

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 19, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags, and place them on the curb.

### Route 22 is open, 715 remains closed

The Harford Gate (Route 22) is now open and the Aberdeen Gate (APG Road) is closed to traffic. The Harford Gate is only for U.S. government ID card holders.

Trucks and visitors without government ID must continue to use the Maryland Gate (Maryland Route 715).

Construction continues on the Wise Road Gate (Route 755) which will be closed until construction is completed.

### Community Information Forum today

Army Community Service will host the Community Information Forum I to 3 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669.

### ACS holds AFTB Level 9 class

Army Family Team Building is holding a Level One Class 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Oct. 18 and 19 at Army Community Service, building 2754 Rodman Road.

Level One Classes are open to anyone in the APG community. The series of 10 classes taught by volunteers is designed to give basic information about the military and community resources.

For more information, call 410-278-2464/9669.

### MCRT holds quarterly meeting

APG Minority College Relations Team will hold its quarterly meeting 10 a.m., Oct. 19, in building 305 Conference Room.

Anyone interested in information about the team can send an e-mail to APG-MCRT@apg.army.mil.

### Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 22

Retiree Appreciation Day is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon, Oct. 22 in the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326. Lunch in the APG dining facility is planned for those attendees desiring to participate. A guest speaker

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# Fire prevention starts at the top

Story and photo by  
**Rebecca J. Chisholm**  
APG News

A morning of training at the firehouse on Oct. 5 culminated in the chance to fight fires like the pros for several members of Aberdeen Proving Ground's top brass.

Col. John T. Wright, Garrison and deputy installation commander, along with Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby and Tim McNamara, director of Safety, Health and Environment, met up with Fire Chief Edward Budnick and Fire Protection Inspector Doug Farrington to learn fire fighting techniques.

"I've been wanting to do this for a long time," McNamara said.

After inviting Wright to Community Awareness Day on Oct. 15, Farrington said, the colonel suggested that they get together to learn to fight fires.

"The colonel wanted to spend the day with us to see what it was really like," Farrington said.

McNamara and Irby also expressed interest, and it ended in a full day of firefighter training.

"Getting this type of first-hand experience was something Assistant Chief Don Collier and I had discussed often," said McNamara.

Beginning with the basics, they learned how to wear the uniform, a bulky coat and pants designed to withstand 1,000-degree temperatures for 35 seconds.

"It's a lot tougher than it appears, putting up with the gear and equipment and everything associated with it," said Wright.

Each rookie firefighter donned a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus that gives

them a half hour of oxygen. In the case of a downed firefighter, these nine-pound devices Personal Alert Safety System make a chirping sound when a firefighter is not moving, and a "full alarm" siren-type sound after an extended period of inactivity.

After learning how to use a thermal imaging camera, which can detect temperature changes to a half-degree, the firefighters boarded a waiting fire truck and headed out to the Northeast Regional Training Center where they put into action everything they learned from the training.

They began by extinguishing a fire on the first floor of a building. Assisted by several professional firefighters, Wright, Irby and McNamara manned the hose and thermal imaging camera to put out the fire and rescue a dummy.

"It was dark [in the building]," Irby said.

"Unless you've been in a house on fire, and let's hope you never have, it's amazing how quickly you lose visibility," McNamara said. "Knowing that smoke is also toxic, it reinforces what we've all learned since our very first fire drill...get out quickly and safely."

Next, the crew fought a flammable gas fire. This was done by pumping propane-type gas from a cylinder into a piping tree prop. The goal was to cool the fire, but not extinguish it, as the gas is invisible when not inflamed, and then turn off the valve to end the gas supply.

Finally, the team used several types of "Jaws of Life" equipment to perform vehicle extrication and save a baby [doll].

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The fire crew advances a hose-line on a propane gas flange fire.

# October is Energy Awareness Month

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

All federal facilities are asked to celebrate Energy Awareness Month with the theme "Not In Use? Turn Off the Juice!"

This theme reinforces the messages of the Department of Energy's Smart Energy Choices awareness campaign.

All users of federal installations/buildings/facilities are asked to assist in making efforts to reduce energy consumption by switching off unnecessary lights; unplugging equipment that drains energy when not in use; using efficient ENERGY STAR PRODUCTS; and walking, biking, or taking public transportation to work.

"Federal leadership is critical in reducing energy consumption and facilitating energy development, while simultaneously protecting the environment and conserving our natural resource legacy for future generations," said Rick Kahn, program manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Management Program.

As required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, all federal agencies must reduce their energy consumption per gross square foot in federal building two percent annually beginning in fiscal year 2006.

"This new requirement builds on a long history of calling on the federal government to lead by example in smart energy management," Khan said. "We ask all government employees to embrace this call to conserve."

### Additional ways

### to conserve

Turn off all lights, PCs, printers and copiers when away from the office for any length of time and at the end of the day.

Turn up the thermostat on window air conditioners during the day and turn them off upon leaving the office at the end of the day.

Make better use of shared printers in the office.

Reduce the amount of paper printing and increase the use of electronic media.

Use double-sided copying and printing if available.

Limit the number of microwaves and refrigerators in the office.

Limit travel to only that which is essential.

Use video conference capabilities.

Use conference call capabilities.

Take mass transportation whenever possible.

Use stairs rather than elevators when feasible.

Refrain from the use of automatic door openers unless essential.

(Editor's note: Directorate of Installation Operations personnel contributed to the article.)

## The Pride of Baltimore II -- Final CFC painting offered

CFC Staff

The Pride of Baltimore II is this year's choice for another memorable and final CFC painting by artist Chris White. Pride II was commissioned in 1988 as a memorial to the original Pride of Baltimore that sank in 1986.

Both ships were built as replicas of the 1812-era topsail schooners that helped win the War of 1812.

Since being commissioned, Pride II has sailed nearly 200,000 miles, and visited over 200 ports in 40 countries.

In 2000 she captured first place in her class in a Transatlantic Tall Ship race while on her fourth trip to Europe.

Gold and Gold Plus level donors will receive a signed, numbered print. Gold Plus level donors receive a 16-by-20-inch matted and framed painting and Gold level donors will receive an 8 inch-by-11-inch matted and framed print.

### 2005 CFC raffle

As donations are turned in, each donor's name will be entered into a drawing for the opportunity to win one of six large and small prints from 2004 titled "Annapolis - College Creek," also created by Chris White.

To be eligible, donors should submit a pledge card including name, telephone number, and organization on the back of the tear strip. Tear strips are removed and used for drawing entries. All campaign contributors are invited to enter.

The 2005 Contributor's Guide for national/international organizations is at Web site <http://www.cfcmd.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 Lisa Mack or Mary Cheek, 410-306-1625/1626.



Courtesy of CHRIS WHITE, ARTIST

## Retiree day set for Oct. 22

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Military Retiree Council will sponsor Retiree Appreciation Day 8 a.m., Oct. 22, at the Post Recreation Center in building 3326.

Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, will deliver a presentation on the status of the base realignment and closure program and its effect on Harford County communities, and the Military Officers Association of America is providing a guest speaker.

"The program will follow the very successful programs we have held in past years," said retired Col. Charles Shadle, council president.

The day begins at 8 a.m.

with coffee and pastries and displays by the APG Federal Credit Union, the Social Security and Veterans administrations, and other organizations, as well as a presentation on the Veterans History Project by a representative from Congressman Wayne Gilchrest's office.

Other participants include representatives from the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security and the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own).

In addition, a panel representing various staff elements on the installation, like the Commissary, Post Exchange and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, will take questions from the audience.

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# Army opens Advanced Chemistry Laboratory

**Jennifer Gaskill**  
ECBC

A facility where defense research with super-toxic chemical warfare agent will be conducted opened Oct. 7 with a dedication ceremony at the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center located on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Installation leaders and state and local officials gathered to dedicate the Advanced Chemistry Laboratory to Dr. Edward J. Poziomek, a former ECBC scientist.

Senator Paul S. Sarbanes presented the Poziomek family with a U.S. flag that had been flown over the Capitol in commemoration of their father's legacy of published and patented chemical agent research that foreshadows the work that will occur in the ACL.

"Dr. Poziomek was a former ECBC chemist whose dedication to science and commitment to sharing expertise helped position the center as a principal research and development organization," said Dr. Raymond Mackay, director of Research and Technology at ECBC. "He was a mentor, friend and inspiration to everyone."

"The dedication of the ACL marks a major milestone of a new era of cutting-edge science and technology development," said Jim Zarzycki, ECBC technical director. "More now than ever, we are prepared to fulfill our mission of preparing our Warfighter and domestic emergency responders to counter the terrible threat of weapons of mass destruction."

"The cost of \$46M for the facility will benefit the nation by increas-

ing the ability for ECBC to better counter the evolving threat of chemical warfare and the use of chemical agents by terrorists," stated Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. "With our nation at war, up-tempo readiness is of our highest concern."

The ACL houses over 20 individual labs specializing in the research of physical properties, decontamination sciences, filtration, mid-spectrum agents, synthesis, and nuclear magnetic resonance.

"I am excited about the new facility in that it will logistically allow us to work closer with scientists just down the hall in a variety of fields that contribute to my research," said ECBC chemist, Dr. Terrence D'Onofrio.

D'Onofrio is studying how chemical agent contamination affects various common surfaces, including asphalt, soil and concrete, in order to develop more accurate detection, protection and decontamination technologies.

"The ACL is a completely unique facility designed for working with the world's most super toxic compounds," Zarzycki said. "The ACL moves U.S. defense capabilities a giant step forward. In addition to supporting ECBC's Warfighter mission, the ACL allows ECBC to continue to serve the homeland security community as well as all federal agencies including the intelligence community, FBI, Department of Justice and the Department of State."



Photo by MICHAEL MATEJEVICH  
D. Edward J. Poziomek memorial plaque.

# Job Fair offers wide range of career opportunities

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

More than 300 jobseekers, including cadets from the Maryland Army National Guard's Freestate Challenge Academy, attended the 17th Annual Harford County Job Fair at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood Sept. 30.

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Army Community Service, led by Marilyn Howard, Employment Readiness Program, co-sponsors the event.

This year, in addition to assisting jobseekers, Howard conducted site visits to some of the potential employers prior to the fair.

"This is so I'll know what kind of organization I'm sending family members to," Howard said, remarking that along with current openings, she looks at the overall picture, including location, atmosphere, and resources offered by the employer.

"I want to direct, not miss-direct," Howard said. "Making site visits allows me to give an informed recommendation."

Howard recently visited Alcore, Inc., a manufacturing company located in Edgewood and Custom Direct LLC, a marketing firm in Fallston.

Heather Sweet, a Custom Direct recruiter, said that Howard received an overview of the company's Joppa facility.

"We work with her regularly through our call center," Sweet said, adding that the company looks for military service members or spouses looking for part time employment.

"We usually offer skilled and unskilled labor positions like warehouse workers and customer service operators," Sweet said.

Diane Price, Alcore Inc. human resources manager, said that service members leaving the military are "especially attracted" to the Edgewood production facility that specializes in metallic honeycomb cores.

"The response today has been overwhelming," Price said.

"We're really proud to be helping military veterans."

Beacon Staffing president, Sheryl Davis-Kohl, noted that many companies use staffing agencies instead of advertising.

"We've been working with APG [for more than] 10 years obtaining manufacturing and distribution positions for their customers," Davis-Kohl said.

"Family members looking for part time or temporary positions are our most popular, and 70 percent lead to full time employment."

APG's Linda Bryant, human resources specialist, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, shared a display table with Non-Appropriated Fund human resource assistants Juliette Bates and Kathy Decker.

Bates said the table full of job announcements drew "a lot of attention."

"We're encouraging them to apply online," Bates said, noting that the application process detailed in the Job Application Kit handouts they were distributing contains information addressing common problems.

"A common problem is a lack of information," Decker added.

"Using the kit could mean a better chance of employment."

"Job seekers are asked to follow the instructions on the NAF Vacancy Announcement then go to the NAF Job Application Kit at <http://cpol.army.mil/library/naf/jobkit>," Bates said.

The variety of job opportunities being offered included manufacturing, management, law enforcement, customer service, health care, food service, information technology and more.

At the COMCAST display, Charlie Chase, senior learning and development specialist, said many were surprised to learn of the array of jobs available with the company.

"We have financial specialists, technicians, managers, system operators and more," Chase said. "Most people know what we do but don't know how we do it."

Chase encouraged job seekers to visit the company's Web site to apply for jobs online.

"We try to be visible and we're always on the move and we always need people," he said.

Delmarva Broadcasting's general manager of WXCX radio in Havre de Grace, said the best part of working for his organization was that, "We give you the tools to do the job and then let you do the job which allows you to succeed," said Bob Bloom. "A lot of companies don't do that."

Marketing director Tangia Yarborough added that the company was "taking sales applications for future use."

"There's always a turnaround in the entertainment industry," Yarborough said.

April Alvarado, senior staffing coordinator with Priority One Staffing Services, located in Belcamp, said she was surprised at the number of attendees.

"There was a line out the door this morning and the staff has been busy answering questions all day," Alvarado said.

She said the fair gave the company a wonderful chance to talk face to face with prospective clients while adding to their database.

"There was a lot of interest in various positions, both short and long term," she said, noting that the staffing service supports Harford County businesses.

"We also do a lot of follow ups," she added. "Our clients are very happy."

Several participants said they were impressed with what the fair had to offer.

Jackie Taylor, the wife of Lt. Col. Casmere Taylor of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, said she didn't know what to expect at her first job fair.

"We just arrived about three months ago," Taylor said. "Everything's been so relaxed and everyone's been warm and open to talking."

Although she has management experience she said she wasn't looking for anything in particular.

"Basically, I'm just getting out meeting people," she said.

Also new to Harford County, Marcia Lee said she came looking for better employment opportunities away from the city.

"I'm just looking for a job I can be happy with," she said.

Bel Air resident Linda Newman agreed.

"I got tired of the commute," she said as she examined job announcements on the CPOD/NAF table. "It surprised me to see so many opportunities in the area."

Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Robinson of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command said he was just out to test the waters as he prepares for his retirement.

"It's always good to come out and take a look," Robinson said. "You never know what you might find."

Job Fair sponsors include the Harford County Office of Economic Development and Chamber of Commerce; Harford Community College; Susquehanna Workforce Network; and the DLLR, Division of Workforce Development, Division of Rehabilitation Services.

Participants in the 17th Annual Harford County Job Fair included: Abacus Corporation; Alcore, Inc.; APG Federal Credit Union; APG Civilian Personnel offices; Baltimore County Bureau of Correction; Baltimore County Police Department; Beacon Staffing Alternatives, Inc.; Bechtel National, Inc.; Brighter Beginnings Child Care, Inc.; C&S Whole Services, Inc.; CES Security; Comcast Cable Communications; Constar, Inc.; Custom Direct; Delmarva Broadcasting Company - WXCX 103.7FM; Digital Innovation, Inc.; Dynamic Science, Inc.; EAI Corporation; Enterprise Rent-A-Car; FedEx Ground; First Command Financial Planning; Frito-Lay, Inc.; GE/Holman Contract Warehouse; Gemcraft Homes, Inc.; Harford Bank; Harford Community College; Harford County Government; Harford County Public Library; Harford County Public Schools; Harford County Sheriff's Office; Harford Duracool, LLC; Hess Hotels Group; IKEA Wholesale; Independent Can Company; Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center; Log.Sec Corporation; Maryland Air National Guard; McCormick & Company, Inc.;

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Marilyn Howard, right, the Employment Readiness Program manager for Aberdeen Proving Ground's Army Community Service, gives a business card to Marcia Lee, a jobseeker from Edgewood during the 17th Annual Harford County Job Fair at the Richlin Ballroom Sept. 30.

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From left, APG commander Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau receives an Influenza vaccine from nurse Audrey Alba of the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's Immunization Clinic; Col. William A. Rice, KUSAHC commander receives his shot from deputy commander Lt. Col. Kathleen Wiltsie; and Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison commander, accepts his shot in the arm from Sgt. David Wright to kick off the start of the flu vaccine season Sept. 7 at KUSAHC.

## Flu shot season arrives on APG

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

It's that time of year again. Along with the cooler weather and falling leaves comes the annual rolling up of sleeves.

Flu shot season has arrived on Aberdeen Proving Ground and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic has issued its priority listing for shot recipients.

"Initial shipments have arrived and no shortages are anticipated like last year" said KUSAHC Commander Lt. Col. William A.

Rice. "We are still directed to go with high risk individuals first," Rice said.

High risk means those subject to health complications from the flu. They include children 6 to 23 months of age; adults age 65 and older; pregnant women; or anyone with long-term health problems.

"It is mandatory that all active duty personnel be vaccinated," said Lt. Col. Kathleen J. Wiltsie, deputy commander for Health Services. "Arrangements to vaccinate are coordinated through the Immunization Clinic. Unit

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## MRICD hosts visit from its commanding general



Photo by JONATHAN HARTSOCK

In the lab of Dr. Douglas Cerasoli, Brig. Gen. Eric Schoomaker looks over journal articles describing the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense's development of a bioscavenger pretreatment for exposure to chemical warfare nerve agents during his visit Aug. 30.

### Cindy Kronman MRICD

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense welcomed Brig. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, the new commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command Aug. 30.

Schoomaker arrived to meet the staff and get a firsthand look at the institute, which is the Defense Department's premier lab for

medical chemical defense research. He was accompanied by Capt. Vincent B. Myers, Command Sgt. Maj. Domingo Costa, and Staff Sgt. Sion D. Henderson, also from MRMC.

During the visit, Schoomaker joined the institute's staff in the Sidell Learning Center for an introductory meeting, which began with an award presentation and promotion ceremony.

Schoomaker presented the Army Commendation Medal

to aSgt. Garrett Roberson Jr. for his performance as Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of organizing the competition for the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge.

He then participated in the promotion of Brian Moore, MRICD's chief, Research Division, to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Schoomaker told MRICD employees that, in addition to his medical degree, he had earned a doctorate in human genetics and said that the pursuit of this degree left him with a healthy respect for the work done by the institute's staff.

"I know how difficult it is to do science, to do good science," Schoomaker said.

"On behalf of the whole command," Schoomaker went on, "we admire what you are doing, pushing ahead those boundaries of what we need to defend this country."

Schoomaker's visit to MRICD began with an overview briefing by the institute's commander, Col. Gennady Platoff, who led a tour of several laboratories.

At the Affymetrix Lab, Dr. James Dillman showed Schoomaker a genechip and explained how the lab uses DNA microarrays to identify mechanisms of toxicity of chemical warfare agents and how they apply this to developing medical countermeasures.

Dr. Douglas Cerasoli gave Schoomaker an overview of

the bioscavenger program, efforts focused on developing a pretreatment from enzymes found naturally in the body that can destroy circulating CW agents in the body after exposure. Along with Dr. Lucille Lumley, Cerasoli also discussed studies that will determine whether the bioscavenger enzyme has any behavioral side effects.

Dr. Kwai Kan and Tracey Hamilton introduced Schoomaker to the advanced technology of the institute's new JEOL 7401F Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope, which allows biological specimens to be viewed at ultra-high resolution using low voltages. They also demonstrated the ability to characterize specimen composition by x-ray microanalysis using a detection system mounted on the microscope.

In the lab of Dr. John McDonough, Schoomaker heard about the institute's research to develop an advanced anticonvulsant and better ways to provide protection from the brain damage that can result from exposure to chemical warfare nerve agents.

Following these discussions, Schoomaker briefly walked through the MRICD's unique chemical exclusion area and participated in the laboratory exercise of the Medical Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties Course.

## MRICD hosts second GAFP badge competition

### Cindy Kronman MRICD

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense hosted its second Army-wide competition for the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge Aug. 21 to 26. Capt. Matthew Moser was the officer in charge of the event and Sgt. Garrett Roberson Jr., was the non-commissioned officer in charge.

Fifty-nine Soldiers, some from as far away as Fort Huachuca in Arizona, participated in the competition, which consists of swimming, track and field, and marksmanship events, as well as a

road march.

Thirty qualified for either the silver or gold badge.

One officer, 1st Lt. Tony John, a former MRICD NCO who had been instrumental in bringing the regional hosting of the competition to the institute, received special recognition for having earned the gold GAFP five times.

At the awards ceremony after the competition, Col. Heinz J. Altmeyer, deputy commander and chief of staff of the German Armed Forces Command in Reston, Va., presented John with the coin of the GAFP in honor of his achievement. John now serves at the Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, NC.

Speaking to the competitors, family members, and others at the closing awards ceremony, Altmeyer congratulated those who had taken part in the competition, expressing his pleasure at seeing the great num-

ber that had successfully earned a badge.

"This competition reflects a solid friendship between Aberdeen Proving Ground and the German Armed Forces Command," Altmeyer said. "Both fill this partnership with life. This ceremony is one of many occasions to prove this partnership."

Many in the competition were from APG organizations. Among those awarded gold badges were Sgt. 1st Class Michael Bailey, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion; Sgt. Thomas Stower and Spec. John Lindsay, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own); and Maj. Claudia Henemyre-Harris, Capt. Angela Purcell, Sgt. Garrett Roberson, Spc. Ardicio Galvao and Spec. Nicholas Kirschten from MRICD.

Other gold badge recipients were Staff Sgt. Paul Bankston, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity Fort Huachuca; Sgt. Pavel Afansiev, Company B, 368th Engineering Battalion, Attelboro, Mass.; Lt. Col. Arthur Lyons, Staff Sgts. Johnathan Amos, Sean Byard, and Tito Windham, Sgt. Natalie Condos, and Spc. Christopher Allen, all from Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Bethesda, Md.; Spc. Troy Howard from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; Capt. Brian Barnes, Sgt. Carrie Vernieuw, and Spc. Michael Tapia, from the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine in Natick, Mass.; Capt. Norman Kreiselmeier from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, Fort Detrick, Md.; and Maj. Patrick Lukes and Frederick White, Capt. James Goetschius, and Spc. Jibri Wilson from the 6th Medical Logistics Management Center

at Fort Detrick.

Those competitors from APG earning silver badges included Sgt. 1st Class Michael Baracena of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion and Sgt. Robin Beatty of the Joint Test and Evaluation Center. Staff Sgt. Scott Wendt from MRICD and Pvt. Sheldon Crump from WRAIR also earned silver badges.



Photos by Stephanie Froberg

Capt. Denise Milhorn and Maj. Claudia Henemyre-Harris, both from MRICD, participate in the road march, the final leg of the GAFP competition.



Sgt. Erik Jacobsen, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, competes in the first event, the 200-meter swim.

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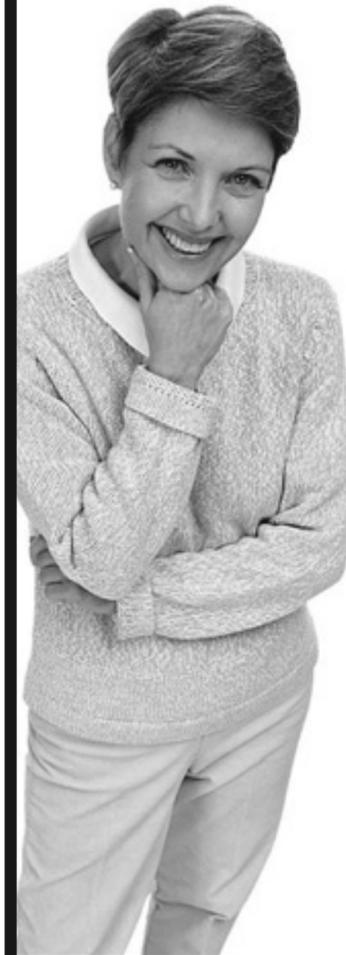
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# Community Notes

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 13 SUCCESS IN SCHOOL RALLY

The Scholarship Committee of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, will host a Success in School Rally 6:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Tim Tooten of Channel 11. For more information call 410-939-2267.

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 14 HARFORD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY BULL ROAST

The Harford Community Action Agency will host its 10th Annual Bull Roast, 7 to 11 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, located on 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood.

Tickets cost \$30 per person and include music and dancing, door prizes, a live auction, silent auctions and a big six and prize wheel. The menu will include carved beef and ham, baked potato bar, hot and cold buffets, Italian sausage and peppers, vegetable soup, ice cream sundae bar, beer, wine and soft drinks. There will be a cash bar for mixed drinks.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call the Harford Community Action Agency, 410-638-3240.

## IDENTITY THEFT Q&A SESSIONS

APG Federal Credit Union will host free informal Q&A sessions on fraud and identity theft, the nation's fastest growing crime, at the APG Branch, Chesapeake and Oakington streets, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Pick up free materials on ID theft prevention and consumer protection, and, enter to win a home-office cross cut shredder.

For more information, visit APGFCU.com. Sessions are open to the public.

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 15 GHOST AND LEGENDS CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Ghost and Legends Cruise, 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the Skipjack Martha Lewis.

Tickets cost \$30 per person.

Come out and enjoy an adult costume party onboard the Skipjack with ghostly stories told by author Ed Okonowicz. Light dinner and refreshments are included.

Tickets cost \$35 per person. Reservations Required. Cost includes light dinner and refreshments. Credit cards will be accepted.

For reservations, call 410-939-4078.

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Cost is \$22 per person and includes lunch, door prizes and everyone will receive a 'goodie bag.'

Vendors will have items for sale for any scrapbooking need, and optional classes also will be offered.

A massage therapist will also be available for an optional massage for a stress-free day with plenty of pampering.

## GUIDED FAMILY NATURE HIKE

The Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway will hold a guided family nature hike, 8 a.m., Perryville Park. Join Trail Leader Colleen Webster for a free narrated trail tour of Perryville and Furnace Bay at the entrance of Perryville Park.

Participants will walk along the bay, observing passerines, waterfowl and possibly some bald eagles. Dress comfortably for the hour-long walk and bring along a field guild and binoculars.

For more information, visit [www.hitourtrails.com](http://www.hitourtrails.com).

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 16 LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Lighthouse Cruise on the Skipjack Martha Lewis at noon. Passengers will be treated to a three-hour cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area while enjoying a water view of area lighthouses including Concord Point, Turkey Point and Fishing Battery Island. Sandwiches and refreshments are included. Tickets cost \$30 per person. Credit cards will be accepted.

For reservations, call 410-939-4078.

## MONDAY OCTOBER 17 TOASTERMASTERS MEETING

Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562, which meets on the first and third Mondays

of each month, will meet 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. at the Gunpowder Club at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Edgewood. The club is open to anyone on or off post who wants to improve their communication, leadership and listening skills and overcome the fear of public speaking.

For more information or directions, call Len Kolodny, 410-734-6573.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS RECRUITMENT OPEN HOUSE

The Harford Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals® will sponsor the 2nd Annual Membership Recruitment Open House, 5:30 p.m., at the Chesapeake Center Dining Room at Harford Community College, located at 401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air.

All administrative professionals, students, instructors of business education courses and local businesses interested in forming a partnership with Administrative Professionals are invited to attend.

Refreshments, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes will be provided. RSVP by Oct. 13.

For more information or to RSVP, call Debi Ault, 410-278-0839, e-mail [Deborah.Ault@us.army.mil](mailto:Deborah.Ault@us.army.mil) or call Norma Wagner, 410-877-3357, e-mail [shsadmin@crosslink.net](mailto:shsadmin@crosslink.net).

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 18 RETIREMENT INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

Freedom Federal Credit Union will host a free Retirement Investment Strategies Seminar, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Freedom branch located at 2019 Emmorton Road, Bel Air.

This seminar is open to the public.

Attendees requested to RSVP by Oct. 17, at 1-800-440-4120.

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 20 CELEBRATING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE DISABLED

The Harford County Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities will host its annual awards

luncheon, noon, at the Maryland Golf and Country Club, Bel Air.

This year's theme is "Workers with Disabilities: Ready for Tomorrow's Jobs Today." Employee of the Year honors in the public sector will go to Thomas Martin, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center. An award of merit will be presented to Michael E. Graziano, of the Directorate of Information Management, U.S. Army Garrison.

Tickets cost \$16 per person and are payable by check. To purchase a ticket by mail, send name, address and check made payable to the Harford County Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, 34 North Philadelphia Boulevard, Room 303, Aberdeen, MD 21001. Mail checks by Oct. 14.

A sign language interpreter will be available at the luncheon. To request other disability-related accommodations, call 410-836-3373 voice/TTY.

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# Chapel services

### Religious events

The Religious Education staff in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Military Community offers a wide variety of religious opportunities for all denominations and for all ages and groups of people such as scripture classes, adult education programs, youth ministry, children's programs, family spirituality, retreats and many programs of specific needs and concerns.

Volunteers from the chapel congregations serve as teachers and assistants for all ages, adult facilitators, youth leaders and resource people. Chaplains, chaplain assistants and the director of Religious Education serve as religious resource persons and trainers.

### CATHOLIC

Sunday – 10 to 11 a.m., Aberdeen  
Religious education classes for children ages pre-school through grade 8 meet at Main Post Chapel. Classes include preparation for Confirmation (grade 8 and above)  
For more information, call Gerri Merkel, APG DRE, 410-278-2516

Sunday – 9:15 to 10:30 a.m., Edgewood  
Religious Education classes for children ages pre-school through grade 8.  
For more information, call Karen Henrichs, 410-671-7785 or Gerri Merkel, APG DRE, 410-278-2516

### Catholic Youth of the Chapel (grades 6-12)

All Catholic youth are invited to participate in the youth ministry program once a month which includes good food, fun and fellowship, spiritual retreats, religious excursions, service activities and more. "AMAZING DAY," a day of fun and celebration of faith with Harford Area youth is Oct. 15 with deadline on Oct. 5. The next monthly meeting is Sunday, 12:30 to 2: p.m., Oct. 23 at Main Post Chapel. To register or for more information, contact Bernadette Kovalsik, 410-322-5206 or Cathy Day, 410-937-2617.

### Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)

All Catholic Women of the Chapel in the APG are invited to meet every Monday night from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Main Post Chapel. For more information, call Gerri Merkel, APG DRE, 410-278-2516 or 410-688-8422 (cell).

### GOSPEL

Sunday – 11 a.m. to noon  
Sunday School for children ages pre-school through high school at Main Post Chapel.

Wednesday, 7 p.m. at Main Post Chapel  
Adult Bible Study – Child care provided.

Children's Church – 2nd and 4th Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in Classroom 4, Main Post Chapel  
For more information, call Clarence Weaver, 410-272-6583 or Gerri Merkel, APG DRE 410-278-2516

### PROTESTANT

Sunday – 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Main Post Chapel  
"AWANA" Program for children ages pre-school through high school  
For more information, call Chap. (Maj.) Jeff Watters, 410-278-4333

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### RED EYE

Friday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 p.m.

Starring: Rachel McAdams, Cillian Murphy, Brian Cox

After attending the funeral of her grandmother in Dallas, Lisa Reisert (McAdams) must take the dreaded 'red eye' flight back to Miami to make it to work the next day. Lisa soon meets Jackson Ripner (Murphy) and their attraction grows. But moments after take-off, Jackson reveals to Lisa her father's wallet that he swiped off his desk and his real reason for being on board. Jackson needs Lisa's help to kill the deputy secretary of Homeland Security who's scheduled to stay at the Lux Atlantic Hotel, the hotel Lisa is the manager

of. If she refuses to help, Jackson will call his partner on the ground and have her father killed. At 30,000 feet, Lisa has nowhere to run and no time for rash judgment. (Rated PG-13)

### THE CAVE (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.

Starring: Cole Hauser, Morris Chestnut, Eddie Cibrian

Jack (Hauser) and his brother, Tyler (Cibrian), gather a team of professional cave explorers to investigate a newly discovered underground ecosystem in Romania. But once they are a mile underground they have a run-in with a nasty new breed of flesh-hungry beast. (Rated PG-13)

## Post Shorts

from the Military Officer's Association of America will provide an update on events affecting military retirees, widows and widowers. For more information, call retired Col. Charles Shadle, 410-663-9263.

### South Dakota veterans eligible for bonus

The state of South Dakota is paying a veterans bonus of up to \$500 to certain military personnel who were legal residents of the state for no less than six months immediately preceding entry into the armed forces, who are currently on active duty or were honorably discharged from the armed forces, and who served on active duty during one, or both of the following periods:

For service between the dates of Jan. 1, 1993 through Sept. 10, 2001 payment will be made only to those who served overseas and were awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary medal, Southwest Asia Service medal, Kosovo campaign medal or any other U.S. campaign or service medal awarded for participation in combat operations against hostile forces.

All active duty between the dates of Sept. 11, 2001, through a date to be determined, qualifies for a bonus payment.

Application forms may be obtained by writing to SD Veterans Bonus, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre SD 57501, by calling 605-773-7251, or request a form through e-mail at john.fette@state.sd.us. Be sure to include name, street or P.O. Box number, city, state and zip code.

### Mentors needed

The APG Minority College Relations Team is looking for volunteers to mentor students attending minority colleges and universities.

All mentoring is done electronically as part of an e-mentoring program.

Interested mentor's should e-mail APG-MCRT@apg.army.mil.

### Who Dunit Murder Mystery Dinner

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a Murder Mystery Dinner, 7 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 28 at Top of the Bay. Join CWF for a fun-filled evening of intrigue and excitement as dinner guests try to figure out "who dunit." Cost is \$52 per person and includes dinner with a murder for dessert.

A professional cast will encourage audience participa-

tion and provide an evening no one will ever forget. A perfect way to start off a Halloween weekend. Appropriate for all ages.

For more information or for reservations, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

### Burger King temporarily closed

The Burger King on post is closed for a three-week renovation. There will be no drive-through service.

Lunch is still available at the Bowling Center just across the parking lot.

Another alternative is the Recreation Center Snack Bar. Both locations will be open and ready for the lunch break as well as snacks throughout the day.

### Submit Scholarships for Military Children applications

It's time for military families to start thinking about what they could do with a \$1,500 scholarship. Information and applications for the 2006 Scholarships for Military Children program will be available in November at commissaries worldwide as well as online at the <http://www.militaryscholar.org> Web site or DeCA's site at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

### USAWOA meetings scheduled

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

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

### Thrift Shop to disburse funds

The APG Thrift Shop will accept requests for donations from schools, service organizations and military units through Oct. 31.

The request should include the name of the organization, point of contact, address, telephone number, amount requested and specific details on what the funds will be used for.

In the past donations have been granted to Aberdeen schools, the Boy Scouts, Army Community Service, the APG Fire Department and veterans organizations.

Mail or drop off requests to APG Thrift Store, building 2458, APG, MD 21005-5001.

For more information, call the store during operating hours, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the first Saturday of the month, 410-272-8572.

Consignments are only taken 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday.

### Keeping Halloween safe for 'trick or treaters'

Halloween and the traditional "trick or treat" activities will be celebrated at Aberdeen Proving Ground Oct. 31.

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. "Trick or treat" activities are specifically limited to 6 to 8 p.m.

Personnel driving in the housing areas during the "trick or treat" period are cautioned to exercise extreme care, and to be especially watchful for young children who may not be readily visible or attentive to moving vehicles.

It is strongly recommended that children wear reflective markings on their costumes or carry a flashlight.

The cooperation of all concerned is being solicited to ensure a safe and happy Halloween at APG.

For more information, call Linda Holloway, 410-306-4520.

### NAF announces open season on LTC insurance

For Regular Full-time and Regular Part-time Nonappropriated Fund employees a one time open enrollment in the U.S. Army Group Long Term Care Insurance Plan is available Oct. 25 thru Nov. 18. This plan is offered to eligible NAF employees on a guaranteed issue basis without evidence of insurability.

This special Open Enrollment period will be conducted in conjunction with the regular Open Season Oct. 24 through Nov. 18.

Open enrollment in the LTC Plan will not be offered again, ever.

This program is designed to meet the need for long term care. The Army NAF Employee Long Term Care Plan offers a wide range of features and benefit options, reasonable group rates by payroll deduction and active NAF employees cannot be turned down for coverage during this special Open Enrollment Period. Plus spouses, parents, grandparents and in-laws are welcome to participate.

This is the last chance to obtain long term care insurance coverage without evidence of insurability.

Watch for additional information on Open Season or check the NAF Benefits Web site, [www.NAFBENEFITS.com](http://www.NAFBENEFITS.com).

For more information, call Jean Fuddy, 410-278-8993.

### FEGLI Open Season effective date

Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Open Season was held from Sept. 1 through 30, 2004, with an effective date on or after Sept. 1, 2005.

All changes became effective Sept. 4, 2005. Deductions will show on the Leave and Earnings Statement received Sept. 29.

If the deductions do not show on the LES, contact the Army Benefits Center - Civilian, 1-877-276-9287.

As a reminder, any coverage an employee wishes to carry into retirement must be carried for five continuous years prior to retirement.

For more information, contact a servicing Human Resource Assistant, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

### USO-Metro photo contest

USO-Metro is holding a photo contest to select the cover art for the 2006 USO Guide to Washington and Baltimore. The contest is open to all military ID card holders. There is no limit to the number of pictures to be entered. Artwork should have a military theme.

The winning shot will be

featured on the cover of the 2006 USO Guide to Washington and Baltimore, with credit given to the photographer. A cash prize of \$300 will be awarded to the winner.

The deadline for submissions is Oct. 15.

Send all pictures to USO-Metro Photography Contest, Attn: Erica Chapman, 228 McNair Road, Building 405, Ft. Myer, VA 22211.

For more information, 703-696-5655.

### Earn money in research studies

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory is conducting a study on hearing. Participants need to be ages 18 to 30 with normal hearing.

The time commitment is 3 to 4 hours, and each participant will be paid \$15 per hour. Employees of ARL and their relatives are not eligible.

Volunteers should contact Justin MacDonald, 410-278-5925, e-mail [jmacdonald@arl.army.mil](mailto:jmacdonald@arl.army.mil) or Paula Henry, 410-278-5848, e-mail [phenry@arl.army.mil](mailto:phenry@arl.army.mil).

### Edgewood Chapel offers children's program

The Edgewood Chapel Protestant Community offers a Children's Program every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. at the Chapel Annex. The program includes Children's Bible Study, music, arts and crafts and more.

For more information, e-mail [Diezhandino@yahoo.com](mailto:Diezhandino@yahoo.com) or call 410-278-8717.

### Road closure continues

Grant Road at Skippers Point Road will be closed until the end of October.

The construction company C&R Environmental Associates will be readying the old family housing buildings for demolition.

Occupants are asked to keep children and pets out of this area. Police will be patrolling the area to make sure unauthorized persons stay out.

For more information, call Richard B. Dunham, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-1163.

### The 'Recruit the Recruiter Team' wants you!

The rewards for recruiters are many. Volunteers have the option of selecting nine out of the 41 recruiting battalions within the Recruiting Command under the New Assignment Incentive Program.

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Recruiters receive \$450 per month in Special Duty Pay upon assignment to a recruiting battalion and also receive up to \$75 in reimbursable expenses per month.

For more information visit [www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter](http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter) or contact the recruiting team at 502-626-0215/0210/0457/0465/0105.

## Fire

From front page

"This is every little boy's dream [to fight fires]," Wright said. "I've got great appreciation for you guys."

He thanked Budnick for the opportunity to experience, first hand, the tremendous physical and mental exertion that goes along with being a first responder.

Budnick thanked Wright for funding Fire and Emergency Services as fully as he has in the past.

"You have to make sure you have skilled people, the correct number of people and the right equipment," he said. "We do, because of the support we've been given."

"We've been extremely for-

tunate to have Garrison leadership who understand the important role firefighters play at APG, and the importance of ensuring they have great equipment on which to rely, as well as to help them protect life, property and the environment," McNamara said.

After a long hard day, Irby said that fighting fires was a lot tougher than he thought.

"I appreciate fire fighters anyway, but now I really appreciate them," Irby said. "It really gives you a rush."

"People at APG and in our surrounding community ought to sleep well knowing this department is on duty 24/7," McNamara added.



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# APG holds first Community Awareness Day

**Rebecca Chisholm**  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's first Community Awareness Day is this Saturday at the Emergency Services building 2200 recognizing Crime Prevention Month, Fire Safety Month, Child and Youth Services Fest and Red Ribbon Month.

The Fire Department, Police Department, ASAP office, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Army Community Service, Child and Youth Services and other APG organizations are working together to offer information and activities.

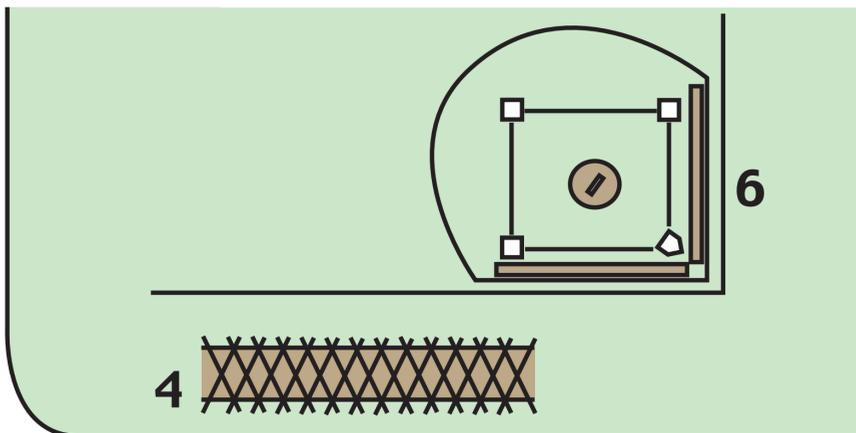
The day begins with an Army Substance Abuse Program sponsored Drug Free Fun Run on Fanshaw Field behind the Post Theater. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the run begins at 10 a.m. Each participant will receive a 'Drug free goodie bag.'

Other activities throughout the day include demonstrations of kitchen fires; APG's K-9 unit; an auto fire, rescue and extrication using the 'Jaws of Life;' extinguishing a burning Christmas tree; and others; and an attempt by Martial Arts Grand Master Irving Soto to break nine cinderblocks

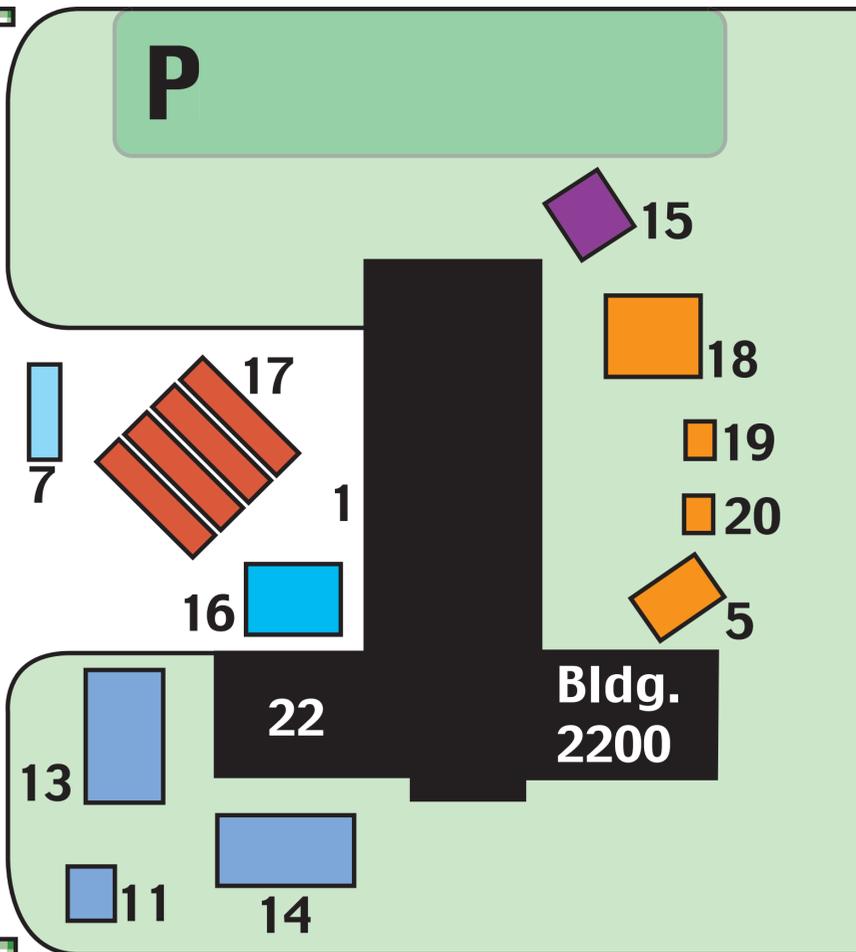
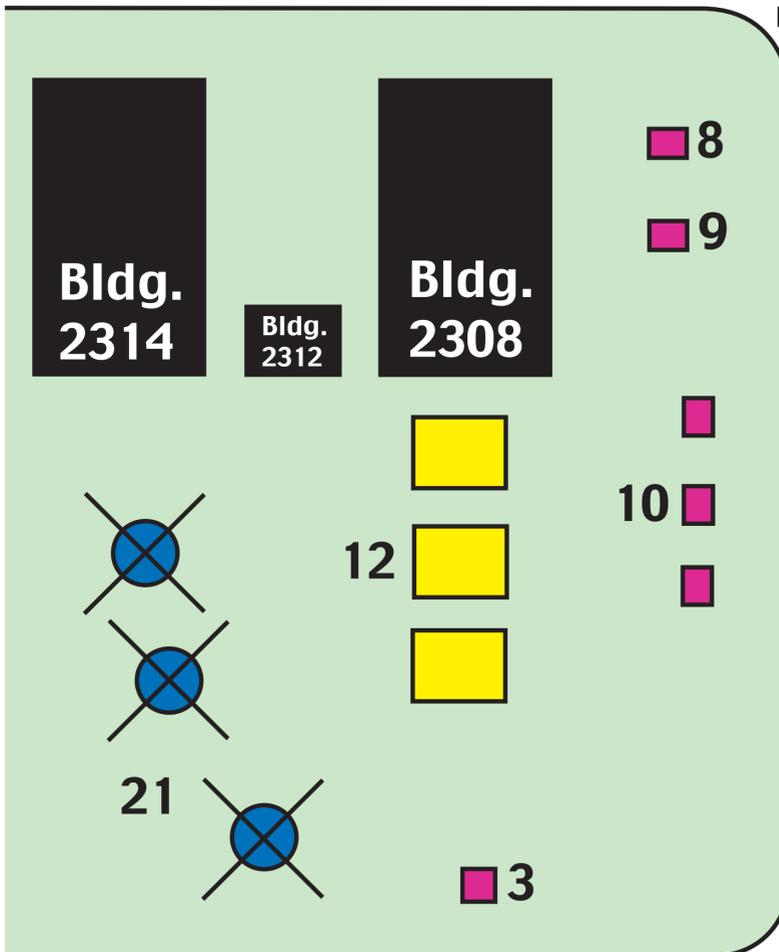
Door prizes will be announced throughout the day for prizes including smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, \$20 Target gift cards, and more. Register for drawings at Station 1 in the Fire station parking lot.

Free food will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes soft drinks, water, hot dogs and chips. Parking areas include the Theatre, Library, Bank of America, Burger King and Post Office lots.

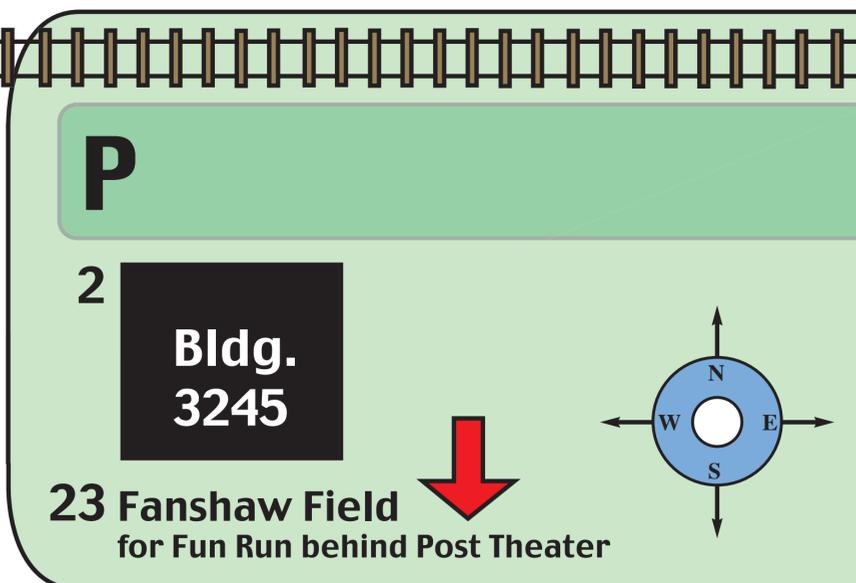
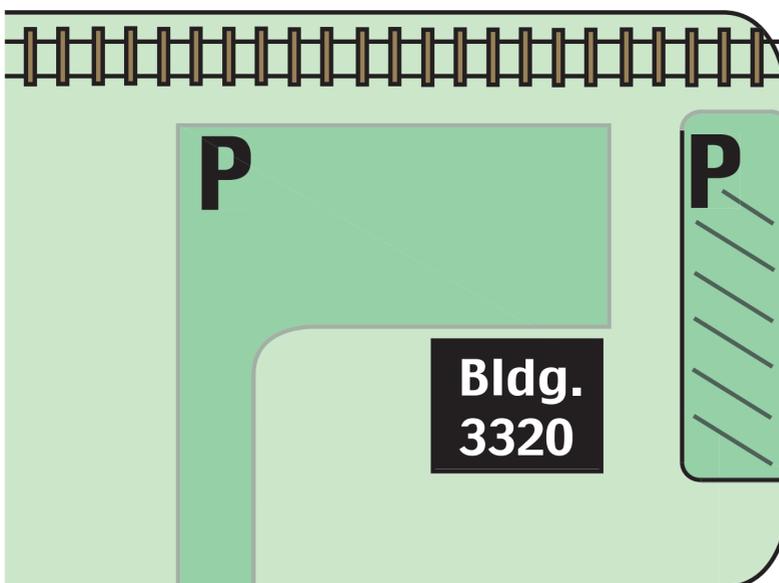
For more information, call Community Policing Officer Mike Farlow, 410-273-6412.



## Rock Island Avenue



## Aberdeen Boulevard



## Raritan Avenue

# Community Awareness Day activities

Time	Area #, location	Event
9:30 a.m.	23-Fanshaw Field located behind Post Theater	Registration for ASAP Drug Free Fun Run
10 a.m.	23-Fanshaw Field located behind Post Theater	ASAP Drug Free Fun Run begins (All runners get a drug-free goodie bag.)
10:30 a.m.	1-Fire Station parking lot	Register to sign up for door prizes.
	20-East side of Fire Station	All-day fire hose game for children
	15-East side of Fire Station	All-day Moon Bounce (Parental supervision requested.)
	18-East side of Fire Station	All-day smoke tent for participants to experience how to crawl out of a smoking building
	3-Frankford Street	K-9 demonstration
	4-Rock Island Avenue	All-day trench rescue demonstrations
11 a.m.	5-East side of Fire Station	Kitchen fire safety demonstration (1 of 2)
	1-Fire Station parking lot	All-day fire and police station tours
	6-Baseball field	Golf long drive contest for ages 6 to adult
	16-Fire Station parking lot	Free food available until 3 p.m.
11:30 a.m. - 1:30	7-Fire Station parking lot	389th Army Band (AMC's Own) concert
	1-Fire Station parking lot	SpongeBob Squarepants and stiltwalker arrive
Noon	16-Fire Station parking lot	McGruff's 25th anniversary cake cutting
	3-Frankford Street	All day MWR face painting, balloon artist, tattoos
	6-Baseball field	Egg toss (family relay)
12:30 p.m.	8-West side of Fire Station	Auto rescue demonstration ('Jaws of Life')
	6-Baseball field	Football punt, pass, kick contest
	6-Baseball field	Football throw (individual event, varied age groups)
1 p.m.	9-Frankford Street	Special Reaction Team demonstration (vehicle extrication)
	6-Baseball field	Soccer shootout (all ages)
		Baltimore Blast's Billy Nelson arrives to assist with the soccer shootout
		Meet Ferris, the Ironbirds mascot
1:30 p.m.	10-Vendor area on west side of Fire Station	Martial Arts demonstration: Grand Master Soto attempts record, breaking 9 cinderblocks at one time
	11-Aberdeen Boulevard and Frankford Street	Auto fire demonstration
	8-West side of Fire Station	Tug of War contest (mother/daughter, father/son teams)
2 p.m.	5-East side of Fire Station	Kitchen fire safety demonstration (2 of 2)
	6-Baseball field	Standing long jump contest (individual event, varied age groups)
	10-Vendor area on west side of Fire Station	Meet the Orioles Bird
2:30 p.m.	19-East side of Fire Station	Christmas tree fire demonstration
3 p.m.	2-Theater	Free movie 'March of the Penguins'

## Display areas

10 - Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union	10 - Morale, Welfare and Recreation
12 - Aberdeen Test Center tanks	3 - MWR face painting, tattoos, balloon artist
17 - APG Fire Department equipment	10 - Orioles Bird
13 - APG Police Department equipment	22 - Organization displays located inside the Fire Station
8 - Auto rescue demonstration	APG Installation Restoration Program
7 - Band concert	KUSAHC, Community Health Nursing
10 - Bank of America	Child and Youth Services
19 - Christmas tree fire demonstration	Army Community Services
10 - Ferris Mascot	Army Substance Abuse Program
1 - Fire and Police Station tours	Target
20 - Fire hose game for children	Aberdeen Proving Ground Main
16 - Food	Post Chapel
6 - Football punt, pass and kick contest	18 - Smoke tent
23- Fun Run	6 - Soccer shootout
6 - Golf long drive contest	9 - Special Reaction Team vehicle extrication demonstration
4 - Harford County Advanced Tactical Rescue Team	1 - SpongeBob Squarepants
3 - K9 demonstration	6 - Standing long jump contest
5 - Kitchen fire demonstration	2 - Theater, movie 'March of the Penguins'
14 - Marine and Wildlife equipment	4 - Trench rescue demonstration
11 - Martial arts demonstration	6- Tug of war contest
21 - Maryland Army National Guard and Trooper 1 helicopters	
16 - McGruff 25th anniversary cake cutting	
15 - Moon bounce	



# Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## 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).

### See The Incredibles at Disney on Ice

Disney presents Pixar's The Incredibles in a Magic Kingdom Adventure, at the 1st Mariner Arena in Baltimore, Oct. 26 through 30. Show times vary daily.

Tickets cost \$17 each (regularly \$23).

Pre-order tickets before they go on sale to the general public. The last day to purchase tickets is Oct. 20. For

more information and show-times, visit <http://disneyonice.disney.go.com/disneyonice/engagement.js?id=93989>

### Powder Puff Maintenance course

A Powder Puff Maintenance Course for women will be held 5 to 7 p.m., Oct. 20, at the Automotive Crafts Center, building 2379.

The fee is \$5. Instruction will include hands-on training on changing and discarding oil and oil filters, changing and rotation of tires, check of all fluid levels and filling, use of all lifts and equipment available and observing safety while working on a vehicle.

This class is designed to give students a better knowledge of basic vehicle maintenance.

Register same day of class at Auto Crafts building 2379.

For more information, call 410-278-5178.

### Beginner's Chess

Learn the fundamentals of chess: how to keep score, make basic moves, and early set up strategies for success. By practicing the principles of good offensive and defensive maneuvers in this program, one can expect to experience the joy and satisfaction of having learned how to play a very worthwhile game.

Cost is \$20.

Class will be held 6 to 7 p.m., Oct. 19 through Nov. 9, at the Recreation Center, build-

ing 3326. Register by Oct. 17. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

### Basic plumbing class

This course will teach participants how to make plumbing repairs at their homes or businesses. Learning pipe repair, how to stop leaks, what steps to take in an emergency, and when to look for warning or danger signs will be covered. Also learn the proper way to care for and maintain existing fixtures and other plumbing apparatuses. Cost is \$25.

Class will be held 6 to 7 p.m., Oct. 19 through Nov. 9 at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326. Register by Oct. 17.

### Billiards for beginners

Classes will include of hands-on training techniques designed to help students become proficient at the game of pool. The instructor will teach methods of practice proven to develop the basic skills needed to enjoy the game. Cost is \$25. All equipment will be provided. This series will be held 7 to 8 p.m., Oct. 19 through Nov. 9, at the

Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326. Register by Oct. 17.

### Amateur Boxing Night

Time for a rematch. Once again, Amateur Night will feature the 143rd Ordnance Battalion taking on the 16th Ordnance Battalion Oct. 15 at the Hoyle Gymnasium, building E-4210.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and boxing begins at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$20 for front row ringside seating, \$5 for active duty military and \$10 for non-military.

Tickets can be purchased at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907/4011, Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210; 410-436-7134, or visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### Basic auto mechanics class

Instructional classes designed to enable the student to perform maintenance on a vehicle's engine and accessories will be taught Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., Nov. 2 through 30, Automotive Crafts, building 2379.

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

other small engines.

The hands-on training received in these classes will help participants to recognize the warning signs and gain the necessary skills required to maintain their vehicles, possibly avoiding expensive repairs.

Cost is \$35. Register by Oct. 28.

### White House Christmas Tour

Enjoy a day in Washington, D.C., and tour the White House in its entire holiday splendor, followed by a tour of the National Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport. Cost is \$30. The bus will depart 6 a.m. Register by Nov. 4.

### Forever Swing's Zoot Suit

The Lyric Opera House will present Forever Swing's Zoot Suit, 2 p.m., Nov. 26. Tickets cost \$54. From the creators of Forever Swing comes an all new swing musical. It's a full on stage orchestra, talented singers, and high energy swing kids. You ain't seen a thing, if you don't see this Swing.

Pre-order tickets today.

The last day to purchase tickets is Nov. 10

## 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 following is a list of some new items available at the APG MWR Library:

### Learn in your car Spanish

This is a set of nine compact discs and it is also available in French, Italian and German.

### Love My Rifle More Than You: young and female in the U.S. Army

by Kayla Williams  
The author took part in the initial invasion, spent a year in Iraq and discusses some of the unique problems faced by female Soldiers in the conflict.

### Ambush Alley: the most extraordinary battle of the Iraq War

by Tim Pritchard  
March 23, 2003: U.S. Marines are caught up in one of the most unexpected battles

of the Iraq War. What started off as a routine maneuver to secure two key bridges in the town of Nasiriyah degenerated into a 24-hour urban clash in which 18 young Marines lost their lives and more than 35 others were wounded.

### Baghdad Burning: girl blog from Iraq

by Riverbend  
This is collection of blogs, from August 2003 through September 2004, written from the viewpoint of a young Iraqi woman in Baghdad.

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.

## SCHOOL LIAISON

### Harford County to hold meetings on school topics

The Board of Education of Harford County and Harford County Public Schools will sponsor a series of Town Meetings in late October at four area schools. Citizens from each of the regions are invited to attend any meeting to provide the board and school leadership with input on topics including visioning and redistricting.

The Town Meetings will include smaller focus groups to encourage the exchange of ideas. Meetings will be held Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7 to 9 p.m. at Bel Air High School for the Bel Air High School and C. Milton Wright High School areas; Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7 to 9 p.m. at Aberdeen High School for the Aberdeen High School and Havre de Grace High School areas; Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7 to 9 p.m. at Joppatowne High School for the Joppatowne High School and Edgewood High School areas; and Thursday, Oct. 27, 7 to 9 p.m. at North Harford Middle School for the North Harford High School and Fallston High School areas.

For more information, call Don Morrison, 410-588-5203.

### John Carroll School to hold open house

The John Carroll School, a college preparatory school for grades 9 through 12, located in Bel Air, will hold its annual Open House for prospective students noon to 3 p.m., Oct. 23. The Open House gives parents and students a first-hand look at what John Carroll has to offer. It is a member of the Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS), is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, is affiliated with the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and is approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.

### Parent Forum

A Parent forum will take place 5:30 to 8 p.m., Nov. 3, at Aberdeen High School for parents of students in Bakerfield, Church Creek, Churchville, George D. Lisby Elementary at Hillsdale, Hall's Cross Roads, Havre de Grace Elementary, Meadowvale and Roye-Williams Elementary schools.

For more information, call Mike Seymour, supervisor of Equity and Cultural Diversity, 410-273-5678.

### Essay contest accepting submissions

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation announced Oct. 3 that the 2006 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest is now open and accepting submissions from U.S. high school students enrolled in grades nine through 12. The deadline for entries is Jan. 7, 2006.

Students and teachers may access the contest's Web site at [www.jfkcontest.org](http://www.jfkcontest.org).

The annual Profile in Courage Essay Contest invites students from across the nation to write an essay about a political issue at the local, state or national level and an elected official in the United States who is acting or has acted courageously to address that issue. The contest is a companion program of the Profile in Courage Award, named for President Kennedy's 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning book, Profiles in Courage, which recounts the stories of American statesmen, the obstacles they faced, and the special valor they demonstrated despite the risks. The essay contest is sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and generously supported by Fidelity Investments.

The winner of this competitive annual contest is awarded a \$3,000 cash prize. The student's nominating teacher receives a John F. Kennedy Public Service Grant in the amount of \$500 to be applied toward school projects involving student leadership and civic engagement. These honors are bestowed upon the winner and nominating teacher at the annual Profile in Courage Award ceremony hosted by Caroline Kennedy and U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy each May at the Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston.

"The essay contest fittingly honors President Kennedy, who believed deeply in the power of the individual and the promise of our nation's young people," said John Shattuck, CEO of the Kennedy Library Foundation. "It is gratifying to see how readily students today can identify and understand acts of political courage and their importance in our democratic society."

Fidelity first began supporting the national essay contest in 2001, and has helped to extend the program by promoting and by providing technical assistance for the development and management of the contest website at [www.jfkcontest.org](http://www.jfkcontest.org)

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation is a private, non-profit organization that provides financial support, staffing, and creative resources for the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, a presidential library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. The Kennedy Library Foundation and the Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum seek to promote, through educational and community programs, a greater appreciation and understanding of American politics, history, and culture, the process of governing and the importance of public service.

For more information about the Kennedy Library Foundation and the Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, visit [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org).

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**Basic Auto Mechanics**  
Wednesdays: 2 - 30 November  
\$35...Register by 28 October, 2005

**Powder Puff Class**  
20 October or 17 November  
1700-1900  
Two hour hands-on class for women.  
\$5

Register same day at Auto Crafts or  
MWR Registration (Bldg 3326  
410-278-4907/4011)

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# CAC meeting focuses on gates at APG

**Rebecca J. Chisholm**  
APG News

The meeting of the Community Action Council Sept. 29 centered on the closure, construction and security of Aberdeen Proving Ground's gates.

**Gate update**

The Route 22 gate opened Oct. 11, while simultaneously closing the APG Road gate. The Wise Road gate is scheduled to open Oct. 31. Further plans for construction on the Route 715 gate are in the planning stages, but will not happen for quite some time according to a Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security representative.

The Route 22 gate has two inbound lanes with three lanes for verifying ID. Two outbound lanes without winding barriers are also set up so that exiting speeds can reach almost 40 miles per hour. This gate is for use by ID holders only.

DLES also stated that all vehicles on post must have a Department of Defense sticker with an APG label to be admitted without stopping at the visitor's center. A date for the implementation of this rule has not been set, but all regular post visitors are urged to comply.

**School issues**

Ivan Mehosky, APG school liaison,

went over a plan for improving relations between military parents and the Harford County school system. Mehosky plans on visiting all of the schools in the county to find out which have students with military parents. This will allow him to work better with the administrations to solve problems, should the students have them.

"Now that I'm 100 percent school liaison, parents should bring problems to me, no matter how old their children are," Mehosky said.

Concerned with the impending Base Realignment and Closure related population explosion, Mehosky

said that they are also concerned with enabling civilian children not used to moving around to adjust to their new surroundings.

**Name change for CAC**

The Community Action Council will no longer exist by that moniker. It will now be called the APG Well Being Council. The first meeting under this heading will be Oct. 27.

**DIO**

Separate community residents should help the Directorate of Installation Operations maintain their own playgrounds.

Fall cleanup information will continue to be published in the APG

News.

The Re-Nu-It centers are hoping to extend their hours to be more accessible.

**MWR**

Three Soldier Show performances will be held Oct. 29 and 30.

Trick-or-treating is restricted to 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 31. Children under 12 must have an adult present.

**Staff Judge Advocate Office**

Volunteers are needed to assist in the Tax Center in the spring. They can be civilians or retirees. Call 410-278-1107.

## 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 within 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>.

## Nominations open for 2006 Army Soldier Show

CFSC

Nominations for the 2006 Army Soldier Show are being accepted for vocalists, dancers, musicians and specialty acts through Dec. 30. Nominations for technicians in lighting, audio, video, costume makers and stage technicians are also being accepted.

The Army Soldier show is a highly integrated, high-energy ensemble production, offering a wide range of popular music and dance productions. Preference is given to performers showing versatility in musical style and experience. Preference is given to technicians possessing experience and a variety of skills. Technicians with past leadership and building experience and mechanical or electrical aptitude will also be considered for positions such as stage manager, etc.

Performer nominees must submit a video cassette 1/2 inch VHS or DVD showing musical styles, vocal range and special talents, with emphasis on musical variety. Technician nominees must submit a resume

detailing technical experience in sound, lighting, construction, carpentry or stage management. It is strongly recommended that photos of past work also be submitted.

All nominees must have a minimum of 90 days time in service remaining after completion of the tour, must meet weight and height standards in accordance with AR 600-9, and must submit a copy of the most recent Army Physical Fitness test, not older than six months. Profiles will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

All nominations should reach the following address not later than Dec. 30: U.S. Army Solder Show, Attn: 2006 Selection Committee, P.O. Box 439, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

For more guidance, contact Chris Lockhart, Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsorship and advertising, at 410-278-3904. Artistic inquiries may be sent to victor.hurtado@cfsc.army.mil and military questions may be addressed to 1st Sgt. Tarron Pierce at DSN 656-4937 or 703-806-4937.

## Retiree day

From front page

Attendees wishing to dine in the Troop Dining Facility after the program should call Shadle at 410-663-9263 or retired Command Sgt. Maj. Barry Decker at 410-306-1153 for reservations. The cost is \$3.50.

"Lunch in the dining facility is the most pop-

ular Retiree Appreciation Day event," Shadle said. "We just enjoy being around the young Soldiers."

Shadle said that Retiree Appreciation Day is a day "set aside to keep retirees informed."

"We feel the retiree community needs to be kept abreast of what's going on not only on local installations but at upper levels of the Department of Defense and Veterans Administration where decisions affecting their

benefits are being made," Shadle said.

He said that an example of that involves recent changes in the Survivor Benefit Program.

"When we signed up in the mid-70s we understood that our spouses would be taken care of if something happened to us," he said, "then it changed to where they would only be covered at 35 percent when they reached age 65. Now it's going back up to 40 percent. These

are the kinds of issues we try to keep people updated on."

He added that this year, his 30th, will likely be his final on the council.

"I'll always appreciate the things the council was established for," he said, "to maintain contact between the community and organizations. People bring their concerns to us because they know we will try to take care of them."

## Flu

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points of contact have already been identified and when enough doses arrive, we will arrange times."

Aberdeen Proving Ground commanders helped kick off the season by being the first to roll up their sleeves Oct. 7. Rice received his vaccination along with Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby.

"Today we wanted to use our leaders to kick off the season as an example of how important it is to be inoculated," Rice said, adding, "We want to have all those at high risk done by

December."

For more information call the KUSAHC Flu Vaccine Hotline at 410-306-FLUV.

**The Influenza Vaccine: What you need to know**

Center for Disease Control  
National Immunization Program

**Why get vaccinated?**

Influenza (flu) is a very contagious disease. It is caused by the influenza virus which spreads from infected persons to the nose or throat of others. Anyone can get influenza. For most people, it lasts only a few days. Influenza causes fever, sore throat, chills, fatigue, cough, headache and sore muscles. For some people, Influenza can lead to pneumonia and can be dangerous for people with heart or breathing conditions. It can also cause high fever and

seizures in children. In the United States, it kills about 36,000 people each year, mostly among the elderly.

**Inactivated Influenza vaccine**

Influenza viruses are constantly changing. Therefore, the vaccines are updated each year, and an annual vaccination is recommended.

For most people, the vaccine prevents serious illness caused by the influenza virus. It will not prevent "Influenza-like" illnesses caused by other viruses.

It takes about two weeks for protection to develop after the shot and protection can last up to a year.

**Who should be vaccinated?**

The Influenza vaccine can be administered to people ages 6 months and older. It is recommended for people who are at risk of serious illness or complications, and for those who can spread influenza to those at high risk, including

household members.

**High Risk includes**

- Children 6 to 23 months of age
- Adults age 65 and older
- Residents of long-term care facilities housing persons with chronic medical conditions
- People with long-term health problems such as heart disease; lung disease, asthma; kidney disease; metabolic diseases such as diabetes; anemia; or other blood disorders
- People with neuromuscular disorders that can cause breathing problems
- People with a weakened immune system due to HIV/AIDS; cancer treatment with x-rays or drugs; long-term treatment with drugs such as steroids
- People 6 months to age 18 on long-term aspirin treatment
- Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season.

Military Mail Addressed to:	Express Mail Military Service (EMMS) <sup>1/</sup>	First-Class Mail® Letters/Cards	Priority Mail®	Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) <sup>2/</sup>	Space Available Mail (SAM) <sup>3/</sup>	Parcel Post®
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Dec 19	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 12
APO/FPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec 5	Dec 5	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 12
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 094-098	Dec 19	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 12
APO/FPO AA ZIPs 340	Dec 19	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 12
APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec 19	Dec 10	Dec 10	Dec 3	Nov 26	Nov 12

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Africa	Dec 19	Dec 10	Dec 7	Dec 5	Dec 5	Oct 14
Asia / Pacific Rim	Dec 19	Dec 16	Dec 14	Dec 12	Dec 12	Oct 28
Australia / New Zealand	Dec 19	Dec 16	Dec 14	Dec 12	Dec 12	Oct 28
Canada	Dec 20	Dec 17	Dec 14	Dec 12	Dec 12	Nov 18
Caribbean	Dec 19	Dec 16	Dec 14	Dec 12	Dec 12	Nov 4
Central & South America	Dec 19	Dec 10	Dec 5	Dec 5	Dec 5	Oct 28
Mexico	Dec 19	Dec 16	Dec 14	Dec 12	Dec 12	Nov 4
Europe	Dec 19	Dec 16	Dec 14	Dec 12	Dec 9	Nov 4
Middle East	Dec 19	Dec 16	Dec 14	Dec 12	Dec 12	Oct 21

1/ EMMS: Express Mail Military Service is available to selected military post offices. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to your APO/FPO of address.

2/ PAL: A special service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. PAL is available for Parcel Post items not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The applicable PAL fee must be paid, in addition to the regular surface rate of postage for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.

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5/ GEM: Global Express Mail is available to most countries with delivery in 3 to 5 business days. See a retail associate at participating locations for a complete list of countries or visit <http://www.usps.com/global/globalexpressmail.htm>. Some restrictions apply.

6/ GPM: Global Priority Mail is an accelerated airmail service available for items up to 4 pounds to 51 countries. The service is available in two attractive sized envelopes. Customers can also use their own packaging by adding the Global Priority Mail sticker. See a retail associate at participating locations for a complete list of countries or visit <http://www.usps.com/global/globalpriority-mail.htm>. Some restrictions apply.

# 300 miles in three days

## Army showcases hydrogen powered vehicle in California Road Rally

Story and photo by Tom Moyer  
RDECOM

Hydrogen-powered fuel cell technologies designed for consumer use and for U.S. military non-tactical vehicle applications were showcased by major U.S. automakers and the U.S. Army as part of a rolling convoy during the 2005 California Fuel Cell Partnership Road Rally, Sept. 29 through Oct. 1.

The Army's modified Chevrolet Silverado, equipped with two 94-kilowatt fuel cell stacks fueled by compressed hydrogen gas, was showcased throughout the three-day long road rally throughout Northern California.

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command took delivery of the pick-up truck April 1 from General Motors Corp., and has been running the vehicle through an evaluation period at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"This vehicle has spent the last few months performing civilian-type

duty at Fort Belvoir, Va., where Army Soldiers have been evaluating its performance and learning first-hand about hydrogen and fuel cells," said Dr. Richard McClelland, director of the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center.

"Fuel cell vehicles have the potential to support multiple military needs such as increased system efficiency, quality electrical power, and field generated potable water; to name a few. We were proud to have this vehicle in the road rally and look forward to sharing our perspectives on fuel cells," he added.

According to GM, the modified pick-up truck is capable of generating 188 kW and 317 foot-pounds of torque, or roughly the motor torque generated by GM's 5.3 liter V-8 engine. This was the first time the vehicle was driven in California.

The road rally brought many hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, a hydrogen reformer, a mobile hydrogen refueler and numerous other tech-

nologies to Sacramento, Davis, Martinez, Berkeley, Oakland, San Jose, San Carlos and San Francisco. During the event, the general public was given several opportunities to test drive the vehicles, watch them refuel and learn about hydrogen production.

"The California Fuel Cell Partnership Road Rally was a very successful event for the Army. The fuel-cell truck that we entered was a show-piece at most all events along the tour," said Bill Haris, engineer with the U.S. Army National Automotive Center.

"Many people who saw the truck could more easily identify with it, because it is a pick-up truck unlike the European style of most of the other vehicles showcased," he said.

Later this year, the truck will be delivered to the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, Calif., for demonstration and evaluation before returning to the Army.



The U.S. Army modified Chevrolet Silverado refuels at the University of California - Davis. The cruising range of the pick-up truck is approximately 125 miles with a potential top speed of 95 mph.

# OMMS begins weapons immersion

Khaalid Walls  
OC&S

Advanced individual training Soldiers from the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School began a U.S. Army Training and Doctrine initiative known as weapons immersion Oct. 2.

"Weapons immersion training is designed to eliminate casualties by negligent discharges," according to a TRADOC memo.

Since the beginning of the

Global War on Terror, the Army has reported 350 negligent discharge incidents, 57 of those resulted in fatalities.

The initiative was developed through studies of lessons learned from OIF and OEF. As part of the initiative, AIT students will maintain their weapons 24 hours a day.

"This is a way to continue weapons training for the Soldiers," said Col. Frank Merritt, commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade.

Soldiers will be armed with the standard issued M-16A1 rifle. The rifles will be loaded with blank ammunition.

Merritt said Soldiers will primarily have their weapons while moving through the battalion in places like the dining facility, barracks and in classrooms.

"You won't see a Soldier at the bank, the PX or the commissary with a weapon," he said.

Before entering a dining

facility or classrooms, Soldiers will disarm their weapons at marked clearing stations.

Weapons immersion has already begun at many TRADOC installations and the initiative at APG marks a continuation of the program.

"We want to train Soldiers how to properly and safely handle their arms to minimize the occurrence of negligent discharges," Merritt said.



Drill Instructor Staff Sgt. Robert Vankirk, left, helps a group of AIT Soldiers properly clear their weapons before entering the dining facility Oct. 2.

## APG hosts 'tech expo'

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The Corporate Information Office, U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command, and APG Garrison Directorate of Information Management will host the Annual Fall Information Technology Products and Services Expo, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Oct. 26, at the Gunpowder Club Conference Center, building E-4650.

The expo is free and open to all Department of Defense, government and contractor personnel (with access to APG-Edgewood Area).

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Coffee, donuts and a light lunch buffet will be provided.

For more information, call FDAE toll-free, 1-877-332-3976, Susan Suppa, DOIM, 410-278-7598, or Chris Zukowski, RDECOM, 410-436-3873.

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