

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 1, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Memorial Day Ceremony

APG will hold a Memorial Day ceremony 10 to 11 a.m., May 30, at the Gunpowder Neck Military Cemetery located on Owen and Cemetery Roads. Brig. Gen. Roger Nadeau, installation commander and commander, RDECOM will host the ceremony.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at American Legion Post 17, located on 415 Edgewood Road, Edgewood.

Reduced gate hours for holiday weekend

There will be reduced gate operations at Aberdeen Proving Ground in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

The Harford (Route 22) Gate will close at 10 p.m., and the Wise Road (Route 755) Gate will close at 8 p.m., May 27.

Both gates will re-open for normal traffic at 4 a.m., May 31.

The Maryland (Route 715) and Route 24 (Edgewood) gates will remain open.

RAB meets tonight

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., May 26, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Canal Creek Study Area.

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 800-APG-9998.

AER campaign nears end

Army Emergency Relief campaign contributions can still be turned in to the assistant campaign coordinator, Sgt. 1st Class Robin L. Thompson, through May 31. His number is 410-278-2104/1563.

To turn in contributions after May 31, call the AER

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Volunteers save APG more than \$600K

Carolyn Dawson
APG News

At APG's 2005 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held April 19 at Top of the Bay, the top five volunteers were picked out of 21 nominated in the categories of civilian, retiree, military, youth and family member and given the title of 'Volunteer of the Year.'

Keynote speaker Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, said a tally of volunteer hours logged at APG over the past year revealed some impressive results.

"Having people care and be motivated enough to volunteer their time and expertise is wonderful, and it's equally gratifying to realize that volunteer contributions do not go unnoticed at Aberdeen Proving Ground," Nadeau said. "Clearly, our volunteers at APG have dedicated a lot of time to us, and to our facility," he said.

"General Nadeau, on behalf of all of APG volunteers, we would like to present this [mock] check for \$604,071 to you," said Celestine Beckett, Army Community Service director, as she handed the oversized check to Nadeau. "This check represents the money our dedicated volunteers saved our community in



Photo by RALPH BROTH, APG PHOTO LAB
Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, far left, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground, accepts a check for \$604,071 from volunteers of the year, from left Abby Burnett, Youth; Spc. Chad Emrick, Military; Lawrence E. Oswald, Civilian; Sabrina Renee Patterson, Family Member and Jerry Nook, Retiree, at the 2005 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony May 19. The check represents the amount of money all volunteers saved the installation over the past year.

the past year."

Military Volunteer of the Year Spc. Chad Emrick

Winning the volunteer award for the military category was Spc. Chad Emrick, who

works in the chapel, and has spent time working with many area churches.

His letter of nomination, stated "he stepped up to lead the Protestant Youth of the

Chapel. He spends more than 25 hours per month working with middle school and high school aged children who attend the chapel and the PYOC program. Emrick has

also given of his expertise in designing a new speaker system for the chapel, setting up his own equipment when the chapel's equipment failed, and

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193 years of 'service to the line' Ordnance Corps celebrates anniversary

Khaalid Walls
OC&S

The annual Ordnance Ball on May 13 in the main ballroom of Aberdeen Proving Ground's Top of the Bay culminated a two-day anniversary celebration for the Army's second largest branch.

Lt. Gen. Richard Hack, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, was the evening's keynote speaker. Hack told the crowd of more than 300 senior ordnance officers, noncommissioned officers, retirees, civilians and family members that "spouses are an integral Army unit."

"We couldn't do most of what we do without their [spousal] support through numerous deployments, training exercises and PCS moves—new communities and schools, to highlight a few," he said. He later led the audience in applauding the spouses in attendance.

Earlier in the day, a retreat ceremony was held on Ordnance Circle in part to honor Soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Brig. Gen. Vincent Boles, Ordnance chief and commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, noted in the retreat program the resolve of those lost in action.

"As we lower the flag paying respect to our country and it is folded with crisp hand movements and synchronized execution, be reminded that we do so paying tribute to the

Soldiers who gave their lives defending that flag," Boles said. "With similar synchronized execution, these Soldiers have earned the respect of a grateful nation and are sterling examples of the Ordnance Corps' proud tradition of "Service to the Line, On the Line, On Time."

Lt. Gen. Claude Christianson, the Army's deputy chief of staff for Logistics, was the reviewing officer for the afternoon event. He praised all of the Ordnance Hall of Fame inductees, who were officially inducted in a ceremony a day earlier.

"Today we honor Ordnance Hall of Famers, who left an indelible mark on Ordnance," Christianson said. "These historical figures gives us a legacy of honor we should be proud of."

He said the inductees personify the Ordnance maxim. "This is a corps that lives up to its motto everyday," he said.

On the evening of May 12 at a ceremony held at the Ordnance Museum, 12 individuals that made significant contributions to the Ordnance Corps were inducted into the Corps Hall of Fame.

This year's contemporary Hall of Fame inductees were: Lt. Gen. Roy E. Beauchamp, Maj. Gen. Edward L. Andrews, Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Arbuckle, Brig. Gen. Carlton P. Weidental who was represented by his widow Harriet Weidental, Col. Richard G.

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New Garrison chaplain sees Soldiers as top priority

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

A former enlisted man who gained his commission from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools has returned to Aberdeen Proving Ground to serve as the spiritual leader of the chaplain corps, the Garrison and the installation.

Col. James J. Jagielski assumed the position in April. With a self-described "good sense of humor," Jagielski said that having to wear three hats shouldn't be that difficult.

"Essentially we'll all have to work with each other," Jagielski said of routine interactions with the Installation Management Agency, U.S. Army Materiel Command and the garrison. "I feel confident that we can."

Jagielski said that although chapel services and community commitments are important, his primary interest lies in ministering to the command's young Soldiers.

"I'd like to focus on the training brigade," he said, in reference to the 61st Ordnance Brigade, which oversees the training of all Advanced Individual Training students assigned to the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School.



PHOTO BY APG PHOTO LAB
Col. James J. Jagielski

He said that he realizes the challenges facing training brigade chaplains because he once worked at that level.

"I'd like to get all AIT [students] into the services and certainly I would work through the chaplains to accomplish that," Jagielski said.

Noting that a survey of Army junior enlisted found that three-fourths list 'no religious preference' as their religious preference, he said that he was impressed with the Christian Coffee House, a fellowship hall provided by the OMMS in building 4308 that offers a place for spiritual relaxation for OC&S service members.

"It's spacious, offers good
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Environmental Center receives Human Relations Award

USAEC

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

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

The Human Relations Commission recognized USAEC for providing more than 300 hours of curriculum support to Edgewood Elementary School in 2004. The center's partnership with the school dates to 1997.

The commission also noted an annual food drive, which netted 1,000 pounds of food for Edgewood's "The Sharing
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Photo by NEAL SNYDER
As part of its partnership with Edgewood Elementary School, the U.S. Army Environmental Center sponsors an annual Reading Day at the school, where USAEC volunteers like Aldona Pryce, pictured, read environmentally-focused books to students.

Harford Chamber hosts Military Appreciation Luncheon

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground joined with the Harford County Chamber of Commerce to observe the 28th Annual Military Appreciation Week with a luncheon at Top of the Bay May 19.

Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, was the guest speaker.

The program hosts included Rick Weiner, co-chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, and William B. Securro, chamber president and CEO.

The program is held each year to honor the installa-
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Photo by RALPH BROTH, APG PHOTO LAB
Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, right, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, congratulates the 2005 Service Members of the Year during the Military Appreciation Week Luncheon at Top of the Bay May 19. From left, Sgt. Raul Villalobos, APG NCO of the Year; Pfc. Victor Robledo, APG Soldier of the Year and Sgt. Aaron Enns, USMC Detachment NCO of the Year. (Not shown: Sgt. Jesse Williams, USMC Detachment Instructor of the Year; Tech. Sgt. Rudy Rohrbaugh Jr., USAF Detachment Instructor of the Year and Staff Sgt. William Goodwin, USAF Detachment Instructor of the Year.

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Introducing APG's newest junior paramedics

New course prepares hospital professionals for CBRNE attacks

Col. Jonathan Newmark
MRICD

As part of its mission, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense trains and educates personnel, mostly military health care providers, in the medical management of chemical casualties.

Recently, however, the institute's Chemical Casualty Care Division developed a new training program, the Hospital Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (HM-CBRNE) Incidents Course, to give civilian healthcare professionals state-of-the-art instruction that may save lives in a major terrorist attack.

The first three offerings, in December of 2004 and in March and April of 2005, trained a total of 147 students.

Dr. C. Gary Hurst, chief of the Chemical Casualty Care Division, initiated the five-day course, which grew out of an effort to provide training, at the request of the Department of State, for visiting senior physicians from the Republic of the Philippines.

"It is a no-brainer to me to extend the Army's proven, recognized expertise in areas like chem-bio and rad-nuke medical management to the civilian sector," said Hurst, who is also a retired Medical Corps colonel. "There's a tremendous need for this sort of training, and the Army does it better than anyone else."

The HM-CBRNE Course is hosted by the CCCD and is a joint venture of MRICD, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md., and the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute, in Bethesda. Guest instructors from the School of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University also participate.

Instruction includes didactic classroom presentations on such topics as chemical agents, triage, personal protective equipment, decontamination, radiation, biological agents, epidemiology, the National Incident Management System and the National Response Plan.

The training also consists of in-class discussions, planning sessions, group exercises involving specific scenarios, and a multi-hospital tabletop exercise specifically designed to test the students' ability to use the Hospital Emergency Incident Command System, which is being adopted by more and more hospitals nationwide.

In the exercise, a simulated attack requires professionals at separate hospitals (and when applicable an incident site) to manage their resources to deal with the crush of patients.

HM-CBRNE is an outgrowth of the Army's premier training vehicles: the Medical Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties Course, co-taught by MRICD and MRIID, and the Medical Effects of Ionizing

Radiation Course, taught by AFRR. However, since instruction is focused on the civilian sector, the HM-CBRNE course covers additional subjects, such as high-yield blast injuries, the national requirements and standards, and the adaptation of hospital procedures to national and local standards, that are not included in the military-specific courses.

Yet, surprisingly, almost half of the students who have taken the first two iterations of the HM-CBRNE course have been military. Many of these were Reserve officers engaged in planning for the civilian response in their communities, particularly members of National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams.

The Public Health Service has also been prominently represented. Among the civilian students have been physicians, nurses, emergency managers, hospital system administrators, and public officials from all over the country.



Photo by JONATHAN HARTSOCK, MRICD

At the event site in the HM-CBRNE tabletop exercise, students assume their roles in a mass-casualty incident.

ECA/ABCDF ceremony celebrates 'A Safer Maryland Today'

CMA

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

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

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

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

Explaining the selection of Edgewood High School, CMA Director Michael Parker told the audience of nearly 300 community members, ECA and ABCDF workers and their families, and Army officials that, "This is one of four schools in Harford County equipped with special ventilation equipment to protect the students and teachers in case of a release of agent from the nearby stockpile."

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

Sarbanes pointed out that the selection of an entirely new chemical agent destruction technology, hot water neutralization, was a result of cooperation between the Army and the community in addressing the public's

concerns. He added that it was skillfully taken from a bench-scale technology to an operating system by the contractor, Bechtel National, Inc.

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

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

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

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

"You can hear yourself breathing as though you are underwater, and you can hear your heart beating," Evans said. "When you look out at the world through your facepiece it is like looking through a tunnel."

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

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

MRICD Soldiers earn jump wings

Cindy Kronman
MRICD

Three Soldiers from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense recently returned from Fort Benning, Ga., where they attended the intensive three-week training of Airborne School.

Now, Sgt. Nicole Washington, Spcs. Nicholas Kirschten, and Ardicio Galvao are the proud wearers of hard-earned jump wings.

Washington was one of only six women in her class of 300 to successfully complete the training.

"It was the greatest experience of my life," said Galvao, upon his return to MRICD. "I have always been afraid of heights, but I had to face my fear and get out there and do it."

Galvao described the training as both "tiring and exciting."

Airborne School begins with Ground Week, which prepares Soldiers for a parachute jump and safe landing. Physical condi-

tioning is as important during this week as is learning specific airborne skills. These skills are refined during Tower Week in which Soldiers begin practicing jumps, first from a 30-foot and then a 250-foot tower.

Soldiers must qualify on the swing landing trainer and master the mass exit procedures from the 34-foot tower—part of week 2 training—as well as pass all PT requirements, to continue on to week three.

Appropriately, week three is Jump Week. As the name implies, Soldiers test their new skills jumping from planes. To graduate, Soldiers must complete five jumps, one of which must be a night jump.

Jumping out of that plane, according to Galvao was "the best yet the scariest feeling."

"Looking out while I descended to earth was the greatest feeling in the world," he said. "I can talk about it all the day, but you will never know the excitement and challenge until you go out there and do it yourself."

Swan Creek names its employee of the year

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The management of the Swan Creek Inn has selected custodial supervisor Lisa Lipford, as its Employee of the Year for 2005.

Lipford, who began as a housekeeper, then housekeeping leader before obtaining her current position, has been with the organization for three years.

General manager Richard McClain said the choice was easy.

"She's a lodging success

story," McClain said.

He said the selection process involved the Inn's managers gathering to compare employees' qualities and capabilities, then selecting from the best among those under consideration.

"We listed criteria and she met or exceeded every one," McClain said. "An employee of the year should be one who's the best for that year in all areas. In this organization, at this point in time, she is the one."

Lipford's supervisor, assistant general manager and

executive housekeeper Roland Winborn agreed.

"She's outstanding, dependable, and her integrity and initiative are above reproach," Winborn said.

Lipford said she supervises just about everyone except the front desk and administrative staff.

Her work day includes making work schedules, ordering supplies, screening daily reports, and inventorying supplies.

She said she's excelled in her position because of the people over her.

"I really love what I'm doing," Lipford said. "I started out here thinking I wouldn't be here long but all my coworkers are great and you can't help but excel when you can learn from the people over you."

She said that when she was notified of her selection she was so shocked she cried.

"I was very shocked," she said. "You're totally on the go all the time, you work with a lot of different people, a lot of different personalities, and you stay focused on trying to make it all work."

"It's just nice to know that nothing goes unnoticed."

"I'd like to thank everyone I've worked with," she added, "especially the ones I've learned from."

She thanked McClain, Winborn, her former supervisor Mabel Henson, who recently retired, and former manager Carol Lamp, who passed away in 2004.

"She was the one who gave me my first chance and from her I learned to mold those under me. Carol believed that was important. Now I believe it too," Lipford said.



Lisa Lipford, Swan Creek Employee of the Year, conducts an inventory of housekeeping supplies, one of her many duties as custodial supervisor, in her office in the Swan Creek Inn May 23.

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DTC retires two of its own during April ceremony



Photos by RALPH BROTH
 Brig. Gen. Michael L. Combust, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, presents retiree Christine E. Everett with a U.S. flag flown over the Capitol Feb 28 and flown over DTC April 26 at the installation retirement ceremony April 28.



Combust pins the Meritorious Service Medal on Sgt. 1st Class Robertson III at the April 28 retirement ceremony.

Yvonne Johnson APG News

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command bid farewell to two workers who, with 67 years combined service, represented dedicated commitment and selfless service to the U.S. Army during a retirement ceremony at Top of the Bay April 28.

Brig. Gen. Michael L. Combust, commander of DTC, hosted the ceremony assisted by Command Sgt. Maj. Larry D. Robinson.

The honorees included Sgt. 1st Class Duffie R. Robertson III, DTC equal opportunity advisor, and Christine E. Everett, executive assistant to the commander.

Before recognizing the retirees, Combust thanked the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) Brass Quintet led by Staff Sgt. Michael Aloisi, for musical support, and Lt. Col. Carol Van Schenkhof, chaplain, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, for the invocation.

Combust said the ceremony was about celebrating accomplishments and offering well wishes, and about "sending them forward into the next phase of their lives with our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for what they've given to all of us."

Robertson was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement. His wife, Deidre received the DA Certificate of Appreciation, and as a special token, Combust presented an Army Brat Certificate to Robertson's son, Xzavier, 15.

Combust said that at DTC Robertson was known as "an outstanding equal opportunity advisor."

"I don't use the word expertise lightly," Combust said. "He graduated among the top 20 percent of his class at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute and he received a commendation

from the commander of the U.S. Army Cadet Command for instructing cadets and cadre in equal opportunity issues."

He said that while at DTC, Robertson orchestrated ethnic observances for approximately 6,500 DTC civilians and Soldiers at APG and at seven subordinate test centers, and that he helped train more than 300 noncommissioned officers.

"Sergeant First Class Robertson, on behalf of DTC and the Army, thank you for your outstanding efforts and your unselfish support of the Army and your country," Combust said. "As a fellow Soldier, thanks for doing what only a small and special minority of people are willing to do. To put on that uniform every day, to be willing to step in harm's way whenever called, to be willing to say, no matter how difficult or dangerous the mission, 'I'll do it, count on me.' Thanks for being one of us."

Robertson said he enjoyed his tour at APG and planned to remain in the area.

"It's a good place to retire

and wind down," he said.

He thanked his co-workers, superiors and friends, past and present, for their support over the years.

"My thanks to all for the opportunity they gave me to let me help others," Robertson said. "I wish all the best to those who encouraged me."

"This is a great command and it will continue to be successful because it realizes the importance of the equal opportunity realm," he added.

Of Everett, his executive assistant, Combust said "she coordinated all the actions required for a general officer to effectively "headquarter" an organization with nine test centers spread from Aberdeen to Alaska and Panama and Hawaii."

He said her many roles included counselor, travel arranger, protocol advisor, scheduler, correspondence manager, office manager, phone meister, personnel advisor, diplomat, ramrod and enforcer."

"Tina, I know I speak for many people here this morning, for your friends and co-

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Community Notes

Harford Mall begins pledge drive for Flag Day

The Harford Mall is joining with more than 400 shopping centers across the country in the sixth annual 'An Old Glory*ous Celebration, pledge drive, promoting patriotism and the American flag for the annual Flag Day observance. The drive begins Memorial Day weekend and concludes Flag Day, June 14, 1 p.m. with ceremonies at Harford and White Marsh malls, Towson Town Center and Owings Mills Mall.

Patrons are encouraged to visit the Customer Service Center in the Harford Mall Food Court beginning Memorial Day, to sign a pledge form to fly a flag on Flag Day. The forms will be displayed on a kiosk inside the mall. Patrons who sign pledge forms will receive a free stick flag and an invitation to join in the June 14 celebration.

The ceremony will be held at the flagpole on the outside sidewalk at Sears, on

the Bel Air Road side of the mall. Events will include posting of the colors and a musket salute by the Sons of the American Revolution; a flag etiquette demonstration by Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association Chapter 114 and Boy Scout Troop 973; and a patriotic medley by students from Edgewood Middle School. Three Marines from the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion of Baltimore will raise the flag at 1 p.m.

The ceremony is free and open to the public.

An Old Glory*ous Celebration, promoting patriotism and the American Flag, was first implemented in 1999. The 2005 campaign marks the first year that multiple shopping center developers joined forces for the effort.

For more information, contact Bernie Spicer, Harford Mall marketing director, at 410-879-9319.

THURSDAY MAY 26

TRICARE BRIEFING

Military families are invited to a briefing on the US Family Health Plan at Johns Hopkins, a TRICARE option, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the APG Recreation Center television room. The session is open to all DEERS-eligible active duty family members and retirees of all ages and their family members of the seven uniformed services, family members of Reserve/National Guard on active duty for 31 days or more, unremarried spouses and qualified unmarried children

of deceased retired service members.

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

SATURDAY MAY 28

1ST ANNUAL SOLDIER SUPPORT RALLY

The First Annual "Thank You ... We Know You're Out There Soldier Support Rally" will be held noon to 7 p.m. at the Susquehanna American Legion Post 135, located on 300 Cherry Street, Perryville.

MOVIES

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

KINGS RANSOM

PG-13)

Friday, May 27, 7 p.m.

SAHARA

Saturday, May 28, 9 p.m.

(FREE ADMISSION)

Starring: Anthony Anderson, Jay Mohr

Saturday, May 28, 7 p.m.

Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Penelope Cruz

Malcolm King (Anderson) is a wealthy and arrogant businessman whose ex-wife to be has plans to take him for everything he's worth in their divorce settlement. Determined to avoid losing his fortune to her, Malcolm plans his own kidnapping with the help of his dim-witted mistress and her ex-con brother. Unfortunately for Malcolm, he is not the only one with a kidnapping plot. (Rated

An African dictator's nuclear waste disposal plant is mutating the red tide, and so threatens the planet's ecosystem. It's up to Dirk Pitt (McConaughey) and his associates from NUMA (National Underwater and Marine Agency) to find the source of the pollution and shut down the operation. (Rated PG-13)

Entertainment will be provided by Hank Brake, The Kory Brunson band, Tony Diana, Sally Mudd and Delta Haze Band with Marshall Owen. Everyone is encouraged to attend and show support for the troops. Events include care package ideas, silent auction, tribute to fallen troops and an opportunity to say thanks to American heroes, both past and present. Bring lawn chairs. Free American Legion membership is available for active duty military attending this event. Proceeds to benefit AdptaPlatoon Soldier Support Effort and APG MWR Program. Tickets cost \$20 for adults; \$8 for ages 6 to 12; \$10 for adult military; and \$4 for children of military ages 6 to 12; 6 years of age and under admitted free. For more information or to

purchase tickets, call Terri Szendrodi at 443-206-4773. Angel Moss at 803-524-6396, or order online using Paypal at www.aapavatar.net.

MONDAY MAY 30

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

American Legion Post 135 located on 300 Cherry Street, Perryville will host Bingo every Monday, 6 p.m.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

FRIDAY JUNE 3

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Cecil County Relay for Life will be held 10 p.m., at the Elkton High School, Elkton. Doors open 9:15 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards. Extra packs cost \$5 each. There will only be 12 games. Light refreshments, door prizes and raffles will be available. No smoking is permitted.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson at 410-378-3338, Brenda Conjour at 410-273-7332 or Pat Job at 410-658-5628.

SATURDAY JUNE 4

8TH ANNUAL WADE IN

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center and the Tributary Strategy Team is sponsoring their 8th Annual Wade In, 2 to 5 p.m., to measure water quality.

Participants will wade into the waters of Otter Point Creek and then enjoy lots of fun family activities including live music, fish printing, turtle time, pontoon boat rides, fish seining, canoeing, face painting and more. Free for all ages - no registration is required.

For information, directions, or to make a reservation, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000 ext 1688.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JUNE 4 AND 5

NATIVE AMERICANS HONORING VETERANS

The Perry Point Veteran's Administration Equal Opportunity Native American Program will host Eagles Nest 2005, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The sixth annual Native American Festival honoring veterans will be held at the Perry Point VA Medical Center.

The event is free and open to the public.

Guests include Head Man Dancer, Okey Sykes; Head Lady Dancer, Jacke Buchwald; Host Drum (Southern), Little Horse Singers; Guest Drum (Northern), Bum Kneez; Emcee, Frank Little Bear; Arena director, Gary Scholl; and flute presentation/workshop, Robert Willasch.

Post Shorts

Officer, Marge Fissel, 410-278-2508.

Contributions thus far total \$39,924.80 toward the installation's goal of \$40,000.

APG gate construction update

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

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

Catholic picnic at Capa Field

The APG Catholic military community will conduct a congregation Eucharist and picnic at noon, June 5 at the CAPA Field picnic ground on south post, a short distance from Edgewood Chapel.

There is only one mass on post the day at the picnic site.

For reservations and more information, e-mail car0992@comcast.net or call call 410-676-0179.

APG readies for exercise

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

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

Anyone associated with the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas should expect to be involved in the exercise in one way or another. Some organizations may be asked to evacuate a building, while other organizations may be asked to provide assistance/expertise to the installation response forces.

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

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

YC holds Summer Basketball Camp

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

E-1902. Camp is open to girls and boys ages 8 to 16 years of age and will include skills competition and written evaluations. Summer basketball camp will be held 5:45 to 8:45 p.m., Jul 18 through 22. Cost of registration is \$50.

Registration will be held June 1 through 21, at CYS Central Registration, building 2752, 410-278-7571 or Gunpowder Neck Youth Center, building E-1902, 410-436-2862 by appointment only.

Concert tickets available

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

Gates will open at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m. A \$10 early bird ticket specials 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.

TRICARE briefing

Military families are invited to a briefing on the US Family Health Plan at Johns Hopkins, a TRICARE option, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., May 26, in the APG Recreation Center television room. The session is open to all DEERS-eligible active duty family members and retirees of all ages and their family members of the seven uniformed services, family members of Reserve/National Guard on active duty for 31 days or more, unremarried spouses and qualified unmarried children of deceased retired service members.

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

Thrift Store offers discount

Bring this coupon to the APG Thrift Store, building 2458, to receive 10 percent off all purchases.

Store hours for sales are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

For more information, call 410-272-8572.

USAWOA meetings

scheduled

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

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

EEO Office Showcases new Web site

The Installation EEO Office activated its new Web site May 1. The site contains its strategic plan, EEO related policies, and in-depth complaint processing procedures with timeline.

The site also provides links to the Outreach and Special Emphasis Programs, Military EO Program, and DA EEO and Civil Rights Office. Visit the site either through the Garrison Installation Support Offices link or the APG web site, <http://www.apg.army.mil>.

Dental coverage update for Reserve retirees

Reservists who retire from the services are able to waive a standing one-year waiting period for certain dental services due to a new TRICARE rule. Previously, reserve retirees had to be enrolled for 12 months before being covered for bridges, dentures and certain other dental services.

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

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

2005 Army Birthday Ball announced

Celebrate the Army's 230th birthday at the 2005 Army Birthday Ball, 5:30 p.m., June 18, at the Hilton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C.

For information, visit Army Knowledge Online at www.us.army.mil. The evening will honor the history and heritage of those who have come before and answered the call to duty for 230 years.

All U.S. Army Soldiers,

family members, Department of the Army civilians, contractors, retirees, veterans and their guests are invited.

Tickets cost \$60 each and include dinner and entertainment. A limited number of discounted tickets at \$20 each will be available for Army Staff Sergeants and GS-7 civilians and below.

Free parking will be available at the Pentagon South Parking lot, and shuttle service will transport guests to the hotel. Parking will also be available at the Hilton, but spaces are limited. Commercial parking is available at other facilities in the area. Guests will be required to check in for the ball either at the Pentagon or the hotel with government issued photo identification, such as a military I.D. card or a driver's license.

For more information or to register, visit Army Knowledge Online at www.us.army.mil and follow the link to the ball. Seats are limited.

Vacancy for Youth Supervisor at Challenge Academy

The National Guard Freestate Challenge Academy is currently accepting applications for a youth supervisor with a starting hourly salary of \$11.73. The position offers a challenging career working with teens between the ages of 16 and 18. Position is currently contractual, full or part time, but can lead to a permanent state position. Anyone interested should call 410-306-1839 or 410-306-1801.

2005 cutoff dates for PR submissions announced

DOC and RDECOM

Edgewood Contracting Division

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

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

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

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

RDECOM schedule for FY 2005

Noncommercial Items Over \$100,000 - July 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, con-

tact Cynthia Phillips, cynthia.h.phillips@us.army.mil, 410-436-2554;

Chuck Comaty, charles.comaty@us.army.mil, 410-436-3750; or Diane Street, diane.street@us.army.mil, 410-436-2428

Directorate of Contracting

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

Early customer support in identifying and submitting PRs by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the APG DOC to meet customer needs. Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end. Customers are advised to submit year-end requirements as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

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

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

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

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

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

- Services Over \$100,000 - July 1

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

- GSA Schedule Procurements - Aug. 1

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

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

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

** Customers submitting "short-of-award" PRs, espe-

cially for services requirements, must seriously consider whether funding will materialize. A substantial amount of effort is expended to prepare these pending actions and they must be prioritized after purchase requests that are funded and PRs that are subject to the availability of funds.

The above lead times can be affected by various factors, a few of which include: competition requirements, to include fair opportunity for services task orders over \$100,000 when using Federal Supply Schedules; obtaining sole, limited source or urgency approvals - the justification and approval process; the review process accomplished by the APG Small Business Advisor to ensure all socioeconomic programs will be appropriately addressed; front-end PR entry, and PD2 (PD2 is the DoD contracting automated system used at Aberdeen.

New requirements affecting lead times this fiscal year

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

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

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

- Other factors which must be addressed - determining that tasks or supplies ordered are within the scope of the contract; ensuring funding is used in accordance with appropriation limitations; providing unique terms, conditions and requirements for incorporation into an order or contract to comply with all applicable DoD-unique

statutes, regulations, directives and other requirements (e.g., all clothing, shoes and other items specified under the Berry Amendment, procured with DoD funding, is of domestic origin); and collecting data on the use of assisted acquisitions for analysis.

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

The ACA APG DOC Web site is located at: <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/aca/>. The fiscal year cutoff dates for submission of PRs are located at this site under "Announcements, News, and Notes."

PRs awarded subject to the availability of funds must be funded as soon as funds

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Retiree

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workers, when I say thank you for your nearly 40 years of diligent and dedicated service," Combest said. "Take pride in the accomplishments we as an Army and a nation achieved during the course of your career."

Everett was awarded the DA Superior Civilian Service Award, Certificate of Retirement and Certificate of Appreciation. In addition, she was presented with the U.S. flag that was flown over the Capitol Feb. 28 and flown over DTC April 26. Her husband Lyle received a DA Certificate of Appreciation.

Sgt. 1st Class Duffie R. Robertson III

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Robertson entered the Army in 1985.

Previous assignments include Germany, Korea, Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Lewis, Wash.; and Maxwell Air Force

Base, Ala. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service, Army Commendation, Army Achievement, Good Conduct, Global War on Terrorism Service, Korean War Service and Defense Service medals; the Army and Overseas Service ribbons and the Gold Recruiting Badge.

Robertson resides in Aberdeen with his wife, Deidre and two sons, Juaron and Xzavier.

His retirement plans include pursuing a career as an equal opportunity officer and one day opening a computer store in Aberdeen.

Christine E. Everett

Better known as Tina, Everett was born in Havre de Grace. She graduated from Rising Sun High School in 1966 as a member of the National Honor Society.

She began an administrative career at APG in 1966 in the office of the Provost Marshal. Since then, she has

worked in the Development and Proof Services, Aberdeen Test Center, the former U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command which was redesignated as DTC in 1999.

Everett ended her federal career as the executive assistant to the DTC commanding general.

Her awards include the Department of the Army Superior Civilian Service Award, three DA Commanders Award for Civilian Service, the TECOM Secretary of the Year, three Bronze Awards from the Baltimore Federal Executive Board, and several performance awards, step increases, and general and commander's coins.

Everett resides in North East with her husband Nyle, a retired Air Force Reserve master sergeant. The couple has three sons, a daughter-in-law and four grandchildren.

They plan to relocate to Waynesboro, Pa.

Ordnance

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Palaschak, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Michael J. Athey, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Fred Norman, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Alvin Rose and Command Sgt. Maj. Steven A. McWilliams.

The historical inductees were: Maj. Gen. Oliver O. Howard, Brig. Gen. John T. Pitman Jr, and Ordnance

Sergeant Moses Williams.

The retreat also marked the last formation for regimental warrant officer Chief Warrant Officer Jim Wynne and welcomed incoming Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harold DeBerry.

Also on May 13, the senior leadership of the Ordnance Corps gathered to discuss initiatives to enhance the relevance of the training conducted by OC&S. The future of the

Corps was the main focus of the Ordnance Senior Officer Advisory meeting, the Ordnance Senior Warrant Officer Advisory meeting and the Ordnance Senior Enlisted Advisory Conference.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON
In the 8 to 9 age group, Brandon Maturey kicks to a second place victory with 86 feet 5 inches.



Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, takes his turn at a pass during the Teen Punt, Pass and Kick Competition held at the Spring Fling April 16.

Teens punt, pass, kick through Spring Fling

Christopher Fielder
CYS

The Spring Fling held on April 16 focused on the start of spring and summer activities for youth athletes, many of whom marched in the Spring Fling parade.

The sole sporting event for the fling was the First Annual Pepsi Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition.

Each participant was allowed one throw, one kick and one punt with a football and the youth with the highest total wins for their age group. The winners from each age group will participate in the regional competitions in the winter.

Twenty-three competed in the April 16 competition; eight girls and 15 boys. Addison Flowers won first place in the boys age 8 to 9 group with a total of 89 feet and 2 inches and Brendon Maturey won second place.

In the 10 to 11 age groups Ridge Myers

took first place with a total of 90 feet 2 inches. Shawn Kluchinsky took second and in third was Kevin Kappauf.

In the 12 to 13 age group Andrew Babeu was the winner with a total of 111 feet and 9 inches. In second was Jordan Williams and third went to Timothy Kluchinsky.

For the girls age 10 to 11, Montaju Galmore won with 87 feet and 10 inches.

Coming in a close second was Bayshea Lee.

The longest total of the day came from Bianca Dalal in the girls 12 to 13 age group with a total of 163 feet and 9 inches. Dalal totaled more than any of the other youths, male and female, and some of the adults. Olivia Merchant won second place.

"The youth center staff thanks all those who helped and participated in the first annual punt, pass and kick competition on APG," said Bill Kegley, CYS sports coordinator.

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.

MWR Leisure Needs Survey underway

The 2005 Army-wide MWR Leisure Needs Survey will soon land in mailboxes of many Army service members and retirees.

Army civilian employees will receive their survey packets and have the option to complete the survey online by going to www.armymwrsurvey.com.

The survey was last conducted in 2000.

The survey helps MWR assess recreational needs and customers' level of satisfaction

with MWR programs. Survey results assist to identify strengths and weaknesses of MWR programs and will ultimately serve to improve MWR's responsiveness to its customers' needs, and to facilitate resource allocation decisions.

"When a Leisure Needs Survey is received, please take the time to respond and return it - everyone's input is important to MWR," said Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing director.

For more information, call 410-278-4497.

Beginning kayak

Classes will be held 5 to 8 p.m., every Friday, June 3 to 17 at the Aberdeen Boat Docks. These instructional classes are designed to enable the student to become proficient in the safe operation of a kayak in open water.

The course will consist of hands-on-training in the water. Participants should wear comfortable attire (tennis shoes or water shoes, shorts and a tee-shirt/sweatshirt) depending on the weather.

Register by June 1. Kayak lessons cost \$75 per person and include all equipment. A hat, sunscreen, water, towel, and a change of clothes are also recommended. Open to ages 18 and older.

Beginning sewing classes

Sewing Classes for beginners will be held 6 to 8 p.m.,

June 3 through 24, every Friday at the Recreation Center, building 3326. Participants will learn how to stitch and sew various fabrics. Basic techniques of using a sewing machine will be covered including materials and thread to use for making or mending fabric. How to achieve the best and most efficient results from the sewing machine will be explained in detail. Open to ages 18 and older. The cost of registration for this class is \$25. Register by June 1.

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Boys and Girls Fall Soccer Program

Registration for the Fall

Soccer Program for boys and girls will be held June 1 through July.

The soccer program will be held August through November at Youth Soccer Field.

Cost for children four to five years of age is \$30 (must be four years of age by July 31, 2005); the cost for children six to 15 years of age is \$40.

Register by appointment only at CYS Central Registration, building 2752, 410-278-7571 or the Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902, 410-436-2862.

Advanced Dog Obedience course

Advanced Dog Obedience classes will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday, June 2 to July 21 at the Recreation Center, building 3326.

Instructional classes will help improve the dog's behavior and willingness to cooperate. Learn proven methods of controlling the dog in the home and outside environment.

Find out how to practice and develop advanced skills at home while training the dog to respond to them. Open to ages 18 and older

Register by May 31. Cost is \$60.

PR cut offs

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become available. The work must start and the contractors must be paid - this is not accomplished until the funds are certified.

Contacts for DOC
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joyce.roberts@us.army.mil, 410-278-0869

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

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

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

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

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

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

Preparing PRs in PRWEB (formerly known as Aquiline)

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

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:

Biological Weapons: from the invention of state-sponsored programs to contemporary bioterrorism by Jeanne Guillemin

How to Read a Painting: lessons from the old masters by Patrick de Rynck

Absolute beginner's guide to home networking by Mark Soper

Secrets of the Kingdom: the inside story of the Saudi-U.S. connection by Gerald Posner

Reading financial reports for dummies by Lita Epstein

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.

APG lunch options

Recreation Center Snack Bar

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

Ruggles Golf Course

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

Top of the Bay

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

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar

Building 2342
Specials for May 30 through June 5
Includes one free game of bowling and choice of:
Pork barbecue sandwich with cole claw, chips, and 16 oz. soda, \$6.75
OR
Bacon cheeseburger with fries and 16 oz. soda, \$5.25



Memorial Day holiday hours

	May 28	May 29	May 30
Ruggles and Exton Golf Courses open daily			
Aberdeen Arts & Crafts	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Edgewood Arts & Crafts	Closed	Closed	Closed
Auto Crafts	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed
Bowling Center	10 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Library	1 to 5 p.m.	1 to 5 p.m.	Closed
Aberdeen Recreation Center	noon to midnight	noon to midnight	noon to 6 p.m.
Aberdeen Recreation Center Snack Bar	noon to 11 p.m.	noon to 11 p.m.	noon to 5 p.m.
Edgewood Recreation Center	3:30 to 11 p.m.	noon to 11 p.m.	noon to 6 p.m.
Edgewood Recreation Center Snack Bar	3:30 to 11 p.m.	noon to 11 p.m.	12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Aberdeen Health & Fitness Center	Closed	Closed	Closed
APG Athletic Center	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Hoyle Gymnasium/Fitness Center	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Aberdeen Olympic Pool	11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Edgewood Bayside Pool	11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park	1 to 10 p.m.	1 to 8 p.m.	1 to 8 p.m.
MWR Registration	Closed	Closed	Closed
Outdoor Recreation, Equipment Resource Center	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Top of the Bay	Closed	Closed	Closed

Volunteers

From front page

volunteering to install new equipment and train operators on its use.

He volunteered his sound skills with the APG AWR and ACS offices, including the Top of the Bay social hour, the Easter Egg Hunt, and numerous other events.

Over the past year, he has spent over 2,200 hours volunteering his time, skills, efforts and energy to the benefit of APG... His spirit genuinely shows the true meaning of volunteerism."

Emrick is the chaplain's assistant, and enjoys working in the chapel. He and his wife, Annette, have a 7-year-old daughter, Emily. Emrick strongly encourages people to volunteer their time.

"Everybody has some free time," he said. You have to find something worthwhile to do with it. Not everything you do has to get paid for."

Family Member Volunteer of the Year Sabrina Renee Patterson

Nominated by Marilyn Howard, Sabrina Renee Patterson is an active volunteer who concentrates her energies on Army Community Service. Since her arrival she has "set the standard in showing the genuine and true meaning of the word 'volunteerism.'"

Patterson of ACS Employment, likes to keep busy, both with her family and with local schools.

"No matter what I do, I try to give 110 percent," she said. It's a motto she lives by, as her husband, Darriat, son Devin, 6, and daughter, Sacoya, 12, would agree.

Patterson's other volunteer areas also include Roye-Williams Elementary School; family sup-

port groups while their service members are deployed in Kosovo; information for spouses during deployment times; ACS Holiday Extravaganza; and volunteering for the ACS Lending Closet.

Retiree Volunteer of the Year Jerry Hook

Jerry Nook is all about the chapel. A retiree, Hook has provided about 2,350 hours of volunteer hours during 2004, and is already busy squirreling away his hours for 2005.

"His enthusiasm and spirit or selfless service embody the true meaning of volunteerism, and we truly thank him for his service to so many people," said nominator Capt. Michael Curtis.

"I do most of my volunteering at the chapel. I can reach across APG from there," Hook said.

One area that Hook particularly enjoys volunteering with is the Coffee Grounds.

The Coffee Grounds is a place where students can get away from their drill sergeants and studies for a while, and have a free soda, free pizza and movies on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Nook's wife, Sandy, was also a nominee for a Family Member Award.

Civilian Volunteer of the Year Lawrence E. Oswald

Nominating Lawrence E. Oswald for the Civilian Volunteer of the Year award was easy, said Mark Schlein, because there are so many ways he gave of his time to help others.

Seconding Oswald's nomination was Nadeau, who called his "achievements in volunteering his services to the APG Edgewood Area ... nothing short of phenomenal."

"I totally agree with his nomi-

nator [Mark Schlein] when he states that in 2004 Oswald's most notable project was the modification of a baby crib for an expectant mother who was wheelchair restricted. A project such as this near and dear to all our hearts as we realize that his time and talents were used not only to help a fellow human being but also to help a new mother care for her newborn child," Nadeau said.

The new mother, Rose Hambleton, a Cecil County resident, and her new baby are doing fine.

Oswald, who works at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, spent more than 50 hours working on this project alone.

Youth Volunteer of the Year: Abby Burnett

Clearly, the chapel attracts volunteers and Abby Burnett, 16, is no exception. Also nominated by Michael Curtis, she is the third chapel volunteer of the evening to receive an APG Volunteer of the Year award for more than 425 volunteer hours of service in 2004 while still in high school.

"Burnett is a shining example of volunteerism," Curtis said. "She is able to recognize needs and communicate hope to those who are hurting. She looks for ways to help others and does so with gusto."

Burnett lives at APG with her parents and sister Sarah, 19.

Each of the five winners received a \$250 savings bond, plaques, a parking pass, Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation, plus a Morale, Welfare and Recreation goodie bag.

All nominees received a certificate of participation.

Luncheon

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tion's service members of the year. This year's honorees included

Sgt. Raul Villalobos, APG NCO of the Year; Pfc. Victor Robledo, APG Soldier of the Year; Sgt. Aaron J. Enns, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment NCO of the Year; Sgt. Jesse C. Williams, USMC Detachment Instructor of the Year; Tech. Sgt. Rudy E. Rohrbaugh, U.S. Air Force Detachment NCO of the Year and Staff Sgt. William G. Goodwin, USAF Detachment Instructor of the Year.

In addition, the council honored two local veterans, Thurman Ellis a World War II survivor of the Battle of the Bulge and Bronze Star recipient, and James Smith a recipient of three Bronze Star medals and one Silver Star for actions in the European, African and Middle Eastern theaters of operation during World War II.

Nadeau said it was "a distinct honor" to accept the council's salutations.

"This is a recognition of who we are and what we do," Nadeau said.

"APG is a great place to be," he said. "It plays an incredibly vital role in the U.S. Army and to the U.S. government. This community will remain one of the centers of the universe for testing and research in chemical and biological and other areas.

"When you discuss a state of affairs here, we are on the leading edge of change," he added, "and the community shares in that."

"This is a community of force," Nadeau said. "You make my job easier. I don't know how it can get much better."

Guests included Maryland Army National Guard Col. Alberto Jimenez, representing Governor Robert Ehrlich; Robert Hooper, Maryland House of Delegates; James Harkins, Harford County Executive; representatives of Maryland congressmen Dutch Ruppersberger and Wayne Gilchrest; Aberdeen Mayor Doug Wilson; David Carey, Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners; County Council President Robert Wagner and member Dion Guthrie.



Channel 21 features Pentagon channel programming

Monday

Studio Five, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
American Veteran, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 11 a.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
Around the Services, 5:30pm

Tuesday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
Your Corps, 10:30 a.m.
Studio Five, 11 a.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 p.m. and 8pm
Studio Five, 7 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
Navy/Marine Corps News, 11 a.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.

Friday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
Studio Five, 7 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.

Saturday

Around the Services, 5:30 a.m.
AFN News Europe, 6:30 a.m.
Battleground, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Studio 5, 8 a.m.
Your Corps, 1:30 p.m.
Opportunity Showcase, 3 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 5:30 p.m.
American Veteran, 6:30 p.m.
Studio Five, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Army Newswatch, 5:30 a.m., noon and 4:30 p.m.
Battleground, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Freedom Journal Iraq/Air Force Prime Time, 10:30 a.m.

Your Corps, 11 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News, 3 p.m.
Army Newswatch - Bi-weekly report on the men and women of the Army

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

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

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

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

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

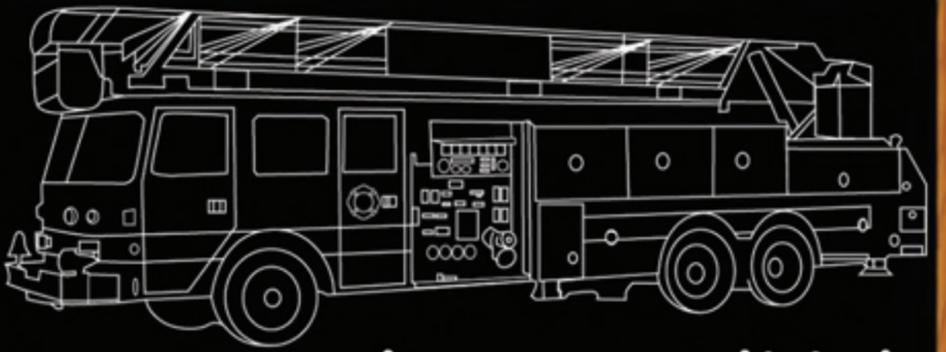
Opportunity Showcase - A monthly program dealing with a variety of subjects that benefit small business owners, transitioning military members and other subjects of opportunity-produced by the United States Air Force

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

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

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

PLAYING WITH FIRE?



New FCC junior paramedics say 'No'

FCC

Family Child Care providers, children and their parents were given a close-up and personal tour of the Aberdeen Proving Ground fire stations May 17 and 19.

Children from the APG Family Child Care Program visited both fire stations on post where they were allowed access to fire trucks, the dispatch area, an ambulance and even experienced spraying water from the 'big hose.'



Fire house tour guides included Edgewood fire protection inspectors Erik Peterson, Gary Tudor, John Williamson and Thomas Stanford.

Douglas Farrington, Aberdeen fire inspector, gave a presentation and demonstration.

"For a child to see a fireman with all his equipment on can be scary," Farrington said.

"I believe this will help children

to understand [and not be afraid of the man in the mask] should a fire emergency occur," said Pam Bridges, an FCC provider.

"The [children] all thought the hats were neat," said Callie Doran, FCC provider.

Maelie Barcena commented that the "coat is too heavy" after Peterson put the coat on DJ Joosten.

Additional demonstrations included an aerial ladder extended to four stories from the top of the fire truck; how to transport a person out of a fire; and how the water is used to extinguish a fire.

Inside the station, the children were able to see where the firemen ate, slept and how phone calls come into the station and get dispatched.

Tonia Joosten, FCC provider, said she bets that out of this group of children we will get a least one firefighter when they grow up.

One child already has plans.

"I want to be a paramedic and a firefighter," Maelie Barcena, 4 years, said.

"The fireman did an excellent job of showing us how they keep the community safe," said Adriane Fletcher, an FCC provider.

Following their field trip, everyone received fire hats, junior paramedic stickers, coloring books and rulers.

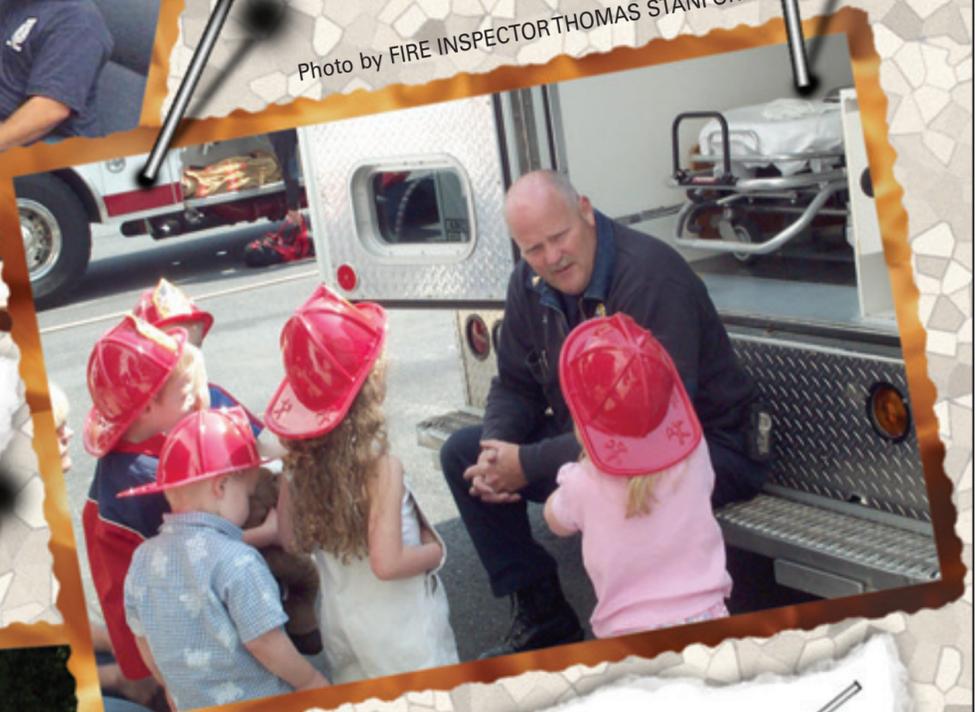
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APG Dispatcher Glen Wihelm explains to Family Child Care youths how a call is received and dispatched at the fire station. From left, Noah Barcena, Julieanna Kallehen and Bruce, Maelie Ishmael Dah.

Photo by FIRE INSPECTOR THOMAS STANFORD



From left, Noah Bruce, DJ Joosten, Maelie Barcena and Julieanna Kallehen listen as APG paramedic John Williamson explains what a paramedic does and the ambulance equipment.

APG Firefighter Erik Peterson lends a hand to Maelie Barcena, Julieanna Kallehen, DJ Joosten, and Mathias Hale during the 'big hose' hands-on demonstration during the youths' visit to the firestation.



Photo by FIRE INSPECTOR THOMAS STANFORD



ASAP

For the next few weeks a number of substance abuse issues relating to youth will be addressed. These statistics provide an overview of youth substance abuse issues.

According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse:

- About 10.4 million Americans between the age of 12 and 20 had at least one drink last month. Of these 6.8 million were "binge" drinkers (consuming five or more drinks in a row on a single occasion) including 2.1 million heavy drinkers (consuming five or more drinks on the same occasion on at least five different days).

- Eighty percent of high school seniors have used alcohol. In comparison, 62 percent have smoked cigarettes; 49 percent have used marijuana; and 9 percent have used cocaine.

- Problems with alcohol or other drugs at an early age are an

indicator of future alcohol or drug abuse or addiction. People who begin drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop alcoholism than those who begin at 21.

- Experimenters typically start using alcohol around the age of 13; marijuana around 14.

- Eighty percent of teenagers don't know that a 12 ounce can of beer has the same amount of alcohol as a shot of whiskey. Similarly, 55 percent don't know that a 5 ounce glass of wine and a 12 ounce can of beer have the same amount of alcohol

- The highest rates of illicit drug use are found among youth ages 18 to 20 (between 20 percent and 21 percent), with marijuana the most commonly used illicit drug.

According to Health and Human Services:

- Alcohol and other drugs are the leading causes of death and injury (e.g., motor-vehicle crashes, homicides and suicides) among teenagers and young adults.

- Among teenagers who binge drink, 39 percent say they drink alone; 58 percent drink when they are upset; and 30 percent drink when they are bored.

- Junior/middle and senior high school students drink 35 percent of all wine coolers sold in the United States. They also consume 1.1 billion cans of beer. Teenagers whose parents talk to them regularly about the dangers of drugs are 42 percent less likely to use drugs than those whose parents don't, yet only 1 in 4 teens reports having these conversations.

Look for the next installment of youth substance abuse issues in the June 2 APG News. For more information, contact Cindy Scott, 410-278-3784, e-mail her at Cynthia.Scott1@usag.apg.army.mil, visit the APG ASAP at www.apg-intra.apg.army.mil/apg/asap/, or stop by building 2477 to speak with a member of the ASAP staff.

Preventing credit card fraud

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Would you notice or ignore a \$30 charge on your credit or debit card statement? The next time you get your statements you may want to take a closer look at the charges. You may have dozens of legitimate charges and hidden among them may be a charge for \$29.99 from Pluto Data or some other company. This is the new wave of credit card fraud.

The old way to commit credit card fraud was for the perpetrator to get an account number and charge as much as possible before the rightful owner of the card caught on. Credit card companies now have much more sophisticated programs to detect this type of activity and notify you immediately.

The new way to commit fraud seems to be for the perpetrators to get lots of credit card numbers and make one small charge on each account. The assumption is that one small charge, when mixed with other legitimate charges, won't be noticed or, if noticed,

will be ignored.

Recently there have been several reports of this type of fraud affecting the government purchase card. Some cardholders have had unauthorized charges from Pluto Data for \$29.99 and/or \$39.99 on their statements. An 888-phone number accompanies the charge. When called, all the cardholders got was a busy signal. Not being able to reach the vendor, the cardholders did the right thing by immediately calling the bank and reporting the charge to the fraud department.

Research has indicated that the phone number listed was an answering service contracted by Pluto Data and those who have called the number and were able to get through were informed that the charge was for a DVD or CD – that the consumer had not ordered. The answering service has reportedly dropped Pluto Data as a customer.

[Credit card owners] are urged to carefully check not only their Government Purchase Card accounts, but also personal accounts for any

unusual charges from this company or any other unrecognized companies. If such a charge is found, call the bank immediately and tell them to remove the charge and cancel the card for possible fraud. The bank will issue a new card to the customer.

"The importance of reviewing 100 percent of all transactions displayed on the monthly billing statement cannot be over-stated," said Diane Schneider, ACA. "Failure to do so may result in the billing official certifying an erroneous GPC payment thereby rendering the billing official pecuniary liable for the improper payment.

"Billing officials must ensure card holder transactions meet the legal requirements for authorized purchases made with the GPC, that adequate documentation is available for individual transactions, and the facts presented in documents for payment are complete and accurate.

"Remember, the billing official is the first line of defense against GPC fraud, waste and abuse," Schneider

said.

There may also be a small charge for anywhere from one cent to one dollar - the perpetrator is testing to see if the account is active - if the small charge goes through it may be followed by a larger charge within hours or days.

Steps to prevent credit card fraud include not giving out credit card number online unless the site is secure and known to be legitimate, never give a card number over the phone unless you initiated the

call and can verify the vendor and never allow anyone else to make charges with your card.

For more tips on avoiding credit card fraud, visit www.ifc-cfbi.gov - and click on "Fraud Tips." The FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center produce this Web site and it contains information on various types of fraud.

Individuals should report any fraudulent activity to the bank (use the 800 number on the back of the card) as soon as it occurs.

If the suspected fraud involves the GPC, also contact Schneider, commercial 410-278-0848 or DSN 298-0848 or Dennis Bolen, commercial 410-278-08049 or DSN 298-0849, at the APG Directorate of Contracting, Business Management Branch, as soon as possible.

(Editor's note: Author Laurie Packard, who works in ITECA-W Division, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., gave permission to reprint article with localization.)

Chaplain

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music and is well organized," Jagielski said.

"I'm convinced that we have to speak to youngsters more differently than we have been," he added. "I'm not sure what the reason is for the lack of faith today other than a lack of TLC [tender loving care]."

He said that at this time he is not considering any major changes to the current chapel operation.

"I'll be looking at the whole program but I don't anticipate any changes," he said, "I'm not an advocate of a lot of changes."

Jagielski said that he'd like parishioners

and other members of the community to know he is approachable.

"I look for the positive things in people," Jagielski said. "Life is so full of negatives."

He also walks four miles a day, loves traveling, recently tried golf but gave it up, and is interested in world events, governments and situations.

"Most people call me 'Chaplain J' or 'Father J' because they find the Polish name overwhelming, so if anyone has trouble with it, I don't mind," he smiled. "It doesn't bother me a bit."

"Have a good day," he said, "And know that God loves us all."

Award

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Table" soup kitchen, and the adoption of three local families during the holiday season. The center provided the families more than \$3,000 in gifts and donations.

"Though we help the entire Army preserve readiness through sound environmental stewardship, we are rooted in Harford County," said Col. Tony R. Francis, USAEC commander. "Our people look for ways we can play a role in the community, and over the years we have developed some good relationships. This award reflects the efforts of many people, both within and outside of USAEC."

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

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

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

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

Special compensation to Purple Heart recipients

The Combat Military Medically Retired Veteran's Fairness Act of 2004 (HR 4637) authorizes the payment of special compensation to members of the armed forces retired due to disability with less than 20 years of active service who were awarded the Purple Heart.

The act states that such payments shall be made without regard to special rules applicable to other disability retirees, which require offsetting reductions.

To learn more about HR 4637, visit <http://vote.military.com/military/issues/bills/?bill=6778421>.