

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 15, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### APG prepares for joint exercise

Aberdeen Proving Ground will conduct a joint exercise involving numerous tenant activities and elements of the Upper Chesapeake Health System and Baltimore County firefighters on Thursday, June 9.

Some on-post organizations may be asked to evacuate buildings, while others may be asked to provide assistance/expertise to the installation response forces.

Some areas of the installation may experience traffic restrictions and re-routing. One or more of the gates may be closed for a short time causing inconvenience to workers, residents and visitors. Employees should allow time in their planned operations and activities for possible delays.

Any inconveniences will be kept to a minimum within the scope of the exercise.

Questions should be directed to 410-278-1147, 410-278-1153, 800-688-8705 or 410-278-3147.

### APG gate construction update

Gate construction began May 16 at the Wise Road (Route 755) Gate.

Construction will not pose a problem for traffic entering the Wise Road Gate at this time, however visitors are urged to use caution. On Friday, June 24 at 8 p.m., the Wise Road Gate will close for the duration of the construction project. The Magnolia Road (Route 152) Gate will be open for government ID only traffic. The Route 24 Gate will remain open for normal traffic (visitors and commercial vehicles). APG employees should plan ahead and expect minor delays upon arriving at the Magnolia Road Gate.

### Road closure continues

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

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# APG civilians bring home 80 FEB awards

## Hero awards go to APG firefighters, MRICD, ECBC, OMMS

Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Eighty Aberdeen Proving Ground civilians received seven gold, 29 silver and 44 bronze awards for their 'potential and ability' during the Baltimore Federal Executive Boards' Excellence in Federal Career Awards luncheon at Martin's West May 6.

Four golds went to the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, and one each went to the APG Garrison, the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity and the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense.

"You have created each of us with potential and ability," said Chaplain John Richardson of the Veterans Affairs Military Health Care System at Perry Point as he delivered the opening invocation. "This day, we honor those who have shown themselves to be innovative and successful."

Richard H. Howell, executive director of the Baltimore FEB hosted the ceremony.

"We are here to pay tribute to the best within our organizations," Howell said.

He thanked the U.S. Naval Academy Band for providing musical selections and the color guard from the Defense Information School at Fort



From left, Aberdeen Proving Ground fire chief Edward C. Budnick, APG fire inspector Thomas S. Stanford and former APG firefighter Robert M. Farrell pose with the gold Federal Executive Board awards for heroism they received during the FEB awards luncheon at Martin's West in Baltimore May 6.

Photo by PEGGY MORRISON, DTC

Meade for posting the colors.

Maryland Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski and Representative Dutch Ruppersberger sent congratulatory letters to the honorees.

Col. William N. Patterson, FEB chairman and commander of the Defense Contract Management Agency Maryland, and Felicia Sola-Carter, FEB vice chairperson and

assistant deputy commissioner for Human Resources, Social Security Administration, presented the awards.

### APG heroes

The installation swept the Heroism category as three firefighters from the APG Garrison won gold; Maj. Stephen Dalal from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense won silver, and bronze awards

went to John A. Antal, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School and 10 employees with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center: Earl Austin, Janet Brzezinski, Mike Cain, Gary Doggett, Jude Height, Lynn Hoffland, Stephen Lawhorne, Stanley Ostazeski, Eric Stevens, and Kelby Yoon, ECBC.

### Golden heroes

Fire chief Edward C.

Budnick and fire inspectors Robert M. Farrell Sr. and Thomas S. Stanford were first on the scene of a serious traffic accident involving tractor-trailers and passenger cars that had just occurred on I-95, north of the Fort McHenry toll plaza in Baltimore, May 11, 2004.

Vehicles were on fire and flames were spreading rapidly. See AWARDS, page 14

## AAFES increases price challenge limit 'Find it Cheaper? Price Challenge'

AAFES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service has announced it is raising its limit on verbal price challenges from \$5 to \$10.

"AAFES always aims to offer the lowest price," said AAFES Vice President of Store Operations, Phil Holifield. "Unfortunately, as much as we try, AAFES sometimes may not have the lowest price. When this happens we want to make the price challenge as easy as possible. Raising the verbal limit empowers AAFES cashiers and sales associates to immediately approve the price reduction."

If a customer finds a lower price\*, all AAFES locations will now accept the customer's word and charge the lower price up to a difference of \$10\*\*. The price reduction will be approved immediately. No competitor's ad or any other proof is required.

"Troops and retirees who shop at the exchange provide critical support to military

Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs," Holifield said. "Because of this, it is important to ensure AAFES is maximizing the customers' dollars to get more people in the door and ultimately improve the exchange benefit. Bottom line, we want authorized exchange customers to buy products at AAFES facilities. Increasing the price challenge amount is just another way AAFES is combining outstanding customer service with great prices."

AAFES recently returned \$242.3 million to the services' MWR programs. For 2004, this dividend represented an average per capita dividend of \$277 for every Soldier and Airman, a 5 percent increase over the previous year.

### \* BX/PX Retail Program

1. AAFES retail stores will match a local competitor's current price on any identical stock assortment item for the customer who makes the price challenge. "Identical" is defined as: same brand, same

manufacturer and same model number. For clothing, an identical item has to be the same size, color, brand and style.

2. AAFES retail stores worldwide will accept oral price challenges (based on the customer's word) on identical stock assortment items from local competitors. Price differences up to \$10 will be honored on the spot. A local competitor is defined as a retailer doing business in the community where the exchange is located. This includes Navy and Marine exchanges.

3. AAFES retail stores worldwide have a 30-Day Price Guarantee on any item originally purchased from AAFES and subsequently sold at a lower price by AAFES, or any local competitor.

4. AAFES retail stores worldwide will not accept price match challenges from any outside retail catalog or outside internet site.

5. AAFES retail stores worldwide will match pricing on identical items found in the

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## Radio messages connect families to front lines

AAFES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service recently introduced its Patriot Family Connection program to help connect deployed military members with their loved ones back home.

The new program offers family members, friends of deployed service members and AAFES associates a chance to record their greetings, words of support and thanks. Messages can be recorded 24 hours a day, free of charge, and are forwarded to American Forces Network Radio, which is heard at locations overseas including those in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

"Recording the messages is just one small element of a larger AAFES Patriot Family marketing program that includes numerous initiatives," said Mike Westphal, senior vice president of AAFES' Marketing Directorate. "It started with the Patriot Family Tree in December. Now, we have the Patriot Family Connection and 'We All Have a Hand in Securing Our Freedom' hand trace banners we'll be sending downrange. Soon we'll be sending dozens of banners downrange for deployed troops to sign -- then those banners will tour each AAFES region."

The Patriot Family Connection is one of several initiatives AAFES is using to help bridge the distance between the home front and the front lines. This new program has already yielded messages from Americans expressing their support for troops serving downrange.

Doug Ford from Denton, N.C., called in his greeting, "I want to send all the best wishes to the troops. God bless ya'll and thank ya'll for everything you do."

Another greeting, recorded by Jean Helen from Columbus, Ga., said, "I want to tell all the troops everywhere we're with your families back here supporting them while you're

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## Remembering veterans



Photo by CAROLYN H. DAWSON

Erik Lesniak, Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop 429, places an American flag on a Soldier's grave at an APG Cemetery May 26 in commemoration of Memorial Day. The troop is sponsored by its charter organization, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 116F, APG.

## Missing in action servicemen identified

JPAC

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command announced May 10 that the remains of two U.S. service members missing in action from World War II were identified Oct. 26, 2004 and will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

The service members, Pvt. Clifford North and Pfc. Francisco A. Olguin, were assigned to Company I, 126th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division, when they engaged enemy forces near the Buna Coast of New Guinea. Both of the Soldiers were killed by enemy fire on or about Dec. 2, 1949, while attempting to establish a roadblock.

In late Sept. 1995, a team from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command traveled back to the Buna Coast following a trail of information gathered from local nationals from the area. The operation resulted in the recovery

of human remains from two separate burial sites

Scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory used mitochondrial DNA as one of the forensic tools to identify the remains of North and Olguin.

Before an official announcement of a Soldier's identification could be released, JPAC first had to complete the service member's notification process to family members.

Today, there is one American missing from the Gulf War, more than 1,800 from the Vietnam War, 120 from the Cold War, more than 8,100 from the Korean War and more than 78,000 from World War II.

The U.S. government, the Department of Defense and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command are committed to scientific excellence and the fullest possible accounting of all

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## Watch Card

Do: Observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.
- Unusual questions or requests for information relat-

ing to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.

- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.
- Unusual phone calls, messages, or e-mails.
- Unusual contacts, on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity

near or around installation.

- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

Do not:

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.
- Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
- Discuss force protection

measures, capabilities, or posture.

- Disclose any information related to unit deployments.
- Report any suspicious activity immediately to the APG

Police:

Aberdeen, 410-306-2222, 4-2222

Edgewood, 410-436-2222, 5-2222

Off post in Maryland, 1-800-492-TIPS (8477) or call 911.

Your call may save lives.

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

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# Retirees net 133 years of service during May ceremony

**Carolyn H. Dawson**  
APG News

Half a dozen retirees with a total of 133 years of combined military and civilian service were commended for their faithful service during a retirement ceremony held at Top of the Bay May 25.

Brig. Gen. Walter L. Davis, commander of the 20th Support Command Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives, hosted the ceremony assisted by Command Sgt. Maj. Mark R. Froom, 20th Support Command.

Before recognizing the retirees, Davis thanked the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) Brass Quintet led by Staff Sgt. Michael J. Aloisi for the musical contributions, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Carol Van Schenkhof.

**Master Sgt. Steven M. Bryant**

Bryant, with the 20th Support Command, retires from the Army with 20 years of service as an explosive ordnance disposal technician, several prestigious Army service awards – including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal - and several tours overseas, including his final mission with Operation Iraqi Freedom. Because of his outstanding service to the Army, Bryant earned numerous awards and commendations during his career including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (four Oak Leaf Clusters) and the Master EOD

Badge.

During the ceremony, Bryant was awarded a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation and Certificate of Retirement.

Bryant and his wife, Lisa, reside in Lanham, Md.

**Isaac Evans Jr.**

Also retiring from the 20th Support Command was Evans with a total of more than 41 years of service to the Army and federal government.

Evans began his career with the Army in 1963 after being drafted and spending his first tour of duty in Panama. He retired from active duty in 1987, and began his civil service career while living in Germany.

His military assignments have included senior automotive instructor at the Combined Army Training Center, Vilseck, Germany; maintenance supervisor with the 1st Tank Battalion, Camp Casey, Korea; Master Sergeant and senior auto instructor at the Armor School/Center, Fort Knox, Ky.; and safety officer/maintenance team chief for the 1st Infantry Division, Stuttgart, Germany.

Awards include a meritorious service award, an achievement award, and multiple performance awards.

Evans was awarded a DA certificate of Appreciation at the retirement ceremony.

Evans and his wife, Pauline, have four children; Russell, Laverne, Ronald, and Reginald, plus five grandchildren. After retirement, Evans will be relocating to Radcliff, Ky.

**Staff Sergeant Carl E. Woodruff II**

Woodruff is the current Rhythm Group Leader with the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own).

He enlisted in Army 1984 and served five tours overseas, two in Korea, one in Germany and two in Southwest Asia. Woodruff has served in numerous stateside assignments and culminates his 21-year career on Sept. 30.

During his career with the Army, Woodruff won many distinguished and prestigious U.S. military service awards, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 2, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Expert Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar.

At the ceremony, Woodruff was awarded the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation and a DA Certificate of Retirement.

Woodruff and his wife, Sheila, have one son, Keith Allen Todd. He enjoys volleyball, bowling, fishing, and playing the vibraphone. Woodruff's plans are to relocate to Tampa, Fla., and pursue a second career as a police officer.

**Donald J. Palughi Sr.**

Palughi has held senior management and engineering positions with

in DOD and industry for 50 years. Palughi's work at APG was with the Chemical Materials Agency, Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center, and the Product Manager for Smoke and Obscurants.

As a deputy and chief engineer for CMA and PMCD, he provided management and technical guidance for the day-to-day operations needed to destroy the U.S. chemical agent stockpile.

His positions at ECBC included senior engineer, branch and division chief, deputy director, and chief engineer and systems manager for the Product Manager for Smoke and Obscurants.

He was the technical representative on the U.S. negotiating team responsible for obtaining rights in data and a U.S. license to manufacture the United Kingdom Armored Fighting Vehicle Smoke Protection Launcher System and procurement of UK Launchers and L8A1 Smoke Grenades. He was responsible for fielding of smoke systems, the reducibility aspects of binary munitions and anti-terrorism chemical systems, the design and construction of the binary production facilities and the transition of R&T items to development.

Throughout his career Palughi received numerous honorary and monetary awards. At the ceremony, Palughi was awarded a DA Certificate of Retirement and Certificate of Appreciation.

He resides in Baltimore County with his wife, Theresa. He has two children, Donald Jr. and Jacqueline,

as well as six grandchildren.

**William W. (Bill) Campbell**

Campbell began his professional career in 1959 and worked in private industry for 28 years.

Campbell began his civil service career in 1987 with the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization. Campbell spent his entire government career working on the demilitarization of lethal chemical agents and munitions. He worked and had responsibilities in all phases of the multi-billion dollar Chemical Stockpile Disposal Program (pilot plant, design, engineering, equipment acquisition, construction, systemization, operations, and closure) and was directly responsible for operations and closure of Johnston Atoll Chemical Agent Disposal System and construction and systemization of Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. He managed the design, engineering, and equipment acquisition of Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, and Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility.

Campbell retired from federal service on May 31 from the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency.

At the ceremony, Campbell received a DA Certificate of Retirement and Certificate of Appreciation.

He and his wife Marjorie have three daughters, Kathleen Ross, Joyce Emge and Nancy Sybert.

Retiree spouses were also recognized with certificates of appreciation.

# ARL senior scientist honored with presidential rank award

ARL

A senior scientist at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, has been honored for exceptional long-term contributions to the government with a 2004 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service.

The awards recognize career senior executive service and senior professional people who exemplify the highest level of integrity, leadership and personal conduct and who have demonstrated exceptional performance during an extended period of time.

The meritorious award is given for sustained accomplishment and is limited to 5 percent of the career senior executive service, defense intelligence senior executive service, or senior level scientific or professional government-wide population.

Dr. Edward M. Schmidt received his award at a ceremony May 9 at the Pentagon at which Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey and Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Richard A. Cody presided.

According to his nomination summary, ".....Schmidt has a sustained record of exceptional scientific and leadership achievements for the U.S. Army. His research contributions have made fundamental changes in how weapons system physics is understood. His leadership of programs critical to the army and the nation directly led to fielding some of the world's best weapons. He has helped the Soldier."

Schmidt has had a long and distinguished career spending 35 years as an Army researcher.

He holds a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering and a master's degree and PhD in Astronautics, all from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, N.Y.

He entered the Army in 1969 and served for two years in the rank of captain at the Office of the Project Manager, Utility Tactical Transport Aircraft Systems, St. Louis, Mo.

After leaving the Army, Schmidt joined the Ballistic Research Laboratory (a predecessor of ARL) at Aberdeen Proving Ground, as an aero-

space engineer in 1971, served in a number of engineering research and management positions and currently works in ARL's Weapons and Materials Research Directorate where he has served as manager of the Army's Electric Armaments Program since 1996.

During his career, Schmidt has made fundamental contributions to the understanding of a diverse range of ballistic problems. He has conducted research into projectile launch, flight, and terminal effectiveness.

His work is widely recognized within the Army, nationally and internationally.

Schmidt has lead advanced research into the next generation of anti-armor ballistics and in his current position advancing the breakthrough technology of the electromagnetic gun is credited with saving the technology as an Army program and lead to the expansion of the program.

His successful leadership of the technical team has resulted in interest in electromagnetic gun programs by both the Navy and the Marine Corps.

Schmidt is the author of more than 100 publications and is an Associate Fellow in the American Institute of Aero and Astronautics. He is a life member of the National Defense Industrial Associations and the Society of Sigma XI (scientific honor society). He is also a member of Sigma Gamma Tau (aerospace engineering honor society) and Tau Beta Pi (Engineering honor society).

During his government career, Schmidt won Army Research and Development Achievement awards in 1978 and 1989; a Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1985; the BRL Kent Award in 1989; a U.S. Army Laboratory Command R&D Achievement Award in 1989; and Superior Civilian Service awards in 2001 and 2003. He was elected a BRL Fellow in 1982 and an ARL Fellow in 1999.

Schmidt resides in Forest Hill, with his wife of 37 years, Martha. They have four children: Laura, Edward, Tamara and Daniel and two grandchildren, Tess and Connor.

# New pet travel rules require planning

**Maj. Bonnie J. Martin**  
Veterinary Services Branch

There are new regulations for international travel with pets that military members must comply with. Some countries do not allow certain breeds of dogs. If travel plans include these areas, check with the nearest Army Veterinary

Treatment Facility for current information.

European countries, including Italy, Germany, and Spain, now require all cats, dogs and ferrets to have a microchip for identification. The pets must also have had a rabies vaccination between 30 days and 12 months before entry.

Each European country requires an import health certificate in its own language. Local Army Veterinary Treatment Facilities should have the microchips and proper forms but pet owners should plan ahead. The rabies vaccine must be given more than 30 days before entry or the pet

may end up in quarantine or be denied entry to the country.

Japan is currently rewriting the import regulations for cats and dogs. The new regulations might be in place this summer and will likely include requirements for blood tests, microchips and special forms. This will require planning

about four to six months in advance to obtain the correct blood tests for rabies titers. Service members expecting to receive orders to Japan should contact their local Army Veterinary Treatment Facility or the Japan District Veterinary Command Web site, <http://www.usarj.army.mil/>

[organization/vet/index.htm](http://www.usarj.army.mil/organization/vet/index.htm), for the latest information.

Guam, Hawaii and England also have stringent import requirements for pets. All of these locations require microchips, blood tests, vaccines, and parasite control that must begin at least six months

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## Pet of the Week



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON, APG

*This male Shepard mix, would make a great friend to adults or children but is not good around other animals. The Aberdeen Veterinary Treatment Facility is full of dogs, cats and kittens waiting for adoption. Anyone may adopt a pet through the VTF. For more information, call 410-278-3911/4604 or stop by building 2479, across from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. More pets available for adoption are pictured on page 14.*



# Youth alcohol, drugs

## Youth, alcohol and other drugs facts

ASAP

This is the final article in a series on youths and drugs and alcohol.

How does alcohol work? Alcohol is a drug. Like heroin or tranquilizers, it can alter moods, cause changes in the body, and become habit forming.

*Is alcohol an "upper" or a "downer?"*

Alcohol is a "downer." It actually depresses the central nervous system. That's why drinking too much causes slowed reactions, slurred speech and sometimes even unconsciousness ("passing out").

*Which packs more punch, liquor or beer?*

Neither. There is about the same amount of alcohol in a 12-ounce can of beer as there is in a mixed drink that contains 1-1/2 ounces of liquor--or in a 5-ounce glass of wine. Just remember that each beer is as potent as a scotch and water.

*How does alcohol affect the teenage body?*

Unfortunately, there have been few studies done on the physiological effects of alcohol on

youth. It is known that the smaller the body, the greater the effect of the alcohol.

The long term effects of the youth's physical development are uncertain.

When alcohol is consumed in large quantities in a single sitting, acute inflammation of the stomach or pancreas, pneumonia, cessation of breathing and death sometimes occur.

Alcohol is also the most frequent contributor to the leading cause of death in teenagers. Half their deaths can be attributed to alcohol-impaired driving and 50 to 60 percent of all adolescent suicides involve the use of alcohol.

*What are the mental and emotional consequences to young people who use alcohol?*

The single most dangerous and immediate consequence of alcohol use by young people may be that it seems to produce and justify uninhibited behavior.

Alcohol use is associated with a false sense of confidence, even invulnerability, that often leads to disregard for the health, safety and welfare of self and others.

Youths who use alcohol also risk impairing their performance in school. Adolescent problem drinkers are less successful in school.

Academic achievement declines as the regularity and intensity of alcohol and drug use increases.

*What are the ways in which social development is impaired by alcohol use?*

Drinking impedes the development of a wide range of skills and competencies required for gaining self-confidence, for maintaining healthy relationships and for fulfilling potential.

Young people in the period of rapid growth are choosing friends and learning about competition and cooperation, negotiation and problem solving. Most are learning to accept the consequences of their behavior and are on their way to becoming responsible adults.

If children learn to use alcohol to relieve awkwardness or to numb such common emo-

tions as pain, or anger, they bypass the practice of social skills, and a cycle of dependency is likely to result.

When alcohol is substituted for acquiring social competencies, social development is arrested and long term problems may ensue.

For more information, contact Cindy Scott, ASAP prevention coordinator, 410-278-3784, e-mail her at [Cynthia.Scott1@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:Cynthia.Scott1@usag.apg.army.mil), stop by the ASAP office in building 2477 and speak with the ASAP staff, visit the ASAP Web site [www.apg-intra.apg.army.mil/apg/asap/](http://www.apg-intra.apg.army.mil/apg/asap/) or click on the blue ASAP box on the right side of the APG Web page, [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil).

Additional information can be found at [www.TheAntiDrug.com](http://www.TheAntiDrug.com)

## 143rd 'supports and sustains' Relay for Life

**Khaalid Walls**  
OC&S

Scattered rains, winds between 15 and 20 mph and unseasonably low late spring temperatures didn't keep 53 Soldiers from Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion from providing water and candles to participants, setting up tents, and assisting with parking, among other duties May 20 for the all-night American Cancer Society Relay for Life Run.

"They were awesome. I am so thankful that we were able to get their help," said volunteer chairperson Lucy Brandt, who organized the event on Edgewood High School's outdoor track. "I hope in future years we're able to get them again."

The 12-hour relay, held at various sites around the world, began Friday evening at 7 p.m. and raised \$127,000 in research funds at the local level, as of the latest tally.

Brandt said the initial goal was \$125,000. She expects to far exceed that figure.

Brandt estimated that more than 200 participated in the event. And she said having a military presence there was invaluable.

"Having the Soldiers there sent a message of safety and security to all the participants. There's nothing like a guy in uniform," she said.

To keep participants upbeat in the dismal weather and for the 12-hour duration, all-night entertainment was provided, including testimony from can-

cer survivors, roaming clowns, local music groups, food, all topped off with early morning yoga exercises.

Brandt said the event came together with amazing cohesion.

"I think the overall highlight was the support of everyone who attended. Knowing we are all there for the same reason -- to have fun, celebrate survivorship and raise funds to support a cure for cancer by bringing together friends, family, businesses, hospitals, schools and churches," she said.

1st Lt. Morris Brown, Company B executive officer, said the three shifts his Soldiers worked provided seamless support for the relay.

"It's what Ordnance

Soldiers do," said Brown who coordinated the Soldiers' participation in the event. "It was a 'support and sustain mission' for us."

Brown said it's important that Soldiers are involved in the community because it emphasizes interconnectivity.

"Any type of community outreach strengthens a partnership between the Army and the local community we are a part of, as well as providing Soldiers with a foundation for life-long service by challenging, educating, and empowering them to meet community needs through programs like this one," Brown said. "It lets people know we have a stake in the welfare of our community."

## AAFES

*From front page*

Exchange Catalog or [aafes.com](http://aafes.com) with the exception of the following categories: fine jewelry, collectible giftware, crystal and closeouts. In addition, Special Orders and CentricMall.com are excluded.

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2. AAFES BX/PX Retail, Exchange Catalog and [aafes.com](http://aafes.com) will not match Commissary, BXMart, PXMart or CXMart prices.

3. Other exclusions include: bonus or free offers, clearance prices and closeout prices. Exclusions also include special orders service contracts, automotive labor and services, special order automotive parts, installation, delivery or assembly services. Other items include mail in rebates, instant "In-store" rebates, double and triple coupon offers, flat percentage off items and gasoline.

4. In MCSS stores, official military clothing and accessories are excluded.

## Radio

*From front page*

overseas. We love all you guys. Thank you for what you're doing and we appreciate your families and their bravery while they're waiting on you."

AAFES continues to show its commitment to the men and women who protect our freedom by offering programs like the Patriot Family Connection.

Anyone can record a message simply by calling 1-800-713-1302 and following the prompts.

For more information, log on to [www.AAFES.com](http://www.AAFES.com) and click on the Patriot Family link.

## APG Soldiers, civilians receive recognition

**Joni Platt**  
U.S. Army 20th Support  
Command

The 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) held an award ceremony May 24 at the Edgewood Conference Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, recognizing Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians for their dedicated service.

Lt. Col. Franz Amann, commander, 22d Chemical Battalion (TE), hosted the event and presented the awards.

Soldiers and DA civilians receiving the awards included Maj. Anthony Hayden and Sgt. Maj. Mark Froom, Joint Meritorious Service Medals; Sgt. 1st Class Filemon Garzon, Joint Service Commendation Medal; Sgt. Jose Henao, Joint Service Commendation Medal and Army Commendation Medal (two); Master Sgt. Arturo Corpuz, Army Commendation Medal; Maj. Chadwick Bauld, Joint Service Achievement Medal; James Swank, Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award; and Sgt. 1st Class Carl Flowers and Pfc. Victor Robledo, Army Achievement Medals.

Government service awards were given to Patricia Stitley,

for 25 years; Charles Cook, Mark Fonti and Adam Pulliam for 15 years.

Twenty-one Department of the Army civilians received the Edgewood Chemical Activity Commander's Coin from Lt. Col. Gerald L. Gladney, who also commands the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility.

Gladney thanked them for their contribution to the activity and the successful completion of the chemical agent storage and disposal mission.

"This is a great opportunity to recognize the dedication and teamwork of 22d Chemical Battalion," Gladney said. "Your diligence in ensuring the safe storage of the mustard stockpile and the delivery of the ton containers to the chemical storage area was a critical part of the success of a complex and very important operation."

"Perhaps more important, you played a critical role in the elimination of the stockpile threat, not only to the surrounding community, but also to the state of Maryland and to the United States," he added.

The 22d Chemical Battalion (TE) removed the last ton container of mustard agent

from Aberdeen's Chemical Agent Storage Yard on Feb. 2.

That significant event marked the end of 61 years of bulk mustard agent storage at APG. The storage site is the first of eight U.S. Army stockpile sites in the continental United States to safely eliminate its stockpile of stored agent.

Amann expressed gratitude to his military and civilian workforce and presented a special plaque to the 22d Chemical Battalion's Company B.

"This plaque is dedicated to Company B for your support in the closure of the Edgewood Chemical Activity's Chemical Agent Storage Facility by safely moving 1,817 one ton container holding over 3,200,000 pounds of mustard agent," Amann said. "This is a way to document your dedication to safety within the chemical arena."

The 22d Chemical Battalion (TE), formerly called the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit has over 60 years of experience in chemical/biological response, and has a long history of meeting the changing needs of the nation.

## Local chemist named in top 10 by AMC

ECBC

A chemist at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center is to be named one of the Ten Outstanding AMC Personnel of the Year by the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

Dr. George Famini, chief, International Programs Division, ECBC, will accept the award at an ECBC ceremony.

The award allows AMC personnel, both military and civilian, to compete for formal recognition at the headquarters level. It recognizes outstanding work accomplishment that not only has been highly exemplary and an inspiration to others, but has significantly

contributed to the command's missions and operational responsibilities. In addition, it identifies and recognizes AMC personnel who, in the daily performance of their assigned duties, have come to stand out as model workers among their fellow employees, and could be considered a representative of the ideal AMC employee.

Famini was recognized for his role involving directing, developing, and overseeing international cooperative activities. He was instrumental in establishing formal laboratory-to-laboratory collaborations with key allies in Asia, North America and Europe.

Famini has actively supported cooperative initiatives within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization by engaging key allies through bilateral discussions and exchanges. In particular, a new formal relationship has been established with Norway and another reestablished with Poland. ECBC was the first Army laboratory to hold formal exchanges with Poland; this extension represents a successful 10-year relationship.

Some of Famini's greatest contributions have been in managing multinational standardization and cooperative research and development programs. He actively participates in the American, British, Canadian and Australian Armies Standardization Program, where he is the U.S. member to the Science and Technology Support Group. Famini also served as the Executive Officer for the Canadian, United Kingdom and United States Memorandum of Understanding for the Research, Development and Acquisition of Chemical, Biological and Radiological Defense Material which he drafted and negotiated in 2000.

He also served as the Executive Officer for The Technical Cooperation Program Chemical and Biological Defense Group and provided support to NATO.



Dr. George Famini, chief,  
International Programs Division,  
ECBC

Others have taken note of Famini's abilities in developing international cooperation and his expertise in U.S. Export Controls, as evidenced by myriad requests for assistance by other U.S. Department of Defense and foreign government agencies.

From 2000 to 2004, Famini worked with the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Center in developing international programs. His advice is frequently sought out by International Points of Contact at other Research Development and Engineering Centers within AMC.

Also, the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense consults him for all international issues and has given him the title of Special Advisor for International Affairs.

Famini is also celebrated for his scientific knowledge. He was asked by the Singapore's Defense Science Organization to help organize the Fourth Singapore International Symposium on Protection Against Toxic Substances where he has chaired sessions at each of the previous meetings.

Famini is an Adjunct Professor in the Lehigh Medicinal Chemistry Distance Learning Program and an active member of the American Chemical Society's Division for Computers in Chemistry.

Famini also shares his

See FAMINI, page 13

# 2005 cutoff dates for PR submissions announced

DOC and RDECOM

## Edgewood Contracting Division

The Edgewood Contracting Division of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Acquisition Center has established its fiscal year 2005 cutoff dates for submission of purchase requests.

Early customer support in identifying and submitting PRs by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the ECD to meet customer needs.

Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end.

Organizations are advised to submit their year-end acquisition requirements as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

## RDECOM schedule for FY 2005

Noncommercial Items Over \$100,000 - July 1

Noncommercial Items Over \$100,000 (Competitive) - too late this year - need minimum of 6 months; however, there may be exceptions. Requests will be considered on individual basis.

Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 - Aug. 1 (Competitive and Noncompetitive)

Commercial Items between \$100,000 and \$5M (Competitive and Noncompetitive) - Aug. 1

Short of Award over \$2,500 - action brought up to point of award pending receipt of funds - July 1

Commercial Items Under \$100,000 (Competitive and Noncompetitive) - Sept. 1

Task Orders/Delivery Orders between \$2,500 and \$100,000 (Competitive and Noncompetitive) - Sept. 1

Task Orders/Delivery Orders between \$100,000 and \$5M (Competitive and Noncompetitive) - Aug. 1

Requests received after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require approval by the chief of the ECD.

For more information, contact Cynthia Phillips, [cynthia.h.phillips@us.army.mil](mailto:cynthia.h.phillips@us.army.mil), 410-436-2554; Chuck Comaty, [charles.comaty@us.army.mil](mailto:charles.comaty@us.army.mil), 410-436-3750; or Diane Street, [diane.street@us.army.mil](mailto:diane.street@us.army.mil), 410-436-2428.

## Directorate of Contracting

The Army Contracting Agency Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Contracting has established its fiscal year 2005 cutoff dates for submission of PRs.

Early customer support in identifying and submitting PRs by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the APG DOC to meet customer needs. Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end. Customers are

advised to submit year-end requirements as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

## DOC schedule for the submission of PRs for FY 2005 and maintenance for FY 2006

- Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 - July 1\*

- Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 - Aug. 1

- Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million - July 1

- Commercial Items under \$100,000 - Aug. 15

- Services Over \$100,000 - July 1

- Delivery Orders and Task Orders Under Existing Contracts - Aug. 1

- GSA Schedule Procurements - Aug. 1

- Short-of-Award over \$2,500 - June 15\*\*

- Maintenance for FY 2005 - July 1 (FY 06 Contract Modifications and Options for Existing Maintenance Contracts)

\* There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

\*\* Customers submitting "short-of-award" PRs, especially for services requirements, must seriously consider whether funding will materialize. A substantial amount of effort is expended to prepare these pending actions and they must be prioritized after purchase requests that are funded and PRs that are subject to the availability of funds.

The above lead times can be affected by various factors, a few of which include: competition requirements, to include fair opportunity for services task orders over \$100,000 when using Federal

Supply Schedules; obtaining sole, limited source or urgency approvals -- the justification and approval process; the review process accomplished by the APG Small Business Advisor to ensure all socioeconomic programs will be appropriately addressed; front-end PR entry, and PD2 (PD2 is the DoD contracting automated system used at Aberdeen.

## New requirements affecting lead times this fiscal year

When placing sole source orders over \$2,500 under Federal Supply Schedules, a Justification and Approval must be prepared and approved by a Contracting Officer.

When purchasing supplies or services over the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$100,000) using non-DoD contract vehicles (which includes placing orders with GSA), proposed actions must be reviewed and approved considering:

- If the action is in the Best Interest of the Government - satisfying customer requirements, schedule, cost effectiveness (taking into account, discounts and fees), and, contract administration including oversight.

- Other factors which must be addressed - determining that tasks or supplies ordered are within the scope of the contract; ensuring funding is used in accordance with appropriation limitations; providing unique terms, conditions and requirements for incorporation into an order or contract to comply with all applicable DoD-unique statutes, regulations, directives and other requirements (e.g., all clothing, shoes and other items specified under the Berry Amendment, procured with DoD funding, is of domestic origin); and collect-

ing data on the use of assisted acquisitions for analysis.

Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require approval by the Chief of the Contracting Division. The APG DOC will do as much as possible to assist customers in satisfying their requirements after the cut-off dates. However, the Directorate has a limited capability to process late requirements. Budgetary constraints may mean that customer-funded overtime may be the only method to provide the Directorate with additional

flexibility to accept requirements after the established dates.

The ACA APG DOC Web site is located at: <http://www.apg.army.mil/apgho>

[me/sites/installation/aca/](http://www.apg.army.mil/apgho/sites/installation/aca/). The fiscal year cutoff dates for submission of PRs are located at this site under "Announcements, News, and Notes."

See PR CUTOFF, page 12

## 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.

### Bald eagle signs posted

Signs indicating a 500-meter buffer zone in the area bounded by Plumb Point Loop East, Spesutie Island Road and Hopkins Road have been posted. Normal activities and travel on these roads is not restricted, however, residents and visitors are asked to avoid this area until June 15, when the bald eagle nesting season is over.

The Endangered Species Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act protect eagles. Disturbing or harassing an eagle is as illegal as shooting an eagle.

For more information, call John Paul, 410-436-4567.

### Introductory sports playgroup

A new introductory sports playgroup program for Family Child Care youths will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Thursday at the Edgewood Youth Center, weather permitting. The program will not be held on holidays. This program will launch children's interest in sports in a non-competitive fashion.

For more information, call Chris Fielder at 410-436-2862.

### Submitting Hometown News

Telling a story is the main purpose of the Hometown News Program.

The program informs the public of activities and accomplishments of Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians, and helps project a positive image of the Army.

In addition, relatives and friends get to share the pride of the accomplishments when a Hometown News Release appears in local newspapers.

For more information about the Hometown News Program, call Lynn Witkowski, 410-278-1151.

### KUSAHC hosts change of command

There will be a Change of Command ceremony at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic 10 a.m., June 24, in front of the clinic. Col. John M. Wempe will relinquish his command to Lt. Col. William A. Rice.

In case of inclement weather the ceremony will take place at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300. The dress is duty uniform.

KUSAHC will be closed in the morning with the exception of active duty sick call at 5:30 a.m.

The pharmacy will be open until 9:30 a.m.

### Mentors wanted

The APG Minority College Relations Team is looking for volunteer mentors to assign to students attending minority colleges/universities in various academic disciplines.

Anyone interested in becoming a mentor should e-mail APG-MCRT@apg.army.mil.

For more information, call Neslie Etheridge, 410-278-1131.

### Coffee house invites service members

All Aberdeen Proving Ground service members are invited to visit the Christian Coffee House, also known as "The Well," for a spiritually refreshing good time.

Lounge on sofas and chat with friend, watch movies on the big screen TV, enjoy free refreshments, play games, listen to live music or join in with your own voice or instrument. Located in building 4308, next to the Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion barracks, "The Well" is open every Thursday, 6:30 p.m. until everyone leaves.

For more information, contact Pfc. Steven Presser, chaplain assistant, 410-278-5395.

### YC holds Summer Basketball Camp

Bill Lewit, the head coach of the Cecil Community College players for 10 years, will instruct summer basketball camp at the Gunpowder Neck Youth Center, building E-1902.

Camp is open to girls and boys ages 8 to 16 years of age and will include skills competition and written evaluations. Summer basketball camp will be held 5:45 to 8:45 p.m., July 18 through 22. Cost of registration is \$50.

Registration will be held through June 21, at CYS Central Registration, building 2752, 410-278-7571 or

Gunpowder Neck Youth Center, building E-1902, 410-436-2862 by appointment only.

### Concert tickets available

Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Aberdeen Proving Ground present the 2005 Miller Lite Army Concert featuring Terri Clark, Chely Wright, Julie Roberts and Miranda Lambert Aug. 20 on Shine Sports Field.

Gates will open at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the concert, and can be purchased at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com), MWR Registration, Hoyle Fitness Center and Ticketmaster.

For more information, visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### Thrift Store offers discount

Bring this advertisement to the APG Thrift Store, building 2458, anytime in June to receive 10 percent off all purchases.

Store hours for sales 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., the first Saturday of the month.

Consignments can be taken 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday.

For more information, call 410-272-8572.

### USAWOA meetings scheduled

The Aberdeen-Edgewood Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association meets on the third Thursday of the month at noon in the Warrant Officer Hut located on School Street.

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

### Dental coverage update for Reserve retirees

Reservists who retire from the services are able to waive a standing one-year waiting period for certain dental services due to a new TRICARE rule.

Previously, reserve retirees had to be enrolled for 12 months before being covered for bridges, dentures and certain other dental services.

According to the new TRICARE ruling, as long as a reservist joins the Delta Dental plan within 120 days of his or her retirement date, and provides a copy of their retirement orders, they can request the one-year waiting period be waived.

For more information visit <http://www.trdp.org> or call 1-866-567-1658.

### Correction

APG News regrets the errors in the June 2 APG News issue, page 7. The correct Web site for local muralist Lori Deibert is [www.muraldesigns.com](http://www.muraldesigns.com).

Photo credit should have been given to Vincent Sabro, Louisiana Army National Guard.

# Community Notes

## THURSDAY

### June 9 APG READIES FOR EXERCISE

Aberdeen Proving Ground and Harford County will conduct an Installation Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Mass Casualty Training Exercise in the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas on June 9. The exercise will involve field play by APG first responders.

Harford County will also conduct a major exercise during this time frame and coordination of the two exercises is anticipated.

Anyone associated with the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas should expect to be involved in the exercise in one way or another.

Some organizations may be asked to evacuate a building, while other organizations may be asked to provide assistance/expertise to the installation response forces. Any inconveniences will be kept to a minimum within the scope of the exercise.

For more information, call Robert F. Remus, 410-278-3147.

## SATURDAY JUNE 11 FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

Civilian and military personnel (active and retired) are invited to join the Town of Bel Air in celebrating Flag Day at 8 a.m. at the William A. Humbert Amphitheater in Shamrock Park on Lee Street. Uniform recommended.

For more information, call 410-638-4550.

## FACE-IT YOUTH RALLY

FACE-IT, the Faith Activated Community Empowering Intervention Training coalition, will sponsor a youth rally, "I'm Just 2 Cool 2 Smoke," noon to 4 p.m. at Word of Faith Outreach Ministries located at 1301 Lofflin Road and Maryland Route 40, Aberdeen. The rally will be held rain or shine. Entertainment includes a magic show and various youth group dance demonstrations and a concert by Bobby D.

For more information about the rally or to request dis-

ability-related accommodations, call Joseph Ryan, 410-638-3333 or e-mail jvryan@co.ha.md.us.

## ANNUAL SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Steppingstone Museum, located on 461 Quaker Bottom Road, Havre de Grace, will host its 19th annual Scottish Festival noon to 5 p.m.

Cost of admission is \$5 for adults and free admission for children 12 and under and members, and includes a tour of the museum buildings. There will be no charge for parking. Events include Scottish games competitions, sheepherding demonstrations, a Scottish military encampment, historical craft demonstrations and clan tents and local Scottish societies will distribute information about their groups. Musical entertainment includes traditional Celtic music by Robert Mouland and the John F. Nicoll Pipe Band. The Grand March will take place 1:30 p.m. with times varying for other entertainment.

For more information or directions, call the museum office at 410-939-2299, call toll-free at 1-888-419-1762, e-mail steppingstonemuseum@msn.com or visit Web site [www.steppingstonemuseum.org](http://www.steppingstonemuseum.org).

## SUNDAY

### JUNE 12 SUNDAY EVENING BINGO

Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 American Legion Auxiliary, 44 North Parke Street, Aberdeen (located across street from Festival Park) will hold bingo every Sunday evening. Doors open at 4 p.m., early bird games begin at 6:30 p.m. and regular games begin at 7 p.m. There are 24 games with increased cash payouts and three jackpots.

For more information, call 410-272-9822 or Rosie Greer, 410-272-5141.

## MOTORCYCLE RIDETO SUPPORT C.O.P.S

Several members of the APG Police will participate in the 6th Annual Motorcycle Ride to benefit Police Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (C.O.P.S.). Registration takes place 9 to 10 a.m. at the Ramsey Chesapeake Harley Davidson shop in Darlington, and 12 other locations throughout Maryland. All riders will then be escorted to Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #89 in Upper Marlboro, Md.

A minimum pledge of \$25 per person is required. Donations are welcome and can be dropped off at the APG gates. All riders and motorcycles are welcome. The rain date is June 26.

For more information, call FOP 301-952-0882 or visit [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org).

## MONDAY

### JUNE 14 229TH U.S. ARMY BIRTHDAY SPECIALTY MEAL

The 229TH United States Army Birthday Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, for lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, department of defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The holiday meal rate of \$5.80 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, department of defense civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$4.90 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal. Civilian guests are authorized from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

The 229th U.S. Birthday Specialty Meal menu includes grilled steak with sautéed mushrooms and onions, vegetable lasagna, barbequed spare ribs, fried chicken, southern fried catfish, cheesy bacon burger, grilled frankfurters, cheese steak sandwiches, grilled bratwurst, meatless thick crust pizza, submarine sandwiches (build your own), baked beans, macaroni and cheese, Mexican rice, freedom fries, onion rings, potato bar, steamed corn, broccoli with cheese sauce, southern style collard greens, assorted salad bar, potato salad, pasta salad, cole slaw with creamy dressing, macaroni salad, assorted condiments, hot dinner rolls, assorted breads, corn bread, army birthday cake, make your own strawberry shortcake, watermelon and assorted fresh fruit, banana split/soft serve yogurt with assorted toppings and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information, call Edward Parylo or Ernest

Green at 410-306-1393/1398.

## FLAG DAY CEREMONY

The Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 135 at American Legion Post 135 located on 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony 7 p.m. The public is invited.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

## OLD GLORY\*OUS FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

Harford Mall will hold its first Old Glory\*ous Flag Day Celebration, 1 p.m., at the Sears flagpole located outside. Guest speakers include Col. John T. Wright, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, and Sgt. 1st Class Vincent M. Arnold.

Events include a flag etiquette demonstration by WACVets Chapter 114, a brief history of the flag, and a patriotic melody performed by Edgewood Middle School students.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the Harford Mall center court at 1 p.m.

## MOVIES

**ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75**  
**Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard**  
**To verify listing, call 410-272-9008.**

### THE INTERPRETER

**Friday, June 10, 7 p.m.**

Starring: Nicole Kidman, Sean Penn, Catherine Keener

A United Nations interpreter named Silvia Broome (Kidman) overhears a death threat against an African head of state who is set to address the General Assembly.

Federal agent Tobin Keller (Sean Penn) is assigned to protect her, but he's not entirely sure she's telling the truth. (Rated PG-13)

### THE HITCHHIKER'S

### GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

**Saturday, June 11, 9 p.m.**

Starring: Sam Rockwell, Zooey Deschanel, Mos Def, Martin Freeman

Just before the Earth is destroyed in order to build an intergalactic hyperspace bypass, Arthur Dent (Freeman) learns that his friend Ford Prefect (Def) is an alien. Thankfully, Ford helps Arthur escape his doomed planet by hitchhiking on a passing spaceship with a handy copy of the book *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. (Rated PG)



# Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## MWR Registration holds annual Travel Fair

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

Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community received a variety of recreational and vacation choices from local vendors during the Morale, Welfare and Registration and Community Recreation Division Travel Fair at the Aberdeen Recreation Center May 12.

More than 300 people attended the annual event.

Treva Baker, ticket representative, said the purpose of the fair is to alert the community as to the services available through MWR Registration for their vacation, recreation or official travel needs.

"We'd like to get the word out what we can do to assist their travel or vacation plans," Baker said, adding that many visitors commented that they didn't realize what was available through the office.

Vendors included representatives from the National Aquarium in Baltimore; Medieval Times in Hanover; Cendant; Hess Hotels; Fredericksburg Area Tourism; Comfort Inn, Baltimore/Washington International Airport; the Baltimore Orioles; Carroll

County Tours; the Gettysburg Convention and Visitor's Bureau; the B&O Railroad Museum; Shenandoah Valley Tours; Holiday Inn Chesapeake House; and Snow Time, Inc.

In addition, program manager Charles Heinsohn, manned the MWR Program Team table that offered information on Community Recreation Division ticket sales, local and regional attractions as well as classes and sporting events available on the installation.

"From fishing to racquetball, we've got it all," Heinsohn said.

Information provided included fee schedules for the Ruggles and Exton golf courses; Advanced Dog Obedience classes to be held June 2 to July 7; Orlando area ticket deals; and the Amateur Boxing Night to be held 6 p.m., June 18, at the Aberdeen Athletic Center. For more information about these and other MWR or CRD programs or events, call 410-278-4011/4907 or visit MWR Registration in building 3326.

Vendors and customers alike agreed the fair served the community's needs.

"Everyone seems very interested about things like what kind of meals we offer and whether their children will like it," said Traci Silvera, military sales manager for Medieval Times, a first-time exhibitor at the Travel Fair.

"Folks are surprised to know we're just 45 minutes down the road at Arundel Mills Mall," Silvera said.

Barbara Beverunger, tourism manager for Carroll County, said more than 75 people inquired about day trips to the county's historical regions.

She distributed brochures about their fire engine and farm museums, golf courses, wine fests and hotels.

"We're perfectly suited for family day trips, or folks can stay at one of our popular bed and breakfast inns," she said.

She added that the Ravens Summer Camp held the last week of July to the third week in August draws the most visitors.

"Call our visitor center at 800-272-1933 for more information," Beverunger said.

Representing the Baltimore Orioles organization, Jackie Olup, account executive, said that the ball club is very inter-

ested in showing its support of the military.

"We're planning a military appreciation day near the end of July," Olup said. "I've encouraged everyone to access our Web site at [www.baltimore-orioles.com](http://www.baltimore-orioles.com) to see the great family activities we'll be offering this summer."

Jill Lejcar, sales manager for the National Aquarium at Baltimore said that although the facility is expanding it remains open to the public.

"Visitors have shown a lot of interest today, particularly in what we offer military families," Lejcar said.

"We're always willing to work with APG, they're a very cooperative neighbor," added Gary Force, sales manager for the Holiday Inn Chesapeake House in Aberdeen.

"We do a lot of military-related activities and we're always happy to accommodate the APG community," he said, adding that the organization is co-sponsoring the upcoming boxing tournament.

"This is a great opportunity for people to come out and see what Maryland has to offer," said Peter Leon Guerrero, an intelligence division officer with the Directorate of Law



Traci Silveira, left, military sales manager from Medieval Times, hands a paper crown to Peter Leon Guerrero of the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, during the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Travel Fair in the Aberdeen Recreation Center May 12.

Enforcement and Security.

Guerrero said he attended the travel fair to gather information for co-workers.

"I'm also setting up an itinerary for family vacations or visiting relatives," he added. "There are lots to choose from here."

"I'm fairly new to the area so I'm here looking for things to do," added Rita Delfiario, an acquisition specialist with

the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command. She said that while in Germany her family learned to take advantage of MWR activities and that her children frequently use the APG Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park.

"There's no need to be bored if you're anywhere around a military community," Delfiario said.

## 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).

### Methods of registration

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

### YC holds Summer Basketball Camp

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of the Cecil Community College players for 10 years, will instruct summer basketball camp at the Gunpowder Neck Youth Center, building E-1902.

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### Powder puff maintenance course

A Powder Puff Maintenance Course for women will be held 5 to 7 p.m., June 16, at the Automotive Crafts Center, building 2379. The fee is \$5.

Learn how to change and discard oil, change and rotate tires, check and fill all fluid

levels, and use all lifts and available equipment.

After this course attendees will have a better knowledge about basic vehicle maintenance.

Register by June 16.

For more information or to register, call 410-278-5178.

### Boxing

Amateur Boxing Night will feature the 143rd Ordnance Battalion taking on the 16th Ordnance Battalion June 18 at the Athletic Center, building 3300.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and boxing begins at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$20 for front row ring side seating, \$5 for active duty military and \$10 for non-military.

Tickets can be purchased at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907/4011, Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210; 410-436-7134, or visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### 'Putt 4 Dough'

Go for the green on June 18

at Exton Golf Course or July 16 at Ruggles Golf Course with the Army Golf program.

Army Golf Courses will host a 'Putt 4 Dough' promotion this summer, in conjunction with the Summer Scramble.

Someone at each Army installation could win \$10,000.

Participants of the promotion will put their putter to the test. All it takes to win is to make three successive putts in a row from 10 foot, 25 foot

and 50 foot and golfer could win the \$10,000 prize purse.

The promotion is open to everyone, no golf experience needed.

Stop by the Ruggles Golf Course, 410-278-4794, or Exton Golf Course, 410-436-2213, for more details on how to 'Putt 4 Dough.'

For a copy of the official rules and a list of the participating locations, visit [www.ArmyMWRGolf.com](http://www.ArmyMWRGolf.com).

### 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.

## SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

### Upcoming Driver Education Classes available

Youth Services will present state certified Driver's Education classes 30 hours of instruction each and will begin on a 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 (June 4 and 8, and July 13, and 16) to review rules and procedures.

### The following classes are scheduled:

**Aberdeen Area, CPO Training Facility building 5467, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.**  
July 13 through 26

Saturday class, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
June 4 through July 9 (closed July 1 through 4)

**Edgewood Area, Conference Center, building E-4811**  
June 27 through July 12 (closed July 1

through 4)  
Saturday class, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
July 16 through Aug. 13

### Students should bring their lunch to classes on Saturdays.

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.

To register for classes in Aberdeen, call Christina Keithley, 410-278-7571 or Pat Palazz, 410-278-7479, building 2752. For Edgewood classes, visit the Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon, and 3 to 6 p.m.

For more information, call Greg Williams, Rules Driving School, Inc., 410-939-7008 or 937-2184, or Ivan Mehosky, 410-278-2857.

## 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 June 13 through 19  
Includes one free game of bowling and choice of:  
Honey barbecued chicken tenders with fries and 16 oz. soda, \$6  
OR  
Grilled cheese with bacon, chips and 16 oz. soda, \$3.25



## APG pool openings

### APG pool openings

Bayside, building E-4655 and Olympic pools, building 3325, opened May 28 for the weekend only, and will be opened June 11 and 12. Starting June 13, the pools will be open daily. Hours of operation will be 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Shore Pool, building 2031, will open June 13 and close Aug. 21. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

### Daily fee

The daily fee costs \$3 per person for "authorized" (ID card holder or military) patrons 6 years old and above; \$5 per person for "guests" (non-government) 6 years old and above; and \$1 per person for "guests" ages 5 and younger.

Individual monthly fees for active duty

military grades E1 to E4 are \$10, all others cost \$20.

Family monthly fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 are \$20, all others cost \$40.

Individual season fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 cost \$30, all others cost \$50.

Family season fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 cost \$60, all others cost \$100.

Passes are available for purchase at Equipment Resource Center, building 2407 or Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210.

For more information, call the Equipment Resource Center at 410-278-4124 or e-mail [outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil).

## 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:

**The Smoke Room** by Earl Emerson

Firefighter Jason Gunn arrives late to a fire call, makes a daring rescue and is hailed a hero. Two of his colleagues cover up his dereliction of duty and blackmail him into helping them steal millions of dollars.

**The Third Secret** by Steve Berry

**The Black Angel** by John Connolly

**Rogue Warrior. Vengeance** by Richard Marcinko

**The Twelfth Card** by Jeffery Deaver

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.

## Join the boat club

The Spesutie Island Boating Activity is accepting applications for the 2005 season.

Membership is open to active duty military, full time Army National Guard, retired military, APG DoD/Nonappropriated Fund civilian employees, retired APG DA civilians, and long-term contractors with government ID card.

Membership requirements include performance of 10 hours of work and standing assigned security watches.

Members must provide proof of identifica-

tion, boat registration and liability insurance.

Costs are:  
• \$20 per foot for a moored boat with parking lot space for trailers  
• \$11.50 per foot for moored boat only  
• \$8.50 per foot for a boat on a trailer in a parking lot space  
• \$8 per foot for ramp access only  
Applications can be picked up at the SIBA Club house, building 36 or at Outdoor Recreation.  
For more information, call 410-278-4124.

# Taking safety precautions in the garage



Courtesy of <http://news.thomasnet.com/fullstory/22487/3285>

DSHE

In America there are nearly 21 million medical visits as a result of unintentional home injuries. However, home safety is not limited to the immediate living area. The garage also poses a formidable threat if not kept clean and organized.

The Home Safety Council emphasizes the importance of safety precautions in the garage. In order to keep the garage a safe place for the family, follow these safety tips from the Home Safety Council.

- Organize all items in designated, easy-to-reach places, so large piles don't accumulate.

- Store shovels, rakes, lawn chairs, bikes and other sharp and large objects on the wall to prevent trips and clear floors and steps of clutter, grease and spills.
- Keep children's playthings in one area and within their reach to prevent children from exploring potentially dangerous areas.
- Light your garage brightly with maximum safe wattage as designated by light fixtures.
- Protect light bulbs near work areas with substantial guards to reduce risk of breakage and fire.
- Light stairs brightly and install secure handrails or banisters on both sides that extend the entire length of the stairs.
- Make sure poisonous products such as pesticides, automotive fluids, lighter fluid, paint thinner, antifreeze and turpentine have child-resistant caps, are clearly labeled and are stored either on a high shelf or in a locked cabinet.
- Do not use barbecue grills and electric generators inside the garage as they emit carbon monoxide (CO) and pose a fire hazard.
- Install a smoke alarm and CO detector in the garage.
- Never leave cars running inside a closed or open garage to prevent CO poisoning.

- Store gasoline in small quantities only and in a proper, tightly sealed container labeled "gasoline." Better yet, store gasoline in an outside shed.
- Do not keep gasoline in a garage with an appliance that contains a pilot light.
- Mount a fire extinguisher and stocked first aid kit in the garage and make sure every family member knows where they are and how to use them.
- Store pool chemicals according to the manufacturers' directions to prevent combustion and potential poisoning exposures.
- Do not overload outlets and make sure the electrical ratings on extension cords have been checked to ensure they are carrying no more than their proper loads.
- Lock electrical supply boxes to prevent children from opening them.
- Clean garage of dust, webs and trash, which can interfere with the electrical system.
- Properly secure shelving units to the wall, make sure they are not overloaded and store heavier items closest to the ground.
- Keep a sturdy step stool within easy reach to aid in reaching items stored high up.

## BRAC 2005: DoD uses process to revamp medical system

**Jim Garamone**  
American Forces Press Service

Defense officials have used the base realignment and closure process to transform the way military medicine operates.

Medical facilities will become more joint, they will consolidate where patients reside and they will become state-of-the-art.

"We want to rival Johns Hopkins or the Mayo clinics," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant defense secretary for health affairs.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld delivered his recommendations for base realignment and closure to the BRAC Commission May 13. The medical recommendations are part of this process.

The recommendations mean changes to military medicine in the nation's capital and San Antonio, as well as changes in many other military health facilities in the United States.

The major recommendation would establish the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on the grounds of the Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. It also will create a brand-new 165-bed community hospital at Fort Belvoir, Va. If approved, this will cost around \$1 billion, said Dr. (Lt. Gen.) George P. Taylor, Air Force surgeon general, who headed the joint cross-service group that worked on DoD's medical BRAC recommendations.

Army, Navy and Air Force medical personnel will staff both facilities. The current hospitals - Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda - are separated by just seven miles. They are the primary receiving hospitals for casualties from Iraq and Afghanistan. "We believe the best way to do this is to place the facility on the Bethesda campus," Taylor said.

In addition to housing the Walter Reed National Medical Center, the Bethesda campus will keep the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The National Institutes of Health is also right across the street from the Bethesda facility.

"The facility is able to accommodate the in-patient activities at this location," Taylor said.

Part of this recommendation would close the Army's Walter Reed campus in Washington, D.C., and Malcolm Grow Hospital at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., would close its in-patient facilities and become a large same-day surgery center.

"We know these types of joint medical facilities work," Taylor said. "We have two of them today: Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany has been staffed by Army and Air Force for more than 10 years. If you go to Balad Hospital in Balad (Iraq), it is Army and Air Force run."

Changes would take place in San Antonio also. The two big medical platforms there are Brooke Army Medical Center at

Fort Sam Houston and the 59th Medical Wing's Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base. Plans call for medical care to center at Brooke. It will become the San Antonio Regional Medical Center, and will be a jointly staffed, 425-bed center. At Lackland, BRAC recommends building a world-class outpatient and ambulatory surgery center. The trauma center at Lackland will close, and Brooke will expand to handle the need.

San Antonio also will become the hub for training enlisted medical technicians of all services. Currently, the Army trains at Sam Houston, but the Air Force trains medics at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and sailors train at Great Lakes, Ill., San Diego, and Portsmouth, Va.

"All enlisted specialty training would be done at Fort Sam Houston," Taylor said.

The approximate student load would be about 4,500.

Aerospace medicine research will move from Brooks City Base (the one-time Brooks Air Force Base) to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The Navy's Aeromedical Research Lab will move from Pensacola, Fla., to Wright-Patterson also.

The recommendations create six new centers of excellence for biomedical research, and all are joint. Assets will come from Navy, Air Force and Army locations to these new centers. They are: the Joint Center of Excellence in Battlefield Health and Trauma at the Brooke Regional Medical Center, the Joint Center of Excellence in Infectious Disease Research at the Forest Glen Complex in Maryland, the Joint Center of Excellence for Aerospace Medicine Research at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the Joint Center of Excellence in Regulated Medical Product Development and Acquisition at Fort Detrick, Md., the Joint Center of Excellence in Biomedical Defense Research at Fort Detrick, and the Joint Center of Excellence in Chemical, Biological Defense Research, Development and Acquisition at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Overall, the recommendations will cost \$2.4 billion to build new facilities and capabilities. Once in place, the services will save \$400 million per year, officials said.

The joint cross-service group, new in this round of BRAC, was able to make recommendations to the secretary. In past BRAC rounds, joint groups merely advised service leaders.

"It is my view that the group put together a very thoughtful, very comprehensive plan for improving military health care," Winkenwerder said. "It is a plan that allows us to invest in, and modernize key flagship facilities and at the same time, it will allow the military health system to be more efficient." (Editor's note: More information can be found at Base Realignment and Closure Web site, <http://www.defenselink.mil/brac/>.)

## PR cutoffs

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PRs awarded subject to the availability of funds must be funded as soon as funds become available. The work must start and the contractors must be paid - this is not accomplished until the funds are certified.

### Contacts for DOC

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Facilities Branch: Repair, alteration, construction, sale and removal of excess real property, services for base operations functions (including, but not limited to utilities privatization, custodial, refuse, underground utilities locating, etc.), equipment-in-place and facilities.

Martha Mitchem - martha.mitchem@us.army.mil, 410-278-2362

Services Branch: General and specialized services for mission support; range testing of vehicles, equipment, ammunition; lease, rental, and maintenance of equipment; full food services; environmental services; equipment-in-place and other base operations services.

Shirley Kelly - shirley.a.kelly@us.army.mil, 410-278-0854

Technology Branch: ADP equipment; word processing equipment; software; general, specialized, and test equipment; instrumentation; supplies and ADP maintenance and services.

Ginny Corona - ginny.corona@us.army.mil, 410-278-0883.

## Preparing PRs in PRWEB (formerly known as Aquiline)

- DO NOT use any dashes or spaces in the purchase request number.
- When preparing attachments for any electronic document to be used by contracting, preparer MUST use the following format: Normal, Times New Roman, 10.
- DO NOT use page breaks, section breaks, column breaks or special characters such as trademark signs, tm, (r), <, etc. in any document that will be used in a purchase order or contract.
- The contracting writing system used by contracting cannot format correctly if a font other than Normal, Times New Roman, 10 is used or if any special characters are used in the document.

## 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

Audrey Alba	gia condition)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Richard Hoffman
Dianna Blevins	Janice Johnson (diabetic neuropathy)
Sarah Blevins	Beverly King (caring for husband)
Jeanie Bowman	Danny Kopp (lung-cancer)
Iris Campbell (chemotherapy)	William B. McLean (kidney failure)
Steven Clarke	Joe McMonagle
Barbara Crossley	Karen Milton
Dawn Crouse	Tess Ramos (total hip replacement)
Ruth Cunningham	Boyd Richards
Victoria Cwiernie (lyme disease)	Cheryl L. Roark
Carl Davis	Leigh Sanders
Shelia Davison (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo)	Barbara Seker
Geraldine Eaton	Suzette Shields
John Gage	Joyce Steingier
Renee Gaffney	Alison Tichenor
Charles Gambrill	Linda Tignor
Miriam Garcia	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Susan Gorhan	Marena Tate
Beatrice Heilpern	Gary Tudor - (heart valve replacement)
Cynthia Henry (bronchitis with complications)	Gerard Yursis
Melanie A. Hoffman (paranasitis, fibromyal-	



### Channel 21 features Pentagon channel programming

#### Monday

Studio Five, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.  
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.  
Studio Five, 11 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.  
Studio Five, 9 a.m., 9 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  
Studio Five, 7 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.  
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.  
Studio Five, 7 and 11 a.m. and 7 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.  
Studio 5, 8 a.m.  
Your Corps, 1:30 p.m.  
Opportunity Showcase, 3 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 5:30 p.m.  
American Veteran, 6:30 p.m.  
Studio Five, 8 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

# APG to hold Bicycle Safety Rodeo June 18

DLES

The APG Police Community Policing Unit, the APG Fire Department, Army Community Services, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the Army Substance Abuse program staff, Child Youth Services, and the Garrison commander will host a Bicycle Safety Rodeo 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 18.

"It's the first Bicycle Rodeo since 1997 and we hope for a sizeable turnout," said Community Policing Officer "Big Mike" Farlow.

The rodeo is focused toward pre-kindergarten through middle school aged children with all skill levels in riding, and is just in time for school vacation starting June 17.

"This is an opportunity for our children to get some good

pointers on bicycle safety and rules of the road," said Col. John T. Wright, Garrison and deputy installation commander. "And, free food, good fun, and prizes await everyone who attends."

"We have set up nine stations for the children to visit," Farlow said. "After completing these nine stations [which takes approximately 90 minutes], the kids should be ready to safely ride into summer." A map depicting the stations (below) can be cut out and brought to the event.

The APG PX has donated one girl's bike and one boy's bike that will be given away. MWR will be giving away a variety of gifts to include free Putt Putt golf passes, Go Kart tokens, and more throughout the day.

"The Washington Area Bicycle Association will provide a

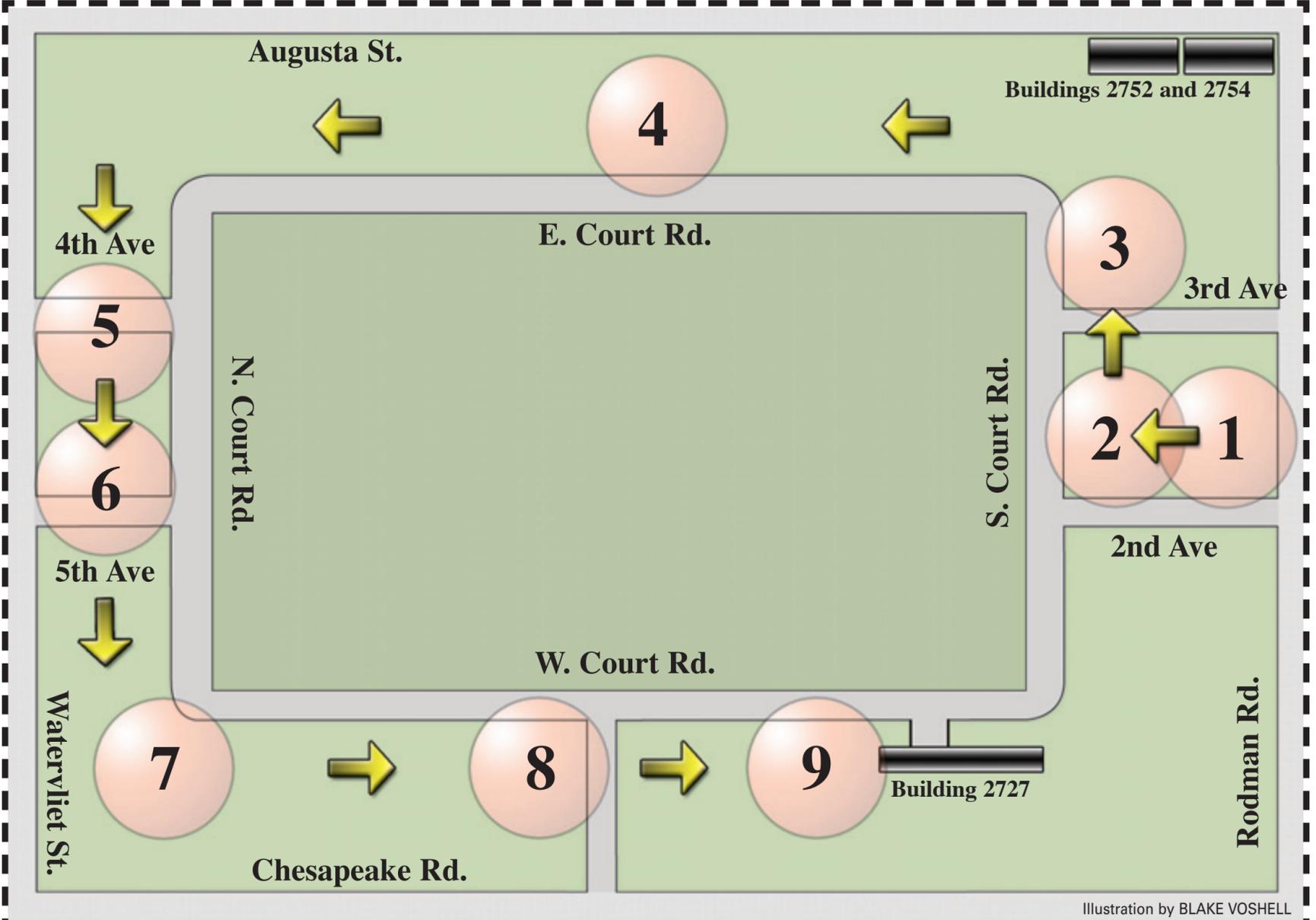
"Bicycle Trailer" equipped with 25 bicycles and helmets, in case you need to borrow one for the day," Farlow added.

Child Youth Services is providing a bounce house, litter bags and safet coloring books. McGruff the Crime Dog will be on hand to provide parents with fingerprints of their children, if they choose.

"And, for those riders without a helmet, ACS will be there to provide you with one - free of charge," said Celestine Beckett, director, ACS.

Military and civilian APG personnel are encouraged to participate.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Farlow 410-273-6412.



## Station 1

### The Bike Shop

"Bike Time" from Bel Air is sponsoring a station that teaches riders how to maintain their bicycle and how to make sure its safe to ride.

## Station 2

### Seeing and Being Seen

Riders will be taught how to look 12 seconds ahead, use bright colors, and the benefits of wearing a safety vest and reflectors to stand out.

## Station 3

### Chaos Corner

This station demonstrates the reasons for traffic laws. Children will have fun riding around with "NO RULES," but, after a couple of minutes, it's total chaos. Riders then discuss and

establish rules of the road.

## Stations 4, 5, 6

### Demon Driveway, Crazy Crossroads and Who's There?

Riders will learn to negotiate and maneuver around traffic.

## Station 7 & 8

### Rock Dodge, the Needle, and Dodge-em-Drive

Riders will be taught how to look for and avoid road hazards.

## Station 9

### Rider's Quiz

Riders will take a quiz on what they learned. Their scores will be tallied and each participant will be given a scoresheet.

# APG Police to support 'Torch Run' June 14



DLES

Officers from the APG Police will be out in force on June 14 awaiting the arrival of the Special Olympics Maryland Flame of Hope.

At 10 a.m. they will be waiting near where the old Ames Store was on Route 40 to receive the torch from the Havre De Grace Police. These volunteer officers will then continue the relay with the torch, ensuring it is protected until it is delivered to the waiting hands of the Aberdeen City Police. The relay will continue through Harford County to the Baltimore County line where it will be delivered to the Baltimore County Police.

The APG Police have been involved with the Maryland Torch Run for a number of years and this year they have raised approximately \$1,200 for the athletes of Special Olympics Maryland through the sale of the commemorative Torch Run T-shirts.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Maryland is the culmination of year-round events with the goal of raising funds and awareness for the athletes who train and compete. The Maryland Torch Run began in 1986 with a handful of officers raising \$50,000. Since that time, it has grown tremendously, including volunteer officers from nearly every

law enforcement agency and correctional facility in Maryland, raising nearly \$1 million in 2004.

"As a community oriented police agency, we try to stay focused on the community we serve - Aberdeen Proving Ground - and this is just one of the ways that our officers try to help," said Maj. Joseph J. Darabasz, chief, Police Services Division, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security. "Our police officers care a lot about the people they serve and regularly give of their time to the community.

"Some examples are Officer Erik Miller and several military policemen who volunteered to coach baseball; Officer Irvin "Grandmaster" Soto who volunteers his time to teach self defense classes; and Officer Matt Long who won Maryland's Strongest Police Officer title last year at another event that raises money for Special Olympics.

"The Maryland Torch Run is an opportunity for those of us without the special talents to lend a hand, and show how much we care," Darabasz said.

For more information about the Torch Run Relay, or to support the Torch Run Relay by purchasing a commemorative Torch Run T-shirt for only \$10, contact Community Policing Officer Michael Farlow at 410-273-6412.

## Pets

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before arrival. With proper tests and documents, pets may enter these islands with no quarantine. If anything is not done according to the correct schedule, the animal may spend several months in quarantine.

All pets traveling by air are required to have a signed health certificate from a veterinarian. During the summer, some airlines restrict the transport of pets due to

the extreme heat. Check with the airline to make the pet's flight reservation and get their requirements.

Army veterinarians should be able to help obtain the health certificate and give advice on pet travel.

Even traveling by car takes planning. Find hotels that take pets, have water available during the trip, do not leave the pet unattended in a car, and take along the pet's rabies certificates.

(Editor's note: This is a Fort Jackson Veterinary Services Branch release.)

## MIA

From front page

Americans still missing or unaccounted for in defense of this great country. JPAC continues to fulfill our nation's promise to the POW/MIA families and those Americans still waiting to come home.

For more information, contact public affairs at 1-808-448-1937 or e-mail public.affairs@jpac.pacom.mil. For JPAC mission information, log on to www.jpac.pacom.mil

## Famini

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understanding with ECBC's Decision Analysis Team, which he has managed since 2002.

In fiscal year 2004, Famini made numerous trips to international partner organizations in Belgium, France, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Singapore, Slovenia, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

At home he welcomed over 200 international visitors to ECBC and oversaw ECBC's foreign disclosure mission.

He also found time to lead a division of eight government professionals, one con-

tractor and approximately 50 scientists and engineers matrixed to support various international projects. He did so skillfully that FY04 was the best year yet for the International Programs Division, which brought in nearly \$10 million in research and development cost-sharing, and the Decision Analysis Team increased business by almost two-fold going into FY05.

Famini attended Towson State University where he obtained a bachelor's in chemistry; the University of Delaware for his master's in organic chemistry, and Lehigh University for his doctorate in theoretical chemistry.

He resides in Forest Hill with his wife, Debbie, and two daughters.

# 2004 Federal Executive Board winners

## Outstanding supervisor grades 13 and above

**Gold**  
Jim Horchner  
U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity

**Silver**  
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U.S. Army Environmental Center  
Timothy W. Thomas  
U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency

**Bronze**  
Benjamin Casole  
U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense  
Carol A. Eason  
Edgewood Chemical Biological Center

Robert L. Laughman  
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Maj. Steven W. Pratt  
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ECBC

## Outstanding supervisor – trades and crafts

**Bronze**  
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ECBC

## Heroism

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(Group of three)  
Edward C. Budnick

Robert M. Farrell  
Thomas S. Stanford  
APG Garrison/DSHE Fire Department

**Silver**  
Maj. Stephen Dalal  
MRICD

**Bronze**  
John A. Antal  
OMMS (Group of 10)  
Earl Austin  
Janet Brzezinski  
Mike Cain  
Gary Doggett  
Jude Height  
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Stephen Lawhorne  
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Eric Stevens  
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RDECOM

**Bronze**  
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OMMS  
Lee Ann Brainard  
RDECOM  
Benedict R. Capacio  
MRICD  
Catherine Clark  
USAF Detachment 1/361st Training Squadron  
Lucille P. Forrest  
CMA  
David K. Garrett  
USAEC  
Stephanie Halcisak  
U.S. Army Evaluation Center North  
Rose M. Overturf

CHPPM  
Scott G. Schoeb  
U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity

## Outstanding professional administrative, management and specialist

**Silver**  
Robert Boonstoppel  
USAEC  
Lamar J. Carter  
ATC  
Warren M. Taylor  
CMA

**Bronze**  
Rita F. Brown  
DTC  
Michelle A. Gillespie  
RDECOM  
Elizabeth A. Hood  
ECBC  
Patricia Kongro  
U.S. Army Evaluation Center - North

Thomas J. Story  
MRICD  
James L. Wilson  
OMMS

## Outstanding Para-professional – administrative/management analyst

**Gold**  
Martha K. Lovely  
ATC

**Silver**  
Deborah D. Stevens  
DTC  
Kimberly A. Vernon  
RDECOM

**Bronze**  
Judy A. Bouchelle-Keithley  
ARL  
Lieselotte A. Dorsey  
CHPPM

## Community Service

**Silver**  
Billie Jo Benjamin  
MRICD

Pamela E. Fry  
RDECOM

## Outstanding Administrative Assistant

**Silver**  
Adana L. Marquess  
OMMS  
Mary Ellen Whiting  
ATC

**Bronze**  
Trina F. Dowell  
ECBC  
Christine E. Everett  
DTC  
Susan Grice  
CHPPM  
Bobbi Haviland  
USAMSAA  
Evelyn Jean Reed  
CMA  
Diane L. Stoud  
CHPPM  
Debra A. Skvorak  
MRICD

## Outstanding Trades and Crafts

**Silver**  
Staff Sgt. Jason G. Ratliff  
USAF Detachment 1/361st Training Squadron

**Bronze**  
James W. Bittner  
MRICD  
John M. Schab  
ECBC

## Outstanding Para-professional – technical, scientific and program support

**Gold**  
Richard B. Kimball  
ATC

**Silver**  
Steve D. Norman  
ECBC  
Richard A. Rinker  
RDECOM  
Susan M. Schulz  
MRICD

**Bronze**

Anthony Clark  
OMMS  
Linda Z. Jordan  
DTC  
Kathleen A. McDaniel  
CMA

## Workforce diversity/equal employment opportunity service

**Silver**  
Jean P. Buckholtz  
DTC  
Staff Sgt. Nicole Sherman  
MRICD

## Distinguished Public Service Career

**Gold**  
James W. Fasig  
ATC

**Silver**  
Louise J. Dyson  
CMA  
Dr. James C.C. Liu  
RDECOM  
William A. Niemeyer  
USAMSAA  
Victory J. Shafer  
MRICD

## Rookie of the Year – professional

**Silver**  
Andrew J. Barnett  
USAMSAA  
David J. Ploskonka  
U.S. Army Evaluation Center North

**Bronze**  
Frank Fratrick  
ATC  
Kevin M. Ulmes  
CHPPM  
Alice K. Weber  
ECBC

## Rookie of the Year – technical, scientific and program support

**Gold**  
Wesley W. Holmes  
MRICD

## Awards

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The three approached the scene and using borrowed fire extinguishers from other motorists on the scene, kept the flames at bay while Farrell went under the side of a tractor-trailer to reach a man trapped in a car. Farrell pulled the man to safety then treated both occupants until Baltimore City paramedics arrived. Budnick assisted Baltimore City firefighters placing hand and foam lines in service and Stanford assisted in closing the lanes and moving police cars and their own vehicle away from the fire's heat and debris.

Two persons perished on the scene and another was pronounced dead later, but the victims rescued and treated by APG personnel were treated and released.

"We don't feel like heroes," Budnick said. "This was something any firefighter in the same situation would have done."

"It's what we're paid for and expected to do," Stanford added.

Farrell, who now is the station chief at Carlisle Barracks, Penn., thanked Tim McNamara, director of the APG Garrison's Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment for submitting the nomination.

"This is for all of us," Farrell said. "When one gets awarded, it goes out to all firefighters."

Farrell was accompanied by his wife Nora, a legal assistant with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, and son, Robert Farrell Jr., an APG firefighter.

Nora Farrell said she was nervous when she heard about the accident.

"I knew something was wrong when he didn't pick me up. Then when I heard about the accident, I got real nervous," she said.

She said she relaxed once she heard from him and realized what role he played in the aftermath of the accident.

"It's just like something he would do," she said. "I'm very proud of him."

Budnick, Stanford and Farrell will be awarded the Department of Defense Firefighter Acts of Heroism Award during the DoD Fire and Emergency Services Training Conference in Denver, Colo., Aug. 15.

The silver heroism award went to Maj. Stephen J. Dalal of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense. Dalal received the award for an incident in Hoyle Gym on June 10, 2004, when a retired Master Sgt. James "Skip" Richardson collapsed after playing racquetball. Dalal assisted a physician on the scene, performing cardiac compressions, and using an Automatic External Defibrillator to re-establish a heartbeat. The defibrillator discharged twice and re-established a heartbeat. The patient then started breathing on his own and moments later Emergency Medical Technicians arrived and took control of the patient.

Richardson underwent triple bypass surgery, completely recovered and returned to playing racquetball.

His survival and successful recovery is due to the quick and appropriate application of CPR and the AED, according to the paramedics.

## Other FEB gold winners

**Thea Blunt-Henderson, ATC**

Blunt-Henderson received the award in the Outstanding Professional (Technical, Scientific and Program Support) category.

She serves as the lead developer and exercises managerial oversight and responsibility for the Versatile Information System, Integrated Online (VISION) Digital Library System, VDLS at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center. The VDLS was created to provide a central information management system for test programs Army-wide.

Through her concerted efforts, VDLS was made available to developers, testers, evaluators, trainers, and end users through an Internet connection that allows the test and evaluation community to monitor, in real time, end item performance while being able to compare current performance with past performance utilizing distributed databases linked through a common Web site.

## Richard Kimball, ATC

Kimball received the gold in the Outstanding Para-Professional (Technical, Scientific and Program Support) category.

Kimball managed the Stryker Command Vehicle Production Qualification Test, including publication of the voluminous CV PQT Final Report.

To test the CV properly, Kimball developed a detailed understanding of the CV Mission Equipment Package, a complex network of communication equipment and a precursor to the net-centric Future Combat Systems.

The lessons learned and solutions developed by Kimball are being put into effect as the Army continues to posture itself to test FCS's advanced

hardware, software and communications.

"Looking back on the difficult accomplishments of the Stryker test program, it is particularly satisfying to have been part of the initiation of the transformation process," Kimball said.

## Martha K. Lovely, ATC

Lovely received a gold FEB award for Outstanding Para-Professional (Administrative/Management Analyst).

Lovely was the driving force behind the implementation of the Defense Travel System at ATC, and serves as the DTC administrator for the entire command.

To assist the workforce in this transition, Lovely developed a DTS Web site, conducted hands-on training and created a users guide reference tool which has since been exported to the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command and other test centers throughout the United States to assist in their transition to DTS.

"Working for the government has always been an honor for me," Lovely said. "Winning the gold just confirms that I believe in what I do and illustrates that the U.S. government recognizes my sincerity."

## James W. Fasig, ATC

Fasig received a gold FEB award in the Distinguished Public Service Career category for 42 years of dedicated service to ATC and the U.S. Army.

His service as the ATC technical director had a profound effect on the U.S. Army research, development, test, and evaluation community.

Through his extraordinary vision, technical competence, personal lead-

ership and unique ability to motivate employees to their highest levels of performance, Fasig provided the Department of Defense with a premier general purpose proving ground. His technical foresight and unwavering focus were instrumental in protecting the Army's most valuable resource – the Soldier.

## Jim Horchner

Horchner led the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity's Physics-of-Failure Application team to significantly increase the reliability of multiple Army systems and save millions of dollars. His creative supervisory skills allowed him to quickly and effectively assign relatively new employees to complex and high-payoff engineering analysis tasks, and his exceptional leadership skills combined with his dedicated one-on-one mentoring increased his team's workload and productivity by a factor of five, according to the award justification.

## Wesley W. Holmes

Holmes is one of the hardest working, dependable, and dedicated research associates that MRICD has seen in many years, according to the award justification. He provided the sole technical support to a research study that determined a new drug, Gram Colony Stimulating Factor, will prevent the drop in immune function that occurs following exposure to sulfur mustard. This greatly reduces the risk of secondary infections and has resulted in a new medical treatment for sulfur mustard-exposed casualties.

(Editor's Note: Susan Hagan, ATC public affairs specialist, contributed to this article.)

## More adoptable pets

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This female Rottweiler mix is big, brown and playful.



This female mix really stands out with her white coat with brown spots.



Big, brown and beautiful, this male lab mix loves attention and is very friendly.



A very playful puppy, this brown female mix will provide hours of fun.