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Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 18, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

New ID system at gymnasiums

Effective immediately active duty military personnel entering the installation gymnasiums in uniform will be required to show their ID card and swipe into the new head count system.

For more information, call 410-278-7934 or 410-436-7134.

2005 Spring Amusement and Travel Extravaganza

The 2005 APG/MWR Spring Amusement & Travel Extravaganza will feature representatives from amusement parks, local attractions and hotels 10:30 to 2 p.m., May 12 in the Aberdeen Recreation Center.

Get a jump-start on the summer vacation all in one place.

For more information, contact MWR Registration, 410-278-4907/4011.

KUSAHC Employee Health Day May 18

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will hold Employee Health Day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Aberdeen Recreation Center May 18. There will be blood pressure screenings, a 3-mile walk/run, grip strength measurements, and a 15-minute relaxation exercise class that will be offered every half hour from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information will be available on nutrition, safety, West Nile Virus prevention, heat injury prevention, hearing protection and proper foot care. Food will be available for purchase and door prizes will be given away. For more information contact Cheri Whiting at 410-278-1913.

APG hosts Asian-Pacific American celebration

Aberdeen Proving Ground's 2005 Asian-Pacific American Heritage luncheon will take place 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., May 24, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center.

The theme is "Liberty

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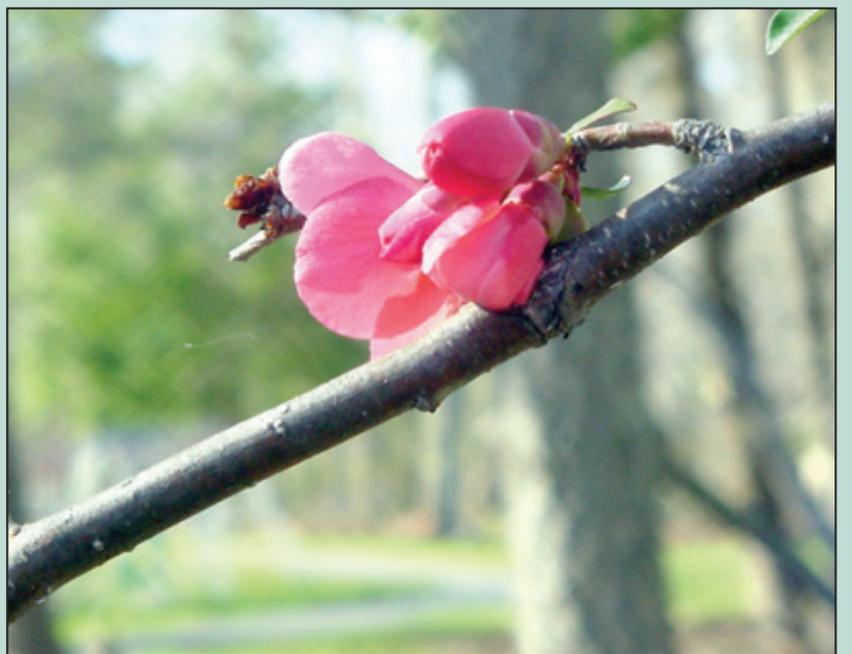
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APG youths display an eye for beauty



Winning digital photographs by Conner Tuohy, 7, of the Aberdeen Youth Center, left, and Kayla Williams, 14, of the Edgewood Youth Center, along with 10 others from Aberdeen Proving Ground, will go on to compete in the regional Boys and Girls Clubs of America photography contest. See story on page 12.

Improvement project coming to installation

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground residents and workers can look forward to enjoying a new picnic-recreation area in the vicinity of Shore Pool in the not too distant future.

During the Army Family Action Plan out briefing in March, Col. John T. Wright, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, announced plans for a School Street Picnic Area Improvements project, slated for completion in 2007.

The project includes the closure of the current Maryland Boulevard picnic area as part of the Enhanced Use Lease agreement, which calls for the leasing of a parcel of land to a private developer for the construction of a research and development park to include a hotel/conference facility.

The current Maryland Boulevard picnic pavilion and recreation area will be relocated to the School Street Picnic Area. In addition, future plans call for new recreation facilities to be constructed at the site.

The new site will potentially include an indoor pool, sauna, work out facilities, meeting rooms and concessions, expanded parking, picnic pavilions, grills, restroom facilities, a formal park area with band shell and gazebo, a memorial plaza with 50 state flags, and a new shore overlook with boardwalk and fishing pier.

In addition, nature trails will be added along with landscape enhancements and buffering.

According to Wright, the location on the scenic Chesapeake will enhance

the existing landscape as well as provide recreation opportunities for the entire APG community at no cost to the installation.

The project will be completed in two phases, each phase funded by in-kind services from the EUL project. The developers of the Maryland Boulevard EUL site will provide structural and cosmetic improvements to existing facilities as payment for use of the land.

"In exchange for that construction, See EUL, page 11

Technology systems, services dominate expo

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Hundreds of people interested in seeing the latest military suppliers have to offer in techno-gadgetry attended the annual Aberdeen Proving Ground Spring Information Technology Expo at Top of the Bay April 20.

Hosted by the APG Garrison's Directorate of Information Management and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Corporate Information Office, the expo included 45 vendors offering everything from office furniture and supplies to information technology products and services.

Christopher Zukowski, RDECOM systems manager and one of the show's organizers, said that the expo, which is held twice annually in the spring and fall, offers the best look at the realm of science and technology that makes up APG.

"All exhibitors are exemplary of the type of technologies used by the people of APG," Zukowski said.

"This event carries tremendous weight," he added, noting that, "people are here from Chicago, Texas and Atlanta." Co-producers Mark and Donna Flemister of Federal Direct Access Expositions said that more than 200 visitors signed in during the first 90 minutes.

"The expo is a huge event

for exhibitors," Flemister said. "Every year we have to turn businesses away but we maintain a waiting list in case of cancellations."

Army Knowledge Online made its first appearance at an APG expo. Outreach team members Harold Tucker and Leta Deyerle said they jumped at the opportunity "to get out and tell the AKO story."

"This is the Army's intranet and our mission is to spread the word," Tucker said.

Quoting Col. Tim Fong, director, Office of Information Technology Services, Tucker said that AKO is "part of an anywhere, anytime approach to Army knowledge management that will dominate the way the Army in the 21st century will continue to transform into a network centric and knowledge based force."

"With 1.8 million users, we try to make the site as user friendly as possible for everyone from young Soldiers to government employees to retirees," Deyerle said.

She and Tucker spent the day answering questions about using the site, registering new users, and giving away complimentary gifts.

Technology systems and services dominated the expo. They included displays by Dell, NGRAIN, NEC and Howard Computers.

Based in Vancouver, British Columbia, "NGRAIN offers 3D training solutions to the defense industry," said compa-

ny representative Don Arnold as he demonstrated for onlookers how the company specializes in transforming training manuals into 3-dimensional models.

As his screen displayed the interactive removal and replacement of helicopter rotor blade repair parts, Arnold said the system saves money because actual parts are not worn out from repeated use.

"NGRAIN was recently selected as one of Canada's top 20 defense companies," Arnold said, adding that this was the company's first showing at APG.

"We're happy and excited about being here," he said.

At the DELL display of the company's top laptop See TECH EXPO, page 11



A 3-D graphic image of a Claymore Mine, displayed on a computer and designed by NGRAIN, demonstrates how technology is replacing training manuals during the Information Technology Products and Services Expo held at Top of the Bay April 20.

First Yard of the Month winners recognized



APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, left, hammers a Yard of the Month sign into the front lawn of Staff Sgt. Douglas Burnett in Bayside Village as Pvt. Frank Campbell of Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, holds the sign steady.

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

With the swing of a mallet, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby pounded in the rebirth of the installation's Yard of the Month program, April 27, as he personally "planted" signs in the front yards of the first winners of the season.

The winners included Col. Marshall Cox, Plumb Point Loop; Col. Timothy Madere, Everett Road; Marine Corps Master Sgt. Michael Ryan, Patriot Village; Staff Sgt. Douglas Burnett, Bayside Village; and Staff Sgt. Danny Hudgins, APG Mobile Home Park.

Irby presented each family with a Yard of the Month rear-view mirror tag for their

vehicle, which authorizes them to use reserved parking spaces at the Post Exchange and Commissary for the next 30 days.

"Make sure you have that tag in your car or you will be ticketed," Irby warned.

"People who go out of their way to make their homes more attractive should be rewarded," Irby said. "I See YARD, page 12

Educators: OC&S tour sheds new light on Army training

Story and photo by
Khaalid Walls
OC&S

The Army has fallen short of recruiting goals in recent months due to what some polls describe as angst about war. Studies conducted by Army leadership have cited perspective recruits are being misinformed by "chief influencers," such as teachers, parents and guidance counselors, as another cause for recruiting lulls.

In an April press conference, Army Secretary Francis Harvey said more attention is being focused on reaching that public.

"We're going to appeal to patriotism. We're going to appeal to the value of service. And we're going to do that in a very proactive way," Harvey said. "We're getting that message to the influencers, including parents, including teachers."

In an attempt to better connect and inform that group, a joint effort by the Mid-Atlantic, Harrisburg, and New York recruiting battalions held an Educators' Tour of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical

Maintenance School for influencers to observe the type of training Ordnance Soldiers receive and dispel some of the common misconceptions about military careers.

Brig. Gen. Vincent Boles, chief of Ordnance and commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, welcomed the educators, school administrators and counselors at a dinner April 25 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Aberdeen.

Boles gave an overview of several of the military occupational specialties ordnance Soldiers are trained in and told the group of 40 what his bottom line goal is.

"We're here to provide a technically qualified ordnance Soldier who looks and acts like a Soldier," he said.

The four-day visit included stops at several areas, beginning with Cohen Hall, where Soldiers are trained in several metalworking competencies.

From there, the group went to Hatcher and Pierce halls to observe tank turret repair training.

Robert Lamarr, chief,

OMMS Turret Repair Division, led the group on a tour of the facilities.

Lamarr said programs like these go a long way to quell misconceptions about military service.

"In the media, all people get to see is the military destroying things," Lamarr said. "We're an organization that builds things and makes things better. People need to see a different side of the military."

And for at least one university administrator, the tour did just that.

"It gave me a different perspective of the Army than what I previously had," said Jane O'Borski, assistant registrar for northern Pennsylvania's Wilkes University.

"It was impressive to see that the skills they're [Soldiers] learning are very transferable into the civilian world," she said.

Stops in Edgewood where the group observed automotive maintenance and machinist training at Downer and Dickson halls rounded out the tour.

The tour concluded at the



Donna Riley, a teacher from Pine Grove, Pa., gets comfortable in an M-1A2 Abrams tank during the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School four-day educators tour April 25.

Ordnance Museum where Dr. Jack Atwater, museum director, shared little known facts about military history and discussed the evolution of military weaponry.

He also shared several stories about military traditions.

Atwater said he likes to tell educators interesting facts that they can share with their students to generate interest in the

military. "This type of information gets students interested in the military and hopefully makes them want to get involved," Atwater said.



Graphic by KLAUVON DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC.

Proposed Shore Pool Improvement Project

This architectural diagram of the proposed improvement project of the Shore Pool Recreation Area by Klavon Design Associates, Inc. of Pittsburgh, Penn., displays the possible layout of the area upon its projected completion in 2007. Proposed improvements include an indoor pool, sauna, work out facilities, meeting rooms and concessions, expanded parking, picnic pavilions, grills, restroom facilities, a formal park area with band shell and gazebo, a memorial plaza with 50 state flags, and a new shore overlook with boardwalk and fishing pier. In addition, nature trails will be added along with landscape enhancements and buffering.

EUL

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we get a brand new facility to support everyone on the installation," Wright said.

During phase I, the existing Maryland Boulevard park facilities will be either relo-

cated or built new (replaced) at the School Street Picnic Area.

Phase II will include construction of a new recreation facility at the School Street site.

Comments requested

The APG Garrison encourages input from mem-

bers of the community concerning the proposed School Street project.

The point of contact for comments or questions is Melissa Bayard at 410-306-1125 or e-mail her at mellissa.bayard@apg.army.mil.

ABCDF exceeds one million job hours without a lost time injury

ABCDF

On April 24, the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, exceeded one million job hours without experiencing a lost time accident by any member of its over 500-person work force.

The facility finished destroying the mustard agent stockpile in March without ever having a worker contaminated by agent.

Because the project previously had a high rate of conventional injuries such as slips and falls, cuts, and bruises compared to the Army's

other seven stockpile sites, last September, the systems contractor, Bechtel Aberdeen, established a facility-wide safety refocus aimed at achieving zero accidents, and has dramatically improved both its OSHA lost time and recordable injury rate.

Bechtel Aberdeen is currently adding a new component to this effort, known as People-Based Safety, in which workers coach each other on safety improvement techniques.

ABCDF officials are intent on achieving continuous safety improvements for the duration of the project.

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Office Eagle showcases JWOD Program products

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To help give blind and visually impaired employees an edge, Office Eagle stores make good use of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day, or JWOD, Congressional Act.

The JWOD Act of 1938 encourages and places products made by the blind and visually impaired to be purchased by the government for use, which are manufactured by more than 100 agencies throughout the United States.

"One important thing we do is to educate our customers," said Rene Alonso, Office Eagle's JWOD marketing director. "For instance, people may not know that Skilcraft products are products manufactured by JWOD agencies, so anytime you see the label 'Skilcraft,' you should remember that the products were made by blind and visually impaired employees."

Office Eagle utilizes a self-placement and call-out labeling system to highlight those JWOD products throughout



Office Eagle products, such as these office products with the Skilcraft, Fellowes and Office Eagle labels, are made by blind and visually impaired employees. The company's upcoming Customer Appreciation Open Houses will showcase products from these and several other manufacturing agencies.

the store.

Another important element to Office Eagle besides selling JWOD products such as Skilcraft is that it also actively recruits and employs the blind and visually impaired.

"People can tangibly understand that bringing blind and visually impaired U.S. citizens

into the workforce is a two-fold benefit; it's good for them and it's also good for the economy as these employees become a positive part of the workforce," Alonso said.

There are more than 100 stores in the United States that employ the blind and visually impaired that are run like

Office Eagle, she added.

One way the Office Eagle stores at APG are educating patrons about JWOD is through its JWOD Memory Game. For four weeks, Office Eagle has been asking a question specific to the program and is also passing out

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KUSAHC puts emphasis on child safety

Janice A. Spellman
Patient Advocate

Effective June 1, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will implement a new policy regarding safety to patients in the clinic.

Concerns over child safety have prompted KUSAHC to address a policy on non-patient children in the facility.

Only patients can access examination or treatment rooms. Children without appointments cannot accom-

pany a patient into the treatment or exam room.

The presence of non-patient children is often distracting for the patient and the provider. In addition, non-patient children are often at risk under these circumstances because of the inability to provide adequate supervision for them while the parent or sibling is treated.

Parents or sponsors need to arrange for childcare for non-patient children.

Parents can use existing

hourly childcare services on-post. Parents must pre-register through the Outreach Office at 410-278-7571. Registration requires filling out a packet. The Daycare would have to be notified a week in advance of any hourly daycare on a first come, first serve basis. The cost is \$3.50 an hour and no more than 25 hours a week.

If the patient's reason for an appointment is not urgent then the patient will reschedule the appointment.

Tech expo

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computers, Nisah Nance, sales representative from Austin, Texas, enjoyed a face-to-face with DOIM project analyst Jane Wettig.

"We coordinate information over the phone with the DOIM every day," Nance said, as she showed Wettig the new systems.

"We talk all the time," Wettig said. "We work with Dell to help customize our computers. It's nice to finally meet."

Another first-time exhibitor was Howard Computers, a manufacturer of custom desktops, laptops, servers and wireless capabilities. Representative Tom Peake said that Rugged Servers designed to be used in field environments like the ones on display are being used in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It plugs into a battery supply or generator," Peake said, adding, "We also have home and office models."

The main attraction seemed to be Metro Office Products, where customers filled took turns sitting in a Kimball-Skye

executive office chair.

"It's very popular, highly ergonomic with free-flowing motion," said Monica Diaz, contract representative.

The company, based in Bel Camp, represents about 60 furniture manufacturers of office to warehouse settings, she said.

"We are the one stop shop for all your needs," Diaz said, adding that the company does all the research and design for carpeting and furniture.

"We simplify the purchasing process," she said.

The fall Technology Expo will be held Oct. 26 at the Gunpowder Club.

The rest of the vendors at the 2005 Spring Technology Expo included:

Apttis; Army Knowledge Online; Aruba Wireless; ASAP Software; Audio Visual Innovations; Avocent Corporation; CDW-G; Cingular Wireless; DELL Inc., EME Solutions; Enoch Office Equipment; Force 3; Gateway; GovConnection; Graybar Electric; Howard Computers; HP; IBM; IKON Office Solutions; Insight Public Sector; Integrated Barcode Technology; Kardex Systems;

MEDI; Meganet Corporation; Metro Office Products; MPC Computers; MSC Industrial Supply Company; NEC Display Solutions; Nelson White Systems; Newark InOne; NGRAIN; Panasonic; PC Mall Gov, Inc.; Pearson NCS; Plug-In Storage; Sharp Systems of America; SGI Federal; Softchoice Government; Staples; Sun Micro-systems; University Alliance; Video and Telecommunications Inc. (VTI)/Ricoh; Westwood Computers; Wrightline; and Xerox.

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and Freedom for All.”

Capt. Yun Kim, protestant chaplain at APG, will be the guest speaker, and the Chinese-American martial arts group Freedom Arts and Wellness Center will demonstrate their martial skills. The event also will include samples of Asian-Pacific food.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Serino, 410-278-4333, Kathleen Crosby, 410-278-1137 or Judy Matthews, 410-278-1017.

Scheduled 389th Army Band concerts

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will perform with the student school band at Halls's Cross Roads Elementary School, 203 East Bel Air Ave., Aberdeen, 7 p.m. May 18.

The band will also perform a variety of patriotic musical selections 7 p.m., May 21, at Cecil Community College in North East.

For more information, call 410-278-4380.

Mitchell House celebrates National

Historic Preservation Week

The Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment will host National Historic Preservation Week at an Open House in honor of the Mitchell House's Centennial, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 25, building 5650 across from Maryland Boulevard Park. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call Mark Gallihue, 410-278-6756.

Office Eagle holds customer appreciation days

The Office Eagle Base Supply Centers will hold customer appreciation days 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 19 in building 320 and May 20, at 3007 Bush River Road.

Free food, product presentations and an opportunity for the staff to thank its patrons are part of the activities.

For more information, e-mail ralonso@bism.org.

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.

Concert tickets for early birds

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

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

A \$10 early bird ticket spe-

cial are available on a first come, first serve basis. These tickets are only available at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907/4011. Purchasers must present ID at time of purchase.

Tickets can be purchased at www.apgmwr.com, MWR Registration, Hoyle Fitness Center and Ticketmaster.

For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com.

USAWOA meetings scheduled

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

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



Channel 21 features Pentagon channel programming

The Pentagon Channel will feature the following programs on Channel 21 as of April 26. These programs are subject to change each week and will be updated accordingly.

Monday

Studio Five, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

American Veteran, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Army Newswatch, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Around the Services, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

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

Your Corps, 10:30 a.m.

Studio Five, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Army Newswatch, 7 p.m.

Freedom Journal Iraq/Air Force Prime Time, 12:30 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.

The American Veteran, 1 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. and 8 pm

Studio Five, 7 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.

Army Newswatch, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News, 11 a.m. 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.

Your Corps, 4 p.m.

Saturday

Around the Services, 5:30 a.m.

Battleground, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Studio 5, 8 a.m.

Your Corps, 1:30 p.m.

Opportunity Showcase, 3 p.m.

Army Newswatch, 5:30 p.m.

American Veteran, 6:30 p.m.

Studio Five, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Army Newswatch, 5:30 a.m., noon and 4:30 p.m.

Battleground, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Freedom Journal Iraq/Air Force Prime Time, 10:30 a.m.

Your Corps, 11 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News, 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community Notes

MAY 12, 13, 14 32ND ANNUAL EAST COAST RALLY

The Washington Area Collectors/Blue and Gray Military Vehicle Trust (WAC/BGMVT) will host the 32nd Annual East Coast Military Vehicle Rally, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Ripken Stadium.

Cost of admission is \$6 per person; a three-day pass costs \$15 per person.

Free admission with proper ID will be offered for children 12 years and under; and military, law enforcement, and fire fighters with valid ID card.

Proceeds from the event to benefit several military museums, war memorials, non-profit charitable and civic organizations.

For more information, e-mail Tom Buonaugurio at william.buonaugurio@dtc.army.mil.

SATURDAY MAY 14 PERRYVILLE SPRING FLING

The Greater Perryville Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 9th Annual Spring Fling 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Perryville Community Park.

The event includes crafters, plants, pony rides, boat rides, silent auction, crafts, food, entertainment, exhibits, food and more.

For more information, call 410-642-6066.

WACVA CHAPTER 114 MEETING

The Chesapeake Beacon, Chapter 114, of the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Perry Point VA Medical Center Outpatient Clinic, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

All women serving in the armed forces are welcome to attend and decide whether they would like to join the Women's Army Corps as regular members of the chapter (all women serving in the Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Army Nurse Corps, Women's Army Corps and Women's Army Auxiliary Corps), members-at-large (women who do not want to belong to a chapter at this time), or associate members (women in the Air Force, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard).

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

SUNDAY MAY 15 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Bethany's Buddies Relay for Life will be held at the Good Shepherd School, Perryville. Doors open 2 p.m., Bingo starts at 3 p.m. Door prizes and raffles will be available. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards. Extra packs cost \$5 each. No smoking is allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 or JoAnne Bierly, 410-378-3320.

MONDAY MAY 16 TOASTMASTERS CLUB MEETING

Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562 will hold its regular meeting 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. at the Gunpowder Club at the Edgewood area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

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

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

THURSDAY MAY 18 389TH ARMY BAND CONCERT

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will perform with the student school band at Halls's Cross Roads Elementary School, 203 East Bel Air Ave., Aberdeen at 7 p.m. For more information, call 410-278-4380.

FRIDAY MAY 20 ANNUAL ROD EWING MEMORIAL JOHN ARCHER GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Rod Ewing Memorial John Archer Golf Tournament will be held at the Wetlands Golf Course on Gilbert Road in Aberdeen.

Proceeds will benefit the educational programs at the John Archer School.

Registration and a box lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start tee-off at 12:30 p.m. A dinner buffet will be served in the clubhouse immediately following the tournament. Team trophies will be awarded for the top three teams, Cheat Strings, 50/50, Closest to the Pin Contest and raffle contests. The entry fee costs \$100 per person and includes green fees, cart, hot dog cart, unlimited beverages, box lunch and dinner buffet.

For more information about playing in the tournament and/or becoming a tournament sponsor, contact Keith Williams, 410-679-1881 or John Archer School, 410-638-

3810.

SATURDAY MAY 21 PREGNANCY CENTER FUNDRAISER

Alpha's Glory Crisis Pregnancy Center will hold its annual fundraiser, 2 to 4 p.m. at McComas Hall, Bel Air United Methodist Church, Bel Air. There will be a dessert banquet and silent auction. All funds raised help support Alpha's Glory Crisis Pregnancy Center. Donations will be accepted.

For more information, call Alpha's Glory CPC at 410-272-4711.

MOVIES

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

SIN CITY

Friday, May 13, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 14, 9 p.m.

Starring: Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke, Jessica Alba

Set in a rain-swept place called Sin City, this comic book adaptation follows three stories that interconnect. Hartigan (Willis) is a cop who has sworn to protect stripper Nancy (Alba); Marv (Rourke) is a tough guy who meets the girl of his dreams, Goldie (Jamie King), only to see her murdered on that same night; and Dwight (Clive Owen) fights to protect the Old Towne Girls from violent-tough Jackie (Benicio Del Toro). (Rated R)

BEAUTY SHOP (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, May 14, 7 p.m.

Starring: Queen Latifah, Alicia Silverstone, Andie MacDowell

Gina Norris (Latifah) works

at a salon in Atlanta, but her boss (Kevin Bacon) is just too much. Taking a big chance, Gina, along with her shampoo girl (Silverstone) and a team of sassy hairstylists, buys a run-down salon and opens up a shop of her own. This action begins a fierce rivalry between the two businesses. (Rated PG-13)

AAFES PRE-SCREENING

THE LONGEST YARD (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, May 21, 7 p.m.

Starring: Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, James Cromwell, Burt Reynolds

Paul "Wrecking" Crewe (Sandler) was a revered football superstar back in his day, but a messy drunk driving incident lands him in jail. After Paul has been assigned the task of assembling a team of convicts, to square off in a big football game against the sadistic guards, they discover that the match is fixed. (Rated PG-13)



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Activities

Operating hours

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

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

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

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.

Chesapeake Challenge open weekends

Chesapeake Challenge is open for weekends Saturday, 1 to 10 p.m. and Sunday and holidays, 1 to 8 p.m.

Try out the go-karts, minia-

ture golf course and batting cages.

Parties, special event packages and group plans are available.

For more information, contact Ken Singleton, 410-278-4124 or e-mail outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.

National Employee Health, Fitness Day

"Be active for life" is the theme for this year's Employee Health and Fitness Day, May 18, at the Health and Fitness Center, building 320. There will be a 2-mile fun run and a 3-mile fun walk at 11:30 a.m. A mini health fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210, will hold a 5K run at 6 a.m. and a health fair from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, visit the Fitness Center, building 320 or call 410-278-9725 or visit the Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210 or call 410-436-7134.

APG Talent Search-talent call extended

APG MWR is hosting a talent show 7:30 p.m., June 4, at the APG Recreation Center.

Tryouts will be held at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326, 5:30 p.m., May 19. Register by May 19, at MWR Registration, building 3326, or call 410-278-4907/4011.

Prizes will be given to 1st place winners in all categories, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the overall talent search will receive \$250, \$175 and \$100 respectively.

Talent categories are vocal soloist male/female, instrumental soloist, rap male/female, spoken word male/female, vocal group (max of five people), vocal instrumental (maximum of 10 people), dance and comedy.

Admission is \$3 for active duty and \$5 for all others.

The competition is only open to MWR patrons, but the show is open to the public.

Spring tune up time

Come to the Automotive Craft Center, building 2379, and get that vehicle ready for spring and summer. Tune the vehicle, change the anti-freeze, change the oil and rotate the tires; the Automotive Craft Center has the space available.

Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

For more information contact Ed Dela Cruz, 410-278-5178 or e-mail ed.delacruz@usag.apg.army.mil.

Youth Tennis

The Youth Tennis program teaches the fundamentals of tennis including skills, rules and strategies. The program will have a tournament and skills competitions throughout.

The program will be held Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., June 22 to Aug. 3, at the CRD Tennis Courts.

Cost is \$40 per child. Registration will be held May 2 to 20 at CYS Central Registration, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479, or the Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902, 410-436-2862, by appointment only.

Junior golf

Junior golf teaches the fundamentals of golf including chipping, putting, driving, sand play, iron play and course management.

The rules of the game and proper golf etiquette will also be taught.

The program will have a tournament and skills competitions throughout.

Aberdeen Youth Services will hold Junior Golf on Tuesday and Thursday, June 21 to Aug. 4, at Ruggles Golf Course and Edgewood Youth Services will hold Junior Golf on Monday and Friday, June 20 to Aug. 5 at Exton Golf Course. Times will be 8 a.m. for ages 7 through 9, 9 a.m. for ages 10 and 11, and 10 a.m. for ages 12 to 17.

Cost is \$65.

Register through May 20 at CYS Central Registration, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479, or the Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902, 410-436-2862, by appointment only.

'Putt 4 Dough'

Go for the green on June 18 at Exton Golf Course or July 16 at Ruggles Golf Course with the Army Golf program.

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

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

Participants of the promotion will put their putter to the test.

All it takes to win is to make three successive putts in a row from 10', 25' and 50' and golfer could win the \$10,000 prize purse.

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

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

For a copy of the official rules and a list of the participating locations, visit www.ArmyMWRGolf.com.

LPGA tickets

MWR has tickets to see the McDonald's LPGA Championship Tournament featuring the biggest names in women's golf June 9 through 12 at Bulle Rock, Havre de Grace.

Cost is \$8 for general admission, \$30 for Season Badges (daily admission and transportation to and from designated parking areas) and \$60 for Hall of Fame Badges (VIP Hospitality facility).

Register by May 20.

Basic auto mechanics class

Instructional classes designed to enable the student to perform maintenance on a vehicle's engine and accessories will be taught Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., June 1 through 22, Automotive Crafts, building 2379.

The skills learned in this class can also be applied to lawn mower engines as well as other small engines.

The hands-on training received in these classes will enable participants to recognize the warning signs and gain the skills needed to help them maintain their vehicles, possibly, helping to avoid expensive repairs.

Cost is \$35. Register by May 26.

British Soccer Camp

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

Cost is \$69 for Mini Soccer and \$98 for half-day camp.

Register early and receive a free jersey. All participants will receive a T-shirt and soccer ball.

Registration runs through July 15.

SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

Youth Geography Challenge

APG youths are invited to take the "Youth Geography Challenge Top 35" at the Youth Center or at home May through August. Parents or staff may assist, but not provide answers.

Using a map or globe youths will get 35 questions to research and answer. There is also a bonus question worth 2 points.

Prizes will be awarded according to the number of correct answers:

- 31-35, 1st place trophy
- 25-30, 2nd place medallion (white ribbon)
- 19-24, 3rd place medallion (red ribbon)
- 12-18, participation trophy

For more information, call Ivan Mehosky, APG school liaison officer, 410-278-2857.

Learn to play chess

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

Classes will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center 3:45 to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, for students 6th grade and higher and for 3rd through 5th graders. 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.

Chess Tournament

An Adult Chess Championship will be held 9 a.m., May 14 at the Recreation Center, building 3326. All games will be 30-minutes. At the end of regulation time if checkmate has not been achieved, points will be counted to decide the winner. Should there be a tie on point totals, sudden death periods of 15 minutes will be used to determine the winner. Military and Open Divisions available. Must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Cost of partici-

pation is \$10. Register by May 12.

Upcoming Driver Education Classes available

Youth Services will present state certified Driver's Education classes 30 hours of instruction each and will begin on a Wednesday and end on Tuesday of the second week. There will be no classes on holidays. Parents and students must attend the first hour of class together (June 4 and 8, and July 13, and 16) to review rules and procedures.

The following classes are scheduled:

Aberdeen Area, CPO Training Facility building 5467, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

June 8 through 21
July 13 through 26
Saturday class, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
June 4 through July 9 (closed July 1 through 4)

Edgewood Area, Conference Center, building E-4811

May 25 through June 14, 6 to 9 p.m.
June 27 through July 12 (closed July 1 through 4)
Saturday class, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
July 16 through Aug. 13

Students should bring their lunch to classes on Saturdays.

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

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

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

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

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

Article of War by Nick Arvin

George Tilson is an 18-year-old Iowa farm boy who is overwhelmed by the violence of fighting the Nazis. He endures his fears, is wounded, and is later part of the firing squad that executes Pvt. Eddie Slovik for desertion.

Can't Get Enough by Connie Briscoe

The Italian Secretary by Caleb Carr

Company Man by Joseph Finder

Nam-a-Rama by Phillip Jennings

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.



Lunch options on APG

Recreation Center Snack Bar

Building 3326
Serves lunch
Monday thru
Thursday, 11 a.m.
to 1:30 p.m.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-2621.

Ruggles Golf Course

Sutherland Golf Clubhouse
Building 5600
Lunch is served Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday thru Sunday, 7 a.m. to dusk.

For more information, call 410-278-7263.

Top of the Bay

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

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar

Building 2342
Specials for May 16 through 22
Includes one free game of bowling and choice of:

Grilled ham and cheese sandwich with chips, 16 oz. drink, \$3.50

OR
Fish strips with fries, 16 oz. drink, \$6.35

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041.

American Heroes Bowling League forming



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Sign up for a three-person American Heroes Bowling team which will meet 6:30 p.m. for 17 weeks every Friday beginning May 20 and receive an American Hero's bowling ball and bag at completion of the league. Cost is \$10 per week and includes two games and shoes.

Bowlers will be asked to choose an Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or eagle designed bowling ball weighing from 8 to 15 lbs. The ball will be given to each bowler at the completion of the league in an eagle designed bowling bag.

Bowlers will be paying \$170 for a package valued at \$280. To register, call Dave Brewner, 410-278-4041.

APG pool openings

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Bayside, building E-4655 and Olympic pools, building 3325, will open May 28 through 30 for the weekend only, and on June 4 and 5, 11 and 12. Starting June 13 they will be open daily. Hours of operation will be 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

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

Daily fee

The daily fee costs \$3 per person for authorized patrons 6 years old and above; \$5 per person for guests 6 years old and above; and \$1 per person for guests 5 years old and under.

Individual monthly fees for active duty military grades E1 to E4 are \$10, all others cost \$20.

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

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

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

Passes are available for purchase at Equipment Resource Center, building 2407 or Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210. For more information, call the Equipment Resource Center at 410-278-4124 or e-mail ourdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.

Concert tickets on sale

Army MWR and Aberdeen Proving Ground present The 2005 Miller Lite Army Concert featuring Terri Clark, Chely Wright, Julie Roberts, and Miranda Lambert Aug. 20 on Shine Sports Field. Gates will open at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m.

Reduced \$10 tickets are on sale to the public on a first come, first served basis. Only a limited

number of tickets are available at this special price. Once sold out, tickets will cost \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the concert.

Tickets can be purchased at www.apgmwr.com, MWR Registration, Hoyle Fitness Center and Ticketmaster.

For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com.

CAC focuses on warm weather issues

New pet micro-chipping policy is discussed

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Interests shifted from emergency closures and snow removal to summer concerts and the revitalized Yard of the Month program during the Community Action Council meeting held at the Aberdeen Proving Ground chapel April 28.

Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby led the meeting.

Reflecting back on his first nine months in office, Wright said the Garrison has made significant accomplishments in that time.

Changes included the relocation of the CAC, now held monthly in the chapel; a successful Army Family Action Plan held in March; the addition of the McGruff House in Patriot Village; and the revitalization of the Yard of the Month program under the direction of Irby.

"This effort will recognize those families that have put forth a lot of work to make their homes look better," Wright said. Another significant improvement will be the repainting of the Aberdeen Area water tower, which sits behind the Swan Creek Inn and can be seen from all over the installation.

"The water tower is going to be repainted by the city of Aberdeen in a tan color with the addition of the installation logo," Wright said. "They have completely replaced the top of the tank and have finished recoating the tank interior. The project should be accomplished by the middle of summer."

Other projected improvements include the renovation of the AAFES Main Store and Burger King, and the addition of a Church's Chicken store. The Enhanced Use Lease initiative will provide an improved and expanded outdoor recreation complex in the Shore Pool area.

"I sense that community pride is back and continues to improve," Wright said.

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility briefed on the planned program of micro-chipping pets. Attendees were given a draft of the proposed installation policy. It will be revisited at the next CAC meeting.

The program is a way to quickly identify stray pets and return them to their owners. It will go into effect Oct. 1 at a cost of \$20 per pet. The service can be performed now.

Pets previously micro-chipped elsewhere should be brought in to ensure their microchips are readable.

Wright said the APG Garrison is open to comments on the proposed program.

Contact Capt. Jamie Umber at 410-278-3911 or e-mail jamie.umber@us.army.mil by July 1. The Veterinary Treatment Facility will give 60 days notice before the policy goes into effect.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 410-278-3911/4575.

Garrison update

Garrison organization representatives delivered the following updates.

KUSAHC

- Service members and their family members can no longer hand carry their official medical records. Those requiring medical records for off-post appointments should notify the records room staff in advance so that copies can be made for them to carry. When reassigned, records will be forwarded to the gaining installation by certified mail.

- There is an 8 to 10 percent no-show rate for the Pediatric Clinic. With only three doctors and 22 patients per day scheduled, parents are reminded to remember to call in cancellations so that others can be served.

- The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command requires that Soldiers be deployable at all times. Commanders and first sergeants are reminded to ensure Soldier's immunization records are updated.

- An internal renovation project is in progress to expand the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic medical records holding room. This may cause minor short-term disruptions, but service will continue. Family members are only to use the Aberdeen Clinic.

Commissary

- The annual tent sale will be held May 12 to 14 in the Commissary parking lot. Customers are reminded that tent sales close one hour before the main store.

Chaplain

- Col. James J. Jagielski is the new Garrison and installation chaplain.

- May 15 begins the Western Celebration of Pentecost.

AAFES

- The Post Theater will offer a free movie, "House of Wax," starring Paris Hilton, 7 p.m., May 30.

- The in-store renovation project is on track. Renovation should start by June 1.

- A drive-thru lane also will be added at the Aberdeen Shopette.

- AAFES is attempting to add a self-help type car wash in the vicinity of the Shopette.

- Both shopettes will soon be offering 24-hour gas.

- The AAFES dry cleaning concession-

aire hours of operation will change as follows:

- The Saturday operation will increase by one hour and Sunday will decrease by two hours. The new hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday. Check the APG News for when these changes take effect.

- A proposed shoeshine operation and a snowball stand in the main exchange area have been approved.

DLES

- The McGruff House is opened and operational at 3847-E Flag Court in Patriot Village. The community policing officer Mike Farlow can be reached at 410-273-6412.

- "This is your house too," said DLES director Robert Krauer. "If you want to schedule a community meeting there, just schedule it with officer Farlow. Our thanks go out to DIO for providing us a house to use for this purpose."

- There will be a delay in the entrance gate construction project. The community will be notified when construction is rescheduled. The DLES requests patience and cooperation from the community during the reconfiguration process.

MWR

- Miller Lite Concert tickets for the Aug. 20 concert are now on sale. The show features Terri Clark, Chely Wright, Julie Roberts and Miranda Lambert. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the show. Contact MWR Registration for more information, www.apgmwr.com.

- Wright encouraged "everyone to look into this concert."

- "The summer concert is the premier fund raiser for the MWR program," Wright said. "We need your attendance and support of this event."

- Wright also thanked everyone in MWR and Army Community Service for the Spring Fling activities held April 16.

- "It was a great event with a great level of participation," Wright said. "I'll admit I was impressed."

Upcoming events

- Social Hour at Top of the Bay is held 4 to 8 p.m. every Friday in the Down Under. The APG Volunteer of the Year ceremony will be held 7 p.m. May 19 at Top of the Bay.

- APG Talent Search tryouts will be held June 4 at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326. Call 410-278-4907/4011 to register by May 29.

- MWR is looking for lifeguards. Those interested in summer jobs should check the MWR Web site at www.apgmwr.com.

- Post swimming pools open Memorial

Day and remain open throughout the summer.

DIO

The final spring flower shipment arrives at the Re-Nu-It Center May 17. It was suggested that DIO consider purchasing perennials, which bloom every year, versus annuals, which bloom only once.

Wright announced that the geographical bachelor policy is going to change due to an Army-wide shortage of billeting.

"Current geographical bachelors on APG will not be evicted unless we need the space," Wright said. "Units can request that a geographical bachelor have billeting on post due to readiness requirements, then that request must be forwarded through the individual's chain of command. The billeting council will be changed and the APG regulation on Billeting of Bona Fide/Geographical Bachelors will be revised."

Army Community Service

- Another Dynamic Huggable Delightful Child training session will be held May 18, 6 to 8 p.m. in building 2754. Free childcare is available. To register, call Resheemah Bugg at 410-278-2420 by May 12.

- Money Management classes will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., June 15 and 20, Aug. 17 and Sept. 14 in building 2754. To register, call Arcelio Alleyne, 410-278-2450.

APG Retiree Council

- Retiree Appreciation Day is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct. 22, at the APG Recreation Center. The Military Officers Association of America is providing the guest speaker.

- The Survivor Benefit Plan reduction of benefits at age 62 has been changed as a result of passage of the 2005 military budget. Over the next several years, it will rise 5 percent per year until it reaches a maximum of 55 percent.

- The bill to exempt retired pay from taxation has failed in the state legislature. Plans are underway to reintroduce the bill next year.

- The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is starting water safety classes. To schedule a class or to arrange a free vessel safety check, call 410-663-9263.

Community Policing Officer

- A bike rodeo is being planned. Check the APG News for details

- Maryland law enforcement activities will participate in a Torch Run for the Maryland Special Olympics June 14. Volunteers who would like to help with the DLES segment of the run should call 410-273-6412.

FCC Childcare Web Registry available

www.ArmyFCC.com

New from the U.S. Army Family Child Care Program is a Web-based referral tool that offers parents more options in selecting quality childcare.

Called ArmyFCC.com, the FCC Web registry now provides military members and qualified civilians the ability to locate in-home daycare via military family members or independent contractors in either individual housing units located on the military installation, or off the installation in either government controlled housing or in civilian housing.

Use of the secure FCC Web site offers childcare providers an opportunity to showcase and describe their homes and services in their own words, and includes pictures to create a virtual tour of the available FCC home facilities.

The Central Enrollment Registry staff at each installation will assist parents in the search process and can answer any questions that may arise regarding the individual FCC provider files.

Parents are required to request childcare through the installations' CER office. Parents must complete a registration and pay a registration fee, how-

ever it is not necessary to complete the registration process to place a child's name on the waiting list.

An added benefit is that ArmyFCC.com is the security and privacy protection for both the providers and parents using the system; only eligible parents can access the provider information.

At APG, FCC is quarter-based care by trained and certified professional providers and offers multi-age, infant/toddler and school-age homes in the Aberdeen and Edgewood housing areas. The quality of services is equal to that of Child Development Centers or Youth Services Programs. Special services include: mainstreamed special needs care, extended hours care, long-term care, respite/emergency care, hourly care, and care for mildly ill children.

To access the registry, go to www.ArmyFCC.com. For FCC providers near APG, visit the FCC program located in building 2752, Rodman Road, or call 410-278-8720/7140 or e-mail Child&YouthServices@usag.apg.army.mil.

JWOD

From front page

handouts about the JWOD Program to customers.

Office Eagle will hold Customer Appreciation open houses at both Office Eagle locations 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 19 at building 320 and May 20 at 3007 Bush River Road.

Two winners will be drawn from those customers that fill out a multiple choice questionnaire on the JWOD program.

"In addition to free food and gift bags, Office Eagle will be showcasing new JWOD office products and technologies [at the open

house]," Alonso said.

History of Office

Eagle

A Division of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, Office Eagle was established in 1997 with the opening of the first Base Supply Center at Dover. The company sells products manufactured by people who are blind or severely disabled and carries a wide range of products to include, office supplies, cleaning products, tools, hardware and military clothing items.

Office Eagle recently announced two new business ventures with plans to open Base Supply Centers

at Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Meade, Md.

Office Eagle is headquartered in Baltimore and has stores at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware and Bolling AFB in Washington, D.C. The Grand opening of the Fort Knox store is scheduled for September 2005, with the Fort Meade facility opening early in 2006. These additions will increase the number of Office Eagle Base Supply Centers to seven, which will create additional employment opportunities for blind and visually impaired throughout America.

Army Emergency Relief - How it works

AER

AER is a private non-profit organization, whose sole mission is to help Soldiers and eligible family members who are experiencing financial emergencies.

Eligibility

- Soldiers on extended active duty and their dependents.

- Members of the Reserve Components of the Army (Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve) under title 10 on continuous active duty for more than 30 consecutive days and their eligible family members.

- Soldiers retired from active duty for longevity or physical disability, or retired upon reaching age 60 (Reserve Components) and their eligible family members.

- Surviving spouses and orphans of soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.

Authorized AER assistance

AER can help with emergency financial needs for:

- Emergency transportation and vehicle repairs
- Food, rent, or utilities
- Funeral expenses
- Medical/dental expenses
- Personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen.

Unauthorized AER assistance:

- Help pay for nonessentials
- Finance ordinary leave

or vacation

- Pay fines or legal expenses
- Help liquidate or consolidate debt
- Assist with house purchase or home improvements
- Help purchase, rent, or lease a vehicle
- Cover bad checks or pay credit card bills

Applying for AER assistance

Active duty Soldiers assigned to APG can request an application for AER assistance (DA Form 1103) through their unit, or the AER office located in building 2754, room 201. The form is also available on Form Flow.

Soldiers will need to fill out the front of the form and provide all required information. The Soldier's first sergeant or commanding officer must then review, approve and sign the form.

The Soldier then brings the signed form, latest end of month Leave and Earnings Statement, military ID card, and all documentation supporting the request for assistance (such as leave form, rental agreement, written estimate of car repairs, utility bill) to the AER office.

No appointment is necessary and 95 percent of all AER requests for assistance are completed the same day.

Every AER request is personal and considered on its own merit.

Any emergency must have originated from other

than the Soldier's own actions.

Army retirees needing AER assistance should bring all documentation supporting their request for assistance and their military ID card to the AER office. Retiree's will fill out the application for assistance in the AER office.

Types of assistance

- The majority of AER assistance is provided in the form of an interest free loan with repayment of these loans helping to fund future assistance.

- Under extreme circumstances, assistance may be given as a grant.

(Grants are not given for routine expenses that suddenly become a problem or provided simply because a Soldier has a monthly deficit and cannot repay a loan.)

Grants are never given for expenses that will be reimbursed by other sources such as insurance companies or the government).

History of assistance:

Since it was established in 1942, AER has helped more than 2.9 million Soldiers and family members with more than \$900 million. In 2004 AER assisted 49,000 Army people with more than \$33 million.

For more information contact the AER officer at 410-278-2508 or visit the AER Web site, www.aerhq.org.

APG WINNERS MOVE ON TO IMAGEMAKERS CONTEST



*Desiree Jones
Age 10 to 12
35 mm*



*Brushay Johnson-Lee
Age 10 to 12
Photo essay*



*Dominique Gibson
Age 9 and under
35 mm*



*Jamie Hyde
Age 9 and under
Photo essay*



*Dasia Robinson
Age 10 to 12
Digital*



*Alexandra Vincent
Age 9 and under
35 mm*



*Ramona Reynard
Age 13 to 15
Digital*



*Aurora Taylor
Age 16 to 18
Digital*



*Alexandra Vincent
Age 9 and under
Digital*



*Jake Kluchinsky
Age 10 to 12
Digital*

Yvonne Johnson
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Twelve Aberdeen Proving Ground youths earned top awards in the annual Boys and Girls Club of America ImageMakers Photography Contest held at the installations' two youth centers in April.

Organized by Norma Warwick, facility director, and Renee Main, assistant facility manager, the first place winners included:

Aberdeen Youth Center

Ramona Reynard, 14, digital, age 13 to 15
Dasia Robinson, 11, digital, age 10 to 12
Brushay Johnson-Lee, 10, photo essay, age 10 to 12

Conner Tuohy, 7, digital, age 9 and younger

Dominique Gibson, 11, 35 mm, age 9 and under

Desiree Jones, 9, 35 mm, age 10 to 12,
Jamie Hyde, 9, photo essay, age 9 and under

Edgewood Youth Center

Jake Kluchinsky, 11, digital, age 10 to 12
Aurora Taylor, 8, 18, digital, age 16 to 18
Alexandra Vincent, 8, 35 mm and digital categories, age 9 and under

Kayla Williams, 14, digital, age 13 to 15
All received trophies and certificates signed by Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

Norma Warwick, facility director, said the competition consisted of 129 photos and that first place winners will advance to regional then hopefully to national competition.

She thanked Pam Jones, photography club coordinator and the facility staff for their assistance.

"This is the most we've had yet to partic-

ipate," Warwick said.

Main said that the judges picked the top photographs out of 52 entries in five categories. She thanked Daniel McCoy, youth program coordinator.

"The entries have already been mailed and judging will take place within the next 30 days," Main said.

She added that two of the centers' past entries have advanced to national level in the past.

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ImageMaker photography program encourages youths to learn and practice photography and express themselves in creative and innovative ways. ImageMakers provides local, regional and national recognition through an annual photography contest. Winning photos will be displayed nationwide at museums as well as at the BGCA's annual National Conference.



The Spesutia Road home of Col. Marshall Cox proudly displays its Yard of the Month sign.

A pretty pink flower enhances the front yard of Staff Sgt. Stephen Thomas' Chester Court home in Skipper's Point.

Tulips and pansies adorn a flowerbed in front of the home of Staff Sgt. Douglas Burnett in Bayside Village.

A bunny on a rock decorates the front yard of Staff Sgt. Danny Hudgins in the APG Trailer Court.

Staci Ryan, right, the wife of Marine Corps Master Sgt. Michael Ryan, watches as APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, left, hammers a Yard of the Month sign into her front lawn while Pvt. Frank Campbell, center, holds the sign steady.

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YARD

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like to see folks go the extra mile and I don't mind going the extra mile for them to bring back this program."

The Yard of the Month program runs from April to October. Then, the Yard of the Year will be chosen from among the current winners. Winners for the next month will be selected May 30.

Most of the April winners said that for them, improving the appearance of their yards is the rule, not the exception.

"I'm from Florida and I couldn't wait to make it look like summer," said Stacey Bennett, of her Dolphin Court yard which features three colorful flowerbeds, two in the front and one in the back.

"We don't just look at the front, we look at the back as well, which in this case, is just as attractive," Irby added.

"This is all I have to do when I get home," said Staff Sgt. Danny Hudgins of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, of his neatly manicured lawn in the mobile home park.

Marine Corps spouse Staci Ryan, the wife of the Patriot Village winner, added that she and her husband, who also serves as the area coordinator, encourage residents to take advantage of the grass seed, flowers and fertilizer available during spring cleanup, and Army spouse Christine Madere said that she, her husband and son John, 16, make yard care a family routine.

"The whole family gets out here to spruce up the place," she said.

Thomas, an instructor with the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, credited his wife Michelle and daughter Destiny, 4, with "doing all the work."

"I'm proud of their efforts," Thomas said.

Michelle Thomas added that she and her daughter made a project of planting flowers and decorating the yard.

"We both enjoyed it," she said. "It's important to make a house look like a home."