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Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Aug. 23, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Water sampling begins Aug. 28

During the week of Aug. 28, Aberdeen Proving Ground will conduct lead and copper sampling throughout the Edgewood Area. Everyone's cooperation and assistance is vital to completing this task.

Lead and copper sampling of the water distribution system is mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Directorate of Safety, Health, and Environment has selected numerous housing units and buildings in the Edgewood Area for sampling. Not all households/buildings will be asked to participate. The APG Housing Division or the DSHE will contact those residents/tenants selected to participate.

Because "first-draw samples" are required, DSHE will be delivering a sample bottle and instructions the day before the test date and will pick up the sample after collection.

Participants with questions or who cannot participate due to scheduling conflicts should contact Richard Wiggins, DSHE, 410-306-2279.

KUSAHC changes prescription policy

Effective Sept. 1, the pharmacy at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will no longer accept faxed prescriptions from civilian providers. Patients will need to present an original prescription to the pharmacy.

Noise alerts

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center will support a training exercise through Aug. 17.

Residents and boaters in the surrounding communities may hear weapons firing and observe aircraft flying at low altitudes. Illumination devices may create flashes of light visible off-post. Activity may take place in the installation's restricted waters and/or in the air, over both land and water, and may include weapons firing and use of air and watercraft.

ATC also will conduct several large detonations which are likely to generate sound and/or vibration

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NECPOC celebrates 10 years of serving Army civilians



Story and photo by
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APG News

Employees of the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center observed the organization's 10th anniversary on Aberdeen Proving Ground with nostalgic memorabilia and remarks from past and present leaders during a ceremony at the post Recreation Center Aug. 2.

Bill Stafford, NECPOC deputy director, welcomed the program's guest of honor first and former NECPOC director Mike Vajda, who is the current director of the Civilian Human Resources Agency.

Vajda recalled moving into the building 314 offices 10 years ago.

"The building was a mess," Vajda

said. "We were challenged to get it up to standards and ready for people. That continues to be a challenge today, keeping an organization this size staffed."

The program recognized those who were with the NECPOC from its beginning in 1996, 1997 and 1998 and Stafford said that it was important to recognize the significance of the early years to realize the importance of the NECPOC today.

"Life in CPOC today is constant and active," McGlothlin said. "I'm especially proud of the way we serve Soldiers. We are hard working and willing to go over every detail."

She said one of the biggest changes was in automation when the organization went from manual to the

RESUMIX system.

"We adapted and then we went back to work," she said, adding that, "I want to close by saying how proud I am of what you do everyday. You put in a lot of hard work in learning this profession. There are changes on the horizon but don't be afraid of change. Embrace it and continue taking care of our Soldiers and their families."

The program included a parade of employees displaying the emblems of all the CPOCs nationwide, a video detailing the NECPOC "birth" and growth and a memorabilia table of photos depicting all of the organization's major events over the past 10 years.

In addition, the first NECPOC

employee, Doloress McGee, was recognized, as was Robin Poe, the designer of the organization's new emblem. Stafford NECPOC employee Debra Jennings and all others who organized the program and singled out Mike Miller of the Directorate of Information Management who developed the original bid package video promoting the CPOC 10 years ago.

"That video was a key component to the commanding general's decision to bring the CPOC here," Stafford said.

"As we celebrate 10 years of existence, we have learned that we are only able to serve our Soldiers in the field as one CPOC and CPACs [Civilian Personnel Advisory Centers] working together."

Security reminder: Leave work discussions at work

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APG News

It's normal for those in the workforce to want to update friends on their jobs outside of work but for government employees or Soldiers this urge can be a security breach.

"Folks get so used to their jobs, they don't realize it and take their conversations to public places like the grocery store or while they are on their cell phones," said Joe Kaffl, chief of the Intelligence Division. "It doesn't occur to them that this could endanger

people's lives.

"Just because something is not classified does not mean it couldn't be used by an adversary," Kaffl said.

He said these are the kind of subjects that people discuss.

Army Regulation 530-1, Operational Security, was established to help safeguard classified and unclassified but sensitive information from adversaries such as terrorists, hackers or spies, according to the U.S. Army OPSEC Support Element Web site, <http://apgrc2gag-intra.apg.army.mil/apg/training/New>

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Operational Security first originated as "Purple Dragon" during the Vietnam era when a group was assigned to find out how the enemy was acquiring combat operations information in southeast Asia, Kaffl said.

"The B52s were flying over the Philippines and the enemy knew about our flight plans because they also belonged to the International Air Traffic and Control," Kaffl said.

Those who reveal tidbits about their jobs not only make themselves a target but

also their families, friends, neighbors, Soldiers, coworkers, units, missions or the country, according to the OPSEC Web site.

Bill Murr, the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center security manager, also stresses not discussing work outside of the job.

"Since we test new or improve existing equipment for Soldiers, we tell our employees to avoid talking about specific things away from ATC. This includes when they are at a bar, restaurant or even the little league field," Murr said. "You don't know whose ears will

perk up," he said.

He also emphasizes that "security is a team effort."

"It's hard for the few security personnel available at [the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center] to oversee everything," Murr said. "We tell our employees to police themselves and each other. The security program will not work unless everyone is involved."

The Web is another tool adversaries use to obtain critical information.

According to the OPSEC Web site, adversaries often

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Photo by SGT. LARRY BUCHANAN, MDARNG
The incoming commander of the 9th Area Medical Laboratory, Col. David W. Craft, left, passes the unit guidon to Sgt. Maj. Eric Smith during the change of command ceremony on McBride Parade Field Aug. 9.

9th AML conducts first change of command

Story by
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After standing up on Aberdeen Proving Ground in 2004, the 9th Area Medical Laboratory conducted its first change of command during a ceremony at McBride Parade Field Aug. 9.

Col. Thomas M. Logan relinquished command of the unit to Col. David W. Craft.

Brig. Gen. Philip Volpe, commander of the 44th Medical Command, presided over the ceremony.

The 9th AML deploys worldwide to conduct surveillance for threats involving chemical, nuclear, biological, radiological, occupational/environmental health and endemic disease threats or hazards.

Volpe said that the unit is "at the forefront of future warfare in very dangerous regions around the world" and he praised Logan as "the first commander who has done a great job for the past two years."

"Thanks for your dedication, professionalism and leadership," Volpe said. "You have been a great commander and it shows."

He welcomed Craft and his family, remarking that the Army has "a never ending supply of outstanding leaders because we take professionalism very seriously."

"You are the right leader at the right

time," he told Craft. "Your expertise goes without saying."

Logan thanked Volpe, the 44th Medical Command and the APG organizations that have supported the unit.

"To our technical partners in the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, the Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, the Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases and the 1st AML, thanks for always being there to support our training requests," Logan said. "Without your help we would not be able to maintain our technical edge."

He also thanked the 61st Ordnance Brigade, the APG Garrison and the unit's Soldiers.

"The main people I want to thank this morning are the VIPs on the field in front of us, the Soldiers and officers of the 9th AML. They were able to bring a new unit into the medical force structure while raising its deployment readiness to a high level. Thanks for being who you are," he added, "and keep up the good work."

Calling retired Col. Russ Forney his mentor, Craft said the day was a "new beginning and a dream fulfilled."

"It was Colonel Forney's idea to have a far forward laboratory and here we stand today," he said.

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APG boxer wins 4th national title

Story and photo by
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Senior drill sergeant Duane Edwards can call himself an undisputed world champion after winning his fourth national title in the Ringside World Championships in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 1 to 5.

Edwards, a sergeant first class assigned to the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's 143rd Ordnance Battalion, won the 35 and older middleweight division.

He said his endurance was put to the test during the four-day event.

"They were gunning for me because they knew I'd won it three times already," he said.

Edwards boxed at least one bout every day with all new opponents, and he said he prevailed because of his ability to maintain a degree of unpredictability.

"I try not to show the same strategy twice," he said. "I move around the ring differently and I try not to throw the same series of punches."

He added that one opponent he downed was Jamie Pagendam, a Canadian who fought in the 1988 Olympics.

Edwards assists the battalion in readying fighters for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation amateur boxing tournaments and he currently is working in the TAC sergeant pilot program within the battalion. He offered thanks to God, his family and his chain of command for his accomplishment.

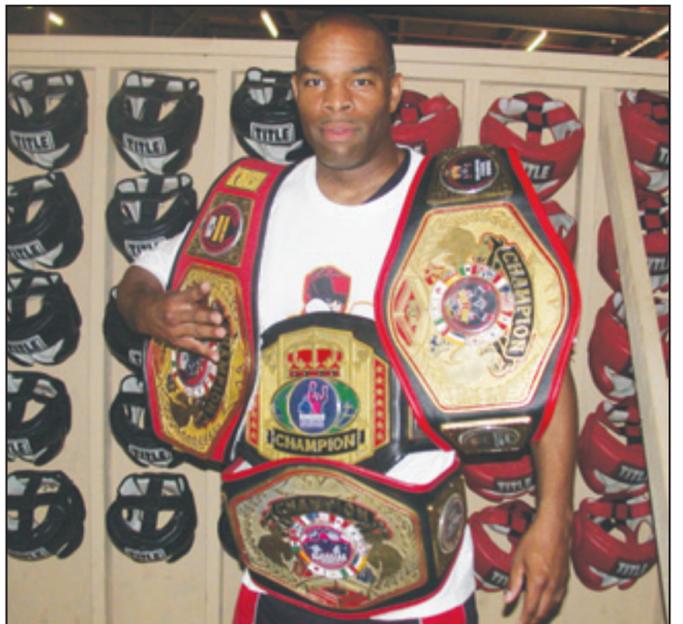
"I thank God, number one, and my sons who are always supportive," he said. "My entire chain of command couldn't support me better."

He also thanked retired Sgt. 1st Class Vada Jones, an employee of Hoyle Gym who helps him work out each morning.

"Whether he's just holding the bag or giving me pointers, he's always ready to go and he always keeps me pumped up," Edwards said.

And to the young Soldiers he mentors, some of whom show an interest in pursuing boxing careers,

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Sgt. 1st Class Duane Edwards, a 143rd Ordnance Battalion senior drill sergeant, poses with his four championship belts a week after winning his fourth consecutive middleweight division title at the Ringside World Championships in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 1 to 5.

'The War Tapes' shows war through Soldier's eyes

Story by
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The award-winning documentary "The War Tapes" is the story of the War in Iraq as told by three Army National Guard Soldiers.

What makes the film so different is that it was filmed and narrated by the Soldiers themselves.

Sgt. Stephen Pink, Spc. Mike Moriarty and Sgt. Zack Bazzi are members of the New Hampshire Army National Guard.

The three deployed with their unit to Iraq in 2004 but before going, they collaborated with filmmakers to present a video diary of sorts of their yearlong deployment.

The producers went a step further and included footage and background information about the three Soldiers' families and how they handle the stress brought on by lengthy separations and the constant knowledge that their loved one might not make it back alive.

Supporters and opponents of the war can get something out of this movie because it doesn't ask for agreement, nor does it seek controversy. It simply states that this is what war was like for these three individuals and their families.

And more than that, it challenges the mind to multiply those three by the more than 150,000 still serving in the War on Terror in order to comprehend the magnitude with which this war or any war impacts the warfighter and their loved ones.

"The War Tapes" made its Baltimore debut at the Charles Theater July 17. Executive producer Chuck Lacy was on hand to take questions from the audience after the show.

Lacy said the project began in 2004 and that for the three Soldiers it included hours of studying storytelling, interviewing skills, framing shots, and finding ways to share their raw experiences through sound and image.

Bazzi, Pink and Moriarty's stories are the heart of the movie, Lacy said.

"Those three Soldiers turned the camera on

themselves and told their own stories," he said.

The filmmakers obtained permission for the project from the NHARNG and Army public affairs officials reviewed the footage before releasing it.

Lacy said that one important reason the film was made was to offer a largely unedited view of war from a Soldier's perspective.

"We think it's valuable to know what the Soldier knows," he said. "Our goal was to represent the Soldier's point of view. We found it to be more interesting and more representative of the American public."

"You don't have to support the war, but you should support the warriors," he said.

Along with Lacy, the film's major players included director Deborah Scranton; co-producer Robert May; and producer-editor Steve James, who is best known for the documentary "Hoop Dreams."

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby viewed the film during its Baltimore debut. He called it an "impressive film that everyone should see."

"I enjoyed it," Irby said. "Those were typical Soldiers finding humor in the worst situations."

"Most people don't realize what our service members are experiencing over there," he added. "This film would really open everyone's eyes."



Photos courtesy of www.thewartapes.com

Sgt. Zack Bazzi talks on a radio while convoying in Iraq.

'The War Tapes'
www.thewartapes.com

Sgt. Stephen Pink, 24, was born and raised in Kingston, Mass. He holds a bachelor's in English from Plymouth State College. Pink is a young carpenter with a dark, irreverent sense of humor who joined the Guard for college money.

Spc. Mike Moriarty is a Harley Davidson mechanic who lives with his family in Windsor, N.H. He is married with a 4-year-old son and a 1-year-old daughter. Moriarty is a husband and father of two, driven to fight by honor and redemption.

Sgt. Zack Bazzi is a University of New Hampshire student and a Lebanese-born American who escaped from the Lebanon Civil War with his family at age 8.

Bazzi is an inquisitive ironic traveler who joined the military to see the world.

The Soldiers were not picked by casting agents or movie producers. They selected themselves. They carried cameras on booby trapped roads, into combat and into their private conversa-

tions. They learned how to choose and tell their stories in constant instant message conversations with director Scranton and they filmed under unbelievable conditions.

The unit was based at LSA Anaconda in the deadly Sunni Triangle, under constant threat of ambush and IED attacks. They traveled, as a unit, 1.4 million miles during their tour, and lived through more than 1,200 combat operations and 250 direct enemy engagements.

"The War Tapes" is the first war movie filmed by Soldiers themselves on the front lines.

The film won the Best International Documentary award at the Tribeca Film Festival in April.

The New York Times called "The War Tapes" "riveting" and "compelling," and Entertainment Weekly proclaimed it "The first indispensable Iraq documentary."

For more information about the film or its characters or to find where it is playing, visit "The War Tapes" Web site, <http://www.thewartapes.com>.



A photo taken by Sgt. Zack Bazzi shows the on-the-ground humor that gets Soldiers through their tours.



Spc. Mike Moriarty displays his video camera and other equipment inside his tent.



Sgt. Stephen Pink films during a convoy break.

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OBC class dedicates tree to fellow warriors

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Members of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Officer Basic Course took time out to remember their own, Aug. 5, when they dedicated a tree at the Ordnance Museum to the present and future warriors of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Maj. Gen. Vincent Boles, chief of Ordnance and OC&S commander, unveiled the plaque during a ceremony at the site led by 2nd Lt. Thomas Vail, OBC Class 08-06 project officer.

"The tree is a living monument to present and future warriors," Vail said.

He noted that the class purchased the tree and planted it with the assistance of laborers from the Directorate of Installation Operations.

"We could not have completed this project without the great assistance of the staff here at the museum or the folks at installation management," Vail said. "We weren't sure we could do something like this at first,



Photo by LT. SARA SMITH, OBC CLASS 08-06

Maj. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, chief of Ordnance and commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, left, and 2nd Lt. Thomas Vail, class 08-06 project officer, unveil a plaque in front of the tree that Vail and his Officers Basic Course classmates dedicated to the warriors of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom at the Ordnance Museum Aug. 5.

but everyone we spoke with was very helpful." The plaque and tree are

located near the front entrance of the Ordnance Museum.

Office Eagle holds grand opening of furniture showroom

Story and photo by
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Aberdeen Proving Ground employees perused new office furniture and watched design and layout demonstrations during the grand opening of the Aberdeen Office Eagle showroom in building 320 Aug. 2.

The new showroom is a partnership between Office Eagle and Metro Office Products, an office supply and furniture business located in Belcamp.

Office Eagle, a division of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, sells thousands of SKILCRAFT items or products made by the blind. Office Eagle employs blind and disabled workers from the local area and throughout Maryland in support of the Javits Wagner O'Day Act of 1971.

The JWOD Act requires that government agencies buy items or services from non-profit agencies and create jobs for the blind or disabled.

The goal of holding the grand opening was to "gain customers' interest and show different capabilities" that Office Eagle can provide, said Rene Alonso, Office Eagle JWOD marketing director.

During Office Eagle's grand opening of the showroom, APG employees could see two displays of desks and cabinets that are manufactured by Maxon.

Sherman Reed, a Maxon manufacturer sales representative, talked to APG employees about the features of the work stations, explaining that employees can order one-panel systems or free standing furniture for their offices.

Danielle Andrefsky, an interior designer with Metro Office Products, showed customers two and three-dimensional renderings of designs.

In addition, Monica Diaz, a furniture representative of Metro Office Products, answered questions about the durability of the furniture.

Diaz said that the fabric for the office chairs goes through a rubbing process to ensure it will last after years of use.

Alonso discussed the pricing and ordering of the furniture.

"The pricing is really good," Alonso said. "Some furniture can be made available the next day."

She said that furniture not in stock at local distribution centers will take three to four weeks for delivery, especially for customized layouts.

Customers interested in these products should contact the Office Eagle Store Manager, Barry Council, who will coordinate with the technical experts and setup appointments for product selection and measurements, Alonso said.

Those who came to the showroom's grand opening had positive remarks.

"I think the grand opening is nice," said Mark Miller, a graphic specialist for the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center. "I've never been in here before. Our secretary told us about the grand opening."

John Antal, a training specialist with School of Military Packaging Technology, came to the grand opening to see what Office Eagle had to offer.

"It is a very convenient service that Metro Office Products and Office Eagle are providing to customers," Antal said.

Kenneth Barnett, Office Eagle director of store operations, discussed how the partnership will benefit Office Eagle's mission.

"The partnership will continue to increase employment for the blind and people with other disabilities," Barnett said.

Office Eagle provides job opportunities to counteract the national 70 percent unemployment rate for those with disabilities, he added.

"Our program provides employment for people with disabilities when otherwise they may not be afforded the same chance from private employers" Barnett said.

"At Office Eagle our associates are afforded the chance



In addition to office supplies, Office Eagle is now offering office furniture including one-panel systems and free standing furniture. This service is a partnership with Metro Office Products.

to work and lead independent lives living the 'American Dream,'" he said.

Barnett said Office Eagle also teamed up with Metro Office Products to deepen and expand the partnership with the small business community.

"Six or seven other small businesses submitted their marketing plans to us so we could get to know them and their missions," Barnett said. "We chose Metro Office Products because we thought they were the most committed company to do things to help us employ more blind people."

Co-owner of Metro Office Products, Minh Sheridan, talked about teaming up with Office Eagle.

"It is a very good program," Sheridan said. "They do what they say they're going to do. The management is very committed to their mission of employing people who are blind or disabled."

Council talked about how the partnership will benefit the store.

"It will expand our business in furniture," he said. "We don't have the expertise to go out and measure offices. Now

we have someone to go to that can help."

In addition to layout and design demonstrations, customers listened to music provided by musicians Bob Brooks and Greg Mansperger, tasted various types of finger food and received door prizes including a basket full of office supplies, a stuffed rabbit and a T-shirt.

Alonso said Office Eagle plans to hold a showroom event every month so that customers can see what kind of products and services the store has to offer.

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outside the installation boundaries.

The detonations are scheduled to occur through Aug. 18 and Aug. 21-25.

If weather conditions are not favorable, firing will be rescheduled.

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

RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board

meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Aug. 31, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Lauderick Creek Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

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

Dining facilities serve Customer Appreciation Specialty Meal tonight

The Customer Appreciation 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 to 7 p.m., Aug. 17.

During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.55 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$3.05 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu includes grilled sirloin steak, shrimp scampi, fried shrimp, crab stuffed salmon, honey mustard chicken wings, baked macaroni and cheese, fresh garlic mashed red potatoes, seasoned (wedge) freedom fries, lightly buttered corn, California medley, sautéed mushrooms and onions, brown gravy, tarter and seafood cocktail sauce, hot southern style corn bread, home made style biscuits, assorted salads, assorted desserts, soft serve ice cream with assorted toppings, assorted condiments and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information, call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green, 410-306-1393/1398.

Registration open for UMUC Fall 2006

Registration has begun for the University of Maryland University College Fall 2006 semester, which begins Sept. 5. Aberdeen Proving Ground classes are available through distance education formats. Students are advised to register early, as some classes fill quickly.

For more information or to register, visit the APG office of UMUC in building 4305, room 210, or call 410-272-8269 or 410-306-2048.

Information about UMUC is also available online at www.umuc.edu.

Family childcare providers needed on, off post

For anyone who loves children and wants to be home with their own, this is a great opportunity. Become a part of a worldwide network of mobile military professionals who can work at home and contribute to the family income.

Family Child Care training will be conducted Sept. 18 thru 21 at Community Youth Services on Rodman Road, building 2752. Free childcare is provided during the training.

Applicants who are interested in providing home-based childcare on Aberdeen Proving Ground or off post in Harford or Cecil counties are encouraged to apply.

For an application, visit the FCC office or call 410-278-9832/7140 or 7477.

Blue Star Families of Central Maryland welcomes new members

The military families support group, Blue Star Families of Central Maryland, meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 109 located at 1610 Sulphur Spring Road in Halethorpe, Md.

Anyone who has a loved one serving in the armed forces, or is serving, and would like to meet other military families can attend.

For more information, visit Web site <http://www.geocities.com/bluestarfamiliesofcentralmd> or e-mail BlueStarFamiliesOfCentralMD@yahoo.com.

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The menu includes chicken and rice, beef and bean chimichangas, quesadillas, enchiladas, beef tacos (soft and hard shell), Puerto Rican style roast pork (cerdo al horno), Spanish rice, steamed rice, refried beans, Mexican corn, greens with bacon, Mexican style cornbread, assorted breads, assorted pastries, soft serve ice cream with assorted toppings, assorted condiments and assorted beverages.

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Joining APG's Speaker's Bureau

Anyone who enjoys discussing their field of expertise or favorite hobby can become a member of APG's Speakers Bureau.

The APG Speakers Bureau enables military and civilian employees of APG to address on- and off-post organizations and local schools on a topic of their choice.

It is a voluntary community service offered without charge.

To become a member of APG's Speakers Bureau, call 410-278-1151.

Job openings at ChalleNGe Academy

The following positions are vacant at the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy.

A full-time contract GED classroom instructor is needed for someone with a bachelor's degree or higher. Experience working with students with a diverse background is preferred.

Military Youth Worker positions are open for those looking for a challenging job working with youth between the ages of 16 and 18 years old.

The positions are contractual with a starting hourly salary of \$12.34.

Resume must show six month's experience working with youth. Full-time and part-time positions are available.

To apply, call 410-306-1839/1845.

Catholic priests needed

The U.S. Army is in critical need of devout and spiritually motivated Catholic priests to lead this nation's Soldiers and families in their walk with God. To explore a life of service to God, church and country, visit www.goarmy.com/chaplain, e-mail chaplainrecruiting@usarec.army.mil or call 1-800-223-3735x61899/61082.

Scouts looking for a few good 'men'

Boy Scout Troop 429 is looking for scouts ages 11 to 17 and leaders. The troop's meetings will begin after Labor Day. Meetings are held Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in building 5443.

Call Committee Chairman Fred Silva, 410-272-4570, or Scoutmaster Chris Lesniak, 410-392-6363, to get involved.

(Editors Note: More shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.)

Community Notes

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WHITE-TAILED DEER SURVEY

Harford County seems to be experiencing explosive population growth, and not just with humans. Help is needed to determine if the deer population of Leight Park is a healthy size. Join the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center and get the scoop on poop while conducting pellet (deer scat) counts on the trails to determine how many deer call this home. The program is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 16 to adult and is free. Registration is required. For information or directions to the center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

A BIRD IN THE HAND

A Bird in the hand is more than a cliché at the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center. Ages 12 to adult are invited to come and learn the up close and personal way to communicate with some feathered friends from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the center located on 700 Otter Point Road in Abingdon. While the program is free, reservations are required due to limited space.

For more information, directions or reservations call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SOMETHING FISHY

Build a fish kite and learn about these fishy friends. This program is from 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 8 to 12 and is \$4. Registration is required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

BASKET BINGO

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

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Carolyn Spencer, 410-378-3219 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

SUNDAY

AUGUST 20

BREAST CANCER FUND RAISER

A Building Dreams Through Hope Luncheon will be held 1 p.m., at the Bayou, Havre de Grace. The luncheon will help raise money to fight breast cancer. Tickets cost \$75 and include a Longaberger 2006 Horizon of Hope basket, dinner, vendors, games and prizes. Proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson at 410-378-3338, email missanne1047@cs.com, or Shirley Wagner at 410-939-2045, email sjwagner@comcast.net.

ALL TIED UP

Learn some knots and maybe a trick or two. Cub Scouts may find this useful. This program is from noon to 1 p.m. for ages 6 to 12 and is free. Registration is required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, extension 1688.

MONDAY

AUGUST 21

TOASTMASTERS MEETING

Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562 will hold their next meeting 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. at the Gunpowder Club in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The club is open to anyone on or off post who wants to learn how to speak in public, improve their communication and listing skills.

For more information, call

Len Kolodny, 410-734-6573.

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 23

ISLAND ADVENTURES ON THE SKIPJACK MARTHA LEWIS

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer Island Estuary Adventures onboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis for children ages 11 through 15. Passengers will board the Skipjack Martha Lewis at Tydings Park, Havre de Grace. The day camp is an educational, hands-on experience teaching campers the history of the skipjack, oyster harvesting and the importance of preserving the Chesapeake Bay and its waterways. Children will study water quality, Bay grasses on the water and on an island just below Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$35 per child. Reservations can be made by credit card.

To make reservations, call 410-939-4078.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 26

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Port Deposit Heritage Corporation 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 per person for all paper cards, and includes food, beverage, baked goods, door prizes and raffles. No smoking allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-939-1937 or Joanne Bierly, 410-378-3320.

SUNDAY

AUGUST 27

BRING YOUR BABY HIKING

Get out and exercise with the little ones while hiking, playing and learning with

the naturalist and his little one. This program is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages birth to 4 and is free. Registration is required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 9

GOSPEL FESTIVAL

Unity in the Community Multi-Cultural Gospel Festival will be held at noon at the Festival Park, Aberdeen. Churches and community organizations will participate and display talents and crafts.

For more information, call Trisha Gibbs, 410-297-6718 or Stevie McAfee, 410-297-6949.

FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

The 5th Annual Faith-Based, Community Resource Fair

will be held noon to 5 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road in Edgewood. The public is invited to attend this free event. Representatives from more than 60 organizations will share information about their groups.

The purpose of the resource fair is to inform members of the community about the services available throughout local county government, non-profit organizations and current faith initiatives. The Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy and FACE-IT (Faith Activated Community Empowering Intervention Training) will host the event.

For more information, call 410-638-3333 or e-mail odcp@harfordcountymd.gov.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.)

Taking advantage of the Maryland sales tax holiday

From Aug. 23 through 27, clothing and footwear sold in Maryland and priced at \$100 or less will be exempt from Maryland's five percent sales and use tax.

Qualifying apparel include belts, coats, jackets, pants, shoes, socks and sweaters. Special clothing or footwear designed primarily for protective use and not for normal wear, such as football pads, do not qualify. In addition, accessory items such as handbags, jewelry, ties, and umbrellas do not qualify and remain taxable.

Each qualifying article of clothing or footwear selling for \$100 or less will be exempt, regardless of how

many items are sold at the same time. For example, two \$60 sweaters sold at the same time are both exempt, even though the total purchase price is more than \$100.

Items that cost more than \$100 will be taxable, even if they would otherwise be eligible. The first \$100 of a more expensive item is not tax-free. If the item costs \$110, sales tax is due on the entire \$110.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday, call 410-260-7980 from Central Maryland or 1-800-MD TAXES from elsewhere in Maryland, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday,

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75

Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard To verify listing, call 410-272-9008, or visit www.aafes.com and click on "Movie Listing."

YOU, ME AND DUPREE

Friday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 19, 9 p.m.

Starring: Owen Wilson, Kate Hudson, Matt Dillon, Michael Douglas

For newlyweds Carl (Dillon) and Molly Peterson (Hudson), life can't get any sweeter as they begin anew to settle down into married life. With a nice house and established careers in tow, nothing seems to get in their way. However, Carl is about to find out just how much friendship means when Randy Dupree (Wilson), his best friend has been displaced from his home and fired from his job because of attending their wedding. Taking his friend in, what Carl and Molly are about to experience is that the fine line between a few days and whatever else is after, can be a lot more than they bargained for, especially when their friend overstays his welcome in far too many ways than he should. (Rated PG-13)

LITTLE MAN (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Aug. 19, 7 p.m.

Starring: Marlon Wayans, Shawn Wayans, Gabriel Pimental

Fate brings a childless couple a bundle of joy – who happens to have a criminal record. Calvin Simms (Marlon Wayans) is a master criminal who, with the help of his friend and sidekick, Percy (Tracy Morgan), plans a daring robbery of a museum where one of the world's largest diamonds is on display. Simms is able to get inside secure areas because of his size – he is a dwarf who stands less than two feet tall. While Simms is able to get the diamond, he's nearly caught by the police while making his getaway, and stashes the jewel in a bag carried by a passerby. Eager to recover the diamond from the unwitting accomplice, Simms and Percy figure out a way to get into his house – they dress Simms up as a baby, and leave him on the doorstep of the passerby's home. (Rated PG-13)

ATC director awarded John W. Macy Jr. Award

Story by
SUSAN HAGAN
ATC

The director of the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center Test Technology Directorate was awarded the John W. Macy Jr. Award in a ceremony held in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes May 18.

Presented to Harry V. Cunningham by Pete Geren, under secretary of the Army, the award is sponsored by the Secretary of the Army and recognizes excellence in the leadership of civilians by an Army military or civilian supervisor. Recipients of the John W. Macy Jr. Award are described as "leaders who best exemplify the highest traditions of service estab-

lished by Mr. Macy and whose leadership style embraces the Army's philosophy that our leaders are responsible for civilian personnel management."

"As a director you provide strategic vision for the directorate, you provide division chiefs broad latitude to do their assigned missions and you give guidance for the successful conclusion of assigned tasks," Cunningham said. "Directorate personnel do the actual work. So when a director receives recognition, it is in effect recognition of the exceptional work done within the directorate by assigned personnel."

"I was honored to accept this award because, as I see it,

this is not recognition for me; rather it recognizes the exceptionally competent, professional and quality work that goes on within the Test Technology Directorate every day by government civilians, contractors and military personnel. I accepted the award for them, not me," he said.

Throughout his 34 years of military and federal service, Cunningham has demonstrated that he is both a highly technical professional and a strong and effective leader. In 2002, ATC established what would become the Test Technology Directorate. Created to establish test technology to enable ATC to test transforming Army capabilities in a Net Centric War-fare environment, Test Technology was chartered with identifying the nature of the emerging warfighting technologies, how they would be employed on the battlefield, the technologies required to test these, test technology gaps, and developing solutions to close the gaps.

Cunningham was appointed as director, and immediately began to build a team that

has grown from two individuals to more than 100 technical personnel. He brought in experienced leadership from outside the government to support him, and began to staff the organization with young, energetic engineers and scientists integrated with ATC's experienced technical staff to help develop the new ideas for future testing.

Cunningham has personally led the evolution of many tasks, including the transformation of the command's current testing capabilities, establishing a NCW test capability, working with Future Combat Systems developers to understand the new technologies being created, and supporting the development of a nationwide distributed testing network. Through his efforts, ATC is now actively engaged in executing 14 separate development programs, valued at over \$60 million, to develop technologies to support the test and evaluation of FCS.

"Through his supervision, direct action, and support, there are numerous projects Harry Cunningham has been

involved in that have enabled the development of super materiel and systems to support our nations' warfighters," said John P. Rooney, ATC commander.

The culmination of much of Cunningham's efforts was realized in 2005 with the implementation of many of the emerging test technologies during Distributed Test Event 5, a nationwide distributed test utilized as a risk reduction exercise for FCS. Based upon the success of this operation, ATC is now actively engaged in preparations to support FCS in two major experiments in 2006, IV0 and Experiment 1.1.

In addition, in 2005 the Program Manager - Future Combat Systems (Brigade Combat Team) decided it was imperative that senior officials in the U.S. Army, members of Congress and others witness that FCS, a major U.S. Army initiative, had moved from the 'PowerPoint' phase to the implementation phase.

The PM directed that developing and maturing FCS technologies be demonstrated

at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Sept. 20 and 21, 2005, with ATC as the host. Test Technology was given the lead for the demonstration, which required months of work by hundreds of personnel, and was considered a huge success.

Dennis Muilenburg, FCS program manager, and Daniel Zanini, FCS deputy program manager, described the event in a thank you letter as "a significant step forward for the FCS program as the first program-wide demonstrations of pre-prototype technologies were demonstrated to audiences of senior military and industry leaders, Congressional members and staffers and the media."

"Because of these and numerous other contributions and accomplishments Harry Cunningham has achieved over the past 34 years, I feel that he is truly a deserving recipient of the John W. Macy Jr. Award," Rooney said.

(Editor's note: Paul Tennant, deputy director, Test Technology Directorate, contributed to this article.)

Noncommissioned Officers volunteer at CDC

Child Development Center

Fifteen noncommissioned officers attending the Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course, class 31-06 63B, spent the morning with children at the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center Aug. 10.

The Soldiers chose the center to complete their community service commitment before graduation.

The CDC children range in age from 6-weeks-old to 6-years old, according to Darlene Ford, assistant director of the CDC.

Staff Sgt. Alvina Butler coordinated the NCOs' visit to the CDC.

"I chose the child development center to volunteer at because some of the kids

whose parents are deployed miss their parents," Butler said.

During their time at the center, two of the volunteers helped with playground cleanup and the rest were in the classrooms actively involved with the children.

The Soldiers participated with the children in activities that included art, reading activities, table games, outdoor play, the mobile library, water play and lunch, to name a few.

In addition, the NCOs also completed area beautification such as pulling weeds.

Some of the NCOs shared their thoughts on the visit.

"We were happy and excited to play with the kids," Staff Sgt. Chastity Belizaire said. "We plan to go back over before we graduate."

"I think the Soldiers had a good time with the kids because they miss their own kids," said Staff Sgt. Vik Kang. Ford and the other staff mem-



Photo by LESLIE CARPENTER, CDC Staff Sgt. Vik Kang of Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course, class 31-06 63B, reads to Darien Ephram as part of a community service project at the Aberdeen Child Development Center Aug. 10.

bers were pleased the Soldiers came to the center to help.

"The staff and children at the center are greatly appreciative of the time given by the NCO volunteers," Ford said. "These

Soldiers were wonderful role models for the children and a great example of the character possessed by today's Army."

The NCOs graduate from the academy Aug. 22.

Security

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search unit Web sites, organizational Web sites, personal Web sites and Web logs or blogs.

"In the past people have identified themselves by name or someone working in robotics development," Kaffl said. "They were just making themselves targets for terrorists or [spies]."

The OPSEC Web site provides a list of information included in a military housewife's blog such as her husband's name, hometown and unit, according to Kaffl. She

also posted a picture of herself and the date they were expecting their first child.

A Google search on this critical information found the wife's screen name, couple's home address and the wife's and husband's dates of birth.

"You wouldn't put your credit card number on public domain," Kaffl said. "You should treat government information the same way."

Murr heard about a similar situation involving an APG tenant employee.

"One of the employees here at ATC found a picture of an APG employee in uniform on a dating Web site," Murr said.

He said that a foreign intelligence service could have

seen this picture while searching the dating Web site.

"Basically the individual made himself a bigger target for possible exploitation," Murr said.

Murr informed the employee's security manager to let them address the security concern with him.

The Operational Security regulation states if employees or Soldiers want to start a blog that he or she must obtain permission from their public affairs office and the Intelligence Division.

"Soldiers in Iraq use blogs to communicate with their families," Kaffl said. "It is not necessary here. What you hear at work should stay at work."

Web site vulnerabilities

- Overhead images, photos of buildings/security measures, building blueprints, equipment, battle damage, environmental documents.

- Detailed installation maps with highlights of designated points of interest including sleep and work, CDR, dining facility, critical infrastructure and more.

- Security operating procedures.

- Internal procedures, Army regulations, technical manuals, APG regulations, standard operating procedures.

- Tactics, techniques and procedures.

- The installation's capabilities and weaknesses.

- Organizational morale.

(<http://apgrc2gag-intra.apg.army.mil/apg/training/New%20Training%20A-12Oct05.ppt>)

Two APG Soldiers compete in Military Idol

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The second annual Military Idol competition is underway Army-wide and two Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers are in the thick of it.

Maj. Scott Willens, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense and Staff Sgt. Venus Sims, a drill sergeant with Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion, have each moved on from the first round eliminations held in the Spates Community Club at Fort Myer, Va.

Willens won the Fort Myer 2005 competition and reached round 16 in the Army-wide finals at Fort Gordon, Ga.

He performed Aug. 3 and Sims performed Aug. 10. Both singers moved on and will compete in the next elimination round Aug. 24, also at Fort Myer.

For the Aug. 10 event, Sims was the fifth of seven competitors to perform. Only five could move on that night and two had to be eliminated. Sims performed the song "Tell Me If You Still Care," by Monica, and the judges complimented her on her "sultry and soulful" voice.

"I try to sing songs with different ranges," Sims said, adding that she frequently sings the national anthem at U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' functions.

She said her nerves helped her maintain focus.

"Actually the air conditioning was so high I was too cold to be nervous," Sims laughed,

adding that she performs better in front of strangers.

"I'm more comfortable in front of people I don't know but even then, if there is any nervousness, you have to take it and use it," Sims said.

Patricia Jacobs, Fort Myers MWR marketing director, explained that the competition, which began with 17 contestants from around the Northeast Region, will last into September.

"The first two weeks were the elimination rounds," Jacobs said, "and during the week of Aug. 24, 10 competitors will compete for three slots in the semi-finals and from there, only one will be selected to go on to the nationals."

She said that contestants should bring as much support as possible as judging will be 50 percent guest judges and 50 percent audience.

"Soldiers really enjoy the opportunity to show their talent," she said. "We know they have other skills besides soldiering and we appreciate being able to witness it."

Service members on 31 Army installations in the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Belgium, Germany and Korea are participating in local Military Idol competitions through Sept. 30. The Army-wide finals are scheduled for Oct. 28 to Nov. 6 at Fort Belvoir, Va.

For more information, visit Web site <http://www.armymwr.com/portal/news/display.asp>.



Staff Sgt. Venus Sims, a drill sergeant with Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion, performs a song "Tell If You Still Care," by Monica during the Military Idol competition at Fort Meyer, Va., Aug. 10.

MRICD intern attends prestigious international conference

Story by
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MRICD

Among the Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education Program interns working at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense is a promising University of Maryland graduate student, David Yeung. Yeung is conducting his dissertation research at the institute, investigating ways to engineer bioscavenger pretreatments against exposure to chemical warfare agents, and has authored two peer-reviewed scientific journal articles on his work.

Yeung was among 60 top young researchers from U.S. academic and government laboratories selected to attend The Lindau Conference, in Lindau, Germany. This year the meeting was held June 25 to 30.

Since 1951, the conference has provided approximately 200 graduate students and young researchers, chosen from an international pool of over 11,000 nominees, to meet both formally and informally with Nobel laureates in chemistry, physics, and physiology/medicine. The U.S. participants are selected by the Department of Energy, the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of

Health, the U.S. Army and Oak Ridge Associated Universities.

The students gathered in Washington, D.C., on June 23 for an orientation meeting at DOE headquarters before embarking on their trip to Lindau.

For Yeung, the most noteworthy experience of the trip was to see that the laureates are real people who are truly passionate about the work they do, and who are in many ways no different from the students sitting in the audience. The conference was a unique environment that enabled Yeung to interact with other American and foreign graduate students from a wide variety of scientific backgrounds.

"The trip as a whole really opened my eyes to what advantages we have in the U.S.—funding, opportunities, and choices in research topics," Yeung said. "The whole experience gave me a new perspective on American science, which I will hold onto as I continue my career. I truly feel lucky to have had this once-in-a-life-time experience."

Craft

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"The capabilities of this unit are the envy of the Department of Defense," he said. "It is my privilege to command this laboratory knowing that our finest days are ahead of us."

Prior to the ceremony, Logan was awarded the Legion of Merit.

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) provided music for the ceremony.

Col. David W. Craft

A native of Roanoke, Va., Craft was commissioned



through ROTC in 1979 at the University of Alabama. His past assignments include Letterman Army Medical Center, San Francisco, Calif.; 10th Medical Laboratory, Landstuhl, Germany; and Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

In addition, he directed the research laboratories at the Department of Clinical Investigation, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Augusta, Ga., and served as chief, Microbiology, Army Medical Department Center and School, San Antonio, Texas.

Craft is the third Army officer in history to be awarded Diplomacy by the American Board of Medical Microbiology in Medical and Public Health Microbiology, and he is the former microbiology consultant to the Army Surgeon General.

He is married to the former Janice Gayle Kinzie and together they have two children.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Senior golfer goes 2 over par, then scores hole in one

Story and photo by
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APG News

An avid golfer and regular customer at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Ruggles Golf Course had a particularly nice week of golf last month when he shot a 74, for two over par and 10 strokes under his age July 20 then eclipsed that performance July 24 with a rare hole in one. Not a bad week for an 84-year-old golfer.

Burns G. Neal is a retired sergeant first class who worked for the former U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit in Edgewood then retired from the former Materiel Test Directorate, which is now the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command.

He's been a regular at Ruggles since 1974 and said that this is his first official hole in one.

"I really didn't think anything about it," he said when asked about his first reaction. "The guys with me said they thought it went in. They walked up there with me and it was in the cup."

Lefty Mowchan, one of Neal's regular partners, retired from the U.S. Army Materiel

Systems Analysis Activity and now works weekends at Ruggles as a starter/ranger. He said that Neal's accomplishing that feat was just a matter of time.

"It really didn't surprise me," Mowchan said. "I knew it would happen sooner or later. He has a deadly stroke game."

Neal's other partner and fellow MTD retiree, Harry Pomraming, witnessed the event.

"It was the first hole in one I ever witnessed," he said, "and I've been playing since 1964."

Debbie Long, Sutherland Club House manager, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said that she's known Neal about 12 years.

"A hole-in-one doesn't happen often especially for someone his age," Long said.

"Even the two over par is not so unheard of with younger golfers but for an 84-year old it's very rare," she said.

Neal said that with his 85th birthday coming up on Aug. 27, he has a new goal.

"My goal now is to shoot my age," he said with a smile. "That's hard to do at my age too."



Retired Sgt. 1st Class Burnis G. Neal, an 84 year-old avid golfer who shot a 74, for two over par and 10 strokes under his age, July 20 and scored a hole in one four days later, tees off at Ruggles Golf Course Aug. 14.

Activities

All services, classes and events are available to DoD cardholders, military, civilian, contractors, retirees, family members and guests. For information on these or any other events, please check out www.apgmwr.com.

Social Hour moves to Ruggles Club House

Evening socials at Ruggles Golf Course will be held the last Friday of each month and is open to all members of the APG community.

For more information, call 410-278-4794.

Rolling Reader

The Harford County Public Library's outreach vehicle, the Rolling Reader, will join Child Youth Services in providing a free summer recreation program for children not enrolled in the CYS Summer Camp program. CYS will provide arts, crafts and game activities while children wait to go into the Rolling Reader to check out books. Children will be

able to check out and return their books at the Rolling Reader or any Harford County Public Library. The Harford County Public Library's Summer Reading Program, "Clue into Reading" includes a free tote bag upon registration. Fun activities encourage children to complete the program and receive a free book.

Library cards will be available on site for parents and children who do not have one.

Parents must bring a valid driver's license, military ID with orders, or a recent utility bill with a local address. Children under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian fill out a library card registration form. Forms are available through the Harford County Public Library Web site, www.hcplonline.info, under "Library Services" or on the installation at Outreach Services, in building 2752, office 201.

Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Meetings will be held on Thursdays throughout the summer 11 a.m. to noon at Skipper's Point Park in the Edgewood Area, Aug. 17.

Army Community Services is located in building 2754, Rodman Road. For information about these or any other services

that ACS offers, call 410-278-7474/2453.

Introduction to insurance medical billing

The Army community Service Employment Readiness Program will offer a free medical billing class, 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, Sept. 6 through Oct. 11. The class will provide a fundamental understanding of medical insurance billing and the life cycle of an insurance claim in relation to the physician's practice. Students must attend all sessions to receive a certificate of completion.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, Employment Readiness Program, 410-278-9669.

Medical front desk receptionist

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will hold a Medical Front Desk Receptionist class, 6 to 9 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 22 through Sept. 7. Students must attend all sessions to receive a certificate of completion from Harford County Community College.

For more information or to register, call Marilyn Howard, Employment Readiness Program, 410-278-9669.

Play Mornings

ACS offers a weekly play group on Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. for parents and children under 6-years-old to meet other parents while their children socially interact with each other. This is an ongoing program and play groups are held in the APG Chapel, room 5.

Parent Information Exchange (PIE)

This program is for Exceptional Family Members and is 6 to 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. This support group is designed to assist military families who have family members with special needs. Its goals are to improve the members' ability to cope and discuss community resources. Free child care is available; call in advance if needed.

For all SKIES Unlimited programs contact Central Registration for details and registration. An additional \$18 Central Registration Fee will apply if not already enrolled in the Child and Youth Services Program. Call 410-278-7479/7571 for an appointment to register.

Volunteers needed

Anyone interested in teaching classes such as kinder-musik, history, grammar, read-

ing, and mommy and me tumbling, should call Sarah Behl, 410-278-4589.

For more information call 410-278-4589.

Drivers' education

Several sessions of drivers' education are being taught on both Aberdeen and Edgewood. Students 15 to 18 years of age must attend and complete 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours in car instructions. Student must have a Learners Permit. Parents, guardians, or mentors must attend the first class with student. Cost is \$267.

At the EA Conference Center (building E-4811) location, classes are 6 to 9:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 21 thru Sept. 1.

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Through practice, students will learn the best form of self-defense, developing leadership and teamwork skills.

Classes will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center, 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 7 thru 12 and 7 to 8 p.m. for ages 13 thru 18, through Sept. 7 and Sept. 12 through Oct. 5. Cost is \$85.

Basic automotive maintenance classes

Hands on training on basic vehicle maintenance is scheduled for the third Thursday of each month for men, women, or teenagers 16 and older. For \$5 participants will learn basic automotive maintenance to help keep a motor vehicle operating and recognizing early maintenance problems associated with every day use. The class will include changing and discarding of oil and oil filters, changing and rotating tires, checking fluid levels and filling and using lifts and equipment available all while observing safety while working on vehicle. Sign up at the Automotive Center, building 2379.

Martial arts classes

This Chinese style of martial arts will provide discipline, while physically developing and mentally preparing students to learn how to defend themselves. They will learn basic movements and progress to advanced techniques. The system also provides an extensive workable knowledge in the art of self defense for children, women and men of all ages. The instructor has 34 years of experience in the martial arts and is the owner and Master Instructor of the Scarlet Dragon Lung-Fu-Do System. Classes are held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, Aug. 21 through Oct. 18, at the Aberdeen Youth Center. No class on Sept. 4 or Oct. 9. Participants must be 7 to 18.

years of age. Cost is \$70. For more information, call instructor Michael Gilbert, 410-272-2712 or 410-306-1120.

Babysitting classes

Training to become a Red Cross Certified Babysitter will be held 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Aug. 23, Sept. 12, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 28, Jan. 22 at Army Community Services, building 2754. Bring a bag lunch.

Participants must be between the ages of 13 and 15.

For information on Outdoor Programs, call Charles Heinsohn, 410-278-3868. To sign up for a class, visit MWR Registration, located in building 3326, call 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil or visit Web site, www.apgmwr.com.

Wilderness Challenge

Join 80 other military teams in a three-day endurance event in scenic Fayetteville, West Va., Oct. 5 thru 7. Teams are made up of four active duty personnel and consist of any gender combination, however one team member must be female. Registration and clinics will be held on Thursday; mountain run, whitewater swim and whitewater raft race will be held on Friday and on Saturday, mountain bike, Duckie race, mountain hike, awards and dinner will end the event.

Registration is open. Visit www.ima.army.mil/northeast/newtemplatesites/local/default.asp for more information. For more information, call 757-788-5280 or DSN 680-5280.

For information on these or any other division of sports and fitness, call Ralph Cuomo, 410-278-2812.

To sign up for a youth sport, contact Central Registration, building 2752, 41-278-7571/7479. All sports participants must have a current sports physical, due at registration and be a member of Youth Services.

Coaches needed

Anyone interested in volunteering to coach, or would like more information should call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Arts & Crafts

Aberdeen Arts and Crafts is located in building 2407. Edgewood Arts and Crafts is located in building E-4440. For information, call Debbie Brooks-Harris, 410-278-4207 or Holly Shisler, 410-436-2153.

Pottery Studio

Edgewood Arts and Crafts Pottery Studio has everything needed to create a hand-painted work of art and nifty design tools. Prices range from \$3 to \$25.

Stained Glass class

Students make a small sun-catcher using the copper foil method of stained glass. The class is held the third Saturday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. and the cost is \$35, including supplies.

SCHOOL LIAISON

Homeschool orientation

Learning in One's Natural Style (LIONS) Co-op will hold an orientation, 1 to 3 p.m., Aug. 18, at the Recreation Center, building 3326. Families that homeschool their children have the opportunity to meet and learn about the upcoming class schedule.

For more information, call Chel Shupp, 443-655-0271, or e-mail ccttshupp@comcast.com.

Roye-Williams holds Open House

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold an "Open House/Back to School Night," 6:30 p.m., Aug. 24.

Roye-Williams is combining its Open House and back to School Night to form a partnership between home and school before the school year begins.

The school store will be open for parents and students to purchase back-to-school supplies, and parents will be able to deposit funds into their child's lunch account.

For more information, call the school, 410-273-5536.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

The following are a few of the new titles available at the APG MWR Library:

Insight: case files from the psychic world by Sylvia Browne

American's Victories: why the U.S. wins wars and will win the War on Terror by Larry Schweikart

Confronting Iran: the failure of American foreign policy and the next great crisis in the Middle East by Ali Ansari

Crashproof Your Kids: make your teen a safer, smarter driver by Timothy Smith

Cross of Iron: the rise and fall of the German war machine, 1918-1945 by John Mosier

I Feel Bad About My Neck: and other thoughts on being a woman by Nora Ephron

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

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

Week of Aug. 15

Special #1: Egg salad sandwich on white bread (choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions) chips, one cookie and soda for \$3.95.

Special #2: BBQ pork sandwich on hamburger bun, French fries, soda and one cookie for \$6.75.

Week of Aug. 22

Special #1: Double cheeseburger with bacon (choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onions), French fries, one cookie and soda for \$6.85.

Special #2: Grilled cheese with bacon, chips, one cookie and soda for \$4.95.

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

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 am.



Requirements for motorcyclists on APG

DSHE

Recently, the Army has suffered the loss of many Soldiers due to motorcycle accidents. Some of the accidents were due to negligent operators and negligent drivers, others resulted from drinking and driving, but some are caused by the motorcycle rider not being seen.

The Installation Safety Division and the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security have put together a list of approved outerwear for motorcyclists entering and riding on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"There is risk involved in operating a motorcycle," said Robert Krauer, director, DLES. "Operators must identify and manage the risks. Riding wouldn't be enjoyable if riders were expected to wrap up in duct tape and surround their bodies with a mirage of safety devices. The trick is to manage the risks, and try to avoid risky behavior while operating a motorcycle."

The following information is provided to help eliminate any confusion that motorcyclists may have about personal protective equipment requirements for operating a motorcycle on APG.

Military and civilian personnel must comply with all Department of Defense and Army regulations regarding motorcycle operations while operating a motorcycle on the installation, and off the installation, when in a duty status.

DoD Instruction 6055.4, paragraph E3.2.7.1 clearly states that PPE is mandatory for all persons, military and civilian, operating or riding as a

passenger on a motorcycle or ATV. It also states that helmets must be certified to meet Department of Transportation standards properly fastened under the chin.

Each approved helmet will have an identifier stating that it has been DOT approved. There should be a sticker on the outside, or a tag on the inside or a label. All helmets must have a strap properly fastened to the helmet and worn under the chin.

"The first thing a motorist sees or fails to see is the rider's helmet because it is the highest part visible," said H. Mike Allen, DSHE. "Choose a bright colored helmet that is easily identifiable."

If goggles or face shields are used, they must be impact or shatter resistant. Goggles or full-face shields must be properly attached to helmet. A windshield alone does not constitute proper eye protection.

Eye protection may be clear or shaded and must meet ANSI Standard Z89.1. This includes the safety eye wear worn alone or under a face shield; a face shield that is made of plastic and ANSI compliant. All equipment meeting this requirement will have an identifiable imprint of "ANSI Z89" located somewhere on the item.

It is required that footwear be sturdy. Leather boots or over the ankle shoes are strongly encouraged. Heavy leather boots can reduce or prevent road rash. Over-the ankle shoes do not include tennis shoes of any kind.

Additionally, it is required that gloves be worn. They can be full-fingered or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle. Leather is recommended,

but cloth is acceptable. Other clothing includes long sleeved shirt or jacket, and long trousers. Long trousers and long sleeved shirts or jackets can be made of any material, but for maximum protection the better type materials are denim, lightweight leather, corduroy, nylon and kevlar.

"The visibility of the PPE equipment and garments is extremely important," Allen said.

For garment visibility a brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night are required. Outer upper garment(s) must be clearly visible and not covered. High visibility garments are bright for the daytime and reflective for night riding.

"The color white reflects five times more light than red but red generally means danger. It says STOP," Krauer said. "Red and white are used for stop signs and railroad crossings. Red also appears brighter to the human eye than it really is. Drivers generally interpret these colors as something to avoid.

"To be highly visible, an object must be recognized without confusion or ambiguity. Every second counts in avoiding a crash. Even a few tenths of a second spent deciding the meaning of what is seen can make the difference between a close call and a fatality," Krauer said.

"Using bright colors during the day and retro-reflective tape on helmets or vests when riding a motorcycle at night will undoubtedly reduce the chances of being hit by making riders both visible and recognizable," Allen said.

Approved clothing for riding on APG

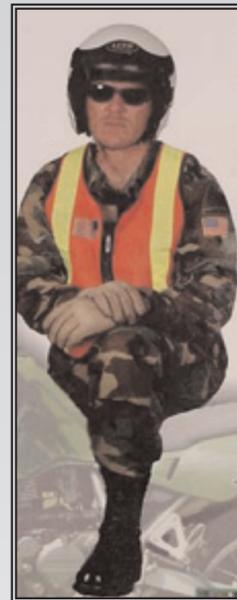
- During the daytime, the upper body must have some type of bright colored garment. Belt and arm bands do not meet the daytime use for highly visible standards, nor do they with the requirement for brightly colored upper garments. These arm bands and belts can be used in darkness, if they are reflective. This applies to the operator and passengers when in operation.

- Rider and passenger can wear a long sleeved bright and highly visible shirt.

- Rider and passenger can wear a bright and highly visible jacket, or the rider can wear the orange or green retro-reflective vest over dark or unacceptable colors e.g., a rider may wear a brightly colored reflective vest over BDU. A dark colored jacket or vest with integral retro-reflective stripes is not a brightly colored upper garment for daytime visibility.

- The bright color of the garment must be dominant or it will not meet the criteria.

- At night, the rider and passenger must have an upper body retro-reflective material/garment. This can be retro-reflective material such as a full jacket or vest, running/jogging belt worn diagonally over back and chest, or armbands on (both arms) only if they are of retro-reflective material. If a backpack is worn, the garment or reflective vest must cover it.



Retired Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Zolinski is wearing the proper reflective clothing to gain entrance to Aberdeen Proving Ground, including a DOT approved 3/4 helmet, eye protection meeting ANSI standard Z87, gloves, leather boots, long sleeved shirt, long trousers, bright upper body garment for daytime and retro-reflective material for night-time use.

Riding a motorcycle in the heat

Story by **JACKIE VAUGHAN**
Special contributor

Hot summer days can make a convection oven look positively chilly. Riding a motorcycle in hot weather presents its own challenges. However, rather than staying home and missing all the fun, with a little planning it is still possible to enjoy favorite roads.

Dressing properly is very important. A T-shirt and shorts are not the answer. Exposed skin is not only dangerous in a crash, it's a major source of dehydration and sunburn. Add to that the long-term danger of skin cancer and covering up becomes the clear choice.

Cover all exposed skin to reduce dehydration. There are some specialized clothes that purport to have UV resistance

built in, but they are a bit on the pricey side. A long-sleeve cotton shirt, cotton jeans, and gloves, all normal safety wear, are the clothing of choice.

Many riders use the old biker's trick of soaking the body of a heavy cotton sweat-shirt in water, leaving as much water in the shirt as possible. The sleeves are left dry from the elbows down, as well as from the waist down, to allow for moisture wicking down. The wet shirt becomes an evaporative cooler that leaves the rider in blissful comfort for at least an hour.

Apply plenty of sunscreen to the face and back of the neck, and if gloves are not worn, to the backs of the hands. Look for a product that is strongly water-resistant so it won't run into the eyes from

perspiration. Use at least SPF 30, and since sunscreen loses potency with age, make sure it's fresh. Most people fail to put on enough sunscreen or reapply throughout their ride.

Start the ride well-hydrated, taking in at least a quart of liquid before departure. Contrary to logic, this will not necessitate extra pit stops.

Take in at least a quart of liquid such as water or sports drinks every hour. If the temperature or heat index is very high, double that intake, since fluid loss can top a gallon an hour.

Riders who do not need to make a pit stop every couple of hours are dehydrating and should sharply increase their fluid intake.

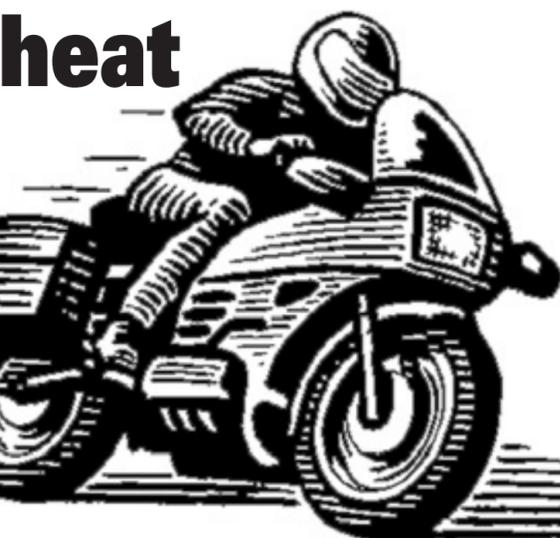
Break the ride into segments with extended cool-off

periods every couple of hours. These can be refreshment stops, points of interest, or just spending 30 or 40 minutes in a cool gas station, sipping a sports drink.

Caffeine tends to increase dehydration, as does alcohol.

Know the signs of heat exhaustion (profuse sweating, dizziness, flushed face, weakness, muscle cramps) and heat stroke (no sweating, pale face, shallow respiration, collapse).

Riders and co-riders should



watch for them in themselves and in others. At the first signs, seek a cool place and cool the victim down as quickly as possible. In heat stroke, seek

emergency medical help. With a little preparation and common sense, beating the heat is a lot more fun than staying home.

Self-managing diabetes

Story by **ELLEN LIPSCOMB**
Kimrough Ambulatory Care Center

Although a cure for diabetes has not yet been found, it can be treated and controlled.

Most people with diabetes manage their disease and lead normal lives. But, without proper care, education, and self-management skills, diabetes can lead to heart and kidney disease, high blood pressure, eye damage and blindness, gum disease, serious infections in feet and amputations.

In Diabetes Mellitus (Type

One), the body does not produce insulin. In Diabetes Mellitus (Type Two), the body does not produce enough insulin or the cells ignore the insulin.

Insulin is necessary for the body to be able to use glucose (sugar). Sugar is the basic fuel for the cells in the body, and insulin takes the sugar from the blood into the cells.

When glucose builds up in the blood instead of going into cells, it can cause the cells to be starved for energy. Over time, high blood-glucose levels can damage the eyes, kid-

neys, nerves or heart.

Eating a lot of sugar, in and of itself, does not cause diabetes, but it can lead to tooth decay and obesity.

Most medical experts recommend that anyone with a medical condition that someone would need to know about in an emergency (such as diabetes) wear some form of medical identification jewelry. Having this kind of information easily visible can save time in an emergency and may save a life, especially if the person takes insulin.

Ask a health professional

about securing medication-identification jewelry, ask how to self manage diabetes, and join a diabetes support group.

Active duty service members should make sure their "dog tag" has disease-specific information documented.

For more information, call Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, 410-278-1724 for patient-education classes and resources, or visit http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/464780_print?pi=true. (Editor's note: Printed with permission from Kimrough Ambulatory Care Center.)

DoD program for those feeling emotionally disconnected

www.MilitaryMentalHealth.org

Perhaps it is just a bad day. Perhaps it is more. Perhaps this feeling of being disconnected, not really here and different from everyone else will pass. But it may not.

To help service personnel and their family members privately determine the status of their emotional well-being, the Department of Defense is providing an anonymous mental health self-assessment at www.MilitaryMentalHealth.org.

Screenings are available for depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and alcohol use.

The end of summer and the beginning of fall are times of transition for families as children return to school and the long days of summer come to an end.

For families waiting for loved ones to come home from deployment, normal transition is anything but easy. Stress, always a part of life, can become unbear-

able. That feeling of being disconnected can get worse.

The program's message is that taking stock of emotions and seeking help during times of stress are signs of courage not weakness. The self-assessment is a place to start putting the pieces together.

The program is offered through the nonprofit organization Screening for Mental Health, Inc., (www.MentalHealthScreening.org).

LEAVE DONATIONS

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

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From front page
Edwards said he offers sobering advice.

"I tell them to first be totally sure that this is what

they want to do because it's hard work, but if they do decide to go for it, then give it their all and don't give up," he said.

"Like any other goal in life, you have to remember your training and apply yourself."

British soccer camp teaches culture, values

Story and photos by
HEATHER TASSMER
APG News

Children and youths learned about different cultures and sportsmanship in addition to soccer skills during the Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp July 24 to 28 at the Child Youth Center field.

Two English coaches, Robert Gordon Smith, 22, from Rugby, and Matt Hoy, 24, from London, brought their expertise to the fifth-annual camp at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Smith conducted the camp for ages 4 to 9 and Hoy conducted the camp for ages from 10 to 14.

"[The program is] really taking off recreationally," Smith said. "The kids really love it."

Hoy echoed Smith's comment about the success of the program.

"It's going really good," Hoy said. "[The campers] are good kids and well behaved."

The camp is so well-liked that some participants come back for more, according to Bill Kegley, APG sports director.

"There's a group of ten that come back every year," Kegley said. "Parents really like it too."

During the camp, children and youths participated in World Cup scrimmages against their age groups. Each team represented a country such as Italy, England or Germany. At the end of the week, the teams competed in a World Cup tournament. They received points for making flags for their team country, painting their face or using colored hair spray.

In addition to games and soccer skills, Challenger Sports' Soccer Camp incorporates respect, responsibility, integrity, leadership and sportsmanship into the week.

"Each day we ask [the campers] to give us an example of the values they see during the game and outside of the game," Smith said.

These values come from Champions of Character, a partnership between Challenger Sports and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics to help young people make the right decision during all kinds of situations in their lives.

Children received World Cup points for using the values



Coach Rob Smith guards the goal while 5-year-old Tyler Humphrey gets ready to shoot the ball during the Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp July 24 to July 28.

while playing a game and lost points for doing or saying something negative.

"We don't put a lot of emphasis on winning," Smith said. "We teach them about sportsmanship by taking off points for arguing during a game."

Smith said he and Hoy reward campers for leadership if they encourage those who are down about the game.

"We give them points if someone says 'we can do it' and that don't give up until the end," he said.

Hoy discussed the importance of teaching campers sportsmanship and

other values.

"Some American kids aren't very good sports when they lose," Hoy said. "They sulk and sit out when they don't win. Some cry when they don't win."

Hoy said in Britain competing teams congratulate each other and shake hands when a game is over.

The focus of the camp for the younger group of camp participants was more on fun and games than skills, Smith said.

They played games like Cowboys and Indians and Flatten the Frog. During Cowboys and Indians children had to kick the ball so that it would hit the opponents below the knee. After the player was hit with the ball they would be eliminated from the game. For Flatten the Frog children kicked the ball to knock down cones.

The purpose of the games was to help the children with aiming and shooting the ball, Smith said.

Members of the older group at the camp learn more about skills such as how to use different turns, defend and pass the ball.

"They learn how to pass the ball while they're in mid-field," Hoy said.

One of the activities the youths participated in was about defending and stealing the ball. The youths would lay down on their stomachs and when Hoy told them to go, they had to run as fast as they could to a

ball. The object for campers who reached the balls first was to keep other players from taking it away from them. Those who didn't reach the ball first had to take it from their opponents and kick it away from them.

The campers shared what their experiences were like during the week.

"I learned how to trick people or fake people out," said Alex Suffecool, 14, of Baltimore. This year was Suffecool's first year. He found out about it from his cousin, Kevin Kappauf, 10, of Churchville, another participant of the camp.

Suffecool also said the coaches were helpful.

"Both coaches are good," he said. "Matt is very thorough. If you don't get something, he works with you until you get it."

This year was also the first year for Megan Fritzsing, 13. However, Fritzsing said she has been playing soccer since she was four.

"I got to practice with new people and learn a lot of new techniques," she said. "Some of the new techniques were how to hit the ball off of our heads and balancing it on one foot."

The camp has also been beneficial for 10-year-old Oneil Bogues.

"I think the camp is fun," Bogues said. "I'm learning how to interact and work with people that are older than me."

Parents are very supportive of

the British soccer camp.

Tiffany Gugliotta of Perryville had two sons, Dominic, 7, and Vincent, 5, participating in the program. It was their third year.

"The coaches are really good," Gugliotta said. "They are very into teaching the kids responsibility. [The camp] is not just about kicking a ball around or winning and losing. The character traits that the coaches teach are good for kids to know at a young age."

Jennifer Humphrey also had two children, Tyler, 5, and Marina, 10, who participated in the camp.

"I think it's really neat," Humphrey said. "It teaches the kids sportsmanship."

Humphrey said that the camp is also beneficial for Tyler because he didn't go to preschool.

"It teaches him to listen and play with others," she said.

Hoy and Smith have a lot of experience with coaching. Both of them have coached in England. This was Hoy's fourth year and Smith's second year working for Challenger Sports.

Smith said he hopes to be a coach for the camp next year.

"It's a fun job," he said. "It's a good way to travel and see different parts of the country."

Hoy plans to move to California or Rhode Island and work for Challenger Sports permanently.

"It's a really good program," Hoy said. "Everyone I have met [and worked with] has had a good personality. They are very professional and organized."

The Challenger Sports camp on Aberdeen Proving Ground is just one of 1,500 throughout the United States and Canada, according to the Challenger Sports Web site.

The coaches stay with a different host family for each different camp.

Hoy said his favorite states that he has traveled in are Maryland and North Carolina because the "people are very friendly."

For more information about Challenger Sports and APG Sports, visit www.challengersports.com and <http://www.apgmwr.com>.



Vincent Gugliotta, 5, concentrates while dribbling a ball between the cones.



Ten-year-olds Katherine Flanigan, left, and Martine Ianniello work together during a partner activity.



Asha Thomas, 4, dribbles a ball through a set of cones.



Campers received a free T-shirt that included the camp's values.