

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for the Veterans Day holiday is: Nov. 22, paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### NAF open season closes tomorrow

The Nonappropriated Funds Open Season runs through Nov. 18.

Long Term Care may be elected during this Open Season without evidence of insurability.

This is a one-time opportunity. It will never be offered again in future Open Seasons.

Additional information may be accessed at [www.NAFBENEFITS.com](http://www.NAFBENEFITS.com).

All changes must be processed before close of business Nov. 18.

To make an appointment to make changes to benefit elections or for answers to questions, call NAF Human Resources, 410-278-8992/8994.

### TRICARE briefing tonight

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., Nov. 17, 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, unmarried 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.

### Final Health Fair today

The Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season will run through Dec. 12.

The final 2005 Health Fair is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 17, at the Edgewood Recreation Center, building E-4140. Plan representatives will be available to answer questions.

Changes become effective Jan. 8, 2006.

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## Remembering those who served



Photo by Rebecca J. Chisholm  
In a bayside ceremony Perry Point VA Medical Center commemorated Veterans Day by dropping a wreath from a helicopter into the Chesapeake Bay at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. A color guard from Aberdeen Proving Ground's 16th Ordnance Battalion presented the colors. After the ceremony residents of the center were treated to a USO show featuring some of APG's finest performers. A full story will appear in next week's APG News.

## AMSAA hears Korean War stories

Rebecca J. Chisholm  
APG News

A member of the "greatest generation" entertained and enlightened U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity employees with stories of his youth, Army service and the Korean War Nov. 9.

AMSAA's first Veterans Day program focused on the Iran Hostage Crisis. The speaker was Dr. Paul M. Needham Jr., who, starting in 1979, spent 444 days between life and death in an Iranian prison.

"Dr. Needham spoke eloquently of his harrowing experiences and of his will to survive," said Bill Fisher, opera-

tions research analyst at AMSAA.

Last year AMSAA focused on World War II. Staff Sgt. Ralph Kelly, 101st Airborne, offered a description of his experiences during the war.

"His experiences on D-Day parachuting into enemy territory and the liberation of a Nazi concentration camp clearly articulate that his generation had truly saved the world from evil," said Fisher.

Kelly was also the keynote speaker for AMSAA's 60th Anniversary Commemoration of D-Day, June 4, 1994. The plaque and oak tree planted to honor these heroes can be found today near the Ordnance Museum main entrance.

This, the third annual Veterans Day Commemoration conducted by AMSAA, covered the life and career of Arthur "Dub" W. Garrett, a retired Lt. Col. and current military operations research analyst at AMSAA who spoke about his long Army career, spanning six decades. He is a member of the "Greatest Generation," as penned by Tom Brokaw in his 2001 book by the same title, referring to those born between 1911 and 1921, approximately. This was the generation that gave birth to the "Baby Boomers," who fought injustice and the Vietnam War, after many of their parents fought in World War II and the Korean War.

Born and raised in the hills of Kentucky, Garrett enlisted in the Army at age 15 by lying to the recruiters and falsifying a bible record of his birth.

"Everyone always said that it was when they joined the Army that Kentucky boys got their first pair of shoes," said Garrett. "That's not true, we had shoes and I got to wear them on Thursdays."

After taking a Greyhound bus to Louisville, Ky., Garrett headed to the induction station. Because he lacked a driver's license, Garrett could not

be in the Army's motor pool, as his aptitude test recommended, so he joined the infantry, the first days of which he spent at Fort Meade in Maryland.

"I have never wanted to leave a place as much as that," he said.

On his first day, Garrett broke the nose of another recruit and was sent to jail. From there he was sent to Fort Breckenridge, Ky.

"It was like 4-H Camp, but a lot better. We got to shoot a

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## DoD, OPM announce new Human Resource System

DoD

The Department of Defense and the Office of Personnel Management announced the submission of final regulations for the National Security Personnel System to the Federal Register Oct. 26.

The final regulations define the rules for implementing a new human resources system that will affect about 700,000 DoD civilian employees regarding pay and classification, performance management, hiring, workforce shaping, disciplinary matters, appeals procedures and labor-management relations.

"To transform the way DoD achieves its mission, it must transform the way it leads and manages its people who develop, acquire, and maintain our nation's defense capability," said Gordon R. England, acting deputy secretary of Defense, who also serves as the DoD senior executive for NSPS. "Our civilian workforce is critical to the department's success and NSPS

will provide a modern, flexible system to better support them."

NSPS will improve the way DoD hires, assigns, compensates and rewards its employees, while preserving the core merit principles, veterans' preference and important employee protections and benefits of the current system.

The regulations are the result of a broad-based effort that included input from DoD employees, supervisors, managers, senior leaders, union representatives, Congress and public interest groups. As a result of input received from the DoD unions as well as more than 58,000 public comments, DoD and OPM leadership have made a number of changes to the proposed regulations.

"Preserving the fundamental rights of our employees was a critical factor throughout the design process," said England. "We believe the regulations strike a balance between employee

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## Roye-Williams teachers get hands-on Army experience

Story and photo by  
Khaalid Walls  
OC&S

Sixty-seven educators and staff members from Aberdeen's Roye-Williams Elementary School descended on the Aberdeen Proving Ground 16th Ordnance Battalion Nov. 4 as part of the school partnership program between Roye-Williams and the 16th.

Their mission was, in the words of the school's principal, Sue Osborn, "to learn about the military world our children come from."

Osborn said that approximately 85 percent of Roye-Williams' 600 pupils have some affiliation with the military. Many parents are either active duty military personnel or civilian employees. And she said programs like this go a long way to "give us a better perspective of the military."

Osborn noted how the enthusiasm of the teachers mirrored a classroom of eager students.

"They're here having a good time," she said.

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Staff Sgt. Anthony Manske, right, leads the group of Roye-Williams teachers in a cadence from the dining facility Nov. 4 as part of the 16th Ordnance Battalion's school partnership program with the county school system.

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### Do: Observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.
- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.
- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.
  - Unusual phone calls, messages or e-mails.
  - Unusual contacts, on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

### Do not:

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.
  - Discuss military capabilities or limitations.
- Discuss force protection measures, capabilities or posture.
- Disclose any information related to unit deployments.

Report any suspicious activity immediately to the APG Police:  
Aberdeen, 410-306-2222, 4-2222  
Edgewood, 410-436-2222, 5-2222

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

Your call may save lives.

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

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change plans must contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian at 1-877-276-9287, or visit [www.abc.army.mil](http://www.abc.army.mil).

### APG News unveils redesigned Web site

Customers are invited to visit the newly designed APG News Web site. Besides a totally new look, added features include a Site Map, an index of articles, links to Web sites and newsletters for organizations on APG, weather and more. Prior existing links such as the Photo Gallery and History of APG News have been enhanced.

Visit [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil).

In a few weeks there will be a readership survey requesting visiting online readers to critique the *APG News*. There will also be a survey in the newspaper.

To contact the editor, call 410-278-1150 or e-mail [editor@apg.army.mil](mailto:editor@apg.army.mil).

### Veterinary clinic closings, reduced hours

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will be closed Nov. 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving, and Nov. 30 for inventory.

In December, the clinic will be closed Dec. 19, 23 and 26 due to staffing shortage and the Christmas break, and Dec. 30 for inventory.

Reduced hours next month are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Dec. 20, 22, 27 and 29 and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 21 and 28.

For more information, contact the VTF at 410-278-3911/4604.

### PWOC begins 'Operation Christmas Child'

PWOC invites the APG community to participate in 'Operation Christmas Child.

Anyone wishing to donate a shoebox gift can drop it off at the chapel by Nov. 19.

For more information, call

Theresa Salgado, 410-297-6618.

### ID facilities closed Nov. 21

The military and civilian ID card facilities will be closed Nov. 21 due to an upgrade to the DEERS/RAPIDS computer system. Individuals should plan ahead if they have an ID card that is close to expiring date.

This closure will not affect the vehicle registration or the secured area badging operations within the civilian ID card facility.

### KUSAHC closed Nov. 24, 25

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will also be closed Nov. 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday and Nov. 25 as a training holiday.

### Commissary posts upcoming holiday hours

To help customers prepare for Thanksgiving, the Commissary will be open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Nov. 21.

The Commissary will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25. All other days will have normal shopping hours.

During the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Commissary will be open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Dec. 19 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 24. The Commissary will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 and Jan. 1 and 2.

### Chapel presents, Sex, Love, and Relationships for youths

Today's youth are rarely told the whole truth about the consequences of sexual activity, experimentation and permissiveness.

Pam Stenzel will give a presentation on sex, love and relationships, 6:15 to 8 p.m., each Sunday through Dec. 11, at the Aberdeen Chapel.

This four-part video program will mince no words in

showing how pervasive sexual permissiveness is in society. The program has helped thousands avoid the disastrous consequences of unwise choices.

The material is for all youths grades five through high school. All youths must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Single Soldiers and parents are also invited to attend.

Registration is optional, but is appreciated.

For more information or to register, call the Main Post Chapel, 410-278-4333.

### Sign-up for Christmas Gift Wrap Program

Plans are underway for the 2005 Christmas Gift Wrap Program sponsored by AAFES and coordinated by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator. All APG Family Readiness groups, APG registered private organizations and APG volunteer activities are eligible to participate and should designate a representative.

Organization/activities interested in participating must contact Sarah Staats, 410-278-2464, by Nov. 14 with the name and phone number of a representative.

All representatives must attend a mandatory meeting 11 a.m., Nov. 16 at building 2754, Army Community Service. During the meeting representatives will draw for the dates and times for their organization to work the gift-wrap booth.

AAFES will provide the wrapping paper, gift boxes, and an area to wrap at the main PX.

Organization/activities will be responsible for the labor, tape, scissors, bows, etc. Packages are wrapped for donations only.

Gift-wrapping starts Thanksgiving day and runs through Christmas Eve.

To register an organization, call Staats, 410-278-2464 or e-mail [sarah.staats@apg.army.mil](mailto:sarah.staats@apg.army.mil).

### Thrift Shop donates to community

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG NEWS

The APG Thrift Shop completed its annual donations to charitable organizations. This year's funds went to the Perry Point Veterans holiday gift fund; calling cards for service members in Iraq; the Army Community Service Christmas baskets; Army Emergency Relief; Kids and Chemistry; the Boy Scouts; Deployed Soldiers and families fund; and the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine children's Christmas party.

"Our primary role is to support the APG community," said Thrift Shop manager Barbara Layton. "That is what we are all about."

# Community Notes

**FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 18  
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit VFW Post 8185 will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10 for all paper cards. Food, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. No smoking is allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Kathy, 410-378-3594, or VFW Post 8185, 410-642-9297.

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 19  
FEATHERED FRIENDS  
BIRD FEEDER WORK-  
SHOP**

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is sponsoring a program called Feathered Friends Bird Feeder Workshop 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 8 through adult (8 through 12 with an adult). The fee is \$10.

Participants will build a bird feeder to attract birds to their yards in winter.

Reservations are required and space is limited.

For more information, directions, or to make a reservation, call the center, 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000 x1688.

**'WHO CARES WHERE'S  
WALDO. WHERE AM  
I?!'**

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is sponsoring a program called "Who Cares Where's Waldo. Where Am I?!," 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 10 to adult. The fee is \$5.

Participants will learn about maps and compasses while putting math and science to work. This program is great for scouts, adventurers and the Lost Patrol. Scouts can

apply credits earned toward earning their B.S.A. Orienteering Merit Badge.

Reservations are required and space is limited. For more information, directions, or to make a reservation, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000 x1688.

**TWIG WREATH WORK-  
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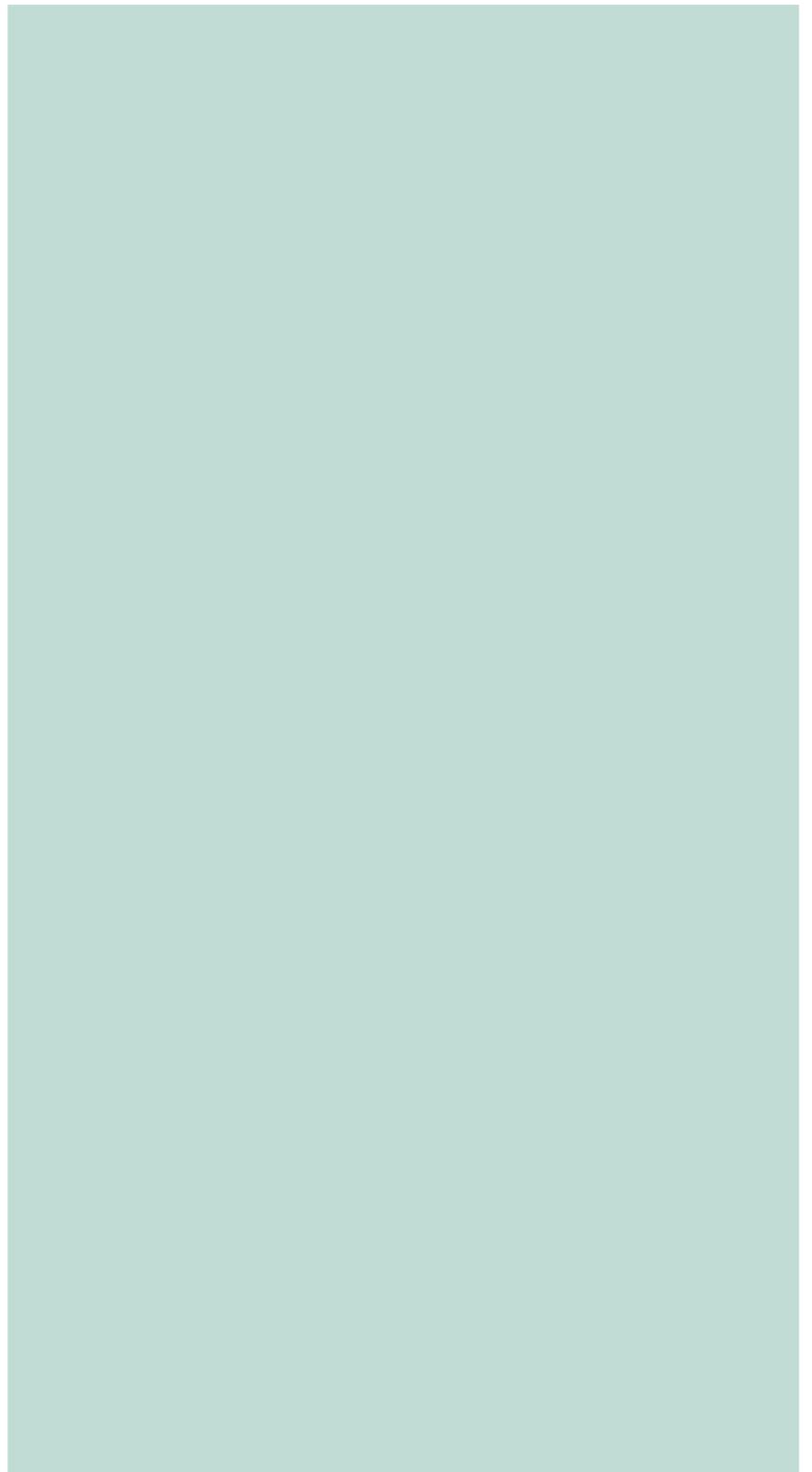
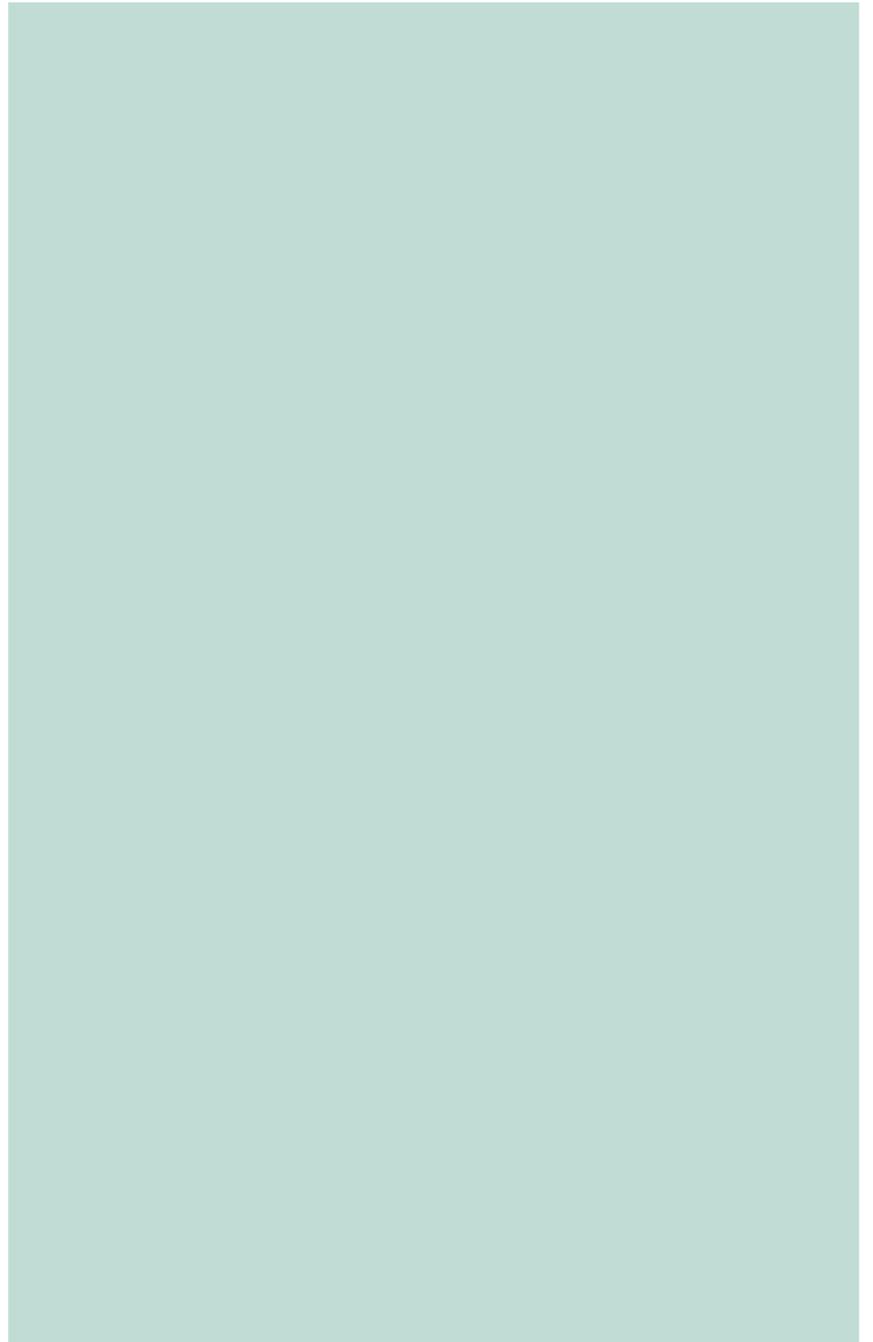
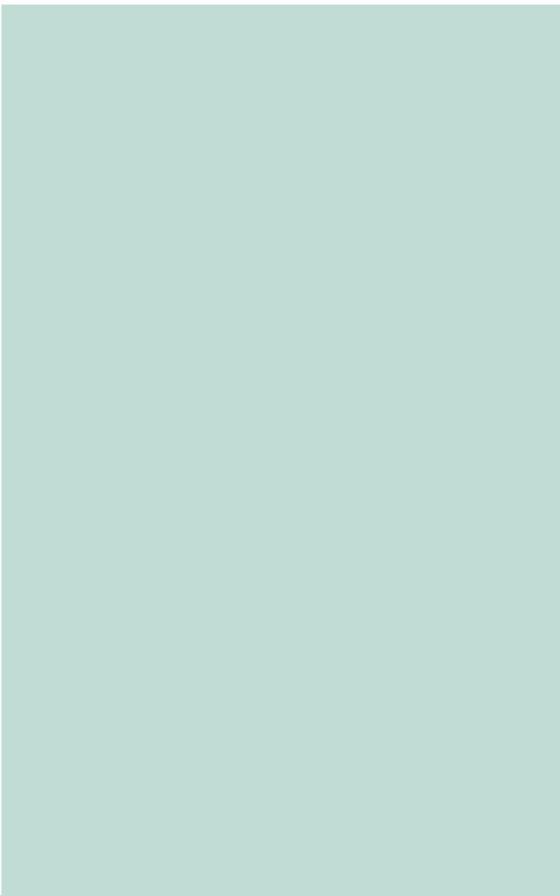
The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is sponsoring a pro-

gram called Twig Wreath Workshop, 2 to 4:30 p.m., for ages 13 to adult. Create a

unique decoration while enjoying hot cocoa, cookies and great company. The fee

is \$15. For more information, call the Center at 410-612-1688.

<b>MOVIES</b>	
<b>ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75 Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard</b>	
<b>To verify listing, call 410-272-9008, or visit www.aafes.com and click on "Movie Listing."</b>	
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<b>TWO FOR THE MONEY</b>	Saturday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.	<b>LORD OF WAR</b>
<b>INTO THE BLUE (FREE ADMISSION)</b>	Saturday, Nov. 19, 9 p.m.



# Veterans' voices

## Daycare center honors veterans

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

The Family and Children Services of Central Maryland Adult Day Services center held its first open house on Veterans Day to honor the 21 veterans who regularly use its services.

The center provides door-to-door transportation, breakfast, lunch and a snack and activities conducted by health care professionals for Harford County seniors.

Harford County veterans can use the center twice weekly at no charge, courtesy of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs.

Karen Conkel, director of adult day services, hosted the event.

She said the colorful stories told by many of the veterans in attendance were the program's highlight.

"Their stories are priceless," Conkel said. "And let's not forget the [service members] overseas who have yet to share theirs," she added. "Let's keep them all in our thoughts and prayers."

Local and state legislators attended the gathering to learn more about Adult Day Services as well as to express their appreciation to Maryland veterans.

State Senator J. Robert Hooper thanked Conkel for inviting him before presenting the center's veterans with certificates of appreciation from the Maryland legislature.

"You don't know how much it means to the rest of us to be able to say thank you," Hooper said. "If not for you we would not have the freedoms we have today. We cannot thank you enough."

"They gave me the luxury to argue policy and debate in Annapolis," added Maryland delegate Susan K. McComas. "We'll never know what would have been if they hadn't stepped up."

Other attendees included delegate Joanne Parrott and Helen Ryan, representing delegate Sheryl Davis Kohl.

"We're always happy to be among those who have given so much in the name of freedom," Ryan said.

The center's activity coordinator Chrissy Sentman-Smith, said the first open house included a morning cookout, and cake and punch for their veteran friends.

"This is all about celebrating what they did for our country," she said.

A veteran of the 101st Airborne Division who served from 1956 to 1958, Joseph L. Hoke of Kingsville said he celebrates Veterans Day every year and was happy to do it at the center this year.

"My father was a chief warrant officer in the Navy during World War II," Hoke said. "It's important to me being a veteran and because both my parents are buried in Arlington."

World War II era veteran Herb Jenkins of Churchville served as an Air Force flight instructor during the war years.

"I enjoyed it because I was doing what I like to do," Jenkins said.

He said that he attends activities at the center two days a week.

"I love it here," he said. "It keeps me active and gets me out of the house."

The Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland Adult Day Services center is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. one Saturday a month.

For more information, contact Conkel at 410-838-3222 or e-mail her at [kconkel@fcsmd.org](mailto:kconkel@fcsmd.org) or visit Web site [www.fcsmd.org](http://www.fcsmd.org).



Senator J. Robert Hooper, right, presents a Certificate of Appreciation from the Maryland legislature to Harford County veteran Paul Yanney during the Veterans Day open house at the Family and Children Services of Central Maryland Adult Day Services Center Nov. 11.

### AMSAA

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lot more," Garrett said.

Once he finished training, Garrett was sent to Korea. One of his many memorable experiences there included his first leave experience in Japan.

"Picture it, a 16 year-old country boy, \$200 in his pocket, spending a week in the biggest red light district in the world without parental supervision," Garret said. "I'll leave it at that."

As a 16-year-old squad leader, Garrett fought at the battle of Porkchop Hill, one of the last and bloodiest battles of the war. He described how he captured an enemy soldier in hand-to-hand combat while losing some teeth in the process.

The Korean War lasted from June 25, 1951 to July 27, 1953. It is one of the lesser discussed wars in United States History, though one of the deadliest, with 36940 men killed, 103264 wounded, 7000 prisoners of war and 8000 Soldiers still missing.



Arthur "Dub" W. Garrett, speaker at U.S. Army Materiel System Analysis Activity's Veterans Day commemoration Nov. 9, relates his Korean War experiences to the AMSAA staff.

This first major conflict of the cold war barely gets noticed in the history books, unlike World War II or any other war that the United States marks as a win.

"The Korean War is important for the U.S., as we were the first to take up arms against evils of communism," Garrett said.

"In conducting these events, AMSAA's primary intent is to honor the veterans who we owe so dearly," said Fisher. "To achieve this goal, the speakers are asked to reflect on their personal experiences so others may have a glimpse into what was endured in order to accomplish the mission—the preservation of our liberties and freedoms."

### NSPS

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interests and DoD's need to accomplish its mission effectively and to respond swiftly to ever-changing national security threats."

The implementation plan for NSPS includes a multi-year schedule. The Labor Relations System will be implemented for all bargaining unit employees shortly after the enabling regulations are in effect. The Human Resources System and the appeals process will be phased in once implementing issuances are in place and training is underway.

Spiral One of the transition to NSPS, comprising approximately 270,000 employees, will be phased in over the next year. Spiral 1.1 organizations, with about 65,000 employees, should transition employees to new performance standards beginning in early 2006. These organizations will fully convert to NSPS after employees receive the January 2006 general pay increase and within grade buy-ins. As a result, no employees will lose pay upon conversion to NSPS.

Spiral 1.2 organizations will begin operating under the Human Resources and appeals system in spring

2006, with Spiral 1.3 conversions occurring later in the year.

Subsequently, the rest of the eligible DoD civilian workforce will be incrementally phase-in, making necessary adjustments to NSPS as it goes forward.

"Moving forward, implementing the regulations will require a great deal of training and communications with employees to get this right" said Office of Personnel Management Director Linda Springer. "OPM stands ready to provide the support and technical assistance needed to ensure the success of the NSPS system."

Communication is critical to the NSPS transition, and DoD has made a serious commitment to ensure employees receive the information and training they need throughout implementation of the program. In addition to the NSPS Web sites, DoD plans a robust training program on all elements of the new system.

Sue Cassidy, of Aberdeen Proving Ground's Civilian Personnel Advisory Center said that one of the best ways to prepare for implementation of the NSPS is thru Core Competency Training.

"This training further develops the skills and competencies which are essential to transition to and thrive in the new NSPS environment."

Cassidy said.

Four core NSPS competencies have been identified: the ability to deal with change, skill in interpersonal communications, the ability (for managers and supervisors) to coach and counsel employees and the ability to achieve results and/or manage performance.

Two sources of core competency training are available as Web-based courses through the Army Knowledge Online e-Learning program and as classroom training presented onsite at installations and activities by training vendors. The courses are not mandatory, but are highly recommended for managers, supervisors and employees to assist in core competency development.

Any Army employee may register for these free online courses under Army e-Learning. Instructions for registering for these courses are available at <http://www.chra.army.mil/nsps-training/index.htm>. Click on "Army e-Learning Instructions." The recommended Web-based courses are grouped under Army NSPS Core Competency Training is the Army e-Learning catalog.

The final NSPS regulations can be downloaded from the NSPS Web site, <http://www.cpmis.osd.mil/nsps>.

### Roye-Williams

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The tour

The day began with a stop by the Tactical Support Equipment Department, where the teachers observed advanced individual training Soldiers training on various welding techniques.

After leaving TSED, they marched in cadence to the dining facility.

"It's like a whole different world," said 1st grade teacher Justin Fye, who was particularly impressed with the way Soldiers are trained to be skilled in both technical applications as well as battlefield acumen.

"They have to know a lot,"

he said.

As part of the tour, the educators participated in weapons handling during their stop at the Virtual Combat Training Center. Teachers tested their aim on the Laser Marksmanship Training System, which is a computer-based program that simulates weapons training events and leads to live-fire qualifications for individual and crew served weapons.

The marksmanship demonstration was a highlight for Ron Stump, who teaches physical education.

"It's great to get the hands-on experience of seeing what these men and women do on a daily basis," he said.

The teachers were then led in a tour of the Ordnance Museum by museum director

and leading military historian Dr. Jack Atwater.

Atwater was a crowd favorite. He engaged the group with little known military facts and a historical perspective of military weaponry.

The visit concluded with a tour of the confidence course, after which each teacher was given a meal ready to eat and an Army sports bottle.

"This visit and visits like this are a key part of our ongoing effort to connect with the community and keep them abreast of what their Army is doing," said 16th Commander Lt. Col. Richard Parker. "It's always rewarding to cultivate our interdependent relationship with the county."

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# Supporting military heroes through CFC

**Lisa Mack**  
CFC Chairperson

With the passing of Veterans' Day it's not too late for employees to show their support for the brave men and women of the armed forces and their families through the Combined Federal Campaign.

Donations can be made to the organizations that provide financial assistance to college-bound students, physical therapy and aid to family members of men and women serving or who have served in the armed forces.

A description of each organization can be located in the 2005 Contributor's Guide.

## CFC military organizations

7582 Army Community Service, 410-278-2500, [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil)

3093 Fort Meade Army Community Service, 301-677-4808, [www.ftmeade.army.mil/acs.htm](http://www.ftmeade.army.mil/acs.htm)

7673 Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation, 703-838-1020, [www.pentagonfoundation.org](http://www.pentagonfoundation.org)

2100 Military Veterans and

## World War II MIA identified

*DoD*

The remains of three U.S. servicemen, missing in action since 1941, have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

They are Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Augustus J. Allen of Myrtle Springs, Texas; Staff Sgt. James D. Cartwright of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Cpl. Paul R. Stubbs of Haverhill, Mass.

On June 8, 1941, Allen, Cartwright and Stubbs departed France Field, Panama, in an O-47A aircraft, en route to Rio Hato, Panama. When the aircraft failed to arrive at its destination, a search was initiated by both air and ground forces, but with negative results.

In April 1999, a Panamanian citizen reported to Panamanian Civil Aeronautics he had discovered aircraft wreckage while hunting in the mountains of Panama Province, Republic of Panama.

After a PCA search and rescue team visited the site, the wreckage was reported to the Joint Prisoner of War Accounting Command. JPAC specialists surveyed the area in

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Patriotic Service Organizations of America, 800-626-6526, [www.pvpsoa.org](http://www.pvpsoa.org)

2103 American Defense Institute, 703-519-7000, [www.ojc.org](http://www.ojc.org)

2104 Air Warrior Courage Foundation, 540-442-7782, [www.airwarriorcourage.org](http://www.airwarriorcourage.org)

2152 AMVETS Charities, 800-810-7148, [www.amvets.org](http://www.amvets.org)

2157 Armed Forces Family Survivors Fund, 800-340-HERO, [www.fallenheroes-fund.org](http://www.fallenheroes-fund.org)

2136 Armed Forces Foundation, 212-957-7020

2139 Armed Forces Veterans Homes Foundation, 800-638-0594, [www.vethomes-foundation.org](http://www.vethomes-foundation.org)

2107 Blinded American Veterans Foundation, 8090-

242-0161, [www.bavf.org](http://www.bavf.org)

2117 Fisher House Foundation, 888-294-8560, [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)

2109 Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project, 913-432-1214, [www.veteransvoices.org](http://www.veteransvoices.org)

2118 Military Chaplains Association of the USA, 703-533-5890, [www.mca-usa.org](http://www.mca-usa.org)

2113 National Military Family Association, 800-260-0218, [www.nmfa.org](http://www.nmfa.org)

2154 Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation, 816-756-3390, [www.vfw.org/foundation](http://www.vfw.org/foundation)

2161 Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, 800-222-2294, [www.womensmemorial.org](http://www.womensmemorial.org)

2142 Young Marines, 202-889-8745, [www.young-marines.com](http://www.young-marines.com)

The 2005 Contributor's Guide for national/internation-

al organizations is at Web site <http://www.cfccmd.org>. Paper copies of the guide and pledge cards are available from each organization key worker or at the APG CFC Office.

For more information, visit the APG CFC Office at building 4302, or call Mary Cheek, 410-306-1625/1626.

# MARTIN MUSEUM

## displays APG aircraft

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

In the early 1990s, a project to acquire and preserve military aircraft for the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum located at Martin State Airport in Middle River resulted in the rescue of several aircraft from the ballistic test areas of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"The museum was founded in 1990 with the purpose of promoting, preserving

and documenting aviation and space history in Maryland," said curator Gene DiGennaro Jr.

"In the early 90s we began looking at planes in the ballistics area that had been used for testing," he said.

Rick Grote, chief system engineer of the Experimentation Branch, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, led the team of APG personnel who assisted in the acquisition of the artifacts. They included Bill Keithley, former senior technician and facility manager; the late Walt Thompson, engineer; and John Fitch, a contract technician who coordinated moves involving the Air National Guard.

"It was a long process," Grote said. "You can't just turn military equipment over. The aircraft had to be demilitarized so they could not be reused for other purposes, and then we had to get approval up the chain."

The process often required them to contact the Air Force museum since many of the items were Air Force assets, he added.

He said that the time consuming process included "quite a bit of documentation that had to be submitted."

"They have to show that they are a legitimate museum and understand that they are required to maintain the items," Grote said, adding that the activity recently began using the Army Donation Program to turn assets over.

"It basically controls how we supply them with things we no longer need," he said.

The planes included World War II era B-29s and two British B-57s (RV57A), which had been built by Martin for the Air Force.

"We wanted one but they wanted us to take both of them so we did," DiGennaro said.

He said that all the aircraft recovered belonged to the Army Ballistics Research Lab which came under the former U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command.

"They were all in high weeds or swampy areas and full of cannon or bullet holes," he said.

Coordinating the movement of the aircraft took "some doing" as the museum personnel and others assisting in the moves were only allowed in the area one Saturday a month for only four hours at a time. Depending on the range activity, a couple of months would go by when no action could be taken. It took about 10 years to recover 10 aircraft, DiGennaro said.

"Some were airlifted by the Air National Guard and others we drove right

up Route 40 in the middle of the night with Maryland Transportation Authority police officers escorting us all the way.

"Even before the actual moves a lot had to be coordinated," he added.

Evaluators had to be let in to determine how the aircraft could be lifted, then recovery teams had to be assembled, dates that all parties would be available to participate had to be coordinated, aircraft or flatbeds had to be assigned, and the MTA had to be included on every move.

"It was time consuming and sometimes a huge headache, but it was also a labor of love," DiGennaro said.

"Some aircraft had to have the wings removed and transported separately," he added.

The museum's airplane restoration committee calls for all aircraft to be restored and preserved as much as possible until a new facility is built that will get them inside out of the weather. The primary focus for the 11 planes on hand is rust prevention.

Situated on the tarmac near the museum, the 11 planes include an F-105 that was used in Vietnam, a U.S. Air Force "Thunderflash" reconnaissance fighter that was used in the 1950s, an F-4 Phantom supersonic fighter, also used in Vietnam, and an F-101 "Voo-Doo," which had been "sitting in weeds since the 60s."

All were recovered from APG and have been repainted with their original markings.

The museum includes a huge display of artifacts detailing Maryland aviation history that includes a tribute to Maryland astronauts and a pictorial history of the Martin aircraft before and since the merger that created the Lockheed Martin Corporation.

### Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum

Located at 701 Wilson Point Road at Martin State Airport in Middle River, the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum is free and open to the public.

The museum's purpose is to maintain an educational institution dedicated to the promotion, preservation, and documentation of aviation and space history in Maryland.

Operated by dedicated volunteers, the museum is active in the cultural life of surrounding communities and has begun to extend its activities state-wide.

The museum is certified by the U.S. Navy and the Army; Air Force certification is being pursued.

All funds required for the acquisition, restoration, maintenance, and display of museum material are derived from individual and corporate donations.

On display are many items of Maryland historical significance; industrial models of aircraft and rockets, wind tunnel models, restored and partly restored aircraft, and many original photographs outlining the growth of the Martin Company and its people.

An effort has been made to chronologically depict this growth from its beginnings in Santa Ana, Calif., to its current standing as the Lockheed Martin Corporation.

The museum also spotlights aviation history in the state of Maryland. Unknown to most, our country's earliest manned flight took place right here in Maryland.

The museum's educational efforts seek to inspire visitors - particularly young people - with the story of technological change and its origins in individuals, organizations, and previous technologies, plus its effects on the lives and futures of individuals and communities.

The museum is open Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Group tours by schools, veterans organizations and others can be arranged by calling the museum at 410-682-6122, or FAX 410-682-8699.

For more information, visit Web site, [www.marylandaviation-museum.org](http://www.marylandaviation-museum.org).



A U.S. Air Force F-101 "Voo-Doo" twin-engine fighter, recovered from Aberdeen Proving Ground in the mid-1990s, is shown being towed out of the installation then set in place by members of the Maryland Air National Guard for display at the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum at Martin State Airport.



A U.S. Air Force T-33 Trainer is delivered by Chinook helicopter to the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum.



An F-105 "Thunderchief" bomber, heavily used in Vietnam, is lifted to a flatbed truck on Aberdeen Proving Ground for transport to the museum.

*"It was time consuming and sometimes a huge headache, but it was also a labor of love."*  
-Gene DiGennaro Jr.  
Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum



A McDonnell Douglas F-4C Phantom Supersonic fighter used in Vietnam is one of several aircraft recovered from APG now on display at the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum.



A U.S. Air Force RF-84F "Thunderflash" reconnaissance fighter jet was delivered from APG by helicopter.



The Maryland Air National Guard also assisted in transporting this U.S. Navy A-7 Corsair Attack Bomber from APG to the museum.



The U.S. Air Force T-33 Trainer "T-Bird" recovered from APG, used primarily during the 50s to train pilots for combat missions, is still popular today in private use.



# Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## Outdoor Recreation readies for ski season

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

The staff of the MWR Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center encourages customers to come in now to get fitted for skis and boots for the upcoming ski season.

The ERC is a one-stop shop for all skiing needs.

Located in building 2407 behind the Post Exchange, the center not only rents skis and snowboards, but the staff can also wax, edge, and do P-Tex repairs on personal skis and snowboards.

"Because it can take more than an hour to size a family of four in boots, skis and other equipment," Adam Barnard, ERC manager, said, "if folks come in now, they can eliminate that wait and go straight to the slopes."

Recreation assistant Shannon Wright added that

along with skis, snowboards and boot rentals, the center's other equipment remains available for rentals.

"Camping is popular thru Thanksgiving so we have sleeping bags, lanterns and pop-up tents ready and available," Wright said.

Winter sporting equipment available for rental from the ERC includes cross country and downhill skis, snowboards, snow tubes, sleds for youths and ski bibs.

Wayne Doyel, Outdoor Recreation Program manager, said that all Department of Defense ID card holders are eligible to use not only this but all MWR facilities on post.

"Many who work on post do not realize that they are authorized," Doyel said.

For more information, call 410-278-4124/5789 or visit the MWR Web site, [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

## ERC recognized for award winning program

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Outdoor Recreation Program has been awarded the Army's 2005 "Best Outdoor Recreation Program" award for medium sized installations.

Wayne Doyel, Outdoor Recreation Program manager, said the award was the direct result of the marinas, stables and skeet activities, the MWR programmers who offered fun trips, life skill classes and adventure outings, and employees who operate the pools, amusement park and the Equipment Resource Center.

"They all worked hard and put in many hours to bring APG a program for the installation to enjoy because they all care," Doyel said.

"A great big thanks to all of the patrons of our MWR facilities and programs."

## SKIESUnlimited program comes to APG

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Child and Youth Services has introduced a ground breaking program that provides instructional programming for youths ages 4 weeks to in high school graduation.

SKIESUnlimited includes a School of Sports, a School of Arts, a School of Life Skills and a School of Academic Skills, said Sarah Behl, instructional program specialist.

"SKIES" stands for "Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills," she added.

"Army installations are standing up these programs to benefit youths at all levels. It's a wonderful program that broadens horizons by offering life skills, and exposure to sports and fitness. Children can only benefit from these opportunities."

Classes currently offered at the Aberdeen and Edgewood youth centers include babysitting, dance, driver's education, Web site and digital video courses, and music appreciation and first aid for infants and children.

In addition, a Street Smart Forum detailing what youths need to know about spotting gang activity and avoiding gangs is scheduled for 7 p.m., Nov. 22, at Aberdeen.

Behl said the SKIESUnlimited program is seeking instructors and volunteers.

"We encourage anyone with skills that may be of use to our children to come in and volunteer," she said.

Instructors are needed for math and reading, foreign language, piano, guitar, journalism, public speaking, financial management, arts and crafts, sports, computer design, and SAT/ACT preparation. CYS offers a free training program for instructors. A background clearance is required.

For more information, or to become an instructor or volunteer, contact Behl at 410-278-4589 or e-mail her at [sarah.behl@apg.army.mil](mailto:sarah.behl@apg.army.mil)

## SKIESUnlimited

Educational research confirms that students involved in out-of-school instructional programs benefit at all levels.

Young people spend as much as 80 percent of their time outside the classroom. When involved in instructional programs during the critical hours of 3 to 8 p.m., they are less likely to engage in undesirable behavior.

Through the SKIESUnlimited program, children and youths in CYS will have equal access to opportunities to expand their knowledge, be inspired, explore and acquire skills.

SKIESUnlimited instructional programs foster the development of critical life, leadership and social skills.

## SKIESUnlimited classes currently being offered

*Digital Photography Showdown*, Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Dec. 13 to Jan. 17, Edgewood Youth Center, \$24, register by Dec. 6. To register, call 410-278-7479/7571.

*Scratch Building Your own Personal Web Site*, Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Dec. 15 to Jan. 19, Edgewood Youth Center, Register by Dec. 8, \$24. To register, call 410-278-7479/7571.

*Drivers' education fall special*, Edgewood, building E4811, 6 to 9:15 p.m., Nov. 28 to Dec. 9, register by Nov. 23.

Aberdeen, building 5467, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m., Dec. 12 to 23, register by Dec. 7.

Students age 15 to 18 may attend to complete 30 hours of classroom and six hours of road instruction. Students must have a Learners Permit. Parents, guardians or mentors must attend the first class. Cost is \$260 plus \$18 registration fee if not already enrolled in CYS program.

To register call 410-278-7479/7571.

*Digital video course*, Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Dec. 14 to Jan. 18, Edgewood Youth Center, \$24.

For more information on classes, call Mercedes Ashby, 410-278-4589.

## Equipment Resource Center

Let MWR tune your skis and boards this year. Don't Own? We rent too!

It is time for ski/snowboard services for personal equipment.

Hot Waxing \$10  
Hot wax and edging \$15  
Waxing, edging, and base p-tex repairing \$20

For more information, please contact Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center at 410-278-4124/5789, or by e-mail [outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil), or visit our website [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

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repair package.

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## Activities

### Registration

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

### Daytona Race specials

Three specials are being offered for race weekend, Feb. 16 through 19 in Daytona. The last day to purchase tickets is Dec. 16.

**GREAT AMERICAN RACE WEEKEND** is a two-day package including one ticket for both the Daytona 500 and Hershey's Kissables 300 Busch races for \$103.28 per person (regularly \$162).

The seats are located on the superstretch in Allison, Lund or turn 2 sections.

**ALL AMERICAN OFFER** includes one seat for the Daytona 500 and one Daytona 500 hat for \$102.25 per person (regularly \$132).

The seats are located on the superstretch in Allison, Lund or turn 2 sections.

**NEXTEL FANZONE PASS** for the Daytona 500 race only costs \$75 per person (regularly \$90).

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit MWR Registration, Tickets, & Leisure Travel, building 3326, call 410-278-4907/4011 or e-mail [mwr\\_registration@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil).

### MWR Leisure Travel Holiday Open House

Visit the MWR Leisure Travel Holiday Open House, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 30, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326.

Receive five percent off of every cruise that is booked – good only when booked the day of the Open House. Restrictions apply.

Holiday specials include movie tickets, buy nine and get one free; White House ornaments and Support Our Troops ornaments; 2006 Baltimore Entertainment books and passes to the local movie theaters.

Holiday treats and refreshments will be available.

Appointment for cruise bookings are recommended but not required.

### Fall special at Ruggles

Ruggles Golf Course offers nine holes with a cart and a bucket of range balls, starting at noon on Mondays through Fridays for \$18.50.

The special lasts through Nov. 30 and does not include holidays.

For more information, call Dave Correll, 410-278-4794.

### Radio City Christmas spectacular

Travel to New York City to see the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes.

Tickets for performances on Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10 and 17 cost

\$121. After the show, there will be time for holiday shopping.

### Passport to Manhood

Passport to manhood, a program designed for young men, ages 9 to 16, will be held 6:30 to 8 p.m., on Thursdays.

All young men are welcome to come and learn about their future as men.

Each class will feature a guest speaker.

Parents are invited to come and share this experience with their children.

The designated meeting date and time will be established pursuant to the availability and time of the parents.

Annual CYS memberships cost \$18 per child or \$40 per family.

### Drivers Education

State certified driver's education is available through CYS to youths 15 years or older of military, retired military, DoD civilians and APG contractors.

Classes are 5:30 to 8:45 p.m., Oct. 12-25 in building 5476. Saturday classes are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Nov. 5-Dec. 3 in building E-4811, and Nov. 5-Dec. 3 in building 5467.

Cost is \$295 per session and an \$18 annual central enrollment fee.

Register in building 2752 on Rodman Road.

Call 410-278-7479 or 7571 for an appointment or more information.

## SCHOOL LIAISON

### NASA Space Camp applications being accepted

Applications are being accepted for the 2006 Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial Space Camp scholarship. Children of an active duty military parent enrolled in grades six through nine are eligible to apply. The scholarship is funded by the military Child Education Coalition.

Full tuition includes meals, lodging, program materials and transportation from the student's home base to nearest Space Camp.

The deadline for completed applications is April 1, 2006.

For more information or to apply for the scholarship, call Ivan Mehoskey, 410-278-2857, or visit Web site <http://www.militarychild.org/SpaceCamp.asp>.

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

The APGMWR Library has films available on DVD, which depict many of the issues dealt with by American Soldiers both during combat and after returning home.

**Band of Brothers**, which is the most popular DVD in the collection, follows one unit from training through the end of World War II.

**Battleground** deals with a platoon of Soldiers during the Battle of the Bulge. (1949, Van Johnson, James Whitmore)

**The Best Years of Our Lives**, which won multiple Academy Awards, follows three World War II veterans who return to their hometown and try to reintegrate their lives into the world that isn't quite the same as the one they left behind. (1946, Frederic March, Dana Andrews)

**Born on the Fourth of July** is based on the life of Ron Kovic. The film follows him from a naïve recruit to an angry wheelchair-bound paraplegic to an active anti-war protestor. (1989, Tom Cruise)

**The Deer Hunter** is a powerful and vivid portrait of Middle America with three steel-working friends who leave home to face the trials of the Vietnam

War. (1978, Robert DeNiro, Christopher Walken)

**Twelve O'clock High** is a compelling dramatization of the strain of military command. (1949, Gregory Peck, Hugh Marlowe)

**To Hell and Back**. Audie Murphy plays himself in this account of the most decorated American Soldier of World War II. (1955)

**A Walk in the Sun** shows a group of Soldiers completing a mission during a morning in Italy in 1943, depicting the variety of civilians who made up the fighting force and exploring their fears, motivations and weaknesses. (1946, Dana Andrews, Richard Conte)

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

## New DIO director driven by vision

**Rebecca J. Chisholm**  
APG News

A former member of the Army Corps of Engineers, Dale Knieriemen came to Aberdeen Proving Ground to head up the Directorate of Installation Operations this past August.

After retiring from the Army at the rank of colonel after 26 years as an engineer officer, Knieriemen decided that retirement was not the life for him. So, he packed up his wife, Sunny, and dog, a cocker spaniel named Bear, and moved from Portland, Ore., to APG, in a state he'd never lived in.

Knieriemen enjoyed a long career in the Army, spending time in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, Germany, Korea, the Persian Gulf, Ft. Stewart, Ga., New Orleans, La., and finally three years in Portland as the deputy division commander there.

He served as the director of Public Works at Fort Leonard Wood and was an operations officer for a DPW in Germany, and found immense pleasure in those duties.

"I really enjoyed my experience as a DPW," Knieriemen said. "I like to know that at the end of the day, the organization I belong to has helped people, and that I do things on a daily basis for people. It's the important, mundane stuff."

In his six weeks here at APG, Knieriemen has found the DIO folks to be good, hardworking, strong and professionally capable people.

"They know what their business is and know how to do it," he said.

But, just having good workers is never enough.

"The other folks here are wonderful customers," Knieriemen added. "They

demand everything they can get. We have to stretch and be creative in developing solutions to meet their needs."

Knieriemen has a number of goals in mind to help meet the needs of the APG community. He wants to give stability and continuity to the DIO, as it has been through numerous changes and turmoil.

"I want the organization to think more long term than it has in the past," Knieriemen said. "I want to give the organization a vision of what the future ought to look like and be prepared to move to that direction and take advantage of opportunities that arise as we move down that path. This organization should be driven by vision, not by events."

Along with plans for the DIO, Knieriemen has plans for life here in Maryland.

"We look forward to being here for a long time," he said.

Knieriemen and his wife intend to buy a house in Bel Air.

One of the big issues Knieriemen found in his new position is one that most people find enjoyable.

"The biggest challenge in becoming a civilian is the question of 'What am I going to put on in the morning?' It's something I'm not used to doing on a daily basis," he said.

Even with all the difficulty in clothing and in the tasks that are ahead of him, Knieriemen plans to spend the next 10 to 15 years here, working to make the future better for DIO.

"I'm glad to be here, looking forward to doing this job and very much looking forward to getting to know the installation, the people and the state of Maryland," he said. "I'm going to have a good time here."

## Purchase card holders/billing officials responsibility prior to departure

ACA

When a Cardholder or Billing Official will be reassigned, separated from federal service or retiring, a written request must be submitted by their office chief to the APG Directorate of Contracting Agency/Organization Program Coordinator (A/OPC) no later than 30 days prior to their departure.

In extraordinary situations, when an unscheduled departure is less than 30 days, notification of the departure shall be made as soon as it is known.

The Cardholder shall stop all purchase activity no later than 30 days prior to their departure and ensure their account balance is paid in full prior to their job reassignment, separation or retirement. The Billing Official is responsible for destroying the card and notifying the A/OPC when the card or billing account has been paid in full. Termination of the Billing Official's account will also result in the

termination of all cardholder accounts assigned to the Billing Official.

The Civilian Personnel Clearance Form, EAP 1132 and DA Form 137-1R include the requirement for Billing Officials and Cardholders to obtain the signature of the A/OPC or the Alternate A/OPC prior to terminating post employment.

The APG DOC A/OPC and alternate are located in the Robert Morris Building at 4118 Susquehanna Avenue and are available from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday to sign clearance forms. However, to ensure availability, call Diane Schneider, 410-278-0848, or Dennis Bolen, 410-278-0849 for an appointment.

For additional information regarding the Government Purchase Card Program, visit the APG DOC Web site, <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/aca>.

## 'CSI: New York' turns TV spotlight on technology in use at ECBC

**Jennifer Gaskill**  
ECBC

The hit CBS show "CSI: New York" is featuring DART™, a revolutionary detection technology, on an upcoming episode titled "Dancing With the Fishes," which is expected to air Oct. 26 or soon thereafter.

Direct Analysis in Real Time, or DART™, is a uniquely sensitive machine designed to sniff out chemical agents, but also effective at detecting explosives and drugs.

A technical adviser for the TV show, who used to work as a crime scene analyst for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department calls the new machine "fascinating."

The story focuses on a woman who is found dead with some glass shards in her feet. The crime scene investigators are able to use the DART to figure out where the glass came from.

DART™ was developed by two scientists at JEOL USA that discovered a means of enabling direct detection of chemicals on surfaces, in liquids, and in gases without the need for sample

preparation. DART™ is unique in that samples are analyzed in open air, using no radioactive components, solvent sprays, exposed high voltage, or vacuum to alter the sample state. DART™ provides instantaneous detection for a wide variety of applications, from chemical warfare agents to environmental contaminants to explosives.

The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center is currently testing DART™ for its ability to detect chemical agent on surfaces and in water.

DART™ was recently selected by R&D Magazine and an independent judging panel as one of the 100 most technologically significant products introduced into the marketplace in 2005.



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DART™

## WWII Vet

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August 1999, and in February 2002 excavated the site where they recovered remains and crew-related artifacts.

The crash site was along Allen's suspected flight path, and the aircraft was consistent with O-47A aircraft from the 39th Observation Squadron, their assigned unit.

Additionally, the team recovered crew-related items at the site which helped confirm the identity of the airmen.

Scientists of JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Lab used mitochondrial DNA as one of the tools in the identification of the remains of Allen, Cartwright and Stubbs.

Of the 88,000 Americans missing in action from World War II,

the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, and Desert Storm, 78,000 are from World War II.

For additional information on the Department of Defense's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office Web site, <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo>, or call 703-699-1169.



Your health is KUSAHC's goal



# Commentary – KUSAHC begins weekly column



Photo courtesy of MEDCOM

**Lt. Col. William A. Rice**  
KUSAHC Commander

Thanks for taking a few moments to read the first installment of a weekly article dedicated to health issues important to TRICARE bene-

ficiaries enrolled to Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

Each week, readers can expect to see articles from various authors at KUSAHC ranging from health promotion to explanations of clinic policies. The intent is to provide customers with timely updates on issues that affect the health care received at Kirk.

These are busy and exciting times at Kirk. Here are some examples of what customers can expect in the near future:

- We are in the process of expanding our pharmacy at Aberdeen.
- We are increasing our capability to provide laboratory and pharmacy services to those patients enrolled at Edgewood.
- This winter, we will begin using an electronic medical

record that will make your health record available electronically from any Department of Defense medical facility in the world.

- We are ensuring that all of our beneficiaries can be immunized against influenza ahead of the usual influenza season.
- We are setting up group appointments for our enrolled diabetic patients so that they may receive all diabetes-specific preventive health care in one visit to the clinic, essentially combining three clinic visits into one and staying ahead of potential complications from diabetes.
- A telephonic reminder system will remind patients of upcoming appointments at Kirk.
- And, we have made TRICARE Online ([www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com)) more user-friendly and informative, allowing patients to use this Web site to schedule appointments online.

I would like to focus this first article on obtaining access to our healthcare services.

Since Kirk does not have an emergency room, call 911 for any medical emergencies.

For urgent care, call the KUSAHC Call Center, 410-278-5475, to request a same-day appointment. If the Call Center tells you that we have no same-day appointments available for urgent medical problems, you will be transferred to a triage nurse. If required, the triage nurse will facilitate an urgent referral, which will allow you to go to a specified civilian urgent care facility.

after hours or on weekends or holidays, call the Staff Duty NCO, 410-278-1725, who will take the necessary information to ensure a referral is input in the system.

If you are traveling and urgent care is needed, call 1-877-874-2273 (1-877-TRICARE). Patients should be aware that if you obtain medical care without an urgent care referral, you may incur out-of-pocket expenses.

Free refrigerator magnets are available at KUSAHC with the following information:

- Emergency: Call 911 (no emergency room at KUSAHC)
- Appointment Call Center: 410-278-5475 (410-278-KIRK)
- Call Center Toll Free: 1-866-756-5475 (1-866-756-KIRK)

- Urgent Care Referral After Hours, Weekends, and Holidays: 410-278-1725

- Urgent Care Referral While Traveling: 410-278-1725 or 1-877-874-2273 (1-877-TRICARE)

- Pharmacy Refill Line: 1-800-248-6337

We are striving to make your healthcare experience at Kirk effective, patient-centered, timely and safe. We are doing this by promoting efficiency in our clinic practices, thereby allowing you more direct time with your healthcare provider; by providing healthcare that is evidence-based; by focusing on preventive health services; and by striving to ensure that your healthcare needs are met in a kind and compassionate manner.

## Putting your best foot forward

KUSAHC Podiatry Clinic

"Take care of your feet and they will take care of you," is an expression heard by many. The Podiatry Clinic is open on Tuesdays, 1 to 4 p.m.

Cindy Casale, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, evaluates and treats a variety of maladies such as plantar fasciitis, neuroma, bursitis, tendonitis, sprains/strains, tinea pedis, onychomycosis, in-grown toenails, corns, calluses and plantar warts.

Casale performs other specific procedures such as nail debridement, removal of ingrown toenail, injections, debridement of wounds, wound care, conservative treatment of bunions and ham-

mertoes – padding and strapping, liquid nitrogen for plantar warts.

A referral from a Primary Care Manager will be necessary and patients can schedule an appointment through the Call Center at 410-278-5475 (KIRK).



[http://www.stepaheadfootcare.com/safc\\_podiatry.htm](http://www.stepaheadfootcare.com/safc_podiatry.htm)

## Preventing diabetes

**Lt. Col. Kathleen Wiltsie**  
KUSAHC

Is it possible to delay or even prevent Type II diabetes from ever developing? Yes, there is a lot people can do to know the risks associated with pre-diabetes and take action to prevent diabetes.

What is diabetes? A disorder marked by persistent thirst and excessive discharge of urine. It is sometimes caused by problems with the pituitary gland or there can be an insulin deficiency problem. There are two types. Type I is generally insulin dependent and Type II usually happens later in life.

### Pre-diabetes

Before people develop Type II diabetes, they almost always have "pre-dia-

betes" -- blood glucose levels that are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. There are 41 million people in the United States, ages 40 to 74, who have pre-diabetes.

### Diabetes risk

Checking blood sugar and making an appointment to assess for early signs of diabetes can help prevent complications from diabetes. Diabetes is more common in African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

### Preventing, delaying diabetes

Pre-diabetes is a serious medical condition that can be treated. The good news

is that the recently completed Diabetes Prevention Program study conclusively showed that people with pre-diabetes could prevent the development of Type II diabetes by making changes in their diet and increasing their level of physical activity.

Reduce the risks for diabetes by:

1. Keeping weight in control, or losing weight if overweight.
2. Staying active most days of the week.
3. Eating low fat meals high in fruits, vegetables and whole grain foods.

For more information, call 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (EST).

## Leave donation program benefits all employees

USAGAPG

As the leave year draws to an end, many employees find themselves with annual leave they are unable to use. The Voluntary Leave Transfer Program offers employees a means to transfer, or donate their leave to a fellow employee with medical emergencies. The deadline this year is Dec. 16.

"The Leave Donation Program benefits those employees that take advantage of it," said Ronda McKinney, program coordinator for the Garrison. "It helps employees that need the leave because of a personal medical emergency and it makes the donating employee feel good because they are lending a helping hand to a fellow employee in need."

Donations may be made to any qualified federal employees on the Leave Donations list printed every other week in the APG News.

"To be eligible for donations a federal

employee must have exhausted both their annual and sick leave balances in accordance with the program," McKinney said.

To donate to a local employee, the donor must complete the OPM 630-A Form, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, indicating the intended recipient and number of hours to be donated.

To donate to a federal employee from an outside agency, the donor must complete the OPM 630-B Form, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, indicating the intended recipient and number of hours to be donated.

Both of these forms should be submitted to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

"There are limitations," McKinney said.

By law, annual leave is the only leave allowable for transfer/donations (Title 5

Code of Federal Regulations, Part 630).

Leave donations are not tax deductible.

In a leave year, a leave donor may donate no more than a total of one-half of the amount of annual leave he or she would be entitled to accrue during the leave year, in which the donations is made.

"These limitations on donating leave can be waived if the donor is a family member of the recipient," she said.

If the donating employee is in the eight-hour leave category, the maximum that can be donated is 104 hours; in the six-hour category, 78 hours; and in the four-hour category, 52 hours.

Leave must be submitted by Dec. 16 to ensure timely processing.

Completed forms may be faxed to 410-278-7652.

For more information, call McKinney, 410-278-8988 or e-mail [ronda.mckinney@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:ronda.mckinney@usag.apg.army.mil).

## LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and

OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should call Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, or e-mail [rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil), to complete a termination form.

### Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Michele Amrhein	Susan Gorhan	Mary Pettitway
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)	Tess Ramos (total hip replacement)
Andrew Buchanan	Lydia Langley	Barbara Seker
Leroy Carter	Robyn Lee	Linda Shoaf
Barbara Cascio	Michael Lewis	Tomika Silver
Barbara Crossley	Wayne Kaiser	Alison Tichenor
Lola Daniels	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Gary Tudor (heart valve replacement)
Shelia Davison (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo)	Priscilla Kelly	Jerry Williams
Geraldine Eaton	William B. McLean (kidney failure)	Sharon Woods
Gregory Fox	Sandra Miller	Billie Wooten
Renee Gaffney		Gerard Yursis



# Army News - Enriching the military life

## DoD ads urge parent-to-kid talks about military

**Samantha Quigley**  
American Forces Press Service

The Department of Defense debuted a new joint, national awareness campaign Oct. 18 aimed at encouraging parents, and other influencers of youth, to be prepared for what can be a tough conversation, a defense official said.

The ads, part of DoD's Joint Advertising Market Research and Studies program, urge parents and educators to "make it a two-way conversation" when their children or students broach the subject of military service, Air Force Maj. René Stockwell, the program's chief of joint advertising, said. Parents can do this by brushing up on the military with the information found on the "Today's Military" Web site, [www.todaysmilitary.com](http://www.todaysmilitary.com).

"We find that the many parents are not informed about what the military is really about," Stockwell said. "They think that most people are going to serve in the war. They don't know about the unique jobs that we offer, the educational opportunities, or what it's like being part of something greater than yourself."

"That's the purpose of our campaign: to try to inform them and educate them about what the military is really about," Stockwell said.

Shot from the parents' point-of-view, the advertising campaign depicts a series of one-sided conversations between young adults considering military service and their parents. The children explain why military service is a good career option and are met with silence. A narrator then encourages the parent to "make it a two-way conversation" by broadening their

understanding of military service through the information found on the Today's Military Web site.

In addition to the information on the Today's Military Web site, four TV commercials hit the airwaves on national cable TV the same day. Advertisements can also be seen online, in magazine advertisements and in televised public service announcements.

While the target audience is anyone who is influential in a young person's life, one influence is usually greater than others, said Darlan Harris, communications manager for Mullen Advertising, which is handling the campaign.

"The decision to join the military is one that we believe is really an important one to make," Harris said. "The most responsible way to do that is to

involve the people in your life, and oftentimes parents are those that are most involved."

It all comes down to educating those who influence young people about the opportunities afforded by the military, Stockwell said.

"The more informed parents and influencers are about the military, the better prepared [they'll be] to have that informed discussion and encourage their children or their young people in their career choices," she said.

The program provides the military branches' active and reserve components with market research and analysis and advertising to create a receptive recruiting environment by promoting the value of military service to adult influencers.

## Army to fully fund Family Readiness Groups

**Tim Higgs**  
Army News Service

About \$43 billion has been earmarked this fiscal year for Army family programs, fully funding family readiness groups for the first time, said the Army's top personnel officer.

"We've been pushing this for years and it's gotten better and better every year," said Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck, deputy chief of staff, Army G-1, one of numerous speakers during a three-day family forum Oct. 3 through 5.

Hagenbeck said the Army is counting on families' feedback to help ensure the money is properly allocated.

### 'Support families in transformation'

Hagenbeck and other military leaders speaking at the family forum, part of the Association of United States Army's annual meeting, stressed the importance of supporting Soldiers and their families during the Army's transformation.

"Too often we focus exclusively on those of us wearing uniforms, but I will tell you that all of you in this room recognize full well that it's much, much more than that," Hagenbeck said. "We need in many instances to do a better job than we do today in recognizing all the families, spouses and supporting agencies that reside inside our Army and all their components."

### New Web sites support families

Col. Dennis Dingle, director of the Army's Human Resources Policy Directorate, oversees programs dealing

with alcohol and drug abuse, rest and recuperation leave, sexual assault, mentorship, redeployment and retirement, among others. He introduced Web sites that included: [www.army.mil/wellbeing](http://www.army.mil/wellbeing), [www.sexualassault.army.mil](http://www.sexualassault.army.mil) and [www.mentorship.army.mil](http://www.mentorship.army.mil), and others.

"There's so much to click on your wrist may grow tired," said Dingle, who stressed military families' needs to serve, live, connect and grow. "There are some great initiatives out there in the field that we're going to take advantage of in the coming fiscal year. We're going to take more some trips out to see what those programs and services are and get the feedback on those programs so that we know how to make them better."

### Only 10 percent seeking R&R reimbursement

Dingle said that about 40,000 Soldiers have used the Rest & Recuperation Leave Program, instituted in 2003, but only about 4,000 have sought reimbursement for air fares they purchased out-of-pocket.

"We want those [other] Soldiers to come in," he said. "We owe them the reimbursement."

Virtual family readiness groups online Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, commander of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, outlined how the multi-component family support network and virtual family readiness groups provide support and information to assist Soldiers and families before, during and after deployments.

Macdonald said surveys indicate that order.

Programs ship to domestic U.S. addresses and APO addresses. The sponsorship covers the regular purchase price of \$199 and the family pays only the shipping and handling.

The programs have a one-year license and are intended for the sole individual use of students on their personal home or laptop computer and are not intended for group or classroom instruction through the schools. Requests to receive the sponsored program can be placed on the Web site or over the phone.

### About Victory Sports Group

The Victory Sports Group represents NFL, NFL Europe, AFL and CFL football players. It is the sports agency section of the Enslin, Pinkston and Courtney, LLP law firm—an international, full-service sports agency/firm. Some of the football players that have contributed to this effort include Ahmaad Galloway, Scott Young, Garrick Jones, Corey Williams, Jon Bradley, Jason Radar, Dominique Dunbar, Brady Chavez, Kelly Johnson, Elgin Hicks, Kevin Breedlove and Tim Blackwell.

### About eKnowledge LLC

eKnowledge LLC provides online and CD-ROM e-learning products and services. The company specializes in the custom design of interactive programs utilizing rich media.

### About The SAT/ACT Power Prep CD-ROM Programs

The SAT/ACT test prep training programs each have two CD-ROMs that

87 percent of enlisted families have a computer in their home and 93 percent of officers' homes are computer-equipped, thus explaining the Army's creation of more and more Web sites to spread the wealth of its programs.

"You can't expect the industrial age of leaving personal lives at the fence," he said. "We did that for awhile and we had baby carriers on the bleachers during [physical training]... We've gotten smarter than that. You can't hire part of the person. ... And if you don't pay attention to all of that, the Department of Defense says, you don't retain that skilled, motivated, very functionally capable [Soldier]... We have a group of people that we can't afford to let go."

### Next phase: Operation Ready

Macdonald touched on refining Operation Ready, the next phase of Army Family Team Building, Family Readiness Groups, Military One Source and the Web site [www.MyArmyLifeToo.com](http://www.MyArmyLifeToo.com), among other programs provided by CFSC.

Everything discussed in the forum is designed to simplify life for Army families, he said.

"We want to make every Soldier and every family feel that they can do anything that they want to do," said Brig. Gen. Russell L. Frutiger, U.S. Army Europe's deputy assistant chief of staff, G-1, adding that the Army views deployment as a family affair. "It's just a totally new way of doing business."

(Editor's note: Tim Higgs writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.)

include more than 10 hours of training video and require approximately 40 hours of student participation. It can be used as a stand-alone complete course or as a supplement to other SAT/ACT prep materials. The students select the training they most need and can study at their own pace by picking which of the 120 video lessons they want to view. The program also provides progress tracking and much more.

Computer user can view a flyer that has been made to assist in the effort at [http://www.sat.eknowledge.com/information/00\\_SATACT\\_Flyer2Parents\\_Armed\\_Forces\\_v3.pdf](http://www.sat.eknowledge.com/information/00_SATACT_Flyer2Parents_Armed_Forces_v3.pdf).

### How to request the \$199 program

A military person visits one of the Web sites to confirm their military status through the secure Department of Defense main database. That Web site will then forward the person to the sponsorship order page where they can request the programs. The sponsorship will cover the \$199.99 cost for the program. The families pay only \$9.95 S/H.

For more information, call or e-mail Brandon Chatham, [bchatham@eknowledge.com](mailto:bchatham@eknowledge.com), 951-256-4076.

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## Employment Web site launched

More than 26,000 jobs available to military spouses

**Margaret McKenzie**  
CFSC

Military spouses have a better chance than ever of finding employment thanks to a partnership between the Community and Family Support Center and the U.S. Department of Labor.

CFSC's Army Spouse Employment Partnership launched an Army spouse jobs and resume Web site with the U.S. Department of Labor July 7.

More than 26,000 jobs are available to military spouses at [www.militaryspousejobsearch.org](http://www.militaryspousejobsearch.org). The site represents a significant expansion of military spouse employment opportunities while fulfilling corporate America's demand for skilled workers, said Teresita Rivera, manager of CFSC's Employment Readiness Program.

"This relationship [with the Department of Labor] allows spouses access not only to job opportunities through ASEP but also to job openings available in AJB, where thousands of employers search everyday," said Rivera.

Military Spouse Job Search is a database where spouses can build their resumes and research valuable information, Rivera said. Spouses can also access career tools, labor market information, career assessment, training and education opportunities, and information on colleges and technical schools.

The site also has a financial aid center for spouses considering going back to school and a relocation center for families considering a permanent move or temporary change of location.

To gain access to these free resources users should register at the Web site and follow instructions for creating accounts. Contact information for an Employment Readiness Program manager at each Army installation is available through the site should military spouses require additional help.

"It was easy to create an account," said Christine Jumper, an Army spouse who lives near Fort Lee, Va. "I had immediate access to the skills profiler which was great."

It is important that spouses identify themselves as military spouses when they register so that their resumes can be viewed by the ASEP partners, Rivera said.

"In the past many spouses hid the fact that they were military spouses because they felt employers saw them as short term employees, but not any more," Rivera said. "Now businesses are eager to hire Army spouses because they discovered they have a virtual gold-mine of very educated, highly motivated, well-trained employees who are very diverse and some of whom speak several languages."

The diversity of employable military spouses is an important factor for the corporations involved in the program, she added.

"These partners are looking for good talent and they know that they can find it on the MSJS Web site," Rivera said. "They also get first look at the resumes that are posted on the Web site by spouses."

"Spouses have access to ASEP partners, as well as other job opportunities through MSJS," Rivera added.

As a pre-requisite for access to Military Spouse Job Search, employers must be an inducted partner or accepted new partner in the Army Spouse Employment Partnership. All inducted ASEP partners sign a Statement of Support with the Army pledging their best efforts to increase employment opportunities and provide training for Army spouses.

Current inducted partners include Adecco USA, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Army Career Alumni Program, Army Civilian Personnel, BellSouth, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Computer Systems Corporation, CVS/pharmacy, Defense Commissary Agency, Dell Inc., EURPAC Service Inc., Hospital Corporation of America, Home Depot, Lockheed Martin, Manpower Inc., Merck & Company, Sears Holdings Corporation, and Sprint, Concentra Inc., Sun Trust Bank, and United Services Automobile Association.

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## Sports group sponsors millions to military families for training

<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil>

In association with The Department of Defense, eKnowledge LLC, or Limited Liability Companies, announced that a group of NFL, NFL Europe, AFL and CFL football players all represented through the Victory Sports Group Agency, has sponsored several million dollars worth of \$199 SAT and ACT test prep programs to every family in the U.S. military (all branches—active or retired) for the school year 2005-2006.

The sponsorship allows any military person (active or retired) to request as many programs as they need for the students in their lives. For example, a military uncle can use his military status to order a program(s) for the students in his extended family back home. Any military person can order a program to help any student in his or her life. To have access to the sponsorship the person placing the order must be military (active or retired).

The DoD has created a secure Web site to quickly confirm a person's military status. Personnel can access the confirmation and order pages through several military related associations and organizations, including: The DoD Web site [MilitaryStudent.org](http://MilitaryStudent.org) and Military Homefront Web site for families, [http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/portal/page?\\_pageid=73,46096&\\_dad=itc&\\_sc\\_hema=PORTAL&current\\_id=20.20.100.30.0.0.0.0](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/portal/page?_pageid=73,46096&_dad=itc&_sc_hema=PORTAL&current_id=20.20.100.30.0.0.0.0), The Military Child Education Collation, The Military Impacted Schools' Association, and The National Military Families Association all have access to confirm military status and process the

## 2006 'Scholarships for Military Children' applications available

**Bonnie Powell**  
DeCA

Money for college is "what's cooking" at 268 military commissaries worldwide as the Scholarships for Military Children program begins its sixth year of rewarding academic excellence. Applications are available at the Aberdeen Proving Ground commissary and must be returned to the commissary by close of business Feb. 22, according to store director, Tammy Spickler.

Since its inception in 2000, the program has awarded \$1,500 scholarships to nearly 2,500 military chil-

dren through the generosity of manufacturers and businesses that sell groceries in commissaries.

Last year the Aberdeen Proving Ground Commissary had two recipients of scholarships, Laura Soprano and Kelsey Kerney.

Applications, eligibility and other information for the 2006 SFMC program are also available online at <http://www.militaryscholar.org> or through a link at <http://www.commissaries.com>, the Defense Commissary Agency's customer Web site.

At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The application, which also includes an essay on why the applicant admires a great military leader (past or present), must be turned in at a commissary by close of business Feb. 22, either by mail or in person. FAX or e-mail applications are not accepted.

The program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23, if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military.

Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that

they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2006, or enrolled in a program of study designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

The DeCA operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers

the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of 30 or more percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices – savings worth about \$2,700 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.