

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Sept. 7, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Burger King renovation begins Sept. 6

On Sept. 6, the dining room of the APG Burger King will be closed due to store renovation for approximately 120 days. The drive-thru will remain open.

New operating hours at PX

As of Sept. 6, the Aberdeen PX hours will be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday.

Community Awareness Day

Aberdeen Proving Ground's first Community Awareness Day will take place Oct. 15, bringing the Fire Department, Police Department, Army Substance Abuse Program office, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Army Community Service, Child and Youth services and other APG organizations together to offer information and activities promoting kitchen safety.

The event, to combine Fire Prevention Week, Crime Prevention Month, the CYS Fall Fest and Red Ribbon Month, will enable all garrison community groups to educate the public.

Any organization interested in having a display or booth at the event, as well as anyone interested in volunteering may call Fire Prevention Inspector, Doug Farrington, 410-306-0523.

BJ's membership sale

BJ's Wholesale Club is offering a 15-month membership, to include two cards, for \$25, for all civilian, military and contract employees.

A representative will be available at the Edgewood Recreation Center, noon to 5 p.m., Sept. 7.

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APG hopeful still contender for Military Idol



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Brig. Gen. Walt L. Davis, left, commander of the U.S. Army 20th Support Command (CBRNE), relinquishes command and passes the command flag to Lt. Gen. Daniel McKiernan, U.S. Army Forces Command deputy commanding general.

20th Support Command loses its first commander

Joni Platt
20th Support Command

The commanding general of the Army's 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-Yield Explosives) relinquished command during a ceremony on McBride parade field Aug. 5.

Brig. Gen. Walt L. Davis, first commanding general of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE), passed the flag to Lt. Gen. David McKiernan, U.S. Army Forces Command deputy commanding general, and the ceremony host.

"It may be surprising to some that we find ourselves bidding 'Team Davis' farewell so soon," McKiernan said. "It was only 10 months ago that we activated the 20th Support Command and welcomed it to our Forces Command team."

"Today we honor a great officer and an outstanding Army family," he said. "Davis was the right officer for this job when the vision of this command came to fruition. He is likewise the right officer to lead the way in developing UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) capabilities across the nation."

Davis has been named to lead the Joint Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Center of Excellence at Creech Air Force Base, Nev. The Center of Excellence will address UAV interoperability and use issues, and examine the use of sensors and intelligence collection assets to meet joint operational requirements

America Supports You holds 'Freedom Walk'

DoD

The first America Supports You 'Freedom Walk' to honor victims of 9/11 and America's military personnel as well as to celebrate freedom, will begin 7 a.m., Sept. 11, at the Pentagon.

The America Supports You 'Freedom Walk' is a walk of remembrance and support, remembrance of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the Pentagon and the Twin Towers, and support of the many American men and women in uniform past and present who protect the freedom the walk is commemorating.

The first 1,000 to arrive for screening at the Pentagon on Sept. 11 will receive the official 'America Supports You'

campaign lapel pin.

The two-mile walk will begin near the Pentagon crash site, cross Arlington National Cemetery, proceed over the Memorial Bridge, pass several national memorials, and conclude adjacent to the National Mall and Reflecting Pool where a free concert featuring country superstar singer and songwriter Clint Black will take place.

Walk participants are encouraged to take the Metro to Pentagon or Pentagon City stations and follow the signs to the staging area in Pentagon South Parking. Pentagon parking will not be available to the general public. Department of Defense parking permit holders should note that South

New scam targets government employees

Rebecca J. Chisholm
APG News

Several workers at Aberdeen Proving Ground have been subjected to cell phone calls informing them that, as government employees, they are eligible for a grant, provided they give the caller their bank account number.

These calls, similar to the e-mail scams from Nigeria that offer a significant amount of money for a small fee, are yet another way that criminals look to bilk the unsuspecting out of their money.

Because these offers come by phone, people

of U.S. forces in any combat environment.

"The activation of the Guardian Brigade, and then the 20th Support Command last October was the realization of the Army's vision to create a one-stop command for response to CBRNE threats, as well as weapons of mass destruction. In the wake of 9/11, establishing this unit was a matter of necessity, meeting a critical need," McKiernan said.

"Under his leadership, this command assimilated two unique and independent operational units: the 52nd Ordnance Group (EOD) and the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort). They provide a full-spectrum response capability currently deployed worldwide," McKiernan said.

"The Soldiers of the 52nd have steadily supported operations in the Balkans, Afghanistan, and Iraq with explosive ordnance disposal teams. Every available EOD asset in our inventory has deployed at least once since 9/11; some are on their fourth rotation," McKiernan said, recognizing their contribution to the War on Terrorism.

"The units represented today are fully engaged in operations, worldwide. From combat operations in Iraq being conducted by the 184th EOD Battalion and a CBRN team from the 22nd Chemical Battalion (TE), to support to the U.S. Secret Service, to remediation mission support in Hawaii

and in nearby Washington, D.C., this command is committed in its support to the Army and to the Joint Force," Davis said.

Representation from the command's Headquarters and Headquarters Company; 52nd Ordnance Group (EOD) from Fort Gillem, Ga.; the 63rd Ordnance Battalion (EOD) from Fort Dix, N.J.; the 19th Ordnance Battalion (EOD) from Fort Sam Houston, Texas; the 242nd Ordnance Battalion (EOD) from Fort Carson, Colo., and the 22nd Chemical Battalion (TE) also stationed at the Edgewood Area, shared the field. The 184th Ordnance Battalion (EOD), the 3rd Ordnance Battalion (EOD), and 111th Ordnance Group (EOD) were not able to send representatives as they were deployed or on training missions.

"Now well

on its way to full operational capability, the 20th Support Command has become a large part of the Army's answer to the improvised explosive device threat in Iraq and the chemical and biological emergency response here in the homeland," Davis said.

In an award ceremony prior to the relinquishment of command, McKiernan presented Davis with the Legion of Merit for exceptionally

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Receiving urgent care

KUSAHC

Patients requiring urgent care should call the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Call Center at 410-278-5475 to request a same-day appointment. If the Call Center states that there are no same day appointments available for urgent problems, they will transfer the call to a triage nurse in either the Pediatric Clinic or the General Medicine Clinic.

The triage nurse will facilitate an urgent referral, if required, which will allow the patient to go to a civilian

urgent care provider.

The nurse will specify which civilian care provider to which the caller is authorized care.

If urgent care is needed after hours or on weekends or holidays, call the Staff Duty NCO at 410-278-1725. The Staff Duty NCO will notify patient's primary care manager. If traveling and urgent care is needed, call 1-877-874-2273 (TRICARE).

If patient obtains medical care without an urgent care referral, out-of-pocket expenses could be incurred.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic

Any emergency, call 911
(no emergency room at KUSAHC)
Appointment Call Center,
410-278-5475 (KIRK)

Call Center toll free, 1-866-756-5475
Urgent care referral after hours, weekends,
holidays, 410-278-1725

Urgent care referral while traveling,
1-877-874-2273

Pharmacy refill line, 1-800-248-6337

WATCH

Do: Observe and report:

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

Do not:

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

Report any suspicious activity immediately to the APG Police:

Aberdeen, 410-306-2222, 4-2222
Edgewood, 410-436-2222, 5-2222

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

Your call may save lives.

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

Veterans' voices

Historic Montrose Chapel dedicated in honor of one of Maryland's own

Retired Col. John F. Kutcher Sr.
Special contributor

It was a balmy afternoon on Aug. 24, when several hundred veterans of the famed "Blue and Gray" 29th Infantry Division, together with family and friends, gathered at the Montrose Chapel at Camp Fretterd near Reisterstown, Md. They came from the mountains of Western Maryland and Pennsylvania, from the Eastern Shore, and from as far away as Vermont and California. They all came to pay tribute to one of the most distinguished members of the 29th Infantry Division during World War II by rededicating this historic building in his honor. This extraordinary man was Chaplain (Capt.) Eugene Patrick O'Grady, a native of Baltimore and an ordained Catholic priest.

In his opening remarks, Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, The Adjutant General of Maryland and host for the event, proclaimed "this is Father O'Grady Day."

On behalf of Maryland's Governor Robert L.



Courtesy of the O'Grady family, circa 1940
Chaplain (Capt.) Eugene Patrick O'Grady

Ehrlich Jr., Tuxill welcomed everyone present, especially the more than 50 members of O'Grady's extended family.

Tuxill expressed his gratitude for all those who served in the 29th Division, and for those still serving with the

29th Division (Light). He also thanked those in attendance for their continued support of the Maryland National Guard and its missions. He also recognized another distinguished veteran of the 29th Division, retired Maj. Gen. Maurice "Dana" Tawes.

During World War II, then Capt. Tawes was the Operations Officer (S-3) of the 3rd Battalion, 115th Infantry, in which Father O'Grady was the assigned chaplain.

"This is a great day for the 29th Division and the 115th Infantry (Regiment)," Tawes said. "Father O'Grady selflessly served his country with extreme compassion during the war, ministering to all Soldiers regardless of their faith or beliefs. I am extremely proud to have known and served with Father O'Grady. He stood for all that was right and good, and it is most fitting that this historic building is dedicated to one of Maryland's native sons. All Marylanders should be justifiably proud."

Marvin Geyer of Arbutus, Md., was also among those who came to recognize "Father O'Grady Day."

Then Pfc. Geyer was a rifleman assigned to Company H, in the 2nd Battalion, 115th Infantry, and he vividly remembers the many times that "Father Pat" (as the Soldiers knew him) came to visit his cousin Francis O'Grady.

"He was always there for 'his boys,'" Geyer said. "He didn't find the time - he made the time to be wherever he needed to be. He shared the personal touch of his service with any Soldier, anytime, regardless of religious preference. He was every Soldier's comforter."

O'Grady volunteered for the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps and joined the 115th Infantry of the 29th Division on Feb. 3, 1941, the date the

division was called up by President Roosevelt's executive order for one year of active military service.

The advent of war in December 1941 extended that service "for the duration," and O'Grady accompanied the 115th overseas to England in October 1942. He landed with the regiment at 11 a.m. on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, and gained a Bronze Star during the Normandy fighting in July.

On Nov. 29, 1944, during the 29th Division's fall offensive directed at the German city of Jülich, O'Grady was killed in action at the forward aid station of the 3rd Battalion, 115th Infantry in the village of Kirchberg.

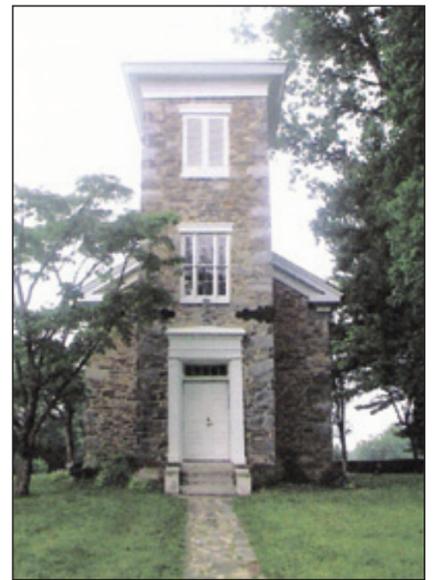
Lou Azrael, a Baltimore News-Post reporter who accompanied the 29th Division throughout its European campaigns, noted, "Few, if any, chaplains of this division were better loved...He had slept with the troops in muddy foxholes and marched with them and sometimes hungered with them. Almost every man in the 115th, regardless of his creed, would have been at his burial...but none of the thousands of soldiers who knew O'Grady and loved him could get away from the front."

The Montrose Chapel, which is over 150 years old, was built by Franklin Anderson as a place of worship for his family. Its history of use is somewhat vague, but today its mission is clear - to serve as a place of solace and worship for all members of the military services in keeping with the life and spirit of Chaplain (Captain) Eugene Patrick O'Grady to whose memory it is now dedicated.

Because of its small size, the chapel was only able to accommodate the seating for a limited number of the 29th Division veterans. The

overflow crowd was directed to the Weinberg Center at Camp Fretterd where they were able to witness the ceremony via closed-circuit television.

(Editor's Note: Joseph Balkoski, command historian for the Maryland National Guard, contributed to this article.)



Chapel Photo courtesy of the MDNG
The Montrose Chapel is located on Rue St Lo Drive, the main road through Camp Fretterd. Camp Fretterd is located approximately three miles north of Reisterstown, Md., off the Hanover Pike (US 30).

Desert Storm vets may be at risk

Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department is again sending letters to thousands of Gulf War veterans exposed to low levels of chemical agents contained in munitions destroyed at a weapons depot in Khamisiyah, Iraq, in March 1991.

A study released in early August by the Institute of Medicine in Washington, D.C., concluded that veterans possibly exposed in that area appear to have a higher risk for brain cancer death than veterans who were not exposed.

However, the study's authors said more research is needed to confirm their findings.

This letter is the third DoD is sending to update Gulf War veterans possibly exposed. Letters also were sent in 1997 and 2000 to inform veterans about developments.

Dr. Michael Kilpatrick, the DoD's deputy director for Deployment Health Support, said the purpose of the latest letters is to notify veterans whose units were in the possible hazard areas about the study and to remind them of medical services the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs can provide.

He said the letters won't recommend that veterans take any specific action, but will inform them on what to do if they feel affected.

"If they feel fine, they don't need to do anything," he said. "We don't want them to get highly concerned about this study. It is a preliminary finding, and we will continue to investigate to better understand what this may or may not mean for their health."

Kilpatrick noted this is the first study saying there is a possibility of a long-term health

effect.

"We do not have 'cause and effect' relationship at this point," he said. "But we do want the veterans to know that this data is there, and we want them to know from us that we are committed to continuing the investigation to follow-up, because we are concerned about their health."

The Defense Department first prompted the study in 1997 after it learned that rockets and other munitions destroyed at Khamisiyah in 1991 contained the nerve agents sarin and cyclosarin. During the study, Kilpatrick said, IOM researchers compared the causes of death in a group of 100,487 possibly exposed U.S. Army Gulf War veterans with those among 224,980 Army Gulf War veterans who were not exposed to nerve agents released during the demolitions.

He said the study found no difference in overall mortality or all cancer mortality.

Still, the study showed that exposed veterans were about twice as likely to have died from brain cancer as unexposed veterans, corresponding to roughly 12 excess deaths due to brain cancer among the 100,487 exposed veterans over a nine-year period.

Kilpatrick said that finding has puzzled researchers, because neither sarin nor cyclosarin is a known carcinogen.

"Neither has been shown to cause cancer," he said. "It's too early to speculate as to what could cause the brain cancer among those in the study."

He noted that medical science has tied only one factor to brain cancer.

"When you take a look at the causes of brain

cancer, the only one that is really recognized is exposure to high levels of ionizing radiation," he said. "That doesn't mix with what our Gulf War veterans were exposed to in the Gulf War."

He also pointed out that the length of time between the possible exposure and illness among the exposed Gulf War veterans is much less than is usual for development of brain cancer.

"This period is generally 15 to 20 years for brain cancer. This study has only evaluated the first nine years after this possible exposure," he said.

Kilpatrick said a lot more research needs to be done before any conclusion can be drawn on whether chemical agents at the site can be linked to brain cancer among Gulf War veterans. He said he emphasized that the notifications are part of the DoD's commitment to keeping veterans informed about health issues related to their deployment.

"The message is that we care about our veterans' health, and we are continuing to investigate to try and understand what the long-term health effects are," he said. "We are working closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs to understand this issue, and as we get more information, we will continue to share it with those concerned."

Kilpatrick said one comforting aspect of the study is that the overall death rate from diseases, injuries, and other causes for Gulf War veterans was similar between those whose units may have been exposed and those whose units were not.

"This study overall shows that the death rate of those in the Gulf is no different for military personnel," he said. "We have done other studies looking at death rate of those in the Gulf to those who didn't deploy, and it is the same in every aspect. So that is very comforting."

PTSD survey shows increase

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Recent surveys of returning Iraq and Afghan units show that about 20 percent of troops who have returned from combat deployments meet the clinical criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder, depression or anxiety.

PTSD is a psychological condition where the mind and body are reacting to specific stressors experienced in combat.

Most veterans will experience readjustment challenges once home and up to 50 percent can benefit from on-base counseling and medical resources, through the VA or at one of 206 Vet Centers nation wide.

For veterans clinically diagnosed with PTSD -- 15 to 18 percent of troops surveyed three to 12 months after their deployments -- specific medical intervention is necessary.

Rates for PTSD were highest among units that served deployments of 12 months or more and had more exposure to combat. And while rates were much lower for troops returning from Afghanistan than Iraq -- with 6 percent of Operation Enduring Freedom veterans surveyed PTSD symptoms -- PTSD remains prevalent in these units as well.

For anyone who is exhibiting post-deployment readjustment or PTSD symptoms -- sleeplessness, nightmares, excessive startle and hyperactivity, anxiety, mood and anger swings, significant behavioral changes -- help is available. Contact 911 if the behavior becomes reckless or dangerous -- or -- call 1-800-827-1000 for the nearest VA, Vet Center, VA Hospital Post-Deployment Clinic or state-funded contracted provider in the area.

Twelve MIAS from Vietnam War identified

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The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office has announced the identification of the remains of 12 U.S. servicemen missing in action from the Vietnam War.

Five of those identified are being returned to their families for burial, and the remaining seven will be buried as a group in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C.

The men who were individually identified are: Cpl. Gerald E. King, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Lance Cpls. Joseph F. Cook, of Foxboro, Mass.; Raymond T. Heyne, of Mason, Wis.; Donald W. Mitchell, of Princeton, Ky.; and Thomas W. Fritsch, of Cromwell, Conn., all of the U.S. Marine Corps. Additional group remains are those of: Pfc. Thomas J. Blackman, of Racine, Wis.; Paul S. Czerwonka, of Stoughton, Mass.; Barry L. Hempel, of Garden Grove, Calif.; Robert C. Lopez, of Albuquerque, N.M.; William D. McGonigle, of Wichita, Kan.; and Lance Cpl. James R. Sargent, of Anawalt, W.V., all of the U.S. Marine Corps. Additionally, the remains of U.S. Army Sgt. Glenn E. Miller, of Oakland, Calif. will be included in the group burial.

The Marines were part of an artillery platoon airlifted to provide support to the 11th Mobile Strike Force, which was under threat of attack from North Vietnamese forces near Kham Duc in South Vietnam.

On May 9, 1968, the Strike Force had been

directed to reconnoiter an area known as Little Ngok Tavak Hill near the Laos-Vietnam border. Their base came under attack by North Vietnamese Army troops, and after a 10-hour battle, all of the survivors were able to withdraw from the area.

Six investigations beginning in 1993 and a series of interviews of villagers and former Vietnamese soldiers led U.S. recovery teams in 1994, 1997 and 1998 to specific defensive positions within the large battle site. Additionally, maps provided by American survivors helped to locate some key areas on the battlefield.

Three excavations by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) in 1998 and 1999 yielded human remains, personal effects and other material evidence.

JPAC scientists and Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory specialists used mitochondrial DNA as one of the forensic tools to help identify the remains.

Of the 88,000 Americans missing in action from all conflicts, 1,815 are from the Vietnam War, with 1,381 of those within the country of Vietnam. Another 768 Americans have been accounted for in Southeast Asia since the end of the war. Of those, 540 are from within Vietnam.

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

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Community Recreation Division holiday hours Labor Day 2005

FACILITY	FRI, SEPT 2	SAT, SEPT 3	SUN, SEPT 4	MON, SEPT 5
Arts & Crafts, AA	10 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Arts & Crafts, EA	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Auto Crafts	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	CLOSED
Bowling Center	11 a.m.-10 p.m.	1 - 10 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Library, AA	CLOSED	1 - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.	CLOSED
Recreation Center, AA	noon - midnight	noon - midnight	noon - midnight	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Recreation Center Snack Bar, AA	4 - 11 p.m.	1 - 11 p.m.	4 - 11 p.m.	noon - 5 p.m.
Recreation Center, EA	noon - 11 p.m.	noon - 11 p.m.	noon - 11 p.m.	noon - 6 p.m.
Recreation Center Snack Bar, EA	5:30 - 10 p.m.	12:30 - 10 p.m.	3:30 - 10 p.m.	12:30 - 5 p.m.
MWR Registration/ITR	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Health & Fitness Center, AA	5:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
APG Athletic Center	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Hoyle Gymnasium/Fitness Center	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation Equipment Center	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park	5 - 10 p.m.	1 - 10 p.m.	1 - 8 p.m.	1 - 8 p.m.
Olympic Pool, AA	11:30a.m.-8:30p.m.	11:30a.m.-8:30p.m.	11:30a.m.-8:30p.m.	11:30a.m.-8:30p.m.
Bayside Pool, EA	11:30a.m.-8:30p.m.	11:30a.m.-8:30p.m.	11:30a.m.-8:30p.m.	11:30a.m.-8:30p.m.
Ruggles Golf Course, AA	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	6:30a.m.-8p.m.	6:30a.m.-8p.m.	6:30a.m.-7:30p.m.
Exton Golf Course, EA	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	7 a.m.-7:30p.m.
Top of the Bay	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

Army assistant secretary discusses 'Who is responsible for this thing?'

Mike Cast
DTC

Assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, gave his views on the transformation of Army acquisition during a luncheon July 13 sponsored by the Francis Scott Key Chapter of the International Test and Evaluation Association.

Claude Bolton began his presentation by asking "Who is responsible for this thing?" a question he had asked himself as a combat pilot during the Vietnam War when he had to repeat a hazardous mission to deploy a new system that didn't work the first time around.

As F-4 Phantom pilots during the Vietnam War, Bolton and his wingman were given the mission of deploying seismic sensors designed to bury themselves into the ground on impact.

They would then detect enemy vehicle and troop movements and relay that information via aircraft to a ground station. It was to be a two-night mission for the two pilots, who were to drop sensors along one end of a valley one night and along the other end the second night, but things went awry.

After they completed their mission on the second night – a mission made riskier by returning to an area North Vietnamese gunners had trained their sights on – they discovered the sensors wouldn't work because the pilots had been given an erroneous air speed and altitude for placing them.

"By night number three, when I came in for my briefing expecting I would get a whole lot better mission than flying along dropping stuff on the ground, I looked on the scheduling board and found I was going to do the same mission again," Bolton recalled. "Anybody who has ever flown in combat knows that when you go back to the same target area more than once, you're living on the edge. When you go back three times, it's not conducive to one's longevity."

After getting the correct data, Bolton and his wingman split the fire on the third night by flying over the valley toward each other from opposite directions, but they were still greeted by a display of firepower that reminded Bolton of July 4th fireworks.

"We dropped all the sensors at the right air speed and at the right altitude and returned to base," Bolton recalled, adding with a bit of humor, "I got out of my aircraft and gave the large pieces of it back to the crew chief, and I started to kick the tarmac as I was walking back to my briefing, thinking, 'Somebody is responsible for this mess.'"

He said he blamed the screw-up on test pilots initially because he didn't know who else had a role to play in fielding systems of this type, but his perspective changed when he became a test pilot himself, a job he held for several years.

Bolton's military acquisition career includes stints in three separate program offices, where he said he found people to be "hard-charging, well educated and well trained."

He found the same kind of hard-charging people in the Pentagon when he arrived there. When he happened to look out a window of the Pentagon to see the big domed building on the hill, he joked about the U.S. Capitol, he said he thought maybe the people up there were the guilty ones, but of course he realized they too were "hard-charging, well-educated," etc.

The answer to Bolton's initial question is that everyone involved with the acquisition process is responsible for its failures.

He said everyone on the acquisition team must not only be working together to give war fighters what they want, when they want it and where they want it; everyone must also be well trained, which may require formal training in a classroom setting.

He described a few examples of quick-response programs, including the Army's Rapid Fielding Initiative, which provided some 250,000 Soldiers with about \$3,000 to \$5,000

worth of items apiece.

"I had the pleasure of talking to the Soldiers in the 3rd ID [Infantry Division] just before they redeployed, and they're extremely happy with the quality of the equipment, but, more importantly, they've got it when they wanted it and where they wanted it," Bolton said.

A Rapid Equipping Force item fielded to Soldiers in Afghanistan to help them clear caves is the PacBot, a robotic device developed by iRobot, the company known for manufacturing robotic vacuum cleaners. The PacBot is also capable of setting off mines and performing other hazardous tasks.

The Stryker, a system rigorously tested by the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command and its subordinate commands, is a true success story for Army acquisition, he added.

"Eight of the 10 variants are in the field now," he said. "We have the second Stryker combat brigade in northern Iraq as we sit here today."

Under the normal process, the Stryker would taken 10 to 15 years, he said.

"We understood the requirement, we had the resources, we had the right people who did everything correctly, and now the people who are benefiting from this are the Soldiers," he said. "If you ever want to know how well this is working, don't talk to me. Talk to the men and women who are using this vehicle today. It has an absolutely phenomenal capability against everything the enemy over there throws at us."

The biggest challenge in the years ahead for the Army acquisition community is fielding Future Combat Systems, he added.

20th Support

From front page

meritorious service while serving as the first commanding general, 20th Support Command (CBRNE).

His exceptional leadership and professionalism were vital to the activation and establishment of final operational capabilities of the 20th Support Command headquarters, the 71st Ordnance Group (EOD), the 242nd Ordnance Battalion (EOD), and the 110th Chemical Battalion (TE), ensuring vital support to homeland defense and the elimination of weapons of mass destruction worldwide, according to the award justification.

His wife, Bonnie was presented the Dr. Mary E. Walker award for demonstrating dedicated and exemplary volunteerism as an outstanding military spouse improving the quality of life for Soldiers and their families.

"Bonnie and I are humbled by having had the honor and privilege to serve with these great Americans, and we'll always be grateful for the time we've had here among the best EOD and specialized CBRN forces in the world," Davis

said.

A 15-gun salute from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' salute battery, commanded by 2nd Lt. Kenneth Flowers signaled Davis' departure. Music was performed by the National Guard's 319th Army Band from Flushing, N.Y., under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Stephan C. Josephs.

Mrs. Davis was presented a bouquet of red roses in thanks

for her unwavering support to the Soldiers, civilians, and families of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE). Their daughter was recognized with a single rose, and their two sons were honored with command coins.

The deputy commanding officer of the 20th Support Command, Col. Paul Plemmons, will serve as the interim commander until the next commander's arrival.

Community Notes

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 2
CLASSIC CRUISER**

EVENT
A Classic Car Cruise will be held 4 to 8 p.m. on Main Street in Havre de Grace.

Once again there will be classic cruisers in town but this time the public is encouraged to vote for their favorite "Cruiser Car."

"Second Time Around" will be playing their classic tunes on the streets. Various merchants will be sponsoring additional entertainment.

Choo-Choo Charlie will be entertaining the kids.

Merchants and restaurants will offer First Friday specials.

**TUESDAY
September 6
TOASTMASTERS
MEETS ON TUESDAY**

Because of Labor Day Monday, Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562, which usually meets on the first and third Mondays of each month, will meet at 11:40 a.m., Tuesday, at the Gunpowder Club at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Edgewood.

The club is open to anyone on or off post who wants to improve their communication, leadership and listening skills and overcome the fear of public speaking. The meeting will last about an hour.

For more information or directions, call Len Kolodny,

410-734-6573.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
PHOTOGRAPHY NATU-
RALLY**

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is sponsoring a hands-on learning workshop called Photography Naturally for ages 12 to adult, 9:30 am to noon. This workshop concentrates on basic composition and photography strategies to help make memories something to share with others. Join local outdoor photographer Curt Howard for a morning shoot with individual instruction. Bring a camera, a tripod (optional), questions and

ideas, and wear old clothes. Cost is \$15.

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

**ABERDEEN HIGH
SCHOOL CRAFT AND
ART SHOW**

The Performing Arts Department of Aberdeen High School will hold its first outdoor craft and art show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the high school, located on 251 Paradise Road, Aberdeen. The event will feature hand-crafted work and fine arts from regional exhibitors, live entertainment and food. Proceeds will benefit the

AHS Performing Arts Department. Free admission and free parking will be provided.

For more information, call 410-994-0417 or visit Web site, www.aberdeenhigh-school.org/ahsmusic/bboosters/craftshow.

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 14
BEHIND THE SCENES –
U.S. ARMY ORDNANCE
MUSEUM**

The Upper Chesapeake Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will sponsor Behind the Scenes – U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ordnance Museum. This is an opportunity to see how military equipment is preserved, archived and displayed to last for future generations. Dr. Jack Atwater, director of the Ordnance Museum and noted military historian, will lead a behind-the-scenes tour.

Cost of the luncheon is \$18 for NCMA members, \$20 for non-members, payable by check or cash at the door. Cost includes a donation to the museum and a meat and cheese tray, shrimp salad, chicken salad, assorted breads, tossed salad, fruit tray, dessert tray, assorted sodas and water.

Seating is limited; registration must be received no later than 5 p.m., Sept. 12. Cancellations must be received no later than close of business on Sept. 8. Payment is required if registrant fails to attend and does not cancel.

For more information or to register, call Cindy Dietz, 410-436-4427, e-mail Cynthia.dietz@us.army.mil, or fax 410-612-5425; or call Christina Peterson, 410-436-4523, e-mail Christina.Peterson@us.army.mil, or fax 410-436-2200.

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 16
"RAINBOW OF HOPE"**

Father Martin's ASHLEY, a private drug and alcohol addiction treatment center, will hold an open house, 2 to 4 p.m. for "Rainbow of Hope," a program for children of addicted parents. The program uses art, games, puppets and other fun activities to teach children about the disease of addiction and gives them tools to cope. It also helps children learn that what has happened is not their fault and that they are not alone. Father Martin's ASHLEY is located on Tydings Lane in Havre de Grace.

For more information, call 1-800-799-HOPE or visit Web site, www.fathermartinsashley.org.

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!"**

WEDDING CRASHERS

Friday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m.

Starring: Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Christopher Walken

Using a secret set of rules developed over many years of bachelorhood, two partying dudes (Wilson, Vaughn) crash weddings to meet girls. When they hear about a huge wedding to be held at the estate of the U.S. secretary of the treasury (Walken), the boys are truly stoked. But things get complicated when one of them does the unthinkable and falls for a bridesmaid (McAdams). (Rated R)

SKY HIGH (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m.

Starring: Michael Angarano, Kurt Russell, Kelly Preston

In a world where superheroes are a common phe-

nomenon, Jeremy, the teenage son of Commander Stronghold (Russell) and Jetstream (Preston), attends a high school for super teens. Making his adolescence even worse than most is the fact that Jeremy is the only person around without a superpower. (Rated PG)

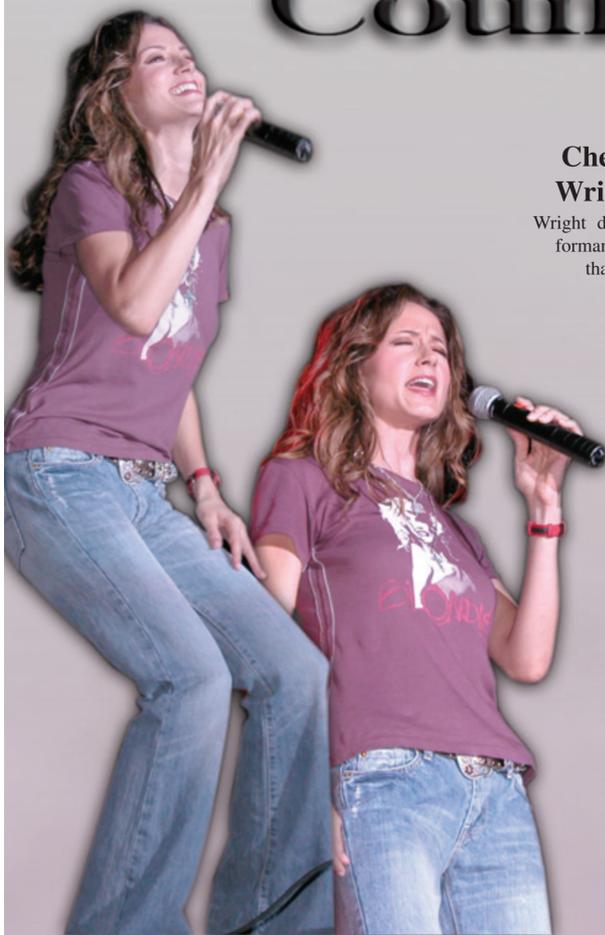
HUSTLE AND FLOW

Saturday, Sept. 3, 9 p.m.

Starring: Terrence Howard, Anthony Anderson, Taryn Manning

DJay (Howard), an aging Memphis pimp, tries to kick-start his rap career with the help of his friends Key (Anderson), a sound engineer, and Shelby (DJ Qualls), the most unlikely producer ever to enter a studio. If they can attract the attention of successful rapper Skinny Black (Ludacris), they might make it big. (Rated R)

APG fans get a quadruple dose of Country during MWR concert

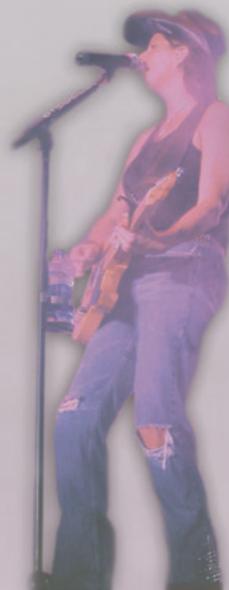


Chely Wright

Wright delivered an animated performance, belting out songs in a voice that seemed too big for her wiry frame. She repeatedly encouraged the crowd to sing along as she sang songs from her current CD "Metropolitan Hotel" as well as the songs that made her famous like "Single White Female," "Jezebel," "Shut Up and Drive" and "Back of the Bottom Drawer."

Well known for her support of the armed forces, the MCA recording artist completed her second concert tour in Iraq earlier this year. She announced that she heads back to Southwest Asia in September for the Stars and Stripes and U.S. Army Europe sponsored 'Price is Wright' concert tour.

"I am of course thrilled to be returning to Southwest Asia to bring a bit of home to our deployed men and women," Wright said.



Terri Clark

Fans waited patiently then screamed mightily as the shows top performer, Terri Clark entered the stage.

The award-winning Canadian singer-songwriter seemed to fill the stage, strumming her guitar and sometimes clapping along with the audience as she led her crew of musicians through top hits and old favorites.

"I'm celebrating 10 years of doing what I love to do," Clark said, as the crowd roared.

Fans couldn't get enough of her as she performed her well known hits like "Girls Lie Too," "Poor, Poor Pitiful Me," "When Boy Meets Girl," and "Easy On the Eyes."

She ended the show then returned to the stage as fans chanted "Ter-ri!" "Ter-ri!" and closed the show with her biggest single, "I Wanna Do It All," a song Clark wrote detailing everything she'd do if she could start all over again.

Fans again roared their approval when Clark changed the words of the song from "Watch the Yankees play ball" to "Watch the Ravens play ball," even though she seemed unsure what sport the Ravens played.

"Thank you and good night," Clark said as she waved to fans before leaving the stage. "Thank you for what you do for our country. God bless."



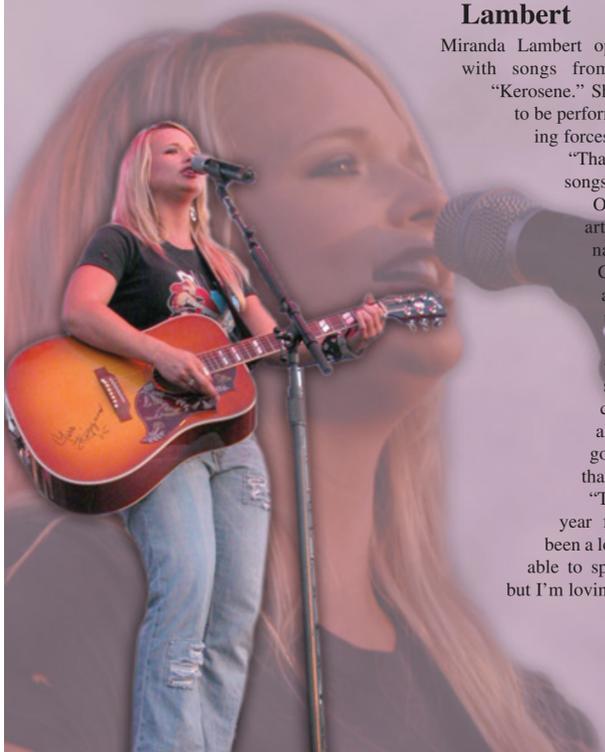
Miranda Lambert

Miranda Lambert opened the show with songs from her current CD "Kerosene." She said she was thrilled to be performing for "America's fighting forces."

"Thank you for letting me bring my songs to you," Lambert said.

On Aug. 11, the Epic recording artist from Lindale, Texas, was named the Top Selling Debut Country Artist to date in 2005 according to Nielsen SoundScan figures. "Kerosene" entered the Billboard Country Albums Chart at #1 on March 23 earning her an elite spot in music history as only the sixth country artist ever to have their first album debut at #1. "Kerosene" has gone on to sell more records in 2005 than any other country newcomer.

"This certainly has been a crazy year for me," Lambert said. "It's been a lot of work and I haven't been able to spend much time at home, but I'm loving every second of it."



Julie Roberts

Mercury recording artist Julie Roberts performed after Lambert. Fans gave the South Carolina native a warm welcome as she skipped onto the stage and they roared their approval, singing along as she sang her best-known single, "Break Down Here," as well as fan favorites "Pot of Gold," "Ain't Down Home" and "No Way Out."

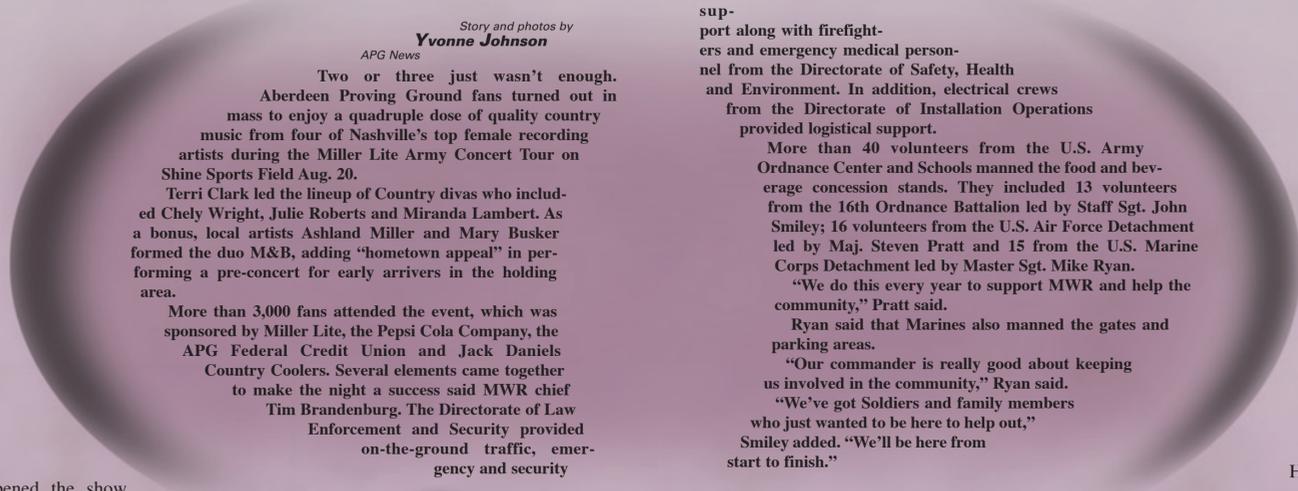
Soldiers howled in disagreement when Roberts said, "I'm no glamour girl."

"Thank you so much!" she said after each song.

"I'm just a country girl who loves sharing her music with all of you," she said.

According to the Associated Press, Roberts' debut album, "Julie Roberts," is in the top 10 country albums for the year.

She received a Best New Artist nomination from the Academy of Country Music earlier this year.



Two or three just wasn't enough. Aberdeen Proving Ground fans turned out in mass to enjoy a quadruple dose of quality country music from four of Nashville's top female recording artists during the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour on Shine Sports Field Aug. 20.

Terri Clark led the lineup of Country divas who included Chely Wright, Julie Roberts and Miranda Lambert. As a bonus, local artists Ashland Miller and Mary Busker formed the duo M&B, adding "hometown appeal" in performing a pre-concert for early arrivers in the holding area.

More than 3,000 fans attended the event, which was sponsored by Miller Lite, the Pepsi Cola Company, the APG Federal Credit Union and Jack Daniels Country Coolers. Several elements came together to make the night a success said MWR chief Tim Brandenburg. The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security provided on-the-ground traffic, emergency and security

support along with firefighters and emergency medical personnel from the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment. In addition, electrical crews from the Directorate of Installation Operations provided logistical support.

More than 40 volunteers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools manned the food and beverage concession stands. They included 13 volunteers from the 16th Ordnance Battalion led by Staff Sgt. John Smiley; 16 volunteers from the U.S. Air Force Detachment led by Maj. Steven Pratt and 15 from the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment led by Master Sgt. Mike Ryan.

"We do this every year to support MWR and help the community," Pratt said.

Ryan said that Marines also manned the gates and parking areas.

"Our commander is really good about keeping us involved in the community," Ryan said.

"We've got Soldiers and family members who just wanted to be here to help out," Smiley added. "We'll be here from start to finish."

Story and photos by Yvonne Johnson

APG News



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

1,000,000th MWR receipt holder gets more than purchase

Rebecca J. Chisholm
APG News

A Special Agent for the 902nd Military Intelligence Group was the recipient of the millionth receipt on the Morale, Welfare and Recreation network, and received a number of prizes for this MWR promotion.

Mike Berry, who purchased a 50 cent refill of a 16-ounce soda at the APG Bowling Center on Aug. 11, won a prize of five lunches at Top of The Bay, five golf outings with cart, \$300 to be used at Choice Hotels and an MWR goody bag of cups, pens, mugs, hats and other treats.

Douglas Conley, Fund Administrator for MWR, said that the promotion was to celebrate the installation of RecTrac!, an Army wide receipt tracking program. RecTrac! was installed in 1996, and tracks receipts at all MWR facilities on post.

Aberdeen Proving Ground was one of the first sites that RecTrac! was used.

"We are really one of the premier sites for RecTrac!," Conley said.

The program helps MWR complete reports in a timely fashion, making turnover time go from two to three days to two to three hours.



Mike Berry, right, receives his prize for making the 1,000,000th purchase through MWR. Gwen Meadows, left, MWR Marketing director, and Douglas Conley, center, MWR fund administrator, presented Berry with his MWR goody bag and other prizes Aug. 22.

Activities

Operating hours

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

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

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

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.

Pool operating hours

Olympic Pool in Aberdeen, building 3325, and Bayside Pool in Edgewood, building 4656, will be open 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Aug. 25 through 28.

After the pools close on Aug. 28, they will only be open Sept. 3 through 5 and then close for the season.

Phonics tutoring

Lessons

For children new to reading or those struggling to learn to read twice weekly phonics tutoring lessons will be held at the Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lessons will be at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays.

Students will receive phonics tutoring lessons with an experienced speech-language pathologist.

There will be multi-sensory instructions with activities that allow children to look, listen, touch, move and speak. Children can manipulate sounds and letters in fun activities that combine visual, auditory, tactile and oral learning.

Registration will be held Aug. 29 through Sept. 29.

Cost of the tutoring lessons is \$45 per student, for six years of age and older, from October 2005 through May 2006.

For more information or to register, call Sandy Fallon, 410-297-6629 or e-mail esfallon@comcast.net.

Introductory sports playgroup

A new introductory sports playgroup program for Family

Child Care youths will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Thursday at the Edgewood Youth Center, weather permitting. The program will not be held on holidays.

This program will launch children's interest in sports in a non-competitive fashion.

For more information, call Chris Fielder, 410-436-2862.

Discount Maryland Renaissance Festival tickets on sale

Tickets for the Maryland Renaissance Festival cost \$13.50 for adults ages 16 years and over and \$7.50 for children ages 7 to 15 years.

Prices at the gate cost \$17 for adults and \$8 for children. The festival is open weekends, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Aug. 27 through Oct. 23.

The Maryland Renaissance Festival is located on Crownsville Road, in Anne Arundel County in Crownsville, just outside of Annapolis, Md.

Handicapped parking is available next to the main gate. When entering the parking lot, follow the signs to the designated handicapped parking area.

Great Wolf Lodge offers military special

Great Wolf Lodge, a premier indoor water park located in Williamsburg, Va., offers a discount for military families from Sept. 6 through Oct. 6 only. The cost from Sunday through Friday is \$115 per night and on Friday and Saturday, the cost is \$165. Price includes a family suite with two queen size beds, up to six complimentary water

park passes, refrigerator, microwave and access to the 100 game Northern Lights Arcade. Many activities for the whole family including the Camp Critter Bar and Grille, Cub Club children's activity room, Iron Horse Fitness Room, Pizza Hut Express, Bear Claw Café, Loose Moose Cottage and more.

For more information or to reserve a room, contact MWR Registration at mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil, or call 410-278-4011/4907.

Tickets available for Sesame Street Live

Call MWR for tickets to Sesame Street Live at 1st Mariner Arena in Baltimore. When Super Grover loses his 'superness,' Sesame Street needs a hero. Never fear, your favorite Sesame Muppet friends are here. Get set to join The Fabulous Five, a new team of Sesame heroes, as they work to put the "super" back in Super Grover.

Show times include Friday,

APG BOWLING CENTER

Building 2342
410-278-9902

Prices and hours
Summer hours (June 1 to Sept. 12)
Sunday and Monday, closed
Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday, 1 to 10 p.m.

Winter leagues forming

The Friday Fun Bunch, a four-person team consisting of 2 men and 2 women, 3 men and 1 woman, or 3 women and 1 man, will meet at 6 p.m., Sept. 3, at the APG Bowling Center. The number of weeks will be determined at the meeting.

The Thursday National Guard Team, a four-person team consisting of 3 men or women, 1 man or woman, 2 men and 2 women, will meet 7 p.m., Sept. 8 at the APG Bowling Center. The number of weeks will be determined at the meeting.

The Saturday Youth League bowling begins Sept. 10, for 28 weeks, for ages 5 and up. League will work around other sports. Year-end banquet guarantees a trophy to everyone who participates. Raffles and giveaways throughout the season are part of the fun.

The Saturday Cosmic Doubles League is limited to the first eight teams to sign up any combination of all men, all women or mixed. Bowling starts 2 p.m., Sept. 24, for \$10 per person per week for 12 weeks. The handicap is based on 90 percent of 200. Cash prizes are awarded at the end of league.

The Sunday Happy Doubles League, any combination of all men, all women or mixed, starts 3 p.m., Sept. 25, for \$8 per person per week for 12 weeks. The handicap is based on 90 percent of 200. Cash prizes are awarded at the end of league.

Monday Night Crazy Trio starts 6 p.m., Sept. 26, for any combination of all men, women or mixed. Cost is \$8 per person per week for 12 weeks. The handicap is based on 90 percent of 200. Cash prizes will be awarded at the end of league.

The Monday Football Widows Doubles League starts 6 p.m., Sept. 26 for 12 weeks. Cost is \$8 per person per week. The handicap is based on 90 percent of 200. Cash prizes will be awarded at the end of league.

A Tuesday Rock and Roll Doubles League starts 6 p.m., Sept. 27, is 12 weeks long and costs \$8 per person per week. The handicap is based on 90 percent of 200. Cash prizes at end of league.

Tuesday Intramural is a three-person team, but can carry a roster of five, starts 6:30 p.m., Jan. 17. The cost is \$5 per person per week for 12 weeks.

- Lunch is served daily. Weekly lunch specials are advertised in the APG News every week.

- Promotions such as the Spiderman bowling balls and National Heroes Bowling balls have been part of past fun.

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 books available at the APG MWR Library:

The Lady and the Panda: The True Adventures of the First American Explorer to Bring Back China's Most Exotic Animal by Vicki Constantine Croke

In 1936, Ruth Harkness, a dress-designing socialite, following a trip laid out by her dead husband, and overcoming the obstacles presented by ruthless competitors, bandits, foul weather and warfare, went to China and captured the first giant panda to ever be seen in the West, Little Su-Lin.

Medics at War: military medicine from colonial times to the 21st Century by John T. Greenwood

Filled with more than 150 color and black-and-white illustrations, this book celebrates frontline medical personnel and the critical role they have played in the success of U.S. armed forces, from the

battles of Lexington and Concord in colonial times to the recent battles in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Leadership Secrets of Billy Graham by Harold Lawrence Myra and Marshall Shelley.

The authors begin by examining the foundations of Graham's organization, covering topics like team formation and mission. They conclude by revealing what Graham and others feel are the true roots of his leadership abilities—humility, prayer, love and openness to innovation.

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

APG lunch options

Recreation Center Snack Bar

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

Top of the Bay

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

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar

Building 2342
Special #1: Bowlerburger with cheese and bacon, French fried, soda for \$6.85
Special #2: Tuna Sub (choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions), chips, soda for \$4.85

Ruggles Golf Course

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

Special #3: Cold ham and cheese, white bread only (choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, onions and pickles), chips for \$3.85

The snack bar has a variety of items to choose from including hot meals, burgers, subs, sandwiches, baskets and pizza.

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

Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



APG's Military Idol hopeful advances

Rebecca J. Chisholm
APG News

In the fourth week of Military Idol, held Thursdays at Fort Myer in Arlington, Va., on Aug. 25, Aberdeen Proving Ground's last standing contestant held his own as he advanced into the semi final round.

Capt. Scott Willens, veterinary pharmacologist with the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, sang "Babe" by Styx, in his attempt to continue on in the Military Idol competition.

Willens was sure of his abilities going into the performance that evening, but the crowd's reaction to his tune made him confident in his advancing as well.

"I sang the first note of 'Babe' and people were going nuts," he said. "I looked out with surprise like, 'How do I know these people?'"

The audience members got to vote for their favorite singer by giving each contestant a score of 1 to 10, 10 being the best. As the advancement of singers is tabulated by taking 50 percent of the judges' votes and 50 percent of the audience's votes, Willens knew that it was important to have as many friends and family members there as possible. But, he also had to give a good, different performance that would get those audience members who weren't there supporting any certain candidate to give him a "10."

"It's kind of a mix of relying on merit and the good graces and consciences of a large audience to get me through," Willens said.

Because of the audience participation portion of the vote, the biggest difficulty has been competing with singers from Fort Myer, as they have a home team advantage. But, at this competition, the two remaining home town boys were voted out, leaving five singers from all over the north east.

The judges did not make it easy on Willens or his fans, as he was the last of the five semi-finalists announced. He had to stand with the two singers voted off, and hear one of their names called before it was stated that they would be leaving the competition. Left standing with the one singer who was most like him, Willens finally heard his name as the last singer to move on to the next phase.

At this stage in the competition, Willens is left with four other contestants, one other man and three women, all of whom perform either a rhythm and blues tune or a rhythm and blues song peppered with Gospel themes. Because of this, Willens believes that his chances are very good to make it into the finals.

"If people are listening to the three women, they'll hopefully be comparing them to each other," he said.

Because of this, Willens decided to ignore one judge's recommendation to stray from his classic rock roots and "sing a Clint Black Song." He will be performing "Don't Stop Believing," a song originally sung by Steve Perry and the band

Journey. Perry is one of Willens' singing idols, as he has great range and pitch.

Next week will pit Willens against some stiff competition, as all of the remaining singers were greeted with cheers and excitement from the audience. Many of the folks watching came to all of the performances throughout the month, even though they did not know anyone personally who was competing. These are the people that have kept Willens in the competition.

A born musician

Willens grew up in Tenafly, N.J., where he learned classical piano at a young age. He planned on going to Juilliard and becoming a pianist when he grew up. Spending much of his time in school performing in musical theatre and listening to classic rock, Willens always had a love for music.

That all changed when, during his senior year of high school, his family got a dog. It was then that the veterinary bug hit him.

Willens went to Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. for his bachelor's degree in animal science, then headed to the University of Minnesota to complete his DVM in 1996. He is currently working on his PhD through North Carolina State University in Raleigh, and will defend his thesis on skin exposure to toxins in frogs and toads this semester.

He spent time in Connecticut, interning at Mystic Aquarium. While there, he played the title role in a community production of Pippin.

Not only a theatre buff, Willens has been in a number of classic rock bands, as he is a keyboardist and singer. His talent has had him on stage with Neil McCoy and he has also been privileged to sing the national anthem a half dozen times, including last year's Freedom Alliance Banquet with retired Lt. Col. Oliver North.

The great awakening

Willens was 30 years old and had just completed vet school in September of 2001, when, after the events of Sept. 11, he made the decision to join the Army.

"It was an awakening for me, a political 180," he said.

He plans on making a career of service, especially if the current world events stay the way they are.

"I'm a strong supporter of what we're doing, and a strong supporter of Israel," Willens said.

He is very concerned with the state of Israel, and how the events in Iraq have impacted the safety of the nation. For Israel, he said, events like our Sept. 11 have been going on for more than 50 years.

This dedication to service is why Willens was thrilled about Military Idol. Being too old for American Idol, which cuts age off at 28, and not interested in quitting his day job, the competition gives Willens and others a chance to show off their non-job related talents.

"It's a positive thing," he said. "It shows another side of people in the military, that they have abilities other than their job description."

Willens is also counting on the competition to build morale for those stationed here in the United States.

"The Soldiers overseas get to see first hand, the benefits of what they're doing," he said. "Morale here is down, not because of the war, but because the media misinterprets what's going on over there. Soldiers returning home become disenchanted with the media and the perceptions of other elements of the public influenced by that media. We need to boost morale back home."

And, said Willens, whoever gets this title needs to be a good role model for other Soldiers and an excellent representative of the military.

Not just a Soldier/singer/veterinarian

Always looking for a way to get his musical needs filled, Willens was an avid Karaoke singer. And, it was at a Karaoke bar that he met his wife, Melanie.

"I know no one would ever believe that [we met at Karaoke]," Melanie said.

The mother of two girls, Melanie spent 10 years in the Navy as an aeronautics technician



Capt. Scott Willens, veterinary pharmacologist with the U.S. Army Medical Institute of Chemical Defense, sings "Babe" during the Military Idol competition Aug. 25 at Fort Myer, Va. The next competition is tonight at 7 p.m. APG News will be following Willens' progress as long as he stays in the competition.

and later a recruiter, so she understood Scott's need to serve.

The couple married April 3, 2004. During the engagement, their friends joked about their Karaoke background, saying that they would most certainly have a Karaoke reception. Not to disappoint, Scott brought all of his military friends on stage and sang "God Bless the USA," as a way to show his appreciation for everyone who worked to serve their country.

Five weeks ago, the Willens' family grew with the addition of son Matthew on July 30. Because of the birth, Melanie had only been able to come see Scott perform one time previous to Aug. 25. But, the girls, Haley, 7 and Emily, 5, had been coming with dad for the length of the competition.

Haley and Emily said they'd had a great time watching the other singers the past few weeks, and that Dad was better than all of them.

Scott teaches the girls piano, and takes Haley, who also wants to be a veterinarian, to work with him to see his animal patients get surgery. Emily wants to be a stay at home mom.

Winning fans everywhere he goes

On a Thursday night, it's hard to get friends and family from Aberdeen to Arlington, Va., but Willens' talent drew a dozen or so of his fans. Not only did those who knew Willens come out, but complete strangers supported his effort.

The barber at Fort Myer who cut Willens' hair during that week came to see him, as well as friends from his stints at installations around the country.

People were cheering for him on all sides of the room, not just from the area his personal friends were sitting. This was not the case for all of the contestants.

"There's been a consistent crowd there [at Fort Myer] to support me," Willens said.

Have no fear, 'Underdog' is here

Willens plans on taking his classic rock style as far as it will go, even as he is competing against rhythm and blues and Gospel singers.

"The deck was stacked against me at times, I'm the underdog," he said. "I've had to hope for the votes of the impartial folks."

But, as the 14 idol contestants are now down to five, Willens is hopeful that his talent will make up for and continue to build his fan base.

"The Fort Myer audience has been good to me, a lot of folks there have seen me through," he said. "I'm very grateful."

The Military Idol semi-final round will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 1 at Fort Myer in Arlington, Va.

The winner of the competition at Fort Myer is given a \$500 cash prize, as well as \$500 of Morale, Welfare and Recreation funds. Winning allows a singer to move on to the national competition at Fort Gordon in Ga., which has a \$1,000 cash prize and a possible appearance on American Idol in store for the winner.



Willens cradles his newly born son, Matthew, shown here at four days old.

Women's Equality Day contest inspires creativity, reflection

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A little more than eight decades have passed since the 19th Amendment granted women the right to vote.

"Women didn't get the right to vote. Women won the right to vote," said Col. Kevin Smith, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' chief of staff, as he opened the Aug. 25 Women's Equality Day ceremony to recognize winners of the monthly heritage contest.

Each of the winners submitted either mixed media displays or essays.

Gloria Scott, an administrative specialist in the 61st Ordnance Brigade's supply office, submitted both an essay and a display.

She won in the essay category for her composition themed "Celebrating Women's Right

to Vote." She also won runner up for her display. Her exhibit captured a visual record of historic women who helped change America's course.

Her time as a senior enlisted Soldier, in part, inspired her to participate in the contest.

"As a recently retired sergeant first class, I felt the need to continue to support not only the Soldiers and country, but participate in programs and observances like this because it's important that we know our history and the people noted for their work in the equal rights movement," Scott said.

She said being rewarded for her participation takes on special significance.

"I am honored by these awards. It is a pleasure for me to be here among many women working on the cutting edge who are building

our society of today and for the next century," Scott said.

Smith noted in his remarks that the Army leads the way in recognizing and rewarding women in the workplace, which is shown through the number of women at the highest levels of Army leadership.

"We promote well beyond our corporate counterparts," Smith said. "We are providing a benchmark for civilian businesses to catch up to."

Susan Troendle, chief of quality assurance at the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, won runner up for the essay contest which she said was themed: "The Spirit of Women."

Troendle was inspired to participate in the contest by the bravery of the women who fought in the suffrage movement.

"Women fought and won the right to vote,"

Troendle said. "This struggle empowered the spirit of women, spirit of humanity, innovation, bravery, courage and determination.

With this spirit, women have demonstrated that we are diverse, strong, tender, thoughtful and survivors.

Master Sgt. Harvey Scott was the winner of the display contest. As the lone male participant, he said it was important for men to participate and honor the sacrifices women made to elevate their social status.

Smith closed the ceremony by congratulating each of the winners and thanking them for their participation.

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Starting Monday, Sept. 12, watch the pigskin fly and football players get turf-ed. See Monday Night Football on TV

at the Down Under, lower level of Top of the Bay.

Free snacks and the bar will open at 8 p.m. through the end of game.

Food will be sold.

Routes 22 and 755 gates closed

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Harford Gate (Maryland Route 22) continues to be closed for renovations. It will remain closed for several weeks.

The Aberdeen Gate (APG Road/Aberdeen Boulevard) is open for inbound traffic only from 4 to 8:30 a.m.

It opens for both inbound and outbound traffic from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

Access at this gate is

restricted to government ID holders only.

Trucks and visitors must use the Maryland Gate (Maryland Route 715).

The Wise Road Gate (Route 755) is closed until construction is completed. To support traffic flow, the Magnolia Gate has been opened.

The Magnolia Gate hours and entry control is identical to the Wise Road protocol—government ID only, no trucks or deliveries.

The Magnolia Gate hours are 4 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday and closed on Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays.

Visitors should continue to use the Route 24 Gate, which is operational 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Visitors will not be permit-

ted to enter through the Magnolia Gate unless accompanied by a government ID holder.

Delays may be expected at various times.

KUSAHC offers Tobacco Cessation classes

Tobacco cessation classes will be offered at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic for four consecutive Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28 in the Behavioral Health Conference Room, on the third floor.

Pre-registration is required. All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend.

To sign up and for more information call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

ARL celebrates organization day through diversity

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The Army Research Laboratory's "Organization Day" took a new twist this year hosting its first Annual Cultural Diversity Day in conjunction with the picnic at APG's Mitchell House June 28.

More than 134 employees and their family members participated in the day's many activities.

"The diversity activities were held to bring awareness to the Mitchell House and its significance to the history of APG and to continue to enhance ARL employees' diversity knowledge and experiences," said Sheryl Coleman, administrative program specialist in the Associate Directorate for Laboratory Operations and chairman for Organization Day.

Coleman encouraged participants to visit the Mitchell House and learn about its history.

"The Mitchell House is a hidden treasure on APG that many residents of Harford County should be made aware of," Coleman said.

The Mitchell House celebrated 100 years of existence this year.

Charlotte Cronin, a friend of Jeruha Mitchell, who was born and raised and married in the Mitchell House, was on hand to share her knowledge of the house and the Mitchell family. Cronin is also a historian for the town of Aberdeen and shared many stories about the lives of the Mitchell's and

how they owned and operated a large cannery business in Harford County.

"There is so much information about the Mitchell House and the Mitchell family that it would take days to complete the stories," Cronin said.

She invited everyone to visit her at the newly renovated Aberdeen Museum on Parke Street in Aberdeen where there are additional maps and pictures about the Mitchell family.

Cronin then shared her knowledge of the laboratory's history stating she was a statistician from 1946 to 1951 when it was called the Ballistic Research Laboratory. She attended the University of Pennsylvania and was there while the ENIAC (BRL computer system) was being created.

Cronin said she enjoys sharing her knowledge and experiences of the Mitchell House, BRL and the history of Aberdeen.

Linda "Silver" Otter, invited guest and Native American storyteller, owner and operator of "Silver Otter Enterprises," Chesapeake City, Md., explained to attendees how story telling was an important part of her culture.

"Oral stories for Native Americans are very creative and a big part of our history," Silver said.

She asked for a volunteer to select one of the stones she displayed. Bryna Mullins, daughter of Linda Mullins, Human Resources and

Engineering Directorate, selected the Cherokee Stone.

"This stone is about the Milky Way and that many grandfathers told oral stories about this stone," Silver said.

Mullins told attendees that Bryna was of Cherokee descent, and that the maiden name of her ancestors was "Fourkiller."

Silver said her objective is for individuals to get to know more about Native Americans and to develop a greater understanding of the many different cultures.

Louise LeTendre, ARL technical librarian, displayed a scrapbook which was presented to the library by Ms. Harold Breaux. Breaux was the last publicity chairman for the Ballistic Research Association Laboratory which functioned on Aberdeen Proving Ground from May 1957 to Circa 1968. The scrapbook contained a cookbook published by the club in 1964, which was duplicated by the ARL Graphics Department and distributed to attendees.

LeTendre said she was pleased with the amount of interest in the pictures of the club members, the content of the book and the story it told about the importance of the role that women played in the history of APG.

"Most people were interested in the clothing women wore in 1950 and the Ms. Maryland pageant that featured a participant from Havre de Grace," she said.

Sharoll Love, another invit-

ed guest, presented a display called "Salute to Black Inventors" that is owned and operated by the "Love Family."

She talked about the many inventions that blacks have contributed to society including the Garrett Wright-red light and Madam C. Walker-hair care products.

GuJuan Moore, grandson of Nell Moore, Human Resources and Engineering Directorate, was fascinated with one of the wrenches and asked "was it known as the monkey wrench?"

Love told him "Yes, and it was invented by Jack Johnson, a former boxer."

The Salute to Black Inventor's consisted of more than 100 items relevant to black's contributing to engineering and science.

As part of the Hispanic display, John Fry, son of Pam Fry, Associate Directorate of Laboratory Operations, and Tom Fry, Human Resources and Engineering Directorate, demonstrated how to use the Mexican spinning top. The spinning top is a toy favored by people of Mexican descent.

ARL employees sampled tortilla chips and salsa and enjoyed seeing the many posters and flags displayed.

"The Hispanic display was very colorful and the display of flags stands out among all of the other items," agreed Wanda Burrell and Cecelia Walton, of the Computational and Information Sciences Directorate.

Dottie Kirk, member of the ARL Diversity Board, demonstrated to Tanya Wade how a piece of equipment [gripper] she was holding is used to assist the disabled with reaching for items on shelves or things that have fallen on the floor.

Kirk was available to discuss APG's Disability Committee goals and objectives.

"The slogan, "Changing

minds, Changing Lives," the committee developed to hopefully teach people about the disabled,"

Brochures on the many aspects of disability awareness were available to everyone.

Highlights for the children included creating crafts and retrieving treasures from the archeological treasure box. Melanie McMullen, daughter of Sandy McMullen, Human Resources and Engineering Directorate, searched through the archeological treasure box and unearthed a patriotic squeegee and thimble as part of her dig.

The children were given a choice of creating an origami jumping frog, whale or butterfly. Origami is a form of visual/sculptural representation that is defined primarily by the folding of the medium (usually paper). Origami in Japan was originally formed for the making of certifications and evolved into the familiar recreational paper folding in latter years.

Camilla Pesce-Rodriguez, daughter of Rose Pesce-

Rodriguez, Weapons and Materials Research Directorate, assisted by Meaghan Shoaf, Associate Directorate of Laboratory Operations, created an origami butterfly.

Mark Gallihue, director of the APG Cultural Diversity Center and proprietor of the Mitchell House, was available to discuss the history behind the Pooles Island Lighthouse. The original door to the lighthouse is located at the Mitchell House.

Allan Teets, Weapons and Materials Research Directorate, stated he has a history of fascination with lighthouses. He and his wife are members of the Chesapeake Chapter of U.S. Lighthouses.

Gallihue said that he was honored and delighted that ARL included the Mitchell House as part of their Organization Day activities.

Everyone who attended the day's event received a certificate of attendance prepared by Kirk.

Dinosaur hunter shows off his bones



Four-year-old Judson Lyons roars like a dinosaur while playing with one of the dinosaur models that Rick Smith brought for the children to see.

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

Amateur Paleontologist, Rick Smith, showed some Edgewood Child Development Center preschoolers his collection of local artifacts Aug. 25.

The artifacts that Smith found over the past few years were passed around to the children at the CDC, who were very excited to talk about dinosaurs.

"Roar!" mimicked Judson Lyons, as he imitated a T-Rex while playing with a model dinosaur that Smith passed around.

Other children chimed in during the question and answer period, impressing Smith, as they knew a number of dinosaur names, like Spinosaur.

"Wow, you guys really know your dinosaurs," exclaimed Smith.

He showed them a number of fossils, including an Astrodon bone fragment, some fossilized plants, a dinosaur foot print and a number of dinosaur and shark teeth. All but the dinosaur teeth were found by Smith.

After viewing the artifacts and learning where they came from, the children were given cups of sand and gravel and a plate so they could dig for their own fossils.

The thrilled youths discovered shark teeth, plant fossils and bits of bone, which they got to bag up and take home to start their own collections.

Smith, a Chemist at USAMRICD, started hunting for fossils in the mid 1990s, when his son had an interest in finding shark teeth. They hunted together for a while, until his son got tired of the task. Smith found that he had a passion for fossils, and continued his archeological work on his own.

From some professional paleontologists, Smith got ideas of where to look.

Digging up bones isn't really how one would find fossils in this area, Smith said. There is a lot of surface searching, which involves finding

areas that have been stripped of soil through erosion or digging. And, of course, one has to know what they are looking for.

"Basically, putting yourself where dinosaurs were," Smith said.

Fossils are most likely to be found in the gray Arundel Clay that is frequently found in this area. There were few dinosaurs indigenous to the Harford County region. The most common find is the Astrodon, a long necked dinosaur that school children once lobbied successfully to be the State Dinosaur of Maryland.

Smith also has the distinction of being one of about 20 people living today who have found a dinosaur bone in Maryland.

Smith got some ideas on where to look from a few friends and began hunting for bones around his native Arbutus around Halloween of 1998. By

Thanksgiving weekend, Smith discovered the Astrodon femur as well as other smaller bone fragments. His bone has been on extended loan to the Maryland Science Center since 1999, where it can be seen by all.

"This is prime area for fossils," said Smith. "There is a great deal of plant preservation as well as dinosaur and other animals."

One of the problems found with looking for artifacts in this area is the quickness of development, Smith said. Sites are found, and frequently, before any removal of fossils can be done, the land is paved over for a gas station or grocery store. And as most of the different types of fossils have been identified already, it is difficult to stop the development.

"It's hard to fight the construction industry," Smith said.

Smith's archeological work has taken him to California, Texas and Florida, but he mostly enjoys digging in his neighborhood, or on the way to work.

"Really, it's about putting yourself in the right place and being tremendously lucky."



William Jenkins, 4, shows his bag of dug up 'goodies' to Rick Smith, amateur paleontologist, who helps him identify his artifacts.



Linda "Silver" Otter talks to Bob Grosso about the history of local Native Americans.