

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, March 23, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Location changes for retirement ceremony

The March 30 retirement ceremony will be held at the Ball Conference Center, Dickson Hall, building 3074, at 11 a.m. instead of Top of the Bay.

Army Concert Tour coming

APG's summer Country Concert is planned for Aug. 20. More information will be coming. Visit www.apg.mwr.com.

KUSAHC closes on Saturdays

Effective April 1, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will no longer be open on Saturday.

For appointments, call the clinic at 410-278-5475. Clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Active Duty Sick Call hours remain the same with sign in at 5:30 a.m. for both the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Troop Medical clinics.

Hoyle Fitness Center closes for one week

The Hoyle Fitness Center will be closed through March 20 for installation of a new floor.

The Hoyle Gym will be open.

For more information call 410-436-3375 or 7134.

Flu vaccine for military eligible beneficiaries

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is encouraging all military eligible beneficiaries to get protected by getting a flu shot.

Eligible health care beneficiaries include those who are active duty or retirees and their eligible family members.

The Kirk Immunization Clinic at Aberdeen is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to noon, closed each day for lunch noon to 1 p.m. and reopens Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1 to 4 p.m.

On Thursday afternoon, the hours are 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information or updates, call the Flu Vaccine Hotline at 410-

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ABCDF processes final batch of mustard agent

CMA

Workers at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, achieved a major milestone when the last batch of mustard agent was neutralized by the facility March 11. This marks the end of draining and neutralizing APG's chemical agent stockpile, making a safer Maryland.

Maryland is the first state in the continental United States to process the drained contents of its stockpile and to have the risk posed by a chemical agent stockpile eliminated.

"This is a great day for the people of Maryland and for the global chemical weapons disarmament effort," said U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency Director Michael Parker. "A stockpile of steel containers holding one of the world's most lethal substances since 1941 has now been safely destroyed. The safety threat to the local community is gone and the worldwide threat of chemical weapons further reduced."

"We had to overcome a series of technical challenges starting up a first-of-a-kind plant, but a combined work force of 500 government and Bechtel team contractor personnel rose to the occasion and resolved each and every issue," explained Edgewood Chemical Activity and ABCDF Commander Lt. Col. Gerald L. Gladney. "Through it all, though, the workers did their jobs safely and brought us to this moment with a real sprint at the finish."

Workers at the facility began destroying the stockpile in April 2003. It took 18 months to drain and destroy the first half of the liquid agent; the second half took slightly more than four months.

The ABCDF work force had many partners in this effort, according to Army Site Project Manager Joe Lovrich.

"I look back with tremendous pride considering the many people that have worked tirelessly to convert a technology developed in an Army laboratory to a multi-acre industrial complex designed to safely destroy one of the nation's stockpiles of chemical weapons," Lovrich said. "Our success in reaching this milestone is a direct result of our partnerships with countless APG installation organizations, environmental regulators, emergency response agencies and the citizens of Maryland who endured the presence of the stockpile for more than 60 years."

Friends don't let friends drive drunk this St. Patrick's Day

DLES

The APG Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security is joining with other federal, state and local highway safety and law enforcement officials across the nation to remind all of those who plan on using alcohol during St. Patrick's Day festivities this year to act responsibly by designating their sober drivers before the parties begin.

"St. Patrick's Day has become a big night out for many Americans, particularly among young adults," said Maj. Joseph Darabasz, chief, Police Services. "But it is also a very dangerous night out due to impaired drivers. That's why we are reminding all of those seeking a little 'luck of the Irish' this year to be sure and designate their sober driver in advance - before the festivities even begin."

"Whether you are just meeting a few friends after work at the corner pub or attending the big local parade or party, if you plan on using alcohol, never drive while impaired - and never let your friends drive if you think they are impaired."

According to the National Highway Traffic

"At our groundbreaking ceremony, six years ago this June," recalled Bechtel Defense & Space President Jan Van Prooyen, "the Bechtel Aberdeen team committed itself to providing the community, the Army and our nation with safe, disciplined, environmentally compliant chemical disposal. Now, thanks to the dedication of several hundred men and women - most of them Marylanders - who have been part of this multi-company team, I can acknowledge with pride that Bechtel Aberdeen has delivered on that commitment."

The steel containers that held the agent continue to be cleaned of residual agent solids, cut in half and decontaminated at the ABCDF's Ton Container Cleanout Facility. The last remnants of the stockpile, agent residue in the ton containers, referred to as the heel, are being removed using a high-pressure spray wash in this facility. These operations are scheduled for completion next winter.

The entire facility will then enter a closure phase in which plant equipment is dismantled and decontaminated.

In addition to this historical occasion, CMA, Maryland and the United States achieved another significant milestone earlier this week.

On March 8, inspectors from the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons completed a final inspection of ECA's Chemical Agent Storage Yard and confirmed that all mustard agent-filled ton containers had been removed from storage. This com-



Photo courtesy of ABCDF

ABCDF officials inspect Process Neutralization Building reactors prior to start up in 2003.

pleted ECA's obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention Treaty for CASY.

No future inspections of the CASY by the OPCW are required.

Currently, chemical weapons disposal operations in Utah, Maryland, Alabama, Oregon and on Johnston Island where operations were completed in November 2000, have resulted in the safe destruction of more than 35

percent of the nation's declared chemical weapons stockpile involving 42 percent of originally declared

munitions.

Aberdeen Proving Ground is the first of eight U.S. Army stockpile sites in the continental United States to have emptied its stockpile storage area, eliminating the risk the stored agent posed to its surrounding communities during the past six decades.

Disposal operations are set to begin in Arkansas and Indiana in the next couple of months.

More information on these stockpile sites and the U.S. Army's chemical demilitarization program, as well as photographs of the final batch transfer can be found at www.cma.army.mil.

AER Fund Campaign 2005 begins

USAGAPG

The annual fund raising campaign for Army Emergency Relief has begun and contributions will be accepted through May 31. Contributions may be made by allotment, cash or check.

Col. John T. Wright, garrison and deputy installation commander, has set the goal for this year at \$40,000.

AER receives no funds from the federal government. AER is supported by voluntary contributions from Soldiers and civilians (active and retired) solicited once a year during the Army's annual campaign.

It has been the Army's emergency financial assistance organization since Feb. 5, 1942, and is the only organization dedicated solely to helping Soldiers and their families in time of emergency financial need.

This year marks 63 years of AER operations.

Contributions will assure continued availability of AER funds to meet the assistance needs of Soldiers.

The AER Campaign Coordinator for 2005 is Maj. Anissa McNeill, 410-278-2104.

Pentagon general promotes APG NCO

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

When an Aberdeen Proving Ground staff sergeant called on an "old friend" to preside over a ceremony promoting her to sergeant first class, that friend, despite a demanding schedule and an enormous job with countless responsibilities, said that he would be happy to oblige.

Lt. Gen. James L. Campbell, director of the Army Staff, flew to APG from the Pentagon to promote his former operations noncommissioned officer, Sgt. 1st Class Angela Howze of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, during a ceremony at the Gunpowder Club March 11.

Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, OC&S commander,

Col. Kevin M. Smith, OC&S chief of staff, Col. Francis R. Merritt, commander, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, Lt. Col. Robert Pastorelli, 143rd Battalion commander, and OC&S regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony T. Aubain, welcomed Campbell who said he "jumped at the opportunity to be here."

"Anytime I can impact our Army and make it better, I will be a part of it," Campbell said, "and promoting sergeant Howze will make our Army better."

Campbell said that Howze, who worked for him as the noncommissioned officer in charge of the secretary to the general staff at Fort Drum, N.Y., during the unit's deployment to Bosnia, "was an inspi-

ration to me on a daily basis." "Through our darkest moments it often was her inspiration that saw us through," Campbell said. "She is, in my estimation, the complete package. She is a professional. She sets the standards. And it is with a great deal of honor that I am here and able to participate in this ceremony."

As the promotion orders were read, Howze's husband, retired 1st Sgt. Reginald Howze assisted Campbell in placing E-7 shoulder boards on his wife's uniform and her son, R.J., 12, helped his mother into her Class-A jacket which had her new rank already affixed to the sleeves.

Through intermittent tears, Howze thanked her superiors,
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Photo by RALPH BROTH

From left, Lt. Gen. James L. Campbell, director of the Army Staff, slips E-7 shoulder boards onto the uniform of Sgt. 1st Class Angela Howze, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, center, as her husband, retired 1st Sgt. Reginald Howze, right, assists during her promotion ceremony at the Gunpowder Club March 11. Campbell flew to APG from the Pentagon to promote Howze, who worked for him when assigned to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y., and in Bosnia.

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APG retires five during February ceremony

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Five civilian employees from the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison, Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center, and the U.S. Army Contracting Agency were officially retired before friends and family during the installation retirement ceremony at Top of the Bay Feb. 23.

Brig. Gen. Michael L. Combest, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, and Command Sgt. Maj. Larry D. Robinson hosted the ceremony.

The retirees included Jacqueline A. Morrissey, NECPOC; Gary R. Testerman Sr. and Maurice L. Bishop, APG Garrison; Betty J. Gehr, ACA, and Brian L. Moore, NECPOC.

Capt. Yun J. Kim, APG Garrison chaplain delivered the invocation, and the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) Brass Quintet provided music.

Combest lauded the retirees as some of the installation's finest.

"The Army depends on the sacrifices of Soldiers but also on its civilian members," Combest said.

"On behalf of a grateful Army we wish you the very best," he told the retirees.

He encouraged attendees to continue to attend the monthly retirement ceremonies.

"Your attendance today signifies your appreciation. I would ask you to come to even more ceremonies even if you don't know [the honorees]," Combest said.

Jacqueline A. Morrissey

With 22 years of federal service, Morrissey was awarded the Department of the Army

Certificate of Retirement and the Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation. Her husband John received the APG Certificate of Appreciation signed by Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander, U.S. Army Research and Development Command.

A native of Havre de Grace, Morrissey began her civil service career at the Edgewood Arsenal working for organizations that would become the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. She joined the APG Civilian Personnel Office in 1988. Her many awards include the Baltimore Federal Executive Board Excellence in Federal Career Bronze Award.

She and her husband have six children and 11 grandchildren.

Gary R. Testerman Sr.

Testerman retired with 28 years of federal service as the installation's energy conservation manager within the Business Management Division, Directorate of Installation Operations. He received the DA certificates of retirement and appreciation and his wife Nancy received the APG Certificate of Appreciation signed by Nadeau.

The Havre de Grace High School graduate joined the Navy in 1967 and served four years as a diesel submarine electrician's mate. He worked for various electrical construction companies; for Northrup Services Company at Goddard Space Center and at the Allied Maintenance Inc.'s Perryville Maryland PVC Plastic Plant before coming to APG as an electrical engineering technician in 1981.

His awards include a first-place win in the

Para-Professional category of the 1992 Baltimore Federal Executive Board awards.

Testerman and his wife have one son and three grandchildren. His plans for retirement include spending more time with his family, working part-time as an energy consultant and going to as many bluegrass festivals as possible.

Betty J. Gehr

Gehr ended her 24 years of service as a purchasing agent with ACA. She received the DA certificates of retirement and appreciation and her husband Robert was awarded the APG Certificate of Appreciation.

A native of Afton, N.Y., Gehr began her civil service career in 1980 after years of traveling with her husband, a retired master sergeant.

She enjoys music and volunteering with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Knights of Columbus auxiliaries.

The Gehrs have one daughter, Theresa and one grandson, Robby.

Brian L. Moore

With 34 years of federal service Moore ended his career as a human resources assistant with the NECPOC. He received the DA certificates of retirement and appreciation and his wife Barbara received the APG Certificate of Appreciation.

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, Moore graduated from McCallum High School in Austin, Texas, in 1964 and joined the Army after college in 1969. He was assigned to the Republic of Vietnam in 1970 then to APG in early 1971.

Moore began his civil service career in 1974 as a supply clerk for the Defense Logistics Agency. From there he held positions with the

U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center and with the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office before going to NECPOC. His awards include the National Defense Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Service Medal.

Moore enjoys traveling, listening to country music, watching television and going to the movies with his wife.

Maurice L. Bishop

Bishop retired with 42 years of federal service, including more than 20 in the Army from which he retired as a sergeant first class in 1982.

He received the DA certificates of retirement and appreciation and his wife Sandra received the APG Certificate of Retirement.

Bishop began his civil service career in 1983 at the Army Publications Center in Baltimore, and then transferred to APG as a material classifier in the logistics directorate that became the Directorate of Installation Operations. In 1989 he was promoted to supervisor of the laundry service branch then worked as a material handler and motor vehicle operator after a reduction-in-force in 2002.

His awards over the course of his career include letters of appreciation and commendation, performance awards and special act awards.

He and his wife have one daughter, Rainier, who is in college. Bishop said his plans for retirement include continuing to support the Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations as well as the veterans who have served the country.

CAC focuses on new quarters program, spring cleanup

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The new Quarters of the Month/Year program, Spring Clean up, and the Army Substance Abuse Program were the focus of the Community Action Council held Feb. 24 at the Aberdeen Area Chapel.

Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, chaired the meeting.

'New' Quarters Program

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby distributed Letters of Instruction on the new Quarters of the Month/Year program.

"The purpose of the program is to instill pride, competitive spirit, enhance the appearance of the housing areas, and appropriately recognize efforts put forth by the military family housing occupant. Competition will be conducted monthly, April to October, and the Yard of the year will be selected in October.

The categories for competition will be by grouping, which consists of:

- Plumb Point Loop, Hopkins Loop and School Street
- Bayside Village and New Chesapeake
- Patriot Village

- Mobile Home Park
- Skippers Point
- Everett Road, Clearview/Chevron, Austin Road and Parrish Road

General officer's quarters are not included in the program.

ASAP

Jareta Coyle, alcohol drug control officer, presented a presentation on the Army Substance Abuse Program.

ASAP has donated thousands of videos to the Post Libraries regarding the program. Those eligible for program resources include active duty military, retirees, civilian employees and their family members.

ASAP is located in building 2477. For more information, call 410-278-3910. To request training, call 410-278-DRUG (5319).

Spring Cleanup

Spring Cleanup will be held:

April 18 to 25, installation housing

April 27 to May 2, all units except USAOC&S

May 4 to 9, all U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' units

Area coordinators will distribute memorandums of instruction to units and organizations.

DENTAC

One new contractor has been provided. Renovation of the Edgewood Area clinic is behind schedule. The clinic will reopen in May instead of April.

Commissary

Easter items are in. Patrons are encouraged to shop early. Early bird shopping begins at 8 a.m. for the purchase of 20 items or less per patron. Normal shopping hours start at 10 a.m.

Chapel

Lenten luncheons are being held at noon on Wednesday at the AA Chapel in the Fellowship Rooms. Food is provided by the chapel.

Easter Sunrise Service is 7 a.m., Sunday, March 27, at McBride Field (next to the chapel). For more information, call the chapel at 410-278-4333.

DCFA

The Social Hour is held each Friday at Top of the Bay. There are free snacks and a pay-as-you-go bar. Darts and billiards are available.

DLES

The Community Policing Officer Michael Fowler is located in building 3847-E in Flag Court. He can be contacted at 410-652-2359. The office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is also designed for small meet-

ings.

DIO

Residents are reminded to park their vehicles off the roadway when the forecasts calls for snow so that snow removal equipment can get through the narrow streets and cul-de-sacs.

A short video on sewage back up involved four units in the housing area.

The backup was caused by the flushing of syringes down a commode, which impaled sanitary products causing the sewage to back up into the units.

Grease also played a part. Residents are reminded not to pour grease down kitchen sinks as it hardens quickly. Pour grease into metal cans

and deposit into trash containers. DIO spends thousands of dollars each year clearing clogged drains.

SJA

The Tax Center has prepared 500 returns so far saving filers \$62,000 in filing fees.

The center serves military and retirees.

The office, located on the second floor of building 310, is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

Remember to file before April 15. Documents may be drop-ped off.

Only federal and Maryland state returns may be filed electronically. The center has the tax forms necessary for filing in other states.

ACS

The Army Family Action

Plan Symposium is scheduled for March 29 to 31. Volunteers are needed. For information, contact Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669.

The Army Emergency Relief campaign runs from March 1 to May 31.

Army Family Team Building Level 1 training is being planned. Check for future updates in the APG News.

The Employment Readiness Program Job Information Center is open Monday to Friday.

The next CAC meeting will be held 9:30 a.m., April 28, in the Aberdeen Area Chapel.

ASAP sponsors National Inhalant Awareness Week March 20 thru 26

ASAP

Inhalant abuse is a critical issue, so much so that the Army Substance Abuse Program has incorporated inhalant awareness into their quarterly Substance Abuse Training for 2005.

"The response has been wonderful," said Cindy Scott, the Aberdeen Proving Ground ASAP prevention coordinator. "Each training session has brought positive feedback and many comments regarding going home and checking under kitchen and bathroom counters.

"This article contains the basic information regarding inhalant abuse. We encourage community members to contact our office in building A-2477 or call 410-278-3784 for more information. We have inhalant abuse pamphlets and youth activity books available and will be launching the new ASAP web page within the next few weeks that will have great resources," Scott said.

Inhalant abuse

Inhalant abuse is the deliberate inhalant or sniffing of common products found in homes, schools and workplaces to obtain a "high."

Effects

Sniffing can cause sickness and death. For example, victims may become nauseated, forgetful, and unable to see things clearly. Victims may lose control of their body, including the use of arms and legs.

These effects can last 15 to 45 minutes after sniffing.

In addition, sniffing can severely damage many parts of the body, including the brain, heart, liver and kidneys.

Even worse, victims can die suddenly -- without any warning. "Sudden Sniffing Death" can occur during or right after sniffing. The heart begins to overwork, beating rapidly but unevenly, which can lead to cardiac arrest. Twenty two percent of first-time abusers have been known to die from sniffing inhalants.

What products are abused?

Ordinary household products, which can be safely used for legitimate purposes, can be problematic in the hands of an inhalant abuser.

The following categories of products are reportedly abused: glues/adhesives, nail polish remover, marking pens, cooking oil spray, paint thinner, spray paint, butane lighter

fluid, gasoline, propane gas, typewriter correction fluid, household cleaners, cooking sprays, deodorants, fabric protectors, whipping cream aerosols and air conditioning coolants.

Identifying an inhalant abuser

If someone is an inhalant abuser, some or all these symptoms may be evident:

- Unusual breath odor or chemical odor on clothing.
- Slurred or disoriented speech.
- Drunk, dazed, or dizzy appearance.
- Signs of paint or other products where they wouldn't normally be, such as on the face or fingers.
- Red or runny eyes or nose.
- Spots and/or sores around the mouth.
- Nausea and/or loss of appetite.
- Chronic inhalant abusers may exhibit symptoms such as anxiety, excitability, irritability or restlessness.

Behaviors of inhalant abuse

Inhalant abusers also may exhibit the following signs:

- Sitting with a pen or marker near nose.
- Constantly smelling clothing sleeves.
- Visible paint or stain marks on the face, fingers or clothing.
- Having rashes on inside of wrists and upper chest
- Hiding rags, clothes, or empty containers of the potentially abused products in closets and other places.

Profile of an inhalant abuser

There is no typical profile of an inhalant abuser. Victims are represented by both sexes and all socioeconomic groups throughout the United States. It's not unusual to see elementary, middle-school, and high school age youths as well as young Soldiers, involved with inhalant abuse.

What can you do?

Discuss the problem openly and stress the devastating consequences of inhalant abuse.

If suspected inhalant abuse is detected in children, contact a doctor. If the suspicions are while at work, report it to a supervisor.

Employee Assistance Program services are available by contacting Bill Sanchious, 410-278-5319.

For more information on inhalants or any other substance abuse issue, contact the ASAP in building 2477 or call 410-278-DRUG (3784).

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305-FLUV (4-3588).

Introductory sports playgroup

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

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

RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., March 31, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Aberdeen Area Study Areas.

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

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

Army Women's Museum to celebrate 50 years

The U.S. Army Women's Museum will celebrate its 50th anniversary April 27 to 30 at Fort Lee, Va.

The museum, which was officially dedicated at Fort McClellan, Ala., in 1955, moved to Fort Lee in 2000. It is the only museum in the world dedicated to Army women with the mission of being a repository for artifacts and archival material pertaining to the service of women across all branches and organizations of the Army, from inception to present day.

For more information on the anniversary celebration, or to plan a visit, call the U.S. Army Women's Museum at 804-734-4327 or visit Web site, <http://www.awm.lee.army.mil>.

MCSC accepting scholarship applications

The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club is now accepting applications for scholarship awards. Any member of MCSC or dependents of members may submit an application.

Forms may be downloaded from the MCSC Web site, www.apgmcs.org. The application must be postmarked by April 1, 2005.

Not currently a member? There is still time to join for a half-year membership by downloading a membership form from the above Web site.

Any questions may be directed to Melinda Sigler, 410-612-0185.

Pet supplies needed

Because of the large number of cats in need of adoption at the APG Veterinary Treatment Facility, cat food and cat litter are in short supply.

Donations of these items can be brought to the clinic located at 2479 Oakington Street.

The facility is open 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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

Reserving a picnic area

All installation activities, units and the public can make reservations for the upcoming spring/summer.

For reservations, contact Mary Brousseau at e-mail mary.brousseau@usag.apg.army.mil; fax, 410-278-4160; or visit Outdoor Recreation, building 2407, Aberdeen Area.

Experience the Civil Air Patrol at APG

The Civil Air Patrol is an auxiliary division of the U.S. Air Force open for enrollment to both male and female youths between ages 12 and 18. The CAP offers three missions as a cadet, aerospace education and emergency services student.

Meetings are held 7 p.m. every Monday in building 5443.

For more information, contact Lt. Phillip Szczepanski, 410-803-9737 or e-mail info@harfordcap.org.

Scheduling TRICARE information briefings, forums

Units or groups that would like to schedule TRICARE briefings should contact Nannetta Hicks, TRICARE community representative, via

e-mail at nanetta.l.hicks@us.army.mil, or visit Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Room A08.

New medical records policy at KUSAHC

The Medical Records Room at Kirk U. S. Army Health Clinic will no longer sign out medical records for Soldiers undergoing PCS, ETS and retirements.

If a service member is undergoing a PCS, the service member must bring a copy of their orders to the Medical Records Room and sign a release of information.

The medical record will then be forwarded to the next duty station by certified mail.

If the service member is going overseas, they will be allowed to take their medical records with them.

If the family is not going with the service member to the next duty station or is not living near a military treatment facility, the family can sign a release form and put in a request for a copy of the medical records.

This should be done four to six weeks in advance.

The original medical record will be maintained at KUSAHC. The copies of the medical records will be mailed to the family members.

Registering newborns in TRICARE

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

There is no automatic enrollment in TRICARE Prime. Parents or guardians must fill out the TRICARE Prime enrollment forms as

family members change. Family members must be enrolled in DEERS through their personnel office before they can enroll in TRICARE.

Members should stop by the TRICARE Service Center located at KUSAHC, Room A06, to update their family's TRICARE enrollment status. After updating the TRICARE enrollment, go to Patient Administration, room C22 to register or update member's registration in the electronic medical records system.

It is essential that correct information be entered in this system so that KUSAHC may contact the member or process any specialty referral for civilian network care.

A local address and phone number is required.

New program seeks volunteers

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Minority College Relations Program is seeking volunteers from the Garrison and tenant activities to build a Minority College Relations Team. The MCRT will identify and develop collaborative programs that will strengthen minority colleges, APG's viability to participate in and benefit from federal programs, and enhance APG's future readiness by partnering with these colleges and institutions.

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

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Community Notes

SATURDAY

**MARCH 19
BULL AND OYSTER
ROAST**

The Jarrettsville Young Marines is sponsoring its 3rd annual Bull/Oyster Roast 6 p.m. at the Jarrettsville VFW Post 8672, 1714 Morse Road.

This taste-tempting event is a fund raiser that supports the "Young Marines," a local youth group that embodies the same values of the U.S. Marine Corps, while serving the local community. Tickets are available from Linda Minton, 410-557-6571 or Marie Reich, 410-256-0280. Semper Fidelis.

PRIZE BINGO LUNCHEON

The Pilottown Rod and Gun Club, located on Belle Manor Road, Conowingo, will hold a Prize Luncheon Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Rod and Gun Club. Doors open at 11 a.m., bingo begins at noon. Tickets cost \$15 and includes 20 games and lunch; extra packets cost \$5. Cost for children is \$10 with no extra packets. Tickets are available at the door. Door prizes, refreshments, raffles and more will be available. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

No smoking is permitted in the club.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-378-2221, 410-658-5628 or 410-378-0096.

JOY NIGHT

The youth members of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will sponsor a Joy Night at 7:30 p.m. Choirs, dancers and musicians are invited to participate in the program. To attend and/or participate, call 410-688-7407.

MONDAY

**MARCH 21
TOASTMASTERS
MEETING**

Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562 will meet at the Gunpowder Club on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The meeting will start at 11:40 a.m. and last about an hour. Lunch will be available.

The meeting is open to anyone on or off post who wants to improve their communication, leadership skills and overcome the fear of speaking in public.

For more information, call 410-734-6573 or 410-322-7748.

THURSDAY

**MARCH 24
FREE HOME BUYING
SEMINAR**

A Home Buying Seminar will be offered by Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the APGFCU Operations Center in Edgewood, 1321 Pulaski Highway.

Guest speaker Cathy Werner, of RE/MAX American Dream, will cover topics such as market analysis, qualifying for a mortgage, selecting the right loan program, 'what you want vs. what you can afford,' negotiating and

Boy Scouts looking for a few good men

Boy Scout Troop 429 is currently recruiting boys who are 11 (6th grade) and older to expand its patrol ranks.

New arrivals to APG both military and civilian, or current residents with boys interested in Scouting are encouraged to join the troop.

Weekly meetings are conducted to plan camping, hiking, field trips and many other activities.

Adult leaders with Scouting experience are also encouraged to join.

For more information, call Fred Silva, committee chairman at 410-272-4570, or e-mail freddy302@star-power.net.

home inspections.

To reserve a space, call 410-272-4000 or 1-800-225-2555, ext. 5451. The seminar is open to the public.

FRIDAY

**MARCH 25
BASKET BINGO**

American Legion Post 194, 336 E. Main St., Rising Sun, is sponsoring a basket bingo to benefit Boy Scout Troop 28. Games begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 for 20 games. For more information, call 410-658-3915, or e-mail basketbingo@zoominternet.net.

SATURDAY

**MARCH 26
VIETNAM VETS
PARTY**

VFW Post 6027, 815 Turkey Point Road, North East, will present the 15th Annual Vietnam Vets Party, 7 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by Mothers Headache. Cost is \$35 per couple or \$20 per person. Dinner, door prizes, snacks, beer, soda and more will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-287-3132 or 410-287-9788.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Water Witch Fire Company, will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for all paper cards. Tickets are available by calling Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, JoAnne Bierly, 410-378-3320, or Stephanie Gibson, 410-378-2672.

FRIDAY

**APRIL 1
SHRIMP AND BULL
ROAST**

Holy Family House will sponsor a Spring Fling Shrimp and Bull Roast 7 p.m. to midnight, April 1, at Jarrettsville Gardens, 3825 Federal Hill Road. Music will be provided by DJ Jenny Z. Proceeds will benefit Holy Family House, a non-profit organization supporting Harford County's homeless families. Tickets

cost \$35 per person; must be 21 or older to attend.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-273-6700.

SATURDAY

**APRIL 16
EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

Celebrate Earth Day 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date April 17), at Aberdeen Festival Park, located at Howard and Franklin Streets across from the library. Enjoy a fun, activity-packed day for all ages with live music, a rock climbing wall, an "Earth Bounce", recycle games, face painting, environmental exhibits and lots more.

Children can bring a 100 percent cotton T-shirt to Tie-Dye. Bring a blue recycling bag of packaged people food, pet food, or clothing to benefit those in need and get three free game tokens.

For more information call 410-297-4215.

TUESDAY

**APRIL 19
THE 3RD ANNUAL
INSTALLATION FOOD
SERVICE
OFFICE/SQFC
SPECIALTY MEAL**

The IFSO/SQFC Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.50 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$3 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu is listed on the APG News Web site, www.apgnews.apg.army.mil in Community Notes.

MOVIES

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

ARE WE THERE YET

Friday, March 18, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 19, 9 p.m.

Starring: Ice Cube, Aleisha Allen, Philip Bolden

Nick (Ice Cube) fancies a date with Suzanne (Nia Long), but she's stuck working in Vancouver, British Columbia. She's miserable because she misses her children, 11-year-old Lindsay and 7-year-old Kevin. To impress Suzanne, Nick offers to drive the tykes up from Portland, Ore. But he doesn't know that the two are convinced no man is good enough for their mom, and they make up

their minds to sabotage the would-be romance. (Rated PG)

**BOOGYMAN
(FREE ADMISSION)**

Saturday, March 19, 7 p.m.

Starring: Barry Watson, Emily Deschanel

The story tells the haunting tale of a young man traumatized by memories of terrible events he experienced in his childhood bedroom and who, years later, reluctantly returns home to face his fears of a monstrous entity that could be real or merely a figment of his imagination. (Rated PG-13)



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

Local students can apply for \$1,000 Future Writers Scholarship

Harford County Community Websites, an area resource devoted to helping residents learn about what's going on and what's good in their own hometowns, is offering a \$1,000 Future Writers Scholarship to one Harford County high school student who enters the competition.

Students must apply to participate by March 31 by visiting one of the Web sites listed below. Three writing samples will be required. Submissions may be short stories, essays, humor, local-interest articles, local human-interest articles or poems and may be from one or more category. All submissions must be wholesome, family-friendly, enriching to Harford County communities and in keeping with the purpose of the Harford County Community Websites – to share the "good stuff" going on locally.

A select panel of local judges will review each student's portfolio and announce a winner at the end of the 2004-2005 school year. Participants must be at least age 13 and attending a Harford County high school or be a high-school level home student. Entries will be published on the sites throughout the year.

For more information about the scholarship competition and other events, contests and activities around the county, visit Aberdeen Online, www.AberdeenMD.net; Abingdon Online, www.abingdonmd.net; Bel Air Online, www.BelAirMD.net; Edgewood Online, www.EdgewoodMD.net; Fallston Online, www.FallstonMD.net; Bel Air Online, <http://www.belairmd.net>; Edgewood Online, www.EdgewoodMD.net; Fallston Online, www.FallstonMD.net; Forest Hill Online, www.ForestHillMD.net; Havre de Grace Online, www.HavredeGraceMD.net; Jarrettsville Online, www.JarrettsvilleMD.net and Joppatowne Online at www.JoppatowneMD.net.

The Community Websites and the scholarship are sponsored by local businesses.

For more information, call Gina Kazimir of PR Right Now at 410-420-8679, send e-mail to gkazimir@prightnow.com or visit www.prightnow.com.

Driver's Education classes scheduled

Youth Services will present winter and spring State-certified Driver's Education classes at Child and Youth Services, building 2752, room 210. Classes are 30 hours of instruction each and will begin on Wednesday and end on Tuesday of the second week.

There will be no classes on holidays. Parents and students must attend the first hour of class together (March 30, April 13, etc.) to review rules and procedures.

The following classes are scheduled:

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

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

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

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

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

Registration will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Outreach Services-Central Registration Office, room 110, building 2752. A minimum class size of three students is required, 21 students maximum.

To make an appointment to register and pay the fee, call Christina Keithley at 410-278-7571 or Pat Palazzi at 410-278-7479. For more information about the Teen Driver Education program, call Greg Williams, Rules Driving School, Inc., 410-939-7008 or 937-2184, or Ivan Mehosky 410-278-2857.

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

Aberdeen Area classes will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center 3:45 to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, for students 6th grade and up at and for 3rd through 5th graders. Edgewood Area classes will be held at the Edgewood Youth Center 4:30 to 5:15 p.m., Wednesdays for students 3rd grade and higher. Instructional booklets and chess sets are available to all participating students. Round robin tournaments will also be conducted. Sign-up with Charles Heinsohn at the times stated above, or call him at 410-278-3868.

NASA Space Camp applications being accepted
Applications are being accepted for the 2005 Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial Space Camp scholarship until April 1. Children of an active duty military parent enrolled in grades six through 9 are eligible to apply. The scholarship is funded by the Military Child Education Coalition.

Full tuition includes meals, lodging, program materials and transportation from the student's home base to nearest Space Camp. For more information or to apply for the scholarship, call Ivan Mehoskey at 410-278-2857, or visit Web site www.spacecamp.com.

Activities

Operating hours

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

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

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

New York City Liberty Cruise

MWR offers a New York City Liberty Cruise, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., April 23. Cost of the trip is \$85. See the New York skyline on a one-hour cruise with Circle Line Cruise; visit Chinatown for a family style lunch; shopping; a guided tour of landmarks including Ground Zero, Times Square, Empire State building and more.

Register by April 8 at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907/4011.

STEP Class Systemic Training, Effective Parenting

This workshop for parents to educate them about improving their parenting skills will be held 6 to 8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, March 14 to 30 at Army Community Services.

For more information or to register, contact ACS at 410-278-7478.

Passport to Manhood

Passport to Manhood, a program designed for young men, ages 11 to 14, will be held 7 to 8:30 p.m., March 17, 2005 through March 16, 2006 at Aberdeen Youth Services, building 2522.

The program addresses issues such as ethics, decision making, wellness, fatherhood, employment and careers, cooperation and conflict, diversity, relationships and self-esteem.

The 14-session small-group program will use role playing, peer discussions, games and art projects to explore values, attitudes and behaviors necessary for a healthy transition from adolescence to adulthood. Register by March 15.

Table Tennis Championship

A one-day double elimination table tennis championship will be held 9 a.m., March 19, at Russell Gymnasium, building 3330. Cost to enter is \$10. Adults 18 years and older are eligible to enter.

The tournament will feature singles and doubles competition in two divisions, military and open.

All matches will be best of three games to 21 except for the finals, which will be the

best of five. Awards will be presented to the top three players in each category for male and female.

Register by March 17.

Lights, camera, action in New York City

MWR will sponsor a trip to visit New York City landmarks used in Hollywood filmmaking, 7:35 a.m. to 10 p.m., April 2. See famous movie sites like the restaurant used in Spiderman, the diner used in "Men in Black," the firehouse from "Ghostbusters" and more.

Cost of the trip is \$85 and includes round trip bus transportation, lunch at Ellen's Star Dust Diner and tour.

Register by March 18.

Smuckers Stars on Ice

See Smuckers Stars on Ice Program, 7:30 p.m., April 2, at the 1st Mariner Arena. The show includes performances by Sarah Hughes, Todd Eldredge, Steven Cousins and more. Tickets cost \$58 for lower level seats and \$18 for upper level seats.

Purchase tickets by March 25.

Amateur boxing

It's the 143rd Ordnance Battalion versus the 16th Ordnance Battalion in an amateur boxing match, 6 p.m. on March 19, Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210. Doors open 5 p.m. Front row ring seats cost \$20, all other seats cost \$10 for non-military and \$5 for military.

Purchase tickets at MWR Registration, Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center or www.apgmwr.com.

Spring Fling parade

APG will host a community-wide Spring Fling April 16, featuring a parade at 9:30 a.m. followed at 11 a.m. by a variety of games, social leisure and sports activities, refreshments, and entertainment for the entire family. The event is open to all members of the APG community and their guests.

The parade will begin in the vicinity of the post library, circle Fanshaw Field, pass the reviewing stand at the APG Athletic Center and end at the entrance to Shine Sports Field.

Several youth sports teams, scout troops, police and fire departments and the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will participate in the parade.

Following the parade, various give-aways and activities will be provided such as balloons, face-painting, caricature drawings, magic show, meet McGruff, demonstrations by the police SWAT Team, Army Substance Abuse Prevention activities and information, Army Community Service, Child Youth Services, and Community Recreation activities.

In addition, Outdoor Recreation will host an expo featuring items of equipment that are available for rental at the equipment issue center.

Split Your Sides Laughing Comedy Show

"Split Your Sides Laughing" Comedy Show, Ricky Shackelford Production, will be held April 16 in the APG Post Theater with Laughin' Lenny, Howard "G", Rick Younger and Shelia "Strawberry" Gaskins.

Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for upper level, \$15 for upper level in advance and \$20 at the door.

An after party will be held in the AA Recreation Center immediately following the show for all ticket stub holders. Cost without the ticket stub is \$5.

Visit www.apgmwr.com or MWR Registration, 410-278-4907/4011 for tickets.

For more information, call MWR Registration at 410-4907/4011 or e-mail mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

Stress Management 101

Army Community Services Family Advocacy Program presents this free workshop to educate people on methods to use in order to reduce the common causes of stress and how to manage stress.

Class will be held 6 to 8 p.m., March 22 at ACS.

Register by March 21.

Storytelling Workshop

This free workshop, presented by Susan Allen of Harford County Open Doors, is for caregivers and parents 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., April 2, at Aberdeen Youth Services, building 2522.

The presentation will be followed by a book making class.

Cherry Blossom Cruise and Lunch

Step aboard the Dandy and enjoy a two and one half hour escape to the signature elegance and entertainment experience that is Dandy Cruises 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 3, in Washington, D.C.

Enjoy unmatched views of the nation's greatest monuments drifting by.

Cost is \$85 and includes transportation, cruise and meal.

Register by March 21.

Celtic Feast Celtic Feast

Attend a celebration of everything Irish. MWR will sponsor a Celtic Feast, 6 to 10 p.m., March 18 at Top of the Bay.

Enjoy an evening of Celtic food, music, stories and tradition including live Celtic music, a bagpiper, Celtic dancing and storytelling.

Traditional Celtic dishes include corned beef and cabbage, bangars and mash, and fish and chips.

This event is appropriate for all ages. Reservations need to be made by March 10.

For more information or to make reservations, call Angela Keithley at 410-278-4603/4771 or e-mail angela.keithly@apg.army.mil.

Coaches Needed

The Child and Youth Services/MWR Youth Flag football program is in need of volunteer coaches for the 6- to 8-year old program. Practices are 1 to 2 days per week for an hour each and games are on Saturdays, beginning May 7.

If interested, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Registering for the School Age/Middle School Services Summer Program

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Summer Program will run for nine weeks, 6:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 20 through Aug. 19.

The program is open to all qualifying children who have completed 1st through 8th grades. Sign up for the weeks needed. Tuition fees are based on total family income.

Waiting list forms may be picked up and dropped off 7:30 a.m., at the Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902 or the Outreach Services building 2752 or faxed to 410-278-2582.

Waiting list forms will not be distributed or accepted at the Aberdeen Youth Services.

Registration will be held April 2 at the Edgewood Youth Services and April 9 at the Aberdeen Youth Services for all sponsors who have been offered openings by the Central Registration office.

Registration packets, an up-to-date physical and family income information must be completed prior to the registration appointment.

A \$20 non-refundable deposit is required per child at the time of registration for each week selected.

For more information, call the Outreach Services Office at 410-278-7571 or 7479.

AKO supports Army Library Program

Army News Service

Army Knowledge Online is partnering with Army libraries to provide a broad scope of Army information that is readily accessible 24 hours a day. The AKO site, which serves as the Army Libraries Community page, provides user authentication and access to those services restricted to authorized Army users.

The Digital Army Library Service is the Army Library Program's homepage and its virtual library. Featuring a worldwide network for an Army in transformation, ALP has 81 general, 67 technical, 24 academic, and six other special libraries. DALS also features 18 databases holding 8,000 full text journals and 2,675 e-books that were funded by the U.S. Army Community & Family Support Center. Additionally, DALS provides access to 2,000,000 items from 34 military libraries in the Military Education and Research Library Network.

Supporting deployed Soldiers, DALS institutionalized AKO user desktop access to a 24/7 Ask A Librarian Service. Launched on AKO in May 2003 and accessible to 1.7M users, this service shares expertise across the Army worldwide. It leverages the expertise of librarians in 29 global Department of Defense libraries; facilitates access to unique Army print collections; and supports concurrent creation of an Army knowledge base.

A strategic, knowledge-management resource, the Army Libraries Program enables the Army to gain and maintain full-spectrum knowledge superiority. Teaming with AKO, ALP concurrently facilitates education, self-development, training, research, outreach, well-being, and lifelong learning for Army Soldiers, civilians and families.

Army Library Program and Related Sites

- Army Libraries Community Page - <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/login/welcome.html>
- Digital Army Library Service (DALS) - <http://www.libraries.army.mil>
- Library Reference Center - <http://www.libraries.army.mil/refctr.htm>
- Military Education & Research Library Network (MERLN) - <http://merln.ndu.edu>

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

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

The President's Assassin by Brian Haig

Judge Advocate General lawyer Sean Drummond has two days to save the President's life. First, White House Chief of Staff Terry Belknap and his wife are annihilated in their own home. Next, the White House receives a message promising that the president himself is history and no force on earth can save him.

Blood Father by Peter Craig

Shotgun Alley by Andrew Klavan

Star Wars: Labyrinth of Evil by James Luceno

Lost Lake by Phillip Margolin

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



Army News



SoldiersONLINE begins new info approach

Army News Service

The debut of SoldiersONLINE March 8 marked a new approach to communicating news and information of value to Soldiers and their families.

Located at www.army.mil/soldiers, SoldiersONLINE combines the immediacy of news that affects Soldiers today with the in-depth features reporting of the Soldiers magazine staff.

Throughout the Army, there are many efforts underway to communicate via the Web, but other than the Army's official Web page at Army.mil, Soldiers would have to either know already where information is posted or they would have to spend extra time searching for information that would be useful.

SoldiersONLINE will begin to solve that problem by giving Soldiers the tools to get all the information they need from one location, said Chuck Jenks, manager of Army.mil.

"This approach is significant because the Army is now consolidating its com-

municative efforts in an innovative way," Jenks said. "If Soldiers need to find information related to pay or benefits, health-care, education, family life, or daily news and feature information, they can locate that information by simply going to SoldiersONLINE."

In charge of this effort is Gil High, editor-in-chief, of Soldiers Magazine.

"SoldiersONLINE will improve our ability to provide Soldiers and their families with relevant, accurate and timely information on a daily cycle," High said. "We have a great opportunity to combine the daily news operations of ARNEWS with the more in-depth features of the magazine staff. This will create a more complete picture of the Army to our Soldiers."

One might consider SoldiersONLINE as a medium that replaces the print publication, but High said that Soldiers magazine will continue to provide the high-quality information it has always presented.

"SoldiersONLINE is a smart way to

leverage communications. The reach of the Web and its real-time delivery of information are essential to the way the world is communicating. We now actually have an opportunity to make the printed Soldiers magazine more valuable by going further still into the important issues that affect Soldiers," High said.

In the near future, SoldiersONLINE will mature into a site that will continue to provide daily news and feature information, but will also deliver radio and video streaming capabilities, Jenks said.

"We have to continue to innovate the way we communicate," said Jenks, who as manager of Army.mil serves an audience base of between 6 and 12 million per month. "Time and space are valuable assets Soldiers need to make decisions. By reducing the time it takes for information of value to reach Soldiers, and enabling Soldiers to reach that space instantly, we are able to save time, improve efficiency, and help to grow well-informed and adaptive leaders."

Lenten and Easter service schedule

Catholic services

Aberdeen Area

Regular mass is Sunday, 8:45 a.m.
Limited weekday mass at AA starts Feb. 17 (check weekly bulletin for changes)
Weekday mass schedule

- March 25, 7 p.m., Good Friday service
- March 26, 7:30 p.m., Easter Vigil mass
- March 27, 8:45 a.m., Easter Sunday

Edgewood Area

Regular mass is Sunday, 10:45 a.m.
Limited weekday masses (Check weekly bulletin for changes.)

- March 24, 7 p.m., Holy Thursday mass
- March 27, Easter Sunday, sunrise worship, 7 a.m., McBride Field; Easter mass, 10:45 a.m., chapel
- April 13, 7 p.m., Confirmation mass with Bishop Kaising (Archdiocese for Military Service)



• Catholic services conducted by Father John Bauer.

Protestant Services

Aberdeen Area

Regular worship is Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
Every Wednesday, noon at AA Chapel. Lunch is provided
March 20, 10:15 a.m., Palm Sunday worship
March 24, 6 p.m., Maundy Thursday Living Last Supper
March 27, Easter Sunday worship, 10:15 a.m. at the chapel
April 22 and 23, PWOC retreat

Gospel Services

Aberdeen Area

Regular worship is Sunday, 12:30 p.m.
March 26, Easter egg hunt
March 27, Easter Sunday worship, 12:30 p.m. at the chapel

Protestant

Edgewood Area

Regular worship is Sunday, 9:15 a.m.
March 27, Easter Sunday; sunrise worship, 7 a.m. at McBride Field (next to the chapel), and 10:15 a.m. at the chapel
For more information, call the Chapel, 410-278-4333.

Promotion

From front page

fellow NCOs and Soldiers, specifically expressing gratitude to Campbell "for taking time out of his busy schedule."

"Everyone who has worked for him will tell you how awesome he is," Howze said of Campbell. "No matter how busy he was he would always take time to make us feel special. He could motivate you with just a smile," she said.

"He is a truly one of my heroes," she added. "Thank you sir for allowing me to pick myself up and continue to learn and grow after failing. Thank you for promoting me, and thanks for being you."

Howze thanked her other two heroes, her

husband and son for their support, as well as her two daughters who live out of state and were unable to attend the ceremony.

Assigned to APG since 2002, Howze is the NCOIC of her battalion's S-1. With nearly 16 years in the Army, she said APG has been one of her best assignments.

"I love it here. With divisions you're always deploying. When you get to be with Soldiers every day but still get to go home at night it's special," Howze said. "I really appreciate being an Ordnance Soldier."

HHC 143rd 1st Sgt. Errol Small said that he was not surprised a three-star general would go out of his way to attend Howze's promotion.

"She's a great NCO who can always be counted on," Small said. "This was a unique ceremony for an outstanding Soldier."



Channel 21 features Pentagon channel programming

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.

Studio Five, 7 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 Army Newswatch, 3 p.m.
 Army Football, 4 p.m.

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

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

Army Health Watch - Health issues concerning military personnel.

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

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

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

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

Women in the Military hold conference

The Sixth Conference on Women in the Military will be held May 19 and 20 at the Women in the Military Service to America Memorial in Arlington, Va. The theme, Women in the Military Today, will cover the subjects of Women on the Frontlines, Health, Work/Family Balance, and Command Climate.

The Women's Research and Education Institute, the Robert

M. Kaufman Fund of the New York Community Trust, and the Fanny and Stephan Kahn Foundation is sponsoring the program. Members of the military, civil servants, scholars, and interested individuals are invited to participate.

For more information, call 202-628-0444 ext. 12; e-mail: lmanning@wrei.org, or visit the Web site, www.wrei.org.

LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should call Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, or e-mail rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil, to complete a termination form.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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| Audrey Alba | (paranasitis, fibromyalgia condition) |
| Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia) | Richard Hoffman |
| Dianna Blevins | Janice Johnson (diabetic neuropathy) |
| Sarah Blevins | Beverly King (caring for husband) |
| Jeanie Bowman | Danny Kopp (lung-cancer) |
| Iris Campbell (chemotherapy) | Joyce Mauldin |
| Steven Clarke | William B. McLean (kidney failure) |
| Barbara Crossley | Joe McMonagle |
| Dawn Crouse | Edward Myers |
| Cathryn Cruz (cancer) | Tess Ramos (total hip replacement) |
| Ruth Cunningham | Boyd Richards |
| Victoria Cwiertnie (lyme disease) | Cheryl L. Roark |
| Carl Davis | Leigh Sanders |
| Shelia Davison (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo) | Barbara Seker |
| Geraldine Eaton | Sheilah Simberg |
| Renee Gaffney | Joyce Steininger |
| Charles Gambrell | Alison Tichenor |
| Miriam Garcia | Linda Tignor |
| Susan Gorhan | Tracey Thomas |
| Cynthia Hairston (surgery) | Roger Webster |
| Beatrice Heilpern | Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant) |
| Cynthia Henry (bronchitis with complications) | Gary Tudor - (heart valve replacement) |
| Melanie A. Hoffman | |