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Our military men and women

Military Appreciation Week Guide
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The Department of Defense Armed Forces Day theme, "America supports you, Our military men and women" is depicted using a collage of Army News Service photos and a photograph of retired Lt. Col. Raymond J. Astor from Havre de Grace standing at a section of the Havre de Grace War Memorial which honors deceased veterans from World War I. (Astor photo by YVONNE JOHNSON)

Installation commander's message

The partnership between Aberdeen Proving Ground and Harford County is a long and fruitful one, dating from 1917, when the nation's attention was focused on a world war in Europe to today's Global War on Terrorism.

Today, America's Warfighters face daily threats and challenges in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world.

At the same time, our Army is in the process of transforming toward an end state that will make us more mobile, more flexible, more lethal and more supportable.

Aberdeen Proving Ground and all its tenants play multiple, vital roles supporting the Warfighter and are major contributors in the Army's transformation, helping to make the Army of today into a stronger, more effective Army of tomorrow.

The articles in this Military Appreciation Week Guide tell a few of the many stories about the Army's roles in the global war against terrorism and the Army's continuing transformation.



Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau

They also describe APG's involvement in the greater local community and of the commitment of the post and all its tenants to be good, productive neighbors.

The installation's ability to successfully accomplish its many missions is rooted in its

close partnership with its neighbors.

In addition to being Harford County's largest employer, the people who work at APG are active participants in the community.

They work in local schools, serve in civic groups, churches and synagogues, and volunteer with youth and senior citizens.

APG and Harford County share similar values, common goals and a sense of purpose. Together, we take pride in what we do and who we are.

We are working together to make a better community, nation and world.

I want to thank you all for the support and appreciation you continue to demonstrate for APG and the men and women of today's armed forces. We are glad to be a part of your community.

*Roger A. Nadeau
 Brigadier General
 Commander, Aberdeen Proving Ground*

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Chamber recognizes Military Appreciation Week

The Harford County Chamber of Commerce is proud of the men and women who serve our country in the U.S. military. The chamber has expressed this pride for the past 28 years.

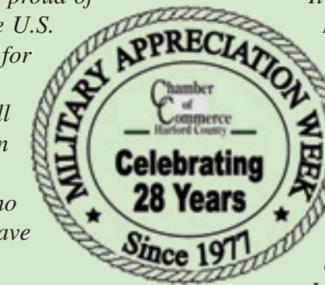
During the week of May 15, the chamber will once again sponsor Military Appreciation Week in Harford County.

This weeklong celebration will honor all who serve in the U.S. military, as well as those who have served.

The chamber especially recognizes those whose careers are based at Aberdeen Proving Ground. It seems most fitting to recognize and support our colleagues at APG during this, the 28th annual Military Appreciation Week.

This publication is designed to recognize and salute the accomplishments of all branches of the U.S. military and the important contributions military and civilian personnel make to the quality of life in Harford County. Personnel assigned to APG, both military and civilian contribute to the well being of our county in many ways including economically, socially and spiritually.

Their efforts and those of the hundreds of military contractors working at APG contribute to the excellent quality of life enjoyed in Harford County.



It is with pride and dedication that the members of the Military Affairs Committee and I participate in this annual recognition. We look forward to the 28th Annual Military Appreciation Luncheon on May 19 at Top of the Bay to thank our troops for their dedication and continued efforts in the line of duty.

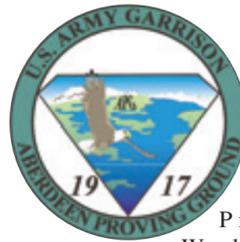
I would also like to extend a special thank you to the advertisers who this year have come forward to place ads and notes of appreciation [in the guide]. I would also like to extend a note of thanks to the 25 businesses that sponsored tables for the Military Appreciation Luncheon. These business men and women continue to make this event one of the premier military recognition events in Maryland.

This year brings the message even closer to home and the chamber appreciates the efforts of everyone involved in making the week of May 15 another successful salute to the U.S. military.

May God bless America.

*Linda Walls
Chair, Military Affairs Committee
Harford County Chamber of Commerce*

History, facts about Aberdeen Proving Ground



Aberdeen Proving Ground was established by order of President Woodrow Wilson in December 1917, eight months after the United States entered World War I. The Army had taken over 69,000 acres of land and water in Harford County two months earlier.

Sandy Hook, N.J., the Army's proof and acceptance testing ground for ammunition and cannon since 1874 was being closed and the Chesapeake Bay site was selected as the best suited to carry on the mission of testing field artillery, ammunition, air defense guns, trench mortars and railway artillery.

At nearly the same time, 16 miles to the southwest, the Army's Ordnance Department acquired land on Gunpowder Neck and built a plant for the production of chemical munitions. This area became Edgewood Arsenal.

The July 1971 merger and integration of the two installations created a single post with a unique combination of activities and missions.

From this beginning, APG has grown and evolved into one of the most diversified military installations in the United States.

Today, APG is recognized around the world as a leader in research, development, testing and evaluation of materiel and the training of the officers and enlisted personnel who use it.

APG today

As the "Home of Army Ordnance," APG is an Army Installation Management Agency installation operated by the U.S. Army Garrison, APG.

There are nine major Army com-

mands represented on APG and the installation supports 66 tenants, 20 satellite activities and 17 private organizations.

No longer exclusively dedicated to testing ordnance items, the installation provides facilities to test and proof all Army materiel.

Test and support facilities provide for instrumented firing of weapons on a variety of state-of-the-art ranges, testing of tanks and other tracked vehicles over specifically engineered courses, and a wide variety of laboratory-type investigations.

Missions

Aberdeen Proving Ground's many, varied missions include:

- research and development
- test and evaluation
- training
- chemical and biological defense
- health services
- materiel systems analysis
- foreign intelligence calibration
- packaging technology
- installation restoration
- occupational health
- medical research
- installation support services

Population

APG is home to one of the finest teams of military and civilian scientists, research engineers, technicians and administrators in the world.

The work force responds to the installation's critical missions by being diverse, highly trained and technically oriented.

Military	5,504
Enlisted	4,606
Officer	717
Warrant Officer	181
DOD civilian	6,982
Professional	2,636
Administrative	1,590
Technical	1,179

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History

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Clerical	553
Wage grade, other	1,024
Non-appropriated fund/AAFES/other	752
Contractors	3,865
Family members of active duty personnel	4,732
Reserve Component personnel and their family members	3,377
Area retirees/their family members	14,655

Economic impact

APG continues to be a dominant economic force in northeast Maryland.

The combined installation work force is more than 17,000, making APG the largest single employer in Harford County.

APG is the source of more than \$576 million annually in Harford County and its total economic impact on Maryland is \$868 million.

A Harford County neighbor

Situated at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay and surrounded by a dense, growing population, APG is sensitive to its role as a community leader and environmental steward.

Some of the highlights of the APG community's off post involvement include:

- Environmental outreach
- Economic Development & Advisory Board
- Higher Education & Applied Technology (HEAT) Center
- Harford County education system partnerships
- Mutual aid – emergency response
- Commanding General's quarterly meeting with the County Executive
- Maryland Army National Guard Military Youth Corps ChalleNGe Program
- APG Science and Technology Board

ARMY NEWS

Army launches Web site for 'community partnerships'

Army News Service

The Army launched a new Web site to help strengthen partnerships between the Army and the communities around installations and ranges.

The Army Public Involvement Toolbox seeks to help meet the goals of the new Army Strategy for the Environment announced in October 2004, officials said.

The Web site was developed by a consortium of Army organizations to provide tools, methods, examples, and information related to public involvement.

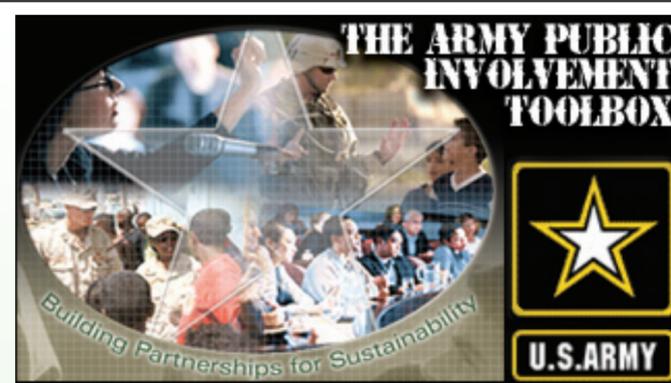
The strategy highlights the necessity of involving the public if the Army is to meet its goals and achieve sustainability in the future, officials said. They said the site, like the strategy, places emphasis on the full range of activities needed to engage stakeholders with the '4Cs' of communication, coordination, consultation, and collaboration.

Viewers can access the site at www.asaic.army.mil/pitoolbox.

"As the Army Strategy for the Environment states, 'the sustainable futures of our installations and our communities are inextricably connected,'" said Geoffrey Prosch, acting assistant secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment. "This new strategy mandates that the Army change how it communicates, moving beyond simply informing others of our activities, to actively collaborating with the public to forge mutually beneficial solutions regarding the limited resources we all share."

The primary purpose of the Web site is to provide Soldiers, Army civilian staff, and Army contractors engaged in public involvement with functional, proven techniques and information, according to the Army Environmental Policy Institute.

The site is publicly accessible to
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reinforce the Army's commitment to public involvement, as well as to share information across other government agencies engaged in these type of activities, institute officials said.

"This is an initiative that intends to foster collaboration, and it has truly been a collaborative effort from the start," said Karen Baker, senior fellow for Strategic Policy at the Army Environmental Policy Institute.

Baker pulled together the Army Public Involvement Committee, a team of Army organizations engaged in public involvement. The committee sought to build upon recommendations from an Army senior leadership panel which had identified the need for more "how to" resources in engaging the public on environmental issues. As the committee assembled material and developed content for the Web site, it consulted with other federal agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency, state agencies and several non-governmental organizations.

"The most exciting thing about this project was the enthusiastic feedback from all of the partner organizations," Baker said. "Every time we met, more people came to the table, and every time we showed the test site to a group, we were provided with more resources and ideas.

"From the beginning, we made a conscious effort to avoid reinventing the wheel," Baker said, noting that a great deal of excellent information on best practices developed by the Army, and by other organizations already existed.

"The challenge was making it easier for Army personnel to find information so they can develop plans and programs that meet their local needs and issues," she said.

The project team selected content for the Web site with an emphasis on providing practical, hands-on information, and organizing the information into functional 'buttons' for easy, quick linking to the information.

Viewers can quickly access guides on specific public involvement activities, locate training opportunities, find the latest regulations and policy statements on public involvement and link to other resources created by other agencies. The site is designed for frequent updates, Baker said, with viewers providing suggestions for future Web postings through an e-mail feedback feature.

"The project team combined the excellent work already done by many Army organizations to create a "one-stop shop" for all Army practitioners that extends far beyond the environmental arena," said Col. Richard Breen, director of Community Relations and Outreach for Army Public Affairs. "The techniques and material can be applied to any issue in which the Army would need to actively engage with the public."

Launching the Army Public Involvement Toolbox is only the first initiative for the Army Public Involvement Committee, officials said. The group also is creating pilot public involvement training courses and making recommendations on how to incorporate public involvement practices into Army policy.

"The tool box is a great start to raising awareness and providing resources to the field, but it is only our first step in making the '4C' concept a reality," said Ray Fatz, deputy assistant secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health). "We have much work to do to ensure that involving the public becomes part of how the Army does business."

(Editor's note: Information provided by the Army Environmental Policy Institute.)



Garrison leadership message

Aberdeen Proving Ground has, throughout its over 85-year history, made a difference in the defense of the nation. I encourage each of you to make a difference in your community every day.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank

all the members of the installation team who strive every day to provide the highest quality equipment, systems, training and services to the U.S. armed forces.

The U.S. Army Garrison APG expresses its appreciation to the citizens of Harford County who serve as outstanding hosts and partners.

We will together provide equitable, effective and efficient management of APG to support mission readiness and execution, enable the well-being of Soldiers, civilians and family members, improve the Army's aging infrastructure and preserve our environment.

As we celebrate the

accomplishments of our armed forces, and in particular our service members of the year, take time to reflect upon the many contributions of the entire Department of Defense family at APG.

It is through the combined efforts of Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, military families, DoD civilians, and contractor personnel that we are making APG a great place to live, serve, and play at the top of the Bay.

John T. Wright
Colonel

U.S. Army Garrison

&
Elvis Irby

Command Sergeant Major
U.S. Army Garrison



Col. John T. Wright



Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby

ESGR promotes military, business partnership

Maryland ESGR Committee

The Maryland Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve proudly salutes the military men and women of Harford County who so nobly serve the nation. For those of the Guard and Reserve who have been or will be mobilized, the committee is doubly proud of their service.

The Maryland Committee for ESGR is a Department of Defense organization with approximately 45 volunteers. The ESGR mission is to gain and maintain support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the National Guard and Reserves of all services.

Just as major adjustments occur for the military member, employers share in the burden of temporary or mobilization loss of employees. Those employers who step up to the challenge should similarly be recognized.

Imagine a large congregation such as the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd dealing with the call-up of their pastor for over one year, the warehouseman from Best Buy, or a critical manager of the Harford Mutual Insurance Company being called up for periods of duty.

Many Harford County employers are facing similar situations and becoming patriots in the process by providing differential pay, continuation of company benefits and maintaining contact with the employee and his or her family.

Major discounts have been given to military members from Sears and Home Depot and countless others in an effort to recognize service.

The committee provides free education, consultation, and if necessary mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees. ESGR's goal is to support America's employers who share their employees with the nation to ensure national security.

Some of the vital programs performed by the Maryland Committee include:

- Conduct an awards program to recognize employers who support a strong National Guard and Reserve force.

- Provide an Ombudsman program for "third party assistance" and informal mediation services to employers and members of the National Guard and Reserve working in conjunction with the Veterans Employment and

Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor.

- Conduct "Bosslift" operations where interested employers

may travel on military transport to view Guardsmen or Reservists in actual training.

- Provide "Statement of Support" certificates to employers who stand behind the troops in peace, in crisis and in war.

- Provide employer briefings regarding employment of National Guard and Reserve members and matters pertaining to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, or USERRA, enacted October 1994.

- When requested, conduct briefings for military service members and families on their rights and responsibilities.

Anyone interested in the ESGR employer awards or the Statement of Support programs may call Vice Chair Brig. Gen. Art Pulket, 410-836-2698.



MDNG maintains a presence in Harford County

Col. Thomas Knight

MDNG

The Maryland National Guard has a significant presence in Harford County.

Although the Armory in Bel Air is now operated by the town, the Guard still maintains a recruiting office in

the historic armory.

Perhaps the least known National Guard operation in Harford County is the operation at the former Havre de Grace Racetrack. In October 1951 the state of Maryland took title of the property and shortly thereafter moved several key operations from

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Camp Ritchie to the State Military Reservation in Havre de Grace. Many of the original operations are still being performed on the reservation today.

Organizations United States Property and Fiscal Office

The USPFO employs over 50 individuals working daily to support all units of the Maryland National Guard. As agents for the Chief, National Guard Bureau, the USPFO receives and accounts for all funds and property of the United States in the possession of the National Guard in Maryland.

Approximately 93 percent of the funding provided to the National Guard is federal with the remaining 7 percent provided by the state of Maryland. Nearly all equipment is federal.

The USPFO for Maryland is comprised of the following divisions; Comptroller, Logistics, Purchasing and Contracting, Information Management and Internal Review.

The fiscal impact of the Maryland National Guard's presence in Harford County was nearly \$28 million. This is second only to Baltimore County in the state of Maryland.

State Surface Maintenance

This maintenance organization includes both the State Surface Maintenance Office with approximate-

ly 10 employees, and the Combined Support Maintenance Shop with approximately 40 employees.

The various shops, located throughout the state, under the control of the SSM Officer provide ground maintenance support to all units of the Maryland Army National Guard.

These shops are often called upon to provide external support to activities and tenants located on APG.

This sharing relationship has existed for more than 25 years.

Combat Service Support Automation Management Office

This small organization is a sub-office of the Directorate of Logistics for the MDARNG.

Its primary mission is to implement and field logistics support automation hardware and software to the units of the MDARNG.

Their building also houses a classroom facility for training automation system users.

National Guard Region North

Industrial Hygiene Office

The National Guard Region North Industrial Hygiene Office monitors Army National Guard personnel against exposures in the workplace and supports the 14 northeast states in an effort to ensure a safe and healthful work environment.

The small staff at this office provides services such as workplace surveys, design and review of facility blueprints, and training.

They work very closely with APG's U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine on many of their surveys.

The Maryland National Guard Honor Guard

The unit is one of four Honor Guard detachments in the Northern Area.

This detachment consists of 12 members of the Army and Air National Guard.

The Northern Honor guard unit provides the military funerals honors for deceased veterans.

They cover Baltimore County from Interstate 83 east, Harford and Cecil counties, and Northern Anne Arundel County.

This unit averages 50 to 60 funerals per month. It also provides support to other Honor Guard units when needed.

Organizations located at the

armory 1297th Corps Support Battalion

This unit is currently deployed to Iraq. It provides command, control, tactical, training, administrative and technical operation supervision to assigned multifunctional units

in support of units in its assigned area of responsibility.

1729th General Support Maintenance Company

Provides general support maintenance commensurate with federal capabilities for conventional equipment end items and components to be repaired and returned to the Theatre Army Supply System.

2729th Movement Control Team

This small team performs movement control functions for moving personnel and material in support of supply and/or maintenance activities.

The unit recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq.



Photo by SENIOR AIRMAN LEE TRAVERS
The Maryland National Guard Honor Guard presents the colors for a Department of Labor ceremony at the Holiday Inn, Baltimore Washington International Feb. 14. From left, Senior Airmen Jeremy Briggs and Ashley Morris and Staff Sgts. Dena Mioduszewski and Joseph Langrehr.

Freedom Team Salute recognizes Army's extended family

Eric Cramer

Army News Service

The Army began its Freedom Team Salute campaign designed to recognize those who support Soldiers' service and veterans who have served the country in the past in a Pentagon ceremony May 2.

Francis Harvey, secretary of the Army, said the goal of the campaign is to recognize those who make Soldiers' service possible.

"Our Soldiers could not answer their noble calling of defending the values that have made our country great – this call to duty – without the support of those from whom they draw so much strength: spouses, parents, relatives, teachers, friends and employers," Harvey said.

He said Army veterans are also a key part of the campaign.

"Of particular importance is the recognition that this program provides for Army veterans," he said. "Today these courageous men and women collectively represent 10 million out of a total of 26 million veterans residing in all 50 states," he said. "Freedom Team Salute provides another opportunity for the Army to show its appreciation to veterans and Veteran Service Organizations for their dedicated serviced and continued support of today's Soldiers and families."

Gen. Richard Cody, vice chief of staff of the Army, said Freedom Team Salute is a way to recognize the sacrifices of those who don't wear the Army's uniform. He said he had recently visited the New York National Guard unit that rescued American hostage Thomas Hamill.

"But that's not surprising considering the outstanding Soldiers that make up the unit and the incredible support they have received from their families, employers and units," Cody said. "Freedom Team Salute allows our Soldiers

to pause and say 'thank you' to our incredible extended Army family that has done so much for our troops."

Cody introduced three Soldiers who had nominated family members or employers for the Freedom Team Salute program.

First Lt. Jennifer McGhee, U.S. Army National Guard 1710th Transportation Co., presented the commemoration package to her employer, Chris Small, of the Alexandria, Va., based Arrowpoint Corp., an Army veteran who, she said, not only supported her service with her unit, but also promoted her.

Master Sgt. John Melada presented the Freedom Team Salute package to his wife, Michelle, for her support while he was deployed with the 323rd Military Intelligence Battalion.

Spc. Nicolas Turner, of The Old Guard, presented his parents with the recognition for their support of his service.

Rodriguez said receiving the Freedom Team Salute recognition is an honor.

"It's going to be good for the Army. When I saw the one sergeant present the pin to his wife, or the young sergeant to his parents, it almost brought tears to my eyes," Rodriguez said. "We need to recognize what's going on in the United States, and show the people in the community that the military, the Army, knows and cares about the sacrifices they make."

The Freedom Team Salute package includes an "Army of One" lapel pin, an official Army decal, a letter of appreciation signed by the Army chief of staff and the secretary of the Army, and a letter of thanks signed by the chief of staff and the secretary.

Soldiers who wish to nominate someone to receive the Freedom Team Salute recognition can do so by visiting the campaign's official Web site, <http://www.freedomteamsalute.army.mil>.

Introduction:

The 2005 Military Appreciation Weekly guide is a collection of new and previously published APG News articles and photographs covering **technology expansion** on Aberdeen Proving Ground and **partnerships existing between Harford County Public Schools and organizations on APG.**

The MAW guide focuses on the mutual rapport enjoyed by the Harford County community and post organizations.

As Harford County's largest employer, as well as the home of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, APG maintains the dual mission of looking out for its active duty service members, reserve and National Guard contingents, retirees, civilian workforce, and their family members, while fulfilling Department of the Army and Department of Defense missions.

It is due to the support of local businesses, organizations, leader and sup-

porters that this is possible.

APG/HCPS partnerships

U.S. Army Environmental Center - Edgewood Elementary School

U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 61st Ordnance Brigade, and Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School - Harford County Public Schools

OC&S' Command and Staff Department - Aberdeen High School

OC&S' NCO Academy - Aberdeen Middle School

OC&S' 16th Ordnance Battalion - Roye-Williams Elementary School

OC&S' 143rd Ordnance Battalion - Edgewood Middle School

OC&S' HHC 61st Ordnance Brigade - Edgewood High School

389th Army Band (AMC's Own) - Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School

U.S. Army Research Laboratory - Churchville Elementary School

APG expands technology

ECA/ABCDF ceremony celebrates 'A Safer Maryland Today'

CMA

The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, Edgewood Chemical Activity and the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility hosted a ceremony April 30 at Edgewood High School to celebrate the completion of mustard agent draining and neutralization operations at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Sen. Paul Sarbanes, Harford County Executive James Harkins, and Maryland Emergency Management Agency Director John Droneburg joined Army officials for the event.

Speakers at the event noted that Maryland is now the first state in the continental United States to completely eliminate the threat posed by the presence of one of the nation's eight chemical agent stockpiles. The stockpile was established in 1941 as a deterrent against other nations possessing chemical weapons.

Workers at the facility began destroying the stockpile in April 2003. ABCDF workers drained and neutralized the last batch of mustard agent on March 11.

Explaining the selection of Edgewood High School, CMA Director Michael Parker told the audience of nearly 300 community mem-

bers, ECA and ABCDF workers and their families, and Army officials that, "This is one of four schools in Harford County equipped with special ventilation equipment to protect the students and teachers in case of a release of agent from the nearby stockpile."

Harkins noted that the project brought hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars in spending to the county.

Sarbanes pointed out that the selection of an entirely new chemical agent destruction technology, hot water neutralization, was a result of cooperation between the Army and the community in addressing the public's concerns. He added that it was skillfully taken from a bench-scale technology to an operating system by the contractor, Bechtel National, Inc.

Emphasizing the international importance of the facility's accomplishment, Assistant Secretary of the Army Claude Bolton said, "The elimination of the Aberdeen stockpile provides an example to the world, and makes this country the leader and mentor to all the nations that have committed to destroying all of their stocks of chemical weapons by 2012 under the Chemical Weapons Convention treaty."

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APG leading the way in UXO detection technologies

U.S. Army Environmental Center

Cutting-edge unexploded ordnance detection technologies for ponds and other shallow water areas, such as wetlands and tidal zones, will be tested at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The site is the first of its kind in the country -- and for that matter, the world.

In the United States alone, over 202,000 acres of shallow water have the potential to contain UXO. The establishment of the Shallow Water Standardized UXO Technology Demonstration Site demonstrates the Army's continuing commitment to the environmental remediation of military ranges.

UXO detection systems attached to small boats, canoes and unmanned watercraft will be tested and compared on a 14-acre manmade pond on APG. These systems are designed to find explosive items in up to 10 feet of water and tell the difference between hazardous and non-hazardous materials usually found on military lands.

The ability to decipher items submerged under water advances the technology. Past systems did not have the capability to distinguish between potentially explosive military munitions and scrap metal.

These new technologies will decrease the number of false alarms that significantly add to the risk, number of excavations, cost and time required to

clean up a site.

The shallow water site at APG will attract private industry and academia from around the world to compare, test and gather data about their equipment.

The program is a multi-agency undertaking coordinated by the U.S. Army Environmental Center. The program is funded and supported by the U. S. Army Environmental Quality Program.

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Engineer Research and Development Center provide programmatic support.



Photo courtesy of USAEC
An early test of a shallow water unexploded ordnance detection system.

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In addition to remarks by elected officials and Army officials, a veteran member of the contractor's work force, Jeff "Gunny" Evans, provided personal reflections on how the work was per-

formed inside the facility.

"We knew that we were on the front line, staring the mustard agent in the face," Evans said.

He went on to describe the process by which workers entered the facility's agent-exposed hot zone in fully encapsulated suits with air tanks.

"You can hear yourself breathing as though you are underwater, and you

can hear your heart beating," Evans said. "When you look out at the world through your face-piece it is like looking through a tunnel."

The APG stockpile was one of eight chemical weapons stockpiles in the United States and stored five percent of the nation's total amount of chemical weapons material.

Progress at the nation's other sites

varies from planning and initial construction at Pueblo Chemical Depot in Pueblo, Co., and Blue Grass Chemical Activity in Richmond, Ky., to more than 50 percent destruction complete at Deseret Chemical Depot near Tooele, Utah. More information on these stockpiles and the U.S. Army's chemical demilitarization program can be found at www.cma.army.mil.

Environmental Center helps restore sub-aquatic vegetation



Erin Markel, intern at Otter Point Creek for the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, attaches sub-aquatic vegetation to turf grids. These grids allow project staff to safely and efficiently place the plants along the shoreline of Aberdeen Proving Ground while not disturbing the bottom sediment.

USAEC

Sub-aquatic vegetation, or underwater grasses, are crucial to the ecological health of the Chesapeake Bay, filtering and trapping sediment, absorbing excess nutrients, preventing erosion and providing food, dissolved oxygen, and shelter for waterfowl, fish, shellfish and invertebrates.

Due to poor water quality and disturbance of its beds, more than half of this critical vegetation has disappeared from the Chesapeake Bay.

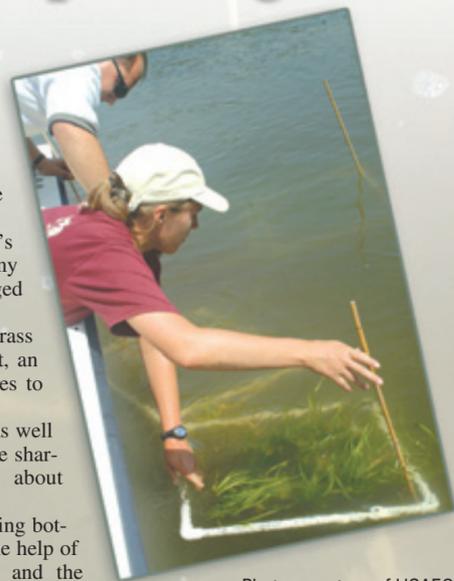
The U.S. Army Environmental Center, the APG Garrison's Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory started a partnership in 1996 to restore submerged aquatic vegetation in the area.

The partnership adopted a three-pronged approach to underwater grass restoration including a careful study of the underwater environment, an extensive water quality monitoring program and restoration activities to prompt the growth of new vegetation.

Coordination between the installation and organizations on post, as well as multiple federal, state and local agencies and groups, promotes the sharing of scientific knowledge and helps educate the community about Chesapeake Bay efforts to restore underwater vegetation.

Working near a military installation with the possibility of disturbing bottom sediments or unexploded ordnance, presents a challenge. With the help of DSHE, the Chesapeake Research Consortium, Weston Solutions and the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, the program recently adapted the TERF (Transporting Eelgrass Remotely with Frames) method from Boston University.

Using modified TERF grids, scientists from the Reserve were able to restore plants to the Bay without entering the water – ensuring a safer process and working environment.



Photos courtesy of USAEC
Geoff Jay, of Weston Solutions, Inc., and Markel, place turf grids into the water. The underwater vegetation will provide food and habitat for bay organisms while also stabilizing bottom sediments, which ultimately helps keep the Bay clean.

APG, Harford County enjoy partnership

Environmental Center receives Human Relations Award



USAEC

School partnership and support to local families helped the U.S. Army Environmental Center earn the "2005 Government/Military Community Service Organization of the Year" award from the Harford County Human Relations Commission.

The center received the award in an April 21 ceremony at the Bel Air Church of the Nazarene.

The Human Relations Commission recognized USAEC for providing more than 300 hours of curriculum support to Edgewood Elementary School in 2004.

The center's partnership with the school dates to 1997.

Photo by NEAL SNYDER

As part of its partnership with Edgewood Elementary School, the U.S. Army Environmental Center sponsors an annual Reading Day at the school, where USAEC volunteers like Aldona Pryce, pictured, read environmentally-focused books to students.

The commission also noted an annual food drive, which netted 1,000 pounds of food for Edgewood's "The Sharing Table" soup kitchen, and the adoption of three local families during the holiday season.

The center provided the families more than \$3,000 in gifts and donations.

"Though we help the entire Army preserve readiness through sound environmental stewardship, we are rooted in Harford County," said Col. Tony R. Francis, USAEC commander.

"Our people look for ways we can play a role in the community, and over the years we have devel-

oped some good relationships. This award reflects the efforts of many people, both within and outside of USAEC," Francis said.

Deputy to the Commander David C. Guzewich received the award from County Executive James M. Harkins, who praised USAEC's efforts.

"Your organization's commitment to service is a model for others to emulate," he said.

Valaria R.J. Bomani, Human Relations Committee president, congratulated the winners.

"It is your caring and giving that made your program worthy of recognition today," Bomani said.

OC&S commits to local schools with partnership agreement

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools began 2005 with a fresh commitment to the youths of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community through a partnership agreement with local schools.

"This agreement means that ordnance units will work with their designated school partners throughout the year to form an educational and life experience partnership," said Edward Starnes, OC&S communications coordinator, who coordinated the project with the help of Ivan Mehosky, APG Garrison school liaison officer.

"Some units have already contacted their partners with activity ideas," Starnes said. "This signing of the certificates formalizes the program."

Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, commander of OC&S and chief of ordnance; Col. Francis R. Merritt, commander of OMMS and the 61st Ordnance Brigade; Jacqueline C. Haas, superintendent of Harford County Public Schools; and Nancy Spence, coordinator of Partnership for Student Achievement, Harford County, signed the official School Partnership Certificate in the library of Roye-Williams Elementary School in Havre de Grace Jan. 4.

Boles said the program, which will support five local schools through mentoring, tutoring, physical support and professional development assistance, exemplifies the commitment already existing

between America's warriors and civilian communities.

"This is your Army and we are here for you," Boles told the gathering. "These are our kids, our national treasures."

"We benefit from knowledge and skills almost any time we interface with all of you," Haas added. Mehosky credited Col. Kevin R. Smith, OC&S deputy commander and chief of staff, as being the "mover and shaker who made this happen."

"He had prior experience with similar programs and thought there was an excellent opportunity for the Ordnance Corps organization to support the local schools," Mehosky said.

"As the OC&S deputy to the commander, one has to look not only at how the corps functions, but how it interacts with the community," Smith said. "A major element missing was the school public support we call the Adopt a School Program."

He said that during previous assignments he initiated and encouraged unit commanders within his command to seek charters with school principles.

After meeting with Starnes and Mehosky and voicing his intentions, "we put together a program looking at who could align with whom," Smith said.

"The ultimate goal is a long term co-op of schools as a part of our community outreach," Smith said.

Included in the plan will be quarterly meetings

during which senior leaders will evaluate what is being done and what needs to be done, and formal training sessions to address how to best serve each school, he added.

"We will take the lessons learned from the first school year and confront them before the start of the next school year," Smith said.

Smith added that, "Our hope is that other organizations will focus on the other schools also deserving of support."

"Throughout the OC&S, each organization will take on one school in a customized partnership based on the needs of the individual school," added Spence. "Each program will be unique and will require coordination with the units and school staff." Mehosky said that students would benefit by establishing positive relationships with mentors and by learning outside of the classroom.

"These partnerships will foster interactions with students and Soldiers in which students through field trips and other activities will be able to see real-world applications to what they are learning in the classroom," Mehosky said.

Individual partnerships also signed Jan. 4 included agreements between the following:

Lt. Col. Richard B. Parker, commander, 16th Ordnance Battalion, and Susan A. Osborn, principal, Roye-Williams Elementary School; Command Sgt. Maj. Sammy J. Brinson, commandant OMMS

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Soldiers celebrate Earth Day with Roye-Williams' students



Fourth grade teacher Allison Clark shines 16th Ordnance Battalion Staff Sgt. Ronald Jordan's boots in exchange for his and fellow Soldiers' help constructing a rain garden with students at the Roye-Williams Elementary School Earth Day event April 22.

Story and photo by Sharon Krown

Roye-Williams Elementary School

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion took Earth Day, themed "Respect for Your Community and for Yourself," as an opportunity to perform community service by partnering with students at Roye-Williams Elementary School April 22.

Even the raw weather did not stop more than 25 members of the unit from joining forces to help the students play environmental games, learn about recycling, the wetlands and wild life in the area and drug and alcohol awareness.

The Reconnaissance and Interdiction Detachment from the Army Aviation

ARL continues partnership with Churchville Elementary

Program stresses patriotism

Sheryl Coleman

ARL

Members of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory staff visited students, teachers, parents and administrators to participate in a "Patriot" program at Churchville Elementary School April 26.

"The program is designed to give 5th grade students a greater awareness of patriotism by stressing the importance of the Pledge of Allegiance, Star Spangled Banner, Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, American patriots, the 50 States, American's Creed, the Gettysburg Address, flag etiquette and community service," said Principal

Support Facility agreed to participate in Earth Day and provided a static display of their OH-58 drug interdiction aircraft to promote drug and alcohol awareness in public schools.

The purpose of the RAID is to provide support for local law enforcement in the war on drugs.

"If you want to become a pilot or a Soldier, it is important to stay drug free," said the RAID pilot.

Allison Clark, fourth grade teacher, offered to spit shine several Soldiers' boots if they dug in the dirt to help create a rain garden with 4th and 5th grade students.

"From my experience as a military spouse, I know the importance of shined boots. Putting a shine back on their boots, was a small gesture of our appreciation for their efforts," Clark said.

The Soldiers were served lunch and offered a little 'R&R' for their hard work by Sue Osborn, principal.

"Roye-Williams Elementary School extends their heart-felt gratitude to all who made this event a wonderful success for the students and our community," Osborn said.

Many of the service members have students, past and present, attending Roye-Williams Elementary School.

"The students all had a great time and were proud of their work," said Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Galmore, whose daughter, Montaiju, is in the 4th grade. "This was a great opportunity for Soldiers to spend quality time with their children during duty hours."

Martha Elliot.

The guest speaker, State Delegate Barry Glassman, provided a little history about state government and taught the students about democracy.

"Many young men and women have fought and are currently fighting so that we have the freedom to vote unlike many individuals in different parts of the world," Glassman said.

He told students that it is important to "stick together" because "when you stick together it is very hard to be torn apart."

"Freedom is not free, although we take it for granted," he said.

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Patriot

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The purpose of the Patriot Program is to give back explained Elliot.

"Through community projects, the 5th grade students visited and provided services to senior centers, hospitals, local shelters, and women and men in the military abroad," she said.

Paul Magness, representing Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich's office, provided a Maryland pin in each of the students' packets.

The 5th grade Advanced Band, under the direction of Steven Gulas, and the 4th grade chorus, under the direction of Kathi Workman, provided the musical selections.

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine provided the color guard under the direction of Staff Sgt. Malisha Moreno.

Glassman, assisted by Donna Brophy, a parent volunteer, presented the 39 students with a certificate of achievement, and David Ore of ARL presented each student with an achievement medallion.

Ore told the children it was an honor for him and ARL to be invited to participate in such a meaningful effort on the part of the students and their teachers.

A finale provided by the 5th grade students was a culmination of narrative presentations including "I Am An American Patriot" portraying Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, Ronald Reagan, Betsy Ross, Rosa Parks, Nathan Hale, Patrick Henry, Clara Barton, Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and the Statue of Liberty.

"What I liked best about the program was hearing and learning of all the American patriots," said Hunter Murray, 5th grade Patriot.

Elliot thanked all the parents, volunteers, and distinguished guests for supporting the program.

ARL has been in partnership with Churchville Elementary School for more than 10 years.



Photo by DOTTIE KIRK

Hunter Murray, a 5th grade Patriot at Churchville Elementary, reads his American Patriot narrative at the Patriot Day Program April 26. From left, Kayli Offutt, Kelly Kappus and Madeline Favazza.

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Noncommissioned Officer Academy, and Gladys B. Pace, principal Aberdeen Middle School; Lt. Col. Eric A. Walters, director, command and staff department, and Thomas M. Szerentis, principal, Aberdeen High School; Lt. Col. Robert M. Pastorelli, commander, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, and Wayne Perry, principal, Edgewood Middle School; and Capt. Kermit E. Thomas, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, and Joseph A. Schmitz, principal, Edgewood High School, and Margaret Taibi, representing Edgewood Middle School.

Possible activities include job shadowing, field trips, beautification projects; book drives, reading programs, and more. The agreement reads in part that the parties agree to, "establish an educational and life experience partnership to support the educational experience of Harford County Public Schools. The U.S. Ordnance Center and Schools, the 61st Ordnance Brigade and the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance

School will promote the Harford County Public School curriculum by mentoring, tutoring, and providing personnel, physical support, and professional development assistance to its school partners."

Mehosky added, "APG and Harford County Public Schools have been linked together in partnership not only in the excellent initiative of USAOC&S, but also in the overarching signing ceremony of Sept. 27, 2002, whereby the March 8, 1993 partnership promoting educational excellence was renewed and signed between APG and Harford County Public Schools by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, former commander of APG and Jacqueline Haas, superintendent of schools."

"It should be noted," said Mehosky, "that two other key documents were signed that September; the memorandum of agreement for the U.S. Army Secondary Education Study on Military Transitioning Student Outcomes, and the renewal partnership between the U.S. Army Environmental Center and Edgewood Elementary School."

(Editor's note: This article was originally published Jan. 13. The author passed away in February 2005.)

APG band to mentor student musicians



From left, the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) Operations Supervisor Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Hunter and Commander Bob Larsen sign a partnership agreement aimed at mentoring student musicians at Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School April 20.

Story and photo by
Carolyn Dawson
APG News

Good process thinking has led to a unique partnership between the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) and students at Halls's Cross Roads Elementary School that is expected to bring some dramatic results.

The partnership agreement signed April 20 gives members of the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) the opportunity to mentor student musicians at the school.

"The idea for this partnership belongs to Carol Hepler, principal of Halls Cross Roads Elementary School," said Ivan Mehosky, APG school liaison officer. "We had been working on this action for over a year when she mentioned her wonderful band program and that maybe we could meet with the 389th Army Band [AMC's Own] at APG."

Several meetings later the idea materialized into a partnership.

"We are delighted about the partnership," said Assistant Principal Peter S. Carpenter II. "We were looking to help augment our music program, and the extra mentoring the APG Band provides will yield some exponential results."

The decision to partner with the school band was simple, said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert Larsen, who described the partnership as a "win-win" situation.

"Children are our future," Larsen said. "We are looking to make some positive influences on the students as roll models, and have some fun in the process."

"Young musicians need mentoring," said Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Hunter. "We are happy to [be] a positive role model for the students, especially because music really pulls people together. And who knows? Maybe some of them will wind up being Army Band members in the future."

Some benefits of being in the Army Band, said Larsen, include "chances to see the world, compete in competitions, perform in musicals, participate in the all-state band and several scholarship opportunities."

Harford County Public Schools Superintendent Jacqueline Haas has some high hopes for the partnering, so much that at the partnership signing she announced that money will be allocated to form a program to get more instruments for the students.

"We want to test: Does music really do what we think it can do? I want to take students who are failing and watch the progress they can make, academically, cognitive and with social skills," Haas said. "Think of all the doors this could open up, with scholarships and career opportunities."

"When I started at the school nine years ago, there were only five kids in the band," said school band director Mark Warfield. "Today, I'm receiving donations from former students, and we have lots of support from the community. This mentoring program is a dream come true."

"Along with this newest partnership, we have six other outstanding partnerships with Harford County Public Schools: Edgewood Elementary and the U.S. Army Environmental Center; Roye-Williams Elementary, Aberdeen Middle, Aberdeen High, Edgewood Middle and Edgewood High and the Ordnance Center and Schools.

"I believe that these endeavors will be of great benefit to the school system, the community, and APG, but most especially to our students in all grades and throughout their school years," Mehosky said.

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will perform with the school band 7 p.m., May 18, at the school.

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) also has a performance scheduled at 2 p.m., May 21, at Cecil Community College in North East.

Adult day care provides free services to veterans

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

For some it is a haven - a wonderful alternative to a sometimes stagnant existence. For others it provides needed stimuli that was lacking in their lives.

For whatever reason Harford County veterans attend the Family and Childrens Services of Central Maryland's Adult Day Care Center, all seem to enjoy the camaraderie and heartfelt care they receive there.

Located on the campus of Harford Community College, the adult day care center celebrated its 20th anniversary in April 2004.

"It provides a safe and caring environment for seniors who would otherwise be sitting home alone, and a relief for their adult children who no longer have to worry about mom or dad being home alone all day," said Karen Conkel, director of adult day services.

A plus is that the service, which includes door-to-door transportation, breakfast, lunch and a snack, and numerous activities conducted by health care professionals, is free for Harford County veterans, paid for by the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Any honorably discharged veteran is eligible for life," Conkel said.

Veterans may attend twice a week, Monday to Saturday.

Many veterans who use the facility said they enjoy the activities, which include bingo, card games, field trips, and conversations with their contemporaries, so much that they often attend during the other days of the 6-day-a week operation when a \$66.45-a-day

fee is in effect.

"I've been coming here a couple of months now," said 65-year old William Schaeffer, a former Navy Seabee from Street. He said he uses the bus service to attend usually 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and that along with playing dominoes, and enjoying sing-a-longs, he enjoys meal-times the most.

"I used to just stay home all day," Schaeffer said. "Now I have my lunch with friends. They feed you good too. That's why I'm getting fat."

Another Navy veteran, Maurice Fisher of Abingdon, has been coming to the center for four weeks.

He said it was a welcome change to get out of the house he shares with his two sons, who are away all day at work.

"It's a relief not to have to sit in the house all day," Fisher said. "They do great things here. We do a lot of outdoor things when the weather's nice."

He said that going to the center five days a week makes his life "more interesting."

"This place keeps your mind going," Fisher said. "It makes me think and talk. I use my knowledge and enjoy other people. Now when I go home I have something to talk about."

Along with Conkel, who has a degree in psychology, 15 years experience in health care and seven years in adult day care, the staff is made up of health care professionals who oversee the participants' activities.

In addition, registered nurses are on duty at all times to administer medications and treatments, monitor blood pressure and side effects.

Social worker Barbara Pumphrey

has been with the center for 14 years. She said that the center benefits participants whether they attend one day a week or everyday.

"Socialization is the main benefit," Pumphrey said. "It gives them something to do with others like themselves, rather than sitting at home watching TV."

"Their [family members] say they become more active, sleep better, and seem so much happier after they start coming here," she added.

"It's a wonderful program for veterans," added Mary Muir, a certified nursing assistant who's been with the program since its inception. "It's so special to see veterans sharing their experiences."

She said that every day during the open discussion period, "you should hear some of the stories they share."

"These times are their own and nobody else's," she said. "Two days a week is not enough but we'll settle for that."

Edwina Whitfield, a program assistant has been working at the center five years.

She helps with activities, special care needs and exercises.

"I get them from one activity to the next," Whitfield said. She said the best part of her job is interacting with the



Photo by BLAKE VOSHELL

Volunteer Priscilla Dennis, right, helps Ned Smith of Edgewood, center, off with his coat as his friend Maurice Fisher of Abingdon looks on at the Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland Adult Day Care Center on the Harford Community College campus Jan. 27.

participant.

"I've gotten to know them all and made some friends," she said. "Most of all, I've learned from them."

Conkel said that along with the VA, the Harford County Program on Aging funds the program for veterans.

"The main thing is it helps keep people out of nursing homes," Conkel said. "Now the wife who's been home all day caring for her husband can go shopping worry-free or the son or daughter no longer has to call home from work several times a day checking on mom or dad."

The center is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday throughout Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday.

For more information, contact Conkel at 410-838-3222, e-mail her at kconkel@fcsmd.org or visit Web site www.fcsmd.org.

Community Notes

SUNDAY, MAY 22 PATRIOTIC MUSICAL, PICNIC

Service members and their families are invited to a free Patriotic Musical and Community Picnic to honor those in service of the country 10:45 a.m. at the Edgewood Alliance Church, 1980 Trimble Road. For more information, call 410-679-5662

THURSDAY, MAY 26 TRICARE BRIEFING

Military families are invited to a briefing on the US Family Health Plan at Johns Hopkins, a TRICARE option, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the APG

Recreation Center television room. For more information, to schedule a private consultation or to make a reservation, call 1-800-808-7347 or 443-287-2529.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9 APG READIES FOR EXERCISE

APG 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 APG41 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. in Shamrock Park on Lee Street. Veterans, retirees and active duty personnel are encouraged to wear their uniform.

This is an annual event that includes a guest speaker and the Bel Air High School Band and Chorus.

For more information, call 410-638-4550.

APG ORGANIZATIONS, MISSIONS

APG RESIDENT AGENCY, 3RD MILITARY POLICE GROUP (CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND)

Provides criminal investigative support to Army elements within the surrounding area. Investigates felony violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice punishable by one year or more of confinement, and violations of the U.S. Code when the offense occurs on an Army installation or involves Army property. Covers Harford, Cecil and Kent counties in Maryland, and the entire state of Delaware.

CHEMICAL MATERIALS AGENCY (CMA)

Established in December 2003, CMA has the mission for safe and secure storage of the chemical stockpile, expedient disposal of all chemical warfare related material, and production of specialized equipment and capabilities for our Soldiers. The CMA includes Chemical Stockpile Storage, Chemical Stockpile Disposal Project, Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Product, Alternative Technologies and Approaches Project, Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program and the Chemical Weapons Convention Compliance.

For more information, call 410-436-3629, or visit <http://www.cma.army.mil/>, or the Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 410-676-6800.

CIVILIAN HUMAN RESOURCES AGENCY (CHRA)

Acquires and sustains each commander's civilian workforce to support the mission, freeing Soldiers to perform military duties. Manages eight CONUS and OCONUS regions consisting of eight Civilian Personnel Operations Centers (CPOCs) and 105 Civilian Personnel Advisory Centers (CPACs) worldwide, managing business practices and service delivery, standards and measurements, employee development and training, organizational development workforce utilization and customer care with a workforce of approximately 2,950 employee. Manages the deployment, operation and maintenance of the Civilian Personnel Data System; and development and implementation of software enhancements required to support

civilian personnel services to approximately 232,000 civilians.

For more information, call 410-306-1708.

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Delivers the premier quality of life benefit to the armed services community to enhance recruiting, retention and readiness by efficiently and effectively providing exceptional savings and excellent products and services.

For more information, call 410-278-3101.

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Supports the Army Criminal Investigation Division – Major Procurement Fraud Unit in its mission to investigate allegations of white-collar crime.

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Provides timely and accurate, responsive and professional military pay services to Army Soldiers.

Hours of operation: Monday and Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday 7:30 a.m. to noon (Closed for training on Wednesday afternoon); and Thursday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 410-306-2364.

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As the DLA representative and technical authority on disposal matters within the assigned geographical area, administers property disposal service operations including receipt, control and preparation of disposable property for reutilization, donation, sale or other disposition in support of the military services, other

federal agencies, contractors and authorized customers.

Promotes and assists in the establishment and maintenance of viable, effective precious metals recovery, reutilization, and recyclable materials programs within DRMO's geographical area of responsibility.

For more information, call 410-436-3097 or 410-278-2216.

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Provides security, advice and assistance, counterintelligence support and industrial security oversight to cleared civilian contractor facilities performing classified contracts.

The DSS Industrial Security Program includes the defense portion of the National Industrial Security Program, the Arms, Ammunition and Explosives Program and the Critical Assets Assurance Program.

The NISP was established to ensure that private industry and colleges and universities, while performing government contracts or research and development, safeguard classified information in their possession.

The DSS Academy provides security education and training programs to support DSS components, Defense Department agencies, and DoD military departments and contractors.

The functions of the academy include the development and implementation of security education, training, and awareness programs; research and development functions; and career development programs.

The academy offers formal classroom training, computer-based training, correspondence and distance learning, and tele-training.

For more information, call 301-677-4730 or visit www.dss.mil.

DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES

APG VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY

Provides veterinary support to DoD operations in area of responsibility, including veterinary food inspections, zoonotic disease management and other services at APG.

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Provides primary care and coordinates specialty care services for eligible DoD beneficiaries and provides occupational health care to APG federal civilian employees. Provides medical support to the chemical and nuclear missions at APG.

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Provides printing and reproduction services to activities at APG and to other customers as approved. Able to output digitized media, reproduce

CD ROMs and convert information to digital images.

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EDGEWOOD CHEMICAL ACTIVITY/ABERDEEN CHEMICAL AGENT DISPOSAL FACILITY (ECA/ABCDF)

Safely stored and destroyed APG's stockpile of bulk mustard agent.

ECA/ABCDF safely and successfully completed a major portion of the mission on March 11, when the last batch of neutralized mustard agent was transferred to a storage tank at ABCDF for off site disposal as wastewater.

Disposal of the mustard agent is mandated by international treaty and is part of a national chemical demilitarization program that will eventually include disposal projects at eight chemical weapons stockpiles across the United States.

ABCDF is the first chemical demilitarization facility in the continental United States to successfully complete the destruction of its stored agent. As a pilot plant facility, ABCDF

used a hot water neutralization process to safely destroy the agent.

The ABCDF will clean and decontaminate the empty containers using another first-of-a-kind technology, the Ton Container Cleanout Facility.

All equipment exposed to mustard agent during plant operations will be decontaminated and removed from the site. The site will then be agent-free for safe re-use by APG.

For more information, visit <http://www.cma.army.mil>.

FIRING TABLES AND BALLISTICS DIVISION, U.S. ARMY TANK-AUTOMOTIVE AND ARMAMENTS COMMAND (TACOM)

Provides firing tables, aiming data and ballistic analysis to the Army.

For more information, call 410-278-3577.

1ST AREA MEDICAL LABORATORY

On order, deploys worldwide conducting health threat surveillance for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, occupational/environmental health, and endemic disease threats at the theater level to protect and sustain the health of the force across the full spectrum of military operations and is capable of providing tailored teams.

For more information, call 410-436-4857.

5/80TH ORDNANCE BATTALION (ARMY RESERVE)

Provides ordnance, Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) reclassification and NonCommissioned Officer Education School (NCOES) Phase II training in accordance with TRADOC Programs of Instruction (POI) to all branches of the service and DOD civilians. Provides instructors, instructional material, and equipment needed to conduct all phases of training in Career Management Fields 89 and 63 series.

During mobilization the battalion will provide refresher/reclassification training for the Individual Ready Reserves. The battalion has a follow-on-mission to expand proponent schools to meet increased mobilization requirements. Mobilization mission will be directed in accordance with TRADOC guidance to support

the Ordnance Proponent School.

For more information, call 410-278-4900/4955.

HEADQUARTERS, AVIATION DEPOT MAINTENANCE ROUNDOUT UNIT (ADMRU)

Provides mobilized Army and in-theater tailored backup aviation intermediate maintenance and limited depot aviation maintenance capabilities. Supports Army aviation deployed in all theaters.

Four subordinate aviation logistics units located in Connecticut, California, Missouri and Mississippi comprise 1,440 spaces.

For more information, call 410-436-2635/2015

JOINT PRODUCT MANAGER, BIOLOGICAL DETECTION SYSTEM

Develops and fields a common suite of biological point detection components for use by all services. This is a high priority program to protect U.S. service members around the world. In addition it is an Acquisition Category II program based on APG with over \$1 billion programmed for the development, production and fielding for Army and Marine tactical wheeled vehicles, Navy ships and Air Force bases.

For more information, call 410-436-7729.

MARYLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY (MDAASF)

Provides organizational maintenance and intermediate aircraft maintenance to Maryland Army National Guard aviation units as well as operational flying support.

For more information, call 410-436-3536.

MARYLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD MILITARY YOUTH CORPS (CHALLENGE PROGRAM)

Intervene in the lives of at-risk high school dropouts by providing the skills, education and self-discipline needed to produce responsible, productive citizens.

This no-fee program is sponsored by

the National Guard Bureau and the state of Maryland. All applicants must be volunteers, drug free, and have no pending court dates or probation.

For more information, call 410-306-1801 or 1-800-820-6692.

MATERIEL OPERATIONS DIVISION, NATIONAL GROUND INTELLIGENCE CENTER

Provides logistical management of all foreign materiel used in exploitation and research programs and fabricates model-size targets.

For more information, call 410-278-5296.

9TH AREA MEDICAL LABORATORY

On order, deploys worldwide conducting health threat surveillance for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, occupational/environmental health, and endemic disease threats at the theater level to protect and sustain the health of the force across the full spectrum of military operations and is capable of providing tailored teams.

For more information, call 410-436-7270.

NORTHEAST CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OPERATIONS CENTER (NECPOC)

Provides comprehensive human resource services and support to assigned installations and activities in the Northeast Region, to include Headquarters, Department of the Army. Provides civilian personnel guidance and creative solutions using state-of-the-art technology. Delivers a civilian personnel management program that provides the Army chain of command the ability to recruit, train, develop and use Army civilians to meet any assigned mission.

For more information, call 410-306-0007/0008.

PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE-GROUND COMBAT SYSTEMS (PEO-GCS) AND PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE-COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE

SUPPORT (PEO-CS&CSS) APG FIELD OFFICE

Provides on-site coordination and liaison to Project Managers on research, development, test, and evaluation activities at APG.

Coordinates, plans and monitors operations and developments relating to test programs sponsored by PMs assigned to PEO-GCS and PEO-CS&CSS.

Test programs currently being supported are the Abrams Tanks, M113, and Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems, which are managed by PM Combat Systems.

Support is also being provided on bridging systems managed by PM Combat Engineer/Material Handling Equipment(CE/MHE).

The APG Field Office has the capability to support any other programs managed under PEO-GCS and PEO-CS&CSS.

For more information, call 410-278-2773.

308TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION, COMPANY A

Conducts counterintelligence operations throughout the northeast United States to detect, identify, neutralize and defeat the Foreign Intelligence Services and International Terrorism threats to U.S. Army and selected DoD forces, information, and infrastructure. On order, reinforces designated unit(s) with CI and support personnel.

389TH ARMY BAND (AMC'S OWN)

Provides military band support for all U.S. Army Materiel Command installations, U.S. Army Recruiting Programs and civilian communities. When required, assists the U.S. Army Special Bands in the Military District of Washington in the performance of ceremonies, concerts and other musical requirements.

For more information, call 410-278-7953.

20TH SUPPORT COMMAND (CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR AND HIGHYIELD EXPLOSIVE (CBRNE)

At full operational capability, the

organization will provide the nation and the Army with a robust and scalable response force to meet the full spectrum of CBRNE and weapons of mass destruction threats or incidents in support of military operations and civil authorities.

Provides crisis response support to the Homeland and Regional Combatant Commands and leverages sanctuary reach back capabilities linking subject matter experts in America's defense to scientific and technological communities with deployed elements and first responders.

Possesses a deployable chemical and biological analytical capability to provide timely, more accurate analysis of unknown samples and a near real-time chemical/biological-monitoring platform.

Subordinate elements include the 52nd Ordnance Group (EOD) with four Explosive Ordnance Disposal battalions with over 40 companies regionally headquartered throughout CONUS, the Army Reserve Unit-Consequence Management and 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), formerly the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit that has been headquartered at APG with over 60

years of experience.

For more information, call 410-436-6455.

29TH INFANTRY DIVISION (LIGHT) (MDARNG)

Provides command control, staff planning, and supervision of Division Aviation Brigade Operations. Supports maneuver brigades with attack and assault helicopter battalions. Provides peacetime command direction to the Divisional Reconnaissance Squadron, Combat Electronic Warfare Intelligence Battalion and the Intermediate Aviation Maintenance Company. Provides aviation and ground support during state emergencies.

For more information, call 410-612-4103 or send a fax to 410-436-3244.

203RD MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION

A multi-component unit responsible for deploying technical intelligence teams to collect, identify, assess and evacuate enemy weapons and materiel worldwide. Establish a Captured Materiel Exploitation

Center (Combined, Joint or Army) in support of Army commanders and the theater commander in chief.

For more information, call 410-278-7825.

U.S. ARMY ABERDEEN TEST CENTER (ATC)

Is the lead agency for land combat and direct fire testing within DoD. After more than 80 years, ATC has developed into a world-class testing, training, modeling, simulation, and experimentation facility and laboratory - focused on giving the American Warfighter superior and safe equipment and technology. ATC supports testing worldwide utilizing extensive mobile instrumentation, satellite communications, leading-edge technologies, and the wide-ranging expertise of a professional work force. By using a comprehensive array of capabilities, unique facilities, simulators and models, ATC enables testing and experimentation from the component level through the entire system. The breadth of military weapon systems and equipment tested at ATC, DoD's only temperate (not tame) climate proving ground, includes: tracked

and wheeled vehicles, guns, ammunition, bridges, generators, night vision devices, individual equipment (boots, helmets, etc.), material handling equipment, surface and underwater naval systems. Items can be subjected to a full range of tests from automotive endurance and full weapon performance with environmental extremes, to full-scale live fire vulnerability, survivability, lethality testing, as well as fire safety, fire suppression, and flammability testing. As an accredited federal laboratory, ATC is a leading center for technology transfer and dual-use partnership initiatives within and among DoD, industry and academia.

For more information, call 410-306-4010, or visit www.atc.army.mil.

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U.S. ARMY AUDIT AGENCY (USAAA)

The agency serves America's Army by providing objective and independent auditing services. It helps the Army make informed decisions, resolve issues, use resources effectively and efficiently, and satisfy statutory and fiduciary responsibilities.

For more information, call 703-681-

9856, or visit www.hqda.army.mil/aaaweb/, or www.aaa.army.mil for Extranet Web site (for .mil users).

U.S. ARMY CENTER FOR HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE (CHPPM)

Provides health promotion and preventive medicine leadership and services to counter environmental, occupational, and disease threats to health, fitness and readiness in support of the national military strategy.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office, 410-436-2088, or visit <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/>.

U.S. ARMY CONTRACTING AGENCY (ACA)

Supports Soldiers through contracting and provides direct-support installation contracting to APG Garrison and many of APG's tenants on an exception basis.

Responsible for conducting Contracting Officer Representative training, managing the local Army Government Purchase Card program, and serving as business advisors to the government community.

For more information, call the ACA APG DOC, 410-278-0836.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ABERDEEN RESIDENT OFFICE

The Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' local office is responsible for construction management and construction contract administration for military and civil works projects in northeastern Maryland.

Provides liaison with APG for ongoing military construction projects on the installation.

For more information, call 410-436-2470.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION RESIDENT OFFICE

Provides technical assistance and contract oversight for environmentally funded projects throughout Maryland and Delaware, with a primary focus of supporting Aberdeen Proving Ground's environmental

cleanup effort.

For more information, call 410-671-6003.

U.S. ARMY DEVELOPMENTAL TEST COMMAND (DTC)

Tests and evaluates military weapons, vehicles and Soldier equipment.

With the largest, most diverse array of testing capabilities in DoD, tests military hardware of every description on highly instrumented ranges and test courses, under carefully controlled, precise conditions. Operates eight test centers at locations ranging from Alaska to the mid-Atlantic and from the deep South to the Southwest. Testing also takes place in Hawaii, and arrangements with other territories in the tropics may allow DTC testing there, thus enabling DTC to challenge systems in the full spectrum of natural or controlled arctic, tropical, desert and temperate environments.

DTC's Virtual Proving Ground program is developing enhanced modeling and simulation capabilities in tandem with an Inter-Range Control Center and high-speed communications networks to make it possible to conduct simultaneous tests of Future Combat System components at sites across the country, enabling the Army to test FCS and its Future Force in the way they would operate on the battlefield. For more than a decade, DTC has conducted experiments and technical demonstrations that pave the way for this network-centric testing.

DTC's testing provides unbiased data to military decision makers. Support services help the Army evaluate the technical feasibility of early concepts, determine system performance and safety, assess technical risks during system development, confirm designs, and validate manufacturers' facilities and processes at system and component levels.

For more information, call 410-278-1141/1143.

U.S. ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER (USAEC)

Provides environmental program management and technical support products and services in support of Army training, operations, acquisition and sound environmental stewardship.

For more information, call 410-436-2556.

U.S. ARMY EVALUATION CENTER (AEC)

Plans and conducts independent evaluations and assessments of acquisition programs to provide essential information to key DoD decision makers.

For more information, call 410-306-0221.

U.S. ARMY GARRISON, ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND (USAGAPG)

The Garrison manages and operates Aberdeen Proving Ground. It is host to 66 tenants, 20 satellite activities and 17 private organizations. Provides the full range of installation support services, including administration; logistics; morale, welfare and recreation; resource and personnel management; troop support; religious activities, safety and environmental management; operations and planning; law enforcement and security; contracting; and information technology and management. Services also are provided to Non-appropriated Fund and contract personnel, family members of active duty military personnel, and retirees and their family members residing in the surrounding community. Provides readiness and mobilization preparedness support to Reserve and National Guard units and other personnel.

For more information, call the USAGAPG Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147.

U.S. ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL DEFENSE (MRICD)

Develops medical countermeasures to chemical warfare agents and trains medical personnel in the management of chemical casualties. This includes fundamental and applied research in the pharmacology, physiology, toxicology, pathology and biochemistry of chemical warfare agents and their antidotes. Provides scientific support for full scale development and acquisition of new medical chemical defense research products. Conducts research in medical defense against neurotoxins. Builds an information base that enables new methods to be devised for the prevention, treatment, resuscitation and medical management of chemical casualties. These new medical treatments are incorporated in medical chemical defense training used by developers in formulating doc-

trines, and applied in the field by military units.

For more information, call 410-436-1861.

U.S. ARMY ORDNANCE CENTER AND SCHOOLS (OC&S)

OC&S is comprised of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and two schools, the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School at APG and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Supports the development, production, acquisition and sustainment of weapons systems and munitions; and provides Explosive Ordnance Disposal, during peace and war, to provide superior combat power to current and future Army forces. Supports active Army, National Guard, Army Reserve, and Reserve Officers' Training Corps elements as directed by U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; trains Army units for deployment; and trains and prepares mobile training teams for deployment. Provides a repository for history, trophies, awards, and other artifacts and recognition pertaining to the Ordnance Corps and to Ordnance personnel. Develops operational doctrine, organizations and materiel needs in support of materiel maintenance. Serves as the headquarters of the U.S. Army Chief of Ordnance Corps worldwide. The core competencies of OC&S are to train Soldiers and develop leaders, integrate systems and materiel, and develop doctrine and organizations.

For more information, call the Ordnance Corps, 410-278-2415.

OC&S ACTIVITIES AT APG

U.S. ARMY ORDNANCE MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE SCHOOL (OMMS)

Provides for the education and training of selected U.S. and foreign military and civilian personnel in the fields of materiel maintenance and integrated materiel management of combat firepower and ground mobility materiel, logistics management (supply and maintenance) and combat service support.

SCHOOL OF MILITARY PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY

Provides basic, specialized and advanced military packaging training (as well as handling of hazardous materials for transportation training) to Soldiers, civilians and members

of other services, industries, and nations. This mission is accomplished through resident, on site and distance learning modes of instruction. The school maintains liaisons with DoD and higher education schools, installations and agencies. It provides packaging training assistance, develops official training doctrine and literature and produces audiovisual products to support training and provide guidance in the field of packaging.

61ST ORDNANCE BRIGADE/U.S. ARMY ORDNANCE MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE SCHOOL

Provides for the education and training of selected U.S. and foreign military and civilian personnel in the fields of materiel maintenance and integrated materiel management of combat firepower and ground mobility materiel, logistics management (supply and maintenance) and combat service support. Supports active Army, National Guard, Army Reserve, and Reserve Officers' Training Corps elements as directed by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. Trains Army units for deployment, as well as mobile training teams.

Attached to the 61st Ordnance

Brigade:

U.S. Marine Corps Detachment

U.S. Air Force Detachment 1, 361st Technical Training Squadron

Provides administrative support to Marine Corps and Air Force students and instructors while assigned to the OMMS for training or as staff and faculty.

U.S. ARMY ORDNANCE MUSEUM

Collects, preserves and accounts for historically significant property that relates to the history of the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps and the evolution and development of American military ordnance materiel from the colonial period in American history to the present. Assists in research and development of military ordnance, and supports military training and education through the exhibition and interpretation of historical artifacts and instruction of military and civilian personnel.

Hours of operation: Daily, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; closed on national holidays, except Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

For more information, call 410-278-3602.

U.S. ARMY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING COMMAND (RDECOM)

To get the right integrated technology into the hands of Warfighters quicker, integrates research, development, and engineering across the Army, DoD, universities, and other science and technology resources; and take advantage of opportunities rapidly, no matter where they are.

Promotes and facilitates coordination and agility to stay ahead of ever-changing technological advances; takes technology out of the laboratories and puts it into the hands of Warfighters in the shortest time; provides direct support of the tech base to future combat system and future force; manages speed and complexity of technological change to operational needs systems engineering, assessment, and analysis; provides engineering support to PEOs/PMs, materiel management centers and current force; identifies foreign technologies for Army use.

RDECOM manages eight labs and research, development, and engineering centers, the U.S. Army

Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, the foreign comparative testing and defense acquisition challenge program, regional international technology centers, capability and technology integrated process teams, and Agile Development Center.

RDECOM is able to exploit and apply technological solutions from across the world to a wide spectrum of threats in near real time.

LOCAL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

EDGEWOOD CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL CENTER (ECBC)

Provides state of the art science, technology and engineering solutions to meet the rapidly changing needs of the Warfighter.

Fosters research, development, testing and application of technologies for protecting U.S. Warfighters and the homeland from chemical and biological warfare agents. Responds to the full set of challenges posed by the global war on terror, homeland security and the continued evolution of the Warfighter mission, including chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological threats.

For information, call 410-436-5299.

U.S. ARMY MATERIEL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS ACTIVITY (AMSAA)

Conducts responsive and high quality materiel and logistics systems analyses to support decision making for equipping and sustaining the U.S. Army.

For more information, call 410-278-4661.

RDECOM ACQUISITION CENTER, EDGEWOOD DIVISION

Provides tailored contracting support and services to a diverse group of customers for the purpose of ensuring that Warfighters are equipped with the latest technology, goods, and services on time and at a reasonable cost.

For more information, call 410-278-0841 or visit www.apg.army.mil/mac/index.html.

U.S. ARMY RESEARCH LABORATORY HUMAN RESEARCH ENGINEERING (ARL) DIRECTORATE AND THE SURVIVABILITY LETHALITY ANALYSIS DIRECTORATE

Executes fundamental and applied research to provide Army key technologies and analytical support to assure supremacy in future land

warfare.

For more information, call 410-278-5964 or visit Web site, <http://www.arl.army.mil/main/Main/default.cfm>.

For more RDECOM information, call 410-436-4345.

U.S. ARMY TEST, MEASUREMENT AND DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT SUPPORT CENTER - ABERDEEN

This A2LA accredited calibration facility calibrates and repairs all test, measurement and diagnostic equipment for APG and some DoD activities in the area, and all Army active-level radiac located in 16 surrounding states.

For more information, call 410-278-4464.

U.S. ARMY TRIAL DEFENSE SERVICE

Provides defense counsel services for Army personnel whenever required by law, regulation or as authorized by the Judge Advocate General.

Develops programs and policies to promote effective and efficient use of defense counsel resources.

For more information, call 410-278-2156.



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Arlington National Cemetery

(Editor's note: Maiya Dotson, a 2nd grade student attending Edgewood Elementary School is a member of the Edgewood Youth Center. Her father, Staff Sgt. Demond Lyles, 1st Area Medical Laboratory, and mother, Sgt. Juana Lyles, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, are both lab technicians. Maiya wrote this note so that Soldiers would know she "is thinking about them and appreciates what they are doing for the country." Her uncle is currently serving in Iraq and she also corresponds with him.)

Non-DOD tenants at APG

APG Federal Credit Union

Provides financial and banking services at APG and at nine other locations in Harford and Cecil counties.

For more information, call 410-272-4000.

APG Business Development Office (BDO)

Serves as a single point of contact to APG and promotes collaboration among federal agencies, economic development offices, industry and other organizations.

For more information, call 410-273-5062 or fax 410-273-8984.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES)

Provides quality merchandise and services. Generates funds for Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities.

For more information, call 410-272-6828.

Bank of America

Provides financial and banking services at APG.

For more information, call 410-272-6907.

Carlson Wagonlit Travel

Provides business travel arrangements at APG.

For more information, call 410-273-1100.

Freedom Federal Credit Union

Provides financial and banking services at APG and two other locations in Harford County..

For more information, call 410-676-5700.

U.S. Postal Service

Provides mail, postal and related services to APG.

For more information, call 410-272-5462.

Dear Soldiers:

Thank you for risking your lives for other people.

My name is Maiya. I want to tell you about my life.

Here are some things: my favorite food is macaroni and cheese, broccoli and ice cream. My favorite T.V. show is THAT'S SO RAVEN. This summer I am going to TEXAS.

GET WELL!



FROM:
MAIYA



Morale, Welfare, Recreation not just for APG personnel



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Photo by GWEN MEADOWS



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MWR

Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation exists because the U.S. Army is committed to the well-being of the community of people who serve and stand ready to defend the nation.

Army MWR is a comprehensive network of support and leisure services designed to enhance the lives of Soldiers (active, Reserve, and Guard), their families, civilian employees, military retirees and other eligible par-

ticipants. Over 37,000 MWR employees worldwide strive to deliver the highest quality programs and services at each installation--from family, child and youth programs to recreation, sports, entertainment, travel and leisure activities.

Its mission is to serve the needs, interests and responsibilities of each individual in the Army community for as long as they are associated with the Army, no matter where they are locat-

ed.

MWR contributes to the Army's strength and readiness by offering services that reduce stress, build skills and self-confidence and foster strong esprit de corps.

MWR services also help the Army attract and retain talented people.

MWR is proof of the Army's commitment to caring for the people who serve and stand ready to defend the nation.

Upcoming activities open to the public

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.



Concert tickets on sale

Army MWR and APG 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 the day of the event and can be purchased at www.apgmwr.com, MWR Registration, building 3326, THE Hoyle Fitness Center and Ticketmaster.



Photo by LaMONT HARBISON

Playing golf on APG's two courses

Exton Golf Course

Exton Golf Course is a regulation 9-hole layout at the Edgewood Area of APG. Normally men play the white tees for the front nine and the blue tees for the back nine. Ladies play the red tees, then the white tees for 18 holes. Measuring almost 2,940 yards from the blue tees, while offering additional routings of 2,737 yards (white tees), and 2,399 yards (red tees), it provides a challenge to golfers of any skill level. The rolling hills and tree-lined fairways combined with the small greens will provide scenic beauty to enhance the golf experience.

Exton is a great course for beginners, seniors and family golf outings, as well as the experienced golfer looking "to get in a quick nine." The facilities include a clubhouse with a nicely stocked pro shop and a snack bar with televisions. There is also a short game practice area and practice putting green on the property. Exton Golf Course, is the perfect course for golfers and families looking to maximize their enjoyment for the dollar. Private and group lessons are also available.

For more information, call 410-436-2213 or visit www.apgmwr.com.

Ruggles Golf Course

Located in the Aberdeen Area of APG, Ruggles is an 18-hole championship course that provides a wide range of length and challenge to golfers of any skill level. The facilities include a full practice range with natural and artificial tees, large putting green, practice bunker and short game chipping area, and a fully stocked pro shop. Golfers can relax and dine in the Sutherland Grille, offering hot and cold sandwiches (breakfast available on weekends), beverages and domestic beer, with satellite television featuring Direct TV entertainment and sports packages.

For more information, call 410-278-4794 or visit www.apgmwr.com.

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.

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.

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