

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 26, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Route 22 is open, 755 remains closed

The Harford Gate (Route 22) is now open and the Aberdeen Gate (APG Road) will be 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) and will be closed until construction is completed.

APG Shoppettes go to 24-hour gas operation

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Shoppettes began 24-hour operations for gasoline purchases early this week. The service started Oct. 17 at the Edgewood facility and Oct. 18 at Aberdeen.

Customers can make credit card purchases only beginning about an hour after closing time said Aberdeen supervisor Crystal Washington.

"The store closes at 9 [p.m.] and the pumps won't be functional until after the end-of-day reports, about 9:45 [p.m.]," Washington said.

Gas purchases at the Edgewood Shoppette, which closes 7 p.m., can be made after 8 p.m.

Customers can only use credit cards as there can be no cash transactions after business hours.

For more information contact Thea Sarver, AAFES store manager, 410-278-5784.

APG Military Idol makes final 16

Capt. Scott Willens, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and APG's contestant in the Military Idol competition, made the first cut in the finals at Fort Gordon, Ga., Oct. 17. He is in the final 16 out of a field of 35 contestants.

To see Willens' performances from Oct. 18 and 19, Army Knowledge Online account holders can

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Warfighter is focus of AUSA exhibit



Photo by RALPH BROTH

The Visual Information Services Division, part of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Information Management, designed, coordinated and produced the U.S. Army Materiel Command exhibit displayed at the Association of the United States Army annual convention in Washington, D.C., Oct. 3 through 5. The exhibit theme "It's About Them: Focused on the Warfighter," echoed that of the multi-media presentation given by Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command. The exhibit spotlighted three sub-themes: Saving, Sustaining and Improving Lives, all primary focuses of AMC's mission. The AUSA annual meeting is the largest of the AUSA's annual events and is the largest single exhibit project VISD executes for AMC.

ACS recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Rebecca J. Chisholm
APG News

Each year during the month of October, the Department of the Army and organizations across the nation demonstrate their commitment to the safety of families by recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program understands that families experience life changing transitions.

When a military career is added, the challenges of constant relocations and

deployments may increase stress for Soldiers and family members.

Domestic violence is abuse between intimate partners, which can take many forms. It may include emotional or verbal abuse, denial of access to resources or money, restraint of normal activities and freedom (including isolation from friends and family), sexual coercion or assault, threats to kill and to harm, and physical intimidation or attacks. In extreme cases, domestic violence may result in the death of a partner.

"Domestic violence is a great evil and an offense against human dignity

that shatters lives and robs children of their innocence," said Reeshemah Bugg, ACS acting family advocacy prevention specialist. "Where it occurs, homes are transformed into places of danger and despair. During October, we renew our commitment to preventing domestic violence."

Shelters and local battered women's programs use the purple ribbon to raise awareness about the crime of domestic violence in their communities.

The purple ribbon also has been recognized by state legislatures in proclamations commemorating October as

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"October is a time for collective action: a time for communities to unite to mourn those who have died as a result of abuse, celebrate those who have survived, connect with those who work to end violence, and raise public awareness," said Celestine Beckett, ACS director.

"Everyone on APG is asked to stop by [building 2754 Rodman Road] and pick up their purple ribbon to show their support to end domestic violence," Bugg said.

Soldier Show to bring 'Operation America Cares' to APG

USACFSC Public Affairs

The 2005 U.S. Army Soldier Show is bringing "Operation America Cares," a 90-minute song and dance production that expresses the importance of giving deployed Soldiers a touch of home, to Aberdeen Proving Ground for three performances Oct. 29 and 30.

The 2 p.m., Oct. 29 performance is for the 16th Ordnance Battalion and the 2 p.m. Oct. 30 show is for the 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

The 7 p.m. Oct. 30 show is free and open to the public.

The 19-Soldier troupe will have performed 102 shows across the U.S., Korea and at Camp Zama,

Japan by year's end.

The Army National Guard is the lead sponsor and partner of the 2005 U.S. Army Soldier show. AT&T is the corporate sponsor.

For more information, contact Chris Lockhart, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Support Services Division at 410-278-3904/4698.

U.S. Army Soldier Show

The modern version of the show originated in 1983 as an outgrowth of several Soldier shows existing in various Army commands with Soldier talent selected from world wide competition. In 1998, the Army celebrated the 80th anniversary of the debut of the first Army Soldier Show in 1918 and the 15th

anniversary of the modern Army Soldier Show.

The motto, mission and philosophy of the show were established during World War I by a Russian immigrant, Sgt. Israel Beilin (Irving Berlin): "Entertainment for the soldier, by the soldier." The first Army Soldier Show, Yip Yip Yaphank, conceived and directed by Berlin, appeared on Broadway in 1918.

The Army Soldier Show was reincarnated during World War II on Broadway under the title "This is the Army," written, directed and produced by Berlin. The cast and crew were members of U.S. Army Special Services Company #1. The 1943 film version

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Photo by TIM HIPPS, USACFSC PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Sgt. Chaney Mosely of Fort Dix, N.J., sings Bowling For Soup's "1985" during rehearsals for the 2005 U.S. Army Soldier Show.

Johnson urges team building as he departs IMA

Ned Christensen
IMA

The Installation Management Agency said farewell in an Oct. 6 ceremony to outgoing Director Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson who left IMA to take over as deputy chief of Engineers and deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Johnson said he thought of himself as the IMA quarterback, "passed the football" to IMA principal deputy director Philip E. Sakowitz in an Arlington, Va., ceremony hosted by Lt. Gen. David W. Barno, assistant chief of staff for Installation Management. Sakowitz will serve as acting director until incoming director Maj. Gen. Michael D. Rochelle assumes the post in late October.

Johnson assumed the directorship of IMA Aug. 9, 2004, and after following a year that saw dramatic growth and promise for the future in IMA, despite being filled with the turbulence of changing times and sustain-

ing an Army at war.

"Ron Johnson probably had the toughest two-star job in our Army during his 14 months here in IMA," Barno said. "If you look at what we've asked him to do, leading 78,000 people across 110-plus installations, scattered literally across the globe, with increasing missions and decreasing people - that's about as tough a sledging as you can get and he has done that magnificently well."

"We've got more folks under...this organization than we have in just about any corps-level fighting force in the Army. That's remarkable and the breadth and scope of your responsibilities is immense," Barno continued.

The Army's Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment Geoffrey D. Prosch, talked about the short, but eventful, history of transforming installation management, the many responsibilities installations

have, and enumerated the many IMA accomplishments of Johnson's tenure.

"There's no way we could have 'moted and demoted' 300,000 Soldiers in the last two or three years without IMA," Prosch said. "There's no way we could have cross-leveled all these critical parts through the CIS."

"The 101st Air Assault Division deployed to Iraq with the body armor of the 25th Infantry Division. In the old days we never would have had visibility of that," Prosch observed.

Prosch also attributed to IMA the promise of 90 percent funding for installations, the development of common standards for installation services, and the creation of the Installation Management Board of Directors, which brings the Army senior leadership together twice a year to discuss installation issues.

"This is hard -- this is really hard," Johnson said as he took the podium for his parting remarks. He spoke of the

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'Active duty alerts' protect from identify theft

Federal Trade Commission

The last thing military personnel want to worry about while they're on deployment is someone assuming their identity to commit financial fraud.

Now, they don't have to. Amendments to the Fair Credit Reporting Act allow the military to place an "active duty alert" in their credit report. According to the Federal Trade Commission, one of the agencies that enforces the FCRA, the alert requires creditors to verify a service member's identity before granting credit in their name.

Credit reports contain information on where individuals live, how they pay their bills, and whether they've been sued, arrested, or filed for bankruptcy. Nationwide consumer reporting companies sell the information in the report to creditors, insurers, employers, and other businesses that use it to evaluate applications for credit, and a host of other activities,

including insurance, employment, or renting a home.

Credit reports can be a tool to help guard against - or discover - identity theft, which occurs when someone uses personal information - like names, Social Security number, or credit card number - to commit fraud. Identity thieves may use this information to open a new credit card account in someone else's name. Then, when they don't pay the bills, the delinquent account is reported on the victim's credit report.

Inaccurate or fraudulent information could affect the ability to get credit, insurance, or housing, now or in the future. People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or years cleaning up the mess the thieves have made of their names and credit records.

Service members who are away from their usual duty station may place an "active duty alert" on their credit report to help minimize the risk of identity theft while they are

deployed. When a business sees the alert on the service member's credit report, it must verify their identity before issuing them credit. The business may try to contact service members directly, but if they're on deployment, that may be impossible. As a result, the law allows service members to use a personal representative to place or remove an alert. Active duty alerts on the service member's report are effective for one year, unless they request that the alert be removed sooner. If deployment lasts longer, service members may place another alert on their report.

To place an "active duty" alert, or to have it removed, call the toll-free fraud number of one of the three nationwide consumer reporting companies: Equifax, Experian, or Trans Union. The company will require service members to provide appropriate proof of their identity, which may include their Social Security number, their name, address, and other personal information.

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; www.equifax.com
 Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742); www.experian.com
 TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289; www.transunion.com

Contact only one of the three companies to place an alert - the company called is required to contact the other two, which will place an alert on their versions of the service member's report, as well. If the service member's contact information changes before their alert expires, it should be updated.

When service members place an active duty alert, their name will be removed from the nationwide consumer reporting companies' marketing lists for prescreened offers of credit and insurance for two years - unless they ask that the service member's name be placed on the lists before then. Prescreened offers - sometimes called "preapproved" offers - are based on information in the credit report that indicates service

members meet certain criteria set by the offeror.

To learn more about identity theft and credit rights under the FCRA and the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, visit ftc.gov/credit.

The FTC works for the consumer to prevent fraudulent, deceptive and unfair business practices in the marketplace and to provide information to help consumers spot, stop and avoid them.

To file a complaint or to get free information on consumer issues, visit www.ftc.gov or call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

The FTC enters Internet, telemarketing, identity theft, and other fraud-related complaints into Consumer Sentinel, a secure, online database available to hundreds of civil and criminal law enforcement agencies in the United States and abroad.

Wish fulfilled creates child's memorable experience

MIKEY GRAZIANO
 CFC Vice-Chairperson

Participating in the Combined Federal Campaign, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. is a non-profit organization that

fulfills the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

Operating funds are vital as the foundation strives to fulfill

each child's special wish. This past year more than 300 wishes were fulfilled at an average cost of nearly \$7,000 per wish.

Ten-year old Daniel Moretz wanted to be the president for the day. He had 11 heart oper-

ations and two strokes in his life. He received his new heart transplant last year.

More than 12 government agencies assisted to fulfill his wish beyond his greatest expectations.

After much planning and anticipation, his day to be "President" had begun. His family also participated in his wish by holding high level positions in his administration. A retailer donated "President attire" for the entire family. Moretz traveled to federal agencies by motorcade and met government leaders to discuss crimes, taxes and national defense. He was rushed to the

Pentagon for a "classified" briefing about a national emergency in the country of "Leoni," and he decided to send the Army to rescue the Americans in there.

What did Daniel like best about being president?

"I liked feeling special and meeting with people from the military," he said.

What did he like the least?

"He didn't like wearing a tie all day," said his mother, Julie.

Children often wish for computers, television sets, VCRs, CD players and other products. New toys and frequent flyer miles can also be donated.

Make-A-Wish appreciates any help in securing these in-kind items.

A wish fulfilled creates a memorable experience for a child fighting a life-threatening medical condition and gives him or her something positive to think about instead of medical treatments and hospital visits.

To donate to the foundation, designate the organization as Charity Code 3809 on the pledge card form.

(Editor's note: To read the entire story of Daniel Moretz' wish come true, visit http://midatlantic.wish.org/wishes_featured_dan.php.)

APG hosts technology expo

The Corporate Information Office, U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command, and APG Garrison Directorate of Information Directorate 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).

Vendors to present state-of-the-art technologies include AFL Telecommunications, Alpha Insight, Anixter, Army Knowledge Online, ASAP Software, Audio Visual Innovations, Advocent, Blind Industries

(Office Eagle), CDW-G, Dell, DLT Solutions, GovConnection, Graybar, IBM, Kandex Systems, LogSec, MEDI, MPC Computers, MSC Industrial Supply, NEC Display, Nelson White Systems, Network Appliance, Newark InOne, PC Mall, Plantronics, Plug-In Storage, SEIDCON, SGI Federal, Spectra Logic, Staples, Transcore, Transition Networks, VTI/Ricoh, Westwood Computer, Wrigline, Xerox and more.

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.

U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency wins Public Relations Society of America awards

CMA

Public affairs initiatives for the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency have been recognized with two awards from the National Capital Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

The chapter's Thoth Awards recognize exceptional achievement in public relations and encourages continued excellence in the field. Awards are presented annually in 38 categories, recognizing a broad spectrum of PR programs as well as a range of components at a tactical level.

CMA public affairs work won honors for its support of efforts to safely store and eliminate the nation's aging chemical weapons stockpile.

In the community relations category, CMA won for its entry, "Umatilla Chemical

Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) Start of Operations Campaign." The UMCDF campaign was created to provide stakeholders with timely, accurate and useful information leading to community support of agent operations at the UMCDF.

CMA was also honored in the research and evaluation category for "Newport Employee Survey," which encompassed a variety of evaluation methods.

"Winning these awards is a testament to CMA's public affairs team's dedication to the program," said CMA Director Michael Parker. "It is an honor to be among the best and brightest communication professionals."

The CMA is responsible for safely storing and eliminating aging chemical weapons and agent stockpiles and for the safe elimination of recovered chemical material.

Johnson

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exhilaration of looking forward to a new assignment, but also of regret at work undone due to being called away early in his term.

Johnson used the framework of a true story to sum up the importance of what IMA does.

He told the story of Spc. Micheaux Sanders, who deployed to Iraq as a new recruit in 2003 and distinguished himself when his tank unit responded to an Iraqi insurgent attack on a cavalry patrol. Sanders received the Silver Star for exposing himself to enemy attack, shooting until he ran out of ammunition and throwing rocks after that, despite being wounded in the shoulder.

Johnson said Sanders, when asked why he fought so hard, replied that he fought to uphold the warrior ethos and because he wasn't distracted by concerns for his family back home on an Army post.

"Why? Because he knew that you, all of us, the Army's city mayors, were taking care of business," Johnson said. "Remember, we support all the 'Spec.' Sanders and all of the Soldiers around the world. If that doesn't motivate you - if you're not thinking about how you contribute to that Soldier's ability to fight, then I encour-

age you to start doing so right now."

Johnson was an advocate for IMA's mission of improving Soldiers' wellbeing by standardizing the services on installations. He often cited the examples of corporate giants Home Depot and McDonald's, who meet customer expectations by offering the same predictable look and products everywhere in the world they are located, while still accounting for the variations made necessary by demographics or geography.

He was particularly interested in Common Levels of Support, which for the first time quantifies the cost of running installations and shows what happens when funding lags. He credited CLS with providing the solid data to sell the Army leadership on funding installations to 90 percent of required funding levels. At the same time, he decided to hold implementation back a year to make sure it was right when fully deployed. And he actively pushed business process redesign and the Lean Six Sigma model to find efficiencies and improve processes.

Johnson compared the February 2005 decision to fund installations at 90 percent of base operations and 90 percent of facility maintenance and sustainment requirements to the Army College Fund in terms of significance to sus-

taining Army recruiting and retention.

"The wellbeing and quality of life that you [the IMA workforce] deliver in enhancing the facilities where our Soldiers live, work and play will be the edge that sustains this world-class, all-volunteer Army. It is your work alone that will cause other Americans to answer their call to duty," Johnson said, echoing the theme of the Association of the United States Army convention that concluded the day before the departure ceremony.

"90-90 [funding for installations] is a huge decision and I encourage each and every one of you to use the very best judgment and professionalism in figuring out how to deliver to our people the very best without wasting a single dime," Johnson said. "I'm encouraged by what we've done and I'm even more inspired by what you have yet to do."

"This is not really about Ron Johnson, this ceremony here today. It is indeed about the great service of a wonderful organization," Johnson said. "It is my belief that at sometime in the future—someone in the very near future as we look back at what we've done here with IMA, someone will say that this was the single most important decision that the Army made—to stand up this organization."

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 Outgoing Installation Management Agency Director Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson, right, receives the IMA Stabwart Award Oct. 6 from Principal Deputy and Acting Director Phillip E. Sakowitz. The award recognizes the highest level of commitment to the IMA mission.

Gulf Coast Hurricane victims helped through charities

Lisa Mack
CFC Chairperson

Everyone has seen the horrendous devastation of the Gulf Coast caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Families have been displaced and their lives ripped apart by one of nature's deadliest forces. Unfortunately, many lives were lost and the destruction seems unimaginable.

However, many charitable organizations providing assistance to the Gulf Coast victims have been approved for participation in the 2005 Combined Federal Campaign. Early contributions to the CFC may be made through an organization's key worker to the following charities. For a description of each, visit their individual Web site.

0117 AARP Foundation, 202-434-6200, www.aarp.org/foundation
1401 Adventist Development & Relief Agency International, 800-424-ADRA, www.adra.org
1979 Air Compassion America, 866-270-9198, www.aircompassionamerica.org
1828 Alley Cat Allies, 240-482-1980, www.alleycat.org
1803 Alley Cat Rescue, 301-699-3946, www.saveacat.org
2651 America Responds with Love, Inc., 321-AMERICA, www.respondwithlove.org
0437 America's Second Harvest, 800-771-2303, www.secondharvest.org
0504 American Cancer Society, 800-ACS-2345, www.cancer.org
1801 American Humane Association, 303-792-9900, www.americanhumane.org
0508 American Kidney Fund, 800-638-8299, www.kidneyfund.org
0510 American Lung Association, 800-LUNG-USA, www.lungusa.org
0700 American Red Cross, 202-303-4546, www.redcross.org
0333 AmeriCares, 800-486-HELP,

www.americares.org
1133 Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team, Inc., 301-984-0217, www.amurt.net
1228 Angel Flight, 800-296-3797, www.angel-flight.org
1262 Angel Flight America, 901-332-4034, www.angelflightamerica.org
1802 ASPCA: American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 212-876-7700, www.aspc.org
2022 Association of Gospel Rescue Missions, 800-624-5156, www.agrm.org
2002 Baptist World Alliance, 703-790-8980, www.bwanet.org
0119 Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA.), 215-567-7000, www.bigbrothersbig-sisters.org
1414 Brother's Brother Foundation, 888-323-1916, www.brothersbrother.org
0102 Catholic Charities USA, 703-549-1390, www.catholiccharitiesinfo.org
1561 Child Welfare League of America, 202-638-2952, www.cwla.org
1572 Children's Miracle Network (Osmond Foundation for the Children of the World), 801-278-8900, www.cmn.org
1946 Children's Network International, 877-264-2243, www.childrensnetworkinternational.org
0428 Christian Appalachian Project, 866-270-4227, www.chrisapp.org
0356 Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC), 800-55C-RWRC, www.crwrc.org
0310 Church World Service/CROP, 800-297-1516, www.churchworldservice.org
2969 CitiHope International, Inc., 845-676-4400, www.citihope.org
2105 Coast Guard Foundation, 860-535-0786, www.cgfdn.org
0520 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 800-FIGHT-CF, www.cff.org
1811 Days End Farm Horse Rescue, 877-

442-1564, www.defhr.org
1407 Direct Relief International, 800-676-1638, www.directrelief.org
2108 Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Charitable Service Trust (Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust), 859-441-7300, www.dav.org
1813 Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans (NEADS) (National Education Assistance Dog Services, Inc.), 978-422-9064, www.neads.org
2403 Dollars for Scholars (Scholarship America), 800-279-2083, www.scholarshipamerica.org
0566 Easter Seals, 800-221-6827, www.easterseals.com
1246 FARM AID, 800-FARM-AID, www.farmaid.org
1234 Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund (FEEA), 800-323-4140, www.feea.org
2052 Feed The Children, 800-627-4556, www.feedthechildren.org
9844 First Book, 202-393-1222, www.FirstBook.org
0113 Gifts In Kind International, 703-836-2121, www.giftsinkind.org
1501 Giving Children Hope (Global Operations and Development), 714-524-4454, www.gchope.org
1847 Greyhound Foundation (National Greyhound Foundation), 352-628-2281, www.fgreyhounds.org
0025 Habitat for Humanity International, 800-422-4828, www.habitat.org*
1457 Heart To Heart International, 913-764-5200, www.hearttoheart.org
1838 Hearts United for Animals, 402-274-3679, www.hua.org
1200 Human Care Charities of America, (Independent Charities of America), 800-477-0733, www.hcare.org
0452 Humane Society of the United States, The, 202-452-1100, www.hsus.org*

0526 Huntington's Disease Society of America, 800-345-HDSA, www.hdsa.org
1818 In Defense of Animals, 415-388-9641, www.idausa.org
1037 International Aid, Inc., 616-846-7490, www.internationalaid.org
2934 International Association for Human Values, 202-363-2136, www.iahv.org
1423 International Medical Corps, 800-481-4462, www.imcworldwide.org
0348 International Orthodox Christian Charities, 866-803-4622, www.iocc.org
1047 International Relief & Development, Inc., 703-248-0161, www.ird-dc.org
0351 International Relief Teams, 800-638-8079, www.irteams.org
0319 International Rescue Committee, 877-733-7338, www.theirc.org
0530 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, The, 800-955-4572 www.leukemia-lymphoma.org
2278 MADRE, Inc., 212-627-0444, www.madre.org
0534 March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, 888-663-4637, www.marchofdimes.com*
0035 Medical Teams International, 503-624-1000, www.nwmedicalteams.org
0365 Mercy Corps, 800-292-3355, www.mercycorps.org
2526 Mercy Medical Airlift, 888-675-1405, www.mercymedical.org
1498 Mercy-USA for Aid and Development, Inc., 800-556-3729, www.mercyusa.org
2464 Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, 818-784-6787, www.mhopus.org
2038 Operation Blessing International Relief and Development Corp., 800-730-2537, www.ob.org
2735 Operation USA, 800-678-7255, www.opusa.org
0320 Oxfam America, 800-77-OXFAM, www.oxfamamerica.org

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APG remembers fallen ordnance Soldier

OC&S

Not one seat was left vacant—and many had to stand—in the post's main chapel Oct. 12 as Soldiers and civilians gathered to

remember Sgt. 1st Class Moses Armstead, 44, who died as a result of non-combat related injuries en route to Afghanistan on Oct. 6. Armstead, a Soldier with

the 16th Ordnance Battalion, had recently returned to the states on emergency leave to attend his mother-in-law's funeral and was on his way back to Afghanistan.

A native of Bartow, Fla., Armstead enlisted in the Army in 1985 and had completed tours in Fort Knox, Ky.; the Republic of Korea; and Fort Campbell, Ky., before coming to Aberdeen Proving Ground in 1999.

A machinist by military occupational specialty, Armstead most recently served as an instructor/writer with the Weapons/Metalworking Services Department.

Armstead is survived by his wife Tonya; sons Jaspen, Daylin and Llandyn of Aberdeen, and Moses Armstead Jr. of Tennessee; daughter Dominique Armstead of Rochester, N.Y.; and his father, William Armstead also of Rochester; and five sisters and two brothers.

Armstead's military awards and decorations include the Air Assault Badge, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct

Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Medal.

Armstead had an associate's degree in advanced applied science from Austin Peay University and at the time of his death was pursuing a bachelor's degree at Southern Illinois University.



Sgt. 1st Class Moses Armstead

Community Notes

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 21
FREE CHILD SAFETY
SEAT CHECKS BY
APPOINTMENT**

Four out of five child safety seats are used incorrectly, according to the latest federal government safety statistics.

Maryland Kids in Safety Seats, KISS, and the Harford County Highway Safety Committee will sponsor a free child safety seat check for any parent/guardian interested in making sure their child's car safety seat is properly installed.

The free checks by appointment will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at Level Volunteer Fire Company, 3633 Level Village

Road in Churchville. The average check is allotted approximately 30 minutes.

To schedule an appointment, contact Highway Safety Committee Coordinator Kathy Acquavella by Oct. 20 at 410-638-4924.

Space is limited, so call now.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 22
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Water Witch Fire Company will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open at 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards. Food, beverages, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, JoAnne Bierly, 410-378-3320 or Stephanie Gibson, 410-378-2672.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE
DAY**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 will sponsor a Make a Difference Day Closet Clean-up and Food Drive, which gives everyone an opportunity to clean out their closet to help someone in need. Ladies and children's clothing items will be donated to the Goodwill Industry; and men's clothing items will be donated to Perry Point VA Medical Center. Non-perishable food items are also being accepted, and donated to Grace Place, located at Saint John's Episcopal Church, Havre De Grace. Clothing items must be clean and serviceable.

Bring items to Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, 206 Spesuitia Road, Aberdeen, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call Senior Vice President Linda Robinson, 443-857-8823 or

410-272-3444.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 22
AND 29
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 and 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.

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 23
CATHOLIC WAR VETER-
ANSTRIP TO NEWYORK**

The Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America, Inc., Havre de Grace Chapter is sponsoring a trip to Brooklyn, N.Y., to visit the "Valiant 400" monument. The service will take place in Prospect Park, and includes mass at a local church, a five-course luncheon at a local restaurant and a visit to the Statue of Liberty.

The bus departs the K-Mart parking lot at Fullerton Plaza on Bel Air Road at 7 a.m.; with an Abingdon pick up at 7:15 a.m. Return by 8 p.m. The trip costs \$35 per person.

For a reservation, call Matthew Bogdan, 410-256-2994 and mail check to 14 Juliet Lane, Unit 202, Baltimore, MD 21236.

**SUNDAY THROUGH
WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 23**

**THROUGH 26
REVIVAL SERVICES**

Evangelist Gayle A. Brostowski will conduct revival services at Edgewood Assembly of God, 803 Edgewood Road in Edgewood. Services begin at 7 p.m.

A native resident of northeastern Pennsylvania, Rev. Brostowski is an ordained Assemblies of God minister.

Her message consists of "the Power of the Word, the Wind of the Spirit and the glory of God's Presence."

For more information, call 410-676-4455.

**FORUM ON WOMEN'S
ISSUES**

The Harford County Commission for Women will sponsor a Forum on Women's Issues, 8 a.m., at the Higher Education and Applied Technology (HEAT) Center, 1205 Technology Drive, Aberdeen. More than 50 non-profit agencies and organizations serving women in Harford County have been invited to share their missions and identify the unmet needs of their organization and the women they serve.

For more information, call the Commission at 410-638-3389 or email women@harfordcountymd.gov.

**SUNDAY AND THURS-
DAY**

**OCTOBER 23
AND 27**

**FALL FOLIAGE AND
LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Fall Foliage and Lighthouse Cruise, noon to 3 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$30 per person and include the cruise, sandwiches and refreshments.

For reservations, call 410-939-4078.

MOVIES

**ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard**

**To verify listing, call 410-272-9008, or visit
www.aafes.com and click on "Movie Listing"**

TRANSPORTER 2

Friday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 p.m.

Starring: Jason Statham, Alessandro Gassman, Amber Valletta

Ex-elite commando and professional driver Frank Martin (Statham) is living in Miami, where he is temporarily filling in for a friend as the chauffeur for a government narcotics control policymaker and his family. The young boy in the family is targeted for kidnapping, and Frank immediately becomes involved in protecting the child and exposing the kid-

nappers. (Rated PG-13)

THE MAN

(FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.

Starring: Samuel L. Jackson, Eugene Levy, Luke Goss

Federal agent Derrick Vann (Jackson) has 24 hours to recover a pile of stolen weapons and find his former partner's killers. This becomes much more challenging when the bad guys mistake salesman Andy Fiddler (Levy) for the gun buyer. Now, Vann has to get Andy to pose as the front man in a sting operation. (Rated PG-13)

POST SHORTS

visit AKO at 6 p.m., Oct. 20 and 21. If not an AKO account holder, visit www.militaryidol.com to get a guest account.

An APG News reporter is on site at the competition and will recap the week's competition in the Oct. 27 APG News.

Clarification on PC instructions

The article 'October is Energy Awareness Month,' that appeared in the Oct. 13 issue of the APG News was taken from a Department of Energy directive regarding energy conservation. Although the article instructed readers to turn their computers off at the end of the day, this counters Directorate of Information Management instructions regarding end-of-day shutdown procedures.

The following steps are a reminder to the daily shutdown procedures for all APG computer users to be executed at the end of each business day.

The APG News regrets the error.

1. Click on Start
2. Select Shutdown
3. Select Restart (from the drop down menu)
4. Click OK
5. Turn the monitor off to conserve energy

For more information, contact the DOIM Service Desk at 410-306-HELP (4357).

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 partici-

pate. A guest speaker 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.

Comics On Duty

MWR will present The Comics On Duty World Tour, Oct. 23, at the Post Theater. Two shows will be held - 4 p.m. for active duty military, and the 7 p.m. show will be open to the public. Tickets cost \$5 for active duty military and \$10 for non-military.

Featured comics include Steve Bills, Tom Irwin, James P. Connolly and Tony Daro. This program is rated PG.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210, 410-436-7134, or visit www.apgmwr.com.

Native American Honoring Celebration

The Native American 11th Honoring Celebration will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Nov. 8, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326.

This year's theme is "Honoring Heritage... Strengthening our Nation's Spirit." Guest speaker/singer/dancer will be Matthew White Eagle. Free admission. Food sampling and a free Native American Cookbook is available.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Serino, 410-278-1534; Carol Baker,

410-436-2182; Gelina Adams, 410-278-5107; Georgia Braun, 410-436-5022; Kathleen Crosby, 410-278-1137; Carol Pannell, 410-436-3267; Maria Terry, 410-278-6622; and Ginger Simpson, 410-436-1408.

RAB meeting Oct. 27

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Oct. 27, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

The topic of the meeting will be an Update of the Existing Performance-Based Contracts.

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

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

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.

NAF open season begins Oct 24

The Nonappropriated

Funds Open Season runs Oct. 24 through Nov. 18. The Department of Army has mailed literature directly to eligible employees' home addresses explaining the changes and options available to each regular full-time and regular part-time employee.

Long Term Care may be elected during this Open Season without evidence of insurability. If this benefit is not elected at this time, it will never be offered again in future Open Seasons.

Additional information may be accessed at 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.

APG sewer system bypass

The Edgewood Area of APG experienced a sewer system overflow between 5 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Oct. 8, caused by extreme rainfall. Approximately 1,240,980 gallons of partially treated water overflowed from the chlorination tank.

In addition between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. 44,000 gallons of water were unable to fit into any of the tanks causing a discharge. This water was not treated but was highly diluted with rainwater.

The Harford County Department of Health and the Maryland Department of the Environment were notified of the event.

Questions should be directed to 410-278-1147 or 800-688-8705.

Dinner at chapel

The APG Catholic community is sponsoring a German dinner 6 p.m., Oct. 22, at Main Post Chapel.

The chapel will furnish knockwurst, bratwurst and bockwurst; guests are asked to bring a choice of vegetable, salad or dessert.

For more information/reservations, call Connie Richardson, 410-278-4333, or e-mail her at connie.richardson@apg.army.mil.

Burger King temporarily closed

LEAVE DONATION

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

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	William B. McLean (kidney failure)
Dianna Blevins	Sandra Miller
Leroy Carter	Mary Pettivay
Barbara Cascio	Donna Puckett
Steven Clarke	Tess Ramos (total hip replacement)
Barbara Crossley	Boyd Richards
Carl Davis	Cheryl L. Roark
Shelia Davison (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo)	James Royston
Geraldine Eaton	Leigh Sanders
Renee Gaffney	Barbara Seker
Susan Gorhan	Steven Sheely
Melanie A. Hoffman (paranasal sinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)	Linda Shoaf
Richard Hoffman	Alison Tichenor
Patricia Lynch	Linda Tignor
Wayne Kaiser	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Beverly King (caring for husband)	Gary Tudor (heart valve replacement)
Danny Kopp (lung cancer)	Jerry Williams
	Gerard Yursis

Health

Officials stockpile vaccine, drugs against avian flu

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Health officials estimate the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918 killed 50 million people worldwide -- more than died in World War I. Now President Bush is concerned that a strain of avian flu that has killed millions of birds in Asia could mutate and cross over to humans.

"I am concerned about what an avian flu outbreak could mean for the United States and the world," Bush said during an Oct. 4 news conference. "I have thought through the scenarios of what an avian flu outbreak could mean."

The Department of Defense is preparing in case the worst happens. DoD is stockpiling vaccine to combat the so-called avian flu and amassing antiviral drugs.

The avian flu has killed millions of domesticated and wild birds in Asia - mostly in Southeast Asia and China. At least 116 humans have caught the virus. Roughly half of them have died.

"This information, com-

bined with what we know about influenza viruses and avian influenza viruses, gives us cause for concern for the possibility of a widespread outbreak of this virus in humans," Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs, said Oct. 6.

Right now the virus is not easily transferred between birds and humans. But, if the virus genetically mutates, it may more easily pass from birds and humans and more easily pass from human to human, Winkenwerder said.

"We have to prepare for the possibility of an outbreak," he said.

The doctor said it is important for DoD to take precautions to protect service members and their families. It is also important because "in event of an outbreak, we may well be called in to assist with civil authorities in the United States or to assist in evacuations of personnel from overseas."

He said there are a number of ways where the medical and logistical expertise of DoD

could be called upon by lead federal agencies in the event of a pandemic.

DoD has tasked combatant commands to develop emergency influenza preparedness and response plans. The U.S. Pacific Command, which dealt with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, commonly called SARS, in 2003 and has dealt with the current avian flu, has completed their plans. The other combatant commands are finishing theirs, Winkenwerder said.

The doctor said the National Institute of Health has developed a vaccine for the H5N1 avian flu strain. DoD currently has about 200,000 doses.

"As we speak, that vaccine is being mass produced. By the end of this year we will have a few million doses of that vaccine," he said. "By the end of 2006 we will have tens of millions of doses."

"The step we have taken for the military is that we obtain the first amounts of that vaccine," he continued. "I expect that by the end of this year we will have sufficient supplies."

DoD is also stockpiling an antiviral medication called Tamiflu.

"DoD is quickly moving to a good state of preparedness for the avian flu," Winkenwerder said.

But the avian flu isn't the only threat out there, nor is it even the most likely. DoD is also accepting delivery of 3.5 million doses of the "regular" flu vaccine.

The regular flu hits yearly in winter months. Older people, those with compromised immune systems, and young children are most at risk of serious complications. Yet, all Americans should avail themselves of the vaccine.

"We're advising people to take the vaccine," Winkenwerder said. "We do not expect shortages of the vaccine like we experienced last year."

DoD will begin to vaccinate military personnel and family members and retirees for the regular flu shortly.

The department will not begin vaccination for the bird flu until there is a threat, Winkenwerder said.

Breast-cancer awareness: early detection saves lives

Carlla E. Jones
CHPPM

Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women. However, when breast cancer is found and treated before the cancer spreads, 98 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer survive at least five years.

Breast cancer develops when abnormal breast cells begin to grow out of control. When these cells group together, they form a mass called a tumor. Benign tumors usually do not spread. However, malignant tumors do spread and can grow into life-threatening cancers.

Since breast-cancer cells can grow without causing noticeable pain, it is important to find the cancer as early as possible.

Finding breast cancer early greatly improves the likelihood that treatment will be successful.

There are three ways to screen for (detect) the early signs of breast cancer: a breast self-exam, a clinical breast exam and a mammogram.

Self exam

All women should perform monthly breast self-exams (BSEs) after the age of 20. Women who make BSEs a regular monthly habit will be more likely to recognize potential trouble signs like: a

new lump, swelling of the underarms, changes in skin color or texture, nipple pain or irregular discharge. Women who discover any of these symptoms should consult a health-care professional as soon as possible.

Clinical exam

Clinical breast exams (CBEs) are performed by a health-care professional. During the CBE, the health-care professional examines the appearance of the breasts, looks for changes in shape or texture of breast tissue, and examines underarm areas. CBEs should be performed every three years for women in their 20s and 30s, and yearly beginning at age 40.

Mammogram

A mammogram is an X-ray of breast tissue and is the best available method to detect breast cancer at its earliest, most treatable stage.

Women aged 40 years or older should have a screening mammogram every one to two years.

Both women and men are at risk for developing breast cancer. Breast-cancer risk factors that cannot be changed include age, gender, hereditary factors, a family or personal history of breast cancer, race, previous abnormal breast biopsies, and previous exposure of the chest

area to radiation therapy. For more information about these risk factors, go to the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation Web site, <http://www.preventcancer.org/healthyliving/cancerinfo/breast-b.cfm>.

There are also several breast-cancer risk factors that individuals can control through healthier lifestyle choices.

To lower the chances of developing breast cancer eat a well-balanced, low-fat diet of full fruits, vegetables and whole grains; get moderate daily physical activity; and lose weight if overweight.

The bottom line is that early detection of breast cancer saves lives. A combination of screening to detect the cancer early and adoption of healthier lifestyle choices may lower the chances of getting breast cancer.

For more information about breast cancer go to "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month" at <http://www.nbcam.org/index.cfm>, and the "USACHPPM Breast Self-Examination: A Facilitator's Guide" (class instruction outlines and information) at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/documents/TG/TECHGUID/TG256.pdf>



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

MWR framing, ceramics classes offering fall specials

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Customers can get the jump on holiday shopping during the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fall Framing and Ceramics Frenzy at their Aberdeen and Edgewood locations.

From now until Nov. 30, there is a \$15 discount on custom framing orders over \$150.

Also until Nov. 30, there is a two-for-one special at the Edgewood

ceramics shop, in building E-4440. The shop fee for ceramics includes paint and materials. Customers must purchase their own ceramics to paint.

"The Aberdeen Craft Shop includes a woodshop, stained glass, and framing," said Debbie Brooks-Harris, shop manager.

She said that with 40 years of experience between she and Holly Shisler, who runs the Edgewood shop, they've framed just about

everything frame-able from baseball jerseys to record albums to antique walking canes.

"We're very creative in our craft. A lot of things we do here I've never seen anywhere else," she said. "We go out of our way to make your gift or memento as unique as possible."

Framing services include an assortment of matting choices as well as frame styles.

In addition, customers who com-

plete the MWR framing, and woodshop classes can come in and use the facilities on their own.

"We're set up as a do-it-yourself facility," Brooks-Harris said.

"We're approaching our busy season so customers should come in early, especially if they're ordering gifts."

The ceramics shop is only available in the Edgewood facility.

"Ceramics is coming back in new

forms," Shisler said. "We have bisque ware that's already fired so customers can come in and do fun things right away." The shop encourages walk-ins and no training is required.

"Children must be accompanied by adults," she said.

For more information, contact Aberdeen Arts and Crafts, building 2407 at 410-278-4207 or in Edgewood building E-4440 at 410-436-2153.

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.

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,

<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.

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

Specially priced Eastern Caribbean Cruise

A seven-day cruise aboard the Carnival Triumph will depart Miami, Fla., Jan. 14 and includes stops at San Juan, P.R., St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Maarten and three days at sea. The special price for the cruise is \$1,182 per person (based on double occupancy).

Government fees/taxes, insurance and roundtrip airfare from BWI are included. Rates are subject to availability and may change without prior notice. Restrictions apply.

Discount hotel rates for Sydney, Australia

G'day mate - go walkabout in Sydney, Australia, with dis-

counted hotel rates. Spend eight nights in Sydney with a choice of discounted hotel packages. A centrally located three-star accommodation is available at \$1,225 per person (based on twin share). Price includes return economy class air travel from Los Angeles to Australia and a special introductory welcome pack upon arrival. Add-on airfare from other cities in the United States is available. Airfare from BWI Airport is not included. Other packages are available to choose from.

Prices are subject to change, and are based on twin share, hotel availability and seasonal rates.

Nutcracker

The Lyric Opera House will present The Nutcracker, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 17. Tickets cost \$55, a \$15 savings, and seating is located in the orchestra section.

The last day to purchase tickets is Nov. 23.

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.

2005-06 Cheerleading program

Registration at Aberdeen

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:

Polar Shift, by Clive Cussler

The leader of an anti-globalization group plans to artificially trigger a polar shift to give the world's industrialized nations a small jolt, and then reverse the shift back again. The only problem is, it cannot be reversed. The NUMA Special Assignments Team must stop him.

Shalimar the Clown by Salman Rushdie

The focus of this novel is extremism. It tells the tale of two Kashmiri villages whose inhabitants gradually get caught up in communal violence. Hatred takes on especially horrific manifestations when neighbors turn against each other. Two of the memorable and emblematic characters introduced by Rushdie are the Hindu dancer Boonyi Kaul and her childhood sweetheart, Shalimar the clown, son of a Muslim family.

The Icarus Girl by Helen Oyeyemi

Set in England and Nigeria, The Icarus Girl fuses a familiar story of migration and cultural displacement with a gripping undertow of horror reminiscent of Stephen King.

The Art of Uncontrolled Flight by Kim Ponders

Annie Shaw, a U.S. Air Force pilot in the first Gulf War, navigates womanhood in a man's world. Raised by her swashbuckling, womanizing Air Force father after her mother dies when Annie is a child, Annie follows in his footsteps to the 'Academy,' where she learns "how not to be like a woman" and makes rank quietly.

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

SCHOOL LIAISON

'Be A Star Reader'

Roye-Williams Elementary School, Partners in Education with APG, kicked off its 2005-2007 school-wide incentive reading program, 'Be A Star Reader.' This incentive reading program is a competition between all grades and classes to see which classroom can read the most minutes each month.

Students use the calendar page of their agenda to record minutes read and have it signed by their parents. Reading specialists collect the minutes read from each student at the end of the month. All participants receive a participation certificate. A special certificate is awarded to each top reader in each class. The top reader of each grade level will receive a book. The top class at each grade level will receive a trophy based on most minutes read per the percentage of participants per class. The top class at each grade level will receive a celebration at the end of the year at the awards ceremony.

Minimum reading guidelines each week are 1st grade, 80 minutes; 2nd grade, 100 minutes; 3rd grade, 120 minutes; 4th grade, 130 minutes; and 5th grade, 140 minutes.

At the end of last school year, Roye-Williams students reading a combined total of 509, 311 minutes.

Harford County Kids Magazine announces Education Expo

Harford County Kids Magazine presents the 3rd Annual Education Expo featuring nearly 40 exhibitors including public and independent schools, preschools, community college, homeschoolers, tutoring services, extracurricular activities, financial services and much more 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 29, and 1 to 5 p.m., Oct. 30, at the Harford Mall in Bel Air. Talk personally with representatives from educational institutions and other educational resources. Free to the public. Children and parents will have a chance to see hands-on activities such as a Lego Robotics Team demonstration, a staging of Harford Cable Network's Homework 411 show, and HCPL storytime, as well as do crafts and watch dance performances.

Children 12 and under can trick-or-treat from 2 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 30, while supplies last.

For more information, visit Web site,

www.harfordcountykids.com or call 410-893-1511.

Harford County Kids Magazine is a monthly parenting publication.

Also, visit Harford County Kids at <http://harfordcountykids.com>.

Scholarship opportunities for student leaders

North Carolina State University is offering a \$10,000 scholarship to identify and reward America's most outstanding high school student leader. Web site <http://www.ncsu.edu/extension/sheltonleadership/nsls.htm> will provide a description of the scholarship, the criteria, and the application due by Nov. 5. For more information contact Dr. Mike Davis, assistant vice chancellor, North Carolina State University Extension, Box 7012, Raleigh, NC 27695 or call 919-513-0388.

Target scholarships recognize youth service leaders

The Target All-Around Scholarship program recognizes student volunteers who go beyond the classroom by serving in their communities and demonstrating responsibility. Target awards one \$25,000 national scholarship and more than 600 \$1,000 all-around scholarships each year. Only high school seniors are eligible to apply. For eligibility requirements and scholarship application, visit Target All-Around Scholarships. The scholarship deadline is Nov. 1.

Positive behavior rewarded

For the second year in a row, school personnel and parents at Edgewood Elementary Eagles are noticing a positive change in student behavior through the new 'positive behavior' program. Teachers, administrators, bus drivers, guidance, and cafeteria staff, for example, use the 'Eagle I' method to spot good student behavior and award it. Rewarded behaviors include 'I will be safe, I will be respectful,' and 'I will be responsible.' Adults award 'Eagle I' behavior throughout the building and on the bus. In the first month of school 22,663 'Eagle I' feathers were earned by students at Edgewood Elementary.

Comics on Duty to bring laughs to APG on Sunday

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Morale, Welfare and Recreation brings the popular Comics on Duty World Tour to Aberdeen Proving Ground for two shows, 4 and 7 p.m. at the Post Theater Oct. 23.

The 4 p.m. show is for active duty military and the 7 p.m. show is open to the public. Tickets cost \$5 for military and \$10 non-military.

"This is first rate entertainment by people who repeatedly go in harms way to entertain our troops in the War on Terror," said Earlene Allen, MWR senior programmer. "People should know that proceeds from Comics on Duty stateside performances help pay for their overseas tours."

The show's four top-rated comedians include Steve Bills, Tom Irwin, James P. Connolly and Tony Daro. They have performed in such shows as VH1's Movie Obsessions, Ed McMahon's Next Big Star, and written for such television shows as the Tonight Show and Politically Incorrect.

The Comics On Duty World Tour is produced exclusively for the military community by Richard Davis, executive producer of the Davis Entertainment Group.

Since 1992, the CODWT has performed more than 1,700 shows worldwide, for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, including more than 200 in Iraq in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, entertaining thousands of military personnel.

The show brings only national headline comedians with extensive experience within the industry. To complete the show experience, comedians sign autographs, mingle with the audience and give out free CODWT patches or other memorabilia at the end of each show. The standard performance content is consistent with a PG-13 rating system.

Tickets can be purchased at MWR Registration, building 3326, at the Hoyle Gym/Fitness Center, building E-4210, or online at www.apgmwr.com.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907.



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Comics on Duty World Tour comedian Tom Irwin jokingly voices the opinion of Iraqi sheep farmers towards Blackhawk pilots during a CODWT show at Arifjan, Kuwait in 2004. Irwin and three other comedians bring the show to APG Oct. 23.

Katrina coverage continues

DoD seeks civilian employee volunteers for Katrina relief

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

In light of the ongoing need for volunteers to support hurricane efforts in the Gulf Coast, the Defense Department is encouraging its federal civilian employees to consider participating.

In a Sept. 8 memo to department leaders, David S. C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for Personnel and Readiness, urged DoD employees to offer their services, as long as it doesn't impact on their immediate defense mission.

In a related move, Chu announced DoD's participation in an emergency leave transfer program to help employees affected by Hurricane

Katrina.

That measure, authorized throughout the federal government by President Bush, will allow DoD civilian employees to donate unused annual leave to other federal civilian employees who need more time off from work due to the hurricane.

DoD components are establishing programs and are expected to begin seeking leave donors as well as requests for help soon.

In his memo regarding the volunteer program, Chu noted that the Department of Homeland Security anticipates the need for 2,000 volunteers to help with the federal government's response and recovery efforts under way.

As a result, he said, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is offering federal civilian employees the opportunity to volunteer for 14- to 30-day deployments to affected areas to help support DoD efforts.

Volunteers will remain on the DoD payrolls and be will be in a temporary-duty status while performing their volunteer service, Chu said.

Mark Smith from the Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service said he expects the program to become an ongoing effort between DoD and FEMA, with ongoing volunteer rotations for the foreseeable future.

While encouraging employees to volunteer, Chu emphasized that they

must receive their supervisor's approval before volunteering, and that their temporary absence from the workplace "cannot diminish or compromise service or support to our critical DoD mission."

Volunteers must go through their DoD component point of contact, not FEMA, to offer their services, Smith emphasized.

Details about both the leave-donation and volunteer programs are posted at the DoD Civilian Personnel Management Service's Web site, www.cpms.osd.mil, under the "Hurricane Katrina" link. The site also includes points of contact within DoD about where to apply for the volunteer program, Smith said.

All volunteers must be physically able to work outdoors all day in a disaster area, with long work hours under arduous conditions, officials said. They also must require no refrigeration for medications.

Skills particularly in demand are bilingual capabilities in all languages, a commercial driver's license, logistics capabilities and expertise in information technology, officials said.

Before deploying to the affected area, all volunteers will receive one day of training in Orlando, Fla., before moving to the hurricane disaster area, officials said.

Commentary — Words in Katrina's wake

Capt. Steve Alvarez
American Forces Press Service

I'm a professional communicator. My job in the military is to find the right words to express things the right way. This is the first time in my career - in my life - that I have ever been at a loss for words.

No words can describe the sense of hopelessness that engulfs you upon entering this region - how tiny you feel in the wake of the immense power that wipes one home from the earth, yet allows a small tree to hold its ground 20 feet away.

I had seen this type of devastation in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew in 1992. I helped my hometown of Miami rebuild after what was then the worst natural disaster in U.S. history. Having seen Andrew's devastation firsthand, I can say this is far worse. Andrew was a shotgun shell fired at a paper target. Katrina is an atom bomb fired at the same target.

As I drove south on Interstate 65 from Montgomery, Ala., traces of Katrina began to appear. A little more than 20 miles away from Mobile, Ala., twisted billboards lay on the roadside; poles that once held hotel signs high above the highway now were bare; and plywood bald spots dotted rooftops where shingles once protected residents from the elements.

Riding with National Guardsmen in Humvees [high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicles] toward Pascagoula, Miss., people on the street waved as they passed us in cars with watermarks halfway up the doors. They honked their horns and gave the Soldiers thumbs up.

For a moment, the presence of military personnel keeping order and bringing hope to a region reminded me of my year in Iraq. As we drove, we passed guardsmen maintaining order at gas stations, Soldiers working at relief stations in the sweltering heat, and engineers clearing the way for disaster workers to repair the many broken cities of the Gulf Coast.

But this was not a war-torn foreign land. This surreal, nightmarish, hellhole was my country, not someone else's. This was my backyard.

As a Floridian, hurricanes are a part of life. I grew up thinking that potential disasters were a

price you paid and a risk you took for living in the South, what I consider the most beautiful part of our nation. Property was replaceable; that's what insurance is for. What matters after the storm is that you're alive.

As I walk through this chaotic oblivion, my view has changed. When the ceiling of a home that once bounced a child's laughter off its walls is ripped off and tossed a mile away, things change. When the mirror that a daughter primped in front of as she prepared for her prom is shattered into a jagged jigsaw puzzle, perspectives change. And when the wall that measured a son's growth is now dust, thickening murky floodwaters, your opinion sways.

No words can accurately describe conditions here. There is no eloquent way to package this -- no way to couch it into a talking point, into a theme, into a message. The word "catastrophe" doesn't even rate what Katrina has done here. We need to find a new word for this level of devastation, coin something to capture this horror.

There are fish from the Gulf of Mexico swimming in storm water runoff ponds and gullies on the side of the road. Inland leaves on bushes and shrubbery are wind-burned on one side from Katrina's vicious saltwater-laden winds. Near the coast, trees are leafless. They are brown, vein-like objects littered, like soiled garland, with torn and tattered clothing.

Cars now float in pools. Boats now sit on highways. There are few houses standing. Most are piles of lumber and mortar almost empty of the signs of human existence. Katrina somehow selectively removed personal affects from the homes, stealing the privacy of the victims and scattering pieces of their lives throughout the coast.

No insurance money in the world can replace the property lost. Memories have no monetary value. And when taken away, their loss makes people feel vulnerable.

Hurricane Katrina is no more, but like all violent acts she has left an indelible scar on victim and relief worker alike. I am not a victim of Katrina, but I still feel the intensity of fear and immensity of loneliness that survivors feel.

Yet, as relief workers of all ethnicities, professions and socio-economic groups from

across the country converge onto this wide swath of despair, the human spirit remains undaunted. Utility workers frantically work to repair power grids; doctors and nurses care for broken masses of humanity; construction workers remove storm debris and clear roads; aid workers feed the hungry; and police and military authorities strive to keep order.

Despite their shock, loss and sorrow, the region's residents display their strength and

resilience.

In a waterfront development in Pascagoula, in what is left of the front steps of a home, the residents erected a flagpole and placed a small sign at the foot of the pole. The sign includes their address and the family's name, but at the bottom of the sign, in small letters is what I'll take with me from this disaster.

It reads: "No retreat. We'll be back. No surrender."

TRICARE expands its support to beneficiaries affected by hurricanes Rita, Katrina

TRICARE Management Activity

TRICARE, the Defense Department agency that administers the health care plan for the Uniformed Services and their families, has authorized blanket referral waivers and extended the suspension of pharmacy co-pays to assist beneficiaries who have been displaced by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

The blanket referral waiver allows beneficiaries to seek care from any TRICARE-authorized provider within limited time frames. It does not affect co-pays, cost-shares or deductibles that may apply.

The suspension of pharmacy co-pays will continue through Oct. 31, 2005, for TRICARE beneficiaries impacted by both hurricanes.

Waivers are in effect for certain ZIP codes and have varying expiration dates. Beneficiaries can refer to the regional map to see if they live in an area covered by the waiver, or they can look up their individual ZIP code to verify coverage.

Humana Military Healthcare Services, TRICARE's contractor for the South Region,

will make necessary recommendations on any extensions for the waivers.

Beneficiaries seeking information about their TRICARE benefits may call any of the regional contractors: Humana Military Healthcare Services (South region), 1-800-444-5445; HealthNet (North region), 1-877-874-2273; or TriWest (West region), 1-888-874-9378, or visit the TRICARE Web site, www.tricare.osd.mil/katrina.

Beneficiaries should call the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System Support Office to update family member information and address changes in order to maintain access to TRICARE benefits and to expedite claims processing.

Beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators, debt collection assistance officers, TRICARE service centers and family support representatives at local military installations are also available to help active duty military personnel and their families.

Other resources available include Military One Source at 1-800-342-9647 or www.militaryonesource.com.

America Supports You: Fisher House distributes airline tickets

Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

The Fisher House organization uses more than a million frequent flyer miles per week in distributing free round-trip airline tickets to families of war-wounded service members being treated in military and Veterans Affairs medical facilities across the country.

To date, the program has distributed more than 4,000 tickets, using more than 150 million frequent flyer miles, Jim Weiskopf, vice president of communications for the nonprofit Fisher House Foundation, said.

He said the foundation's general fundraising, including money received from the Combined Federal Campaign, to pay airport security fees, taxes and administrative fees on the tickets so there is no charge to the families.

Fisher House gets the millions of frequent flyer miles through "Operation Hero

Miles," a program that took off in 2004 after U.S. Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger of Maryland convinced U.S. airlines to provide free round-trip airline tickets for service members arriving daily from Iraq and Afghanistan for rest-and-recovery leave. Ruppersberger challenged the airlines to start the program because he was concerned about placing a financial burden on service members.

The program has been expanded to wounded servicemen and women being treated at major military and Veterans Affairs medical centers across the country. Those who have approved convalescent leave may be given a free round-trip airline ticket to visit loved ones if they're not eligible for government-funded airfare. Family members are also eligible for the free tickets.

The unused frequent flyer miles come from private and corporate donations.

The tickets are distributed through the Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that builds homes near and on the grounds of large military and Veterans Affairs medical facilities. Recuperating service members who must be near a hospital for continuing treatment and families visiting loved ones in the hospital can stay in the homes at no cost.

Requests for tickets have to originate from a service member and must be forwarded to Fisher House by a hospital social work staff member, family assistance center or service casualty office.

"All we want to know is the reason for the hospitalization, and we don't make any distinction whether it was combat related, training accident or sports injury if they're hospitalized due to service in Iraq or Afghanistan," Weiskopf said.

Charities

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1816 PETA: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), 757-622-7382, www.peta.org

0433 PETsMART Charities, 800-738-1385, www.petsmartcharities.org

0114 Points of Light Foundation, 202-729-8165, www.pointsoflight.org

0325 Project HOPE, 800-544-4673, www.projhope.org

2410 ProLiteracy Worldwide, 888-528-2224, www.proliteracy.org

0899 Rebuilding Together, Inc., 202-483-9083, www.rebuildingtogether.org

0338 Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO), 800-SAL ARMY, www.salvationarmyusa.org

2068 Samaritan's Purse, 800-528-1980, www.samaritanspurse.org

0326 Save the Children, 800-728-3843, www.savethechildren.org

0060 Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council of the United States, 314-576-3993, www.svd-pusa.org

0584 Spina Bifida Association of America, 800-621-3141, www.sbaa.org

0560 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 800-822-6344, www.stjude.org

0674 Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation, 800-315-2580 www.starlight.org

1485 Trickle Up Program, Inc., 212-255-9980, www.trickleup.org

1824 United Animal Nations, 800-440-3277, www.uan.org

0563 United Cerebral Palsy Associations, 800-872-5827, www.ucp.org*

* This organization has administrative and fundraising expenses above 25 percent and has provided OPM with a satisfactory explanation for and a plan to reduce these expenses below the 25 percent level. Because a variety of circumstances can affect an organization's administrative and fundraising expense rate, donors should contact the organization directly if they wish to receive more information.

The 2005 Contributor's Guide for national/international organizations is at Web site <http://www.cfecmd.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 410-306-1625/1626.

Soldier Show

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featured a military cast starring Ronald Reagan, Gene Kelly and Joe Lewis.

The 2005 U.S. Army Soldier Show: "Operation America Cares"

Expressing the importance of giving deployed Soldiers a touch of home is the driving force behind "Operation America Cares," theme of

the 2005 U.S. Army Soldier Show. This is a song-and-dance display of Soldiers longing for the familiar and America's affection while they fight the Global War on Terrorism.

The 90-minute show features the musical genres of new rock, country, gospel, rhythm and blues, eclectic new wave/new age, patriotic and newly arranged movie themes.

Sixteen performers were selected from more than 400 Soldiers who applied for auditions. Three technicians and four drivers also are part of

the cast and crew who include active duty and Reserve Component Soldiers from 14 states. They vary in rank from private first class to first lieutenant and represent 17 separate military specialties ranging from a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter pilot to counterintelligence agent.

Their backgrounds vary as well. Lighting technician Spc. Jeffrey Blackman doubles as the show's illustrator. He also writes plays and short stories, sings in the Walter Reed Army Medical Center Chapel Choir

in Washington, D.C., and acts in musicals whenever he can.

Spc. Allison Carpenter, Camp Humphreys, South Korea, was a member of the national champion "Touch of Blue" majorette line while earning her degree in crime law and justice at Penn State University.

Sgt. Tony Cooper of Fort Gordon, Ga., has performed at the Apollo Theatre and made it to the Hollywood round in American Idol's fourth season.

Spc. Rondi Edward is an operating

room technician at Fort Bragg, N.C., and claims her only hobby is "singing, singing and singing."

Spc. Chris Ekstrom discovered music in Chicago at age 5 and sang in choirs for most of his life. He has performed his way through military assignments in North Carolina, Virginia, Alaska and Korea.

And 1st Lt. Christina Fanitz earned her bachelor's at George Washington University and her commission from ROTC at Georgetown University.

Hispanic 'renaissance' hailed during APG observance

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The Aberdeen Proving Ground community enjoyed words of wisdom, flamboyant dance and appealing foods that perfectly represented the colorful group it hailed during the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the Post Recreation Center Oct. 6.

Cindy Sepulveda, Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center staffing specialist, led the program that included a welcome by Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander and remarks by guest speaker Dr. Jacob (Jake) Lozada, a retired Army colonel and assistant professor of medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Wright welcomed all and said that he was proud to be a part of a celebration to, "applaud the extraordinary accomplishments of Hispanic Americans."

"From the Revolutionary War, beginning our great nation, Hispanics have served in the armed forces, defending America's freedom in every major conflict," Wright said. "They have been and still are some of our bravest Soldiers."

Lozada thanked the APG Hispanic Heritage Month planning committee for inviting him to be a part of the observance.

Born "in a very small town in Puerto Rico," Lozada spoke on the issues of immigration and the importance of diversity in America.

"We draw our strength as a nation of immigrants," he said, "And we have become a stronger nation because of it."

"Hispanics have been coming to our nation for centuries," he said. "We share the American dream and are highly patriotic."

He said that 29 million residents of the United States speak Spanish at home and that one-third of the Hispanic population is under 18, compared to 25 percent of society.

"Today's immigrants are learning English faster than previous generations, and their children will most likely speak English only."

Noting Hispanic accomplishments that include Medal of Honor recipients, Nobel Prize winners and countless athletes and entertainers, Lozada said that "many believe we are in the midst of a Hispanic renaissance."

"I appreciate the chance to come here and participate in this renaissance," he said. "I ask that you take a moment to reflect on our working together as one nation."

"This is the greatest nation on earth, full of wonderful opportunities for all of us," he added. "You just have to have a vision."

Wright thanked the Garrison Equal Employment Office, the OC&S Equal Opportunity Advisors and the Hispanic Heritage Month planning committee "for their hard work in putting together today's celebration."

"You have given us an opportunity to learn more about the diverse Hispanic cultures that have had such a profound impact on the shaping of America," he said.

The event included entertainment and cultural displays as well as food samplings from La Tolteca Restaurant in Bel Air.

The Latino Dancers from Aberdeen High School, led by Spanish teacher Diane Stomer, performed the Cha-Cha, Bachata, Tango and Meringue dances. Stomer said the school's youths have been participating in the annual program for 10 years.

"It just positively brings the high school together with the community," Stomer said. "And the kids love it."

Marcelo Armenariz, a tactical support group instructor with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, presented a col-

lection of Ecuadorian artifacts, artwork and souvenirs that included Llama rugs, handmade purses, figurines and pottery and paper money.

"This is no longer printed," Armenariz said of the Ecuadorian dollars. "They use U.S. dollars now, so I'm happy to have saved these."

Attendees dined on refried beans, beef enchiladas, quesadillas, churos and cheese encoladas served by committee members and EO advisors.

Sepulveda praised the committee for "working as one team," and Master Sgt. Arbel Connor, OC&S equal opportunity advisor, for leading the efforts.

"He took care of everything in his usual efficient manner," she said.

Connor, who soon retires from the Army, said he was pleased to pass on the reins to his replacement Master Sgt. Gail Brennan.

"The program went great, it was well organized and synchronized," Connor said. "As usual the dancers were great and every-

one we can usually count on for support came through."

Attendees included 30 cadets from the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, led by Cpl. Kevin Richards.

"I thought the program was great, very well presented," Richard said, adding that the cadets seemed to enjoy it as well. "Of course they enjoy anything with food involved," he laughed.

"It was real good, better than before," said Noamel Gonzalez and his wife Matilda. An instructor in the OC&S recovery division, Gonzalez said the couple used to bring displays and participate in the program but decided to sit back and enjoy the show this year.

"It was one of their best," Gonzalez said. "Everyone should have gotten something out of it."

Chaplain (Maj.) Douglas Duerksen, OC&S, delivered the invocation and benediction and Sgt. 1st Class Henry Owens, 20th Support Command, sang the national anthem.

National Hispanic Heritage Month

President George W. Bush proclaimed Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 National Hispanic Heritage Month in an official proclamation dated Sept. 17, 2005.

It reads in part:

"Our nation's Hispanic community has contributed to the advance of freedom abroad and to the defense of freedom at home. In every generation, Hispanic Americans have served valiantly in the United States military. Today there are more than 200,000 Hispanic Americans serving in the armed forces, and our nation is grateful for their courage and sacrifice. In addition, thousands of Hispanic Americans are helping to defend and protect our homeland by serving as police officers and firefighters. All Americans are thankful for their daily work in helping to keep our nation safe."

Jacob (Jake) Lozada, Ph.D.

Lozada is a retired colonel who formerly served in the U.S. Army Medical Branch.

After his military career he served as principal for Booze-Allen & Hamilton and as a managing consultant for Electronic Data Systems. During this period he provided consulting services in health care management, distance learning, and knowledge management in the United States, Europe, Latin America and Asia Pacific.

After President George W. Bush nominated Lozada, he was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to be Assistant Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs on May 24, 2001.

While at the VA, along with his principal duties, Lozada served on the Interagency Task Force on Hispanic Employment in the Federal Government, the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico status, and on the Interagency Working Group for the White House Initiative on Asian-Americans and Pacific Islander.

Lozada is a fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Washington, D.C.

Hispanic Business Magazine named him one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics and the National Journal profiled him as one of 'Washington's Decision Makers.'



Aberdeen High School seniors Nicole Burlew, left, and Kyle Shetterly, members of the school's Latino Dancers, perform the Tango during the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the Post Recreation Center Oct. 6.

Cosmopolitan picks aide to APG general as one of '50 hottest bachelors'

Mike Cast

DTC

An Army captain at Aberdeen Proving Ground has been named one of *Cosmopolitan* magazine's "50 hottest bachelors" in its November issue.

Capt. Michael Lind, 26, aide to Brig. Gen. Michael Combest, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, has a job that requires him to be sharper than the average officer. He keeps a general officer on schedule, handles travel reservations and logistics, books hotel rooms, arranges meetings, makes important phone calls, and performs a host of other duties that come with the territory.

As a *Cosmo* "hottie" he finds himself in a whole new arena.

First impression

Lind accompanied Combest during a battle staff ride at Gettysburg National Military Park for students at the Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Several executives of the Hearst Corporation were Combest's guests during the battlefield tour.

Donna Kalajian Lagani, senior vice president and publishing director of the *Cosmopolitan* Group, a part of the Hearst Corporation that oversees the worldwide brands of *Cosmopolitan* and *CosmoGIRL*, was impressed by Lind when she met him at Gettysburg.

"She said, 'I can't promise you anything, but if it works out, you will get a phone call from one of our editors,'" Lind said.

"About two weeks later I received this e-mail that said, 'Hey, can you come to New York and drop in during the afternoon to take some pictures?'"

Lind drove up to New York and took part in a photo shoot with a group of other bachelors, posing before a beach backdrop. The photos turned out "great," so Lind was selected to represent Maryland in the November issue of the magazine.

He said his exposure to this type of publicity is nothing new. He had posed as a model while assigned to the 17th Aviation Brigade in South Korea.

About the bachelor

Born in Boston, and raised in South Carolina, Lind attended Norwich University in Vermont. His military studies at Norwich led to his enlistment and commissioning as an Army officer.

Lind was in the Air Force ROTC for his first two years at the university, majoring in electrical engineering, when the Army offered him a three-year scholarship and commission in the Army upon graduation. He was commissioned in 2001 and spent "a little bit of time" as a

recruiter at the school.

He then came to Aberdeen Proving Ground for a basic ordnance officer course. After spending nearly a year and a half in South Korea as a logistics officer for the 17th Aviation Brigade, he returned to APG and served as an executive officer in the 16th Ordnance Battalion. He worked at that assignment for about six months when he was offered the chance to interview for his current assignment.

"It was in test and evaluation, and I had been begging for an actual engineering job since I came in [the Army]. I was interviewed, and [selected,]" Lind said.

He said that although his current assignment includes long work hours, frequent traveling with DTC's commander and a hectic schedule, he loves it.

"You're working with top-of-the-line people and equipment," he said. "You get to travel to places where hardly anyone else gets to go. I've seen more since I've been here [at DTC] than I would have ever seen, maybe, in my career as an Army officer if I had followed the normal Army path."

One of the places Lind has seen most recently is Kuwait, where he worked for a team that installed instrumentation on military vehicles to collect data about their performance, information that may help the Army improve its tactical vehicles.

He said that being part of efforts to save Soldiers' lives makes him proud of his current assignment.

The 'Cosmo' interview

During his *Cosmopolitan* interview, Lind was asked "What are three words that describe you?"

He answered, "fearless, funny and laid back," and then added, "but I need to be brave and fearless for my job, but I also know how to relax and [enjoy life] when I'm off duty."

A dreamdate would include watching a sunset without saying a word, according to Lind.

When asked about his proudest achievement, the reply printed in the magazine reflects his sense of duty.

"Joining the Army has definite-

ly been one of the best decisions of my life," he told the *Cosmopolitan* interviewer. "Every day I work hard to save lives and protect my country."

When the November issue of *Cosmopolitan* was released Oct. 12, the magazine hosted a gala event for the 50 singles in New York City.

Rande Gerber, the husband of supermodel Cindy Crawford, threw an "after party" for the young men at the Whiskey Hotel at Times Square. The guests of honor were placed on the VIP list and enjoyed an evening of revelry, free of charge. Lind was also featured on the television programs *Entertainment Tonight* on the

Entertainment Channel, NBC's *Today Show* and *Live with Regis Philbin* and Kelly Ripa.

After *Cosmopolitan* released the names of selected bachelors to its readers they also provided e-mail addresses so readers could send notes to the winning bachelors.

"It [the magazine] hadn't been out a day, and I received about 100 e-mails," Lind said adding that the messages came from girls throughout the country.

Last year's winning bachelors reportedly received well over 1,000 e-mails from female readers, he said.

As if he isn't busy enough.



Reprinted with permission, courtesy of COSMOPOLITAN. Capt. Michael Lind, aide to Brig. Gen. Michael Combest, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, poses at a *Cosmopolitan* magazine photo shoot for their "50 hottest bachelors" contest. He was selected for the state of Maryland.



Photo by PAUL REYNOLDS. Capt. Michael Lind gets to do a variety of things as an aide-camp to a general officer, including flying on a T-34 training jet, courtesy of the Aviation Technical Test Center commander at Fort Rucker, Ala.