

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, March 30, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., March 31, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Aberdeen Area Study Areas.

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

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

Barbershops, cleaners closed on Easter Sunday

The Edgewood and Aberdeen Area Barbershops and the cleaners in Aberdeen Area will be closed on March 27, Easter Sunday.

KUSAHC offers Heat Injury Prevention Training

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will conduct Heat Injury Prevention Training 9 to 10 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m., March 31 at the Edgewood APG Conference Center, building E-4810.

For more information, call Preventive Medicine Clinic, 410-278-1769/1964.

Location changes for retirement ceremony

The March 30 retirement ceremony will be held at the Ball Conference Center, Dickson Hall, building 3074, at 11 a.m. instead of Top of the Bay.

Hydrant flushing begins in April

The City of Aberdeen is scheduled to start fire hydrant flushing in the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground on April 4. Flushing will take place between the hours of 4 p.m. and midnight, Monday through Friday, and should take approximately six weeks to complete. Signs will be posted in the Family

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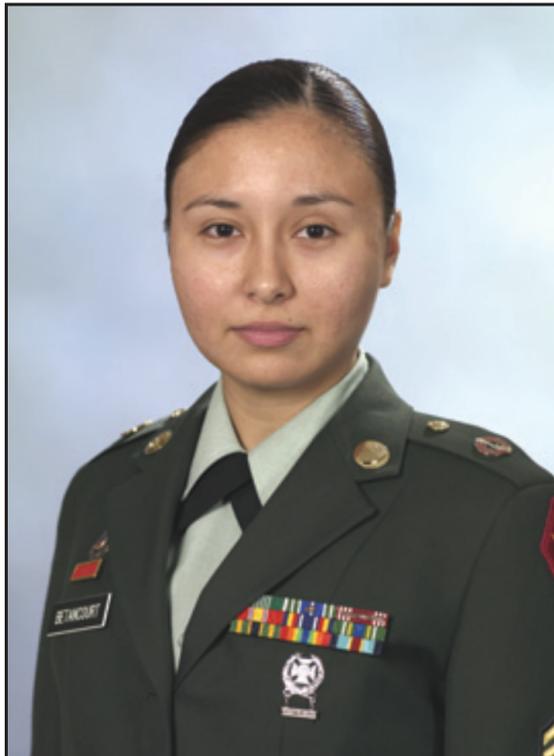
OC&S selects service members of the year

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

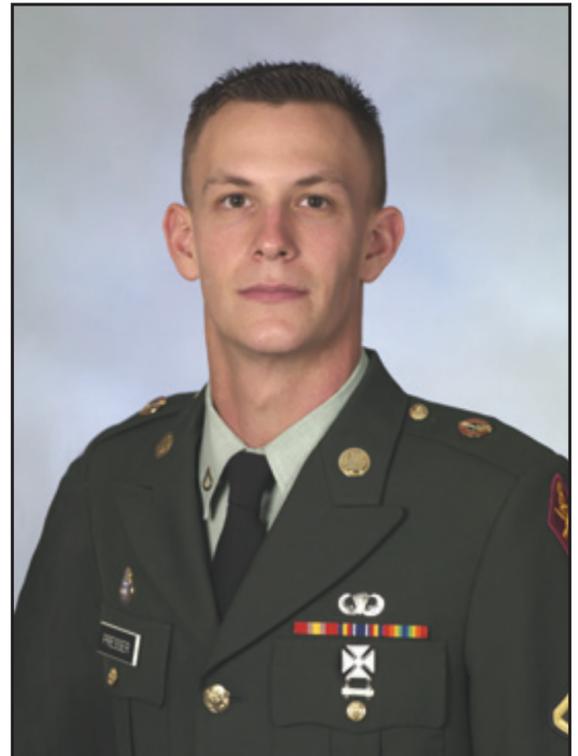
The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools has completed its selection process for the 2005 Service Members of the Year. The winners are OC&S NCO of the Year, Sgt. Ruby Betancourt, HHC 16th Ordnance Battalion; OC&S Soldier of the Year, Pfc. Steven D. Presser, HHC 16th; OC&S Drill Sergeant of the Year, Staff Sgt. Orlando P. Gonzalez, Company C 16th; USMC Detachment NCO of the Year, Sgt. Aaron Enns; USMC Detachment Instructor of the Year, Sgt. Jesse C. Williams; USAF Detachment NCO of the Year, Tech. Sgt. Rudy E. Rohrbaugh Jr.; USAF Detachment Instructor of the Year, Staff Sgt. William G. Goodwin; USAF Detachment Sr. NCO of the Year, Master Sgt. David R. O'Dell; and USAF Detachment Civilian Instructor of the Year, Kevin R. Washok.

All winners will be honored along with the installation honorees who will be selected in

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Sgt. Ruby Betancourt
OC&S NCO of the Year



Pfc. Steven D. Presser
OC&S Soldier of the Year

Renewing Common Access Cards

Dave Burdick
Adjutant's Office

A reminder to both military and civilian personnel that the third anniversary of the CAC is approaching. This means that those personnel who have not yet had to replace their CAC, should check the expiration date on their ID card. Issue points will quickly hit the surge period, so expect the wait time to increase across the board.

The latest information from the DA program manager indicates no plans are in place to provide augmentation to installation DEERS/RAPIDS sites to accomplish this initial re-issue. Current DoD policy allows for cards to be renewed within 30 days of their expiration date. All military personnel should renew their cards at building 305 (main building), room 161. Aberdeen Area civilian employees and those contractor personnel who require CAC should renew their cards at the DLES Badging Office, building 4305, room 101 (separate entrance at base of smoke stack). Edgewood Area civilian employees and those contractor personnel who require CAC should renew their cards at the EA DLES MP Station, building E-4420. Military personnel needing more information should call James Cole, 410-306-2348; civilian personnel needing more information should call Walter Henry, 410-306-2380.

'Team APG' hosts Technology Showcase

Mike Cast
DTC

Key people in firms and academic institutions that research, develop and test new technologies visited Aberdeen Proving Ground March 8 to see what the Maryland Army installation has to offer in the way of cooperative efforts and agreements that could benefit both the military and the private sector.

The diverse Army organizations located at APG collaborated with the Team APG Business Development Office and the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to sponsor the "technology partnering" event at APG's Edgewood Area.

The goals of the showcase were technology transfer, partnering with private industry and academia, and initiatives designed to bring it about.

The focus of the showcase, one of five held at APG to date, was personal protective technologies. The U.S. Army Research, Development and

Engineering Command, whose commanding general, Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau is APG's installation commander, is headquartered at the Edgewood Area and has a leading role in developing Soldiers' protective equipment, including masks and suits designed to shield them from chemical and biological threats.

The event featured presentations from APG's Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, as well as from the Aberdeen Test Center and Army Research Laboratory, which both have facilities on the Aberdeen Area.

Past showcases have introduced attendees from the private sector and academia to the various laboratories, research facilities, training organizations and array of testing sites located at APG.

Dr. Phillip Singerman,

APG responds to possible chemical exposure

ECBC

Aberdeen Proving Ground Emergency personnel responded to a possible chemical exposure at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground May 15.

Workers were performing regularly scheduled maintenance on a filtration system outside a laboratory at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. Normally, no operations take place inside the laboratory hoods during these maintenance activities, but in this case laboratory workers were running a test that involved phosphene at the same time as the maintenance was taking place.

An alarm sounded that indicated the hood was not functioning properly and the lab workers responded by shutting down the phosphene operation and leaving the room.

Three laboratory workers in the area at the time of the suspected exposure and two others working outside the facility were taken to the Edgewood Area Clinic for observation and evaluation.

"While none of the workers reported symptoms that indicated exposure to phosphene, all five workers were sent to the clinic at Edgewood as a precautionary measure. Two of

the workers were sent to Upper Chesapeake for further observation. They have since reported back to work," Michel said.

Phosgene is a common industrial chemical that is used to make plastics and pesticides. It was used on the battlefield in World War I, but it is no longer classified as a military chemical agent.

"Phosgene is still used for testing to ensure that protective gear developed for warfighters will protect against phosgene exposure in addition to protecting against traditional chemical agents and other industrial chemicals," Michel said.

"The facilities at Edgewood are equipped with multiple and redundant engineering controls to protect workers and the environment in an incident such as this where one system was not operating properly," she added.

Each room is under negative pressure and the hoods in each laboratory are also under negative pressure. Air from the room travels through two banks of carbon filters and emerges completely clean.

"Given the strict engineering controls in the building, we are confident no phosgene escaped into the environment," Michel said.

Ordnance Museum readying for the future

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, located on Aberdeen Proving Ground, is home to thousands of historical artifacts that detail the evolution of not only American but international ordnance materials. From muskets, to pistols, rifles to machine guns, and missiles to tanks, the history of ordnance is illustrated in what is one of the largest and most elaborate collections in the world.

The museum has it all. More than 200 tanks and self-propelled guns are displayed on its 25-acre tank farm. They include the most powerful gun ever made, a 16-inch coastal defense gun, and "Anzio Annie," the giant German railroad cannon used to shell Allied beachheads during World War II.

Dr. F. William Atwater, director of the museum, leads the staff of archivists, display specialists and historians responsible for the collection, which has been located on the proving ground since 1918.

Led by the Ordnance Museum Foundation, Inc., efforts are underway to house the artifacts in a new facility that will not only enhance the viewing environment, but will

protect them from the elements.

"It is our moral and legal responsibility to preserve military assets," Atwater said. Noting that many items in the museum are either the last, or among the last of their kind.

Atwater said he is particularly proud of the multi-million dollar operation underway to restore the museum's largest artifacts, which are decaying after having been exposed to the elements for decades.

In May 2004, the foundation began a push for donations for the campaign to provide permanent protection for the millions of dollars in historical artifacts in the form of a series of structures large enough to house the collection.

Ed Heasley, the museum's curator, said, "the ultimate goal is to build 10 additional structures to house and preserve the Ordnance collection while providing a place where they can be viewed comfortably."

In addition, to displays, the foundation is planning a classroom/theater that can be used for seminars and educational functions, and a freestanding maintenance and paint shop.

A model of the proposed structure sits in the museum lobby.



This Combat eye protection system display was provided by the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine during the Technology Expo at the Edgewood Area Conference Center, March 9.

TEDCO's executive director, told the showcase attendees that the program was designed to "efficiently introduce" them to the resources, facilities and capabilities at APG that focus

on protective technologies. "There are 64 organizations on the proving ground, spanning the gamut of research, development, testing and engineering," Singerman said.

He noted that the Army's interest in sponsoring a showcase of this type is to develop partnerships that produce enhanced protection for U.S. Soldiers.

"All of us are in this room to ensure that the men and women over there [Afghanistan and Iraq] come back safely for their families," he said.

While the increased security measures at APG in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks have made it more dif-

icult to get onto the installation, "community outreach" efforts to promote creative partnerships with academia and industry remain important, Singerman said.

Technology transfer, according to the definition of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986, is the movement of technical knowledge, data, designs, inventions or trade secrets from one organization to another, or from one application to another.

The act encourages federal agencies to conduct joint research with non-federal partners while protecting intel-

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Annual Army Family Action Plan needs you

ACS

The Army Family Action Plan needs everyone's help. APG's annual AFAP Symposium is 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., March 29 to 31, at Top of the Bay.

The AFAP Symposium depends on community feedback and participation to be successful. Support is needed from all members of the community: Soldiers, family members, civilians and retirees.

The AFAP process lets members of the Army community tell leadership what's working and what isn't – and what they think will fix it.

Soliciting issues from the community starts the local AFAP process. Then, delegates from all areas of the community prioritize the submitted issues at the AFAP Symposium. Subject matter experts assist the delegate workgroups in understanding the issues. The top issues will be presented to the command during an out-brief on March 31.

After the symposium, the APG AFAP Steering Committee will address the issues. Issue recommendations that can be solved locally will be implemented. Any issue that is beyond the scope of APG is forwarded to the mid-level AFAP conference.

Ultimately, issues may be forwarded to the DA level. Often, AFAP results in legislation,

policies, programs and services that strengthen readiness and retention. For example, through AFAP, the Service Members Group Life Insurance increased from \$50,000 to \$200,000. Additional information about AFAP and other success stories may be found at www.goacs.org.

Issues may be submitted in any area which affects members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community.

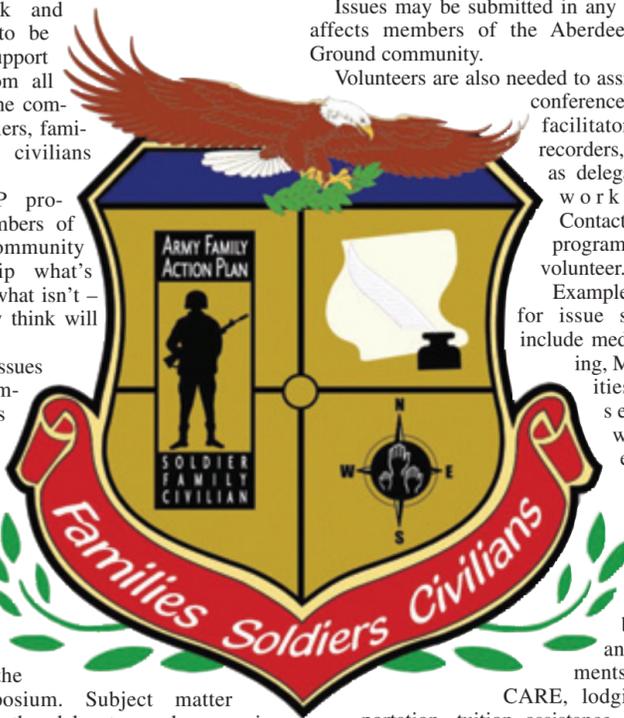
Volunteers are also needed to assist with the conference, serve as facilitators and recorders, and serve as delegates in the workgroups. Contact the AFAP program office to volunteer.

Examples of areas for issue submission include medical, housing, MWR activities, safety, security, workplace environment, civilian personnel issues, military benefits and entitlements, TRICARE, lodging, transportation, tuition assistance, and Child and Youth Services.

Issues may be submitted to Army Community Service, building 2754, using the adjacent form. Issues may also be submitted electronically to sarah.staats@apg.army.mil. Include contact information in case clarification is needed.

AFAP is an opportunity to participate in improving APG and the Army as a whole.

For more information, call Sarah Staats at 410-278-2464.



ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN (AFAP)

AFAP SYMPOSIUM XIX - MARCH 29-31, 2005 APG NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

The Army Family Action Plan process reviews, prioritizes and resolves issues solicited from the community. Members of the community submit issues and participate in prioritizing them at annual AFAP Symposium. Issues beyond the scope of the local level are sent to the regional AFAP conference.

Input is needed from Soldiers, civilian employees, family members, retirees and youths. Issues may be in any area affecting members of the military community. Anyone may submit an issue in any area felt important to well-being.

Questions? Call Sarah Staats, 410-278-9685 or e-mail: sarah.staats@apg.army.mil.

Submit suggestion in one of the following ways:

E-mail: sarah.staats@apg.army.mil

Fax: 410-306-2293

Mail: AFAP, Building 2754, Room 206, APG MD 21005-5001

Please print clearly and provide detailed information. Use additional pages if necessary.

What is the problem? _____

Why is it a problem? _____

How can it be fixed? _____

Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name and contact information of submitter will allow ACS to ask questions if needed. Incomplete issues may not be considered.

Deploying parents must prepare children

John Gilbert
Womack Army Medical Center

The separation of a service member from his or her family at times of deployment occasionally brings a sense of loneliness to both the spouse and the Soldier. An extended absence of a parent from the home due to deployment may make children vulnerable as well, especially toddlers.

Pre-deployment can be from several weeks to just a few hours, depending on the Soldier's duties and assignments. Parents, especially the deploying Soldier, must consider the emotional impact the Soldier's sudden exit has on a child. Careful consolation of a child by the Soldier during the pre-deployment stage may boost a child's awareness of the temporary separation.

"It is important to be truthful to your child about the deployment," said Teri Reid, a nurse at the Womack Army Medical Center pediatric clinic. "Parents should not hide the fact that dad or mom is leaving. Children might think something terrible is happening. It is very important that the child understand the parent's deployment is not his or her fault. If mom is upset that dad is leaving, it is okay to share that with the child. If the spouse gets a little teary-eyed, it's safe to show that emotion to the child. Otherwise,

the child might find the separation difficult to understand."

There are numerous ways to prepare a child for a parent's upcoming deployment, such as familiarizing the child with the area in which the Soldier will be deployed.

"For children, 4 years and up, it is very useful to post a map of the world on a wall in your home," Reid said. "With the child at your side, draw on the map a circle around [where you are]. Also, place a circle around the area where the Soldier is deploying. Then, draw a line between the two places. Draw some small hearts on the line, so the child can see there is still a link. If you have school-age [children], encourage them to check the library for books about the region where dad or mom is going."

Another helpful idea to minimize separation anxiety in a child is to make a video or an audiotape cassette recording of the deploying parent. The tape could be played every day the deployed parent is away. As the tape is played, a photograph of the Soldier should be displayed for the child to see.

The use of e-mail, phone calls and letters to keep communication going with the deployed Soldier is essential to bridging the separation gap. Reid advises Soldiers to write their children often, if

possible.

"If there is more than one child, the deployed service member should write each of the children separately, even if it is just a little note, mentioning the special interests of that child," Reid said. "One child might like collecting stamps. One might like soccer. These are individual things that mom or dad can write about to each child."

In the post-deployment or reunion stage, the child may react as though the Soldier is a stranger, if steps have not been taken in the previous stages of the deployment cycle.

"A child may exhibit shyness when the Soldier returns from deployment, which is a normal reaction," Reid said. "Some toddlers between the ages of 1 and 3 may tend to hide from Dad. School-age and adolescent kids may have had a lot of responsibility while the military parent was gone. The Soldier is advised not to jump right in and take all of that responsibility away from the child. Children, on the other hand, should be given the opportunity to slowly warm up to the post-deployed parent. A certain amount of time should be given for all family members to return to the normal family routine."

(Editor's note: This is a Womack Army Medical Center release.)

New program offers subsidized child care to Guard, Reserve

Military.com

The Defense Department has joined forces with national agencies to help Guard and Reserve families in finding and affording childcare while mom or dad is deployed in support of the global war on terrorism.

The new program is dubbed Operation Military Child Care.

DoD, in partnership with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, which administers the program, designed this initiative to benefit those who do not live near military installations.

While OMCC doesn't fully subsidize childcare, it does work to reduce the financial burden. The fees are based on a sliding scale that takes into consideration total family income and the care provider's actual cost, among other things.

To take part in the program, a family member would apply through NAC-

CRRA via a special Web site or by a toll-free call to 1-800-424-2246.

The child-care provider also must apply -- an important step because of how the subsidy, which comes through the Children and Youth Office, is paid out.

The program officially kicked off March 3, but has been operational as a pilot program since late November 2004. About 40 families are through the application process.

NACCRRRA also supports the Guard and Reserve through a program called Operation Child Care. OCC is a voluntary NACCRRRA program that provides up to six hours of free child care to Guard and Reserve families whose deployed service member is returning home for rest and recuperation.

To read a related article, visit http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2005/20050304_94.html

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Pets of the Week



'Frank' is a cute and cuddly 6-month old miniature Dachshund. He is playful and friendly and in need of a loving home.



Pretty 'Tinkerbell' is a full-grown female Jack Russell terrier mix. Black with white markings on her chest and paws, she weighs about 15 pounds, and is very playful.

Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

These and other dogs, cats and kittens are available for adoption at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility in building 2479, across from Kirk, U.S. Army Health Clinic. You do not have to be active duty military to adopt a pet. For more information, call the VTF at 410-278-4604.

ECBC announces availability of draft EA for new facility

ECBC

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center announced March 17 that a draft environmental assessment has been prepared for "Construction and Operation of the Sample Receipt Facility. This facility is proposed to be built in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

This environmental assessment, which is required by federal law, resulted in a preliminary conclusion that the construction and operation of this new facility will result in no significant adverse impact to the surrounding environment.

The findings will be published in local newspapers, including the Aegis, the Baltimore Sun, the Cecil Whig, and the Kent County News next week. The entire draft environmental assessment will be available for review at both the Edgewood and Aberdeen branches of the Harford County Public Library and at the Kent County Public Library.

The SRF will serve as the nation's only facility for the receipt, triage, sampling and screening of unknown, potentially hazardous items. ECBC currently uses existing facilities to provide this service to the military, the intelligence community and law enforcement organizations. However, increased demand for receipt and screening of "unknowns" stemming from the global war on terror has created a need for a

consolidated and modernized facility to serve the warfighter and the nation.

"This new facility will build on vital services already provided by ECBC by ensuring that we have a technically advanced environment and adequate space in which to perform our work," said Jim Zarzycki, ECBC technical director. "In allocating funding for this project, Congress has shown its support for the center's contributions and the important role Edgewood plays in our nation's defense."

In 2004, Congress decided to provide funding for construction of the SRF two years ahead of schedule. Originally scheduled for fiscal year 2007, Congress moved the funding into the fiscal year 2005 budget, illustrating the critical nature of ECBC's work to safely and accurately analyze samples possibly containing toxic, chemical or biological materials.

The SRF is one of several notable infrastructure projects taking place at the Edgewood Area of APG.

Preliminary plans for the SRF indicate it will be placed next to ECBC's new Advanced Chemistry Laboratory, a \$45 million facility slated to open during 2005. These ECBC projects are in addition to several other facilities planned at the Edgewood Area for a variety of training and research purposes.

For more information, contact Joan Michel, 410-436-3610, or 410-652-3912, mobile.

Military offers more cash bonuses

Military.com

Faced with a persistent demand for personnel in Iraq and elsewhere, the Army and some of the military's elite commando units have dramatically increased the size and the number of cash bonuses they are paying to lure recruits and keep experienced troops in uniform.

Last month, the Pentagon said it would begin offering bonuses of up to \$150,000 for long-serving Army, Air Force and Navy special operations troops who agree to stay in the military for up to six more years. The bonuses are the largest ever paid to enlisted troops. They reflect the difficulty in replacing highly valued troops such as Army Green Berets and Navy SEALs, whose training takes years and costs about \$300,000 per person.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon is using cash bonuses on an unprecedented scale to try to boost reenlistments, recruiting and morale among active duty and reservist troops. The bonuses come as the demands of three years of war in Afghanistan and Iraq have raised questions in Congress about whether the U.S. military has enough troops to fight two major wars simultaneously.

The Army is offering re-enlistment payments of up to \$15,000 to Soldiers in 49 percent of its enlisted job categories -- regardless of rank or where they are stationed. It's offering the same to any Soldier who agrees to re-enlist while serving in a combat zone. It also is paying bonuses of up to \$50,000 to senior enlisted Soldiers in 16 hard-to-fill job categories, including truck drivers and bomb-disposal specialists.

For more information, visit http://www.military.com/NewsContent/0,13319,FL_bonus_022205,00.html

Increased job opportunities for military spouses

Military.com

Civilian personnel officials are trying to spread the word about a Defense Department policy change that gives military spouses at overseas and stateside installations more job opportunities.

Military spouses no longer will be penalized for accepting temporary, time-limited jobs.

In the past, military spouses who accepted a non-permanent position lasting for more than one year would lose their military spouse preference until their next permanent change of station.

The new policy went into effect Oct. 7, but the word has been slow to trickle down to installations.

The change is based on a two-year trial program in Europe called MSP Choice that ended more than a year ago.

Under the new program, military spouses can use their spouse preference to accept or decline temporary positions until they get a permanent job, also known as a "continuing position."

This means that military spouses won't have to stay unemployed while waiting to apply for a permanent position.

Also under the new program, military spouses who lost preference on or after Oct. 7 because they accepted or declined a time-limited position in the federal service

can have preference reinstated.

OC&S

From front page

April at the Annual Military Appreciation Week Luncheon sponsored by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce in May.

The winners, although selected by different processes, agreed that they felt honored to be named the best in their organizations.

Betancourt, Presser and Gonzalez underwent five days of rigorous scrutiny that included Common Task Testing, a 10-kilometer road march, a PT test, land navigation and weapons proficiency and an appearance before a selection board of sergeant majors and first sergeants.

"I feel very proud," Betancourt said. "My chain of command was always supportive of my efforts and I'd like to thank Command Sgt. Maj. [William] Hart who encouraged me to go for it."

"Doing my job everyday and having this honor really raises my confidence level," Presser said of his selection as the OC&S Soldier of the Year. "It makes me feel I can go for and accomplish anything I want."

Gonzalez, who is the third consecutive Drill Sergeant of the Year selected from Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, said the unit began grooming him for the competition soon after his arrival.

"It feels good and the feedback has all been positive," Gonzalez said. He added that he will go on to compete at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command level.

Williams, the USMC Instructor of the Year, said he was humbled at the news of his selection, which confirms his commitment to excellence.

"I've been doing this for three years and I believe everything I do is right," William said. "It makes me feel like everything I've done to improve myself on a personal and professional level has been worthwhile."

"It's been an honor to be

selected. There are so many other good people in this detachment," added USAF NCO of the Year Rohrbaugh. He credited his supervisor, Catherine Clark, training and development element chief, as being the "mainstay of this detachment."

"I've been blessed to have her as my supervisor," he said.

O'Dell, the detachment's senior NCO of the year, thanked his former supervisor, Chief Master Sgt. Roger Ball, for inspiring him.

"His ambition motivated me more than anything else," O'Dell said. "He was very good at influencing people, and I feel I've become a better NCO because of him."

The only civilian honoree, Washok, a retired Air Force master sergeant, thanked the command, "and a lot of good people who made this happen."

"Job satisfaction is what excites me," Washok said. "I enjoy seeing troops leave here confident and excited about what they came here for. At the end of the day, that's what it's all about."

Sgt. Ruby Betancourt OC&S NCO of the Year

Assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, Betancourt is a personnel NCO in the battalion's S-1. She has been on APG since 2002 and she just completed training at Fort Jackson, S.C., for a 3-year commitment to become a hometown recruiter.

Betancourt said that her advice to those considering appearing before monthly, quarterly or annual boards is to just do it.

"Think of how it would make you feel to be called the best," she said.

The Bronx, N.Y., native is married with three dogs.

Pfc. Steven D. Presser OC&S Soldier of the Year

Presser has been assigned to APG as a chaplain's assistant since September 2003. He operates the Unit Ministry Team office in building 4308

where he coordinates the weekly Christian Coffee House Fellowship, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Presser achieved Soldier of the Month wins at unit, battalion and brigade levels before being named the OC&S winner.

The product of a military family, he said he "came in with an attitude to do well," and gave two reasons he appreciates his soldiering.

"One reason is the positive feedback. There are many people's lives you can touch," Presser said. "The other reason is that there's something new every week, sometimes every day. This is not work for me. I see it as a bonus."

A native of Houston, Texas, Presser married in October 2004.



Drill Sgt. (Staff Sgt.) Orlando P. Gonzalez OC&S Drill Sgt. of the Year

A native of California, Gonzalez has been in the Army 11 years, four and one half of them on APG.

With the Military Occupational Specialty of 44-E machinist, Gonzalez said that although he had only a short time to prepare he felt confident about his proficiency during the five days of testing.

"I felt especially good before the board," Gonzalez said. "I feel like that's where I was at my best."

He said that being a drill sergeant is the most satisfying job he's held, and encourages others to "compete, challenge and test yourself."

"It feels good. I've got

nothing but positive feedback," Gonzalez said. "If you're thinking about doing it, don't let anything hold you back. Make the commitment and do it."



Sgt. Aaron J. Enns USMC Detachment NCO of the Year

Enns is a native of St. Catherine, Ontario. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves in 1997 and in 2003 he enlisted in the active Marine Corps to serve as an instructor for the Electro-Optical Ordnance Repair Course. He currently is the instructor for the Artillery Fire Control Annex.

In addition, he is a member of the color guard and serves as the 3rd Platoon Safety Representative and the USMC Detachment Athletic Coordinator.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, the Select Marine Corps Reserve Medal, and the National Defense Medal.

"He is hard charging and motivated," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Blair Brown, the detachment's chief instructor and the platoon commander of Enns' and USMC Instructor of the Year Sgt. Jesse C. Williams.

"All of our NCOs really stand out and really get a response from our young Marines, particularly these two," Brown said of Enns and Williams. "Their effectiveness is really not just in the classroom, it's overall, and the students respond well when they see someone excited over their chosen profession as a Marine."



Sgt. Jesse C. Williams USMC Detachment Instructor of the Year

A Marine for seven years, Williams has been an instructor in the Basic Refrigeration and Electrical Course for three years.

He was selected over four others by a panel of senior NCOs who observed his instructor skills.

He said his personal philosophy guides him everyday to be the best.

"I teach, I don't instruct," he said, adding that a quote on his desk reads, "Being a good leader isn't proving how much you know, it's teaching how much you know."

"I wouldn't trade this duty for the world," Williams said. "I've learned my job 10 times more than what I need until it's become second nature to me."

He thanked a former course manager Gunnery Sgt. Michael Regan for mentoring his development.

"He taught me everything," Williams said. "Ninety percent

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New Army bonuses used to lure officers

Military.com

Working to correct a shortfall of captains in the reserve components that predates the war on terror, the Army is offering incentive bonuses to the general warrant and officer corps for the first time in modern history.

Two new, lump-sum \$6,000

bonuses are now in effect: an "affiliation" bonus for active-duty officers and warrant officers to prompt them to sign up for service with National Guard or Army Reserve, and an "accessions" bonus for some newly commissioned officers if they are in a critical specialty or agree to re-train

into one after joining the reserve components.

The accessions bonus is reserved for individuals to be commissioned as officers, including enlisted personnel in all Army components who are eligible for an officer commission.

To be eligible for the

\$6,000 bonus, individuals must attend either Officer Candidate School, a college or university's Reserve Officer Training Corps program without a scholarship, or receive a direct commission without attending either program.

To get the bonus, eligible officers or officer candidates

must also agree to specialize in a branch the reserve components have defined as "critical," finish Officer Basic

Course in that branch and commit to serving in a reserve unit for six years.

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of what I know now, I owe to him."

Originally from Myrtle Beach, S.C., Williams is married with one son.



Tech. Sgt. Rudy E. Rohrbaugh Jr.

USAF Detachment NCO of the Year

Rohrbaugh is a senior instructor/writer for the Core Development Course Aircraft Metals Technology Course. He has been in the Air Force 20 years.

He said he takes pride in how students are trained here.

"What students learn here is critical to the Air Force," Rohrbaugh said. "We repair aircraft. Without them, the Air Force doesn't fly."

"The best part about this job is knowing our students are going to go out and be vital assets to the Air Force mission," he added.

The York, Pa., native also was selected as NCO of the

Quarter for the third quarter in 2004.

Married with two children, he said he remains humbled by the honor.

"I'm surrounded by professionals," he said, "all of whom just do an outstanding job and are just as deserving of this honor."



Staff Sgt. William G. Goodwin

USAF Detachment Instructor of the Year

Goodwin has been a metals technology instructor for nearly three years. He trains students "basic fundamentals" in a five-week block of instruction.

"I never enjoyed anything as much as I do here," Goodwin said. "You become a mentor and students look up to you as they learn new experiences. They come here intimidated by the big machines but they leave with confidence."

Goodwin thanked his supervisors, his mentor, Al Ford, a former civilian instructor and 1st Sgt. Victor De La Rosa, for his selection.

A native of Chicago,

Goodwin transfers to Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, in June.



Master Sgt. David R. O'Dell

USAF Detachment Senior NCO of the Year

Assigned to APG a little over four years, O'Dell is the co-superintendent of the Metals Technology Course. He has been in the Air Force nearly 19 years. He said he enjoys working with both the students and the staff.

"It's rewarding to teach young guys and bring them along to the point where they are confident in their own knowledge and abilities," O'Dell said. "And our staff is the most professional I've been around. Everybody is well educated and proficient."

A native of West Virginia, O'Dell added that he loves the APG environment.

It's convenient to other cities but not too close, it's not overly crowded and there's a lot of nature here," he said. "It's been a very rewarding assignment."



Kevin R. Washok

USAF Detachment Civilian Instructor of the Year

Washok thanked, "the command and a lot of good people there who made this happen."

He said that although he was recognized as an individual, it is a group effort that makes the organization work.

"There are a lot of folks here who bring things to the plate," Washok said. "Some have been doing this for years. It's amazing how they relay their skills, and to watch as students adjust to a higher level of efficiency and knowledge."

He added that he admires the students as much as they do him.

"They come there to learn and mature and that's what we give to them," he said.

Aside from the job he loves, Washok said he enjoys volunteering at the Post Thrift Shop during his lunch hours.

"They give a lot back to the community and don't get enough exposure," he said.

Married with three children, Washok hails from Western Pennsylvania.

THE ARMY ORDNANCE MUSEUM

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History of the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum

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Historically, the Ordnance Museum traces its origin back to the Calibre Board, which was convened in France on Dec. 11, 1918. The mission of the Calibre Board was to evaluate the lessons learned in World War I in regard to the use of artillery and to make recommendations concerning future policies pertaining to its development by the U.S. Army.

In the performance of its work, the Calibre Board gathered all kinds of artillery equipment. To obtain a technical evaluation, however the equipment had to be shipped to Aberdeen Proving Ground for scrutinizing by weapons engineers.

After the Calibre Board submitted its report, the Ordnance Department established the office of the Technical Staff, to implement its recommendations. To stay abreast of Ordnance developments, the Technical Staff organized a repository at APG to store and catalogue various equipment being acquired from France and other sources.

As the collection grew, steps were taken to place it in a large shop building at Aberdeen.

The U.S. Army Ordnance Museum was established in 1919 to exhibit and preserve captured enemy material as well as U.S. ordnance materials. Building 314 became the museum's home for the next 41 years.

The collection expands

After 1923, interest in the collection ebbed until the arrival of Maj. Raymond C. Marsh in 1925. Marsh was attracted to the collection and requested that he be permitted to organize and arrange it in a meaningful way. His efforts resulted in the establishment of a system for the administration of the collection, which remains in use today.

On his own initiative, Marsh took the policy decision of expanding the museum's collection from purely artillery equipment to include small arms, military vehicles, aircraft bombs, fire control equipment and armored fighting vehicles.

Between 1925 and 1939, the collection continued to grow at a moderate pace as new equipment was tested at Aberdeen and later transferred to the museum.

In 1940, the limited National Emergency was declared and the armed forces rapidly expanded. The museum building had to be remodeled for classroom use and the collection was moved outdoors, where many items quickly deteriorated. In 1942 most of the items were scrapped.

In September 1942, a Foreign Material Section was established at Aberdeen to study and report on foreign equipment. During the war years enormous amounts of foreign equipment was forwarded to Aberdeen for evaluation. Later, this equipment became the nucleus for the current collection.

Within a year after the end of hostilities in 1945, the Foreign Material Branch was disestablished, however the museum section survived and became known as the Aberdeen Proving Ground Museum.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Museum

Between 1945 and 1950, the museum completed important work in cataloguing ordnance equipment. In addition, a number of manuscripts were published, most notably the reports on Russian equipment by Karl Kempf.

Kempf, who later served as curator, 1967 to 1971, was fluent in the German language and used captured German reports to prepare in-depth studies on Russian equipment. In 1950, Kempf's work gained significance when U.S. forces in Korea were called upon to confront an enemy equipped by the Soviet Union.

Exhibit activities continued and each year more visitors came to Aberdeen, as its reputation became better known.

New facilities for the museum

In 1967, as the buildup of U.S. forces in Southeast Asia advanced, facilities to house important Army agencies again became acutely short. As a result, the Museum's home, building 314, once again had to be remodeled for subsequent use as a headquarters for the Army's Test and Evaluation Command. At that time, since it appeared that the Army might be forced to liquidate the collection in order to avoid the cost of maintaining it, a group of local citizens formed a tax-free foundation for the purpose of building and donating a new home for the museum.

Since 1973, when the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum "reopened" to the public, the museum staff, in cooperation with other elements of the Ordnance Center and Schools, has continued to prepare and present new displays. These efforts have resulted in fabrication of meaningful and educational displays that illustrate the development evolution of ordnance material. In addition to providing instruction to Army personnel, it is estimated an excess of 200,000 visitors arrive each year.

Today the museum has one of the world's leading collections of military ordnance, ranging from small arms to 240 large armored vehicles, tanks and artillery pieces, some the last of their kind.

Outside exhibits are open daily during daylight hours. This includes the 25-acre tank park and vehicles on display on Maryland Boulevard and Fanshaw Parade Field.

Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily. The museum is closed on all federal holidays except Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Veterans Day.

For more information, call 410-278-3602 during normal operating hours or visit the Museum.

As the Ordnance Museum prepares to meet its future challenges and expanding responsibilities, the museum staff and the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps and the Ordnance Foundation, remain conscious of opportunities to tell the story of ordnance and to add to the prestige of the U.S. Army.

(Editor's Note - This is part one of a two-part series on the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum. Read about the museum's restoration program in next week's APG News.)



German Amphibious Volkswagen, Kfz2S

“It's our moral and legal responsibility to preserve military assets.”

-Dr. F. William Atwater
Museum director

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German Gun, 77mm, 1FK16

1. Aerial view of first floor

2. Swedish Nordenfelt Machine Gun

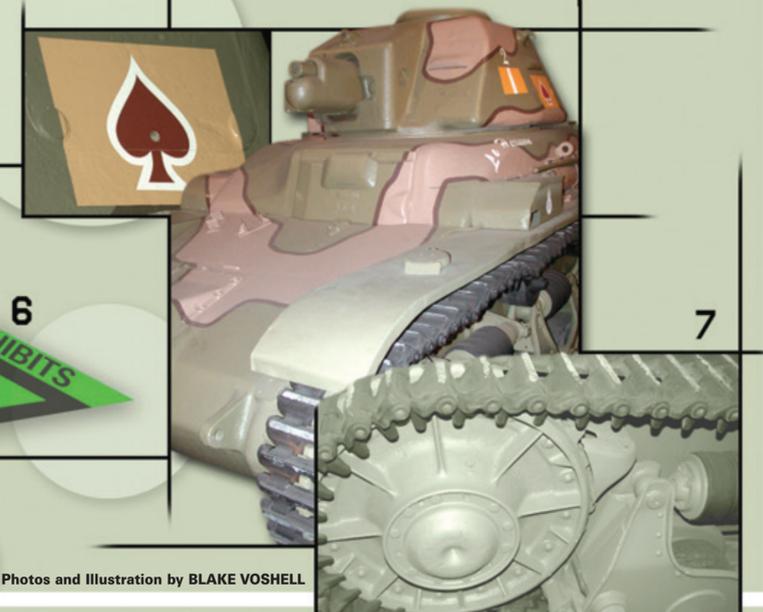
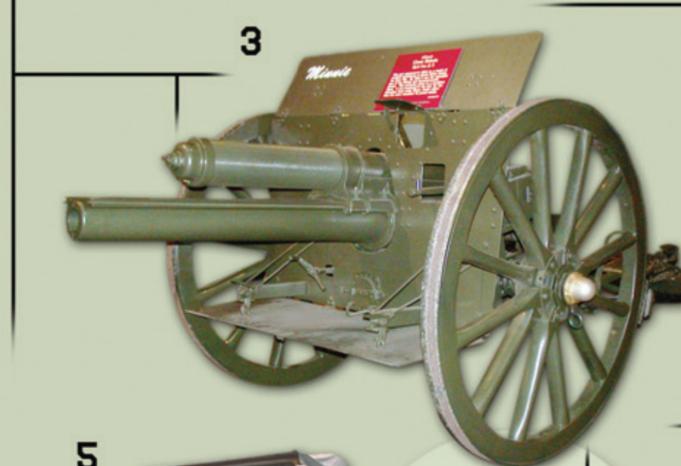
3. British 18pdr. MKI

4. A replica of a World War II-era gunsmith.

5. German Volkswagen "Jeep" Pkfw. K1 (Typ 82)

6. Sign leading to the museum's second level.

7. French Char Leger Renault 35 Light Tank



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Community Notes

THURSDAY

MARCH 24 FREE HOME BUYING SEMINAR

A Home Buying Seminar will be offered by Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the APGFCU Operations Center in Edgewood, 1321 Pulaski Highway.

Guest speaker Cathy Werner, of RE/MAX American Dream, will cover topics such as market analysis, qualifying for a mortgage, selecting the right loan program, 'what you want vs. what you can afford,' negotiating and home inspections.

To reserve a space, call 410-272-4000 or 1-800-225-2555, ext. 5451. The seminar is open to the public.

FRIDAY MARCH 25 BASKET BINGO

American Legion Post 194, 336 E. Main St., Rising Sun, is sponsoring a basket bingo to benefit Boy Scout Troop 28. Games begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 for 20 games. For more information, call 410-658-3915, or e-mail basketbingo@zoominternet.net.

SATURDAY MARCH 26 VIETNAM VETS PARTY

VFW Post 6027, 815 Turkey Point Road, North East, will present the 15th Annual Vietnam Vets Party, 7 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided by Mothers Headache. Cost is \$35 per couple or \$20 per person. Dinner, door prizes, snacks, beer, soda and more will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-287-3132 or 410-287-9788.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Water

Witch Fire Company, will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10 for all paper cards. Tickets are available by calling Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Jo-Anne Bierly, 410-378-3320, or Stephanie Gibson, 410-378-2672.

COMEDY NIGHT

Perryville American Legion Post 135, located on 300 Cherry Street, will hold a Comedy Show 9 p.m. in the Banquet Hall. The show will feature Jack Foreaker and his outrageous puppets.

Tickets cost \$8 per person and \$15 per couple. Prior to and following the show there will be Karaoke with Karaoke Addiction in the Lounge.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

FRIDAY APRIL 1 SHRIMP AND BULL ROAST

Holy Family House will sponsor a Spring Fling Shrimp and Bull Roast 7 p.m. to midnight, April 1, at Jarrettsville Gardens, 3825 Federal Hill Road. Music will be provided by DJ Jenny Z. Proceeds will benefit Holy Family House, a non-profit organization supporting Harford County's homeless families. Tickets cost \$35 per person; must be 21 or older to attend.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-273-6700.

SATURDAY APRIL 2 CONFERENCE FOR CAREGIVERS

The Geriatric Assistance and Information Network (GAIN) and the Harford County Office on Aging will hold the 8th annual "Caring for Those Who Care" Conference for caregivers, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the McFaul Activities Center, 523 West MacPhail Road, Bel Air.

The conference is free; space is limited. The deadline for reservations is March 29.

For more information or to make a reservation, call the Office on Aging at 410-638-3025.

SUNDAY APRIL 14 BIRD WATCHING TOUR

Join the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center as they survey the park on foot to count and record the birds they hear and see, noon to 3 p.m. The survey will assist the Center to keep valuable records of feathered residents.

There is no charge for this event. Reservations are required. The Estuary Center is located in southern Harford County, just east of Edgewood and 18 miles northeast of Baltimore City

at 700 Otter Point Road, Abingdon.

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

SATURDAY APRIL 16 EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate Earth Day 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date April 17), at Aberdeen Festival Park, located at Howard and Franklin Streets across from the library. Enjoy a fun, activity-packed day for all ages with live music, a rock climbing wall, an "Earth Bounce", recycle games, face painting, environmental exhibits and lots more.

Children can bring a 100 percent cotton T-shirt to Tie-Dye. Bring a blue recycling bag of packaged people food, pet food, or clothing to benefit those in need and get three free game tokens.

For more information call

Boy Scouts looking for a few good men

Boy Scout Troop 429 is currently recruiting boys who are 11 (6th grade) and older to expand its patrol ranks.

New arrivals to APG both military and civilian, or current residents with boys interested in Scouting are encouraged to join the troop.

Weekly meetings are conducted to plan camping, hiking, field trips and many other activities.

Adult leaders with Scouting experience are also encouraged to join.

For more information, call Fred Silva, committee chairman at 410-272-4570, or e-mail fredy302@star-power.net.

410-297-4215.

TUESDAY APRIL 19 THE 3RD ANNUAL INSTALLATION FOOD SERVICE OFFICE/SON'S FOOD QUALITY FOOD COMPANY SPECIALTY MEAL

The IFSO/SQFC Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. During this event all military per-

sonnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.50 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$3 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu is listed on the APG News Web site, www.apgnews.apg.army.mil in Community Notes.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard
To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Friday, March 25, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 26, 9 p.m.

Starring: Jim Caviezel, Maia Morgenstern

The Passion of The Christ focuses on the last 12 hours of Jesus of Nazareth's life. The film begins in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus has gone to pray after sitting the Last Supper. Jesus must resist the temptations of Satan. Betrayed by Judas Iscariot, Jesus is then arrested and taken within the city walls of Jerusalem where leaders of the Pharisees confront him with accusations of blasphemy and his trial results in a condemnation to death. (Rated R)

THE AVIATOR

(FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, March 26, 7 p.m.

Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett

A biopic depicting the early years of legendary director and aviator Howard Hughes' career, from the late 1920s to the mid-1940s. The son of the Texan inventor of an amazing drill bit who died when Hughes (DeCaprio) was 18, leaving him with 75 percent of the "Hughes Tool Co.," Hughes quickly moved to Los Angeles to become a Hollywood film producer, where he helped launch the career of Jean Harlow and other starlets. Hughes' legend came not from focusing on just Hollywood, however, as he simultaneously branched into industry after industry, including aviation in 1932 (including TWA Airlines), and during World War II, defense, leading to the creation of the (infamous) Spruce Goose, a flying boat of immense size. (Rated PG-13)

POST SHORTS

Housing Areas while flushing is being performed.

Bayside Village, New Chesapeake Gardens – week 1 Patriot Village – week 1-2 Trailer Park – week 2 Plum Point Housing – week 4 or 5

Hydrant flushing is subject to change due to the 1.5 mgd withdrawal permit.

For more information, call Dennis Overbay at 410-306-1844, or e-mail dennis.overbay@usag.apg.army.mil.

Ed Starnes memorial April 4

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m., April 4 at the Aberdeen Area Chapel for Ed Starnes, the former public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, who passed away Feb. 19 in New Hampshire, one month after ending a 36-

year career in government service, the last 18 of which he served with the OC&S.

Members of the Water Witch Fire Company of Port Deposit, where Starnes volunteered as an Emergency Medical Technician, will participate in the service.

For more information, contact Steve Reimer, OC&S chief of plans and operations, 410-278-0555.

Army Concert Tour coming

APG's summer Country Concert is planned for Aug. 20. More information will be coming. Visit www.apg.mwr.com.

KUSAHC closes on Saturdays

Effective April 1, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will no longer be open on Saturday.

For appointments, call the clinic at 410-278-5475. Clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Active Duty Sick Call hours remain the same with sign in at 5:30 a.m. for both the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Troop Medical clinics.

Flu vaccine for military eligible beneficiaries

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is encouraging all military eligible beneficiaries to get protected by getting a flu shot.

Eligible health care beneficiaries include those who are active duty or retirees and their eligible family members.

The Kirk Immunization Clinic at Aberdeen is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to noon, closed each day for lunch noon to 1 p.m. and

reopens Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1 to 4 p.m.

On Thursday afternoon, the hours are 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information or updates, call the Flu Vaccine Hotline at 410-305-FLUV (4-3588).

Blue Ribbon Campaign kick-off

The Army Community Services Family Advocacy will begin its Blue Ribbon Campaign Celebrating Child Abuse Prevention Month, 11 a.m., April 5.

The kick-off event includes finger printing for children from birth to 18 years of age and an information table.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call 410-278-7478.

547th Engineer Battalion (Combat) reunion scheduled

The 547th Engineer Battalion (Combat) will hold its 19th Annual Reunion, Aug. 11 through 14, at the Radisson Hotel, Norfolk, Va. All former members of the 547th Engineer Battalion and its attached units, the 552nd and the 1328th, are invited to

attend.

For more information, call Patrick O'Brien, 757-480-3190, send mail to 1504 W. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503-1017 or e-mail patobr@olg.com.

ACS holds Egg Hunt Extravaganza

Army Community Service will host its annual Egg hunt from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 26 at the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area.

The event is open to all families within the APG community. Free tickets can be picked up at the Aberdeen Area ACS Office, building 2754, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; at the Edgewood Area ACS Office, building E-4630 and the Aberdeen Area CYS Office, building 2522, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Anyone requiring special assistance should contact ACS in advance.

For more information or to request assistance, call 410-278-4372/2420/7572.

Same ID cards for active duty, reservists

The Department of Defense

has begun issuing new military ID cards that do not distinguish between active-duty and reserve members.

Before, military ID cards were nearly identical except that they clearly identified an individual as "Active," "Reserve" or "Guard." The distinction was made to limit commissary privileges for Reserve and Guard members who were authorized for only 24 shopping days at a commissary per calendar year.

The 2004 Defense Authorization Act did away with the commissary restriction, effectively eliminating a need for separate ID cards. The old ID cards will be phased out over the next 2 1/2 years.

Introductory sports playgroup

A new introductory sports playgroup program for Family Child Care youths will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Thursday at the Edgewood Youth Center, weather permitting. The program will not be held on holidays. This program will launch children's interest in sports in a non-competitive fashion.

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

Army Women's Museum to cele-

Women in the Military hold conference

The Sixth Conference on Women in the Military will be held May 19 and 20 at the Women in the Military Service to America Memorial in Arlington, Va. The theme, Women in the Military Today, will cover the subjects of Women on the Frontlines, Health, Work/Family Balance, and Command Climate.

The Women's Research and Education Institute, the

Robert M. Kaufman Fund of the New York Community Trust, and the Fanny and Stephan Kahn Foundation is sponsoring the program. Members of the military, civil servants, scholars, and interested individuals are invited to participate.

For more information, call 202-628-0444 ext. 12; e-mail: lmanning@wrei.org, or visit the Web site, www.wrei.org.

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Emphasizing motorcycle safety

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Last year, 22 Soldiers lost their lives to motorcycle accidents. So far this fiscal year, nine Soldiers have died in motorcycle accidents. This trend is alarming and the bottom line is that lives can be saved by practicing good motorcycle safety.

Nationally, motorcycle accident-related deaths have risen as well. In 1997, records show 2,116 people died as a result of motorcycle accidents and by 2003 that number climbed to 3,592 people, according to the National Highway Safety Association.

The most significant factor appears to be the use of helmets. In 2003, 52 percent of those that died were not wearing a helmet and two-thirds of motorcycle fatalities for 2003 were in states that do not have helmet laws.

The group most often killed while riding a motorcycle are persons 20 to 29 years old, while the second group most likely to die on a motorcycle are those 40 and older. The latter group has also been on the rise, growing from 21 percent in 1993 to 46 percent of motorcycle-related deaths in 2003. While the 40 and older group may be buying and using motorcycles more, other contributing factors are changes due to aging such as poorer vision and reduced reaction time.

Another significant contributor to motorcycle fatalities is driving under the influence. Forty percent of fatalities in 2003 tested positive for blood-alcohol content, with 32 percent of fatalities tested at .08 BAC or higher. Surprisingly, the older motorcycle operators (ages 40 and older) were the group with the majority of positive BAC and the second highest for positive BAC were people of ages 30 to 39.

National statistics

- 25 percent of the fatalities were driving motorcycles with an invalid license.
- In the younger group, it appears safety and helmet use is a higher risk factor, while the older operator fatalities involve alcohol use more frequently.
- About half of motorcycle fatalities are single-vehicle accidents.
- More fatalities occur on rural roads and undivided highways.
- There is an increase in fatalities involving larger motorcycles and stronger, faster engines.

What does this mean to the Army community? Everything. According to a message sent by the Pentagon in January 2005, commanders must thoroughly understand and continue to enforce motorcycle safety requirements.

In states that don't have motorcycle helmet laws, many Soldiers seem to believe they are not required to wear a helmet. Not so.

Army safety requirements while operating a motorcycle

- Operators must receive training from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation or training based on an MSF, state-approved MSF class that must include hands-on, performance, and knowledge based training.
- Successful completion of this required training is mandatory for all Soldiers operating a motorcycle, on- or off-post, on- or off-duty, regardless of whether the motorcycle is registered on post. Soldiers must possess an MSF training card while operating a motorcycle.
- Soldiers are required to wear a Department of Transportation approved helmet while operating a motorcycle on- or off-post, on- or off-duty, regardless of permanent or transitory status. This also applies to National Guard and Reserve Component Soldiers when in a duty status.
- Soldiers must wear specific protective equipment that is Department of Transportation-approved and includes the following: DOT certified helmet, shatter-proof goggles, safety glasses or face shield (attached to the helmet), sturdy over-the-ankle footwear, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, full-fingered gloves designed for motorcycle use, brightly colored upper garment during the day and reflective garment at night. Upper garments should never be covered by backpacks.
- Reflective belts are to be worn diagonally, across the torso.
- Operators must ensure their passengers comply with personal protective equipment.

By following safety guidelines and requirements the risk of fatalities decreases significantly.

Get the right training, wear the right protective gear, always wear an approved helmet, and never operate any motor vehicle or motorcycle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This includes some over-the-counter drugs as well. When in doubt, ask a pharmacist.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation is nationally recognized for its research-based rider education and training system.

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Morale, Welfare & Recreation

SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

Local students can apply for \$1,000 Future Writers Scholarship

Harford County Community Websites, an area resource devoted to helping residents learn about what's going on and what's good in their own hometowns, is offering a \$1,000 Future Writers Scholarship to one Harford County high school student who enters the competition.

Students must apply to participate by March 31 by visiting one of the Web sites listed below. Three writing samples will be required. Submissions may be short stories, essays, humor, local-interest articles, local human-interest articles or poems and may be from one or more category. All submissions must be wholesome, family-friendly, enriching to Harford County communities and in keeping with the purpose of the Harford County Community Websites — to share the "good stuff" going on locally.

A select panel of local judges will review each student's portfolio and announce a winner at the end of the 2004-2005 school year. Participants must be at least age 13 and attending a Harford County high school or be a high-school level home student. Entries will be published on the sites throughout the year.

For more information about the scholarship competition and other events, contests and activities around the county, visit Aberdeen Online, www.AberdeenMD.net; Abingdon Online, www.abingdonmd.net; Bel Air Online, www.BelAirMD.net; Edgewood Online, www.EdgewoodMD.net; Fallston Online, www.FallstonMD.net; Bel Air Online, <http://www.belairmd.net>; Edgewood Online, www.EdgewoodMD.net; Fallston Online, www.FallstonMD.net; Forest Hill Online, www.ForestHillMD.net; Havre de Grace Online, www.HavredeGraceMD.net; Jarrettsville Online, www.JarrettsvilleMD.net and Joppatowne Online at www.JoppatowneMD.net.

The Community Websites and the scholarship are sponsored by local businesses.

For more information, call Gina Kazimir of PR Right Now at 410-420-8679, send e-mail to gkazimir@prightnow.com or visit www.prightnow.com.

Driver's Education classes scheduled

Youth Services will present winter and spring State-certified Driver's Education classes at Child and Youth Services, building 2752, room 210. Classes are 30 hours of instruction each and will begin on Wednesday and end on Tuesday of the second week.

There will be no classes on holidays. Parents and students must attend the first hour of class together (March 30, April 13, etc.) to review rules and procedures.

The following classes are scheduled:

March 30 through April 12, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

April 13 through April 26, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

April 27 through May 10, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

May 11 through May 24, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

The cost is \$295 plus \$18 registration/membership fee for teens or family members 15 years of age or older, of military, retired, DoD (and DA) personnel and contractors who work at APG per student. Adults may also register on a case-by-case basis.

Registration will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Outreach Services-Central Registration Office, room 110, building 2752. A minimum class size of three students is required, 21 students maximum.

To make an appointment to register and pay the fee, call Christina Keithley at 410-278-7571 or Pat Palazzi at 410-278-7479.

For more information about the Teen Driver Education program, call Greg Williams, Rules Driving School, Inc., 410-939-7008 or 937-2184, or Ivan Mehosky 410-278-2857.

Learn to play chess

Youth Services offers free chess classes for APG students 3rd grade and up at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522, and Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902.

Aberdeen Area classes will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center 3:45 to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, for students 6th grade and up at and for 3rd through 5th graders. Edgewood Area classes will be held at the Edgewood Youth Center 4:30 to 5:15 p.m., Wednesdays for students 3rd grade and higher. Instructional booklets and chess sets are available to all participating students. Round robin tournaments will also be conducted. Sign-up with Charles Heinsohn at the times stated above, or call him at 410-278-3868.

NASA Space Camp applications being accepted

Applications are being accepted for the 2005 Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial Space Camp scholarship until April 1. Children of an active duty military parent enrolled in grades six through 9 are eligible to apply. The scholarship is funded by the Military Child Education Coalition.

Full tuition includes meals, lodging, program materials and transportation from the student's home base to nearest Space Camp.

For more information or to apply for the scholarship, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857, or visit Web site www.spacecamp.com.

Activities

Operating hours

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

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

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

New York City Liberty Cruise

MWR offers a New York City Liberty Cruise, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., April 23. Cost of the trip is \$85. See the New York skyline on a one-hour cruise with Circle Line Cruise; visit Chinatown for a family style lunch; shopping; a guided tour of landmarks including Ground Zero, Times Square, Empire State building and more.

Register by April 8 at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907/4011.

STEP Class Systemic Training, Effective Parenting

This workshop for parents to educate them about improving their parenting skills will be held 6 to 8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, through March 30 at Army Community Services.

For more information or to register, contact ACS at 410-278-7478.

Smuckers Stars on Ice

See Smuckers Stars on Ice Program, 7:30 p.m., April 2, at the 1st Mariner Arena. The show includes performances by Sarah Hughes, Todd Eldredge, Steven Cousins and more.

Tickets cost \$58 for lower level seats and \$18 for upper level seats.

Purchase tickets by March 25.

Spring Fling parade

APG will host a community-wide Spring Fling April 16, featuring a parade at 9:30 a.m. followed at 11 a.m. by a variety of games, social leisure and sports activities, refreshments, and entertainment for the entire family.

The event is open to all members of the APG community and their guests.

The parade will begin in the vicinity of the post library, circle Fanshaw Field, pass the reviewing stand at the APG Athletic Center and end at the entrance to Shine Sports Field.

Several youth sports teams, scout troops, police and fire departments and the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will participate in the parade.

Following the parade, various give-aways and activities will be provided such as balloons, face-painting, caricature drawings, magic show, meet McGruff, demonstrations by the police SWAT Team, Army Substance Abuse Prevention activities and information, Army Community Service, Child Youth Services, and Community Recreation activities.

In addition, Outdoor Recreation will host an expo featuring items of equipment that are available for rental at the equipment issue center.

Split Your Sides Laughing Comedy Show

"Split Your Sides Laughing" Comedy Show, Ricky Shackelford Production, will be held April 16 in the APG Post Theater with Laughin' Lenny, Howard "G", Rick Younger and Shelia "Strawberry" Gaskins.

Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for upper level, \$15 for upper level in advance and \$20 at the door.

An after party will be held in the AA Recreation Center immediately following the show for all ticket stub holders. Cost without the ticket stub is \$5.

Coaches Needed

The Child and Youth Services/MWR Youth Flag football program is in need of volunteer coaches for the 6- to 8-year old program.

Practices are 1 to 2 days per week for an hour each and games are on Saturdays, beginning May 7.

If interested, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Exton Opening Day Scramble

Exton's Opening Day Scramble will be held April 2 at Exton Golf Course.

It will be a 9 a.m. shotgun with a Captain's Choice Scramble.

Cost is \$20 for patrons, \$35 for authorized and Value Card Holders and \$40 for all others. Cost includes light food, golf cart, and prizes.

Register by April 1 at Exton Golf Course, building E-1200 block, 410-436-2213 or MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907.

Ruggles Opening Day Scramble

Ruggles's Opening Day Scramble will be held on April 9 at Ruggles Golf Course.

It will be a 9 a.m. shotgun with a Captain's Choice Scramble.

Cost is \$25 for patrons, \$45 for authorized and Value Card Holders, and \$55 for all others. Cost includes light food, golf cart, and prizes.

Register by April 7 at Ruggles Golf Course, building 5600 block, 410-278-4794 or MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907.

Intermediate fencing

En garde! Intermediate fencing classes will be held 7 to 8 p.m., on Tuesdays, April 5 through 26, at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326.

Students can fine-tune their movement and execution for match conditions. Practice and develop strategies and techniques to assist students become successful tournament contenders.

Cost is \$35. All equipment will be provided.

Register by April 1.

Fundamentals of drawing and painting

Learn basic drawing techniques while creating landscapes, still lifes and portraits, 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 5 through 28 at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326.

Choose water color (brush handling, controlling water volume on the brush and paper) or oil painting (the principles of composition, value, and contrast).

Students are responsible for materials. The instructor will provide a supply list at the first class.

Cost is \$40. Register by April 1.

Storytelling Workshop

Susan Allen of Harford County Open Doors will present a free Storytelling Workshop for caregivers and parents, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., April 2 at Aberdeen Youth Services, building 2522. The presentation will be followed with a book making class.

For more information, call Beverly Hartgrove, 410-278-9832 or Pat Palazzi, 410-278-7479.

Basic auto mechanics

Instructional classes designed to enable the student to perform maintenance on a vehicle's engine and accessories will be taught Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m., June 1 through 22, Automotive Crafts, building 2379.

The skills learned in this class can also be applied to lawn mower engines as well as other small engines. The hands-on training received in these classes will enable participants to recognize the warning signs and gain the skills needed to help them maintain their vehicles, possibly, helping to avoid expensive repairs.

Cost is \$35. Register by May 26.

Join the boat club

The Spesutie Island Boating Activity is accepting applications for the 2005 season. Membership is open to active duty military, full time Army National Guard, retired military,

APG DoD/Nonappropriated Fund civilian employees, retired APG DA civilians, and long-term contractors with government ID card.

Membership requirements include performance of 10 hours of work and standing assigned security watches. Members must provide proof of identification, boat registration and liability insurance.

Costs are:

- \$20 per foot for a moored boat with parking lot space for trailers

- \$11.50 per foot for moored boat only

- \$8.50 per foot for a boat on a trailer in a parking lot space

- \$8 per foot for ramp access only

Applications can be picked up at the SIBA Club house, building 36 or at Outdoor Recreation.

Opening for the season on April 9. This is a designated work day for members.

For more information, call 410-278-4124.

Registering for the School Age/Middle School Services Summer Program

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Summer Program will run for nine weeks, 6:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 20 through Aug. 19.

The program is open to all qualifying children who have completed 1st through 8th grades. Sign up for the weeks needed. Tuition fees are based on total family income.

Waiting list forms may be picked up and dropped off 7:30 a.m., at the Edgewood Youth Services, building E-1902 or the Outreach Services building 2752 or faxed to 410-278-2582.

Waiting list forms will not be distributed or accepted at the Aberdeen Youth Services.

Registration will be held April 2 at the Edgewood Youth Services and April 9 at the Aberdeen Youth Services for all sponsors who have been offered openings by the Central Registration Office.

Registration packets, an up-to-date physical and family income information must be completed prior to the registration appointment.

A \$20 non-refundable deposit is required per child at the time of registration for each week selected.

For more information, call the Outreach Services Office at 410-278-7571 or 7479.

The APG Forum

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I visited my favorite place at APG-Edgewood Area on Tuesday only to find out the library here is closing its doors next week. I was both stunned and saddened, and not a little angry.

Supposedly, the EA library is closing due to budget constraints, but if the plan is to house the books, videos, DVDs, CDs, and computers at Aberdeen Area, to assign EA personnel to the AA branch, and to extend service hours at AA for the sake of EA patrons (who will NOT, I think, drive 10 miles from EA to AA instead of visiting one of several closer Harford County library branches), where are the savings for a one-day-a-week patron operation?

More importantly, on a post where the military and civilians are clearly second-class citizens when it comes to installation services, when does "service to the community" finally outweigh dollars?

I would not for one minute want to be a military member assigned to EA without owning a car; it must be the worst possible duty station in CONUS because it offers so little to the young Soldiers.

I would at least like to hear the rationale for closing the EA library. Was the EA community surveyed? Were other alternatives considered? If the space in that particular old building was needed, couldn't other space be found? Why was one of the very few, very limited post serv-

ices cut with no notification?

If this item was discussed at the Feb. 17 town hall meeting, I think there would have been a lot more participation had the meeting notice been more specific than "purpose of the meeting is to update members of the community regarding some changes in the delivery of services." I know I would have attended.

Jean Salvatore

Response

Ms. Salvatore,

Closure of the Edgewood Branch of the APG Post Library was not an easy decision. Many factors were considered to include condition of the facility, maintenance costs, dollars to maintain the collection, usage statistics and demographics.

The Edgewood Branch of the Harford County Public Library is located less than three miles from the post gate. This state-of-the-art facility is open to all members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community.

Your concerns and those of the patrons who used the Edgewood Branch of the APG Post Library are appreciated; unfortunately, the current financial posture of the APG Garrison precludes continued operation of the Branch Library.

Linda Holloway

DCFA Operations Officer

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

The following is a list of some new books available at the APG MWR libraries:

Good Debt, Bad Debt: Knowing the difference can save your financial life by Jon Hanson

Home Fires Burning: married to the military – for better or worse by Karen Houppert

The Wastrels of Defense: how Congress sabotages U.S. security by Winslow Wheeler

Unforgivable Blackness: the rise and fall of Jack Johnson, by Geoffrey Ward

Comrades and Strangers: behind the closed doors of North Korea by Michael Harrold

Not a Good Day to Die: the untold story of Operation Anaconda by Sean Naylor

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

Sports — HHC 143rd defeats HHC 61st, 59-55 to win post championship

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In dramatic fashion, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 143rd Ordnance Battalion finished off an impressive season by coming back from four points down with a minute to play to force an overtime period, then defeated HHC 61st Ordnance Brigade 59-55 to win the intramural basketball post championship at the Aberdeen Athletic Center March 15.

Arguably the area's two best teams, the proud NCOs produced a classic battle.

"We can do this because we're the better team," said HHC 61st coach Charles Burgess during the first period. "As long as we cut down on turnovers we got this one. We can't have them winning in our house."

HHC 143rd coach Darryl Champagne said his team couldn't lose if they stuck to their game plan.

"If we keep running and go to the inside we'll be alright," Champagne said. "I told them to get the ball down low and get it to the big man."

The pace was fast and furious with neither team leading by more than six points the entire first half.

Key defensive plays on both sides of the ball, particularly several steals by HHC 61st's Anthony Slater, kept the scores close.

With a minute and a half to play in the first half, HHC 143rd's Richard Brown dished an assist to teammate Anthony Hunter to even the score, 27-27, for the first of two critical tie-

scoring baskets. In this instance HHC 61st rebounded with a 3-pointer from Derik Merritt as time ran out to lead 30-29 at the half.

In the second half, with both teams smelling victory, HHC 61st pulled away to a 34-30 lead before HHC 143rd's Horace Jackson, Donn Hill and Brown found their games.

Jackson drew a foul then shot one of two from the line to close 34-31; Hill followed Jackson to the line, also going 1-2; then HHC 61st Slater dropped a two from the perimeter to pull away, 36-34, before Brown broke away from a stiff defense to tie it up 36-36 with just fewer than 11 minutes to play. HHC 61st came back after a timeout to again pull away 44-40, off the scoring of Slater, Kelsey Adams and Lennox Underwood.

With time running down toward two minutes, HHC 61st tried to use the clock but was suddenly unable to hold onto the ball. HHC 143rd Brown grabbed a turnover and sank a three then after a quick score by HHC 61st's Underwood, sank two more to move closer, 48-46.

With 60 seconds to play, both teams endured non-scoring turnovers as steal attempts became more aggressive.

Down to 20 seconds, after an HHC 143rd timeout, Slater sinks one of two at the foul line for a 49-46 lead.

Precious seconds tick away for HHC 143rd as the ball is passed around until Brown makes a heroic grab, runs, plants and sinks a three-pointer, bringing fans screaming to

their feet as the clock ticks down to five seconds.

HHC 61st tried to score a quick two but missed, ending regulation play 49-49 and bringing on the overtime.

HHC 143rd was even more commanding during the five-minute period, with contributions from Adoon Jordan, Alexander Hunter, Irvin Collins and Neville Davis.

The game was essentially over when HHC 143rd went up 57-55, thanks to key foul shots from Jackson and Brown, both of whom finished with 13 points.

Hill was the team's third high scorer with 10 points.

Forced to foul with time running out, HHC 61st could only watch the two pad the team's lead at the line and seal the team's victory, 59-55.

"We didn't rebound and missed free throws hurt us down the stretch," Burgess said after the game. "You can't miss all those

free throws and win."

He added that he still was proud of his team after its 13-2 season.

"They overcame a lot of adversity and personal problems to come back, win the division and come up through the losers bracket," Burgess said. "I'm really proud of them."

He named Derick Merritt the team's most valuable player.

Slater, with 19 points and Guillermo Brown, with eight, were the team's high scorers.

"They just came out and played

big," Champagne said as his team celebrated their victory. He said, "Hill just wanted the ball, Brown started hitting his three's, Collins started pulling down rebounds, and Hunter started crossing the boards."

"It all came together at the right time," he said.

Champagne named Jackson the season MVP.

"He held the team together the whole season," he said. "From the inside, out."



HHC 143rd's Horace Jackson, with the ball, is surrounded by teammates and defenders as he goes for the basket during the intramural basketball post championship game March 15. From left, Richard Brown, HHC 143rd; Kelsey Adams, HHC 61st; Sammie O'Neal, HHC 143rd; and Guillermo Brown and Anthony Slater, HHC 61st.



Members of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company 143rd Ordnance Battalion intramural basketball team pose with their trophies after defeating HHC 61st Ordnance Brigade to win the post championship at the Aberdeen Athletic Center March 15.

Sports Intramural basketball

The following results were received for the intramural basketball post-season tournament. For information regarding statistics, contact Donna Coyne, 410-278-3929.

March 7

Company A 143rd, 64; NCOA, 35
Nat. Guard, 44; Company C 16th, 23
Company B 16th, 45; HHC 16th, 41

March 8

Company A 143rd, 39; Company C 143rd, 33
Company E 16th, 48; DLES, 37
HHC 61st, 57; Nat. Guard, 46
HHC 143rd, 53; HHC 16th, 41

March 9

Company A 143rd, 56; Company E 143rd, 35
HHC 143rd, 50; HHC 61st, 43
NCOA, 53; Nat. Guard, 46

DLES, 57; Company B 16th, 56

March 10

HHC 16th, 64; NCOA, 60
Company C 16th, 46; DLES, 36

March 11

HHC 16th, 62; Company E 16th, 46
HHC 61st, 56; Company C 16th, 40

March 14

HHC 143rd, 52; Company A 143rd, 44
HHC 61st, 64; HHC 16th, 48
HHC 61st, 77; Company A 143rd, 52

March 15

HHC 143rd, 59; HHC 61st, 55 (OT)

(Editor's note: Any questions regarding this schedule should be referred to Donna Coyne, intramural sports coordinator, 410-278-3929.)

COMMANDER'S CUP STANDINGS



*Congratulations to
Headquarters and
Headquarters Company,
143rd Ordnance Battalion for
winning the
intramural basketball
post championship.*

The Commander's Cup is awarded each December to the unit that scores the most points in intramural sports during the year. Units accumulate points by participating in Basketball, the Bench Press Competition, the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Racquetball, Volleyball, Softball, Golf, the Deadlift Competition, Soccer and Football. Points are awarded for unit participation and division and post championship wins.

For inquiries about current standings, contact the APG Sports Office, 410-278-3929.

Unit	Points
USMC	38
Company B 16th	25
Company A 16th	24
HHC 143rd	18
Company C 143rd	18
Company C 16th	16
Company A 143rd	10
Company B 143rd	10
MRICD	9
HHC 61st	8
HHC 16th	4
ATC	3
CHPPM	2
TAML	1
NCOA	1

Motorcycle

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For more information, visit Web site, <http://www.msf-usa.org/>.

For Army references to motorcycle operation and safety, reference DODI 6055.4, DOD Traffic Safety Program and AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents.

The APG 2005 classes will be held April 6, 13, and 27, May 4, 11, and 25, June 1 and 8, July 6, 13, and 27, Aug. 3, 17 and 24, and Sept. 7. The course is for any licensed motorcyclist who has been riding on a regular basis and wishes to continue to ride on APG.

If a rider wishes to attend one of the APG courses, he/she must contact the approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructor, David Backert, 443-910-1213 or e-mail at dwbvast@aol.com, to get scheduled for the class. If scheduled and unable to attend, e-mail first if it's an emergency, then call the instructor.

Class attendance requirements include wearing protective clothing including eye protection, long sleeves, long pants, full fingered gloves and over the ankle footwear, (no tennis shoes) and helmet. All helmets must be DOT approved and have the sticker on the helmet.

Motorcycle owners using their own vehicles to take the APG class should be prepared to show proof of insurance, and assure that their vehicle is prepared to pass an inspection performed by the instructor.

The class is five hours, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be gate checks by the Installation Safety Division during the summer months ensuring that all riders who are coming onto the installation have taken the riders safety course and have the proper riding gear. Should a rider not have proof of taking an approved MSF course either from taking it on APG or at another location and/or not having the proper riding gear as mentioned above will not be allowed on the installation until all requirements have been met.



Photo by RANDY REXRODE
David Backert, left, instructs student motorcycle drivers on the proper techniques for avoiding items in the roadway. Cones are used to direct riders which way to swerve.

Technology

From front page

tual property that may be developed. The act allows for cooperative research and development agreements, or CRADAs, which are negotiated agreements between specific laboratories and non-federal partners that outline the terms and conditions under which work will be performed.

CRADAs set out the scope of joint efforts and the resources to be provided by each party. They often contain provisions regarding licensing, commercialization and patent development.

One of the showcase presentations by Dr. Steven Fritz, TEDCO's director of technology transfer, described various TEDCO initiatives for funding. Among these is the University Technology Development Fund, for which the maximum award is \$50,000, aimed at increasing the commercialization potential of a university's intellectual property.

Another is the Maryland Technology Transfer Fund, which provides a maximum award of \$75,000 to develop technology-based products and services in collaboration with universities and federal laboratories in Maryland. Many of the Army organizations at APG are certified as federal laboratories by the Federal Laboratory Consortium of the Mid-Atlantic Region.

TEDCO's Technology Insertion Initiatives are new programs that provide "seed-fund" grants to companies to develop technology to meet Army needs. Among these is the Aberdeen Technology Transfer Initiative, or ATTI, a program begun about three years ago.

Fritz said \$1 million in seed money for the ATTI, the prime source of funding for Maryland's APG technology

transfer programs, resulted from the advocacy of the state's two senators, Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski, as well as Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger, who represents District 2, where APG is located.

The ATTI supports the development of private-sector, or "spin-in," commercial technologies to meet the needs of the Army and the commercialization, or "spin-out," of military technologies developed at APG. Funding for the ATTI is provided by Congress through DTC. ATTI awards, usually \$50,000, may be made to small, for-profit businesses involved with the development of spin-in or spin-out technologies. To be eligible for the award, commercial firms must have a technology-transfer agreement with one of the organizations at APG.

The showcase highlighted three Maryland companies that received funding through the ATTI – BSCO, Inc., of Forest Hill, Elkton-based Phoenix S&T and QuickSilver Analytics, Inc., of Abingdon.

BSCO, a firm that specializes in small fire-suppression systems, developed the Micro Fire Suppression System for testing by ATC. Though the company's product is still in the research and development phase, according to a new release of the Harford County Office of Economic Redevelopment, Northrop Grumman and Clean Air America have already placed orders for systems that fill a "critical market niche."

Phoenix S&T, a company whose Web site says it "develops micro-scale, low cost disposable polymer tools for protein profiling," is conducting research and development on an "automated nanospray system with nozzles and integrated reservoirs for sample storage" – in essence, a system that will assist in the analysis of molecules for drug discovery and clinical cancer diagnostics.

QuickSilver Analytics, which specializes in various defense-related services and products, according to its Web site, is developing a "permanent injection mold" for BisKit, a state-of-the-art biological sampling kit for large areas. The company operates a Defense Department-certified mobile laboratory for "onsite environmental analysis of chemical-warfare and chemical-warfare-related materiel."

The first APG presenter of the day was Harold Barker of ATC's industrial X-ray facility, which, among other things, is capable of penetrating 24 inches of hardened steel and imaging microfibers. The facility is used to make images before and after test events.

He was followed by a long line-up of other presenters describing facilities and capabilities at APG, ranging from chemical sampling and analysis to systems for treating victims of chemical and biological attack and the National Center of Excellence for First Responder Technologies, an organization affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh's Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence. The center is designed to "help meet the technology needs of firefighters, law enforcement and emergency medical personnel in a post-9-11 world."

One of the final speakers of the day was Steve Clark, DTC's proponent for technology transfer and a showcase organizer. He emphasized the importance of partnerships between the military and private sector in meeting America's technology needs, and encouraged attendees to visit the Business Development Office section of the APG Science and Technology Board Web site, <http://stb.apg.army.mil/BDO>.

Those interested in technology transfer programs at APG can also call the BDO at 410-273-5062.

For information about programs sponsored by TEDCO or the state of Maryland, visit www.marylandtedco.org/home.html.