

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 5, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Commissary case lot sale begins today

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

### RAB meeting tonight

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.

### Prevention of sexual harassment training

The last scheduled date this year for Prevention of Sexual Harassment training is today, 8 and 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. in the Edgewood Conference Center, building E-4810.

A sign language interpreter will be present at the 3 p.m. training class.

For more information, call Neslie Ethridge, EEO, 410-278-1131.

### Hispanic Heritage Month event Oct. 6

The Garrison and U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools equal opportunity advisors, APG Equal Employment Of-fice and Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee members will conduct this year's National Hispanic Heritage Month observance 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oct. 6, at the APG Recreation Center.

The event is free and all military, civilian and family members of the APG community are welcome to attend.

The celebration will include free food samplings, cultural displays,

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# Army unveils Future Combat Systems

## Army's Secretary, Chief of Staff applaud progress

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

For the first time, the U.S. Army presented its entire plan for Future Combat Systems to government officials and the media at Aberdeen Proving Ground Sept. 21.

"The Future Combat Systems Program is no longer just a drawing board concept," said Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey. "This demonstration is proof of the tremendous progress that the Army has made in the FCS program."

FCS incorporates a partnership of military and private industry organizations, working together to develop new items to better assist Soldiers on the field. The Army is currently transforming its arms, transportation and communication devices to enable Soldiers to fight modern enemies in a city situation, as they are in Iraq, as well as in the future, beyond Iraq.

Consisting of programs developing unattended muni-



The Stryker leader-follower system traverses the range. The first vehicle is the only one being manned, the following vehicle runs autonomously.

tions; unmanned aerial and ground vehicles of multiple shapes, sizes and mission capabilities and manned ground vehicles, FCS is the cornerstone of the Army's plans for future combat.

Vehicles with hybrid-electric drive capabilities are among the projects FCS is working on. They have also developed a leader-follower program as demonstrated on the Stryker vehicle, allowing

convoys to travel more safely, as only the first vehicle of a caravan would have a Soldier in the driver's seat. The other vehicles can be manned with Soldiers to defend the convoy or rest. Small autonomous

machines for disarming bombs and munitions are in the works to better protect Soldiers.

Saving Soldiers from harm is one of the key elements of importance in FCS, said Army

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# APG Garrison hosts public school meetings

**Yvonne Johnson**  
APG News

Parental concern over issues impacting military children prompted two meetings between Aberdeen Proving Ground parents and administrators from Harford County Public Schools Sept. 14 at the APG Chapel and at the Edgewood Conference Center Sept. 15.

Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, joined by Ivan Mehosky, school liaison officer; Tim Brandenburg, chief of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Linda Holloway, garrison operations for MWR, welcomed the parents and administrators.

Referring to himself as "the mayor of APG," Wright said a normal part of the 'town operation' is to hold Town Hall meetings with the organizations and staffs responsible for the functioning of the installation.

"All this has come about so the citizens of APG can bring forth issues," Wright said, adding that "a high quality education is very important to the military family."

During the Aberdeen forum, Jacqueline Haas, superintendent of Schools, led a panel of staff and faculty fielding parents' questions. The panel included school principals from Aberdeen Middle and High schools and Roye-Williams Elementary School.

Panel members included Gerald Scarborough, superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; John Markowski, chief financial officer; David Volrath, executive director of Secondary Education; Patricia Skebeck, executive director of Elementary Education; Stephen Lentowski and Don Morrison, directors of Public Information and Ann-Marie Spakowski, director of Special Education.

Haas said she was aware of the difficulties military children face, such as transitioning to new installations and schools and facing the loss of parents through military deployments. She said that APG families are an important part of the Harford County public school system.

"Everyone who works for Harford

County schools understands the richness of this place and the importance of what you bring to Harford County," Haas said. "We have with us tonight a group of people who will be able to answer most of the questions you have."

Representing the Harford County School Board was Salina Williams. She thanked attendees for coming out and invited all to the board's Town Meeting in October.

"Anything you have questions about we hope to be able to answer for you tonight," Williams said. "I encourage you all to join us next month. We want you to be involved."

"We really do support your children," added Susan Osborn, principal of Roye-Williams Elementary School. "Every day we look at what we can do to make your children successful."

Gladys Pace, principal of Aberdeen

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# 2005 CFC begins at APG

**Lisa Mack**  
APG CFC Chairperson

Aberdeen Proving Ground will conduct the 2005 Combined Federal Campaign Oct. 3 through Nov. 30, and hopes to receive \$350,000 in donations.

The overall goal for Central Maryland was increased by 4.5 percent over 2004 to \$5.8 million for this campaign. Aberdeen Proving Ground's goal equals \$33.23 or \$2.77 per month for each government employee.

Federal employees can make donations by check, cash or payroll deduction. Retirees are permitted to donate to CFC by cash or check only.

Although key workers cannot solicit contractor employees working at APG, contractors are permitted to contribute to the CFC by cash or check.

Individuals outside the installation are also welcome to make contributions.

This year's print "The Pride of

# FWP honors those who enable women

**Rebecca J. Chisholm**  
APG News

The 20th annual Federal Women's Program's Women's Equality Day awards were presented Aug. 24 at the Ball Conference Center.

The awards showcase those who best enable women to overcome obstacles and succeed in their careers.

Angela Love, manager of FWP, spoke about the importance of empowering women in the workforce and the long struggle that women fought to stand on their own.

"Equality for women did not come naturally or easily," Love said.

Pleased at the 20-year history of the event, Love said that the awards "provided the opportunity to recognize and

Baltimore II," created by Chris White, will be given to donors of \$1,000 to \$1,999 for the Gold level 8-inch-by-11-inch print. Donors of \$2,000 or more will receive the Gold Plus level 16-inch-by-20-inch print.

Married couples are permitted to combine their donations if they would like to receive a painting.

CFC key worker training will be held 1:30 to 3 p.m., Oct. 5, with make-up training 1:30 to 3 p.m., Oct. 6 in building 305, commander's large conference room.

The 2005 Contributor's Guide for national/international organizations is at Web site <http://www.cfcmd.org>. Paper copies of the guide and pledge cards will be available from each organization key worker and at the APG CFC office beginning Oct. 5.

For more information, visit the APG CFC office, building 4302, or call 410-306-1625/1626.

honor those who excel at the things they're required to do."

Dr. Pamela B. Barrett of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center won the Outstanding Woman of the Year award. After becoming the Chief of Workforce Employee and Development Office, Engineering Directorate, Barrett received her doctorate degree in human development from George Washington University at the age of 50. She said she never felt like she was treated like a female, and this enabled her to be very fortunate in her career.

Barrett stated that her belief in her team members and a desire to help all who desire to succeed were key to her winning the award.

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U.S. Army photo by DIGITAL IMAGING TEAM  
Col. Kevin R. Wendel, left, commander, U.S. Army 20th Support Command (CBRNE), waits to receive the colors as acting commander Col. Paul Plennmons passes them to Lt. Gen. David D. McKiernan, deputy commander, U.S. Army Forces Command. Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin W. Womack Sr., center, looks on during last week's assumption of command ceremony at McBride Parade Field.

# 20th Support Command (CBRNE) gains new commander

**Barry Napp**  
20th Support Command (CBRNE)

Family and friends of the U.S. Army 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High Yield Explosive), or CBRNE, officially welcomed Col. Kevin R. Wendel as the new commander in a formal change of command Sept. 21 on McBride Parade Field.

The event was hosted by Lt. Gen. David D. McKiernan, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Forces Command.

"Our Army today is the best our nation has ever had...This is, in large measure, because of the Soldiers that form its centerpiece," McKiernan said. "Such Soldiers deserve the best possible leadership...and let me assure you that as Colonel Kevin Wendel received the proud colors of the 20th Support Command just now, the Army fulfilled its obligation to provide that leadership...fulfilled it beyond question."

Activated last October at Aberdeen Proving Ground, the organization is a FORSCOM major subordinate command and brings together command and control of the Army's most specialized weapons of mass destruction operational assets. This unique, one-of-a-

kind unit provides a single point of contact within the Army for the Department of Defense to call when a coordinated response to the threat or use of WMD is needed anywhere in the world.

"To the leaders and Soldiers of the 20th Support Command—I am committed to you and our mission of providing the Army and Joint Force the very best trained, equipped, and ready forces we can muster," Wendel said. "I will focus all of my efforts on maintaining and improving our warfighting edge, getting the best personnel, equipment and training to meet any and all our future challenges."

Wendel was recently selected for promotion to brigadier general. He was commissioned as an infantry officer through the ROTC program at Furman University in 1979. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, a master's of public administration and a master's of strategic studies. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

His previous assignment was as chief of Strategy and assistant deputy director for Strategy and Policy, J5, The Joint Staff, Pentagon.

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# Garrison commander's corner

Col. John T. Wright  
USAGAPG

The garrison hosted two forums for parents to interact with Harford County School officials in September. I appreciate all who turned out to make these sessions a success.

Everyone is encouraged to continue the dialog with the schools. We will try to make these events an annual occurrence.

This month I want to devote the Garrison Commander's Corner to the topic of computer security and information assurance and vulnerability.

It is every computer user's responsibility to adhere to the provisions of acceptable use and to understand the consequences of misuse of government computers and the network.

Here are two recent examples of poor computer security:

**Example 1: Use of chat room**

A 'poor' security incident report was received on Aug. 25 identifying a user logging into a Web-based chat network. The user is assigned to a tenant activity on the Aberdeen Proving Ground network. The supervisor was contacted and removed the user from the network.

The user violated both Army Regulation 25-2 and the APG Acceptable Use Policy which strictly prohibits "chatting" via anything other than AKO Instant Messenger.

As this was a first offense, the user was formally counseled and allowed back on the network.

This type of activity presents a security vulnerability to the APG network.

**Example 2: Peer to Peer (P2P)**

A 'poor' security incident report was received on Aug. 18 identifying a user downloading Kazaa peer to peer software. The user is assigned to a tenant activity and violated AR 25-2 and the APG Acceptable Use Policy by downloading unauthorized software on a government computer.

The user's supervisor was notified, the computer was immediately disconnected from the network and the user's account was

disabled.

This type of software present on a government system constitutes a poor security practice due to the fact that it provides a vehicle for authorized and unauthorized individuals to use this system as a platform for searching, transferring or downloading material that may be constituted as improper and/or illicit.

The government also incurs a cost because the computer must be rebuilt before it can reconnect to the network, and the user is unable to efficiently do his or her job without network access.

Leaders, managers, supervisors and individuals must take computer security seriously.

In addition to incidents such as the above, the Chief of Staff of the Army recently directed that "Leaders at all levels must take charge of this issue [online security] and get the message down to the lowest levels."

A more aggressive attitude toward protecting friendly information is vital to mission success.

The enemy is a pro at "exploiting our operations security vulnerabilities."

Each of us is on the front lines of the information security battlefield.



## ACS to launch Virtual Family Readiness Groups

Rebecca J. Chisholm  
APG News

A training session to introduce Virtual Family Readiness Groups, an Army program to support and improve how information is passed to families when Soldiers are deployed, was held by Army Community Service Sept. 8.

Family Readiness Groups are already here at Aberdeen Proving Ground, but with some training and new options from ACS, they will now be better prepared to assist families in times of need.

"Soldiers can concentrate more on the mission at hand when they know their families are being properly taken care of and assisted," said Marilyn Howard, ACS coordinator.

A Family Readiness Group, or FRG, is, according to "Operation Ready: The Army Family Readiness Group Leader's Handbook," "an organization of family members, volunteers and Soldiers belonging to a unit that together provide an avenue of mutual support, assistance and a network of communication among the family members, chain of command and community resources."

The groups are self-help and referral organizations that provide an avenue for social interactions, welcome newcomers and educate fam-

ilies on the proper organizations to turn to when help cannot be found.

The goal of an FRG is to increase morale and cohesion and to increase unit effectiveness.

Virtual FRG's are being implemented in a trial mode at a number of installations around the country. ACS here at APG has kits to begin vFRG's on post.

The objective of the vFRG system is to provide all of the functionality of traditional FRGs in an online setting. The vFRG system shall support the creation of online FRGs at the brigade, battalion and company levels.

The vFRG system may correspond to an existing, traditional FRG, but will also support the creation of ad-hoc FRGs due to the dispersion of family members and volunteer FRG leaders across the United States and the world, with no unit-integrity of those families. Furthermore, the vFRG system shall provide support not only to the spouses, families and parents of married Soldiers, but will also be able to include support for parents, families and significant others of single Soldiers.

The vFRG system can provide the tools to facilitate and enable the establishment, communication and maintenance of online FRGs between volunteers and Soldier families regardless of their locations, with the least amount of

# CAC focuses on renovating APG playgrounds

Rebecca J. Chisholm  
APG News

Playgrounds, healthcare and shopping were the hot items discussed at the Community Action Council meeting Aug. 25 led by Joseph Craten, deputy to the Garrison Commander.

**Playground renovations**

Playground remodeling, additions and demolitions are planned through the Housing Division playground consolidation plan, presented by Marilyn Spence, Directorate of Installation Operations. The Housing Division works with the Installation Safety Office and the Facilities Maintenance Division.

If the Safety Office identifies a piece of playground equipment as unsafe, if it cannot be repaired, it is removed by DIO. Personnel from the DIO Housing Division, Installation Safety Office and Morale, Welfare and Recreation representatives developed the playground consolidation program.

Consolidated playgrounds are planned for Bayside Village and Patriot Village. Remote playgrounds are planned for New Chesapeake Gardens, Skippers Point and the EA Youth Center. Playground equipment at the Clearview and Chevron Drive housing areas will be relocated, if possible, when these two areas are closed.

\$500K is required to maintain and enlarge the playgrounds according to the proposed plan. Fund availability is dependent upon the war effort and not expected to be received anytime soon. Mulch upgrading and weed removal has been funded for all of the Housing area playgrounds.

If parents see something at the playgrounds that they think is unsafe, call in a service order to 410-306-1400, or call 410-306-2012.

**Medical news**

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic was originally designed as a military hospital and has been making do as an outpatient medical clinic. KUSAHC has received approved funding for a new facilities plan with a concept design for an Outpatient Medicine Clinic. The plan is to design a clinic compatible with APG's outpatient mission.

Five thousand refrigerator magnets with emergency contact information have been ordered and will be distributed through various channels when received. Magnets will also be dispersed to units and to personnel during medical appointments.

The KUSAHC after-hour's telephone contact number, 410-278-1725, has been added to the APG Web Page at the bottom of the screen on the right hand side while the KUSAHC home page is underdevelopment.

**AAFES discusses Burger King, PX**

effort, time or technology experience necessary.

The vFRG system will provide timely, accurate and relevant information as well as a conduit to family support services for Army families at all unit levels.

The vFRG Web site is currently in development under the guidance of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

Membership in an FRG is open to all Army Soldiers, civilian employees and retirees and their family members.

FRG leaders organize their groups to distrib-

The Burger King renovations started Sept. 5 in the dining room area, which will be closed for 120 days. The drive thru will remain open until the kitchen is remodeled then it will close for approximately two weeks.

PX renovation is also taking place in the mall area and is going slower than anticipated. It should be completed by Dec. 1.

**Commissary**

The commissary will hold a case-lot sale Sept. 29 through Oct. 1.

**Chaplain**

Old copies of Catholic missals are available for anyone who wants them. They have been replaced with newer copies.

**Employment Program Manager**

The 17th Annual Harford County Job Fair will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 30, at the Richland Ballroom, I-95 Exit 77 in Edgewood. Sixty companies are participating. Interview attire is recommended.

**AER**

The Army Emergency Relief Program has money available for college through the MG James Ursano Scholarship Fund. Information and forms are available at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) and applications can be submitted online.

**Legally speaking**

Lt. Col Brian Brady is the new APG Staff Judge Advocate.

The office has received a new attorney recently and expects another to arrive shortly.

The Soldier Readiness Program (processing of Soldiers) is the focus at this point. In three months they will be in better shape.

**DLES**

Construction at the entrance gates is taking longer than expected. The Wise Road Gate should be completed by the end of October.

**Police receive accreditation**

APG Police Academy and police department are now both nationally accredited.

**APG Retiree Council**

Retiree Appreciation Day is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon, Oct. 22 in the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326. Lunch in the APG dining facility is planned for those attendees desiring to participate. A guest speaker from the Military Officer's Association of America will provide an update on events affecting military retirees, widows and widowers.

The next CAC meeting will be in the Aberdeen Area Chapel Fellowship Room, Sept. 29.

ute important information on all aspects of life in a military household. From deployment to reunions, FRG's are prepared to aid members in daily life with or without their Army spouse. Leaders educate family members on the services available at ACS and throughout the area.

"Families have a lot of resources that they need, they just need to know how to use them," said Heather Aubain, ACS volunteer.

(Editor's note: Some information extracted from Military.com's Military Report for Aug. 15.)

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## USAF recognizes 58th Anniversary



Photo by MASTER SGT STEVEN JONES, USAF DETACHMENT FIRST SERGEANT  
Members of the U.S. Air Force Detachment Drill Team, led by Staff Sgt. Robert Jojola, stand at parade rest as they prepare to retire the Stars and Stripes at a retreat ceremony Sept. 16. The U.S. Air Force Detachment, led by Maj. Steve Pratt, recognized the 58th anniversary of the establishment of the Air Force.

# Army announces plans to close local outreach office

CMA

The Army's storefront outreach office in Edgewood will close Sept. 30, now that workers at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility have successfully eliminated the storage risk once posed by Aberdeen Proving Ground's mustard agent stockpile.

The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency's Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office has served as the base of operations for CMA's community outreach efforts since 1997.

"Although the office's physical location will close, it's important to know that the function of the outreach office will continue," said CMA Chief of Public Affairs Marilyn Daughdrill.

According to Daughdrill, outreach office staff still will be available to provide information to the public, answer questions and coordinate presentations as they've always done, but will do so as part of an integrated CMA public affairs support team instead of from the storefront office they've operated from for the last eight years.

"The Outreach Office has provided an invaluable service to the residents of Harford, Baltimore, Cecil and Kent counties, as a single source of information about the ABCDF mission of safely eliminating APG's mustard agent stockpile," said ABCDF Site Project Manager Joseph Lovrich. "As ABCDF's conduit to the community, the office and its staff have served as resources that residents and the media have depended upon for information and answers to their questions and concerns."

While the outreach office will physically close its doors, CMA recognizes the importance of keeping the community informed of progress made at the ABCDF.

"Even though we've safely destroyed APG's stockpile of stored mustard agent, our work continues with the operation of the ABCDF's Ton Container Cleanout Facility. We know that the outreach staff will continue to play a key role in keeping the public informed of our progress," Lovrich said.

Since opening its doors in 1997, the outreach office staff has supported 92 notable site visits from local,

national and international dignitaries; contacted more than 20,000 individuals through meetings, tours, presentations, information booths and outreach office visits and distributed more than 500,000 information products, including REACH Newsletters, Progress Updates, fact sheets, videos and Report Card mailers. Outreach efforts also resulted in more than 1,500 media contacts throughout the last eight years.

CMA Director Michael A. Parker praised the work of the outreach staff.

"Our URS Coleman contractors, Dennis Story and Nancy Hofmann, have given 110 percent in their efforts to keep the community and local leaders informed and involved in the disposal process," Parker said. "They have helped build a positive relationship between the diverse groups associated with this project."

"I am pleased that Nancy and Dennis will continue their outreach efforts from the Edgewood Area of the Aberdeen Proving Ground, even after the outreach office closes."

Citizens interested in contacting outreach office staff after Sept. 30 should call 410-436-7801.



Photo by NANCY HOFMANN

With the Mustard Agent Stockpile now a chapter for the history books, workers take on another daunting task, that of safely removing the contents of the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office.

According to Daughdrill, the CMA Web site, [www.cma.army.mil](http://www.cma.army.mil), is a great source of information for the public and CMA's toll-free phone number, 800-488-0648, can be used to contact CMA.

Public Affairs and ask questions, schedule presentations or request specific information.

## 20th Support Command (CBRNE) sends teams to Army 10-Miler

Barry Napp

20th Support Command (CBRNE)

The Army's newest major subordinate command, U.S. Army 20th Support Command (CBRNE) will send two teams of eight runners to the 21st Annual Army 10-Miler to be held at the Pentagon on Oct. 2.

The two teams are reflective of the command and control headquarters as they are made up of both military and civilian runners, just like the unique organization they represent.

While individual runners from Aberdeen Proving Ground will most certainly be competing, 20th Support Command (CBRNE) team members were unsure if any other teams with a similar makeup would participate.

"This unusual composition of our running teams reflects

the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) itself and represents virtually every aspect of the organization," said Maj. Sean Crockett, G3 Force Integration. "From military reps out of the G3 shop to our own Public Affairs editorial assistant, these two 20th SUPCOM 10-Miler teams are indicative of the diversity necessary of a deployable, multi-component command and control headquarters. One thing we all have in common is that we are very proud to be the first 20th Support Command (CBRNE) 10-Miler Teams and to represent our new organization in Army wide competition."

The 16 runners have been working out for many months and realize that as America's largest 10-mile race, they will be competing in the 10-miler

with such a fit group is that everyone wants to push each other. We do everything from quarter mile sprints to 10-mile runs and every tough run we do, we feel it's going to directly impact our performance at the actual Army 10 Miler."

Members of the two teams representing the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) at this year's Army 10-Miler are the captain of the first team Maj. Sean Crockett, G3 Force Integration, and his "Two Beer Limit team consisting of Cindy Peck, Protocol Officer, Joni Platt, editorial assistant, Public Affairs, Capt. Brian Hoffman, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Tommy Thompson, Chemical Materials Agency, Dana Mohre, Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center, Capt. Ryan Roseberry, deputy G2 and Capt. Stewart Hamblen, Coordination Element.

Maj. Don Clarkson, Asymmetric Warfare Group, Fort Meade, is the second team's captain and his team members consist of Walt Bielecki, Sgt. Maj. Ron Green, G3 Operations, Capt. Melanie Berhalter, G3 Plans, Capt. Wayne Prender, aide-de-camp, Capt. Heather Carlisle, deputy G4 and Capt. Jeremy Digiola, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 22d Chemical Battalion (TE).

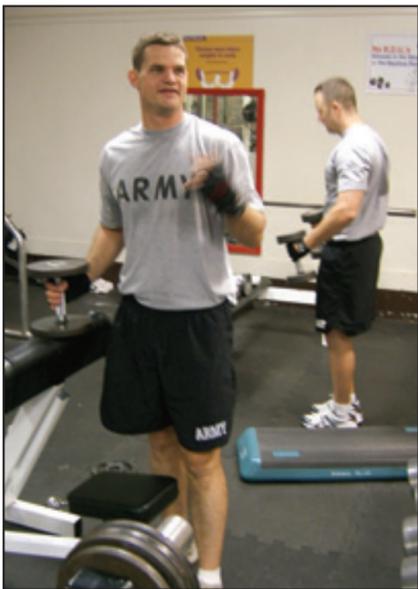
The race starts at 8 a.m. and is sponsored by the Association of the United States Army and produced and supported by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington. The world class event will start and finish at the Pentagon passing through and around famous landmarks like the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and the nation's Capitol.

"We have two very motivat-

ed running teams who will be proud of themselves, their organization and each other when they cross the finish line on Oct. 2," Hoffman said.

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Capt. Brian T. Hoffman, front, and Capt. Jeremy J. Digiola workout daily in preparation for the AUSA's Army 10-Miler Run. They are two members of the U.S. Army 20th Support Command (CBRNE) 10-Miler teams and will represent their organization at the Pentagon based race Oct. 2.

## APG Soldier of the Year receives ring



Photo by U.S. Army Data Imaging Team

In a special unit ceremony Sept. 1, Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin W. Womack Sr., 20th Support Command (CBRNE), left, presents Spc. Victor A. Robledo, Company A, 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), with a commemorative ring made by the American Eagle International Group in honor of his selection as the Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldier of the Year.

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# Deployment News

## Developmental Test Command sends team to Kuwait to collect tactical-vehicle performance data

**Mike Cast**  
Developmental Test Command

A team from the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, deployed to Kuwait recently to collect performance data from tactical wheeled vehicles used in the Iraq theater of operations.

The Army is concerned that wear and tear on vehicles in the combat zone is greater than previously expected because of the ongoing operational tempo there.

Among those selected for the mission were the DTC commander's aide, who is helping with the logistics of the deployment, and five employees of the command from Aberdeen and one from Yuma Proving Ground

in Arizona who specialize in automotive testing.

DTC, which oversees all developmental test programs at test ranges and facilities throughout the United States, is one of the three organizations subordinate to the Army Test and Evaluation Command, whose evaluators use data collected by DTC and the Operational Test Command at Fort Hood, Texas, to report their test findings to the Pentagon.

At diverse test centers across the United States, DTC and OTC test everything from boots to bombs, but one of the key mission areas is the testing of automotive systems. This includes tracked and wheeled vehicles, including the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle.

Other systems of interest for the current mission in Kuwait are the heavy-weight wrecker known as the M984A1 Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck and the M915A3 Line Haul Tractor, the Army's version of a tractor/trailer rig.

The six testers selected to travel to Kuwait will place a relatively small and "non-invasive" instrumentation package in vehicles that will operate in the combat zone.

At the heart of this package is a 6-inch by 8-inch data-collection system designed by APG engineers called the Advanced Distributed Modular Acquisition System, or ADMAS. It will acquire various types of vehicle-performance data, including road speed, engine speed, rate of fuel con-

sumption, coolant temperature, transmission performance and various acceleration rates. The instrumentation will be placed on three of the HMMWVs, three of the wreckers and 14 of the tractors. It was designed by Aberdeen Test Center engineers so it won't intrude on vehicle operators and thereby influence their operations.

After installing the equipment, the DTC team will work with other Army specialists in Kuwait from the OTC and APG's Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity to set up a "data-harvesting" operation.

The continuous data-collection effort will entail daily reports of progress to ATC and removing memory cards containing collected data

and shipping them to ATC. The team will also perform some limited analysis of the available data.

Some team members will return ahead of the others as confidence in the data quality is established.

This program is expected to continue over the next year, but the initial participants are scheduled to return by early October.

Participants will issue recommendations; share lessons learned and issue after-action reports that will help the Army exploit what it learned in theater to refine testing procedures at DTC proving grounds.

For more information, call 410-278-1143.

## ECBC makes breakthrough in sterilization testing techniques

ECBC

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center has developed a new test method that will allow military and medical communities to better determine how effective current sterilants and decontaminants are.

A systematic search for a better sporicidal test resulted in a new standard initiated by Dr. Jose-Luis Sagripanti, senior biochemistry research advisor at ECBC. The test has been adopted as the new international standard by the American Society for Testing and Materials E 2414-05, Quantitative Sporicidal Three-Step Method to Determine Sporicidal Efficacy of Liquids and Vapor or Gases on Contaminated Carrier Surfaces.

The TSM has been used for testing done in connection with the anthrax mail attacks and military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. The TSM has also been used to evaluate the effectiveness of decontaminant agents and their potential use for the U.S. Department of Defense.

In particular the TSM has direct application to test microbicidal agent against the most resistant and dangerous organisms known.

Decontaminant agents were subjected to testing for potential use on military equipment returning from the battlefield. Samples were tested on sections of military high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicles, glass and protective gas masks.

Now that Test Method E 2414 has been approved, it is likely that the applications for TSM will expand to civilian use.

"The three-step method has applications for an important commercial segment that needs testing and evaluation of decontaminant, sporicidal and sterilant agents for defense, food processing and medical applications, as well as for bactericidal soaps, lotions, cleaners, paints and many other products for household and commercial use that can involve microbicidal activity," Sagripanti said.

According to Sagripanti, the three-step method outlined in Test Method E 2414 has several advantages over other past and current sporicidal methods. The TSM is:

- Quantitative. Efficacy is measured as a number in contrast to growth-no growth.
- Rapid. Results are read after overnight incubation, instead of a 30-day wait.
- Economical. Used carrier surfaces are inexpensive enough to be disposable.
- Flexible. The test is mainly intended to evaluate decontaminating or sporicidal agents, but it can also compare the sensitivity of different microbes or the effect of different surfaces or materials.
- Environmentally friendly. Because it is a micro method that uses small volumes, the test produces much less biological waste than other methods.

Currently the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency is conducting an extensive validation of TSM.

In the future, ECBC and the Department of

Defense would like to pursue TSM as an international standard to assist foreign vendors.



Photo by JENNIFER GASKILL

Carriers used in the three-step method include sections of military high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicles, glass and protective rubber gas masks.

## Rapper, poet from APG entertain at BOSS Conference

**Rebecca J. Chisholm**  
APG News

Two performers from Aberdeen Proving Ground got the opportunity to show off their skills with encore performances from the Festival of the Performing Arts and Recreation Program Competition at the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Conference Banquet at the National Conference Center in Lansdowne, Va. on Sept. 15.

Staff Sgt. Antonio Lewis and Sgt. Tarah Goodman were selected by talent scouts who saw them perform at the Fine Arts Festival in Aberdeen. Along with eight other performers

and one group, the two arrived in Leesburg for a week of rehearsal.

The performance was a musical review of sorts, with each act performing one or two songs during the dinner portion of the BOSS Conference Banquet, culminating with a group sing along.

Lewis, a hip-hop artist who grew up in Norfolk, Va., started rapping in 1993. He writes about his childhood, during which he and his family "moved from one ghetto to another," he said.

The son of a single mother, Lewis credits his strengths to her.

"She's one of the strongest women I ever met in my life," Lewis said.

When he began, his skills were few, but Lewis feels that he's matured and grew into the art. With his maturity, came a new understanding and consciousness of the world around him.

"Everything I write is what I see," Lewis said.

One of two rappers showcased, Lewis performed "Poor Times," a song about his youth. He also did a duet performance with the other rapper, titled "Fight Back."

Tarah Goodman also credits her mother as her inspiration.

"I inherited my love of spoken word poetry from my mother," Goodman said.

The daughter of a Philadelphia poet, Goodman has been writing poetry for 10 years. Though yet to be published, Goodman has participated in numerous contests and won third place in the APG Talent Show.

Goodman performed her poetry, "My Trilogy of Love," as a spoken word performance, with audience participation and interaction.

Lewis and Goodman joined the cast in singing "America the Beautiful" to finish out the evening.

### FWP

From front page

"My team would say that I won because I've been a champion of all employees, young, old, professional, non-professional, non-women," Barrett said. "I'm a person advocate."

Gayle A. Olszyk of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools won the award for Supervisor/Manager of the Year.

"I was truly honored and surprised," she said.

Olszyk said she has always been interested in leadership, especially self-examination and looking at how to be more effective.

"I've been a LEAD facilitator and viewed these classes as an opportunity to refresh my skills in counseling, communications, conflict management and team building, skills we need not only as supervisors but as parents, spouses and just human beings," Olszyk explained.

"Life is about choices," she added. "Career wise I've had to make a lot of choices. My interest is in helping others make the right 'educated' choices about their own careers. When someone tells me I can't have a job because I'm a female or civilian, it makes me want to work harder at getting it."

The winner of the Activity

Most Supportive of FWP Goals was the U.S. Army Environmental Center. Accepting the award was Dave Guzewich, deputy to the AEC commander.

"We're very proud of this award," he said. "We're honored, but we're not standing on our laurels."

Just before they won, the AEC Commander informed the group that they needed to do better to recruit and develop women and minorities in the work force, said Guzewich. Thus, they plan to use the award as a launching pad for the future, and build on it to accomplish even more.

At AEC, they very actively look for qualified women in

the engineering and science fields, which is a tough thing to find, he added. The private sector and government take most of the quality workforce, thus AEC has to work extra hard to develop incentive programs for outside recruiting, as well as find a way to create scientists and engineers out of their non-science employees.

Guzewich said that upward mobility is a goal of AEC, promoting a "culture here of giving people opportunities.

"We'll meet them half way to help them meet their goal," he said.

The ORISE program, Oak Ridge Institute for Science Education, an Army-wide service, has enabled AEC to find high-quality women and minorities to fill science and engineer positions in environmental work.

AEC promotes intern programs, and aspires to grow their own workers, promoting secretaries, assistants, contractors and other current employees through the necessary education to become engineers or scientists.

"We're using every tool we can think of to bring in quality people and to grow quality people," said Guzewich.

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# Katrina coverage continues

## Army using world's largest water purifier in Biloxi

Army News Service

Army engineers are using new technology to generate more than 100,000 gallons of potable water per day for the hospital in Biloxi, Miss., and area residents affected by Hurricane Katrina.

An advanced Expeditionary Unit Water Purifier has been set up on the beach in Biloxi to provide water for the nearby Biloxi Regional Medical Center. After the hurricane hit, the hospital had been without water or relying on bottled drinking water for patients and staff.

The Expeditionary Unit Water Purifier is the world's largest transportable desalination system, officials said. The relief mission in Mississippi is the second deployment of the EUWP in a real-world disaster relief scenario.

Engineers from the U.S. Army's Tank Automotive Research Development and Engineering Center, known as TARDEC, began using the new water purifier earlier this week to assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

The new Expeditionary Unit Water Purifier is capable of generating 100,000 gallons per day. In addition, two 600-gallon-per-hour Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units, known as ROWPU and one 1,500-gallon-per-hour Tactical Water Purification System have been deployed to the region.

Two sites in Waveland, Miss., are being set up to support local residents. The systems are being operated by engineers from TARDEC and U.S.

Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation among others.

The Expeditionary Unit Water Purifier was designed to deliver potable water in humanitarian relief missions around the world as well as in forward locations on the battlefield. Development of this technology is a collaborative effort with input from other partners including: the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Navy and NASA as well as private academia.

"We are pleased this emerging technology will be put to use to help the local residents who have suffered from the effects of the most devastating hurricane in this country's history," said Dr. Richard E. McClelland, director of TARDEC. "Years of research, design and engineering have gone into the development of this technology so that it can be helpful in such a critical situation today."

Previously, an EUWP unit was put in place at Port Clarence, Alaska, Coast Guard station, where it produced approximately 250,000 gallons of purified water in three days, after a storm surge flooded the area's fresh water ponds.

(Editor's note: Information taken from a TARDEC news release.

TARDEC is based in Warren, Mich., and Army Research, Development and is a subordinate command of the U.S. Engineering Command.)



Photo courtesy of U.S. NAVY

The new Expeditionary Unit Water Purifier is shown here prior to its deployment to Biloxi, Miss., to help in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

## DoD, OPM offer information, help for displaced employees

Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

Defense officials vowed Sept. 16 to keep Department of Defense civilian employees affected by Hurricane Katrina as up-to-date as possible on benefits and other entitlements and to help these employees continue to contribute to the department's mission.

"Our DoD civilian employees are a valuable resource and an essential part of our total force structure," Marilee Fitzgerald, acting deputy undersecretary of defense for Civilian Personnel Policy, wrote in a Sept. 3 memorandum to department employees.

"As we move forward to restore operations interrupted by the storm and its aftermath, we must do all that we can to assist our civilian workforce during this difficult and challenging time."

Fitzgerald encouraged maximum use of alternate work-sites, telework, alternative work schedules, temporary duty at alternative work sites and other flexible work arrangements to ensure all employees can keep working

following the hurricane - for the department's good as well as their own.

"As we have learned from past crises, work can be a therapeutic outlet by providing structure, consistency and camaraderie," Fitzgerald wrote.

The Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service Web site, [www.cpms.osd.mil](http://www.cpms.osd.mil), is being updated regularly with relevant information, as well as links to agencies such as the Office of Personnel Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

A fact sheet posted on the site refers employees with questions to the following e-mail addresses and phone numbers.

General questions: [FAS@cpms.osd.mil](mailto:FAS@cpms.osd.mil) or call 703-696-1615; questions about pay and allowances: [pay@cpms.osd.mil](mailto:pay@cpms.osd.mil) or call Dennis Turner, 703-696-1284; and questions about benefits and entitlements: [benefits@cpms.osd.mil](mailto:benefits@cpms.osd.mil) or call Johnny McLea, 703-696-1202.

In addition, OPM announced Sept. 7 a new, toll-free hotline for current or retired federal employees or annuitants impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

The hotline, 800-307-8298, will be staffed between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. Central Time to answer callers' questions about health insurance, life insurance, disability issues and the status of paychecks and retiree annuity payments, OPM officials said.

They urged all current federal employees affected by the hurricane who have not yet contacted their agency to call the hotline immediately.

The OPM Web site, [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov), also provides a page specifically for Hurricane Katrina victims and human-resources professionals handling their cases. The page provides information on benefits, such as emergency leave transfer, military leave, insurance, retirement payments and human resources flexibilities available to assist affected federal employees, OPM officials reported.

The site also offers information for employees who

would like to make cash donations or volunteer their services to help the relief effort.

In addition to short-term and immediate relief efforts by the American Red Cross and Salvation Army, the 2005 Combined Federal Campaign has provided a list of national charitable organizations focused on providing disaster relief, Richard Howell, director of the Baltimore Federal Executive Board, said.

## DFAS works to solve banking problems

Military.com

Defense Finance and Accounting Service) Retired and Annuity Pay is working closely with national and regional banking and credit union organizations as well as the military services to make certain customers affected by Hurricane Katrina have timely and ready access to their pay.

DFAS officials explained that it is essential that military retirees and annuitants, who have relocated or changed their banking information, to contact DFAS Retired and Annuity Pay in one of the following ways:

- Call 1-800-321-1080 Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Eastern). Please have current address, banking data and beneficiary information available when calling.

## Accessing health records in hurricane aftermath

TRICARE Management Agency

Following a joint effort between the Department of Defense, including the Military Health System, the Air Force and multiple government contractors, displaced medical providers from Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss., received immediate access to medical information of TRICARE beneficiaries who were evacuated by Hurricane Katrina through the military electronic health record.

The EHR, which consolidates the medical records of service members, retirees and their families from military

hospitals around the world, gave medical personnel immediate access to essential patient information, including consolidated laboratory data and prescription information.

"It's [EHR's] profound impact on patient safety cannot be overstated," said TRICARE Management Activity's Army Col. Vic Eilenfield, program manager for the Clinical Information Technology Program Office. "By using the military electronic health record, physicians and pharmacists were able to access patients' medical information and provide them the care they needed safely during very trying circumstances."

The Program Office coordinated with the medical staff at Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, to form an emergency response team. Once established, the team made all necessary adjustments to the system to grant evacuated providers access to the EHR, including secure user accounts.

"The DoD has been driving towards better ways to document and protect health care information," Eilenfield said. "In the aftermath of Katrina, we are seeing first-hand the power electronic health records have for preservation of and access to information."



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# Community Notes

## TUESDAY & THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 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](http://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 assis-

tance 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.

### MONDAY OCTOBER 3 TOASTMASTERS MEETS

Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562 will meet on in the Gunpowder Club on Aberdeen Proving Ground in Edgewood, 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. 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.

Lunch will be available.

For more information, call Len Kolodny, 410-734-6573, or Jef Harris, 410-436-4109.

### 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](http://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, the Music and Arts Center in the Festival of Bel Air or by calling 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 will be filled with family events, games, food and music.

For more information, call 410-676-4455, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT CANCER SURVIVORS

Help for Oncology Problems and Emotional Support (H.O.P.E.) will hold the 3rd Annual Sam Frost Celebration of Life Shrimp and Bull Roast, 7 p.m. to midnight, at Jarrettsville Gardens, 3825 Federal Hill Road, Jarrettsville.

Raffles will be held for an autographed, framed Baltimore Ravens' jersey and blue topaz jewelry from Littman Jewelers, and a silent auction will be held for Ski Roundtop passes, a stay at Ocean City, a P. Buckley Moss print, Longaberger baskets and more. Activities also include a DJ, money wheels, door prizes and an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Tickets cost \$35 per person (must be 21 or over). All proceeds to benefit area cancer patients and their families. Raffle winners need not be present to win.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 717-993-2481. For more information about H.O.P.E., visit [www.hopelife.com](http://www.hopelife.com).

(Editor's note: Sam Frost was a former APG employee.)



## Chapel services

### 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

**Women of Grace PWOC**  
Group meets 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.

### 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 potluck 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](mailto:mwolkow@jhu.edu).

For more information on the potluck din-

ner, call Sandy, 410-939-3170.

### 2005 (5765) High Holiday schedule

**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 Sikkah

**Oct. 24**  
7:30 p.m., Yiskor and Shemini Atzeret

**Oct. 25**  
7:30 p.m., Simchat Torah service

## MOVIES

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### THE SKELETON KEY

Friday, Sept. 30, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 p.m.

Starring: Kate Hudson, Gena Rowlands, John Hurt

Caroline (Hudson) takes a job as a live-in nurse caring for the sick husband (Hurt) of an elderly woman (Rowlands) at their rundown mansion outside of New Orleans. She begins to explore the house using a skeleton key that unlocks every door and uncovers a terrible secret in the attic. (Rated PG-13)

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### ADMISSION)

Saturday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.

Starring: Pell James, Steven Strait, Ashlee Simpson

Successful New York model Brier Tucket (James) moves to Los Angeles to become an actress. She meets another aspiring thespian, Clea (Simpson), and they become friends. While hitting the L.A. hipster scene, Brier runs into an old boyfriend, musician Luke Falcon (Strait). Together, Brier and Clea decide to create some buzz around Luke and launch his career. (Rated PG-13)

## Preparing for approaching flu season

### KUSAHC

The week of Sept. 25 through Oct. 1 is National Adult Immunization Awareness Week. The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases spearheads this annual observance to encourage adults to keep immunizations current for protection from preventable diseases.

Each year in the United States, more than 46,000 adults die from vaccine-preventable diseases or their complications.

The flu vaccine is mandatory for all active duty military. The population served by KUSAHC with priority for receiving the flu vaccine are those at risk of serious flu symptoms or complications and include:

- All children 6 to 23 months old
- People 65 years of age and older
- People with long-term health problems
- Immunizations that adults should have include:

- Flu vaccine for adults who are 50 years of age or older. Eligible beneficiaries should call the flu vaccine hotline for availability, 410-306-FLUV(3588).
- Pneumococcal vaccine for adults who are 65 years of age or older
- Tetanus-diphtheria booster every 10 years
- Other vaccines as deemed necessary based on history and risk factors

The flu vaccine has not yet arrived at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic but is offered at locations throughout Harford County in the meantime for a fee.

For more information or questions about flu or the flu vaccine, call the on-post Public Health Office at 410-278-1964, or visit [www.cdc.gov/nip](http://www.cdc.gov/nip), [www.immunize.org/adultrules](http://www.immunize.org/adultrules), or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at 1-800-CDC-INFO.

**Upper Chesapeake Health offers flu shots**  
Upper Chesapeake Health

will provide flu clinics at the following locations for the general public, for ages 12 years and older. A separate one-day pediatric flu clinic will be held for children ages three to 11.

The flu vaccine costs \$10 per shot, cash only, no checks or credit cards.

Thursday, Nov. 3, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Harford Mall  
Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Upper Chesapeake Medical Center

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Ignatius Church, Hickory

Thursday, Nov. 10, 4 to 7 p.m., Harford Memorial Hospital; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Joan of Arc, Aberdeen

Pediatric Clinic; Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center

Sunday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Harford Mall

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., Upper Chesapeake Medical Center

Saturday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Harford Memorial Hospital

Saturday, Nov. 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Mary's Church, Pylesville

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., Harford Mall

Pediatric Follow-up Clinic, Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to noon, Upper Chesapeake Medical Center



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

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| can openers       | trash bags                | wash cloths                    |
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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..

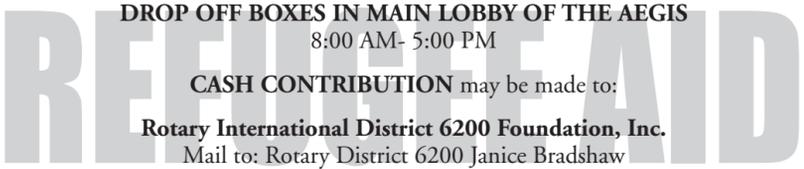
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## POST SHORTS

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### APG planning Community Awareness Day

Aberdeen Proving Ground's first Community Awareness Day will take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 15, at the Emergency Services Building, 2200 Aberdeen Boulevard, 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, drug-free fun run, SWAT Team demonstrations, a Christmas tree fire demonstration, door prizes, K-9 demonstrations, Spongebob Squarepants, family sporting games, Feris (the Ironbirds' Mascot), a free screening of March of the Penguins 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.

### TRICARE briefing today

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, unmarried spouses and qualified unmarried children of deceased retired service members.

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

### Shaakir to perform at PX this weekend

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

### 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 4:15 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. There 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; and 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>.

### Blue Cross/Blue Shield service visit

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit Aberdeen Proving Ground on Oct. 4, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will be available in the Aberdeen Area 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room 236; and in the Edgewood Area, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in building E-4811, seminar area of the RDECOM Conference Center.

For more information, contact Teri Wright, 410-278-4331, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

### Free Montgomery Gentry tickets available

USO-Metro is offering free tickets to the Montgomery Gentry Tribute to the Troops concert at Nissan Pavilion, Oct. 8 to active duty service members, reservists, retirees and Department of Defense civilian employees.

Gates open at 4 p.m. The event includes carnival games, a rock wall, magicians, mechanical bulls, and more. Each ticket holder also will receive a voucher for \$25 worth of food and beverages at the event, as well as free use of all carnival games. Special guests include Chely Wright, Keith Anderson and Luke Stricklin.

Tickets can be picked up at the USO office, building 405, 228 McNair Road, Ft. Myer, Va.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 703-754-6400. Tickets can also be

picked up at the USO Lounge at BWI Airport, 410-859-4425

The Nissan Pavilion at Stone Ridge is located on 7800 Cellar Door Drive, Bristow, VA 20136.

### Who Dunit Murder Mystery Dinner

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a Murder Mystery Dinner, 7 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 28 at Top of the Bay. Join CWF for a fun-filled evening of intrigue and excitement as dinner guests try to figure out "who dunit". Cost is \$52 per person and includes dinner with a murder for dessert. A professional cast will encourage audience participation and provide an evening no one will ever forget. A perfect way to start off a Halloween weekend. Appropriate for all ages.

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

### Thrift Shop to disburse funds

The APG Thrift Shop will accept requests for donations from schools, service organizations and military units through Oct. 31. The request should include the name of the organization, point of contact, address, telephone number, amount requested and specific details on what the funds will be used for. In the past donations have been granted to area Aberdeen schools, Boy Scouts, Army Community Service, APG Fire Department and veterans organizations.

Mail or drop off requests to APG Thrift Store, building 2458, APG, MD 21005-5001. For more information, call the store during operating hours, which are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the first Saturday of the month, 410-272-8572.

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

### Keeping Halloween safe for 'trick or

### treaters'

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

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

Personnel driving in the housing areas during the "trick or treat" period are cautioned to exercise extreme care, and to be especially watchful for young children who may not be readily visible or attentive to moving vehicles. It is strongly recommended that children wear reflective markings on their costumes or carry a flashlight. The cooperation of all concerned is being solicited to ensure a safe and happy Halloween at APG.

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

### 2005 Army Soldier Show stops at APG in October

The 2005 U.S. Army Soldier Show will make a stop at the Aberdeen 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](http://www.NAFBENEFITS.com).

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

### WACVA Chapter 114 holds meeting

The Chesapeake Beacon, Chapter 114, of the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Aberdeen Library, 7 Franklin Street, 10 a.m. to noon, Oct. 8.

For more information, call Wanda Story at 410-272-5040.

## LEAVE DONATION

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

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

Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	William B. McLean (kidney failure)
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Carl Davis	Cheryl L. Roark
Shelia Davison (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo)	James Royston
Geraldine Eaton	Leigh Sanders
Renee Gaffney	Barbara Seher
Susan Gorhan	Steven Sheely
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasitosis, fibromyalgia condition)	Linda Shoaf
Richard Hoffman	Alison Tichenor
Patricia Lynch	Linda Tignor
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### Channel 21 features Pentagon channel programming

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

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

Recon, 8 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 Corps News, 3 p.m.  
Around the Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Battleground, 9:30 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

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

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

Navy Marine Corps 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

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.



# Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## JHU initiative helps military students deal with frequent moves

JHU

Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health announced Sept. 26 a major initiative to address the needs of the more than 1 million military children in U.S. public schools, many of whom move 10 or more times before graduating from high school.

The new JHU Military Child Initiative builds on 20 years of research; the first report being released Sept. 26 identifies and explores successful approaches for improving "school connectedness" - the belief by students that they are a valued and integral part of their school.

Leading the JHU Military Child Initiative is Robert Blum, M.D., Ph.D., a nationally known expert on adolescent health and behavior and the William H. Gates Sr. Professor and Chair of the Department of Population and Family Health Sciences at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

"Children of military families often wind up feeling like the new kids on the block - because they are," said Blum, who is also the principal author of the JHU report. "Every time their families relocate, these kids start life all over again, and that's hard. By making students feel welcome and forming a connection with them, schools can help kids succeed academically and adjust socially."

Blum noted that the families and children whose lives have been uprooted by Hurricane Katrina are now experiencing the same problems caused by relocation that military children face regularly. Although the JHU report was developed with military children in mind, the strategies it describes can be used to strengthen school connectedness for all children.

Military families move about three times more frequently than most American families.

For that reason, the

Department of Defense funded the JHU Military Child Initiative as part of its larger effort to support military families. The new initiative will focus on three areas of activity:

- Apply lessons learned from a well-established body of research on school connectedness to children in military families.

- Serve as a clearinghouse for research on school connectedness and synthesize strategies based on that research so that they can be implemented better.

- Provide technical assistance to school systems that want to strengthen their connections with military children.

"Quality education is a priority for our military families," said David S. C. Chu, Ph.D., under secretary of defense for Personnel and Readiness. "For this reason, the Department of Defense is highly supportive of efforts to identify education best practices and make them accessible to military families and the schools that serve their children."

According to the JHU report, the evidence is clear that schools can be a key stabilizing force in the lives of young people.

"Military [children] generally tend to be high achievers, but they also face myriad issues that come from moving across school district boundaries, often internationally," Blum said. "By reducing the stress in their lives, schools can keep [children] engaged in their own education."

Among his recommendations to schools for strengthening connections with military students:

- Know your students: Children of military families tend to be hard-working, focused, and goal-oriented. Offering them academically rigorous courses provides opportunities for them to excel.

- Set up structures to welcome new students: Academic

performance is enhanced by feelings of belonging to a school. Concerns of new students such as whether someone will talk to them, whether they can find their way around the building, and who will sit with them at lunch often become barriers to school success.

Orientation programs and peer mentor programs, for example, help to eliminate the anxieties of "fitting in" so that students can focus their energies on academic pursuits.

- Be flexible: When students move in the middle of their senior year, for example, and discover that courses needed to fulfill graduation requirements are not available, schools should be willing to accept the graduation requirements from the sending school to make graduation possible.

- Engage parents: Having experienced multiple family moves, military parents understand how each of their children responds to the challenges of transition.

Consulting parents about their students and the academic and emotional support they require increases student success by meeting their need and by building parent confidence and trust in the school.

- Be creative: Finding ways to develop partnerships between the community, the school and the military installation creates opportunities to develop programs, exchange resources and capitalize on expertise in ways that will increase and enhance learning experiences for students."

The JHU report, "School Connectedness: Improving Students' Lives," is available online, along with additional information on the Military Child Initiative, at [www.jhsph.edu/adolescenthealth](http://www.jhsph.edu/adolescenthealth).

For more information on DoD's efforts to support military families, visit [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org).

## Preparing for school

### John Carroll School to hold open house

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

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

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

### Learn in your car Spanish

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

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

 by Kayla Williams

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

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

 by Tim Pritchard

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

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

### Baghdad Burning: girl blog from Iraq

 by Riverbend

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

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

Besides, the large military retiree community uses this facility as well. It seems a shame to leave them high and dry.

Respectfully,  
Name withheld

## Response:

The post library is located in a World War II facility that is pending demolition. Alternatives for the APG Library Program are being studied. The APG community will continue to have library services available regardless of the outcome of any future decisions that are made.

Timothy Brandenburg  
Director  
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

## SCHOOL LIAISON

### APG Forum

From front page

Middle School said, "Our vision remains that we develop a sense of community and social responsibility."

"We have a richness of cultures and nationalities, and a dynamic music program," Pace said.

She encouraged parents to join the PTA and thanked them for attending the school's "largest ever back to school night."

Aberdeen High principal Thomas Szerensitis added that suspensions at his school were down from last year and SAT scores were up 52 points among the African-American population.

"Additionally, we are the only magnet school in the county with the Science and Math Academy, thanks to the Army Alliance," Szerensitis said. "Students from all over the county apply to participate."

APG parents pressed the panel about a variety of subjects including school and bus safety, dress codes, special needs and more.

Alexia Baker, an APG civilian with children in Roye-Williams and Aberdeen High schools, whose suggestion that the school system consider going to uniforms was rebuffed by the administrators, said she thought the forum was a good idea.

"I wasn't completely sat-

isfied with the answer because I've lived in communities where the program has worked," Baker said, "but at least they did come out to listen to us."

Military spouse Gwen Jones, voiced a complaint about having to ready her special needs child at 5 a.m. for a 6:15 a.m. bus, "when they don't have to be to school until 8:20."

"Overall they were very helpful," she said, adding that the school's principal "is planning a meeting to get together with the transportation manager."

"This meeting was an awesome idea in that people got to meet face-to-face and get some answers," she said.

Cheryl Boles, the wife of U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' commander, Maj. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, and Heather Aubain, the wife of OC&S regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony T. Aubain, led the group of concerned parents. Aubain said it was her suggestion to hold the forum for the parents of APG students.

"APG brings so much to this school system, I just thought it was a good idea to have our concerns aired," Aubain said. "Now parents can put faces to the names and know who they are talking to in the future."

"We are hoping this was successful," Boles added, "and that people came away feeling more connected."

During the Edgewood forum, Robin Rich, president of the Board of

Education for Harford County and vice president Mark Wolkow represented Haas, who was unable to attend. Seven HCPS staff members were on hand to answer questions.

Joseph Schmitz, principal of Edgewood High School; William Perry, principal of Edgewood Middle School; and Edgewood Elementary principal Lisa Sundquist, made presentations about their schools regarding academic performance and student conduct.

Although the information exchange was valuable for both forums, Mehosky expressed disappointment at the low turnout.

"Only eight parents showed up for this very important forum at Edgewood and 10 to 12 were at Aberdeen," Mehosky said. "Overall, parent attendance at both forums was very disappointing."

He said that parents who didn't attend missed a great opportunity to meet those individuals at all levels responsible for their child's education, and to ask questions and receive answers on issues of concern.

"But I do think this enabled a better understanding between the APG parents in attendance and Harford County Public Schools," Mehosky added. "I thank Jackie Haas and her fine staff for all their efforts and support in making this event a success."

## Enter APG's photography contest

Pictures say a thousand words - and now the local APG community can make their own statement.

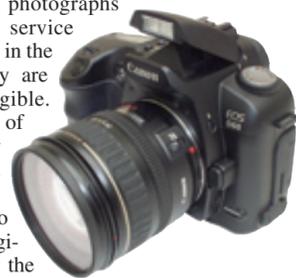
The Arts and Crafts Center is sponsoring a photography competition, to include black and white prints and color prints. The contest is open to the larger military community including Soldiers, reserves, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and family members. Participants can find contest rules and registration forms at any MWR Facility or at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

Winners' entries will be submitted to the 2005 Army Photography Contest. Submit entries to APG Arts and Crafts, building 2407. Submissions and entries must be done before close of business on Oct. 12. Awards presentations will be made Community Awareness Day, 2 p.m., Oct. 15, at the Post Theater.

Official photographs taken for service functions or in the line of duty are not eligible. Employees of the Army Arts and Crafts program also are not eligible to enter the contest.

For more information, call 410-278-3868 or 410-278-4207.

For information on eligibility, competition classes, categories and divisions, visit the APG Photography Contest Guide at <http://www.armymwr.com/portals/recreation/artsandcrafts/>.



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## Letter to the editor

There is a rumor that the Post Library is being considered for closure. If so, this is a terrible idea.

The Post Library is currently an invaluable tool for Soldiers and their dependents. It should be kept open at least until the military contingent at APG redeployes.

The library is, I suspect, grossly underused by the civilian workforce, but that is probably due to ignorance. The civilian work force, if informed, would very likely use this facility more, especially the excellent video library. The Post Library, being military, has an emphasis in its holdings that will not be found in civilian institutions.

# Army CSA tours OC&S

**Khaalid Walls**  
OC&S

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools will play a vital role in the transformation of America's Army, U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker said Sept. 21.

After viewing an early morning U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center hosted Future Combat System demonstration, Maj. Gen. Vincent Boles, chief of Ordnance and commander of OC&S, led Schoomaker in an afternoon tour of the command's training facilities.

Before the tour began, Schoomaker had a lunchtime discussion with a group of drill instructors and drill instructor candidates, who peppered him with questions ranging from personnel issues to the Army's future involvement in Iraq.

They all expressed a similar appreciation for his candor in responding to their queries.

"Senior leaders try to candy coat things sometimes. But General Schoomaker was very straightforward and direct with his responses," said Sgt. 1st Class Nancy Liberty, who was concerned about funding for permanent change of station moves.

Sgt. 1st Class Floyd Baldon said he was thankful to find out from a senior leader that Soldier safety is the Army's number one priority.

"It was good to hear from someone at his level that it's not always a money issue. We're more focused on saving lives," Baldon said after Schoomaker told him the actual figures for the number of up-armored High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles in Iraq.

Col. Frank Merritt, 61st Ordnance Brigade commander, also participated in the discussion. Merritt said the discussion made an important impact on the Soldiers.

"This was a good opportunity for Soldiers to dialect with the chief and get good feedback," he



Photo by LA'MONT HARBISON  
Staff Sgt. Robin Mitchell, Weapons/Metalworking Service Department instructor, explains advanced individual training welding standards to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker while Chief Warrant Officer 5 Freddie Strickland, WMSD chief, looks on during the CSA visit Sept. 21.

said.

After lunch, Schoomaker was led in a tour of Project Warrior by Ordnance Corps Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Aubain.

Aubain said the idea that every Soldier is a warrior first, and the Army's decision to increase emphasis on instilling knowledge of basic Soldier skills were reinforced by Schoomaker's visit.

"We got to hear the direction he wants to take the Army in," Aubain said.

Schoomaker remarked that Project Warrior was one of the highlights of the visit.

He said a similar program should be replicated throughout the Army.

He was especially impressed by the Project Warrior video, which he requested a copy of to take with him.

From there, Schoomaker visited the Weapons and Metalworking Services Department where he watched Soldiers train on a computer-based welding program, which simulates the quality and shape of the created weld based on the orientation and speed of the welding torch.

Touring the Joint Personal Effects Depot, Schoomaker said

he was moved by the care in which the staff carries out the organization's mission, which is to collect, log, process and redistribute the personal items service members killed and wounded in the War on Terror.

The JPED tour took on a somber tone when Schoomaker saw the uniform of a fallen Soldier for whom he had just written a condolence letter.

Lt. Col. Deborah Skillman, JPED commander, led Schoomaker in the tour. She said the main purpose of the JPED tour was to emphasize the care that is taken to process each service member's belongings.

"We care about what we're doing, and we wanted him to see that," said Skillman.

And Schoomaker did. Before leaving JPED, he personally thanked each staff member and gave each of them his coin.

Boles said Schoomaker witnessed similar enthusiasm and professionalism at each stop on his tour.

"It was important that General Schoomaker saw and felt the commitment of our instructors to their training. Their motivation was as inspiring to be around for him as it is for me every day," Boles said.

## FCS

*From front page*

Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker.

"The nation has to invest in its army," Schoomaker said.

The Army also plans on sending unmanned vehicles into the air. The Class I Unmanned Aerial Vehicle has the ability to hover over areas to scout or inspect, and is very small and portable, needing only one man to operate.

The Class IV UAV, Fire Scout, can be launched and recovered from nearly anywhere. Looking like a helicopter, the UAV takes off and lands vertically. It can carry multiple payloads and can be transported via C-130 aircraft.

Developing firepower that can be used from a distance, the Army has created new Non-Line of Sight weapons that can be aimed and fired using the Global Positioning System. The missiles launch from a container that is also used to transport them.

Rob Smith, FCS program marketing for iRobot, described the plan as one designed to "establish a foundation to change how battles are fought while removing Soldiers from danger."

Schoomaker and Harvey commented on the cost of the program, a number that includes \$25 billion this year and \$125 billion over the next 20 years. The funding for the program is tangled up in Congress, but Harvey is certain that the money will come through.

"There is no 'Plan B,'" he said. "We have a lot of support in Congress for this program."

The need currently, said Schoomaker, is to increase the flexibility and modularization of the

Army, so as to enable them to travel anywhere in the world on a moments notice. The need is also there to develop state-of-the-art technologies that integrate a network system that was not even dreamed of in the 1960s and 70s, when most of the Army's current combat systems were developed.

"The Army cannot go 20 to 25 years without updating its systems," Schoomaker said.

What the Army is using now dates back to the Cold War, said Harvey, when the U.S.' main enemy was the Soviet Union.

"Our Army must maintain the capability to defeat a learning, adaptive enemy across the entire range of military operations," he said.

The FCS program is not only being developed for future implementation, he added, but also being delivered to Soldiers as the technologies are completed, "continuously transitioning the current Army into the future Army."

"We are on a dynamic path to the future," added Schoomaker.

APG is helping to lead this trek to the future, as the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center is one of the foremost general purpose proving grounds for testing new products, from boots to tanks.

Harry Cunningham, director of the ATC Future Force Directorate, said that most of the FCS technologies are still in prototype stages, and have not been seen by ATC personnel at this time. Once they are more mature, FCS will be tested at ATC and other ATEC Test Centers, thus increasing test center workload, but, ATC is ready for that he said.

"We are well prepared for the anticipated workload," Cunningham said.



Photos by REBECCA J. CHISHOLM  
Flying overhead, the Class IV Unmanned Aerial Vehicle demonstrates its autonomous flying capabilities.



A Soldier Unmanned Ground Vehicle investigates possible hazards.



This Class I UAV has the ability to hover for surveillance purposes and is a lightweight, backpackable machine that can be launched by a single Soldier.

# Practicing fire prevention measures



Photo illustration  
by BLAKE VOSHELL

## DLES

Every fire safety team starts with firefighters, but they can't do it alone. Effective fire safety depends on teamwork.

The Fire and Emergency Services Division of Aberdeen Proving Ground will join 30,665 fire departments, representing 1,079,050 firefighters across the nation in observing National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9 through 15.

For over 80 years the

bedrooms. In December, the number of candle fires nearly doubles, and the leading source of fuel for such things is holiday decorations.

Whether using candles for romantic dinners, atmosphere, or celebrations, remember, that it is an open flame. Treat it with respect.

"The use of candles in commercial buildings on APG is prohibited, except for a place of worship," said Andre Fournier, fire protection specialist, of the Fire and Emergency Services Division.

### Tips for burning candles at home

Use sturdy, non-flammable candle holders that won't tip over easily and are large enough to collect dripping wax.

Burn candles on level, uncluttered surfaces.

Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn.

Trim candle wicks to a quarter inch before lighting.

Don't place lit candles in windows or near doorways where drafts could bring combustibles in contact with the flame. Extinguish candles when they burn down to within two inches of their holder.

Be careful not to splatter hot wax.

Candles are not the best choice for emergency lighting. Keep working flashlights and battery powered lamps on hand for when the power goes off.

If using candles during a power failure, don't walk around with a lit candle.

Keep candles away from kerosene or any flammable fuel.

### Checking smoke alarms

Fournier also reminds people to test their smoke alarms. Four out of five fatal fires occur in the home.

"Roughly 70 percent of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms, or no working smoke alarms," Fournier said.

"Smoke alarms are the great safety success story of the 20th century, but only when they are working properly. Battery operated smoke detectors should be tested once a month. It's a sound you can live with.

"If you have a battery-operated smoke detector, this is a good time to replace the batteries and conduct fire drills," Fournier said.

A recent study conducted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission on smoke detectors revealed that smoke detectors begin to lose sensitivity after 10 years of use.

Smoke detectors are appliances, just like toasters, stereos and furnaces. Unlike other appliances, these devices function quietly in the background. Its alarm, in response to a real smoke situation or to testing, is the only evidence that it works. A stereo that does not play will not lead to tragedy, but a worn-out smoke detector, failing to sound in a fire could.

Every state in the United States has laws requiring that smoke detectors be installed and fully operational in residential occupancies. Yet 85 percent of fire deaths last year occurred in residential fires.

"Take time and conduct a fire safety inspection. You will reduce your family's risk of being harmed in a home fire," Fournier said.

Keep cooking areas clean and clear of materials that could catch on fire, such as potholders, towels, paper towels, rags, drapes and food packaging.

Replace or repair electrical devices with loose, frayed or broken cords.

Smokers should make sure ashtrays are large and deep and won't tip over.

Always have a metal can such as a coffee can to discard smoking material before discarding into the household trash.

### Space heater warnings

The fall season is quickly

approaching. This means cooler evenings and the use of alternative heating methods to take the chill out of the air. Give space heaters plenty of space. Space heaters should be at least three feet (one meter) away from anything that can burn. Always make sure to turn heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed. If using solid-fueled heating equipment such as wood or coal stoves or fire places, make sure the chimney has been inspected and cleaned by a qualified professional, annually.

Despite steady progress through public education programs in fire safety, U.S. fire deaths relative to population remain among the highest in the world. Every year, thousands of people die in home fires and tens of thousands more are injured. In 2004, 103 fire fighters across the nation made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting life and property and tens of thousands more were injured. In fiscal year 2005, the Aberdeen Proving Ground fire department responded to 2,273 fire and emergency calls.

"That means, on the average, we responded to more than six emergency calls per day," Fournier said. "Out of the fires we responded to, four resulted in significant fire damage totaling \$300,000, which was a decline from the previous year of a little over \$518,000.

"All of the significant fires were in the housing areas. That is why we strongly suggest that tenants purchase renters insurance. You may be the safest person in the world but accidents do happen.

"We can do better and Fire Prevention Week can show us how. Aberdeen Proving Ground will join other fire departments during National Fire Prevention Week by conducting unannounced fire drills throughout the installation. We want to make sure that our employees and resi-

dences are prepared in the event of a fire," Fournier said.

"Most building occupants think that their fire alarm system is connected directly to the fire department. This is only true for a portion of buildings on this installation. People need to be reminded that anytime the fire alarm is activated, someone needs to dial '911' and report the activation."

Building occupants may be familiar with the sound of a fire alarm, but they may not be familiar with or know an alternate way out of their building.

"We want to make sure that everyone knows how to get out of a burning building, and the only way to know is to practice fire drills," he said. "It could very well be the change that saves your life."

For answers to fire safety questions, call the fire stations. In Edgewood the non-emergency numbers are 410-436-4451, or 410-436-4452, and in Aberdeen the non-emergency numbers are 410-306-0572, and 410-306-0573.

"Remember, when changing your clock back one hour this fall, change the battery in your smoke detectors," Fournier said.

All smoke detectors in the housing areas are electric; some have battery back-up.

"It is also recommended that when you change your clock to spring forward, change your battery again. Practice fire prevention every day of the year," Fournier said.

"We will close Fire Prevention Week by having the first APG Community Awareness Day at the Emergency Services Building, 2200 Aberdeen Boulevard, in the Aberdeen Area," he said.

The event will be held 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 15.

For more information, call Doug Farrington, fire prevention inspector, 410-306-0523.

# APG environmentalists help make a difference

Story and photo by  
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Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations joined local, state and federal organizations in presenting environmentally conscious presentations to the students and faculty of the John Carroll School during its 'How Can I Make a Difference?' observance Sept. 12.

The event was the result of the school's Summer Reading Book Day program in which the student body and faculty reads the same book during the summer break then dedicates one day to focus on it during the new school year.

The book of choice was "The Race to Save the Lord God Bird," a true story detailing the extinction of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, America's rarest bird. The featured guest was the book's author Phillip Hoose.

APG experts on land preservation, water quality and wildlife management included Mark S. Johnson, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine; Deidre DeRoia, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment; Dr. William Seegar, Janis K. Seegar, and Mary Kilbourne, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

DeRoia gave a presentation on Environmental Awareness and the state and federal laws APG caretakers abide by.

"There are 300 types of endangered species on Department of Defense lands," DeRoia said. "It's really important that we know how to manage them."

William Seegar, spoke on advanced DoD technologies that have been developed to conserve wildlife, such as remote satellite tracking. He said that military installations are becoming the "greatest refuges for wildlife."

"They offer spectacular

undisturbed habitats that serve as buffer zones, untouched by military or civilians," Seegar said. "Satellite tracking enables us to follow animals and understand their relationships with habitats," he added. "When you can non-invasively study a species with remote technology, you can accumulate massive amounts of information that can aid in helping to preserve the species and the environment."

ECBC environmental manager Janis K. Seegar's talk on endangered species included the APG eagle population and Bog Turtles, which are native to Maryland's wet meadows. Seegar studied eagles in the northern bay for five years and she is one of a handful of experts on the Bog Turtle. She said the day's environmental theme was "important for young people to hear."

"Overall, the day was a wonderful opportunity for them to meet and hear people talk about the environment, conservation and the importance of saving habitats," Seegar said.

Principal Paul Barker said

that this was the third year of the shared reading project, which doesn't end with 'How Can I Make A Difference' day.

"All 874 students received tests on the book this morning before the presentation," Barker said, "and they will have to write a letter to an elected official on an environmental issue, voicing their concern and explaining how they can make a difference."

The day began with a morning lecture and slide show by Hoose, during which he detailed the woodpeckers' fall to extinction, specifically during the American expansion into the southern bayous, its native habitat.

After the morning presentation, students took in the environmental displays in the school's lower gym.

They included a gas mask display by the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

Leroy Stitz, an engineering technician with Protection Factor Testing, mechanical engineer Adam Seiple and student intern Matthew Procell, 16, a JCS junior, demonstrated



Leroy Stitz, an engineering technician with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Protection Factor Testing Division, right, adjusts a Joint Service General Protection Mask on John Carroll High School junior Anthony Herman as his friend Kyle Slusarski looks on during the school's 'How Can I Make A Difference' day observance Sept. 12.

the characteristics of the Joint Service General Protection Mask, which is set to be released to the armed forces in 2007.

Stitz said that Procell was learning under the George Washington University internship program that promotes the sciences.

"We like the program because the students learn a lot and then often choose to go into engineering or the sciences," Stitz said, adding that the activity "tests equipment

on Soldiers to make sure it's actually what they need."

Brian Feeney, public outreach manager for Bechtel Aberdeen, and Nancy Hofmann, outreach office manager, led the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility display that recapped the conclusion of the destruction of the mustard agent stockpile. They explained to listeners that even though the agent is gone, the project is not completed.

"We're not 100 percent

until the ton containers are cleaned out," Feeney said.

Feeney also delivered a lecture in the afternoon, covering the history of the ABCDF program.

At the day's conclusion, the principal informed the student body that the faculty and staff "appreciated the opportunities today."

"We hope the information you were exposed to will make you all aware that you can make a difference," he said.

## Commentary

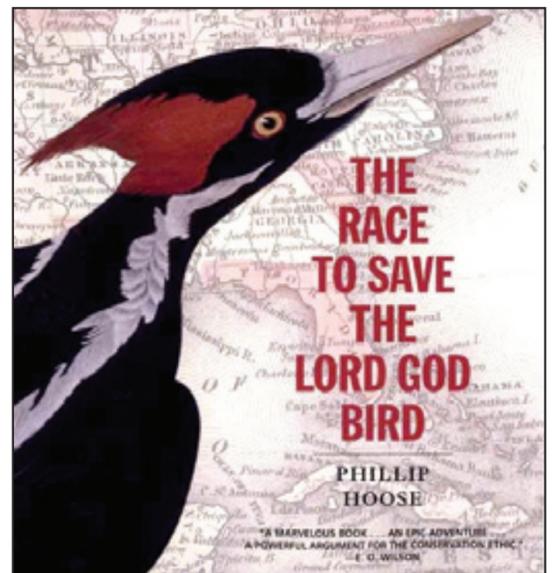
### 'The Race to Save the Lord God Bird'

Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

Its beauty prompted people to exclaim, "Lord, God what a beautiful bird," and over the years the name stuck. The last sighting of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker in the United States was in 1935. It was last spotted in Cuba in 1987. Today, it is America's rarest animal and the book, "The Race to Save the Lord God Bird," by Phillip Hoose, tells the story of its extinction. In addition, Hoose explains the importance of saving and preserving natural resources.

"This meticulously researched labor of love uses drama, suspense, and mystery to tell the story of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, the first modern endangered species. Its story is also the story of America, its economics and its politics, its settlement and its development, its plume hats and its environmental protection laws. --The School Library Journal, Ohio.

"Hoose details the history of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker through the lives and work of those who studied it, painted it, and tried to save it from extinction as settlers and loggers reduced its habitat. Increasingly threatened by those who would kill it for sport, for its feathers, or paradoxically because its rarity made it valuable to collectors, the woodpecker found protectors in a growing number of scientists and bird lovers who took up the challenge of observing the bird and attempting to save the dwindling species."--Booklist.



# APG kids at play

## Visits to zoos, parties make up the fun

“It was a great summer for Family Child Care children and Provider’s own children,” said Beverly Hartgrove, FCC Trainer. “We went on many field trips, to county fairs, and coordinated many activities for our program.”



Julie Kallaheer tries out the turtle shell for size at the Children’s Zoo in the Baltimore Zoo July 14.

Zack Greulich, center, and Kya Norton, left, are fascinated with the bearded dragon in the clothes basket during a Back to School Party at provider Jennifer Colon’s home Aug. 23. Family Child Care activity host Conlon raises bearded dragons that hatch from eggs, a process that she is learning about and decided to share with the children.



Raul Rabon gets close enough to pet a camel at Plumpton Park Zoo.

Marvin “M.J.” Crews, left, and Evaliz Vazquez have fun climbing the ropes at Plumpton Park Zoo Aug. 18.



Richard Thompson feeds the goats out of his hand during a visit to Plumpton Park Zoo. He said it tickled his hand.

Twins Jacob and Jalen Pitt play on a bouncing ride during a Back to School party at provider Angie Rivera’s home Aug. 26.

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# Start Smart programs kick off

**Rebecca J. Chisholm**  
APG News

Start Smart soccer began its fall classes in September, bringing children and parents together to encourage sports enthusiasm and develop motor skills in even the youngest youths.

Children ages three to five are eligible to participate in Start Smart, a program developed by the National Alliance for Youth Sports.

The main goal of Start Smart is to provide an avenue into the world of organized sports without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt, according to the NAYS Web site.

Parents and children work together in a supportive environment to learn all of the basic skills, including throwing, catching kicking and batting.

Held once a week for six weeks, the exercises become increasingly more difficult as the class progresses and children show improvement.

The program includes soccer in the fall, basketball in the early spring and baseball in the late spring/early summer.

“The whole key to the program is that the parents have to work with their kids,” said Bill Kegley, Youth Sports and Fitness Manager.

Many times, said Kegley, parents are willing to help their children learn sports, but do not always know what to do.

The Start Smart program helps parents teach their children with the help of basic instructions given by the program leaders.

The heads of the Aberdeen Start Smart soccer program are Ann and Stuart Thacker.

First time Start Smart coaches, the Thackers have coached soccer clinics for more than six years.

“Start Smart works because it’s quality interaction between parents and kids,” said Stuart Thacker. “It’s really good to see dads out here. It’s usually just moms.”

One dad helping his son learn the basics was Mark Gallihue, APG cultural resources manager, working with son Liam, who is not quite three years old.

“He’d be doing better if he had a nap,” said Gallihue of his son’s progress.

Gallihue, who brought his older daughter to the program

in the past, found that the more the children played, the more they developed motor skills and other techniques that helped in not only sports, but in their every day lives.

About 10 children and parents are participating in Start Smart in Aberdeen, and a program is also being held in Edgewood. At the end of the six weeks of classes, the two groups will get together and play a game of soccer.

Program participants receive a T-shirt, hard and soft soccer balls and a pair of shin guards, so they can fully enjoy the experience of soccer.

And, parents learn quickly that they have to keep up with their children.

“Run real fast mom!” Becca Ellinger shouted as her mother, Kathy Ellinger, followed. Becca’s dad, Dan, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, arrived later to help.



Asha Thomas returns her dad’s kick. Photo by REBECCA J. CHISHOLM



Photo by REBECCA J. CHISHOLM  
Liam Gallihue is assisted by his dad, Mark, as he learns the basics.



Photo by REBECCA J. CHISHOLM  
Bill Kunkel, a Directorate of Installation Operations electrician, helps his daughter Ally master the leg motions of kicking.



Courtesy of YOUTH SPORTS  
Becca Ellinger, who participated in Smart Start t-ball and soccer, knocks the ball out of the park.