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Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for June 21, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Well-Being Council meet June 15

The Well-Being Action Council will meet 9:30 a.m., June 15, at the AA Post Chapel, Fellowship Hall. For more information, call Sheryl Speerstra, 410-306-4522.

JPED change of command ceremony

The Joint Personal Effects Depot change of command ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m., June 19, on Fanshaw Field.

Lt. Col. Deborah S. Skillman will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Louis S. Kilmon.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the APG Recreation Center.

For more information, contact Capt. Carol Gardner, 410-278-0056, or carol.denise.garner@us.army.mil, or Staff Sgt. Karen King, 410-278-4990, or karen.i.king@us.army.mil.

Background checks for guest hunters

Applications for those who wish to hunt as a guest on APG will be processed 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 24, building 550B, The Archery Range on Student Drive.

Law enforcement personnel will be on hand to process all paperwork.

Authorized sponsors should inform their guests (Maryland residents only) to be prepared to be fingerprinted. They must present proof of identity, such as driver's license, passport, or government issued ID card. The fee is \$15.

For more information, call Michael Davis, The APG Bowman, Inc., 410-306-0572.

RAB holds meeting

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., June 29, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Bush River Study Area.

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APG designated a 'Tree City'

Story and photo by
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APG News

Thanks to a community forestry program and environmental initiatives that place Aberdeen Proving Ground among the leading environmental stewards in the nation, the installation has been designated a "Tree City" by the Tree City USA© program.

Sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, Tree City USA© provides direction, technical assistance, public attention and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 93 million Americans call home.

The installation received a blue spruce sapling from Tree City USA© in recognition of the selection, and on June 2,

Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, along with Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby planted the sapling in the Garrison Park next to building 305 near the large blue spruce at the Vietnam Memorial.

"One day, this will compliment the one already here," Wright said of the sapling.

Representatives in attendance from the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment included Ralph Cardenuto, chief, Environmental Compliance Division; Karen Jobs, program assistant, Environmental Conservation and Restoration Division; and John Wrobel, environmental engineer, as well as members of the garrison staff.

The team will place weed cloth, mulch and a fence around the sapling, Wrobel said.



APG Garrison Commander Col. John T. Wright, with shovel in hand, breaks ground for a blue spruce sapling, a gift to the installation for being designated a 'Tree City' by the Tree City USA© program, near building 305, June 2, as Garrison staff members, from left, Churron Ringgold, Vera Wyatt and John Sawyer; Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment environmental engineer John Wrobel; Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby; DSHE's Ralph Cardenuto, chief, Environmental Compliance Division; and Karen Jobs, program assistant, Environmental Conservation and Restoration Division, look on.

Deter, detect, defend: Learning more about identity theft

Story by
JOY DUKE
OSJA

Last month, the loss of personal information for more than 26 million veterans and their spouses brought national attention to the issue of identity theft.

The staff of the Client Services Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, knows through experience that awareness is the best way to prevent identity theft.

Identity theft occurs when someone steals an individual's personal information and uses it fraudulently. Identity theft can cost the victim time and money and compromise credit ratings.

Identity thieves often obtain personal information by going through trash, stealing a wallet, taking mail, or by obtaining an employer's personnel records. Other methods include updated twists on age-old confidence tricks such as solicitation of personal information through electronic mail or telephone calls ("phishing").

While it is impossible to guarantee a person will never be a victim of identity theft, there are ways to minimize risk.

Deter identity thieves by safeguard-

ing personal information. Shred financial documents before discarding them. Protect Social Security numbers. Do not give out personal information (e-mail, telephone, or personal conversations) unless individual is sure of who they are dealing with. Do not use obvious passwords. Keep information secure.

Detect suspicious activity by routinely monitoring personal financial accounts and billing statements. Be alert. Investigate mail or bills that do not arrive. Inspect personal credit report. Credit reports contain information including accounts and bill payment history. The consumer is entitled to one free report a year from each nationwide credit reporting agency. To obtain this information visit www.AnnualCreditReport.com; call 1-877-322-8228; or email a request to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

Some credit reporting agencies offer "credit monitoring" services (for example, Credit Notify) which appear to be free for the first month, but then charge a monthly fee unless the consumer opts out of the service (buyer beware).

Defend against identity theft as soon as a problem is suspected. Place a "Fraud Alert" on personal credit reports, and review the reports carefully. The alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures before they open new accounts or make certain changes to existing accounts.

The three nationwide consumer reporting companies have toll-free numbers for placing an initial 90-day fraud alert. A call to one company is sufficient.

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
Experian: 1-888-397-3742
TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289

Placing a fraud alert entitles consumer to free copies of their credit reports. Consumers should look for inquiries from companies they have not contacted, accounts they did not open, and debts on their accounts that cannot be explained.

Close any accounts that have been tampered with or established fraudulently. Call the security or fraud departments of each company where an account was opened or changed without your authority. Follow up in writing, with copies of supporting documents. Ask for written verification that the disputed account has been closed

and the fraudulent debts discharged. Keep copies of documents and records of conversations about the theft.

Consumers should also file a report with law enforcement officials.

For thefts believed to have occurred on Aberdeen Proving Ground, call 410-306-0565. Based on factors such as where the identity theft took place and the nature of the theft, consumers may eventually be referred to a special agent of the Army's Criminal Investigation Command, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or state and local law enforcement officials. If the theft occurred off the installation, start by contacting the local police or where the theft is believed to have taken place.

To learn more about identity theft and to help the Federal Trade Commission prevent future thefts, victims can contact the FTC online: www.ftc.gov/idtheft; by phone: 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338); or by mail: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580.

For assistance with an identity theft issue, contact the Legal Assistance Office of the Client Services Division, 410-278-1583, or stop by building 310, wing 2.



Photo by SEAN KIEF, APG PHOTO LAB
Col. Frank Merritt, left, 61st Ordnance Brigade commander, passes the 16th Ordnance Battalion flag to incoming battalion commander Lt. Col. Karen Jordan. Command Sgt. Maj. William Hart, right, looks on.

16th Ordnance Battalion changes command

Story by
KHAALID WALLS
OC&S

A brisk spring day provided an ideal backdrop for the 16th Ordnance Battalion change of command ceremony in late May on Fanshaw Field.

Lt. Col. Richard Parker, outgoing battalion commander, said commanding the battalion was a rewarding experience. He relished the accomplishments of the battalion under his leadership, and said he would greatly miss the Soldiers he led.

In his two years in command, some 5,000 Soldiers completed advanced individual training, Parker said.

Parker's next assignment will take him to Hawaii, where he will serve as the deputy commanding officer for the 45th Sustainment Brigade, before deploying with the unit to Iraq.

He concluded his remarks by welcoming incoming commander Lt. Col. Karen Jordan.

Jordan said she looks forward to the challenge of leading a training unit.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to train Soldiers. I accept this great responsibility," she said.

Jordan most recently served as the military assistant to the Army G-4 at the Pentagon.

She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Saint Paul's College.

Her military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two Overseas Service awards and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

CSA sends message to all veterans

"As you are likely aware, the Department of Veterans Affairs recently lost a computer drive with the identifying information (names, Social Security Numbers and dates of birth) of as many as 20 million veterans.

We now know that many active and reserve service members may be affected. Although there is no evidence that the data has been used illegally, all Soldiers should be extra vigilant with regard to their financial well-being.

You should closely monitor your personal financial affairs while the Department of Defense, VA and the military services work in earnest to determine the details and impacts of the compromise. We ask that you carefully monitor your bank accounts, credit card accounts and any other financial accounts for suspicious activity. For more information on how to protect yourself, contact DoD's Military One Source at www.militaryonesource.com or 1-800-342-9647.

The Army will work to keep you informed and ensure that you are aware of the resources available to help deal with this issue."

Peter J. Schoemaker
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

Kenneth O. Preston
Sergeant Major of the Army

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Wounded Warrior provides valuable feedback to testers



An M1114 up-armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle operates on the Imbedded Rock Course at ATC's Munson Test Area. The M1114 was tested specifically to be used in Iraq to protect Soldiers such as 1st Lt. Brennan Speakes, a platoon leader with A Troop, 1-71 Cavalry, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), who visited the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center May 24 to provide feedback to testers.

Story and photo by
SUSAN HAGAN
ATC

During a May 24 visit to the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, 1st Lt. Brennan Speakes, a platoon leader with A Troop, 1-71 Cavalry, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), provided testers with valuable feedback based on his experiences in Iraq.

Speakes, who was wounded in Iraq when his M1114 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle rolled over, has been an out-patient at Walter Reed Army Medical Center since March 2006.

During his visit Speakes viewed current testing being conducted at ATC in support of troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and he provided testers with information on how Soldiers are using vehicles and equipment in the field.

While touring the Automotive Command Center, where vehicles are instrumented prior to being tested, Speakes provided input on the types of things that Soldiers

are doing to their vehicles in Iraq, such as replacing parts and tightening loose bolts.

"That's the sort of thing that we don't necessarily find out about," said John Wallace, ATC's technical director. "Input from Soldiers such as 1st Lt. Speakes gives our engineers a glimpse of how the vehicles we are testing are repaired and maintained in Iraq."

Such input allows ATC to more effectively test vehicles and offer suggestions to program managers on ways to improve their vehicles.

Speakes also witnessed a mine shot on a HMMWV equipped with an armor kit. ATC has tested almost 430 armor kits since the beginning of the war in Iraq. He joked that it was much better to witness the event from the outside of the vehicle, rather than the inside.

"Everything I can think of that I'm interested in, you test here," Speakes commented. "This has been a great oppor-

tunity. When else is a lieutenant going to see things like this, or anyone for that matter, that isn't associated with Aberdeen?"

ATC, a subordinate test center to the Developmental Test Command and the Army Test and Evaluation Command, continues to provide support to the Warfighter in many ways.

"Our goal is to make sure everything we test is safe, effective and reliable," Wallace said.

Some of ATC's most notable achievements include testing the Stryker, the Army's newest vehicle, and designing, fabricating and testing slat armor, the cage like apparatus bolted to the Stryker to protect the vehicle from rocket propelled grenades.

ATC also works 24 hours, seven days a week when necessary, testing armor kits for HMMWVs and other vehicles to provide troops with better protection from improvised explosive devices and other threats.

Officer's impact on Soldiers lauded

Story by
MIKE CAST
ATC

A Soldier who played a key role in the development and fielding of Army weapon systems, as well as in helping to shape the Army's Future Force, officially ended his military career last month in a special ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Ordnance Museum.

A host of friends, family members and well-wishers turned out May 19 to honor the career of Lt. Col. Albert Richard, whose assignment at APG centered on evaluating a variety of Army weapon systems.

Richard and others at APG's Army Evaluation Center have assessed the performance of high-profile, currently fielded Army systems such as the Stryker and the latest-generation Abrams tank, as well as the technologically complex weapons and vehicles the Army plans to field as part of its Future Combat Systems.

During his assignment with AEC's Future Force Evaluation Directorate, Richard relied on his experiences as a Soldier to provide critical feedback on military systems undergoing testing and evaluation.

Brig. Gen. Michael Combest, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command and officiating officer at the retirement ceremony, noted that APG's Ordnance Museum is replete with examples of systems that didn't work very well in addition to those that did. It was appropriate to honor Richard at the museum because he helped the Army understand what did and didn't work for Soldiers, Combest said, adding that Richard also helped the Army with acquisition decisions that will have a significant impact on its future.

AEC, a subordinate unit of the Army Test and Evaluation Command, receives performance data from tests of weapon systems under development and from operational tests that involve Soldiers using the test items as they would on the battlefield. AEC evaluators use

that information to prepare detailed system evaluation reports for senior Army leadership and sometimes for the Defense Department.

Richard's efforts in that assignment were outstanding, Combest said, because of their contribution to the well-being of Soldiers. Combest said that AEC's work is crucial not only because it is helping the Army field systems that can defeat enemy forces but also because it could help save Soldiers' lives in combat. That is the most important thing anyone in the Army can do, Combest added.

Richard, a 1985 graduate of the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, began his Army career as an aviation officer at Fort Rucker, Ala., after graduation. His next assignment took him to Camp Stanley in the Republic of South Korea, where he served as an aviation section leader with the 2nd Infantry Division. He also served as an aviation officer at Forts Ord and Hunter-Liggett, Calif., before returning to South Korea in 1992 to command an air cavalry troop for the 2nd Infantry Division.

Numerous other assignments followed, including duty in Syracuse, N.Y., to support Army Reserve training, a stint as an aviation brigade plans officer at Fort Carson, Colo., and as an aviation battalion executive officer and battalion operations officer at Fort Hood, Texas. While stationed at Fort Hood, he joined the team of U.S. military personnel supporting the NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia, where he served as a security officer for the force commandant.

Richard's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Medal.

He and his wife, Cyndi, who was a nurse in both the Army and Air Force before leaving military service, plan to stay in the area with their daughter, Julianna, 7, and son, Joseph, 2.



Photo by MARTIN WHITTIER
Lt. Col. Albert Richard retired May 19 after some 21 years of service to the U.S. Army.

20th Support Command (CBRNE) senior NCO retires at May ceremony

Story by
BARRY NAPP
20th Support Command (CBRNE)

The 20th Support Command (Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and High Yield Explosives)'s first paralegal noncommissioned officer was honored for 20 years of dedicated, professional and selfless service to the U.S. Army during the Garrison retirement ceremony at Top of the Bay May 29.

Col. Barrett Lowe, chief of staff, 20th Support Command (CBRNE), hosted the ceremony and presented Sgt. 1st Class Diane V. Elam with the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement and the Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC).

Her husband, Marcus received the Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation signed by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter

Schoomaker. "Sgt. 1st Class Elam was instrumental in identifying problems relating to Uniform Code of Military Justice jurisdiction," Lowe said. "The UCJM issue, along with other legal challenges, was magnified as our unit was brand new and we inherited many subordinate organizations. She stepped up, did a great job and we wish her and her family all the best."

Elam entered the Army in August 1986 after graduation from Bayside High School in Virginia Beach, Va., earlier that year. She served three overseas tours, two in Germany and one in Korea, in addition to many stateside assignments.

Her awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (2

OLC), the Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), the National Defense Medal (2nd Award), the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (3 OLC), the Global War on Terrorism, the Recruiter Badge (with 3 gold stars), the Driver's Badge and the Mechanic's Badge.

"I'd like to thank my family, former supervisors and mentors as well as all the NCOs and Soldiers that have made me what I am today," Elam said. "I'm looking forward to meeting new people and challenges in this next part of my journey."

She is married to Marcus D. Elam and upon her retirement, plans to pursue her education goals, seek employment and spend time traveling.

MRICD scientist receives honorary degree

Story by
CINDY KRONMAN
MRICD

A senior principal investigator at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, Dr. John P. Petralli, was honored by his alma mater, Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, W. Va., at the college's public commencement ceremony on May 14. The Trustee and Honors Committee of the college recognized Petralli with an honorary doctor of science degree.

Petralli said he was touched by the recognition. "On behalf of all D&E Alumni I will serve and wear this honor proudly and with privilege," he said, addressing the graduates.

"Through its 100-year existence, the contribution that this small school has made to society has been inversely proportional to its size," continued Petralli. "D&E graduates have made enviable contributions in clinical medicine, laboratory medicine, surgery, medical research, molecular sciences, pharmaceuticals, philosophy, religion, chemistry, the theater, civil government, legal government, art, business and politics among other disciplines. That is a record of which you may well be proud. You are now poised to join this select company. So, be a proud D&E graduate. Provide the world what is expected of a well educated, responsible and compassionate leader. The world will find time to reward you for it."

Davis and Elkins College chose to honor Petralli, who graduated cum laude from the college in 1955, for "his distinguished career as a research scientist in the cause of human health and the protection of life in the face of potential chemical and biological attacks."

Petralli earned his doctorate in anatomy and pathology from the Medical Graduate Program of the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He began his federal career in 1962 as a biologist in the Pathology Branch of the Biomedical Laboratories (the predecessor lab to MRICD). There under the mentorship of Dr. Ludwig Sternberger, Petralli trained in electron microscopy, immunology and ultrastructural techniques.

During Petralli's long career at MRICD, he has designed and conducted primary research to detect the mechanisms of chemical threat agents and to identify those that may be predictive or diagnostic of a given pathogenesis. His work has led to a number of breakthrough discoveries, including the effects of nerve agents on the blood-brain barrier as being convulsive-dependent and the sequential pathogenesis of sulfur mustard-induced blister formations in exposed skin. His discoveries have led to the development of specific immunodiagnostic tests and to new treatment regimens following exposure.

Petralli is the author of more than 120 peer-reviewed scholarly articles, eight book chapters, and 31 technical reports.

In addition to his research at MRICD, Petralli has served as associate professor in the University of Maryland School of Medicine's departments of anatomy and dermatology. He began his university association as a part-time assistant professor at the University of Maryland's Department of Anatomy in 1969; he became an adjunct associate professor of anatomy in 1982 and is presently visiting professor in the Department of Dermatology.

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Deputy assistant secretary presents award at Eagle Scout ceremony

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A Boy Scout of Aberdenn Proving Ground's Troop 429 was honored at the Ordnance Museum May 28 in an Eagle Scout ceremony for his achievements to attain the highest rank in scouting.

Erik Lesniak's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony at APG had even more meaning to him and his family since his father, Chris Lesniak, a retired colonel, served 27 years in the military. His grandfather is also an Eagle Scout and received his award from President Truman.

Lesniak was joined by fellow members of APG Troop 429, Troop 131 of North East, Troop 429 committee chairman, Fred Silva, Bill Yeakel, chairman of the Eagle Scout board, parents, Chris and Mary Lesniak, his sister, Katie Lesniak and many other family members and friends.

Special guests who attended the ceremony were Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Chemical Demilitarization Dale Ormond; Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison

and deputy installation commander; Steve Kilczewski, Boy Scouts of America Harford District Commissioner and Janet Buhite, Boy Scouts of America Harford Senior District Executive.

Ormond said he attended the ceremony because he and Lesniak's father used to work together on the U.S. Chemical Demilitarization Program.

"I asked him if he would honor Erik [by attending the ceremony] and he said he would be delighted," Lesniak said.

Yeakel spoke about the requirements Lesniak had to meet to attain Eagle Scout status.

"Only two percent of scouts achieve the rank of Eagle," Yeakel said.

A scout has to earn at least 21 merit badges in which 12 are required, according to Yeakel. In addition, after becoming a Life Scout, he has to work in a leadership position for six months.

During this time, the Life Scout must "plan, develop and carry out a service project" that benefits a school, religious establishment or a community "in a manner worthy of

an Eagle Scout," Yeakel said.

Lesniak achieved all of these requirements and more. Yeakel said he received 28 merit badges and worked as a leader in three positions: a Senior Patrol Leader, an assistant Senior Patrol Leader and a Patrol Leader. He also served as a unit historian.

Lesniak's service project was an area beautification project on the grounds of the directorates of Installation Operations and Safety, Health and Environment. Lesniak's team of Troop 429 and their parents trimmed 50 bushes and restored 40 cubic yards of mulch around an area of almost 40,000 square feet in May 2005. The team also took away debris and trimmed the edges of 1,500 feet of sidewalks. They completed the project in three days.

After the service project was completed, it was reviewed by the Baltimore Area Council, and Lesniak was recommended to the National Boy Scouts of America for Eagle Scout.

In addition to the beautification project Lesniak has served the public in other ways

completing post cleanup at Gate 22, placing flags on Memorial Day at an APG Cemetery, participating in food drives on post and in many other scouts' Eagle service projects, according to Chris Lesniak, who is also Troop 429's Scoutmaster.

After Yeakel informed the audience of Lesniak meeting the requirements, he talked about the Eagle Scout's responsibilities such as being loyal, courageous and service oriented.

Yeakel invited other Eagle Scouts in the audience to stand

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Eagle Scout Erik Lesniak, left, receives congratulations from Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, during his Eagle Scout of Honor ceremony May 28 at the APG Ordnance Museum. In the background, Fred Silva, left, Troop 429, and Eagle Scout Jim Brady applaud.

Community Notes

THURSDAY JUNE 15 SUNSET CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Sunset Cruise, 7 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and

\$10 for children under 10 years of age. The ship will cruise around the Susquehanna Flats and upper Chesapeake Bay. Reservations can be made with credit card.

For more information or for

reservations, call 410-939-4078.

SATURDAY JUNE 17 CRITTER DINNERTIMES

Come watch turtles, fish and snakes eat while learning more about these fascinating creatures. This program begins at 2 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.

MARGARITA NIGHT

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer Margarita Night, 7 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$35 per person. Passengers can board the Skipjack at Tydings Park, Havre de Grace. The historical oyster dredger will cruise around the Susquehanna

Flats area as margaritas are served and Jimmy Buffet tunes play. Light munchies, beer and soda are included. Credit cards will be accepted.

For reservations, call 410-939-4078.

SUNDAY JUNE 18 WHAT'S IN THAT POND?

Travel around the center looking for evidence of microscopic life. No stone will be untouched and every puddle will be explored. This program is for ages 7 to adult and is free. It is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Reservations are required. For information, directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center or to make a reservation, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, extension 1688.

FATHER'S DAY CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer two Father's Day Cruises, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 10 years of age. The ship will cruise around the Susquehanna Flats. Savory sandwiches, beverages and dessert will be served. Reservations must be made in advance and can be made with credit card.

For more information or for reservations, call 410-939-4078.

MEET A CRITTER

Check out one of the live critters at the center while discovering what makes that animal special. This program begins at 2 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, extension 1688.

(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."

UNITED 93

Friday, June 16, 7 p.m.

HOOT (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, June 17, 7 p.m.

STICK IT

Saturday, June 17, 9 p.m.

CAC PIN reset operations update

The Common Access Card PIN reset operations have moved to permanent CAC PIN reset locations.

In the Aberdeen Area, the location is the Janet M. Barr Soldier Support Center (One-Stop), building 4305, room 145.

- Enter any B-4305 first floor entrance, go to ticket machine at one of those entrances (gray box on stand or counter).

- Select CAC PIN Reset button, take the ticket and proceed to main lobby area and take a seat in the waiting area.

- Watch the sign board for your number to appear. Once your number appears proceed from lobby to main hall, turn right, and proceed down the hall and through the door with the red LED sign.

- The phone number for building 4305 CAC Reset Support is 410-306-2330.

In the Edgewood Area, the location is APG DOIM CAC PIN Reset Operations (collocated with RDECOM CIO Helpdesk), building E-5234, on the corner of Fleming and 14th streets.

- Enter the east end of building E-5234, (through the door with the "Help Desk" sign).

- For assistance or questions call 410-436-8450.

CAC PIN reset locations will be open 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

For more information, call the APG DOIM at 4-HELP, 4-4357, or 410-306-4357.

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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.

Education Center holds FAST Math class

A Functional Academic Skills Training Math class will run 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, June 26 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.

Call for nominees for FWP awards

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.

DoD offers free anti-spyware

The Defense Information Systems Agency has licensed free anti-spyware software for all government employees and

armed forces personnel for use on personal computer systems.

Users must be on a ".mil" workstation to download the software.

To download the free anti-spyware software, visit the DISA Web site, <https://iase.disa.mil/sdep>, or the Navy's Information Assurance Web site, <https://infosec.navy.mil>. At the INFOSEC site, click on the COMPUSEC tools tab and scroll down to the anti-spyware link, second from the top. The software can then be saved to a local hard drive for writing on a CD-ROM or other portable media for home use.

(Note: Information provided by www.military.com.)

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.

Anyone that would like to share a Soldier technology need or solution with RDECOM should visit <http://www.rdecom.army.mil/business.html>.

Thrift Shop \$2 bag sale continues

Throughout June, the Thrift Shop will hold a \$2 bag sale in the Bargain Room.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday of the month.

For information, call during shop hours only, 410-272-8572.

Unleaded fuel no longer available at Aberdeen fuel station

Due to mechanical problems, unleaded fuel cannot be dispensed at the Aberdeen Fuel Station, building 4029, and it is expected to be unavailable for about one month.

Drivers of Army owned-vehicles and equipment requiring unleaded fuel must gas up at the Edgewood Station, building E-4017. GSA vehicle operators must go to the Motor Pool in building 5256 to obtain a GSA credit card to purchase unleaded fuel at AAFES or commercial gas stations. Diesel, compressed natural gas and bulk fueling is still available at the Aberdeen station.

For more information, contact Bill Arguero, 410-306-2280 or Richard Walter, 410-278-5582.

EEO volunteers needed

The Equal Employment Opportunity Office is looking for volunteers for the following committees: Asian American/Pacific Islander, Black, Federal Women, His-panic, Native American/ Alaskan Native and Program for People with Disabilities.

For more information or to volunteer, call 410-278-1137.

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

AAFES scores an A+ with 'You Made the Grade'

AAFES News Service

Children of military families often face unique educational challenges, not the least of which include moving from one location to another every two to three years and dealing with deployed mothers or fathers (sometimes both) who are called to serve in harm's way. There are currently more than 1.2 million children of military parents who experience this lifestyle.

Despite these challenges, most military students are high achievers who are actively engaged in defining their roles as tomorrow's leaders.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service regularly recognizes outstanding students with exceptional academic achievement through its "You Made the Grade" program.

Initiated in February 2000, AAFES' education rewards effort is designed to recognize military students for above-average academic achievement.

Qualifying students receive a coupon booklet that includes free admission to an AAFES Reel Time movie, a free magazine and a free slice of Anthony's pizza with drink, as well as other coupons.

"AAFES recognizes the value of education and is pleased to provide students an incentive

for diligent studying and success," said AAFES Senior Policy Program Manager Kim Cannady. "'You Made the Grade' is an incentive for students to not only stay in school, but to excel as well."

Each booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly savings bond drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds in \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 denominations. To receive the booklet, students must present a valid military ID card and proof of an overall "B" or better average to their local PX/BX.

Students may receive one "You Made the Grade" coupon package for every grade report they receive, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar quarter.

Military families are encouraged to contact the Aberdeen Proving Ground Main Store about this program.

"During the four years that I have been in this store, we have had several military children participate," said Thea Sarver, store manager. "We encourage all our military children to participate in the program."

"Carol Chancellor, APG MS administrative assistant, will be happy to enter your child in the program when you bring the report card and military ID," Sarver said.

Scout

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around Lesniak. Kilczewski and Wright stood by Yeakel and Lesniak. Lesniak gave the scout sign and repeated the Scout Oath provided by Kilczewski to always remember his responsibilities that come with the Eagle Scout rank.

Lesniak presented Yeakel an Eagle mentor pin to show his gratitude for being his mentor during the process of becoming an Eagle Scout. Lesniak also gave pins to each of his parents for their support.

Yeakel and Ormond presented Lesniak with the Eagle Award and Lesniak's mother, Mary pinned it over his heart.

In addition to the pin, Yeakel and Ormond presented Lesniak with an Eagle Scout certificate signed by the Chief Scout Executive and President Bush.

Ormond made a few remarks in regards to Lesniak's achievement.

"[An Eagle Scout Award] is an outstanding recognition of an individual and shows character of perseverance to get to the highest honor," Ormond said.

An Eagle Scout ceremony also shows the community's "commitment and effort to provide opportunities to individuals," Ormond said.

He then presented Lesniak with a Secretary of the Army Recognition letter.

Wright also said a few remarks about becoming an Eagle Scout.

"I joined the Army because of being an Eagle Scout," Wright said.

Wright related being an Eagle Scout with patriotism, and told the audience that a job trainee's definition is of someone "standing up for customs and beliefs."

After Wright's speech, he presented Erik with his blue Eagle Scout neckerchief and neckerchief slide.

Jim Brady, an Eagle Scout of Troop 131, and Wright also presented Lesniak with a certificate of membership to the National Eagle Scout

Association.

Lesniak made a speech on becoming an Eagle Scout after Brady gave him the 'charge' of the Eagle Scout. The charge was another reminder of his responsibilities of the rank.

Lesniak said he "felt guilty" for giving his fellow scouts orders during his service project.

"I learned what it's like to be a leader and how to work as a team," Lesniak said.

He thanked all those who helped him in the process of becoming an Eagle Scout including his grandfather, who could not be there for medical reasons.

Brady, Lesniak's fellow friend and scout, shared his thoughts of Lesniak becoming an Eagle Scout.

"He deserves it," Brady said. "He's a good kid and a good leader. He says he doesn't act like an adult but he does."

A day after Lesniak's Eagle Scout ceremony, he turned 18 years old. He will be a senior at Tome High School in North East this coming school year.

Morning maneuvers honor Army birthday



Photo by MARGUERITE TOWSON
 Soldiers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools participated in the Army Birthday Run June 14.

Attention departing card holders, billing officials

ACA APG DOC

When a cardholder or billing official is being reassigned, separated from federal service or retiring, a written request must be submitted by their office to the APG Directorate of Contracting GPC Agency/Organization Program Coordinator no later than 30 days prior to their departure. In extraordinary situations, when an unscheduled departure is less than 30 days, notification of the departure shall be made as soon as it is known.

The cardholder shall stop all purchase activity no later than 30 days prior to their departure and ensure their account balance is paid in full prior to their job reassignment,

separation or retirement. The Billing Official is responsible for destroying the card and notifying the A/OPC when the card or billing account has been paid in full. Termination of the billing official's account will also result in the termination of all cardholder accounts assigned to the Billing Official.

The Civilian Personnel Clearance Forms, EAP 1132 and DA Form 137-1R, include the requirement for Billing Officials and cardholders to obtain the signature of the A/OPC or the Alternate A/OPC prior to terminating

post employment.

The APG DOC A/OPC and alternate are located in the Robert Morris Building at 4118 Susquehanna Avenue and are available 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday to sign clearance forms. To ensure availability, call Diane Schneider, 410-278-0848 or Dennis Bolen, 410-278-0849 for an appointment.

For additional information regarding the Government Purchase Card Program, visit the APG DOC Web site <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/Restricted/aca/index.html>.

Badge/ID Office changes hours

Effective immediately, the Aberdeen Area and Edgewood Area Badge/ID offices will be open 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Friday. The Badge/ID Offices will be closed on RDO Fridays and federal holidays.

Other services to include restricted (controlled) area security badges, special photographic permits, vehicle registration, weapons registration, fingerprinting, and DA Form 1602, contractor Badge/ID services, will be provided until June 19.

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Badge/ID offices are located in building 4305, room 101 and building E-4420, room 109.

No appointments are necessary for any service provided; all services are provided on a walk-in, first-come, first-served basis.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

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.

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.

Volunteer instructors needed

For information on any SKIESUnlimited program or anyone interested in teaching classes such as kindermusik, history, grammar, reading, and mommy and me tumbling, call Sarah Behl, 410-278-4589. To register for classes, visit Central Registration, building 2752 or call 410-278-7571/7479.

Drivers education

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

class with student.

Piano lessons

Lessons will be held Tuesdays and Fridays, 5:30, 6, 6:30 or 7 p.m., June 20 to Aug. 25 (no classes on July 4 or 7). The cost is \$136 for eight 30-minute sessions at the Aberdeen Youth Center. Space is limited, register now. Students will be responsible for purchasing the required books for the course as recommended by the instructor.

SpiritUnlimited Cheerleading Camp

Camp will be held 8 to 11 a.m., July 11 to 13 at the Aberdeen Recreation Center. The camp includes cheerleading and dance fundamentals for all participants to have fun learning and performing. The cost is \$60. The staff is made up of college and professional instructors from the University of Maryland, Baltimore Ravens, Washington Redskins and many more.

Martial Arts

Lessons will be held Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m., June 21 to Aug. 16 at the

Aberdeen Youth Center. The cost is \$35. The instructor has 34 years of experience in the Martial Arts and is the owner and Master Instructor of the Scarlet Dragon Lung-Fu-Do System. This is a Chinese Style of martial arts that will provide discipline, while physically developing and mentally preparing students to learn how to defend themselves. They will learn basic movements and progress to advanced techniques. The system also provides an extensive workable knowledge in the art of self defense for children, women and men of all ages. For more information, call the instructor Michael Gilbert, 410-272-2712 or 410-306-1120.

Chess

Chess classes will be held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursdays at the Aberdeen Youth Center. Students will learn the basic rules of chess, offensive and defensive strategies, how to gain advantage over opponents, what to do when behind, and moving a piece to obtain superior board position.

Scrapbooking

Scrapbooking classes will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m., every Wednesday in building 2752. All materials are included except students will need to bring in their own photos. Students will make a new layout during every class.

Jujitsu

Jujitsu classes will be held 6 to 7 p.m., Monday at the Aberdeen Youth Center Gym. Grandmaster Soto, a 10th degree black and red belt, will be instructing.

Basic Auto Mechanic class

Basic Auto Mechanic classes designed to enable the student to perform maintenance on a vehicle's engine and accessories will be held 5:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday nights at Automotive Crafts, building 2379.

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

Canoeing

This course is designed to

teach the basic fundamentals of canoeing. Students will learn the various types of equipment and boating safety. The information provided will help them select the equipment and canoe best suited for their individual needs. The class will be held at 5 p.m., June 30 at the Aberdeen Boat Dock.

MWR Summer Fishing Tournament

This is a cash prize tournament Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 13 at Woodpecker Point Picnic Area in the Aberdeen Area. Winners will be determined by the biggest fish (by weight). Contestants must provide their own fishing equipment and bait. Tournament rules and state fishing laws will be enforced. Fishing license is not required. Registration deadline is Aug. 10. Fees are active duty, \$5; civilians, \$10 and families, \$15.

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

All-Army Women's Softball

Apply to the All-Army Women's Softball team until today. AKO account holders can visit <https://armysports.cfsc.army.mil> to process the application, which will automatically route through their commander and sports director to the Army Sports Office.

All-Army Men's Softball

Applications will be accepted until June 28 to the All-Army Men's Softball team. If chosen to be a part of this elite team, participant will be asked to participate in the Armed Forces Championship at Elgin AFB, beginning Sept. 16. Other championship dates may arise. To apply, go to <https://armysports.cfsc.army.mil> using AKO account.

Summer Celebrity Racquetball Tournament

This round robin singles competition for ages 16 and older (includes male and female categories in four divisions: advanced, intermediate, beginner and novice) will be held 6 to 11 p.m., July 13, at the Aberdeen Athletic Center, building 3300.

Trophies will be presented to the top three competitors in each division based on win/loss percentage. Participants may enter only one event. Fee is \$10. Registration deadline is July 11.

SCHOOL LIASON

Parents: Summer and learning can go together

<http://www.MBRT.org>

Keep children engaged in stimulating activities or they may experience the "Summer Slide."

A recent study shows that students may suffer the loss of one month's knowledge in math and reading. This can be prevented.

Parents of elementary school students

Encourage reading. Visit the library together and let children pick out stories or books to read. Schedule time to read together. Show children that parents enjoy reading for pleasure.

Help children plant a garden or a window box. Let children pick the seeds or seedlings and read the instructions. Set up a chart for care of the plants.

Do some exploring while having a picnic or at the beach. Help children examine rocks, leaves, insects, shells or fish. Visit the Zoo, the Aquarium, or the Science Center.

Parents of middle school students

Encourage reading. Let children select the books that interest them. Have a family discussion over dinner about the books everyone is reading.

If planning a trip, sit down with a map and show children

the destination and the sights along the way. Figure out the mileage and travel expenses. Identify and visit historic places or attractions that provide opportunities for enrichment.

Let children help cook from recipes. Plan a menu and shop for ingredients. There are lots of chances here to reinforce math skills like fractions and measurements.

Parents of high school students

Encourage reading and writing. Most high schools require summer reading. Show an interest in the books children are reading. Suggest journal or letter writing; your child may even consider writing a poem or short story.

Plan family game nights. Let your child invite a friend or two. Select games that require thinking skills and strategic moves.

Encourage your child to volunteer for a community cause. And if a child has a summer job, help him or her develop a budget and savings plan.

The above information is from the "Parents Count" link on the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education Web site. See <http://www.MBRT.org> for more suggestions.

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

The Irresistible Revolution: living as an ordinary radical by Shane Clairborne

From dressing the wounds of lepers in Calcutta to living among the homeless in Philadelphia to visiting families in Iraq, social activist Claiborne strives to live an authentic Christian life. In his view, he is a radical in the truest sense of the word, returning to the roots of Christianity by living as Jesus did and doing "small things with great love."

Dunning, Stephen: The Leaders Guide to Storytelling: mastering the art and discipline of business narrative

Dunning shows how storytelling is one of the few available ways to handle the principal and most difficult challenges of leadership: sparking action, getting people to work together, and leading people into the future. The right kind of story at the right time, can make an organization "stunningly vulnerable" to a new idea.

Fontaine, Claire: Come Back: a mother and daughter's journey through hell and back

A nightmarish saga of a teenage runaway in Los Angeles

ends triumphantly thanks to love and support from her screenwriter mom and step dad. At 15, Mia gets involved in a dangerous drug and Wicca scene, stunning her successful, controlling mother, Claire, and stepfather, Paul.

Bannerman, Stacy: When the War Came Home: the inside story of reservists and the families they leave behind

Stacy Bannerman is one of those left behind. When the War Came Home chronicles a journey that began when Stacy's husband Lorin, a 43-year-old Sgt. 1st Class who never thought he'd be asked to wage war, was called to active duty as an infantry mortar platoon sergeant in October 2003 and remained on the front lines until spring 2005."

Parrado, Nando: Miracle in the Andes: 72 days on the mountain and my long trek home

In 1972, a plane carrying a Uruguayan rugby team and their families and supporters to an exhibition game in Chile crashed in the Andes. Parrado was one of the survivors, and he tells the story of their 72 days struggling against freezing weather and dangerous avalanches.

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.

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Western Bike Rodeo set for June 17

Story by
HEATHER TASSMER
APG News

Round up the children, grab a bike helmet and join the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, the APG Community Policing Unit, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Army Community Service, Child and Youth Services, Army Substance Abuse program staff, the APG Fire Department and the Garrison commander at the second annual Western Bike Rodeo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 17, in the field beside Rodman Road between buildings 2727 and 2752.

This year the rodeo has a Western theme, said Community Policing Officer "Big Mike" Farlow.

The bike rodeo was designed to spread bike safety awareness to families with children up to 18 years old, said Pat Palazzi, Outreach Services director of Child and Youth Services.

"It's a great way to learn about all the bike equipment and how to have a fun, safe sum-

mer," Palazzi said.

The bike rodeo will have nine stations children can visit to learn about bike safety. (See diagram below.)

After children have completed the course, they will receive a certificate and a safety packet, Farlow said.

About 30 noncommissioned officers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Basic Noncommissioned Officer Academy will man these stations.

One of the stations is about registering bikes so they can help the Police Department locate the owner of a lost or stolen bike, Farlow said.

"It's also a good time to get the bikes checked out and see if the bike complies with regulations," Farlow said.

Other stations will teach children how to deal with congested traffic and the kind of equipment they can use so that they are visible to automobile drivers.

The Washington Area Bike Association will supply 25 bikes and helmets so that attendees

who don't have a bike can participate.

In addition, attendees will receive a ticket upon arrival for a drawing to win a \$50 gift card toward the purchase of a bike from the APG PX.

Fermeda Moreles, a Native American APG Family Child Care provider, "will set up a child-size teepee that her family made" that children can decorate with stamp art, said Palazzi. Morales will also provide a display of Native American artifacts.

CYS will also provide arts and crafts. One of the activities will be making necklaces out of beads, Palazzi said.

Submissions from the Bike Safety Poster Contest will be displayed at the bike rodeo, Palazzi said. The first, second and third-place winners will receive ribbons and a Bell Night Shield multi-purpose LED safety light. Contest participants do not have to be present at the bike rodeo to win, Palazzi said.

Attendees can watch Grand Master [APG Police Officer Irving] Soto perform a martial arts demonstration of jujitsu at 10 a.m.

ACS will be handing out safety kits for parents to keep information about their children's height and weight, dental records, hair for DNA and fingerprints, Farlow said.

Palazzi said each person will get a coupon for lunch which includes a free hot dog, chips and a drink. The food is provided by DLES.

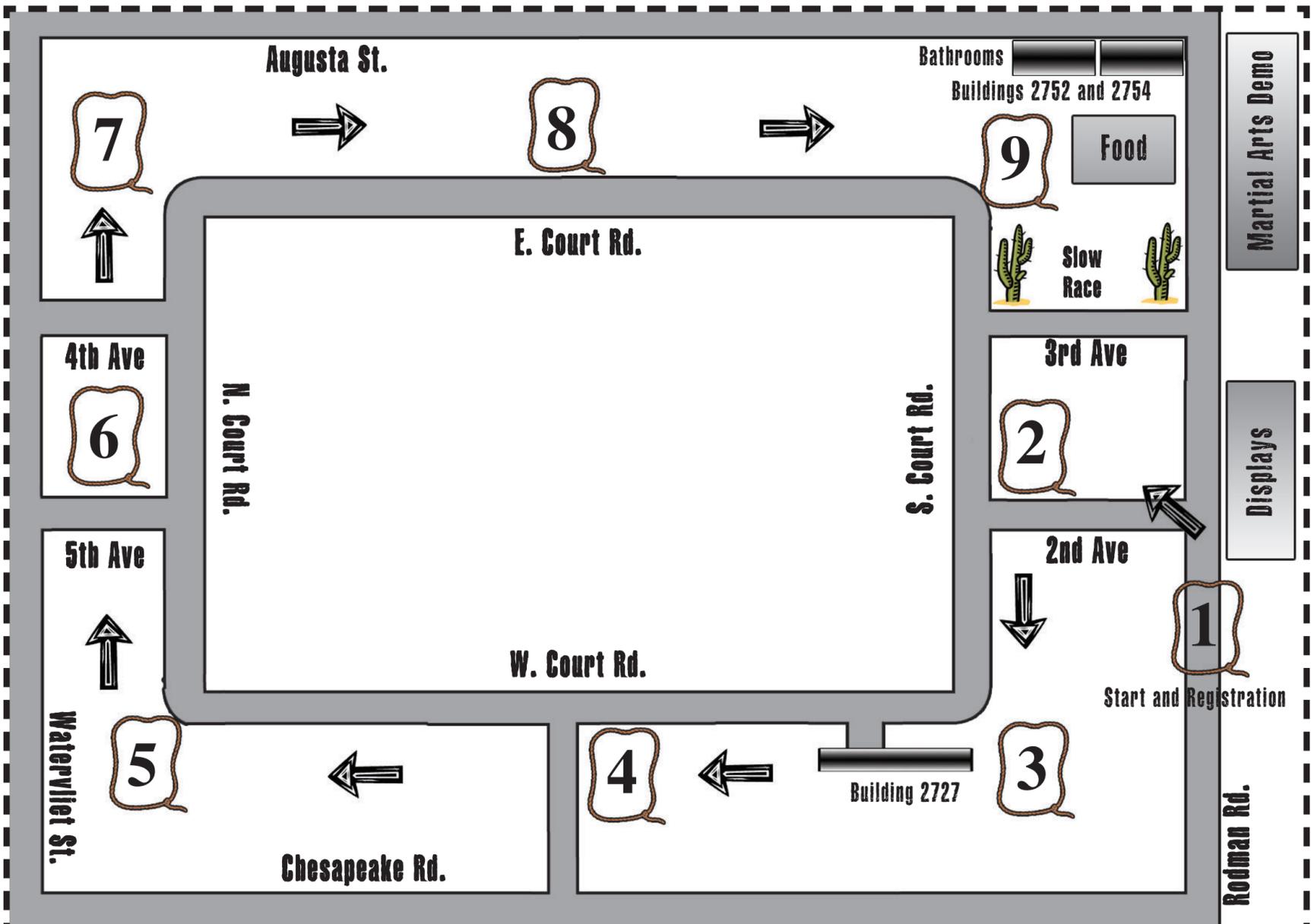
Farlow said last year about 300 to 400 people attended the bike rodeo.

"A lot of people who didn't make it had a lot of questions about it and asked when the next one would be held," Farlow said. "We hope to hold a third one next year."

The Dental Command, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Vet Clinic, The Post Chapel will also register children for Vacation Bible School and Army recruiters from Bel Air will also have booths.

Other bike rodeo events include a Drug Free Kite Fly, bounce house, face painting and static displays by the police and fire departments.

For more information or in case of rain, call Farlow, 410-436-0539 or Palazzi, 410-278-4685



- Station 1**
The Bike Shop
This station teaches riders how to maintain their bicycle and how to make sure it's safe to ride.
- Station 2**
Seeing and Being Seen
Riders will be taught how to look 12 seconds ahead, use bright colors, and the benefits of wearing a safety vest and reflectors to stand out.
- Station 3**
Chaos Corner
This station demonstrates the reasons for traffic laws. Children will have fun riding around with "NO RULES," but, after a couple of minutes, it's total chaos. Riders then discuss and

- establish rules of the road.
- Stations 4, 5, 6**
Demon Driveway, Crazy Crossroads and Who's There?
Riders will learn to negotiate and maneuver around traffic.
- Station 7 & 8**
Rock Dodge, the Needle and Dodge-em-Drive
Riders will be taught how to look for and avoid road hazards.
- Station 9**
Rider's Quiz
Riders will take a quiz on what they learned. Upon completion participants will be given a certificate and safety packet.

Your health is KUSAHC's goal



KUSAHC introduces new Weigh to Stay program

Story by
LT. COL. KATHLEEN WILTSIE
KUSAHC

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, AKO and the WebEx Corporation are providing Soldiers the opportunity to easily access the services of a Registered Dietitian through the Army's "Weigh to Stay" Weight Management Distance Learning program on the Web. This synchronous or REAL TIME Internet training program will meet the requirements for a face to face session with a Registered Dietitian as specified in AR 600-9 (Army Weight Control Program).

Weigh to Stay is the Army's standardized weight control program. Weigh to Stay is a 4.5 hour program consisting of three classes and three follow-up sessions to be taken in sequence: Class 1: (1 hour) Basic nutrition and physical activity. Class 2: (1 hour) Weight loss strategies and behavior modification. Class 3: (1 hour) Physical activity. Each class has a 30 minute follow up session.

Once the entire 4.5 hour course is complete, the service member will receive a cer-

tificate that can be used toward retirement points.

To start, complete the following 3 steps:

1. Print and complete DD 2870, Authorization for Disclosure of Medical or Dental Information (Omit section 2) Fax this form to Lt. Col. Danny Jaghab at 410 436-7381.

2. Complete the electronic survey at <http://usachppm.apgea.army.mil/Surv2/?sid=68>.

3. Download JAVA Runtime Environment. This is a free download and must be done to use WebEx: <http://java.com/java/download/index.jsp>

Completing these two forms is required before registering for this program. Once this is done access will be provided to the private access calendars, dietician information and forums on this [Internet] page where training can be scheduled. There are discussion forums and access to weight loss materials and references.

To locate the Weigh to Stay site, user should log into their AKO account.

LEAVE DONATIONS

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

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Sports



Members of the 22nd Chemical Battalion team, from left, Jeremy DiGioia, April Angelo, Michael Brown, Charles Maddox, Richard Davidson, Vincent Cepero and Pedro Rodriguez, pose with their trophies after winning the 2006 intramural volleyball championship at Hoyle Gym May 17.

22nd Chem sweeps Marines to win volleyball championship, 25-17, 25-13

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The 22nd Chemical Battalion completed an undefeated post-season with a sweep of the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment to win the intramural volleyball championship at Hoyle Gym May 17.

It was the second consecutive year the two teams met in the finals, with the Marines being the victor in 2005.

The 22nd went 8-0 in post-season play to reach the finals and face their nemesis.

Led by coach Jeremy DiGioia, the team trailed only once in both games, overcoming Marine rallies with stellar defense, impressive front-line offense and superb serving.

DiGioia said the season had its high points and low points but that with "four solid returners and some good new additions," the team felt very positive about their chances.

"We expected to be a strong team this year," DiGioia said. "We knew the only team that could beat us was us."

Marine coach Abraham Sanchez said his team of four students and three permanent party

came a long way. The team rebounded after a loss to HHC 16th, which put it in the loser's bracket during the playoffs.

"We should have won but they out-played us," Sanchez said. "These guys are tough," he said of his team, "and we hate to settle for second. I expect we'll be right back here again next year."

DiGioia named Michael Brown the team's most valuable player.

A training noncommissioned officer with Company C, Brown said it was his second year with the team.

"It was great to be back [in the finals]," Brown said. "We had a lot of fun and it feels great to be number one."

The rest of the 2006 intramural volleyball post championship team consists of April Angel, Vincent Cepero, Richard Davidson, Charles Maddox, Ronald Mussone, Patrick Terrell and Pedro Rodriguez.

The intramural volleyball runner-up team consists of coach Sanchez, Neil Campbell, Jason Hynes, Brian Klingenberg, Joe Leonardo, Jorge Montanez and James Yarborough.



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Commander's Cup point standings

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

| Unit | Points |
|-----------------|--------|
| USMC | 124 |
| Company C 143rd | 117 |
| HHC 16th | 101 |
| Company A 143rd | 70 |
| Company B 143rd | 49 |
| 22nd Chem | 46 |
| ATC | 34 |
| Company E 16th | 28 |
| Company C 16th | 26 |
| USAF | 26 |
| MRICD | 24 |
| Company B 16th | 14 |
| Company A 16th | 10 |
| HHC 61ST | 5 |
| HHC 143rd | 5 |
| KUSAHC | 5 |
| AML | 5 |
| CHPPM | 5 |
| National Guard | 5 |
| 20th SUPCOM | 4 |
| HST | 0 |
| NCOA | 0 |
| WOA | 0 |

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Girl's softball returns to APG ball fields

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Youth Softball returned to the Aberdeen Proving Ground ball fields this spring, much to the delight of several girls who for the first time in more than a decade, are swinging away at pitches, stealing bases, and chasing down ground balls on a Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored team.

Organized by Bill Kegley, APG youth sports director, two teams, one for ages 9-10 and the other for ages 11-13, are participating in the Harford County Parks and Recreation League.

The teams' home games are played at the Child and Youth Services sports field behind the Shoppette or under the lights at Shine Sports Field.

Halfway through the 12-game season, the players, a mixture of rookie-to-experienced, seem to be having the time of their lives.

"They're very upbeat and positive because we tell them not to focus on the score, to focus on doing your best and having fun," said John T. Wright, the coach of the 9-11 team, who also happens to be

the APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

With two daughters who play softball, one on each of the APG teams, Wright said that he felt compelled to help get the program off the ground.

"I told Bill Kegley that if he could get the teams together then I would commit to coach," Wright said, adding that Kegley took care of acquiring equipment and a sponsor, the APG Federal Credit Union.

The team had been playing together for six weeks but only a few members had prior experience.

"Needless to say, we started with the basics," Wright said, "And as with any youth team, parental support is very important."

Assisting Wright is Jeff Winston, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison.

Winston can be heard shouting encouragement and instructions to the players on the field throughout the game. He also has a daughter on the team, Alexis.

"I don't get too technical,

but I'm a good cheerleader," Winston said.

The name of the team is The APG Raptors. On May 12, the Raptors hosted Belcamp 1 on Shine Sports Field, playing their hearts out before bleachers filled with cheering parents, some of whom also lend a hand with team logistics.

Donna Mitchell, the mother of Raptors player Scout Mitchell, 9, keeps things organized, maintaining the batting order and making sure players are on deck and ready for their next at bat.

"They're a bunch of good girls and their ability has come a long way," Mitchell said, adding that Scout, "really loves the team."

"One thing we try to instill in all the girls is to have fun and to get full enjoyment out of what they're doing," she said.

She and her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Erick Mitchell, HHC 61st Ordnance Brigade, have four children who play softball or baseball for APG.

Helping out with the team's statistician is Bethany Davidson, the mother of Raptor Rebecca Davidson, 9, and the wife of 1st Sgt.



Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, left, gives instructions to three APG Raptors between innings during a night game on Shine Sports Field May 12.



Coach John T. Wright waves APG Raptor Scout Mitchell home as she rounds third base.

Richard Davidson, Company C, 22nd Chemical Battalion.

"All the parents have kind of bonded in supporting the team," she said. "If they're having fun, we tend to get more excited."

She said practicing 'good sportsmanship' is also a team focus.

"We never forget that out in the community, we represent APG," she said.

"We haven't missed a game," added Maria Woodard, mother of Raptor Sharon Woodard and the wife of APG Commissary administrator

Ron Woodard.

"The whole family enjoys the games and she'll play next year for sure," Woodard said.

The players agreed they enjoy themselves each outing, win or lose.

Abby Wright, 10, said the best part about the team is that, "you learn a lot and you get to play all positions."

"I love pitching and batting the ball and practicing with my dad," she said. "The most important thing is learning to work as a team. I get along great with my teammates and I plan to play again next year."

Alexis Winston, 10, spent much of the game catching. She said it's her favorite position.

"The key is to be a target for the pitcher," she said. "It's a lot of fun. I want to win but I don't cry if we don't. The main thing is to get out there, have fun and try to do your best."

Dan and Loree Valedéz coach the 11-13 year-old girls softball team. Plans are underway to field both teams next spring and to add a 14-18 year old division.

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