

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Sept. 28, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

APG holds Community Awareness Day

Aberdeen Proving Ground's first Community Awareness Day will take place Oct. 15 at the Fire Station and surrounding grounds, 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 will feature a live kitchen fire, trench rescue operation, door prizes, K-9 demonstrations, Spongebob Squarepants, family sporting games, Feris (the Ironbirds Mascot), a free showing of the movie, "March of the Penguins," at 3 p.m., and many more exciting events, surprises and prizes.

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.

Commissary holds case lot sale

The APG commissary case lot sale will be Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1.

EEO to host Disability Training Conference

The APG Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Committee for the disabled will host the 2005 Disability Training Conference, 8 a.m. to 16:15 p.m., Oct. 13 at the Gunpowder Club, building E-4650. Two workshop sessions will discuss employers' responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The sessions are free and open to everyone. *See SHORTS, page 5*

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APG aiding Katrina survivors

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Hurricane Katrina has not only affected the Gulf Coast region but the rest of the nation which has taken in those left homeless by the storm's destruction.

In the Aberdeen Proving Ground community, those desiring to lend a hand in some way are mobilizing around a Soldier who has taken in four family members from New Orleans and may take in even more before it's all over.

Sgt. Javelle Spann of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine welcomed her sister, Denise Green; uncle Clifford Etienne; and nieces LaCharlotte (Keisha) Clark and Monique Smith into her Edgewood home Sept. 8, 10 days after the storm made landfall.

Since their arrival, individuals and organizations in the community have inundated the family with donations.

On Sept. 14, Barbara Layton, manager of the Aberdeen Thrift Shop, invited the family in to collect a mountain of donated articles she collected from donors at the Post Commissary and Post Exchange. The donated items included clothing, kitchen ware, boxes of sundries like toothpaste and shampoo, canned goods, first aid kits, towels, washcloths and two backpacks of video games and CDs.

Layton had "spent the last seven days packing goods, sorting clothes and collecting donations for this," she said.

"We are in business to help people. That's what we're all about," she said, adding that the shop also is starting a food drive, asking customers to drop off canned goods when they come to shop.

"We will likely make a monetary donation to the family as well," she said.

She invited the family to browse for



Staff Sgt. Javelle Spann of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, right, looks on as her sister Denise Green, a survivor of Hurricane Katrina from New Orleans, left, selects clothing for herself and three other family members, who also have relocated to the area, in the APG Thrift Shop with manager Barbara Layton Sept. 13.

anything else they might need, courtesy of the shop.

A single Soldier and laboratory technician, stationed on APG for three years, Spann said she had just purchased her Edgewood home in June.

"I wasn't expecting something like this to happen but it worked out well that I could have a roof for my family," she said.

The family members said they have been treated well by the authorities in

Baltimore and the people of APG since their arrival. They went to a service center for Katrina victims set up by the Red Cross and the Salvation Army at the Clarence Duburns Arena in Baltimore the day after their arrival where they received Wal-Mart gift cards and were able to order medical needs like eye glasses and prescriptions.

"They had about 10 booths including a one-stop shop for clothing, phar-

macy referrals and housing assistance (not FEMA). It was very organized," Green said.

Escaping Katrina

All native New Orleanians, the family made their way separately out of the threatened city and were reunited days later.

Etienne, a retired tugboat operator, said he was in his home only five years. "The last I heard from the insurance

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APG singer wins local Military Idol competition

Story and photo by
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APG News

To cheering fans and praise-worthy judges, Capt. Scott Willens of U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense performed two tunes that propelled him past the competition to win the local stage of Military Idol at Fort Myer's Spates Community Club Sept. 8. He moves on to the Army-wide contest in October at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Singing Journey's "Lights," Willens drew cheers and cat-calls from the crowd before he finished the first line.

The judges agreed that his performance was exceptional, commenting on his heartfelt rendition of the song about loneliness.

Willens also sang Bon Jovi's "Blaze of Glory," a song that found him in cowboy boots, a cowboy hat and a trench coat. He received clothing complements from the judges and was told that it may have been his best performance of the competition.

Willens' rivals, Staff Sgt. Constance Campbell from Fort Hamilton, N.Y., and Capt. Princess Atunrase of the U.S. Army Medical Department gave strong performances.

Campbell sang Shania Twain's "Honey I'm Home" first and later sang Whitney Houston's "Greatest Love of All," a tune that had been performed by a number of other contestants over the past eight weeks. The judges praised her renditions of the tunes.

Atunrase began with Gladys Knight's "Neither One of Us" and ended with Donna Summer's disco hit, "Last Dance." The audience cheered and sang along with the dance song and many could be heard proclaiming Atunrase to be the best.

After a break to count the audience decided votes, the contestants lined up at the foot of the stage. It was then that Willens got worried.

"I wasn't nervous about performing, but I was nervous about the results," he said. But, there was little to be

nervous about, as it was announced that Willens had won, with Campbell coming in second and Atunrase in third.

With his win, Willens received \$500 as well as \$500 to be enjoyed by his unit. A deserving prize, as a number of members of his unit came out to support him in the finals. Also in attendance were members of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE), 22nd Chemical Battalion and Walter Reed Institute of Research.

Willens will go to Fort Gordon Oct. 17 to 22 to compete against 35 other local installation winners. Once there, Willens will re-audition for a panel of judges, who will determine which four contestants advance to the AKO broadcasted finals on Oct. 22. The viewing audience at home will then have the opportunity to vote on their favorite performer.

The winner of that competition will be announced Oct. 23 and will receive \$1,000 and a possible appearance on American Idol.



Capt. Scott Willens wows the crowd at Fort Myer's Spates Community Club with "Blaze of Glory" to win the local Military Idol Competition Aug. 31.

New detachment commander takes over at MRICD

MRICD

Command of the headquarters detachment of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense changed on Aug. 31.

Maj. Claudia L. Henemyre-Harris succeeds Capt. Matthew A. Moser.

Col. Gennady E. Platoff, MRICD's commander, presided over the change of command ceremony, calling such events "sad as well as joyous."

"We are losing a tremendous Soldier and a great scientist, who gave his heart to ICD," said Platoff in reference to Moser. "Our best wishes to Captain Moser and his family."

Platoff then offered his congratulations to Henemyre-Harris, welcoming her into the command group.

Moser, who served as adjutant and detachment commander since Oct. 31, 2003, will be attending the Captains Career Course in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, before going to his follow-on assignment at the Forensic Drug Testing Laboratory in Hawaii.

"It has been the most educational, rewarding, and stressful experience of my life," said Moser of his tenure as unit commander, "but I'd do it again in a heartbeat. It has been an honor, a

privilege, and a pleasure to serve."

To his successor he passed along some advice he said he had received from a former MRICD first sergeant and other senior enlisted, "Take care of your Soldiers and they will take care of you."

Henemyre-Harris thanked Platoff for the opportunity to serve as the unit commander and said she knows that if she can do at least half the job that Moser did, she'll be fine. She, too, had advice from a senior enlisted, her father, retired Master Sgt. Junior L. Henemyre.

"He told me once, 'Don't be a dumb lieutenant. Listen to your NCOs.' I'm looking forward to working with MRICD's NCOs," she said.

Henemyre-Harris, then a captain, arrived at the MRICD as a principal investigator in 2003, after having served as the officer-in-charge of the Clinical Investigation Facility at the Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Ga. Shortly thereafter she was made acting chief and then chief of the Basic Assessment Branch.

In the institute's recent reorganization, she was appointed chief of the Physiology and Immunology Branch. She continues her

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Community gets preview of New Advanced Chemistry Laboratory



Ann Butrow, ECBC research chemist, gives a demonstration in her new physical properties laboratory.

Jennifer Gaskill
ECBC

During a preview tour Sept. 9, members of the Edgewood community got the first glimpse of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center's new Advanced Chemistry Lab.

"The ACL is the only laboratory of its kind designed for working with the world's most super toxic compounds," said Jim Zarzycki, ECBC technical director. "It allows ECBC's world-leading scientists to conduct groundbreaking chemical research that will benefit the nation's warfighters on the field today and tomorrow."

While ECBC is having a formal dedication ceremony for the laboratory in October, members of the APG's Restoration Advisory Board and Army Alliance were invited to preview the facility up close and talk one-on-one with the scientists. Research chemists guided the group through their future workplace including laboratory suites for the research of physical properties, nuclear magnetic resonance, filtration sciences, decontamination sciences and agent fate.

"This laboratory is an incredible addition to the state of the art facilities at APG and will enable our scientists to continue their groundbreaking chemical biological research in support of today's warfighter and homeland defense," said Nicole Funk, APG's Army Alliance.

The ACL moves U.S. defense capabilities a giant step forward. In addition to supporting ECBC's warfighter mission, the ACL allows ECBC to continue to serve the homeland security community as well as all federal agencies including the intelligence community, FBI, Department of Justice and the Department of State.

(Editor's note: Gaskill is a Booze, Allen, Hamilton contract employee working for ECBC.)

Photo by AMBER SOWARDS

CHPPM is key contributor to new Deployment Health and Family Readiness Library

CHPPM

The DoD Deployment Health Risk Communication Working Group and the Joint Task Force for Family Readiness Education on Deployments have joined together to create the Deployment Health and Family Readiness Library at <http://deploymenthealthlibrary.fhp.osd.mil/home.jsp>.

The new on-line library, announced Aug. 9 by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection, Ellen P. Embrey, is intended to provide service members, families and healthcare providers a quick and easy way to find the deployment health and family readiness information they value.

"Information is a powerful tool. We must remain proactive in providing deployment-related health information to better safeguard our service members," she said. "Most people fear the unknown. Through accurate, timely information we are able to ensure that our service members are better equipped to prepare for, cope with, and recover from the myriad health risks faced during deployments."

The contents of the library include fact sheets, guides and other products on a wide variety of topics.

The topic listing was based on feedback from service members, their families, and healthcare providers, Embrey said. New information will be added to the site as new topics and areas of concern emerge.

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine became involved in this workgroup as a result of a March 2004 let-

ter from Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, to each of the service Surgeons General asking that each service appoint health risk communications points of contact to serve on a DOD-VA health risk communications subcommittee.

"It's gratifying to be part of a group of people that care so much about supporting the Soldier and families," said CHPPM's Lori Geckle, a primary member of the workgroup. "Deployment health risk communication is just now being recognized as an important factor in the military mission, and this workgroup is helping make that happen."

"Raising awareness internally about how important health risk communication is, and developing communication products and opportunities for Soldiers and their families helps support the mission," Geckle said. "Through the workgroup's efforts, we're helping to minimize unnecessary deployment health concerns, resulting in improved Soldier performance."

The Deployment Health Support Directorate chairs the group, and coordinates development of all products/ efforts of the group.

"As the DOD service with the most robust and longstanding health risk communication program, CHPPM was a logical player in this endeavor," Geckle said.

As a group, several deployment health information products have been developed, on topics such as acinetobacter, flea/ tick collars, leishmaniasis, post-deployment health care for Reserve Component members, and the Anthrax

Vaccine Immunization Program.

From the beginning, the workgroup information products have focused on developing information for the layperson (e.g., Soldiers, families), and health care providers since the level of detail is different.

This decision was actually an outcome from

the work that CHPPM's Health Risk Communications Program had done in response to deployment concerns the year before and was found to be successful.

The Deployment Health Library has been named a finalist in the Web Content Managers Best Practice Awards contest.

Officer Candidate School Board announced

U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen

The U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Meade, will convene a board for Soldiers applying for attendance at the U.S. Officer Candidate School Nov. 3 and 4.

Along with the U.S. Military Academy and the Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Officer Candidate School remains an important source of commissioned officers for the Army.

The Army has increased the number of Soldiers who may attend Officer Candidate School.

Candidates apply through local boards-Fort Meade for APG Soldiers-and those selected begin a rigorous, 14-week course of instruction at Fort Benning, Ga.

Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers who wish to become

commissioned officers should prepare their applications early.

The key prerequisites for eligibility are:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Have GT score of 110 or higher.
- Pass the Army Physical Fitness Test, minimum of 180.
- Meet the height and weight standards of AR 600-9.
- Pass the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), minimum of 850 or American College (ACT), minimum 19.
- Have at least 90 semester hours of college study.
- Achieve a score of 80 or higher on the English Comprehension Level Test (ECLT); if primary language is not English
- Must be between 18 and

42 years of age.

• Have a complete physical exam six months prior to date of application.

Completed packets must be submitted to HHC-USAG (BLDG 305) no later than Oct. 4.

Each application consists of one packet containing all original documents, and three photocopies of the original packet.

Additional information may be found in Army Regulation 351-5 (Officer Candidate School) or the OSC Web page, <http://www.armyocs.com/home/>.

For OCS application information, call Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen, 410-378-9820/3000 or e-mail deidre.taylor1@usag.apg.army.mil.

Crowd gets up when band gets down

U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center

The 389th Army Band (AMC's own) surprised the town of Natick, Mass., and members of the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center community when they stepped out of the role of a traditional military band at a concert on the town common Sept. 9.

After some expected numbers, the tunes took a turn during a segment with songs from Broadway shows and then the audience was up on its feet, dancing and participating during crowd-pleasing favorites such as "YMCA" and "La Bamba." Members of the band donned costumes for "YMCA" bringing smiles and laughs

from the crowd.

After some closing patriotic numbers, Dick Cugini, Parks and Recreation director for the town of Natick, thanked the band for playing. He said that it was a "super performance" and the "highlight" of the town's summer concert series.

Cugini continued by saying that he thought everyone really enjoyed the show and invited the band back to perform again next year.

The town of Natick and the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center co-hosted the event.

For more information about the Soldier Systems Center, visit Web site, <http://www.natick.army.mil>.



Photo by RICHARD WALUNAS, U.S. ARMY SOLDIER SYSTEMS CENTER
Band members from left Sgt. Thomas Stowers, Spc. Briana Akens, Spc. Jessica Lear and Sgt. Manuel Jimenez perform the crowd pleasing "YMCA" during a concert for members of the Soldier Systems Center community in Natick, Mass., Sept. 9.

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MDARNG colonel from Edgewood promoted to brigadier general

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

At a gathering of friends, coworkers and relatives, some from as far as Texas, Florida, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, the orders signed by Lt. Gen. Steven Blum, chief, National Guard Bureau, were read promoting Alberto J. Jimenez to the rank of brigadier general during a ceremony at the Fifth Regiment Armory Aug. 20.

Jimenez will now serve as the Maryland National Guard's Deputy Assistant Adjutant General for Army.

"This is an outstanding personal achievement for Brigadier General Jimenez," said Maj. Gen. Bruce Tuxill, The Adjutant General of Maryland. "Through selfless service and sacrifice he has climbed through the officer ranks to become a general officer."

For the last year Jimenez has served as the Maryland Army National Guard Chief of Staff.

"While serving as the chief of staff, Alberto Jimenez has again proven his organizational and leadership skills," said Brig. Gen. Edward A. Leacock, assistant adjutant general, Maryland Army National Guard. "I thank him for his tireless dedication and his helpful insight."

Jimenez is the former commander of the Edgewood Armory's 29th Aviation Brigade, 29th Infantry Division (Light). He has more than 30 years experience in both the regular Army and National Guard. His new

responsibilities include assisting the commander in endeavors dealing with readiness, support, training, deployments, employment, and all other matters associated with the MDARNG.

He said that National Guard responsibilities are ever changing as they have been performing missions in support of the national military strategy at an unprecedented rate.

"Basically, the Army National Guard has transformed from a Strategic Reserve Force to an Operational Force that complements and supports the U.S. Army," Jimenez said. "This is the federal mission. Furthermore, as the premier Homeland Defense Force, the Army National Guard must be ready to execute the state's support mission during natural disasters or related manmade crisis."

He said that the redefined role for the ARNG brings new challenges in recruitment, readiness and sustainment.

"Our units are adapting magnificently to these challenges, thanks to the tremendous support received from our senior leadership both in the state and in the National Guard Bureau," Jimenez said.

"Being promoted to brigadier general is a great honor and a demonstration of the confidence of my superiors," he added. He thanked his wife, daughter and son for being his "inspiration and support base."

He also thanked Tuxill, "who gave me this great opportunity," and added special thanks to "all the noncom-

missioned officers, warrant officers and enlisted Soldiers whom I have had the privilege of serving with over the course of my career."

"Mentors within the officer corps pointed the path," he said, "however, it was the Soldiers who paved the way with their selfless service to the state and to the nation."

Brig. Gen. Alberto J. Jimenez

Jimenez is a dual-rated aviator with more than 3,500 flight hours. A native of Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1969 as a helicopter pilot trainee and served one tour in Vietnam after completion of attack helicopter training at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.

Jimenez graduated with honors from the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1978.

His past assignments include the Mobilization Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot Control Element, Havre de Grace; D-150th Attack Company, 50th Division; 1204th Non-divisional Aviation Maintenance Company and the 1-224th Attack Helicopter Battalion 29th Infantry Division (Light).

He is a graduate of the Infantry Basic and Advanced courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Course and the U.S. Army War College.

He holds a bachelor's of science from Regents College and master's in strategic stud-

ies from the U.S. Army War College.

As a civilian, he also served as an aviation systems technical officer, Aviations Systems Branch chief, and as chief of Aviation and Safety for the U.S. Army National Guard.

Jimenez and his wife, Maria Teresa, have two children, Kiara Ginnette, 23, and Fernando Jose, 20. They are long time residents of Churchville.

(Editor's note: Maj. Charles Kohler, MDNG Public Affairs Office, contributed to this article.)

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Maryland Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Alberto J. Jimenez receives his stars from his wife Maria Teresa, left, and his mother Liliana D. Jimenez during his promotion ceremony at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore Aug. 20.

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Courtesy of Maryland Army National Guard
Col. Alberto J. Jimenez gives the thumbs up sign from a UH-1 Huey helicopter at Weide Army Airfield in Edgewood before taking his final flight with Delaware Army National Guard pilot Lt. Col. Jeffrey Radke, culminating 36 years on flight status. With his promotion to brigadier general the next day, Jimenez had to give up his flight status.

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23 BASKET BINGO

Harford County Crime Solvers Basket Bingo will host its second Basket Bingo, St. Margaret Mission located on 1716 Churchville Road, Bel Air. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the first number called at 7 p.m.. Tickets cost \$12 per person in advance and \$15 at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Helga Barnes at 410-557-7096; Eddie Hopkins at 410-836-5403; or Wendell Baxter at 410-638-4520.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24 & 25 HARVEST FESTIVAL AT STEPPINGSTONE

MUSEUM

The Steppingstone Museum, located at 461 Quaker Bottom in Susquehanna State Park, Havre de Grace, will hold its annual Fall Harvest Festival and Craft Show, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Events include an apple pie contest on Saturday and an apple cake contest on Sunday, scarecrow making (cost is \$8), pumpkin painting (cost is \$1), apple bobbing and pressing, hay rides, a straw maze, country music, clogging, square dancing, craft booths, historical craft demonstrations and food. Cost of admission is \$5 for adults and children 12 years of age; free admission for children 11 years of age and under.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25 MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Community Baptist Church Missionary Anniversary Celebration will be held at 4 p.m. at Community Baptist Church 303 Philadelphia Rd, Joppa. Pastor Antonio McDonald and Fountain of Life Fellowship will be guests for the evening. For more information, call 410-679-9631.

TUESDAY & THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27 & 29 RUGBY PLAYERS NEEDED

North Bay Men's Rugby is accepting experienced and non-experienced individuals to play men's rugby for the upcoming fall season. Practice is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:15 to 8 p.m. at Roye-Williams Elementary School.

For more information visit, www.northbayrugby.com or call 877-97-RUGBY.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30 COUNTY HOLDS JOB FAIR

Sixty companies are slated to attend the 17th annual Harford County Job Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood.

Organizations representing construction, business, health sciences, information technology, manufacturing, distribution and government have registered to participate. Some available positions may require a security clearance.

Prospective attendees can visit a Harford County work force center before the fair to find occupation and wage data, conduct job-searching exercises and receive assistance with employment planning, resume writing and interviewing. The centers are on U.S. 40 in Aberdeen, 410-272-5400, and on Bond Street in Bel Air, 410-836-4603. Admission to the centers and to the fair is free.

For more information, call Regina Brown, 410-939-4240.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1 MARGARITA NIGHT

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer Margarita Night, 6 to 8 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$30 per person. The historical oyster dredger will cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area as margaritas are served and Jimmy Buffet tunes play. Light munchies beer and soda also are available. Credit cards will be accepted.

For reservations, call 410-939-4078.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7 BASKET BINGO

St. Margaret's Mission, located at 1716 East Churchville Road, Bel Air, will hold Basket Bingo to benefit Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets in advance cost \$10 per person or \$12 at the door.

For more information, call 410-838-3222 or visit www.fcsmd.org.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8 THE SOUNDS OF MUSIC

Comcast will present The Sounds of Music, 7:30 p.m., at the Havre de Grace High School Auditorium, 700 Congress Avenue, Havre de Grace. Harford County students will be featured in The Sounds of Music, a musical production and gala tribute to American composer Richard Rodgers and the American Musical Theatre. Professional musicians to perform include Carolyn Black-Sotir; jazz great Tom Williams; drummer Frank Russo and actor/singer Richard McCready.

Tickets cost \$17 each and are available at Preston's in Bel Air, The Visitor's Center in Havre de Grace and the Music and Arts Center in the Festival of Bel Air or call 410-638-3578.

Proceeds will benefit the Harford County Cultural Arts Board.

For more information, call Stephanie Offen at Comcast, 410-568-8821.

FALL FESTIVAL

Pastor Stephen Schuessler and the congregation of Edgewood Assembly of God, 803 Edgewood Road, invite the community to its 3rd annual Fall Festival 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

David Breth, an illusionist, will be a special guest and perform at 1 p.m. The day is filled with family events, games, food and music.

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Friday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.	(FREE ADMISSION)
Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 p.m.	Saturday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson, Andre Benjamin, Garrett Hedlund	Animated - An undersized pigeon named Valiant (Ewan McGregor) dreams of joining the elite Royal Homing Pigeon Service in World War II. A sudden shortage in wingpower caused by falcon attacks is his big break, and soon he's on board for the company's most important mission yet. (Rated G)
Four brothers (Wahlberg, Gibson, Benjamin, Hedlund) set out to avenge the murder of their mother, which they suspect may not have been the convenience-store robbery it looked like. (Rated R)	

THE AEGIS KATRINA

The Aegis, in conjunction with the Bel Air Rotary Club, is collecting the following to help victims of the hurricane.

Examples of the items needed are:

blankets	artificial sweeteners	plastic knives, forks & spoons
diapers	toilet paper	batteries
baby formula	paper towels	flash lights
powdered milk	toiletries	ensure
first aid kits	feminine hygiene supplies	towels
can openers	trash bags	wash cloths
cleaning supplies	gloves	insect repellent
bottled water	disposable razors	
canned foods		

Any help you can provide in sorting these supplies would be appreciated. You can help by labeling the contents of boxes shipped - for example men's clothes - large, children's - toddler, women's - medium etc..

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QUESTIONS: Contact Linda Aaby 410-838-4409 x102

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Post Shorts

will be a brown bag lunch 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guest speaker topic to be determined. Exhibits will be displayed from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and include converted vans; wheel chairs, hiking, races from Chesapeake Rehabilitation; Federal Relay Service; High School Students Camp from Maryland Youth Leadership; Curb to Curb Service of Harford Transportation. Registration deadline is Oct. 7.

For more information or for registration, call Kathleen Crosby, APG EEO, 410-278-1137 or Deana Boyd, APG Disability Committee, 410-278-9186.

To register online, visit <http://www.apg.army.mil/APGHome/sites/restricted/EEO/disabilityawareness.htm>.

Telephone Etiquette and Customer Service workshop

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program manager will sponsor a free Telephone Etiquette and Customer Service Workshop, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 29 in ACS building 2754 Rodman Road.

The class will address the simple yet crucial skills needed to ensure a positive interaction when assisting a caller or customer.

This class is recommended for those working in various fields including human resource, public relations, customer complaints, front desk reception, sales, information and referral, or client intake services.

For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669.

Shaakir to perform at PX

Smooth and soulful saxophonist Shaakir will be performing live at Main Store, 1 to 4 p.m., Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Independently, Shaakir has recorded/released five albums over the last several years and been compared to many, but his style is unique, since he writes, produces and performs all of his music, himself. Shaakir has been touring the country's Armed Forces bases since October 2001 - meeting and performing for the coura-

geous military men and woman who protect America's Freedom.

2005 Army Soldier Show stops at APG in October

The 2005 U.S. Army Soldier Show will make a stop at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater for three shows 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.

This year's show, titled, "Operation America Cares," is a 90-minute song and dance production that expresses the importance of giving deployed Soldiers a touch of home.

"The message of the show is that it doesn't matter how tough we are and it doesn't matter how fit to fight we are, Soldiers are still human and longing for the familiar and for America's affection," said Soldier Show director Victor Hurtado.

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

NAF announces open season on LTC insurance

For Regular Full-time and Regular Part-time Nonappropriated Fund employees a one time open enrollment in the U.S. Army Group Long Term Care Insurance Plan is available Oct. 25 thru Nov. 18. This plan is offered to eligible NAF employees on a guaranteed issue basis without evidence of insurability. This special Open Enrollment period will be conducted in conjunction with the regular Open Season Oct. 24 through Nov. 18. Open enrollment in the LTC Plan will not be offered again, ever.

This program is designed to meet the need for long term care. The Army NAF Employee Long Term Care Plan offers a wide range of features and benefit options, reasonable group rates by payroll deduction and active NAF employees cannot be turned

down for coverage during this special Open Enrollment Period. Plus spouses, parents, grandparents and in-laws are welcome to participate.

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

Watch for additional information on Open Season or check the NAF Benefits Web site, www.NAFBENEFITS.com.

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

RAB meeting Sept. 29

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Sept. 29, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Lauderick Creek Study Area.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

TRICARE briefing

Military families are invited to a briefing on the US Family Health Plan at Johns Hopkins, a TRICARE option, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Sept. 29, in the APG Recreation Center television room. The session is open to all DEERS-eligible active duty family members and retirees of all ages and their family members of the seven uniformed services, family members of Reserve/National Guard on active duty for 31 days or more, unremarried spouses and qualified unmarried children of deceased retired service members.

For more information, call 1-800-808-7347 or 443-287-2529.

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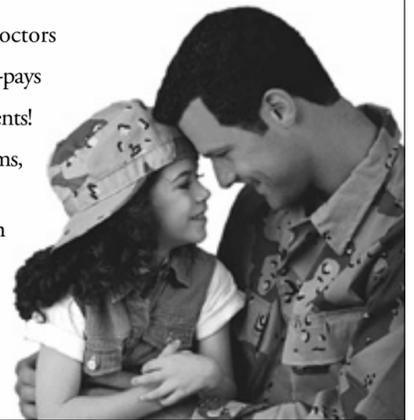
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Government agencies assist Katrina survivors



Photo by MASTER SGT. JAMES BOWMAN
Sgt. Donald McVay, from the 900th Maintenance Company, Alabama Army National Guard, loads Meals Ready-to-Eat for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

TRICARE announces policies for Katrina-displaced beneficiaries

American Forces Press Service

Military evacuees displaced by Hurricane Katrina may request that their prescription records at military treatment facilities in the Gulf Coast region be transferred to other military or retail pharmacies nationwide, officials with Tricare, the DoD agency that administers the health plan for the uniformed services, announced Sept. 12.

With this policy, displaced beneficiaries who have and need available refills won't have to see a primary-care manager to have their prescriptions rewritten, officials said. Also, through Sept. 14, Tricare will waive the pharmacy co-pay requirement for beneficiaries affected by the hurricane who are unable to pay it.

Tricare is working closely with retail pharmacies to ensure that military evacuees continue to have access to their pharmacy benefits, officials said. For example, victims sheltered in and around Houston can now fill their prescriptions at a commercial CVS pharmacy recently set up at the Astrodome. This newly established facility is now one of many retail pharmacies in the national Tricare pharmacy network, officials said.

Displaced beneficiaries who previously ordered their prescriptions

through Tricare's mail-order pharmacy may now request their prescriptions from retail pharmacies if they are unable to receive them by mail, officials said. For those relocating to areas where postal service is still available, Express Scripts International, Tricare's pharmacy contractor, is updating patient information to include temporary mailing addresses so prescriptions will reach the beneficiaries at their new location.

For assistance, hurricane victims can call Tricare at 1-866-275-4732. They may also contact Express Scripts International at the following phone numbers:

- Mail order pharmacy program: 1-866-363-8667 (1-866-DOD-TMOP)
- Retail pharmacy program, 1-866-363-8779 (1-866-DOD-TRRX)

Displaced beneficiaries can also call 1-800-444-5445 for more information. The Tricare Web site also includes important information for displaced or affected beneficiaries.

Tricare beneficiaries may also contact beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators, debt collection assistance officers, Tricare service centers and family-support representatives at local military installations for information and assistance.

Another resource available to active-duty military personnel and their families is Military One Source at 1-800-342-9647.

VA Hurricane Katrina information available online

VA

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Hurricane Katrina related information for veterans and employees is available online at <http://www1.va.gov/opa/katrina/index.htm>

All VA employees who live or work in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina are urged to contact VA immediately to let the department know how they are doing and where they are located.

VA employees should call 1-888-766-2474 (toll free) as soon as possible to provide their name, position title, location and contact number.

VA employees may also contact the department online at http://www.va.gov/opa/katrina/contact_Info.cfm

If you know a VA employee who was relocated from the Gulf Coast, please have him/her use the above info to contact the department as soon as possible.



Photo by MATE AIRMAN JEREMY L. GRISHAM
A National Guard multi-purpose utility truck brings supplies to the Super Dome in downtown New Orleans Sept. 1. Tens of thousands of displaced citizens sought shelter at the dome, before, during and after Hurricane Katrina, but have been forced to evacuate as floodwaters continued to rise.

Katrina

From front page

company is that it's still under water, a total loss," Etienne said.

Unable to leave due to the heavy traffic, Etienne said he watched the weather reports most of the day on Sunday, Aug. 28, then he and one sister and 12 other family members went to the LSU Medical Research Center to seek refuge about 9 p.m. that evening.

"There were a lot of employees there with their families. They had plenty of canned food and bottled water," he said. They camped out on the upper floors.

When the hurricane swept through on Monday, Aug. 29, the large office building held up well and they thought everything was okay.

"By the next morning there was three feet of water outside. It rose so fast that in a little while we couldn't even go down to the first floor," he said. "After a while the lights went off."

Etienne said he lost track of the days after that. From their roof top, they could see the interstate and the Superdome and helicopters flying overhead.

After what seemed like a week, National Guard helicopters landed on their roof to evacuate the building's occupants. Etienne was taken to the airport then to LSU in Baton Rouge. From there, one of his nieces who is a sheriff's deputy found her in Lafayette, where they stayed about a week before they were contacted by Green.

"I don't even remember what day it was," Etienne said. Green said she, and her daughter tried to leave New Orleans twice but turned back each time due to the heavy traffic.

"We were planning on going to a bridal shower that Saturday but it was postponed because of the mandatory evacuation order," Clark said.

"It was also the Green family's day to feed the hungry day at our church so we decided to do that, then leave Sunday."



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Denise Green, a Hurricane Katrina survivor from New Orleans relocated to the APG area, checks out a box of kitchenware donated to her family by an employee from the Post Commissary.

Baltimore establishes Katrina service center

The city of Baltimore has opened a service center for Katrina survivors relocating from the Gulf Coast. The center offers one-stop access to government services and programs. It is located in the Clarence Duburn Arena, 1301 South Elwood Avenue, 21224. For more information, call 410-396-4202/1977 or FAX 410-396-9056.

IRS establishes toll-free numbers for disaster relief

Military.com

The Internal Revenue Service has announced the establishment of a special toll-free telephone number for use by taxpayers affected by Hurricane Katrina.

People affected by Katrina who need help with tax matters can call 1-866-562-5227, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time. Callers to this dedicated telephone line can find out about available tax relief, get free copies of their tax return transcripts and receive Disaster Tax Loss Kits.

Callers may also be referred to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's assistance lines for additional help. Affected taxpayers who need copies of tax returns to apply for aid or other purposes can have the normal user fee waived by writing "Hurricane Katrina" in red across the top margin of their Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return. More information about tax relief for victims, making charitable contributions and links to other government web pages is available at the Internal Revenue Service Web site, <http://www.irs.gov>.

The IRS is continuing to monitor the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and will provide additional relief and guidance in the days ahead. For more on Hurricane Katrina, visit Military.com's special section, <http://www.military.com/Hurricane>, covering the disaster and ongoing relief efforts.

Green added, noting that most of their family members, about 30 in all, headed for northern Louisiana or Atlanta.

Clark went to Baton Rouge and Green and her daughters plus nine other family members were finally able to leave about 5 a.m. Sunday morning, drove as far north as the small town of Dodson, La.

Unable to monitor what was going on in New Orleans, Green said she was anxious, not knowing if everyone made it out or not.

"I couldn't contact anyone by cell phone and I had no way of knowing if everyone made it to safety," she said. "So we tried text messaging, but it had an hour delay."

Eventually the family was reunited in Lafayette and they headed out of Louisiana for Maryland, after stopping at Smith's brother's house in Louisville, Ky., where they had their first hot meal in days.

Green and Etienne are heading to Houston to pick up more family members, one of whom is still in the Astrodome, where the evacuees from New Orleans were transported after the Superdome partially collapsed and was deemed unsafe.

A retired postal worker, Green also is dealing with the loss of her home and car and "just everything."

"My life is totally disrupted," she said. "I was about to start my own business and enter the next phase of my life." She said she heard that she can reapply to the Postal Service and she may do that if she runs out of options.

"The city was pretty much blindsided by the storm," Etienne added.

"There was a state of emergency and too many people were without assistance," he said.

"When we left, we had no sense we were seeing it for the last time," Clark said of New Orleans. "We thought we'd be back in a few days."

She added that she was looking for work and planned to attend a job fair at Johns Hopkins Sept. 17.

"I'm hoping to bring six more family members to Maryland and I'd like to find a temporary home until we can all return to New Orleans," she said. "All of us won't fit in Javelle's house."

Smith said she did have a sense of finality when the storm reached Category 5 while it was still swirling in the gulf. "I took everything but my bed, my TV and my computer," she said.

The 15-year old is enrolled in Edgewood High School. She said she has adjusted well and has made several friends.

"Everyone's been really nice. The school even offered crisis counseling," she said. "I just wish they had a dance team."

She said that Maryland is the furthest she's



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Staff Sgt. Javelle Spann, left and Thrift Shop manager Barbara Layton remove comforters and other donated items in the APG Thrift Shop while Spann's uncle Clifford Etienne of New Orleans, rear, looks at a clothing rack in the men's section of the shop.

ever been from home and she has no wish to go back to New Orleans.

"I think the soil and everything is too contaminated," she said. "Maybe one day but not now."

Green and Etienne said they hoped to return as soon as possible.

"People say they won't go back but I think they will if the government comes through and makes it safer like they said," Etienne said. "My anger over all this is not with the local leaders," he added. "It starts with the governor and higher. My big question is where was FEMA through all this."

"You have to understand, it's our home we're talking about. And home is home," Green said. "New Orleans will be back bigger and better because it has the people of New Orleans behind it."

"That's right," Etienne added. "The next New Orleans is really gonna be nice, like rising from the ashes."

Green added the family's thanks to those who have assisted them through their ordeal.

"We want to thank Master Sgt. Lennox Wildman of CHPPM for supporting whatever we needed," she said, adding, "We're also grateful to Barbara at the Thrift Shop, the American Red Cross, and the Salvation Army in Baltimore." "Most importantly, we thank God for getting us out of there."

Early CFC donations can help Hurricane Katrina victims

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Aberdeen Proving Ground employees can offer immediate help in support of the victims of Hurricane Katrina by making early contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign. These contributions will be counted as part of APG's 2005 campaign goal, which runs Oct. 3 through Nov. 30.

A list of CFC participating disaster relief organizations can be found at www.cfccmd.org. Even though contributions cannot be specifically earmarked for the victims of Katrina, the organizations listed are assisting in the current relief efforts.

The President of the United States has specifically identified two organizations which are participating in CFC that support relief efforts: The American Red Cross, <http://redcross.org> and The Salvation

Army, <http://salvationarmyusa.org>. Federal employees should consult these Web sites to determine how to support these organizations.

Federal employees may download a CFC pledge card and identify the charity of choice from the list of charities participating in CFC at <http://www.opm.gov/cfc/disasters/CharityList.asp>.

Once CFC points of contact are identified at APG, pledge cards should be submitted to them.

Immediate donations (monetary or otherwise) may be made to organizations listed on the Federal Emergency Management Agency Web site, <http://fema.gov>.

Anyone with questions should contact the CFC Office, 410-306-1625/1626.



Photo by MASTER SGT. MICHAEL E. BEST
Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division and Coast Guardsmen patrol the streets of New Orleans in a Zodiac craft, Sept. 13, searching for people who wish to be evacuated. This photo appeared on www.army.mil.

Illustration by BLAKE VOSHELL



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

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.

Phonics tutoring

Phonics lessons have been cancelled.

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 showtimes, visit <http://disneyonice.disney.go.com/disneyonice/engagement.jsp?id=93989>

Boxing re-match set for Oct 15

Current champions, the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, will defend their title against the 16th Ordnance Battalion Oct. 15 in the Hoyle Gym. Doors will open at 5 p.m.; boxing begins at 6 p.m.

'Support Our Troops' ornament pre-sale

A "Support Our Troops" limited edition ornament, reproduced from original artwork, can be pre-ordered for \$14. This unique collectible features a "Support Our Troops" U.S. flag ribbon, and official logos of the Departments of Defense, Army, Navy, Air Force, and the Marine Corps.

The ornament is etched in solid brass, finished in 24-karat gold, and screen-printed with three colors.

A portion of the proceeds benefit the Fisher House, a

national not-for-profit organization that provides temporary lodging for members of the armed forces, veterans, and their families during a medical crisis.

For more information, call MWR Registration, Tickets, and Leisure Travel Center at 410-278-4907/4011 or e-mail mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

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., 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.

APG lunch options

Recreation Center Snack Bar

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

Ruggles Golf Course

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

Top of the Bay

Building 30
Lunch is served Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-3062.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar

Building 2342
Weekly specials:
Fish filet (choice of mayo, lettuce, tomato, pickles and onions,

chips, soda: \$4.65

BLT, french fries, soda: \$4.85

Chicken club w/bacon and cheese (choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickle and onions), chips, soda: \$4.95

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.



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:

Cinnamon Kiss by Walter Mosley

In this 10th entry in Easy Rawlins series, his daughter Feather has contracted a mysterious illness and only an expensive Swiss clinic offers hope. Needing to raise the money, Easy decides to accept a missing persons case that puts him on the trail of a wealthy lawyer and the lawyer's lover, a girl known as Cinnamon, who have disappeared.

The March by E.L. Doctorow

Doctorow returns to his novelization of American history, this time focusing on the march of General Sherman and his Union soldiers as they slash and burn their way through Georgia and the Carolinas, and the "march to freedom" as liberated slaves fall in step with the liberating army.

The Divide by Nicholas Evans

When the frozen body of a young woman is discovered in a remote creek in the

Rocky Mountains, the heartrending story of a family in crisis begins to unfold. Reaching back in time, members of the Cooper family present their version of the events, emotions, and twists of fate that forever altered the course of their collective lives.

The Painted Drum by Louis Erdrich

Native American antiquities specialist Faye Travers, stumbles onto a ceremonial drum when she handles the estate of John Tatro, whose grandfather was an agent at the Ojibwe reservation. Under its spell, she secrets it away and eventually repatriates it to that reservation on the northern plains—the home of her grandmother. The drum is revived, as are those around it.

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.

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Winter leagues forming

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 will be awarded at the end of league.

Tuesday Intramural, 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.



SCHOOL LIAISON

Preparing for school

County schools featured on radio

The Harford County Public School System will, again this year, be featured on two area radio shows each week.

"Our Public Schools" is a half-hour interview show which airs noon each Wednesday on WHFC-FM (91.1), featuring newsmakers discussing programs and events in Harford County Public Schools. The show is hosted by Don Morrison and Teri Kranefeld.

Each Thursday morning at 6:15 a.m., Superintendent Jacqueline C. Haas is featured on WAMD-AM (970) in a 15-minute interview show with the station's morning personality Steve Mann.

Each week, Mann and Haas discuss a topic of interest or the latest news involving the school system.

Also, each Thursday evening at 6 p.m., Morrison and Scott Hubbard host the "Harford Sports Hour" on WHFC. The show features athletes, coaches, and others from the Harford County high school teams and Harford Community College, as well as college or professional athletes, who are graduates of county schools, along with others making sports news in the county.

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

Harford County to hold meetings on school topics

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

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

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

County school sports televised

For the 12th season, Harford County High School sports will be televised. In partnership with the Harford Cable Network, the TV sports are carried on Comcast Channel 21 and Clearview Channel 7.

The fall sports season will include 14 events ranging from football, to girl's and boy's soccer, volleyball, field hockey, lacrosse and cheerleading.

For a complete schedule of air dates, log on to the HCPS Web site, www.hcps.org, or the HCN Web site, www.harfordcable.org.

In addition, a half-hour program, "Your Public Schools," presented twice weekly on HCN features programs including in the HCPS' list of offerings as Don Morrison and Teri Kranefeld go into the schools and school offices to help the public meet the employees, students, volunteers, and others who make the programs successful. Consult the same sources listed above for TV listings.

MCED Transition Counselor Institute holds training at APG

The Military Child Education Coalition will hold a two-day Transition Counselor Institute, Phase I and II training program, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sept. 27 and 28, at Top of the Bay.

The TCI is developed for guidance counselors of local school systems that support the education of military connected students. The program promotes awareness and increases the availability of guidance professionals who understand the mobile military connected student and the challenges linked with transitioning from one school to another. Parent deployment and the effects upon the student also will be discussed.

Four high school students and their parents are requested to participate on Sept. 28. The students must be a high school student that has transitioned at least three times in their school aged years with the most recent transition being high school and must be able to articulate their transition experience. The parents do not necessarily have to be the parent of the student in attendance, but must have a child with the same criteria.

For more information, call Ivan Mehosky, APG school liaison officer, 410-278-2857.

MRICD

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research projects, which focus on screening drugs that will improved the healing of wounds to the skin caused by exposure to the chemical warfare blister agent sulfur mustard.

Henemyre-Harris was raised in Havre de Grace, and earned her bachelor's in 1992 from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) in Westminster, Md. She received her doctorate in molecular and developmental biology from the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine, in 1998.

Among her military

awards and decorations are the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Award, the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the German Armed Forces Troop Duty Proficiency Badge (Gold).

In addition, she was recently inducted into the College Sports Information Director's Association Academic All-American Hall of Fame.

She is married to Steve Harris and they are the proud parents of a three-year-old son, Nathan.



K-9s continue force protection

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

When it comes to force protection, Aberdeen Proving Ground's Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security remains at the ready. This

includes the K-9 Unit which some say is indispensable as a deterrent.

It doesn't matter what the weather is. Whether it's hot or cold, the dogs and their handlers are on duty protecting the installation, according to the DLES kennel master of the Military Working Dog K-9 section.

"When not conducting searches the dogs and handlers conduct extensive training to prepare for their mission of detecting explosives and other

contraband," he said.

The partnership between dogs and handlers is essential. Handlers develop close relationships with their dogs who all have unique personalities.

In general, the dogs are very methodical and easy to work with and are able to detect compounds easily by smell that a human will not even notice.

The K-9s are on call 24-hours a day.

They conduct checks throughout the installation to

include unit health and welfare inspections.

Although all of the dogs are quite disciplined they are also trained to restrain criminals so the public is asked not to attempt to touch or pet them. "Remember, the K-9s are on duty and cannot fraternize," advised the kennel master.

While off duty the dogs exercise and relax with their handlers as well as enjoy a great health care plan and top of the line chow.



Photo by by Stephanie Froberg
Col. Gennady Platoff, commander, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense hands the unit flag to Maj. Claudia Henemyre-Harris, the incoming detachment commander/adjutant.



Chapel services

Catholic SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10 HISPANIC PICNIC, MASS

A Hispanic picnic and mass will be held at CAPA Field (South Post) beginning with mass at 4 p.m.

The chapel will furnish the roast pig, rolls and beverages. Attendees are asked to bring one of the following for eight or more: vegetable, salad or dessert.

Picnic coordinators are Elsa Matute, 410-676-9128, matuterony@aol.com, and Margarita Reyes, 410-836-9479, Daita2@comcast.net. Contact one of them to help with decorating, planning, with games, etc.

Protestant SUNDAYS AWANA PROGRAM BEGINS

WHAT IS AWANA? Taken from II Timothy 2:15, AWANA stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed."

There will be an AWANA Program starting this fall for all children ages pre-school through high school on Sundays, 4 to 6 p.m. It is similar to Vacation Bible School in that the evening is divided into different sections. There will be game time, Bible memorization time and a Bible story time. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Jeff Watters, 410-278-4333.

Protestant Women of the Chapel MONDAY NIGHT STUDY

Monday Night Study begins 7 p.m., Sept. 12. Review the new study for the fall semester, Power Up! with Power Principles from Proverbs by David Jeremiah.

THURSDAYS FELLOWSHIP AND STUDIES

Kick-off "Let's Get Together" 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sept. 1. Join other worshippers for food, fun, fellowship and sign up for a new Bible study. There will be three new studies this fall. Child watch provided.

Women of Grace PWOC

Group will meet at 7 p.m. the first Friday of the month. "Restore my Heart" by Denise Glenn will be studied until the end of the fall semester.

Women of Faith Conference

PWOC is sponsoring a Women of Faith trip, Sept. 16 and 17. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call or e-mail Pamela Poore, 443-345-4247, e-mail: miken-pamela92@verizon.net

Protestant Men of the Chapel

The Coffee House is in need of volunteers 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays. The job is serving snacks and caring about Soldiers. For more information, call Jerry Nook, 410-676-6078.

Jewish High Holiday services offered

Military and foreign exchange personnel are invited to attend High Holy Day services at the Harford Jewish Center in Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$50; however, this is waived for junior enlisted personnel. The Harford Jewish Center tries to make any

monetary arrangements at least one day prior to services and does not exchange money at the Temple on High Holiday days. If that is not possible, those who are paying (e.g., officers) may send in a check/contribution later. If there are any civilians who happen to be working on base during the holidays who are members of another Reform Congregation, there is an "exchange form" that their Temple can send (in advance) so that they may attend at no charge. Reservations are required for the pot luck dinner on Oct. 21.

For more information, call Mark Wolkow, 410-515-3499 (home) or 443-479-7539 (work), or e-mail mwolkow@jhu.edu.

For more information on the potluck dinner, call Sandy, 410-939-3170.

2005 (5765) High Holiday schedule

- Sept. 24**
9 p.m., Selichot service (discussion and nosh, 8 p.m.)
- Oct. 3**
8 p.m., Erev Rosh HaShanah
- Oct. 4**
8:45 a.m., Rosh HaShanah family service
9:30 a.m., Schacharit service; Shofar Sounding
10 to 11 a.m., Youth services for ages 10 to 13
11:15 a.m. to noon, Children's service for ages 4 to 9
1:30 p.m., Tashlich service (by the river)
8 p.m., Erev Rosh HaShanah II
- Oct. 5**
9:30 a.m., Rosh HaShanah (second day)
- Oct. 7**
7:30 p.m., Shabbat service
- Oct. 8**
10:30 a.m., Kidz Corner
- Oct. 12**
8 p.m., Kol Nidre
- Oct. 13**
8:45 a.m., Yom Kippur family service
9:30 a.m., Shacharit service
10 to 11 a.m., Youth Services for ages 10 to 13
11:15 a.m. to noon, Children's services for ages 4 to 9
4 p.m., Mincha/Maariv
6 p.m., Break the fast (food provided)
- Oct. 14**
7:30 p.m., Shabbat service
- Oct. 17**
7:30 p.m., Sukkot service
- Oct. 21**
6:15 p.m., Pot luck dinner and Sukkot family service (Friday Nite Live); dessert in Sukkan
- Oct. 24**
7:30 p.m., Yiskor and Shemini Atzeret
- Oct. 25**
7:30 p.m., Simchat Torah service

Army launches video The Army's Role in Post-WWII Japan

Military.com

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, the Army has launched a special online presentation, focusing on its role in post-war Japan.

On Sept 2, 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender and signed documents aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, officially ending the war.

The online, video presentation on the Army's Web site highlights the last year of the war in the Pacific and the ensuing seven-year occupation of Japan with a series of video vignettes. The entire presentation lasts

about 20 minutes, said Robbie Thompson, a multimedia producer who led the Army Web team in the project.

He said about seven hours of archival film - much of it from the U.S. Army Signal Corps - along with about 1,000 still photos, were searched through at the National Archives to create the final product.

The site focuses on the "call to duty" of U.S. Soldiers in Japan who faced a foreign culture, language barriers and other obstacles as they worked to support the emergence of democracy in Japan, Thompson said. The presentation can be viewed at <http://www.army.mil/postwarjapan/>.



Channel 21 features Pentagon channel programming

These programs are subject to change each week and will be updated accordingly.

Recon, 8 p.m.

Monday

Focus on the Force, 5:30 a.m.
American Veteran, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 11 a.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 1 p.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
Around the Services, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday
Army Newswatch, 5:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 10:30 a.m.
Stallion Report, 11 a.m.
American Veteran, 1 p.m.
Navy/Marine Corp News, 3 p.m.
Around the Service, 7:30 p.m.
Battleground, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
Stallion Report, 10:30 a.m.
Focus on the Force, 1 p.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 7 p.m.
Navy/Marine Corps News, 9 p.m.

Army Newswatch - Bi-weekly report on the men and women of the Army
Around the Services - From the Pentagon Channel NewsCenter, daily half-hour program featuring military news from top defense officials and the military services from around the world

Wednesday

Around the Services, 8 a.m.
Army Newswatch, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
American Veteran, 1 p.m.
Focus on the Force, 2 p.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.
Stallion Report, 5 p.m.
Around the Services, 8 p.m.

RECON - A monthly information television program providing an in-depth look at a variety of topics, highlighting the accomplishments of U.S. Military men and women.
Your Corps - Monthly view of the men and women of the Marine Corps

Thursday

Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
Navy/Marine Corps News, 11 a.m.
Focus on the Force, 1 p.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
American Veteran, 5 p.m.

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

Friday

Around the Services, 5:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 9 a.m.
Recon, 12:30 p.m.
State Department Briefing, 3 p.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.

Navy Marine Corp News - A weekly look at the men and women of today's sea service.
Opportunity Showcase - A monthly program dealing with a variety of subjects that benefit small business owners, transitioning military members and other subjects of opportunity-produced by the United States Air Force

Saturday

Around the Services, 5:30 a.m.
FJ Iraq/AF Prime Time, 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Engineer Update, 1:30 p.m.
Opportunity Showcase, 3 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 5:30 p.m.
Battleground, 7 p.m.

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

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

Focus on the Force - A weekly program highlighting missions, operations and people of the U.S. military.

Army Educational Outreach Programs ignite interest in students

Kim Wilson
RDECOM

As times rapidly change, so does the demand for advanced science, math and engineering, and the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground is helping to embrace the future of technology through Army Educational Outreach Programs, or AEOPs.

The programs are designed to elicit interest in the areas of science, math, engineering, and technology in students by promoting education in these areas.

RDECOM's outreach programs provide valuable experiences for participants, both instructors and students, while allowing them to understand the importance of a future in technology.

"Science and technology have been and continues to be the engine to the economic growth of our society and national security," said Dr. Vallen L. Emery Jr., RDECOM's outreach program manager.

Recent studies show that the number of U.S. students interested in pursuing a career in math and science are at an all time low, therefore, measures are being taken to raise the interest of research and development.

RDECOM outreach challenges two trends within the U.S. science and engineering



Archive photo courtesy of RDECOM

An eCybermission student double checks his experiment.

workforce: global competition for science and engineering talent that impacts the pool of international science and engineering workforces, and the decline of native-born science and engineering graduates entering the workforce, Emery said.

An important factor in AEOPs is minority outreach, which Dr. Robin L. Keese, RDECOM deputy to the commander, said he strongly supports.

"A minority outreach program provides us the opportunity to build ethnic diversity in our work force so that it more fairly represents society,"

Keese said.

Keese attends job fairs to excite minority students about a future in technology and works with the National Society of Black Engineers, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and the Society of Women Engineers.

"You have to have a work force that mirrors the population," Emery said and added that in the near future, the current minority population of society will be the majority.

Emery also noted that the U.S. Army Materiel Command, RDECOM's higher headquarters, recently received an award from the

Defense Department and the Department of the Army's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization for the Best Major Army command Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions program, in part for the efforts RDECOM put forth towards minority outreach programs.

In just over a year, RDECOM has made great strides in the outcome of outreach initiatives. The command already accomplished major goals including: elevating programs from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory and placing it as a RDECOM responsibility, thus increasing the minority outreach effort, and hiring new engineers as a result, Keese said.

"AEOPs' aim is to encourage students from kindergarten through graduate school to take part in science, math, engineering and technology education, and to participate in Army science, math and engineering programs," Keese said.

The Educational Outreach Strategy is "a cohesive strategy to engage youth, as well as

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Students who participated in the GEMS program work on a science project during the four-week summer GEMS program.

ARL enriches students through GEMS

Sheryl Coleman
ARL

Thirty-four 9th through 12th grade students from Aberdeen High School Science and Math Academy, Aberdeen High and Boys Latin attended Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science, or GEMS, hosted by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory July 11 through 29.

GEMS is a summer program and part of the Army Education Outreach Program designed to cultivate, encourage and increase an interest in the fields of mathematics, science, and engineering in high school and middle school students.

Ann Brodeen of the Computational and Information Science Directorate of ARL was the chairperson for this project.

"It was a good experience for all involved," Brodeen said.

The students were encouraged to participate in the program by the Academy Director Donna Clem.

Each session began with Dr. Matt Bratcher, technical assistant to the director, Weapons and Material Research Directorate, presenting the ARL overview.

College students Devin Burns, a sophomore at University of Maryland Baltimore County, Sean Heavey, a sophomore at Montgomery College, and Christine Slocum, a sophomore at Goucher College, called "near-peers," set up experiments on 3D Animation, Web design and statistics. The students performed experiments while the "near peers" reviewed their experiments and answered questions.

The result of the statistics module is a data set with several graphs visualizing the data. The result of the 3D Animation module is an animated logo. The Web design module resulted in a multi-page, linked Web site based on HTML and CSS that incorporates the animated movie files, tables of statistical data and the images of the data.

A Web site incorporates the results of all three modules, illustrating the relationship between different technological fields.

Adult resident teachers, Nancy duBell and

Donna Clem, oversaw all lab activities during the three-week program.

"It is great to see hands-on lessons being taught to enthusiastic students by near-peer mentors," Clem said. "The lessons developed for GEMS students were designed to develop and refine skills that are both useful and interesting. I am surprised by the accomplishments of the GEMS students in just one week increments. It is apparent that the construction and implementation of lessons has also provided a learning experience for the near-peer mentors."

Alyssa Ramirez, a 10th grade student in the Science and Math Academy, said she entered the program to learn things that she would not learn in the classroom.

James Pritts and Nick Zeigler entered 9th grade in the academy this year. Both said they were encouraged by Clem to participate in the program, which they found very interesting.

"It has enhanced my interest in the areas of engineering, chemistry (mixing chemicals) and biology," Pritts said.

"Chemistry is a main interest of mine, and I especially liked working with burning things," Zeigler said.

Ramirez, Pritts and Zeigler said that working on the computer with the 3D logo was exciting.

"I had worked some with the computers at the academy but had not been exposed to working in graphics which I explored in the GEMS program," Alyssa said.

The students said that two of the highlights of the program were eating in the dining facility and the tour of the Ordnance Museum with lectures by Dr. F. William Atwater, museum director.

The grand finale was the students receiving their certificates of completion and displaying their creations for their families.

"I am grateful to Ann Brodeen and her staff for undertaking the challenge of starting a GEMS Program at APG. I hope that the GEMS Program will expand in breadth and continue at APG," Clem said.

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teachers," Emery stated. The approach seeks to "introduce, excite, engage and graduate" participants.

Beginning in kindergarten through grade six, students are offered one-on-one academic support and career path guidance through mentoring and tutorial programs. The importance of math and science in future careers is conveyed through presentations and reinforced through guidance and tutorial sessions. These programs also encourage future participation in AEOPs.

eCybermission

After an initial introduction to the programs, students are urged to participate in eCybermission, a Web-based science, math and technology competition for students nationwide in grades six through nine that addresses the national decline in science and math test scores.

Kelly Stratchko, an ARL program manager, noted that the program has grown from 1,583 participants to 6,886 in three years.

eCybermission challenges students to solve problems creatively by using science and math in the areas of sports and recreation, arts and entertainment, environment, or health and safety, according to the official Web site.

Some unique examples from www.eCybermission.com include: "How would you make high performance basketball shoes?" or "Do you have ideas on how to make your little brother's playground safer?"

Some children found ways to help their community while participating in eCybermission.

"There were two serious accidents in our community that really hit home and we wanted to do something to help," said Becca Hoy, a seventh grader on the team.

The WB LifeSavers, the team Hoy was on, sought to increase education, training and awareness about the hazards of rural roads, in an effort to reduce the number of teenage driving accidents in their community.

Top awards for winning regional and national teams include generous savings bonds and trips to Washington, D.C., to attend the national judging and educational event.

"eCYBERMISSION is a great opportunity to work together," said Alex Leith, an eCYBERMISSION participant. "Each member of the team is like a puzzle piece and together we can accomplish anything."

Eight programs defined

The educational outreach strategy offers eight AEOPs for students in grades eight through 12. The Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science Program, Research and Engineering Apprenticeship Program, Science and Engineering Apprentice Program, Uninitiated Introduction to Engineering Program, Materials World Modules Program, Junior Science and Humanities Symposia, International Mathematics Olympiad, and International Science and Engineering Program provide laboratory internships and competitions promoting conduct of original research.

GEMS is a four-week summer program providing high school students paid internship opportunities in a teaching laboratory, stressing scientific and mathematical skills. Students who participated at APG completed projects such as 3-D animation and interactive Web site design and exploratory data analysis.

REAP invites historically underrepresented high school students to participate as summer apprentices in a summer work study and research program. The program is administered by the Academy of Applied Sciences and enables students to receive

hands-on training in research and development.

The SEAP program is an eight-week summer apprenticeship that provides hands-on learning activities and student mentor relationships encouraging careers in science and engineering.

UNITE is also a summer program, that encourages students to pursue a college education in engineering and allows them to attend classes on college campuses. The program parallels an academic experience of a first year college student. UNITE is available on seven campus locations: Florida International University, University of Delaware-Newark, University of Detroit-Mercy, University of New Mexico, University of New Orleans, University of Colorado and New Jersey Institute Technology.

MWM was designed for students in grades nine through 12 but can be adjusted to the middle school level (six through eight). MWM uses materials science, the study of the characteristics and uses of various materials, to widen the talent pool for math, science and engineering.

"Not only does it teach students but teachers as well," Emery said. "It's a way to teach teachers how to adapt to changing teaching methods to suit diverse subject matter."

Students are encouraged to "study the natural world, formulating researchable questions, designing and conducting scientific investigations and offering explanations and models based on their findings," according to the official Web site, www.materialsworldmodules.org.

JSHS offers students in grades nine through 12 who have conducted original research in science, engineering or mathematics an opportunity to share their work by inviting them to apply to their regional symposium. The official Web site, www.JSHS.org, indicates that this program aspires to increase the pool of educated professionals equipped to conduct research and development vital to our nation.

"The program promotes individual and independent research in which the students conduct research and present their findings in a seminar format," said Peggy Lacewell, program specialist, Youth Science Activities, U.S. Army Research Office.

Regional and national finalists are publicly recognized for outstanding achievement at the regional symposium and may be awarded government scholarships and all-expense-paid trips to the National Symposium and the London International Youth Science Forum.

AEOPs geared towards the collegiate level allow students laboratory experiences that promote career opportunities. RDECOM's five programs: the Faculty Research and Engineering Program, Career Related Experience in Science and Technology Program, Reserve Officers Training Corp, Science and Technology Academic Recognition System, and Educational Partnership Agreement take place within government laboratories, academia or industries.

FREP is intended for faculty members from universities. Faculty members gain valuable experience working with scientists and engineers in research laboratories during the summer or up to 60 days in one year.

CREST offers summer and part-time

employment that can lead to an appointment of civilian engineer or scientist positions for qualified students in the Army Intern Program.

ROTC provides an internship to chosen cadets at Army organizations following a commitment to summer military camps and school obligations.

STARS recruits exceptional students who are enrolled in a science, engineering, or mathematics program at Historically Black Colleges or Universities and/or other minority institutions and offers tuition assistance and paid-internships as they progress professionally within the ARL workforce.

EPA is a partnership between ARL and universities promoting curriculum development, faculty and student development and research and development opportunities at Army facilities.

Through outreach efforts, RDECOM is able to ignite enthusiasm in students of all ages, teaching them the importance of technology in our society.

"These programs, although different in concept, have the same purpose," Lacewell said. "to encourage students to consider science, mathematics, engineering, and technology as possible career choices."

For more information about RDECOM Educational Outreach Programs, visit www.rdecom.army.mil and click on Educational Outreach Programs.

(Editor's note: Wilson is a college intern with the RDECOM Public Communications Office.)



Students collaborate on lab experiments while participating in an RDECOM Educational Outreach program.

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