

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for July 12, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

FWP nominations due

The APG Federal Women's Program is accepting nominations for Outstanding Woman of the Year, Supervisor/Manager of the Year and Activity Most Supportive of FWP goals until July 7. These awards recognize those individuals (civilian and military) and organizations throughout APG including tenants that are exemplary in their support of FWP goals.

The winners will be recognized in a 10 a.m. ceremony Aug. 23 at the Edgewood Conference Center, building E-4811.

For information on eligibility requirements or the nomination process, call Sheryl Coleman, FWP chairperson, 410-278-5964, Diane Siler, FWP committee member, 410-436-2681 or Kathleen Praesent, Equal Employment specialist, 410-278-1137.

Blue Cross visits APG

The APG Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit July 11.

The representative will be available 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room 236, and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in building E-4811 (Seminar Area of Conference Center) to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

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

Thrift Shop holds Christmas in July

During July, visit the APG Thrift Shop to start gathering Christmas decorations early.

No Christmas consignments will be taken during July to help move out accumulated Christmas items.

For more information, call 410-272-8572 during hours of operation, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the first Saturday of the month.

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Double Trouble concert at APG

Double Trouble Tour is twice as nice for APG

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Lynyrd Skynyrd's Mark Matejka, the newest member of the legendary band, left, jams it up with Gary Rossington, the band's only remaining original member during their Army Concert Tour concert with 3 Doors Down on Shine Sports Field June 24. See story on page 13.



Being aware of summer environmental impacts

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Summer is finally here bringing with it long days, hot weather and many outdoor activities. The Aberdeen Proving Ground community should be aware of the impact of outdoor activities (i.e., washing vehicles, changing oil, setting up backyard pools, watering lawns and gardens, and cutting grass) that can negatively impact storm water from APG that enters the Chesapeake Bay.

Effects of outdoor activities on storm water

Washing vehicles

Car washing produces unregulated discharges of nonylphenol ethoxylate (NPE)—based detergents (which can build up in the environment over time), greases and oils, heavy metals, and salts, most of which flow to storm drains that discharge to local rivers and

the Chesapeake Bay.

To help minimize the impact on storm water, take vehicles to a local car wash that uses recycled water or wash vehicles at home less often. Use soaps and cleaners labeled non-toxic, chlorine-free, phosphate-free or biodegradable.

Changing oil

When motor oil is used in a vehicle engine it picks up a variety of contaminants and heavy metals such as cadmium, chromium, lead, arsenic, and dioxins that pose significant risks to humans and the environment. It takes only one quart of oil to contaminate 250,000 gallons of water (which is about half the size of an Olympic swimming pool). A single automotive oil change produces four to five quarts of used oil. Residents living on APG have the opportunity to work on their

vehicles at the Auto Crafts shop which saves time and protects the environment. At the shop, fluids are collected and recycled and spills are prevented from entering the storm drain system.

To handle used oil properly, always change oil in a well-ventilated area, always wear gloves, ensure spills are prevented by using a drip tray, avoid contact with used oils or oil-soaked clothing, don't keep oily rags in pockets, and discard any oil soaked shoes. If skin comes into contact with used oil, wash the area thoroughly with soap and water.

Flushing pools

Water from swimming pools often contains high levels of chlorine used in the disinfection process. Large residential swimming pools hold about 150,000 gallons of chlorinated water and can be a major source of chlorinat-

ed water discharged into sanitary and storm drain systems. Discharging chlorinated pool water into streams, (or irrigation canals, ponds, etc.) is harmful to fish and other aquatic life.

Minimize the impact of chlorine into storm water systems by discharging chlorinated water from pools to the sanitary sewer so that it can be treated at a sewage treatment plant. Chlorinated water should not be discharged into storm drains or surface waters.

Watering lawns, gardens

Be careful not to over-water lawns. Over-watering allows surface pollutants and particles of soil or sediment to be picked up and carried into storm drains. Some grasses need more water than others, so determine the type of grass before deciding to water the lawn.

Army recruiting command authorizes referral bonus to retirees

USAREC

The U.S. Army Recruiting Command has authorized the expansion of its Referral Bonus Pilot Program to include Army retirees.

Regular Army, reservist and National Guard retirees are eligible for the recruiting referral bonus which pays retired Soldiers a \$1,000 lump sum for referring applicants who enlist, complete basic training and graduate advanced individual training.

The enlistee must not have previously served in the armed forces and must enlist in the active Army, Army National Guard or Reserves. The referral may not be an immediate family member and the retired Soldier referring may not be serving in a recruiting or retention assignment or as a Junior

ROTC instructor.

Army retirees include active and reserve component members who have transferred to the Retired Reserve but who have not yet reached 60 years of age.

Since the \$1,000 referral bonus for currently serving Soldiers was initiated in January, the referral Web site has received more than 5 million hits, resulting in approximately 5,000 referrals, 500 contracts, and 100 recruits who have begun training.

The referral bonus program is a pilot program and is in effect until Dec. 31, 2007.

Soldiers in the Regular Army, the Army Reserves and the Army National Guard to include AGR Soldiers on active duty, Soldiers performing duty under the Hometown

Recruiter Assistance Program, Special Recruiter Assistance Program or Active Duty for Special Work, Future Soldiers, Regular Army retirees, Army Reserve retirees, and National Guard retirees are eligible to participate in this pilot program. Referrals may be from any component of the Army and do not have to be in the same component as the referring Soldier or retiree.

For more information, retirees should call 1-800-223-3735 ext. 6-0473, visit www.usarec.army.mil/smart or contact a Retiree Services Office. For referrals to the Army National Guard, referring retirees should call 1-800-GOGUARD (1-800-464-8273) or visit www.1800goguard.com/esar.

Ormond addresses CSEPP Workshop

Story by JOHN G. YAQUIANT
CSEPP

A top Army official commended the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program for its contributions to the security of participating communities to more than 400 attendees at the annual CSEPP Workshop in Indianapolis June 27 through 29.

In giving his "Army perspective" on CSEPP during the workshop's opening session, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Elimination of Chemical Weapons Dale Ormond commended the program's value in non-stockpile emergencies.

Ormond cited specific examples of how CSEPP training and equipment were used in responding to Hurricane Katrina, rail accidents in Alabama and Utah, and a Navy plane crash in Oregon.

"You have demonstrated the capability to provide logistics, command and control, public outreach and other capabilities" in non-

CSEPP emergencies, Ormond said.

Ormond provides management oversight to the Chemical Demilitarization Program and also is responsible for representing the program to Congress.

The program is charged with eliminating the U.S. stockpile of chemical weapons, which are stored at seven sites in the United States. The eighth location, Aberdeen Proving Ground, completed destruction of its portion of the stockpile in 2005.

Since disposal operations began in 1996, more than three million munitions and containers have been destroyed safely.

"You in the CSEPP program help support our ability to operate the demilitarization facilities in our communities," Ormond said.

He added that "the demilitarization program continues to enjoy Congressional support" and a lot of international interest.

When the ants come marching in

Story by ABDUL SHEIKH
DIO

When the ants come marching in, we often wonder, "Why are they in my house?"

Sugar ants, also known as nuisance ants, love to invite themselves inside. They will even set up happy little colonies within the walls of homes and in yards.

It is important to understand three very important facts when dealing with ants. First, they will invade any structure once a food supply or nest site has been found. Second, once they have chosen a structure for nesting or food, simply spraying will not provide control. Third, to obtain control, routinely inspect the affected area to ensure a reinfestation does not occur.

Finding the invaders

Indoor inspection. When inspecting for ants indoors, pay close attention to baseboards, edges of carpets, win-

dow sills, counter tops, cabinet corners, and other such areas. These pests are active foragers, so they should not be hard to locate. Once ant trails have been found, follow the trails back to the nest or outdoor wall where they might have entered the structure.

Outdoor inspection. Foraging trails and colonies are often found outside along foundations, beneath and behind vegetation, ground cover, decorative timbers or stones and mulch. Gently rake back any such material to help locate outdoor nests. Look beneath all objects touching the soil. Ants will make shallow colonies in the soil, nest under construction materials and other such areas like those mentioned above. Ants can survive in a variety of habitats, but if excessive moisture is found, it will help to implement measures to reduce the moist conditions. For example, redirect sprinkler heads, repair leaky faucets, etc.

Solving an ant problem

The good news is that there are two cheap and effective secret weapons to help with an ant problem.

1.) **Clean up:** Always keep the kitchen counters, table and floor well wiped. Be sure to wipe behind countertop appliances, and as a

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APG hosts tour for eCybermission regional winners

Story and photos by
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APG News

Sixteen regional winning teams of eCybermission students toured Aberdeen Proving Ground during Army Enrichment Day on June 20 to learn about how the Army uses science, math and engineering to solve issues for Warfighters.

eCybermission is an online-based competition where students from all around the world, grades six through nine, use science, math and technology to solve issues in their communities. The by U.S. Army Research Development, and Engineering Command manages the program.

The program was started by former Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Eric Shinseki, said Tom Moyer, RDECOM public affairs specialist and program manager of eCybermission.

"The Army saw a lack of interest in science, math and technology," he said. "The purpose of eCybermission is to get kids excited about [these subjects]."

Moyer said that the program also "gives back something to American communities who selflessly give their sons and daughters to the Army."

"Army Enrichment Day exposes young, bright minds to how the Army is involved in research," Moyer said. "It is great to show them what APG is doing and will do for the Warfighters."

Steve Proctor, U.S. Army Research Laboratory protocol specialist, and Jennifer Gaskill, public affairs specialist with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, organized the tour.

Touring APG

The first stop of the tour was at Phillip's Army Air Field where the students saw a demonstration and display of

unmanned aerial vehicles.

"I liked the mini plane that took video footage," said Gershon Clark, 12, a sixth grader from Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Asbury Park, N.J.

The tour of the Mobility-Portability Obstacle Course provided them an opportunity to try on nuclear biological chemical gear including advanced combat helmets and interceptor vests, and run through an obstacle course which included tires, logs and a crawl space.

This was a favorite part of the tour for Mariah Elliott, 12, of West Branch Middle School in West Branch, Iowa.

"It was fun to challenge yourself to get it done," Elliott said.

She said that "it must be even harder for the Soldiers because of all the equipment they have to wear."

Several stations were set up near the obstacle course where students learned about other math, science and technological problems the Army is working to solve.

Students also learned about Meals-Ready-to-Eat or MREs.

Vicki Loveridge, a food technologist from the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Center Department of Defense Combat Feeding Directorate, spoke to the students about how the staff uses radio frequency processing to preserve foods that wouldn't last in high heat. At lunch, children had a chance to try the MREs.

Rick Tauson, a research psychologist, and Chris Stachowiak, an engineer with ARL, gave an overview of how the Army combats problems Soldiers have with reading computers in high mobility multi purpose wheeled vehicles, or HMMWVs. Tauson said the Soldiers have trouble

reading computers because of the vehicle's rapid movement over different terrains and some of the Soldiers get motion sickness.

"Since these kids are technologically gifted, this station speaks to them," Tauson said.

At one of the stations, Capt. Kara Cave, an audiologist with ARL, gave the students an overview on how the Army prevents hearing loss, the most common injury for Soldiers. Since the Soldiers wear ear plugs, they use headsets with microphones positioned at their temple to hear messages from radios. The microphones vibrate the bones which conduct sound to the inner ear, called bone conduction.

After the students were finished with the stations, they traveled to the Rodman Building. They toured the composites lab where they learned that patents are legal documentations of inventions and they help lab projects progress.

They also learned about the chemical protective equipment, clothing and detectors used in combat areas from U.S. Army Medical Command's Institute for Chemical Defense. The Walter Reed Army Institute of Research gave a presentation on the structure and function of the nervous system. A couple of brains sealed in a jar of formaldehyde were used in the demonstration.

There was also a demonstration on electromagnetism using Thompson's Coil, a small tubular induction coil that produces electricity through conductive wire.

At the ECBC Berger Laboratory, Brenda Price, a student from York College and student contractor with Advanced Design and Manufacturing, showed students an



Lauren Bernasconi, 12, a member of the "Safety Chicks" eCybermission team from Heidelberg, Germany, tries out a static electricity ball during a demonstration in the National Science Center's Mobile Discovery Center. This demonstration was one of many conducted during Army Enrichment Day on June 20.

Apache breathing apparatus.

Price said that ADM designed a mount for the apparatus to attach it to chairs.

"The mount helps Soldiers to take the apparatus on and off the chairs so they can get out of helicopters quickly," Price said.

Jeff Warwick, an ADM computer scientist, talked to students about conceptual modules, animation modeling and simulation that are used for training manuals, videos and products for the Army and for Homeland Defense.

In addition, students were shown two machines that "rebuild physical models from (Computer Aided Design and Drafting) or virtual data," said Rick Moore, functional area leader of varied technologies of the Rapid Technologies lab.

After the students toured the labs, they were shown the manufacturing building where technicians take the CADD models and manufacture them.

Rich Kreis, a senior engineer technician of ADM, showed plastic in its raw powder form. He also showed them the acrylic that is used to make fake bombs Soldiers use in training.

In addition, students learned about static electricity in a Mobile Discovery Center provided by the National Science Center.

This is the fourth year the Army has provided Army Enrichment Day for the regional eCybermission winners, according to Kelly Stratchko, a program analyst for ARL and former eCybermission program manager. In the past three years, Army Enrichment Day has been at the Adelphi Laboratory Center.

This year when Moyer took over as program manager, he said he realized the educational opportunities available in the APG organizations that practice in the science and technologies fields and arranged the tours on APG.

Stratchko is very enthusias-

tic about what the program offers its future leaders.

"Children are very fascinated to learn about the Army," she said. "When children first think of the Army, they usually just think about those who are in uniform. When they come here they are exposed to the part of the Army they never knew existed."

game where students picked some kind of food out of a box, put it in a category and explained why the food was in that category.

"I learned that so many kids eat unhealthy," said Clark. "I also learned that many heavy people think they're exercising when they're just standing."

Another team, "Caution:



Amel Omari, left, and Vanessa Topping, right, two demonstrators with Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, use an electric coil and wave simulator to demonstrate electromagnetism. Omari and Topping are also students from Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Mich.



eCybermission regional winners play a game to learn how sensory neurons supply waves of information.

Other sites visited by the regional winners included the Pentagon, Smithsonian Institute and other Washington, D.C. sites.

Highlights of 2005-2006 Regional winning projects

"The Gremlins" team from Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Asbury Park, N.J., used surveys to find out about their peers' eating habits, according to Tina Knok, the Gremlins team adviser and Our Lady of Mount Carmel director of Technology.

Through the team's research they found mashed potatoes and French fries were two of the students' favorite foods and apples were their least favorite food.

To combat this issue, the team organized a pyramid

Humps," focused their project on pedestrian safety. The team did research to determine if a speed bump was needed on a street without sidewalks.

"I learned people may look like they're speeding but they're really not," said Kaylyn Tadlock.

The "Safety Chicks" team from Heidelberg, Germany, focused their project on preventing child abductions.

Team member Mary Sluss, 13, came up with an idea of a safelet, an electronic bracelet that both parents and children would wear. The bracelets could be set to an amount of feet the child could walk away from the parent. If the child went too far, then the bracelets would beep.



Edgewood Chemical Biological Center's Associate Director James Baker shows eCybermission regional winners a protective mask.

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Toastmasters Gunpowder Club member awarded distinguished honor

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A member of the Toastmasters Gunpowder Club and project manager for Chemical Stockpile Elimination at the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, realized the culmination of his efforts as he was presented with the Distinguished Toastmasters Award at the District 18 Conference in Emmitsburg, Md., on May 13.

Toastmasters International president Dilip Abayasekara presented Col. Jesse Barber with the award.

The major purpose of Toastmasters is to teach people how to speak in front of audiences with ease and improve leadership skills, said Leonard Kolodny, vice president, Public Relations, Gunpowder Toastmasters Club in Edgewood.

Barber completed requirements from both communication and leadership tracks of the Communication and Leadership program to receive the Distinguished Toastmasters Award. The communication requirements include 40 speeches and two leadership projects, Barber said.

Barber has received an award for completing each of the 10 speech modules. The awards include Advanced Toastmaster Bronze, Advanced Toastmaster Silver and Advanced Toastmaster Gold.

Barber said Toastmasters can choose the kind of speeches they do for the program.

"I chose humor for one of the first modules because if you can add humor to a speech, it makes the audience more comfortable and brings down their defenses," Barber said.

For the leadership projects Toastmasters teach classes at a local Toastmasters club, or they may chose to teach one class and serve as a leader for

a youth leadership program.

Barber led a 12-week youth leadership program from November 2004 to January 2005 at Edgewood High School. The students learned speaking and leadership skills through the program.



One must complete three leadership modules, serve at least six months as a club officer, and a year as a district officer in order to complete the leadership track of the program.

Barber has fulfilled the leadership requirements because he has served as president of the Gunpowder Club, area governor and currently serves as Division B governor.

It took three years for

Barber to complete all the requirements.

Some Toastmasters meet the requirements faster but Barber spread out his projects so that his team would receive more points.

"I believe in being a team player," Barber said.

Barber serves on two other "teams" of Toastmasters. He is vice president of both the Susquehanna Club on Aberdeen Proving Ground and Maryland Advanced Toastmasters in Baltimore.

For every 10 speeches he does for a club he receives a Competent Toastmasters Award which is worth half of a point for the club, Barber said.

He said he treats the Susquehanna and Gunpowder clubs equally by receiving CTMs for each club. He said Maryland Advance has not been involved in the communication and leadership tracks yet, but after establishing "solid leadership" he will help the members advance.

Barber discussed how the Toastmasters program helped improve his public speaking skills.

"I did a lot of public speaking before but the program

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Community Notes

**FRIDAY
JULY 7
STORM CHASERS
CRUISE**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Storm Chasers Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$35 per person. Passengers will help the crew of the Martha Lewis chase away the summer storms. Drinks include mudslides and hurricanes. Munchies also will be included. Reservations can be made with credit card. For more information or for reservations, call 410-939-4078.

**FRIDAY
JULY 14
SINGLES NIGHT CRUISE**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a

Singles Night Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$35 per person. Passengers can come out for an evening sail and enjoy the company of other singles. Light jazz and beverages will be included. Reservations are required. For more information or for reservations, call 410-939-4078.

**SATURDAY
JULY 15
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit VFW Post 8185 Men's Auxiliary will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open at 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards. Food, beverages, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. No smoking is

allowed. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, or VFW Post 8185, 410-642-9297.

**FRIDAY
JULY 21
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
JULY 22
BEL AIR BOOK
FESTIVAL**

The Harford County Public Library, Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission and the Highland School Foundation will co-host the Bel Air Book Festival, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Shamrock Park. Guests will include Mary Jo Putney, author of *Stolen Magic*; "The Book Guys" of National Public Radio; and "Kidsinger Jim" Hossick will entertain the preschool children. The festival is free to the public. For more information, call Kathy Casey, 443-512-8200 or e-mail her at belairbookfestival@yahoo.com.

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

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."

OVER THE HEDGE

Friday, July 7, 7 p.m.

X-MEN: THE LAST STAND (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, July 8, 7 p.m.

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Saturday, July 8, 9 p.m.

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BJ's membership sale

BJ's Wholesale Club is offering a 15-month membership, to include two cards for \$30 for all civilian, military, retirees and contract employees.

This offer is good for new customers and for membership renewals.

Renewal membership holders should bring their current card with them.

A representative will be available 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 18, 19 and Aug. 1, at the Recreation Center, in building 3326 and at the Edgewood Recreation Center, building E-4140, July 25 and Aug. 23.

All major credit cards, checks and cash will be accepted for payment.

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

Vacation Bible School

The APG Post Chapel Ecumenical Vacation Bible School will be held 6 to 8:45 p.m., Aug. 7 through 11 for preschoolers ages 4 and 5.

This year's theme, "Fiesta," welcomes children to be fired up about Jesus. Get ready for an exciting celebration of Jesus' love filled with lively mariachi bands, colorful folkloric costumes, spicy chili peppers and warm friends.

Registration forms are available at the Main Post Chapel.

Volunteers are needed to assist in planning and training meetings scheduled for July 12 and 19.

For more information or to register, call Gerri Merkel, 410-278-2516, or e-mail her at gerri.merkel@apg.army.mil, call Clarence Weaver, 443-567-8934, or Bernadette Kovalsick, 410-322-5206 or 410-306-2345.

Deadline for registration is July 31.

Ed Center holds

FAST Math class

A Functional Academic Skills Training Math class will run 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, through July 24, in building 4305, room 214. There will be no class July 3 through 7 or on RDO Fridays.

Participation is limited to active duty Soldiers only and is geared to raise their General/Technical Score.

To enroll, call the Army Education Center, 410-306-2042 or DSN 458-2042.

Working Woman's Scholarship nominations open

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women presents an annual \$300 scholarship called the 2006 Dottie Dorman Working Woman's Scholarship to a deserving woman to pay for or offset college expenses incurred in pursuit of her continuing education.

To qualify nominee must:

- Be a female employee in any federal job in Baltimore, Cecil or Harford County.

- Currently be pursuing college-level education studies.

- Prepare a short essay (not to exceed one type-written page) summarizing educational plans and explaining how this scholarship will be used.

- Provide the name; home and work addresses; home and work telephone numbers; e-mail addresses; name and telephone number of current supervisor (to confirm federal employment); and name of nominee's educa-

tional institution.

Submit application to the Maryland Tri-County FEW Scholarship, c/o Suzanne Schultz, 952 Chesapeake Drive, Havre de Grace, MD 21078 no later than Aug. 12.

The winner will be announced during the APG Women's Equality Day observance and awards ceremony 10 to 11:30 a.m., Aug. 23, at the Edgewood Conference Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information, call Suzanne Schultz, 410-278-9514, or Melissa Smith, 410-642-2411, x5129.

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.

Field assistance in science and technology program

The Field Assistance in Science and Technology Program is a U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command asset used to gain better insight into the technology needs of

Soldiers in combat.

RDECOM is made up of eight national and nine international laboratories, all working to get technology to the Warfighter, quicker. The Uniformed Army Scientist and Engineer program was also implemented over the past year, coupling military scientists and engineers with Science Advisors to further enhance communication between troop leaders and RDECOM.

To share a Soldier technology need or solution with RDECOM visit [http:// www.rdecom.army.mil/business.html](http://www.rdecom.army.mil/business.html).

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

DoD board to study impact of Internet's 'blogs' on military ops

Story by
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Armed Forces Press Service

The Defense Science Board will conduct a summer study on a topic that would have been inconceivable when the Defense Department established the board 50 years ago this year: the military implications of Internet search engines, online journals and "blogs."

Kenneth Krieg, the undersecretary of defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics and a former Defense Science Board member himself, requested the study on "Information Management for Net-Centric Operations" to help evaluate the implications of the information network boom.

Krieg noted in a memo to the board the military's ever-increasing reliance on these networks and the way they increase the force's effectiveness. As information becomes more critical to military operations, the military will need to ensure it has the information networks needed to meet future challenges, he wrote.

"Our increasing ability to leverage information and networking will be a critical enabling factor in developing better ways to work with others in the [U.S. government] and with both coalition and nontraditional partners as we,

collectively, undertake the challenging missions of the 21st century," he wrote.

That capability will be critical in stabilization and reconstruction missions. Krieg called access to information and collaboration among those who play a role in these missions "the lifeblood of military and civil-military operations."

And as new users demand more information, they'll want better tools for getting it and ways to ensure its security and reliability.

"'Googling' and 'blogging' are making their way into military operations at all levels," Krieg wrote. "But the full implications of this revolution are as yet unknown, and we have no clear direction and defined doctrine."

Scientific and technical experts on the Defense Science Board will explore those implications during the summer study. The group will assess DoD's strategy, scope and progress toward achieving what Krieg called "a robust and adaptive net-centric DoD enterprise."

The Defense Science Board was established in 1956 to serve as an independent advisory body to DoD on scientific and technical matters.

Ants

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one-time measure, pull out the range and refrigerator and clean the floor there.

Clean crumbs or sticky spots from the bottoms of cupboards, and keep food containers tightly sealed.

Try to avoid eating in other rooms, where cleaning up will be harder.

2.) *Seal up:* Caulk cracks

outside where ants are getting into the house. Caulk cracks around kitchen counter tops, cabinets and baseboards. Make sure all windows and doors are properly sealed.

Unfortunately, in some cases these measures alone may not be effective in controlling ants and the use of sprays and ant baits may also be necessary. A combination of sprays and baits must be used since spray will only kill scouts and forager ants. The baits are needed to kill the ant colony and queen. A combination of the two will help to control or eliminate an ant problem. Ant sprays and baits are available at no cost at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Re-Nu-It Centers, building 5413 and building E-5185. APG family housing tenants are strongly encouraged to utilize these resources as well.

Technology links military journalists, civilian media

Story by
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133rd Mobile Public Affairs
Detachment

TIKRIT, Iraq, June 2006 - Military journalists have always needed a link between Soldiers on the battlefield and the civilian media, from the steamy jungles of Vietnam to the smoldering deserts of Iraq. Modern technology now allows that link to be made within seconds from anywhere in the world.

The Digital Video and Imagery Distribution System, or DVIDS, <http://www.dvidshub.net>, is a system that allows both military and civilian journalists to transmit media products, such as photographs and video of service members, via satellite from remote locations to the United States for use by civilian media outlets.

DVIDS has been in use for a few years now, but recent upgrades to the system are going to make a huge impact on how military journalists conduct business.

"In the old system, you could do a data transfer, but it

was a nightmare to set up," said Hans A. Johnson, vendor support engineer. "Now that's gone away. The upgraded system does the same thing that the old system did, we just made it easier for [military journalists] to accomplish all of the tasks that we originally envisioned."

The original vision for DVIDS was an accessible and reliable medium that allows civilian journalists and media centers to find all types of media pertaining to the U.S. military.

The old system allowed access to products that military journalists were producing, but in an unorganized and sometimes unreliable manner. The new changes to the system, which include extensive upgrades to the software and the DVIDS website, are going to make the original vision possible.

"The whole intent behind all of this is to service our number one customer, the public affairs unit in the field," said Capt. Scott Betts, DVIDS the operations officer.

The 133rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, stationed in Tikrit, Iraq, and other public affairs units deployed around

the world are already beginning to reap the benefits from the improvements to DVIDS.

Betts and Johnson are part of the DVIDS training team that visited the 133rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment to demonstrate the capabilities of the new system. During a training course, Betts and Johnson walked the journalists through the new and streamlined process of uploading their product.

One broadcast journalist from the detachment touted the new features of the system.

"It's going to help our packages get up in a timely manner," said Sgt. Marvin Cornell, a broadcast journalist and Louisville, Ky., native. "This is going to allow the civilian media to get professional grade news in a timely manner, because, let's face it, news is timely."

DVIDS' number one customer may be the military journalists but the military journalist's job is to inform the public about what service members are doing on their deployments. They use the civilian media to get their stories out, and the DVIDS

upgrades are geared toward this end goal.

"These upgrades will benefit the external media because it will give them direct connection to content in a different way," Betts said. "In the end, they're benefiting from the upgrades as much as military journalists are because the entire process of getting the product into their hands will be more streamlined."

Getting the product into the hands of the civilian media is what is inevitably going to allow military journalists to spread the word about what service members in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the world are doing.

And, that's what a military journalist's passion is about; telling their brothers-in-arms' story. The DVIDS system is a tool that's going to allow that to happen.

Toastmaster

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taught me the organization of speeches."

Barber said he also learned how to "put together speeches on the fly which was the real beauty of the program."

Barber's fellow Toastmasters shared their reactions to his receiving the DTM.

"He's an excellent speaker and a fantastic leader," Kolodny said. "He's the kind of guy that everyone likes when they first meet him."

"It shows that Jesse has taken the Toastmasters mission outside the club and connected with other Toastmasters," said Doug Strand, presi-

dent of the Susquehanna Toastmasters.

"This club wouldn't work if it weren't for people like Jesse," Strand said. "It takes a lot of dedication to be a member of three clubs."

Barber said he started the Communication and Leadership program at the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., in April 2003.

Barber discussed what he

likes best about being a member of Toastmasters.

"I enjoy the diversity and camaraderie," Barber said. "The people are always high energy and we have a lot of members who care about one another."

In addition to completing the program, in the past two years, Barber has also won club, area division and district trophies in speech contests.



Your health is KUSAHC's goal



BRAC chairman: Changes will modernize health care system

AUSA News

The chairman of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission said the panel's recommended changes will help the military health system become more modern and more joint

Beneficiaries save using TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy for maintenance medications

Story by

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The TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy offers beneficiaries a way to save money and time by having medications delivered to their home. This is especially convenient for maintenance medications.

"I enjoy the convenience of having a 90-day supply of medications delivered to my home for the price of a 30-day supply at a retail pharmacy," said retired Marine Corps officer Homer E. Rigney. "The TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy is very user-friendly and within a week of ordering my prescription, my medication is delivered."

It is a win-win situation for the beneficiary and the Department of Defense. Beneficiaries save up to 66 percent using the mail-order pharmacy and the savings help DoD provide a strong and affordable health care benefit.

Mail-order pharmacy is recommended for maintenance medications for such conditions as high blood pressure, asthma and dia-

betes. Beneficiaries may also use the mail-order service for prescriptions they routinely use like allergy medications. For prescriptions such as antibiotics or pain medications, beneficiaries may choose to fill the prescription at military treatment facilities or local retail pharmacies.

"Years ago I used the local pharmacy to get my maintenance medications and once I switched to the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy, I was extremely satisfied. Now I have used it for years," Rigney said. "Over the past year I saved \$176 using the mail-order pharmacy. The prices are good and the convenience is outstanding."

Beneficiaries may enroll in the mail-order pharmacy by mail or online. New prescriptions and refills may be filled by telephone, mail or online.

For more information on the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy Program and how to enroll visit http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop_order.cfm. Beneficiaries may also call Express Scripts at 1-866-363-8667 if they have questions about which prescriptions to fill locally or by mail order.

in the future.

Anthony Principi, former secretary of Veterans' Affairs, told attendees at the Washington conference on the State of the Military Health System: "The worlds of national defense and of medicine are changing ever more rapidly and ever more profoundly, and just as chance favors the prepared mind, change favors the prepared organization."

In recapping what lies ahead for military health care, it is important to take a look back at what the BRAC commissioners heard at the spring 2005 hearings on the Defense Department's recommendations that included closing Walter Reed Army Medical Center and transforming "a legacy - an aging medical infrastructure - into a premier, modernized joint operational medicine platform" on the grounds of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., Principi said in his Feb. 2 address.

Speaking the day before the chairman's appearance, Col. Mark Hamilton, USAF, said, "Closing Walter Reed's main post was the hardest, most tension-filled decision" of the medical group established by the Department of Defense for the commission.

He said the study group even considered establishing the new joint medical center at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"We took our task quite seriously, as the impact of any recommendations we made would have pronounced effects, effects we were determine to ensure were to be clearing the way forward as we adopt and adapt to the advancing art and science of medicine and the needs of our armed forces," Lt. Gen. George Taylor, USAF, the head of the Medical Joint-Cross Service Group told the Base Realignment and Closure Commission at a hearing on the 400 pages of its recommendation that, in part, called for the closing of the Army's Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington and the Air Force's Wilford Hall in San Antonio.

"In many locations we had overlapping health care delivery capabilities and a fair amount of aging infrastructure. We also noted that large parts of our capacity and educational training - as well as research, development and acquisition - are highly distributed and stove-piped."

In the group's two years of work, the members also "evaluated hospitals' efficiency at providing inpatient care in an effort to reduce excess capacity by reviewing inpatient services at these facilities with very small inpatient activities."

Taylor said that the third step in the evaluation directly affected the group's recommendations to the commission concern the National Capital Region and San Antonio, and that step meant examining the market for duplication of services and facilities.

He told the commission the recommendation was to create a jointly-staffed 300-bed facility on the Navy's Bethesda campus and build a 165-bed community hospital at Fort Belvoir.

By using the Maryland site, the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center would be close to the military's health services university and the National Institutes of Health.

The new center "will rival Mayo Clinic, Johns Hopkins and the other great medical institutions of the world. And it will be jointly staffed."

At the same time, he said the recommendation is to "transform San Antonio military health care delivery by expanding Brooke Medical Center to 425 beds, staffed from the existing

Brooke and Wilford Hall Medical Center at Laughlin.

This will allow the closure of the existing nine-story, 60-year-old Wilford Hall main building, and its replacement with a large state-of-the-art ambulatory medical center" with eight operating rooms.

Speaking at the Washington conference in February, Brig. Gen. David Young, USAF, said posing the question of how many hospital beds are available as defining the level of care to a community "is the wrong question."

He said that about a quarter of a million people in the San Antonio metropolitan area of slightly more than 1 million residents were eligible for access to the military health care system.

Young said that the work at Brooke including a new emergency room and critical care unit would be complete in either 2011 or 2012 and until then Wilford Hall will continue to be used.

At the springtime commission hearing, Taylor added that the recommendations included moving Air Force enlisted medical training and some Air Force officer training to Fort Sam Houston and move biomedical research to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; Fort Detrick, Md.; and Aberdeen Proving Ground, to "create six centers of excellence" on those facilities.

Maj. Gen. George Weightman, commanding general, Army Medical Department Center & School, said at the February conference, "We're not going to co-locate [enlisted medical training]. Our vision is integration."

He added that five courses already are jointly taught at Fort Sam Houston. This would double the student load to more than 9,000 and bring the faculty and staff to 3,600 when the process is completed.

In the future, there would be "some common core curriculum and service specific as needed."

Weightman said that the military medical community is looking at making this a lifelong learning system and also how to develop leaders.

"What are we supposed to look like five years from now?"

He put the cost of the changes at more than \$1 billion when through and some construction has begun.

But the broad sweep of the recommendations, particularly for Washington D.C. and San Antonio, concerned some commission members.

Retired Brig. Gen. Sue Ellen Turner, USAF, Ret., said, "The beneficiaries of the military health care system's services were, in large part, taken aback."

For San Antonio, she said that the expanded Brooke would "actually deliver more inpatient care than exists in the city today" and that it was "almost as efficient to build" a new facility at Wilford Hall and close the old one.

Taylor said that while the main campus of Walter Reed would close, "other campuses that are associated with Walter Reed would remain in tact, primarily the Forest Glen Research Annex." He added the recently opened prosthetics and amputee center on Walter Reed would move to the new Bethesda facility.

Slightly less than \$2 billion has been set aside to cover medical base closure and realignment.

Rear Adm. John Mateczam, deputy surgeon general of the Navy, told attendees at the February conference that "it's a loss of more than \$1.9 billion as local business plans are put together."

Secondhand smoke focus of Surgeon General

Department of Health and Human Services

The U.S. Surgeon General issued a comprehensive scientific report June 27 which concludes that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

Nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke at home or work increase their risk of developing heart disease by 25 to 30 percent and lung cancer by 20 to 30 percent.

The finding is of major public health concern due to the fact that nearly half of all nonsmoking Americans are still regularly exposed to secondhand smoke.

The report, "The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke," finds that even brief secondhand smoke exposure can cause immediate harm.

The report says the only way to protect nonsmokers from the dangerous chemicals

in secondhand smoke is to eliminate smoking indoors.

"The report is a crucial warning sign to nonsmokers and smokers alike," Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt said. "Smoking can sicken and kill, and even people who do not smoke can be harmed by smoke from those who do."

Secondhand smoke exposure can cause heart disease and lung cancer in nonsmoking adults and is a known cause of sudden infant death syndrome, respiratory problems, ear infections and asthma attacks in infants and children, the report finds.

"The health effects of secondhand smoke exposure are more pervasive than we previously thought," said Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona, vice admiral of the U.S. Public Health Service. "The scientific evidence is now indisputable: secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance. It is a serious health

hazard that can lead to disease and premature death in children and nonsmoking adults."

Secondhand smoke contains more than 50 cancer-causing chemicals, and is itself a known human carcinogen.

Nonsmokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke inhale many of the same toxins as smokers.

Even brief exposure to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and increases risk for heart disease and lung cancer, the report says.

In addition, the report notes that because the bodies of infants and children are still developing, they are especially vulnerable to the poisons in secondhand smoke.

"The good news is that, unlike some public health hazards, secondhand smoke exposure is easily prevented," Carmona said. "Smoke-free indoor environments are proven, simple approaches that

prevent exposure and harm."

The report finds that even the most sophisticated ventilation systems cannot completely eliminate secondhand smoke exposure and that only smoke-free environments afford full protection.

Carmona noted that levels of cotinine--a biological marker for secondhand smoke exposure--measured in nonsmokers have fallen by 70 percent since the late 1980s, and the proportion of nonsmokers with detectable cotinine levels has been halved from 88 percent in 1988 to 91 to 43 percent in 2001 to 02.

"Our progress over the past 20 years in clearing the air of tobacco smoke is a major public health success story," Carmona said. "We have averted many thousands of cases of disease and early death and saved millions of dollars in health care costs."

He emphasized, however, that sustained efforts are required to protect the more than 126 million Americans who continue to be regularly exposed to secondhand smoke in the home, at work, and in enclosed public spaces.

To help communicate the report findings as widely as possible, the Surgeon General unveiled an easy-to-read guide with practical information on the dangers of secondhand smoke and steps people can take to protect themselves.

Copies of "The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General" and related materials are available on the Surgeon General's Web site, www.surgeon-general.gov/library/secondhandsmoke/.





Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Photo by CHRIS LOCKHART MWR
From left, Pvs. Robert Warden and tyreece Whisenton, Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, perform the Rap song, "What 'Cha Talking 'Bout" during the APG Talent Search at the Aberdeen Recreation Center May 20.

22nd Chemical Soldier wins APG Talent Search

Story by
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APG News

A supply sergeant with a big voice from the 22nd Chemical Battalion overcame 16 other competitors to win the Aberdeen Proving Ground Talent Search at the Aberdeen Recreation Center May 20.

Sgt. Curtis Worsley took the show's top award after charming the audience with the ballad, 'Love' by Philadelphia artist Musiq Soulchild.

Coming in second was Pvt. Damon Archat, Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion, who rapped an original song, and Pfc. Robert Davis took third place, singing Garth Brooks' "Friends in Low Places."

Worsley, a supply sergeant and Gospel singer from Chesapeake, Va., praised his fellow contestants.

"It's a hard thing to do to get up in front of others and sing, especially for the ones with no music," he said. "To me, we were all winners just for being able to do that."

He thanked his unit and co-workers for "their moral support," and God for "blessing me with this talent."

"I've been singing ever since I was in my mother's womb," Worsley said, adding that he "kind of zoned out" and sang to himself during the competition as he focused on hitting one particularly high note. Apparently he nailed it, he said because "the crowd reaction was very positive."

They loved it."

Worsley said he plans to continue to pursue a career in Gospel music and hopes to be recording soon. He is slated to sing the national anthem during the upcoming Morale, Welfare and Recreation Boxing competition at Hoyle Gym July 29.

Hosted by MWR, the Talent Search is a part of the 2006 Army Festival of the Performing Arts. Winners may be eligible to compete for spots in other Army Entertainment ventures like the U.S. Army Soldier Show, Stars for Tomorrow, Bravo Concert

Series and USA Express.

Earlene Allen, MWR special events coordinator and Joyce Founds, director of recreation centers, hosted the program. Judges included, Staff Sgt. Leslie Moore, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion and BOSS representative; Ralph Cuomo, MWR sports director; Charles Heinsohn, MWR programmer; Phyllis Etheridge, Army Substance Abuse Program testing coordinator; Debi Horne, editor of the APG News; and Cordelia Lee, co-owner, Ultimate Driving School.

Showcase of talent

Staff Sgt. Antonio Lewis
Pfc. Daniel Williams
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion

Sgt. Wakenya Ruffin
Pvt. Collin Reeder
Pvt. Cameron Christenson
Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion

Pvt. Jovan Davis
Pvt. Marcus Henderson
Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion

Pvt. Cody McClellan
Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion

Pvt. Estefana Rodriguez
Company A, 16th

Ordnance Battalion
Pvt. Jeffrey Tenner,
Pvt. Rebecca Cox
Pvt. Megan Gee,
Pvt. James Ross
Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion

Pfc. Jemile Jackson
Pvt. Robert Warren
Pvt. Tyreece Whisenton
Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion

Sgt. Mario Lipkins
Noncommissioned Officer Academy

Civilian
Courtney White
U.S. Army Environmental Center

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

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

The 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.

SCHOOL LIAISON

Scheduling HCPS sports physicals

Sports physicals satisfy the requirements of a medical examination for the student's eligibility to participate in Harford County Public School interscholastic athletics.

The physical must be completed after June 8, 2006, for the 2006/2007 school year.

A student must have health insurance to participate in sports within the county schools, though it is not needed for the appointment.

Students or their parents need to complete the student side of the "Interscholastic Athletic" form prior to the appointment according to Jane Fischbeck with H.C.P.S.

The form is available at the schools listed or can be picked up at the APG School Liaison Office on Rodman Road, building 2752.

It is not necessary to bring an immunization form to the examination.

Sports physicals will be given by Dr. David W. McClure for 2006 fall sports:

3:30 p.m., July 18, C. Milton Wright School
4 p.m., July 20, Havre de Grace High School

3:45 p.m., Aug. 7, Aberdeen High School
3:30 p.m., Aug. 8, Edgewood High School
4 p.m., Aug. 10, Havre de Grace High School

3:30 p.m., Aug. 14, C. Milton Wright School
The fee for the physical is \$20.

To schedule an appointment with McClure, call C. Milton Wright, 410-638-4110; Havre de Grace High School, 410-939-6600; Aberdeen High School, 410-273-5500 and Edgewood High School, 410-612-1500.

For more information, e-mail jane.fischbeck@hcps.org or call Eileen Campbell, APG School Liaison, 410-278-2857.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

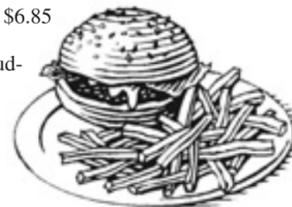
Week of July 11

Special #1: Egg salad sandwich on white bread (choice of mayonnaise, tomato, pickles and onions), chips, one cookie and soda for \$3.85

Special #2: Five butterfly shrimp, one cookie and soda for \$6.85

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

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



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.

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 website www.hcplonline.info under "Library Services" or through 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 12 p.m. at Skipper's Point Park in Edgewood July 6 and 20 and Aug. 3 and 17, and in Aberdeen at the New Chesapeake Playground July 13 and 27 and Aug. 10.

Aberdeen Recreation Center Snack Bar

An alternative lunch choice is the Recreation Center Snack

Bar in building 3326 where there are many choices for a quick lunch 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, dining inside or outside on the patio. Cheese steak subs, turkey burgers, pizza and much, much more are offered. It is open for dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Visit the MWR Web site for exact times or call 410-278-2621.

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.

ACS Lending Closet

The Lending Closet's objective is to assist arriving and departing families and Soldiers allowing them to borrow top quality items at no cost. It is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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.

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.

ACS Birthday Picnic

There is no cost to attend the ACS birthday picnic, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 20 at Maryland Boulevard Field. Free tickets are available at Aberdeen ACS, building 2754, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 410-278-7572, or at Edgewood ACS, building E-4630, Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 410-436-3362.



Lynyrd Skynyrd's Ricky Medlocke, left, and Gary Rossington get a funky duet going.

Lead singer Ronnie Van Zant gets things going as Lynyrd Skynyrd takes the stage.



Lead guitarist Matt Roberts of 3 Doors Down provides background vocals.

Todd Harrell of 3 Doors Down grooves to his own sounds as he plucks a solo on bass.

Brad Arnold, lead singer of 3 Doors Down opens the Army Concert Tour featuring Lynyrd Skynyrd at Shine Sports Field June 24.

Thousands brave June rains for **DOUBLE TROUBLE CONCERT**



From left, Lisa Ryan of Havre de Grace and Sarah Andersen from Easton, share an umbrella while enjoying the sounds of 3 Doors Down.

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

An hour-long delay, thunder and lightning, a soggy field and a steady rainfall that just wouldn't quit did little to dampen the enthusiasm of thousands of fans who braved it all for the Army Concert Tour featuring 3 Doors Down and Lynyrd Skynyrd at Shine Sports Field June 24.

The opening performance by Philadelphia artist Danielia Cotton was cancelled due to the rain delay.

APG's Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted the event supported by sponsors Chase Bank, Bud Light and Diet Pepsi. Law enforcement officers from the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security oversaw traffic and crowd control and hundreds of volunteers, including Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and family members worked the gates and concessions and conducted cleanup operations.

The performers did not disappoint as 3 Doors Down delivered a high energy performance as if the sun was shining.

"This is for all of you who've been standing in the rain all this time for us," said lead singer Brad Arnold. The group wowed the audience, performing its top singles, "Kryptonite," "Duck and Run," and "Here Without You," among other fan favorites.

Lynyrd Skynyrd followed with an equally energized performance, singing classics like "Gimme Three Steps" and "Free Bird," and topping it all off with its signature song, "Sweet Home Alabama."

Fans danced and sang along throughout both performances, many under umbrellas or wearing improvised raingear like trash bags, while others simply surrendered to the elements.

"I'm enjoying it but I'd like it a lot better without the rain," said Lisa Ryan, a Swan Creek Inn employee, as she huddled under an umbrella with her friend Sarah Andersen of Easton, Md.



Soggy fans enjoy the sounds of 3 Doors Down despite a steady downpour.

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