

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Sept. 6, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Reduced gate hours for holiday weekend

There will be reduced gate operations at Aberdeen Proving Ground for the Labor Day holiday.

The Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area will close at 10 p.m., Friday, Sept. 1 and the Wise Road Gate in the Edgewood Area will close at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1. Both gates will reopen at 4 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 5.

'Idol' hopeful moves on

Maj. Scott Willens with the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense will perform at 7 p.m., Aug. 31, in the next round of Military Idol at Fort Myer's Spates Community Club.

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.

Pet clinic closing

The Post Veterinary Treatment Facility will close Aug. 31 for inventory. The clinic will reopen Sept. 5 after the Labor Day holiday. For more information, call 410-278-4604.

RAB meeting tonight

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.

Registration open for UMUC fall 2006

Registration has begun for the University of Maryland University

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Women's Equality Day shows appreciation for women leaders

Story by **HEATHER TASSMER**
APG News

Women have not had it easy achieving equal rights. It took women 72 years of perseverance and hard work to obtain the right to vote in 1920.

Military, civilian and contractor employees of Aberdeen Proving Ground celebrated these efforts and rights during Women's Equality Day Aug. 23 at the Conference Center in the Edgewood Area.

This was the 21st year APG has celebrated Women's Equality Day, according to Diane Siler with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

This year's theme was "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams."

"I think it's an excellent theme," said Sheryl Coleman, Federal Women's Program chairperson and program specialist at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. "I think our society doesn't think of women as builders; women are thought of as assistants. Women are the people who organize neighborhood watches that build strong communities

and help keep people together."

The FWP, an Equal Employment Opportunity Program, sponsored the day's program.

Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and RDECOM, attended the event and spoke about women's equality.

Nadeau said he doesn't give much thought about women's rights to vote and women's equality.

"Usually I just see the uniform during promotions and job selections," Nadeau said. "I look at the person's key points, credentials and potential to advance."

Nadeau pointed out women heroes and leaders from APG including Jill Smith, director of Weapons and Materials Research Directorate of ARL, and Eva Mims, Nadeau's secretary, who sang the national anthem as part of the program, before introducing the guest speaker.

"Eva is very well versed in the organization," Nadeau said. "She has to function with the same knowledge that I have. I couldn't be successful without her."

Then he introduced the guest speak-

er, Diane M. Devens, regional director of Installation Management Agency's Northeast Region, Fort Monroe, Va.

"She didn't get this job because she was a woman," Nadeau said. "She got the job because she was qualified for it."

Devens' responsibilities include oversight, management and execution of all installation management programs for U.S. Army installations in the region. She also serves as rater for garrison commanders assigned to her region and spokeswoman for all base operations support issues on U.S. Army installations in NER.

Devens spoke about women's equality and career advancement.

"This day we are celebrating the signing of the 19th Amendment which secured women's right to vote," she said. "It's far too easy to take this important right for granted given the fact that almost half of qualified voters don't bother to vote."

"Voting is the first step in our government's change processes," Devens said. "Fighting for change is a journey that continues for generations very

often, and the fight for equality did not end with the right to vote."

She said that it was only in 1997 that the Supreme Court ruled Virginia Military Institute had to accept "qualified women as well as qualified men."

Devens also mentioned that the subject of women engaging in combat is still argued about today.

"My firm belief is that full equality means sharing in not only the rights and benefits of citizenship but its responsibilities as well," she said. "It means taking the hard jobs and doing the hard things when they need to be done."

Devens also spoke about career advancement for women. She said that "sacrifice and selfless service" come with the responsibilities of a supervising position.

She said today's Soldiers are doing just that.

"With models like [the Soldiers] I don't have much time for those who approach career advancement as a higher salary that is owed to them," she said. "Career advancement is more about

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Educators important in building military children's lives

Story by **RUDI WILLIAMS**
American Forces Press Service

It's important that teachers and other school officials understand factors affecting children of military families, a senior Army general said July 13.

A military lifestyle often is characterized by frequent moves and parents who are deployed for long periods of time, Army Gen. David D. McKiernan, commander of U.S. Army Europe, told attendees at the Military Child Education Coalition's Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award dinner.

"The importance of teachers, principals and counselors

understanding the differences between military and civilian children can make the difference in a child's life," McKiernan told the more than 500 conference attendees. "It can also make a difference between labeling a student as a problem student and understanding the stresses at home and working with the child."

McKiernan noted that the Department of Defense Education Activity runs 109 schools in 55 communities in Europe, and each one is unique. The activity works with each community and adjusts school schedules to account for military activities, he said.

As the U.S. military adjusts its footprint in Europe and units and troops return to the United States, the education activity is heavily involved in the planning process, McKiernan said.

"As our Army rebases in Europe and within the U.S., this type of detailed planning will be of vital importance to ensuring our children have quality schools and educational programs," he said.

During the dinner, McKiernan announced the five winners of the Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Awards. Taylor was a founder and chairman of the Military Child Education Coalition, a

nonprofit group that works toward better education opportunities for military children.

Taylor, a retired Army general, recognized the importance of partnerships between local school districts and their nearby military installations, McKiernan said. The awards recognize communities, educators and military installations that work together to improve education for military children.

The Heidelberg School district and the Heidelberg military garrison in Heidelberg, Germany, were lauded for their program, "The Real World - What are you doing?" The program aims to prepare

students for college and careers.

The 52nd Fighter Wing, its 52nd Mission Support Group, and Bitburg High School in Bitburg, Germany, were lauded for their "Commander's Honor Roll" project which recognizes students' scholastic achievements. The community projects will receive \$1,000 each from MCEC to further their initiatives.

Two Texas communities each received \$5,000 to further partnerships: Fort Bliss and the El Paso Independent School District, and Fort Sam Houston and the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District in San Antonio.

Army continues budget constraints

Army Public Affairs

Faced with the high costs of war, the Army currently plans to continue most of the spending restrictions it imposed prior to the fiscal year 2006 supplemental, which passed in June. These budget constraints will remain in place through the rest of this fiscal year, ending Sept. 30, and into FY 07. Certain policies will be reviewed for possible modification, including civilian hiring and contracting limits, both of which were originally intended to be temporary means to preserve solvency in FY 06.

To conserve funding while awaiting passage of the main FY 06 emergency supplemental appropriation, the Army significantly scaled back spending from its operations and maintenance account. Among the constraints implemented were:

- Limiting supply purchases to critical wartime needs only
- Cancellation and/or postponement of all non-mission-essential travel
- Stopping shipment of goods, unless necessary to support deployed units or those preparing to deploy
- A hiring freeze on new civilians, except for new interns and lateral moves/promotions of current employees
- Releasing temporary employees (who will not be hired back even with receipt of supplemental funding)
- A freeze on all new contract awards and all new task orders on existing contracts
- Restrictions on the use of government credit cards

The Army also began and continues to plan for the release of selected service-contract employees.

The Army chose to retain these constraints for two purposes: to ensure closing FY 06 without an Anti-Deficiency Act violation and to prepare for anticipated cuts to the FY 2007 base budget now on Capitol Hill.

Through these measures, the Army has achieved an overall downward trend in spending--largely resulting from cost avoidance. Travel and transportation monthly obligations are

down 10 percent; contract obligations fell by 11 percent; supply obligations are lower by 8 percent; and government credit-card use is down 5 percent. Civilian employee end strength has remained constant.

With FY 07 less than 40 days away, the Army continues its war-fighting mission and other activities at a vigorous pace. Providing relevant and ready land power to the long war remains the primary objective.

Concurrently, the Army is moving forward with the formation of a campaign-quality modular force; modernization of its weapon, intelligence and communications systems; rebalancing of the active and reserve components; and implementation of base closure and realignment, and global positioning initiatives.

This extraordinary density of activities and complexity of demands require the direct attention of three- and four-star commanders to ensure greater visibility over traditional controls and policies. Both also require fundamental change in the way that the Army conducts business. The Army must streamline or eliminate redundancies to free financial and human resources that can then be redirected to its core war-fighting mission.

The Army therefore is striving to:

- Improve the processes for repairing equipment and resetting the force
- Reengineer manufacturing and administrative processes
- Outsource where it makes sense
- Make the best use of economies of scale in all contracted services
- Apply information technology in order to improve support activities and eliminate functions where possible
- Achieve cost savings in software and hardware while pursuing enterprise-level solutions for networking practices

These steps will increase stability and help senior leaders to focus on current fiscal reality. They also will help to set the conditions needed to proceed with Lean Six Sigma and other key business reengineering techniques.



Leadership changes at Developmental Test Command

Story by **MIKE CAST**
DTC Public Affairs

Retired Brig. Gen. Michael Combest passed the guidon of the Army Developmental Test Command to its new commander, Col. Frank "Del" Turner III during a change-of-command ceremony Aug. 16 that also marked Combest's retirement from the Army, ending a military career that began in 1974.

Turner comes to DTC from an assignment at U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort McPherson, in Atlanta, where he was chief of the command's Training Division and executive officer to the FORSCOM commanding general. Prior to those assignments, he commanded the 5th Brigade, 78th Division, at Fort George G. Meade Md., where he served from July 2000 to August 2002.

Turner's command philosophy is summed up in a letter he released to

DTC staff upon his assumption of command Aug. 16.

"I am proud to be your commander," he wrote to DTC employees. "It is a privilege that I view as a sacred trust bestowed upon me by the Army and the nation. Our charter, as I see it, is for this command to ensure warfighters have the right capabilities to succeed across the entire spectrum of operations while taking care of everyone in the Developmental Test Command family."

Turner also expressed several thoughts on his personal philosophy, foremost of which was his commitment to the U.S. Constitution and the oaths of office and enlistment that Army personnel swear to uphold.

"Army values build trust and confidence within a unit," he wrote. "They also express what the country expects of its armed forces."

Ending on a lighter note, he urged

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Photo by RALPH BROTH, DOIM
Incoming commander Col. Frank "Del" Turner III, left, receives the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command guidon from Maj. Gen. James Myles, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, during the DTC change of command ceremony Aug. 16.

Vacation Bible School features Fiesta of Hispanic culture, lessons about Jesus

Story and photos by
HEATHER TASSMER
APG News

"Viva!" was a favorite word children and youths kept on shouting after hearing a daily Bible theme.

The word in English means "long live" or "Hurrah" in English.

No, the children and youths weren't in Mexico. They were celebrating Jesus' life during "Fiesta," a Mexican-themed Vacation Bible School, Aug. 7 to 11 at the Main Post Chapel.

Sixty volunteers and 65 children and youths attended Vacation Bible School throughout the week, according to Gerri Merkel, director of

Religious Education for the Aberdeen Proving Ground chapels.

The children and youths ranged in age from preschool to sixth grade.

Merkel said the curriculum for "Fiesta" was from Group Publishing, a publishing company which sells and distributes educational religious materials to churches.

"Vacation Bible School teaches children about Jesus and to love one another," she said.

Chaplain Fred MacLean, who wore a cowboy hat and other western gear to celebrate the theme, talked about another beneficial aspect of VBS.

"One of the unique opportunities is that Catholics, Protestants and Gospel congregations come together to teach children about the concepts of Christianity and only good becomes of it," MacLean said. "No one asks which congregation someone is from, and that is something you don't see outside the gate."

The leaders of each activity or station presented a different scripture story to children and youths each day of Bible school, Merkel said.

Also, the curriculum included a different saying for each day and a character.

Monday's saying or theme was "Jesus is our friend" with Ray the sun; Tuesday was "Jesus is our life" with Rosa the rabbit; Wednesday was "Jesus is our leader" with Cody the Coyote; Thursday was "Jesus is our savior" with Spike the Cactus and Friday was "Jesus is our helper" with Pablo the pepper.

Children yelled "Viva!" after a Bible school volunteer or teacher would say the Bible point of the day.

At the beginning of each evening, everyone gathered in the chapel for "Sing and Play Ole," a time of singing and praising Jesus. Some of the songs they sang were "Never be the Same," "We Wanna See" and "Help Me Jesus." The VBS attendees used maracas and other instruments for the songs to reflect the cultural theme.

"I liked the songs," 11-year-old David Robinson said. "They were joyful and nice to have for Vacation Bible School."



Kelley Colopietro leads songs during Sing and Ole' Play.



Ray the sun was one of five characters who helped teach children the Bible theme of the day. Ray helped children remember the theme "Jesus is our friend."



Jada Bright, 4, shows her appreciation for Jesus during Sing and Ole' Play.

After the songs ended, groups of children and youths rotated to four different stations which reflected the Bible teaching of the day.

Children and youths acted out scripture lessons in costume at the Bible Adventures station.

Chadder's Desert Drive-In Theater featured videos of Chadder, the chipmunk and his friends that helped teach the children and youths about Jesus.

At Maraca Munchies, VBS attendees tasted snacks which matched the day's theme.

On Aug. 11, the lesson was from Acts: 9: 1-19 when Ananias helped Saul after he had lost his sight for three days. Then Saul decided to accept the Lord and later became a disciple.

The snacks of the night were licorice, crackers with cheese and pepperoni to represent Saul's eyes.

Cactus Crafts and Missions craft of the night was a light switch cover children and youths colored that said, "Get Fired Up about Jesus."

Other crafts of the week included boppal-loons, balloons filled with confetti and sun catchers.

At the end of the week, the chapel provided a barbecue for VBS attendees and their parents.

During the meal children took turns hitting a candy-filled pinata.

When the children had finished rotating to each station on Friday, all the participants gath-

ered in the chapel to sing more songs.

Merkel and McLean thanked the volunteers by presenting them with appreciation certificates.

The energetic VBS attendees talked about their overall opinion of this year's VBS.

"It's a good place for kids to celebrate Jesus," 12-year-old Kirsten Newman said. "The crafts and songs get kids revved up about Jesus."

"I like Vacation Bible School," 6-year-old Kirsten Thomason said. "I like the instruments and coloring [the crafts]."

Many of the children's parents volunteered for VBS.

Lekeshia Wade, spouse of Staff Sgt. Antonio Wade, a welder/instructor for the 16th Ordnance Battalion, attended the cookout and conclusion of VBS. Her 5-year-old son, Zachary, attended.

"I enjoy Vacation Bible School," Lekeshia said. "I think my son enjoys it too. It helps kids to learn more about the Lord and it's a chance for them to see their friends before school starts."

In addition to learning about Jesus, children and youths sent blankets to the poor with prayer messages inside for "Operation Kid to Kid," an outreach and partnership program of Group Publishing.



Hunter Brown, 9, colors a "Get Fired Up About Jesus" light switch cover at the Cactus Crafts and Missions station.

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Area beautification focus of Well-Being Action Council

Story by
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Grass cutting and area beautification were the main topics at the Aug. 17 Well-Being Action Council meeting at the Main Post chapel.

Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, updated attendees on the status of the grass cutting on the installation.

"Directorate of Installation Operations and MWR [Morale, Welfare and Recreation] are doing the best they can to cut grass at the common areas," Wright said.

These common areas include playgrounds, areas along the roadways and bus stops.

Wright said if someone sees a lawn that hasn't been cut in a while they should call DIO.

"We had 50 people cutting the grass before," Wright said. "One-thousand acres of grass just takes a while to cut with just the handful of people we have now."

He also told attendees that the Military and Civilian Spouses' gardening group, AAFES and other organizations have assisted with "installation-wide beautification efforts" around the PX and other areas.

"Although the entrances to the installation are looking a little shabby we are slowly getting there," Wright said. "The flowers and shrubs are great."

The next step in area beautification is to put up some street light banners similar to the holiday banners APG military and civilian members have seen on the installation before, Wright said.

This is a joint effort between the garrison and the Military and Civilian Spouses Club.

He said the street light banners would be hung at the four access points of the installation.

Several ideas have been generated, Wright said. One idea for the banner is to use the 90th Anniversary logo. Another idea is to print the APG logo on the banner and the other idea is to use both logos.

The garrison is open to any other ideas, Wright said.

He said he sent out a memo to all tenant organizations and activities encouraging them to contribute to the banner project.

"If several organizations provide \$500 each we can rapidly reach our goal of \$5,000," Wright said.

Each banner will range from \$80 to \$100 depending on how much color is used, Wright said.

"As of Aug. 22, \$1,000 has been made available to purchase banners," he said.

AAFES

AAFES will have a motivational singer and motivational speaker who are sisters 1 to 4 p.m., Sept. 2. Their names are Delores Jackson and Hattie Mae Pembroke.

AAFES assistant manager Debbie Armendariz said if the store can get a sound system, Jackson will sing. If they cannot get a sound system, then customers can have a chance to talk more to the two sisters. AAFES will also be selling Jackson's CD and Pembroke's book.

Armendariz also talked about buddy lists. Customers can sign up for these lists that are sent through e-mail to inform patrons about weekend sales and other store specials.

Since Thea Sarver will be leaving for Fort Dix, N.J., Armendariz will be acting manager.

Commissary

Anne Morrison, lead support clerk, informed attendees they can go to www.commissaries.com for links to recipes and coupons.

"Sept. 25 is Family Day," Morrison said. "The goal is to get families back together at the dinner table." (See article on page 6.)

The Case Lot sale is Aug. 31 through Sept. 2.

Morrison also informed attendees about the Student Hire Program. The Commissary is hiring high school and college students as cashiers. Anyone interested in the program can stop by the store or call 410-278-3101.

A seafood vendor will be at the store Sept. 29 and 30.

In addition, Morrison said that the Commissary has "Patron Communication Forms" that customers can fill out to give a compliment on something they like about the store, a complaint or a suggestion of a product they would like the store to provide.

KUSAHC

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic leaders are concerned about the difficulty in meeting patient needs for making appointments.

Deployments and normal turnover have contributed to the short staff in the Adult Primary Care Clinic. This problem should resolve itself once new personnel report for duty in September and October.

KUSAHC is offering tobacco cessation classes each Wednesday of September,

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Behavioral Health Conference Room 316 of KUSAHC. To sign up, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Patients can reach the pharmacy at 410-278-1945.

Deborah Dodsworth is Jan Spellman's replacement as Patient Advocate.

MWR

The MWR staff would like to remind the APG community that the Social Hour is held at Ruggles Golf Course the last Friday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m.

Chapel

Fifty to 60 teams volunteered for this year's Vacation Bible School held from Aug. 7 to 11.

"Walk through the Bible" will be held 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 23 at the Main Post Chapel. Members of all denominations are welcome to attend.

Next meeting

The next Well-Being Action Council meeting will be held 9:30 a.m., Sept. 21 at the Main Post Chapel.

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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.

Experienced Rider Course openings available

The Installation Safety

Division has seven openings available for the Experienced Motorcycle Rider Course, 7 a.m. to noon, Sept. 6. There are eight openings available for 7 a.m. to noon, Sept. 27.

Anyone interested in

attending should call Mike Allen, 410-306-1081 or e-mail him at IMNEAPGSHS@apg.army.mil.

MCSC holds Super Sign-Up Volksmarch

The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will host a Super Sign-Up Volksmarch, 7:30 to 10:30, Sept. 9.

Routes will vary in length starting at the entrance to Plumb Point Loop (across from Garrison Headquarters) so there will be something for every fitness level. Every person who joins the club will receive refreshments, a T-shirt and raffle tickets.

Information will be available at the Post Exchange, Commissary and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Cost of membership fee is \$20 per person. Apply online or mail the application form to MCSC, ATTN: Membership Chairperson, 2806-A McCloskey Road, APG, MD 21005. Checks should be made payable to MCSC.

For more information or to register for this event, call Dawn, 410-297-6727, or Gloria, 410-273-1926, or e-mail membership@apgmcs.org.

Family childcare providers needed on, off post

For anyone who loves children and want 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 17477.

Dining facilities serve Hispanic Specialty Meal

The Hispanic Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Sept. 19.

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 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.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

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

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

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 2

OH MY . . . WHAT IS IT?

Come to the lab and explore the micro world of water. Take samples from the Leight Center ponds, Otter Point Creek and the Submerged Aquatic Vegetation tanks to compare critters. This program is free and is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 7 to 10. Registration is required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, extension 1688.

CRITTER DINNERTIMES

Come watch the turtles, fish

and snakes eat and learn more about them. The program begins at 11 a.m.; drop in, no registration, free. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 3

NATURETALES

Explore nature through a story. Listen to a tale about an animal or a habitat. Story time may include meeting a live critter, a simple craft or acting out the story. This program begins at 1 p.m.; drop in, no registration, free. For information or directions to

the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 5

GUNPOWDER TOASTMASTERS MEETS

Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562, which usually meets on the first and third Mondays of the month, will meet at 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. at the Gunpowder Club in Edgewood. The meeting will feature a Humorous Speaking Contest with the winner going on to a regional contest.

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

For more information, call Len Kolodny, 410-734-6573.

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 6

STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

The Chesapeake Chapter of the American Statistical Association will present Dr.

Douglas A. Pollack of the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity to speak on "Cross-Sectional Aging Analysis for Army Systems" at Top of the Bay.

Pollack will discuss a parametric approach that was developed to test whether or not a system shows any effects of aging.

The pay-as-you-go lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the speaker will begin at noon.

For more information, call Eric A. Snyder, 410-278-0260.

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

PWOC Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will begin Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m., Aug. 31, in the Post Chapel Social Hall. Bible Study choices include Dr. James Dobson's "Bringing Up Boys," "Book of Ephesians Life Lessons" or "Experiencing God."

Child care will be provided.

Women of all denominations are welcome. Bring a friend. For more information, call 410-278-4333.

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!"

LADY IN THE WATER

Friday, Sept. 1, 7 p.m.

Starring: Paul Giamatti, Bryce Dallas Howard

Cleveland Heep, a modest building manager, rescues a mysterious young woman from danger and discovers she is actually a narf—a character from a bedtime story who is trying to make the treacherous journey from our world back to hers. Heep and his fellow

tenants start to realize that they are also characters in this bedtime story. As Heep falls deeper and deeper in love with the woman, he works together with the tenants to protect his new fragile friend from the deadly creatures that reside in this fable and are determined to prevent her from returning home. (PG-13)

JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m.

Starring: Jesse Metcalfe, Sophia Bush

When three popular girls from different cliques discover they've all been dating the school stud, they band together to seek revenge. Despite the jerk's charm and ever-growing popularity, the girls cleverly scheme with the help of the inconspicuous new girl in town, to soil his reputation and break his heart. (Rated PG-13)

Back to school activities should include Family Day

Story by
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DeCA

The official end of summer is not until the end of September, but the "real" end of summer for military families worldwide is when the school bells ring.

Back to school means new clothes, new schedules and hurried meals. Days get more hectic and family time is often hard to come by.

That's one reason why commissaries are partnering with family support groups, family associations, the health and wellness community, Department of Defense schools and others to celebrate "Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children" on Monday, Sept. 25.

"This represents the kind of activity we should encourage in our schools and at every installation," said Leslye Arsht, deputy undersecretary of defense for Military Community and Family Policy. "The more time our military families spend interacting, the more resilient they become and the better equipped they are to deal with life stress. This is especially important when a parent is deployed."

"Commissaries have a commitment to providing healthy food at healthy savings," said Patrick Nixon, director of the

Defense Commissary Agency. "We also have a commitment to healthy families, and combining meals with family time is a natural fit for us. Since Family Day is Sept. 25, it ties in well with back-to-school activities and draws attention to the importance of family interaction."

"Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children," the fourth Monday of September each year, is the invention of The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. According to CASA research, the more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs. And they get better grades.

Family Day is supported each year by President Bush and last year 1.3 million Americans made a pledge to have a family dinner.

"We'd like to see military active duty, retirees and Guard and Reserve families double that amount," Nixon said.

The Department of Defense Education Activity is partnering with DeCA on "Family Day" and is encouraging its more than 200 schools at home and abroad to work with local commissaries to get the word out.

"DoDEA is pleased to join DeCA in

this effort to encourage families to dine together," said Frank O'Gara, DoDEA spokesperson. "When parents and students dine together, they have an opportunity to discuss education and school issues. These discussions lead to greater parental involvement and interest and can go a long way in fostering success for all children."

TRICARE is also participating in the effort to get the word out on Family Day.

To sweeten the pot, the military sales division of The Coca-Cola Company is offering a chance for a military family to win a trip to New York for a "healthy" dinner prepared by renowned Food Channel chef Sandra Lee. The contest will be conducted online Sept. 1 through 30 and can be accessed through a link at the commissary Web site, <http://www.commissaries.com>. Customers will also find contest information at product displays in most U.S. commissaries starting in September.

The commissary Web site will be Family Day central for the military to find links to make a symbolic pledge to dine as a family, get more information about "Family Day – A Day to Have Dinner with Your Children," and even link to family meal ideas.

55 students graduate Science, Engineering Apprenticeship Program

Story by
CINDY KRONMAN
MRICD

For the third consecutive year, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense hosted the closing day ceremony Aug. 11 for students at Aberdeen Proving Ground who participated in the George Washington University Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program.

The SEAP offers high school students the opportunity to spend eight weeks during the summer working in a Department of Defense laboratory.

To participate in the SEAP, students have to have an aptitude and interest in mathematics and science.

MRICD scientists mentored 19 GWU students this summer, while researchers at the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command mentored 36.

At the end of the apprenticeship students are required to prepare a paper and, on closing day, to give a brief presentation on their project.

Col. Brian J. Lukey, MRICD commander, welcomed the students, their guests and mentors, before the student presentations began.

"You can be very proud of your children," Lukey said, addressing the parents in the audience. "The GW program is extremely competitive and very difficult to get into. Participation in the GW program will increase these students' chances of getting into the college they want and getting the jobs they want in the future."

"When I was in high school, we had no clue as to what we were doing. These kids here today are phenomenal," he said.

Attributing the superiority of the U.S. military to the research that DoD is performing, research that benefits not just the Warfighter, but the nation overall, Lukey told the audience that the quality of this research is a result of the "intellectual aptitude of our scientists, the same scientists who volunteer to be mentors to these GW students."

A great deal of coordination goes into making the SEAP program work. Coordinators at each of the laboratories this year were Douglas Cerasoli and John McDonough at MRICD, Barbara Knapp at RDECOM, Darleen Buczkowski in the Survivability/Lethality Analysis Directorate, Barbara McGuire in the Computational and

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Photo by STEPHANIE FROBERG
Dr. James Dillman, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, demonstrates to George Washington University Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program students Jessyca Gordon and Steven Wise how to use a genechip microarray.

Ecybermission registration begins September 1

RDECOM

Registration for Ecybermission, the U.S. Army's free, Web-based science, math and technology competition open to sixth- through ninth-grade students throughout the United States and U.S. schools abroad, will begin Sept. 1 and run through Dec. 12.

In its first four years, the competition has attracted students whose curiosity, creativity and dedication have in turn attracted the attention of Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft Corporation. In a videotaped address prepared especially for 2005-2006 national finalists, Gates challenged the students to continue their pursuits of science, math and technology.

"Your experience with

Ecybermission is just the beginning," Gates said. "I urge you to continue to stay focused, to think outside of the box, to ask yourself 'how does this work,' 'how can I solve this problem,' or 'how can I make this technology better?'"

Gates said he envisions that students, such as those competing in the Ecybermission competition, can make a difference through creating opportunities and innovations in technology and serving as leaders in the future of our nation.

"The United States has long been the world's center for innovation in science and technology, but our continued prosperity, as a nation, will depend on whether we can

produce a new generation that has the skills to create tomorrow's technology breakthroughs," Gates said.

This year, the U.S. Army is expecting continued growth with the competition.

"This competition cycle marks the fifth year of a program dedicated to increasing the number of American students interested in pursuing science, math and technology careers," said Michael Doyle, U.S. Army Ecybermission program manager. "More than 6,000 students from across the nation participated in last year's competition and we expect higher numbers this coming year. Registering for the competition is done via the Ecybermission Web site,

www.ecybermission.com."

Ecybermission participants discover the scientific method and its application in the real world.

Teams of three or four students identify a problem in their community, formulate a hypothesis and conduct research and experiments in one of four competition categories. Students then collect and organize their data, interpret the results and submit an online "Mission Folder" documenting the process.

Lost Pet



Away from home alone

Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

This young Siamese cat was found in Bayside Village the week of Aug. 14. To claim ownership, contact the APG Veterinary Treatment Facility in building 2479 or call 410-278-3911/4604.



Your health is KUSAHC's goal



TRICARE makes allowable charges easy to find

TRICARE Management Activity

In support of the health care initiatives in President Bush's management agenda, TRICARE Management Activity has posted its allowable charges on an easy-to-use Web site, www.tricare.osd.mil/allowablecharges.

The cost of medical care varies widely across the country, and neither hospitals nor doctors' offices usually post their charges for various procedures. That makes it hard for patients to judge if they're being charged a reasonable amount for operations or examinations.

By making its maximum allowable charges easily available to the public, TRICARE's intent is to level the playing field a little between medical service providers and users.

"We have a responsibility to help educate the public on health care issues," said William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of Defense (Health Affairs.) "With medical costs continuing to spiral upward, the more the consumer knows the better. This information could be especially useful for people with no insurance, who may be able to negotiate pricing with

their physicians."

The new Web site shows the TRICARE Maximum Allowable Charge tables, listing the most frequently used procedures, more than 300 of them, and the amount TRICARE is legally allowed to pay for them. These charges are tied to Medicare allowable charges, effectively making them a federal standard for health care costs.

TRICARE figures the allowable charge from all professional (non-institutional) providers' bills nationwide, with adjustments for specific localities, over the previous year.

A claims processor can tell a provider the allowable charge amount for specific services or procedures and now, anyone can see the charges on the new Web site.

Anyone can use the rate table's itemized format to determine the appropriate charge for professional services, based on the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System. The charges in this table don't reflect discounts regional contractors may negotiate with TRICARE network providers, so they may differ from the amounts shown on TRICARE beneficiaries' explanation of benefits.

Maintaining tick awareness

Story by

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KUSAHC

Warm weather brings with it ticks during the months of May to November. And, ticks carry diseases such as Lyme disease.

Ticks are found on the tips of grass or shrubs and are transferred to people or animals if they brush up against the vegetation.

For a tick to transmit pathogens that cause diseases, it needs time. The sooner it is removed from the skin the less likely for it to transmit the pathogens.

Preventing tick bites

- Walk on cleared trails or paths.
- Wear a hat, long sleeves and light-colored clothing, which makes it easier to spot ticks.
- Tuck pant legs into socks or boots.
- Tuck shirts into pants.
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET on exposed skin and permethrin on clothes.

- Inspect clothes for ticks after passing through an area where ticks may live.
- Inspect the body for ticks.

Removing ticks properly

- Grab hold of the tick's mouthparts against the skin with a pointed tweezers
- Pull back slowly and steadily with a firm force until the tick is released.
- Pull in the reverse of the direction in which the mouthparts are inserted.
- Do not apply any substance or squeeze the tick.
- Wash the bite site and hands.
- Apply antiseptic.
- Save the tick and bring it to Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's Environmental Health Section located on the 3rd floor of the clinic, for testing and identification.

For more information, call the KUSAHC Environmental Health Section, 410-278-1964/1773/1769 or 1956.

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Information Sciences Directorate, and George Klem in the Weapons and Materials Research Directorate.

One objective of the program is to expose promising students to science and mathematics in DoD laboratories to encourage these laboratories when they are ready to join the workforce.

"The people, facilities and resources of DoD laboratories

are phenomenal. Consider them when you are ready to start your career," Lukey said, adding that he was so impressed by such advantages during his first tour of duty at MRICD as a captain/researcher that he decided to stay in the Army.

Two former GW apprentices, now college students who work at MRICD during the summer under the Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education Program, also shared their thoughts on SEAP with the audience.

William Wrobel, finishing up his fifth summer at MRICD,

had spent his first two as a GW apprentice. A chemistry major at Boston College, Wrobel said his experiences at MRICD have provided many opportunities in college, some not generally available to undergraduates. This past year at Boston College, his sophomore year, he was named Chemist of Year.

Kenneth Leiter is a junior chemistry/computer science major at Duke University. He also spent two summers as a GW apprentice at MRICD.

"My learning experiences as a GW at MRICD have shaped my learning experiences in college," Leiter said, calling the eight-week apprenticeship "an intellectual journey."

"Today is what this intellectual journey is about," he said, "demonstrating to others and to yourself all that you have learned."

For the next two hours, across MRICD's campus in various meetings and conference rooms, this year's apprentices were given that opportu-

nity. Their projects covered a broad range of activities in a variety of scientific disciplines to include molecular biology, biochemistry, behavioral sciences, toxicology and chemistry. They worked on method and software development, as well as test and evaluation of equipment and materials.

Stanley Strawbridge, a junior this fall at John Carroll High School, was interested in bench chemistry, according to his MRICD mentor Dr. Benedict Capacio. For his project, Strawbridge was involved in developing methods to extract metabolites of chemical warfare agents from synthetic urine, as a possible means of detecting exposure to specific agents.

"He was bright, energetic and extremely motivated," Capacio said of Strawbridge.

Colleen Roxas, who will be a junior at Aberdeen High School, turned her interest in art into a GW experience different from many of her fellow participants. Roxas

worked with MRICD's graphics department, which designs for the research staff, among other things, scientific posters of their data for presentation at national and international professional meetings. She learned about the process of design and how art and technology can be combined to communicate information.

"I learned a lot about graphic design," said Roxas of her summer project. "I especially liked learning the computer design software."

According to Roxas, her summer project introduced her to possible future careers in which she could apply her interest and talent in art.

Cameron Johnson, a senior at Edgewood High School who has an interest in computers, worked this summer at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory on computer engineering and computer drafting.

The experience can be just as rewarding for the mentors. Many scientists volunteer as

mentors as a way to give back, a way to build the scientists and engineers of the future, and, many have seen their former apprentices go on to pursue careers in science and medicine.

"As long as you have the right mentors, you can do many things and go very far," Johnson said.

For Cerasoli, the reasons for mentoring were simple.

"I like bringing students into my lab. They bring new life, new ideas and new jargon to the lab," Cerasoli said. "[It] makes the summer go by more quickly."

Samuel Carter, a mentor at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, said that mentoring allowed him to expose students to an uncolored world of science and engineering.

"I also gave some guidance that dealt with the choice of colleges, planning and also careers in science," Carter added.

(Editor's note: Trinace Johnson, RDECOM, contributed to this article.)

Commentary

Rosh HaShanah announces 'Happy New Year'

By

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It is a time of reflection and repentance...a time of recognizing our faults and making a quality decision to change. It is also the celebration of a new start...this time a start of the lunar new year.

Rosh HaShanah, from the Union of Reform Judaism Web site:

"Rosh HaShanah (literally, "Head of the Year") refers to the celebration of the Jewish New Year. The holiday is observed on the first day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei, which usually falls in September or October, and marks the beginning of a 10-day period of prayer, self-examination and repentance, which culminate on the fast day of Yom Kippur. These 10 days are referred to as Yamim Noraim, the Days of Awe or the High Holy Days."

While there are elements of joy and celebration, Rosh HaShanah is a deeply religious occasion. The customs and symbols of Rosh HaShanah reflect the holiday's dual emphasis, happiness and humility. Special customs observed on Rosh HaShanah include the sounding of the shofar, using round challah, eating apples and honey (and other sweet foods) for a sweet new year.

There is also a customary service observed before Rosh HaShanah. S'lichot, meaning forgiveness, refers to the penitential prayers recited by Jews prior to the onset of the High Holiday season. It is a solemn and fitting preparation for 10 days of reflection and self-examination.

Yom Kippur is the "Day of Atonement" and refers to the annual Jewish observance of fasting, prayer and repentance. This is considered to be the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. In three separate pas-

sages in the Torah, the Jewish people are told, "the 10th day of the seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It shall be a sacred occasion for you: You shall practice self-denial." (Leviticus 23:27). Fasting is seen as fulfilling this biblical commandment. The Yom Kippur fast also enables us to put aside our physical desires and to concentrate on our spiritual needs through prayer, repentance and self-improvement. It is customary in the days before Yom Kippur for Jews to seek out friends and family whom they have wronged and personally ask for their forgiveness.

Sukkot, a Hebrew word meaning "booths" or "huts," refers to the Jewish festival of giving thanks for the fall harvest as well as the commemoration of the 40 years of Jewish wandering in the desert after Sinai.

Sukkot is celebrated five days after Yom Kippur on the 15th of Tishrei, and is marked by several distinct traditions. One tradition, which takes the commandment to "dwell in booths" literally, is to build a sukkah, a booth or hut. A sukkah is often erected by Jews during this festival, and it is common practice for some to eat and even live in these temporary dwellings during Sukkot.

Ramadan

The ninth month on the Islamic calendar, Sept. 24 through Oct. 23, is devoted to the commemoration of Muhammad's reception of the divine revelation recorded in the Qur'an. The event begins when authorities in Saudi Arabia sight the new moon of the ninth month. It is the holiest period of the Islamic Year. There is strict fasting from sunrise to sunset.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Tennis tournament nets many winners

Story and photo by
HEATHER TASSMER
APG News

The APG Youth Sports summer tennis program concluded with a singles tournament and an awards ceremony at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation center courts Aug. 9.

The competitors of the program ranged in age from 7 to 13. However, the program is available for ages 7 to 17, according to Chris Fielder, assistant APG Youth Sports director.

Fielder and APG Youth Sports director Bill Kegley were coaches for the tennis program which was held in Aberdeen and Edgewood on Wednesdays.

Each practice lasted an hour and a half, Kegley said.

The coaches taught the children and youths the basic strokes such as the forehand and backhand and how to serve the ball. The participants also learned how to lob, which is hitting the ball over an opponent's head at the net, Kegley said.

During the tournament the players had to win three out of five games to win.

A few of the winners shared their thoughts on victory and the program. "It felt great to win," 8-year-old Michaela Postowski said. "I like

playing tennis because I like being active and having a good time."

Her mother, Dawn, said this was Michaela's first year in the tennis program.

Bobby Pastorelli, 8, was relieved about his success.

"I feel better because I got the ball over the net," Pastorelli said. "I feel very special inside and it's great to win."

Kegley reflected on the turnout of tournament.

"The weather was great," he said. "The kids applied what they learned during the tournament, like positioning, and that is big."

The parents who watched the tournament showed respect and appreciation for Kegley's contributions to the program.

"Bill is a good instructor," Shondria Boone, a contract buying editor with the Logistics Division of the U.S. Army. "He's very passionate about the game and he loves the kids."

This is the second year that, Shondria's daughter, Kiara has participated in the tennis program.

"As long as we're here we'll keep doing the program," Boone said.

Nine-year-old Kiara joined the program with her best friend, Shannon Bowman. Shannon's mother, Nancy, spouse of Jim Bowman,



Nine-year-old Kiara Boone starts to return a serve from her opponent at the APG Youth Sports Tennis Tournament held Aug. 9 at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Courts.

ammunitions specialist with the Ammo Surveillance Division, was also at the tournament to cheer her daughter on.

Nancy also shared positive comments about the program.

"I think Bill adds to the fun," Nancy said. "He talks to [the participants] at their level and always encourages them. He incorporates games into teaching so it doesn't get boring."

Nancy said Shannon is "already

WINNERS

- Michaela Postowski
- Jessica Jang
- Katherine Jang
- Timothy Jang
- Alixandru Inman
- Bobby Pastorelli
- Christopher Fifty

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

- Kiara Boone
- Shannon Bowman
- Courtney Suel
- Charlene Wong
- Joseph Fifty
- Samiah Miller
- Caitlyn Wamack

excited about coming back next year."

At the end of the tournament Kegley and Fielder presented trophies to all of the players for participating in the program.

For more information about APG Youth Sports visit http://www.apgmwr.com/family/youth_sports.html.

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.

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.

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

Holiday Hours

FACILITY	FRI, 1 SEP	SAT, 2 SEP	SUN, 3 SEP	MON, 4 SEP
Arts & Crafts, AA	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Arts & Crafts, EA	NOON - 8 p.m.	NOON - 8 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	CLOSED
Auto Crafts	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	CLOSED
Library	CLOSED	1 - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.	CLOSED
Recreation Center, AA	NOON - 11 p.m.	NOON - 11 p.m.	NOON - 11 p.m.	NOON - 6 p.m.
Recreation Center Snack Bar, AA	NOON - 10:30 p.m.	NOON - 10:30 p.m.	NOON - 10:30 p.m.	NOON - 5 p.m.
Recreation Center, EA	2:30 - 11 p.m.	2:30 - 11 p.m.	2:30 - 11 p.m.	NOON - 6 p.m.
Recreation Center Snack Bar, EA	3 - 10 p.m.	3 - 10 p.m.	3 - 10 p.m.	NOON - 5 p.m.
MWR Registration/ITR	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Health & Fitness Center, AA	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
APG Athletic Center	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Hoyle Gymnasium/Fitness Center	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation & Equipment Center	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park	CLOSED	NOON - 9 p.m.	NOON - 9 p.m.	NOON - 9 p.m.
Olympic Swimming Pool	CLOSED	11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.	11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.	11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Bayside Swimming Pool	CLOSED	11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.	11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.	11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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:

The Fourth Bear: a nursery crime by Jasper Pforde

The Gingerbreadman's on the loose, Goldilocks is missing and Jack Spratt's once again persona non grata at headquarters. As Spratt and his associates bring justice to the nursery world, they also cast a Swiftian eye on corporate hubris, race relations, the drug trade and myriad other targets.

The Last White Knight by Tami Hoag

Lynn Shaw goes on the attack when the teen girls' home she runs is in danger of being run out of the neighborhood. Help arrives in the form of Erik Gunter, a handsome, charismatic state senator, who defends her cause with passion.

The Second Horseman by Kyle Mills

The Ukrainian Mob reportedly has 12 nuclear bombs for sale. Richard Scanlan, a former FBI super agent and currently head of a Vegas-based intelligence contractor, wants the United States to purchase the weapons before a terrorist group gets its

hands on them. The government's intelligence team discredits the reports so Scanlon decides to engineer the purchase on his own.

Caroline's Journal by Katherine Stone

Caroline, forced to grow up too quickly and mother her younger sister after their alcoholic parents' divorce, has difficulty conceiving a child of her own now that she's in her 30s. When her last-ditch in-vitro fertilization attempt finally appears to succeed, Caroline chronicles her pregnancy in letters to her unborn daughter.

Knights of the Black and White by Jack Whyte

Hugh St. Clair, a French nobleman, joins a mysterious society known as the Order. Soon St. Clair is hip deep in the blood and gore of the First Crusade, which so scars him that he dedicates the rest of his life to serving God. But things don't go exactly according to plan, and soon Hugh is part of an elite band of monks whose religious devotion is matched by their skill at hand-to-hand combat.

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.

Home Buying, Selling Seminar

This seminar will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 7, 12 and 14 at the Aberdeen Recreation Center.

Attend this workshop to discuss housing as the major focus of relocation, from list to settlement as well as:

- a step by step look at home buying and selling
- learning what questions to ask when selling and buying a home
- learning how to improve the credit score to buy a home

- working with real estate agents
 - knowing the rights
 - selling a home for top dollar
 - home buying, renting and leasing options
 - qualifying process
 - preparing a home for the market
 - Determining the asking price
- An experienced realtor, banker and home inspector will be available to answer questions. For more information, call Marilyn Howard, Employment Program, 410-278-9669, or visit building 2754.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

Week of Aug. 29

Special #1: Chicken filet club with bacon and cheese (choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles and onions), Onion Rings, cookie and soda for \$5.85.

Special #2: Chicken tender wrap with lettuce, tomato, ranch, cookie, chips and soda for \$6.85.

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



SCHOOL LIAISON

Secondary School Directory information outlined Deadline for parents is Sept. 11

HCPS

Parents have until Sept. 11 to remove their 18 year old or older child's name from a directory of names furnished to Army recruiters or institutions of higher education.

In accordance with provisions of the 'No Child Left Behind' Act of 2001, Harford County Public School System provides, upon written request to the Superintendent made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students' names, addresses and telephone listings.

Forms were sent home with secondary students on the first day of school providing parents (or students who are 18 years or older) the opportunity of "opting out" of having the information provided to the military/college recruiters.

Signed "Parent/Guardian Permission" forms must be returned to the school by Sept. 11 to have that student's information deleted from files that would be sent to recruiters upon request. This is in accor-

dance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, known as the Buckley Amendment.

This HCPS System Directory will include the following information: students' names and grades, but only when it appears on an honor roll or graduation list or as a member of a school-approved team, club, or other student organization or school publication; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; dates of attendance; degrees and awards received; student's name and photograph as they appear in individual school or school system publications.

The policies are included in the Parent-Student/Handbook Calendar for 2006-2007 which were distributed to all public school families in August or can be found on the Web site, www.hcps.org. These policies are also available in public libraries, in every school office, or at HCPS Information Office at 102 S. Hickory Avenue in Bel Air.



CG offers boating safety tips

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Coast Guard

U.S. Coast Guard reports show that 676 people died from boating incidents in 2004, according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Out of the 484 who drowned, 90 percent of them weren't wearing life jackets.

In addition to wearing life jackets, there are other steps boaters can take to prevent boating injuries and deaths:

- Avoid drinking alcoholic beverages while boating.

Drinking alcohol affects the vision, coordination, decision making, and balance needed to maneuver a boat. Reports imply that alcohol was a factor in one-third of boating deaths.

- Complete a boating education course.

Lack of attention, carelessness, inexperience and unsafe speeds are initial causes of accidents.

The course teaches boaters rules and laws of operating a boat.

Seventy percent of boating deaths happened on boats where the operator had not

taken a boating education course.

- Participate in the Vessel Safety Check Program.

The Vessel Safety Check Program is free and offered by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadron volunteer organizations. Volunteers inspect safety equipment, give boaters information about safety procedures and explain how the equipment is used. For more information on the program, visit www.vesselsafety-check.org.

- Be aware of the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

All engines give off carbon monoxide. At first, the symptoms of CO can feel like those of seasickness. It only takes a few minutes for victims to die from the deadly gas. Possible exposure to CO includes floating or swimming near an inactive engine, using a motor generator to power air conditioning and operating "any gasoline-powered engine while docked and/or rafted with other boats operating engines and being in motion without the proper cabin ventilation." To avoid the poisonous gas, make sure all equipment is operating properly and use CO detectors.



Photos courtesy of COL JOHN T. WRIGHT, Illustration by NICK PENTZ
Clockwise from top, during Military Appreciation Night at Ripken Stadium, the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) performs; Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander throws out the first pitch; the Aberdeen Ironbirds take the field in camouflage uniforms; and the Joint Color Guard from the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School presents the colors.

Ripken Stadium holds Military Appreciation Night

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Military Appreciation Night at Ripken Stadium featured several elements from Aberdeen Proving Ground as the community and the Aberdeen Ironbirds said thanks to America's armed forces.

The festivities included the throwing out of one of three first pitches by Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, the presentation of colors by a Joint Color Guard consisting of Soldiers, Marines and Airmen from the U.S. Army Ordnance

Mechanical Maintenance School and the playing of the national anthem by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own).

Wright expressed "heartfelt thanks" to the Ripken organization for sponsoring the event.

"It clearly demonstrated the depth of local support for the men and women of our armed forces," Wright said. "I think everyone present felt pride in our country and in our service men and women, and I look forward to an even bigger and better Military Appreciation Night next year."

Lev Shellenberger, Ironbirds director of ticket sales, spearheaded the event which was the first of its kind at Ripken Stadium.

ATTENTION ALL SOLDIERS

Soldiers charged and found guilty of a crime, could face confinement, loss of rank and discharge from the Army.

The APG Trial Defense Service office handles all types of military criminal matters, including felonies, misdemeanors and summary offenses against Soldiers.

Any Soldiers questioned by their chain

of command or the police, advised of their rights or apprehended, should immediately request to speak to an attorney. With so much at stake, it is important to contact an attorney as soon as possible to protect a Soldier's rights and liberty.

Until given the opportunity to consult with an attorney, remember the "4 No's:"

NO

Waiver of rights.
Statements (oral or written).
Polygraphs.
Consent to be searched.

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Equality

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responsibility, tougher and tougher decisions, harder and harder tasks, and advancement often demands sacrifices of us and our families."

Devens ended her speech encouraging the audience members to "fight threats to equality against women" which are still in the world today.

After Devens' speech, Siler announced the winners for Outstanding Supervisor of the Year, Outstanding Woman of the Year and Organization Most Supportive of the goals of FWP.

The winners received a plaque and certificate of appreciation signed by Nadeau.

This year's outstanding supervisor was Leslie McGlothlin with the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center.

Siler said the criteria for selecting the winner of Outstanding Supervisor of the Year included one who "encourages women to further their education via traditional or nontraditional means, nominates women for long-term training and developmental assignments and acts as a mentor to one or more female employees within



Leslie McGlothlin

or outside of the organization."

The criteria is for someone who "participates in or supports Federal Woman's Program activities or is an active member of an organization who supports women and serves as a mentor and inspires others to reach new high standards."

Marie Joiner, acting chief of the Client Services Division of the Staff Judge Advocate, won the Outstanding Woman of the Year award.

"I feel honored to be a part of the celebration," Joiner said. "Being a military spouse I am thankful for the opportunity the Staff Judge Advocate has given me to further support the Soldiers."

Joiner is the wife of Sgt. 1st Class



Marie Joiner

Steven C. Avon, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, 22nd Chemical Battalion, Company B.

In addition, the U.S. Army Environmental Center won the Organization Most Supportive of FWP goals for the second year in a row. David Guzewish, deputy to the commander of the USAEC, accepted the award.

FWP's goals include "high potential women are provided executive development assignments on high visibility projects, and women represented in mid and senior level positions."

"Women hold about one third of the GS-13 and GS-14 positions at USAEC," according to Deborah Elliott with the USAEC Public

Affairs office.

Elliott said this amount exceeds the Army's women leadership which is 29 percent.

USAEC encourages women employees to prepare for greater responsibilities to help increase that figure.

As of 2006, about 25 women have taken some kind of leadership course such as the Leadership Education and Development, Organizational Leadership for Executives and Personnel Management for Executives.

The award winners were chosen by women who work outside of APG.

The Dottie Dorman scholarship winner was also announced at Women's Equality Day. Margaret Hornberger, Veteran Affairs Medical Center community resources development specialist, received a \$300 scholarship to assist in book purchases and gas spent driving to the College of Notre Dame, Baltimore, where she is working on her bachelor's degree in human services.

Winning the scholarship was even more special to Hornberger because She and Dorman had worked together at the VA Medical Center.

"She really wanted women to advance," Hornberger said. "The scholarship is a nice tribute to her." Editor's note: Deborah Elliott, USAEC, contributed to this story.

Supervisor/Manager of the Year nominees

- David G. Burdick, Staff Judge Advocate
- Linda B. Worthington, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center
- Leslie McGlothlin, Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center
- Elaine M. Stewart-Craig, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center
- Dorothy M. Lockhart, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School

Outstanding Woman of the Year nominees

- Cheryl Edwards, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center
- Bridgette Chambers, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity
- Marie Joiner, Staff Judge Advocate

Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals nominees

- U.S. Army Environmental Center
- U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
- U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity

DTC

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them to have fun.

"Make working in DTC fun for your subordinates," he added.

Joining Turner in the APG community is his wife, Michal, who worked as a hospice nurse in their previous location.

Combest, who attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in the early 1970s, went to the Point on a baseball scholarship because it was his opportunity to earn a free education. He said that what he learned about the ethics and ideals of American Soldiers made him choose the life of an officer rather than that of a baseball player.

"I actually thought some of the West Point stuff was kind of silly, but the Army stuff we did was just terrific," Combest recalled during an interview days before the change-of-command ceremony in front of DTC headquarters on Aberdeen Proving Ground. "Basically, every summer you would get greater and greater exposure to the Army. I don't know if it is still the case, but at the time you would go to Fort Knox for armor training, you would go to Fort Belvoir for engineer training, Fort Benning for infantry training, Fort Sill for artillery. . . I mean, just on and on. At the end of your sophomore

year you would spend 30 to 60 days, I can't remember how long now, with a tactical unit."

It was this experience, with an artillery unit at Fort Riley, Kan., that made him realize an Army career suited him better than baseball, and it led him to choose field artillery as his military specialty.

"That experience, and the Soldiers and the leadership there, were so good that I said, 'Okay, I like this a lot.' Once I got commissioned and got into the Army, it was everything and more that I expected the Army to be."

In a career that spanned more than three decades, Combest held command positions in a variety of Army units, including the III Corps Artillery's 75th Artillery Brigade at Fort Sill, Okla.; the 7th Infantry Division's 8th Field Artillery at Fort Ord, Calif.; and the 2nd Armored Division's 3rd Field Artillery at Fort Hood, Texas.

He was personnel and operations officer for the division's 3rd Field Artillery at Fort Hood and an exchange instructor at the Australia School of Artillery. He spent another assignment as project officer for the Maneuver Arms Concepts Division, part of the Army's Combined Arms Concept Developments Activity. He also served as executive officer for the 4th Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, and operations officer with the 6th Infantry Division Artillery, both assignments in Alaska.

His personnel experience led to an

assignment as chief of the Field Artillery Branch, Combat Arms Division, U.S. Army Total Personnel Command, in Alexandria, Va.

Combest was also operations officer for the School of Advanced Military Studies at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and assistant deputy chief of staff for Combat Developments at the Army Training and Doctrine Command, headquartered at Fort Monroe, Va.

In Germany he had an assignment as assistant division commander of the 1st Infantry Division, headquartered in Würzburg.

Combest said the mission and the people kept him in the Army, neither of which are equaled by any other organization in the world.

"The Army is really unique, even among the services," he said. "I am convinced that the noblest of all the 'beasts' is the Army officer, both commissioned and noncommissioned, and I think it is for a very simple reason. I think the Army officer - both the commissioned and noncommissioned Army officer, the guys in charge of making and executing Army policy - are just very different from anybody I've ever seen. They are out every morning, 5:30 to 6 o'clock, and they show up at the troop unit ready to go to work, and they're there for 11, 12, 13 or 14 hours a day, every day. They are exhausted when they leave because

they have literally given everything they've got to that unit and the Soldiers in that unit."

Though the American public tends to view Soldiers as heroes when the nation is at war, the nobility of officers and NCOs "really shines between conflicts, when the national adrenalin is not rushing, and when Soldiers are not exalted but invisible to the nation," Combest said.

They are invisible despite the fact that they are still withstanding the rigors of military life and sometimes leaving their families to train for future combat missions at far-flung places such as the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., and the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., not to mention assignments overseas, he added.

"Out of the limelight, when the nation doesn't even know they exist, they are there every day," Combest said. "You will never find, in my eyes, a group of men and women who epitomize professionalism more than the American commissioned and noncommissioned officers."

NCOs were also responsible for helping him grow from a cadet to an officer, he added.

"They're right in the thick of it, teaching everybody by example," he said. "And they've got a family to take care of too. It's the constant example of the American sergeant that has had, and continues to have, the greatest impact on me as an individual."

He said that when he learned he was assigned to DTC, he had to look up the organization on the Internet to see what it actually did for the Army. But it didn't take him long to understand the importance of the mission there and the "outstanding" caliber of people carrying it out.

"It is axiomatic in the Army that every unit has about the same amount of talent, and the same distribution of great folks, good ones, average ones, and those who don't quite meet the standards, and the difference in the units is what you do with them as leaders," Combest said. "I think this is the only unit I've been in that defies that axiom, because DTC has far more than its share of excellent people. In the world of swimmers, floaters and sinkers, this institution is hugely filled with swimmers."

During Combest's command, DTC test centers across the country helped the Army meet several key challenges - from the test program that enabled the Army to put heavier armor on tactical wheeled vehicles and thus protect their occupants from small-arms threats, to the testing of various unmanned aerial systems and ground vehicles, as well as robotic systems, enabling Soldiers to conduct hazardous battlefield missions while reducing their exposure to enemy fire and makeshift explosive devices.

Upon his retirement, Combest and his wife, Janice, are planning to move to Clemmons, N.C.

Edgewood youths showcase their talents

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Children from the Edgewood Youth Center danced, sang and even twirled hula-hoops at the Summer Program Talent Show 2006 at the Stark Recreation Center Aug. 11.

In its second year, the show celebrates the end of the summer vacation season.

Renee Main, youth programs manager, hosted the program during which the audience of parents and friends enjoyed the best of what the multi-talented youths had to offer, which included a wide variety of talents.

"Thank you for joining us for our second, and hopefully annual, Summer Program Talent Show," Main told the audience.

The acts ranged from the expected to the unexpected.

LeAndre Parham and Jeremy Hale opened the show with their act called "The Beats," which consisted of the two of them seated at a table facing each other, using drumsticks to tap out rhythms on the tabletop.

Next, Katie Farlow and Jarde Jordan sang the song "Breaking Free" from the Disney Channel Original Movie, 'High School Musical,' followed by Jack Sigler as 'Magic Jack,' the program's lone musician, who entertained more with his wit than with his tricks, and drew the loudest applause of the afternoon.

Other acts included the four-girl dance team, The Blue Stars, featuring Leinani Amarin, Amanda Platt, Carly Smith and Marangelly Quinones, who danced to the song "Walk Away," by Christina Aguilera; and soloist Brianna Laird singing "Bop to the Top," also from 'High School Musical.'

In a departure from traditional talent show acts, Abigail Ince, Kayla Gorrell and Kenyon Eveline delighted the audience with a Hula Hoop demonstration, 'Hoopin' It Up' to music with hula hoops.

Also, filling in for a cancelled act, Bobby Byrd and Ritchie Prunty performed a duet on trombone and trumpet. The closing act was a lively dance group who included Faith Edmondson, Maiya Dotson and Tatyana Moon. They performed a cute and bouncy dance to Missy Elliot's "Lose Control," that

was choreographed by Precious Edmondson and Aaliyah Wade.

At the show's conclusion Main thanked the performers, the parents, staff members and the volunteers who worked behind the scenes in supporting the program.

"I think you'll agree that all are very talented and special in their own ways," she said of the cast members.

She added special thanks to stage hands Malik Pender, Russell Cusano, Myles Holiday, Isabela Dela Cruz and Russell Cusano.

After a short break and refreshments, Rhythm Connection, a singing group of three girls from local high schools followed up the acts with a show of their own.

Performers and parents agreed that they had a good time.

Brianna Laird, who was a dancer in last year's talent show, said that she "felt fine up there" during her solo.

"I've been singing since I was a kid," the 9-year-old chirped, "and I plan to keep on singing."

"She's a wonderful, independent child," added her proud mother Donna Laird. "She tries to do well in everything and she even picked out her own outfit," she said.

Lisa Foust, an employee with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, who was called up during the show to assist magician "Magic Jack," said she attended the program with a fellow employee to support his daughter's performance.

"It's important to encourage kids in all they do whenever we can," Foust said.

Pamela Swaby, the mother of Jarde Jordan, who sang a duet with Katie Farlow early in the program, said she was especially thrilled by her daughter's performance. An Individual Ready Reservist and general supply clerk with the Clothing and Heraldry Office, Swaby said that while she was deployed for nine months, her daughter "hardly spoke a word."

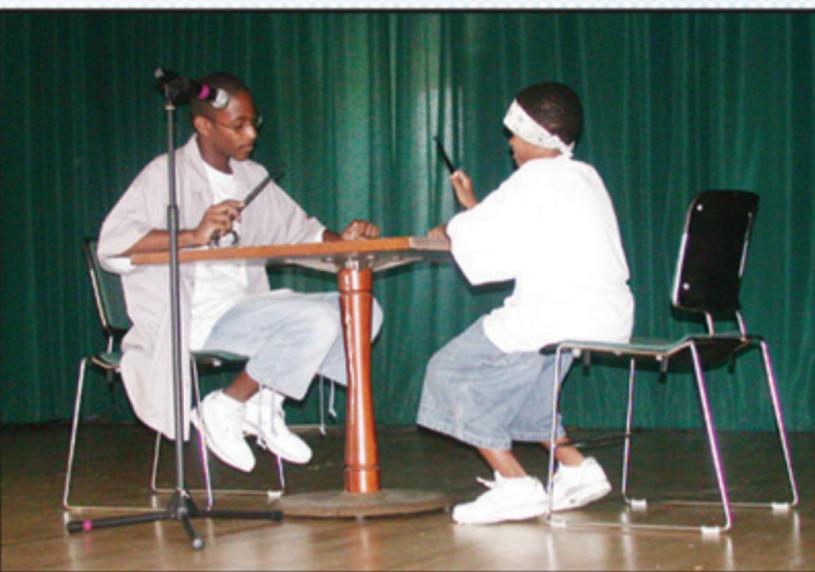
"I was surprised, happy and overjoyed to see her onstage like that," Swaby said. "I think it's great that they give them this kind of opportunity. They have to start somewhere and that's why I put her in this program."



Jack "Magic Jack" Sigler performs one of several magic tricks that kept the audience in stitches during the Summer Program Talent Show at the Stark Recreation Center Aug. 11.



Bobby Byrd, on trombone and Ritchie Prunty on trumpet form an impromptu duet, filling in for a cancelled act, as they deliver their rendition of "Yankee Doodle Dandy."



The "Beats," from left, LeAndre Parham and Jeremy Hale, tap out a rhythm with drumsticks on a table top.



From left, Carly Smith, Leinani Amarin, Amanda Platt and Marangelly Quinones, "The Blue Stars," dance to Christina Aguilera's "Walk Away."



The group 'Hoopin' it Up' from left, Kayla Gorrell, Kenyon Eveline and Abigail Ince, entertain the audience with their hula-hoop skills.



Getting down to Missy Elliot's "Lose Control" are, from left, Maiya Dotson, Tatyana Moon, Sammiah Miller and Faith Edmondson.



Jarde Jordan, left, and Katie Farlow deliver a sweet harmony while singing "Breaking Free" from the Disney Channel's "High School Musical."



Renee Main, far right, congratulates the cast of the Edgewood Youth Center's 2006 Summer Program Talent Show for a job well done.