're getting enough feedback," Alcivar said.

Walking around RDECOM headquarters, Alcivar is more likely to run into someone wearing a business suit than someone in a camouflage suit. He says that's not a problem.

"People are people," Alcivar asserted.

That is, as long as he's working to make sure the people in the business suits know exactly what the people in the camouflage suits need.

"I am here to assist," Alcivar noted with a smile.

With his whole tour at RDECOM-minus his first month-spread out before him, Alcivar is aware it is no small set of tasks he's taking on. But then again, he says his focus on helping RDECOM provide the best possible support to the Soldier, is unwavering.

"I am a team player. I want the best for everyone. I am a 24-7 sort of guy," Alcivar said.

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