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Installation commander's message

Aristotle is quoted as saying, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act, but a habit."

Aberdeen Proving Ground has established a reputation for excellence that spans 90 years. That reputation remains intact today directly influenced by the strong relationship we have with our surrounding communities.

I am extremely proud of the many organizations that make up Aberdeen Proving Ground. Our tenant organizations work diligently to design, develop and test new technologies to support our Warfighters as they protect our national interests. APG organizations collaborate with our partners in other federal agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as with academia and industry to solve the most complex problems in the shortest possible time.

We are also entrusted with training and educating young Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers to develop them into our



Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau

future leaders. The training provided here at Aberdeen Proving Ground has a direct and valuable impact on the current fight, the current force and the future force.

Our Soldiers and our civilian workforce and their families remain committed to excellence not only on APG but in our surrounding communities. They volunteer in local schools, serve in civic groups, churches and synagogues and volunteer with youth and senior citizen programs.

Despite all that we do, there is still more we can do. We will maintain our track record of excellence through hard work, an outstanding workforce and a supportive community. We will continue to earn the trust of our nation's Warfighters everyday.

On behalf of our military, our civilian workforce, and all of our families, thank you for all that you do.

*Roger A. Nadeau
 Major General
 Commander, Aberdeen Proving Ground*

Garrison leadership message



Col. John T. Wright



Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby

Aberdeen Proving Ground has, throughout its over 85-year history, made a difference in the defense of the nation. We encourage each of you to make a difference in your community every day.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the installation team who strive every day to provide the highest quality equipment, systems, training and services to the U.S. armed forces.

The U.S. Army Garrison APG expresses its appreciation to the citizens of Harford County who serve as outstanding hosts and partners.

Together, Team Aberdeen will provide equitable, effective and efficient management of APG to support mission readiness and execution, enable the well-being of Soldiers, civilians and family members, improve the Army's

aging infrastructure and preserve our environment.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of our armed forces, and in particular our service members of the year, take time to reflect upon the many contributions of the entire Department of Defense family at APG.

The combined efforts of Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, military families, DoD civilians and contractor personnel make APG a great place to live, serve and play at the top of the Bay.

*John T. Wright
Colonel
U.S. Army Garrison
&
Elvis Irby
Command Sergeant
Major
U.S. Army Garrison*

Chamber recognizes Military Appreciation Week



The Harford County Chamber of Commerce is proud of the men and women who serve our country in the U.S. military and their daily sacrifices. The chamber has expressed this pride for the past 29 years.

During the week of May 14, the chamber will once again sponsor Military Appreciation Week in Harford County.

This weeklong celebration will honor all who serve in the U.S. military, as well as those who have served.

The chamber especially recognizes those whose careers are based at Aberdeen Proving Ground. It seems most fitting to recognize and support our colleagues at APG during this, the 29th Annual Military Appreciation Week.

This publication is designed to recognize and salute the accomplishments of all branches of the U.S. military and the important contributions military and civilian personnel make to the quality of life in Harford County. Personnel assigned to APG, both military and civilian, contribute to the well being of our county in many ways including economically, socially and spiritually.

Their efforts and those of the hundreds of military contractors working at

APG contribute to the excellent quality of life enjoyed in Harford County.

It is with pride and dedication that the members of the Military Affairs Committee participate in this annual recognition. We look forward to the 29th Annual Military Appreciation Luncheon on May 18 at Top of the Bay to thank our troops for their dedication and continued efforts in the line of duty.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to the advertisers who this year have come forward to place ads and notes of appreciation [in the guide].

We would also like to extend a note of thanks to the 25 businesses that sponsored tables for the Military Appreciation Luncheon. These business men and women continue to make this event one of the premier military recognition events in Maryland.

This year brings the message even closer to home, and the chamber appreciates the efforts of everyone involved in making the week of May 14 another successful salute to the U.S. military.

May God bless America.

*Linda Walls
Chair, Military Affairs Committee
Harford County Chamber of Commerce*

*Rick Weiner
Co-chair, Military Affairs Committee
Harford County Chamber of Commerce*

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2005-2006 Harford County Chamber of Commerce Standing Committees

Awards Committee

Betsy Champion, Barry Hebb
Acknowledge the efforts of businesses and individuals who have substantially contributed to the betterment of Harford County and/or its citizens.

Business Development Committee

Bob Bloom, Keith Marchiano
Promote business through Business After Hours, expos, seminars and various publications. Plan, develop and implement an annual trade show.

Education Liaison Committee

Bill Bates, Mary Leavens
Plan and promote mutually beneficial activities that will enhance the efforts of the school system in its role of educating our future work force. Raise funds to provide scholarships to students. Develop formal business/education partnerships

between the school and business communities.

Scholarship Committee:

Sub-Committee of Education Liaison

Legislative Committee

Chair: Linda Rozinak
William H. Cox, Donald Young
Prepare and review county and state legislation. Educate the membership and the public on issues affecting the county. Encourage economic development through legislation that recognizes the need for additional opportunities for both skilled and unskilled labor that strengthens the tax base of the county. Support county and state legislation that provides protection for citizens, business owners and employees. Assist elected officials in the preparation of legislation addressing the needs of businesses in Harford County.

Manufacturing and

Distribution Council

Chris Andon
To enhance the economic and workforce development of Harford County.

Membership

Development Committee

Jane Booth, Claudia Holman
Actively recruit new members through promotion and individual effort and create a feeling of hospitality and belonging among all chamber members, particularly new ones, through introduction, orientation, identification and networking opportunities. Improve the membership retention rate by identifying delinquent members, encouraging them to continue, and by promoting all benefits the chamber has to offer.

Military Affairs

Committee

Linda Walls, Rick Weiner
Strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the busi-

ness and military communities of Harford County. Sponsor the annual Military Appreciation Luncheon in conjunction with the publication of the *Military Appreciation Week* tabloid. Sponsor the monthly APG Command Sergeant Major's Impact Award. Hold seminars and vendor fairs.

Program Committee

Linda Walls, Pat Donovan
Schedule monthly luncheon meetings at different locations operated by chamber members, thereby giving them the opportunity to display and promote their facilities. Obtain the best, most well-known speakers at no cost. Provide the most current applicable and varied topics to the general membership.

Ways & Means

Committee

Laura Lang
Develop projects to raise funds for chamber goals and programs. Promote and carry out these events.

Aberdeen Proving Ground, a neighbor since 1917

GAPG Public Affairs Office

Aberdeen Proving Ground was established by order of President Woodrow Wilson in December 1917, eight months after the United States entered World War I. The Army had taken over 69,000 acres of land and water in Harford County two months earlier.

Sandy Hook, N.J., the Army's proof and acceptance testing ground for ammunition and cannon since 1874, was being closed and the Chesapeake Bay site was selected as the best suited to carry on the mission of testing field artillery, ammunition, air defense guns, trench mortars and railway artillery.

At nearly the same time, 16 miles to the southwest, the Army's Ordnance Department acquired land on the Gunpowder Neck and built a plant for the production of chemical munitions. This area became Edgewood Arsenal. The July 1971 merger and integration of the two installations created a single post with a unique combination of activities and missions.

From this beginning, APG has grown and evolved into one of the most diversified military installations in the United States.

APG today

Today, APG is recognized around the world as a leader in research and development, testing and evaluation of materiel and the training of the officers and enlisted personnel who use it.

Aberdeen Proving Ground is an Army Installation Management installation operated by the U.S. Army Garrison, APG.

There are nine major Army commands represented on APG's 72,406 acres and the installation supports 66 tenants, 20 satellite activities and 17 private organizations.

Facilities provide for instrumental testing of weapons systems on a variety of state-of-the-art ranges, specifically engineered courses and a wide variety of laboratory investigations.

Missions

Aberdeen Proving Ground's many, varied missions include research and development, test and evaluation, training, chemical and biological defense, health services, materiel systems analysis, foreign intelligence, calibration, packaging technology, installation restoration, occupational health, medical research and installation support services.

Population

APG is home to one of the finest teams of military and civilian scientists, research engineers, technicians and administrators in the world. The installation's work force is diverse, highly trained and technically oriented.

Military	4,141
DOD civilian	6,900
Contractor	4,193
Non-appropriated fund employees (including AAFES)	496
Other	89
Family members of active duty personnel (on-post)	2,079
Area retirees and their family members	28,000

Economic impact

APG continues to be a dominant economic force in northeast Maryland. The combined installation work force is more than 16,000 making APG the largest single employer in Harford County. APG is the source of more than \$575 million in Harford County and its total economic impact on Maryland is nearly \$870 million.

A Harford County neighbor

Situated at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay and surrounded

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APG

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by a dense, growing population, APG is sensitive to its role as a community leader and environmental steward.

Some of the highlights of the APG community's off post involvement include: environmental outreach, Economic Development & Advisory Board, Higher Education & Applied Technology (HEAT) Center, Harford County education system partnerships, mutual aid—emergency response, quarterly meetings with the County Executive, Maryland Army National Guard Military Youth Corps ChalleNGE Program, APG Science and Technology Board, APG Business Development Office, Northern Maryland Technology Council, Enhanced Use Lease Initiatives and more.

BRAC will change APG

GAPG Public Affairs Office

The recommendations of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure, or BRAC, Commission a year ago set into motion a series of actions that will see many significant changes taking place at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

While many of the actions are still in the planning stages, a quick summary of what is known is in order.

Several of the proving ground's long-time residents are going to new homes.

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance schools are moving to Fort Lee, Va. This move is projected to take place in 2010. The move of OC&S not only relocates the center and school (which has been here since in some form since 1918) to Virginia where it will become one of the key elements of the Army's Combat Service Support Center of Excellence, but also will see the relocation of the Army's Ordnance Museum with OC&S.

The 389th Army Band ("AMC's Own") will move to Redstone Arsenal,

Ala., where it will locate with Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command. Specific dates for their relocation have not yet been announced.

The U.S. Army Environmental Center, located at APG since its creation in 1972, is also projected to move in 2010--to Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

According to the May 2005 DOD BRAC announcement, APG is projected to become a "full spectrum research, development, acquisition, test and evaluation center for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Defense Reconnaissance (C4ISR) and Defense Chemical and Biological Systems."

Prominent among incoming tenants are the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center and the U.S. Army Communications Electronics-Life Cycle Management Command. Together these two organizations form the heart of the Army's C4ISR team.

Construction and renovation for the location of these activities at APG is projected to begin late in 2007 and is

expected to be completed by 2011. Initial funding for this work will include \$145 million in fiscal year 2007 and \$185 million in FY 2008 with additional funds being allocated throughout the construction.

Other new tenants will include the headquarters for the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (from Alexandria, Va.), the Army Research Institute (from Fort Knox, Ky.), the Army Research Laboratory's Vehicle Technology Directorate (from Langley, Va., and Glenn, Ohio), as well as a new Center for Chemical-Biological Defense Research, created out of elements from various locations.

Additional facilities to upgrade the APG Garrison's infrastructure are also planned for a later date in the BRAC construction cycle.

By the projected completion of the current proposed plan, some time in 2011, the installation is expected to see a net growth of more than 8,600 government and imbedded contractor jobs, with as many as 20,000 additional jobs in surrounding Harford, Baltimore and Cecil counties.

Open letter from the Maryland ESGR Committee

The Maryland Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve proudly salutes the military men and women of Harford County who so nobly serve our nation. For those of the Guard and Reserve who have been or will be mobilized, we are doubly proud of their service.

As an all-volunteer force serving a nation at war, the armed forces depend on Reserve Component members to fulfill their commitment to serve.

Readiness in support of the Global War on Terrorism requires

increased training on the part of reserve personnel, and likewise, continued dependence on

the cooperation and support of the nation's employers. Many employers go above and beyond the requirements of the Uniformed Service Employment and Reemployment Rights Act by making up the difference in pay between the employee's salary and military pay. Additionally, health and other benefits are extended with a myriad of considerations to the service member and their family.

ESGR recognizes these employers through a number of awards, culminating with the prestigious Secretary of Defense Employer

Support Freedom Awards. This year's nominees from Maryland include Wyle Laboratories, Inc., Southern Maryland Electric Coop, Howard County Police Department, Northrop Grumman Corp. and the Maryland State Police. Over 60 Above and Beyond Awards will be presented to various top-notch employers during a special luncheon later this year.

The Maryland ESGR Committee actively participates in service member and employer briefings by explaining the rights and responsibilities of the public law, USERRA.

The committee provides free education, consultation, and if necessary

mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees. ESGR's goal is to support America's employers who share their employees with the nation to ensure our national security.

Persons interested in the ESGR employer awards or the Statement of Support programs may call 410-836-2698.

*Brig. Gen. (Md.) Art Pulket
Vice chair
Maryland ESGR Committee*



Maryland ESGR Committee programs

Conduct an awards program to recognize employers who support a strong National Guard and Reserve Force.

Provide an Ombudsman program for "third part assistance" and informal mediation services to employers and members of the National Guard and Reserve working in conjunction with the Veterans Employment and Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor.

Conduct Civic Leader Orientations where interested employers may travel on military transport to

view guardsmen and reservists in actual training.

Provide "Statements of Support" certificates (a Five Star Program) to employers who stand behind the troops in peace, in crisis and in war.

Provide employer briefings regarding employment of National Guard and Reserve members and matters pertaining to USERRA.

When requested, conduct briefings for military service members and their families on their rights and responsibilities.

A letter to military children

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the extraordinary contributions of our nation's military families, who have faced many challenges - from family separations to frequent moves - with great courage. I would especially like to acknowledge a special source of inspiration: children of military families.

You are patient and understanding when duty calls and your Mom or Dad cannot attend a soccer game, music recital, birthday party, or other important family or school activity. You are heroes in a quiet, thoughtful way, and I am grateful for the unconditional love you give your Mom and Dad. Many of you have experienced the sad and sometimes frightening experience of having your Mom or Dad far from home, serving around the globe in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. Through your personal courage and support, you serve this Nation too - and I am proud of you!

Frequent moves are a way of life for the military child. It is never easy to say goodbye to friends and familiar routines, to begin again in a new school, a new neighborhood - and sometimes a new country! But your resilience and self-confidence are strengths that others admire, including your parents.

Growing up in a military family offers some challenges, but it also provides some special rewards. You can be proud of your Mom and Dad for their brave defense of this great country. Your love and support sustains them. So thank you for being there for Mom and Dad. You are American patriots and role models for us all.

*Peter Pace
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff*



Army Band elevates students' interest in the arts



Photo courtesy of the 389TH ARMY BAND (AMC'S OWN)
The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) has a partnership program with Halls Crossroads Elementary School. A few times a week throughout the school year, Soldiers give lessons to the children. The band also performs concerts at school assemblies to gain interest and motivate the children to participate in the arts.



Edgewood Elementary School students pay respectful attention to the 20th Support Command, 22d Chemical Battalion (Tech Escort), Company A color guard, led by non-commissioned officer in charge Sgt. Amanda Graves, on Military Appreciation and Awareness Day April 27.

Edgewood Elementary says 'thank you' to APG volunteers

Story by **DEBORAH ELLIOTT**
USAEC

Being a Soldier might be a thankless job sometimes, but not at Edgewood Elementary School. The school held a Volunteer Appreciation Day breakfast April 27 for the many Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers, and Army civilians who have given of their time to the students.

"Every year the Army comes to our school on several occasions to support educational programs for our students," said Lisa Sundquist, principal of Edgewood Elementary. "They bring their expertise, their work ethic and sometimes even their trucks and night vision goggles, and we always look forward to the days they are scheduled to come to our school."

These activities grew out of a 10-year-old partnership between the U.S. Army Environmental Center and Edgewood Elementary School.

Events this year included a special reading day on Dr. Seuss' birthday; a forestry activity for Arbor Day; a day for fourth graders to conduct the trial of Goldilocks vs. the Three Bears; and a Military Awareness and Appreciation Day. Participants included Soldiers and staff from the 22d Chemical Battalion (Tech Escort), the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, the 61st Ordnance Brigade, the APG Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and USAEC.

"Unless you were there you would never believe how quiet a group of 250

kids can be," said Bob DiMichele, USAEC chief of public affairs. "When the color guard was posting the colors on Military Awareness and Appreciation Day the students were so intent on the ceremony that you could have heard a pin drop in that gym."

The partnership between USAEC and Edgewood Elementary School received the Army Chief of Public Affairs' Award of Distinction for Army Public Affairs Community Relations Excellence in 2004 and the Harford County Human Relations Commission Award of Excellence in 2005.



Photo by JEAN SKILLMAN, USAEC Maj. Scott Winter, executive officer of USAEC and second graders, Perry Stokes and Zaria White, review questions on the care of trees during an Arbor Day celebration at Edgewood Elementary School April 27.

20th Support Command holds Career Day



Photo by JONI PLATT, 20TH SUPPORT COMMAND (CBRNE) Maj. William Mott, adjutant, 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives), right, answers a question from Vincent Chiariello, 10th grade, during Career Day at C. Milton Wright High School in Churchville, Feb. 1. The purpose of Career Day is to introduce students to career field options that support their community. During this event, professionals from businesses throughout Harford County talked to students and answered questions. Soldiers and civilians from the command participated in this event for the first time since the command's activation Oct. 14, 2004.

First to graduate using APG/HCC agreement

Harford Community College

A former Child and Youth Services employee who came to Aberdeen Proving Ground from Germany in 2004 is the first to graduate from Harford Community College with an A.A.S. degree in Early Childhood Education.

Holly Curtsinger used credits through the new Aberdeen Proving Ground/Harford Community College Articulation Agreement. The A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education is part of the new HCCDirect program.

HCC signed an articulation agreement last October with APG Child and Youth Services. Under this agreement, child care providers working at APG who have completed specific learning experiences in the early childhood education child care industry program offered through APG Child and Youth Services will be eligible to receive a total of 21 articulated college credits from HCC applicable to the A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education.

To receive the articulated credit, APG child care workers must first complete three college-level credits with HCC. At that time, the child care worker can request a formal letter certifying completion of training through the CYS program be forwarded to Registration and Records at APG to request posting of the articulated credit.

Curtsinger completed her last courses at HCC and also took advantage of the seven articulation courses. She also received credit for Field Placement I because she had achieved a Child Development Associate Credential. She worked in a Child Development Center to complete credits for Field Placement II.

"It is very hard for military spouses to complete college programs because of moving around all the time," Curtsinger said. "It is wonderful to find a program that works with the military. It was very rewarding."

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Roye-Williams teachers get hands-on Army experience

Story by
KHAALID WALLS
OC&S

Sixty-seven educators and staff members from Aberdeen's Roye-Williams Elementary School descended on the Aberdeen Proving Ground 16th Ordnance Battalion Nov. 4 as part of the school partnership program between Roye-Williams and the 16th.

Their mission was, in the words of the school's principal, Sue Osborn, "to learn about the military world our children come from."

Osborn said that approximately 85 percent of Roye-Williams' 600 pupils have some affiliation with the military. Many parents are either active duty military personnel or civilian employees. And she said programs like this go a long way to "give us a better perspective of the military."

Osborn noted how the enthusiasm of the teachers mirrored a classroom of eager students.

"They're here having a good time," she said.

The tour

The day began with a stop at the Tactical Support Equipment Department, where the teachers observed advanced individual training Soldiers training on various welding techniques.

After leaving TSED, they marched in cadence to the dining facility.

"It's like a whole different world," said 1st grade teacher Justin Fye, who was particularly impressed with the way Soldiers are trained to be skilled in both technical applications as well as battlefield acumen.

"They have to know a lot," he said.

As part of the tour, the educators participated in weapons handling during their stop at the Virtual Combat Training Center. Teachers tested their aim on the Laser Marksmanship Training System, which is a computer-based program that simulates weapons training events and leads to live-fire qualifications for individual and crew-served weapons.

The marksmanship demonstration was a highlight for Ron Stump, who teaches physical education.

"It's great to get the hands-on experience of seeing what these men and women do on a daily basis," he said.

The teachers were then led in a tour of the Ordnance Museum by museum director and leading military historian Dr. F. William Atwater.

Atwater was a crowd favorite. He engaged the group with little known military facts and a historical perspective of military weaponry.

The visit concluded with a tour of the confidence course, after which each teacher was given a Meal-Ready-to-Eat (MRE), and an Army sports bottle.

"This visit and visits like this are a key part of our ongoing effort to connect with the community and keep them abreast of what their Army is doing," said 16th battalion commander Lt. Col. Richard Parker. "It's always rewarding to cultivate our interdependent relationship with the county."

Army prepares nation's health care providers for potential CBRNE terrorist attacks

MRICD

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense developed its Hospital Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear and Explosive Incidents Course to provide civilian healthcare professionals with state-of-the-art instruction in planning for and managing multi-casualty incidents resulting from CBRNE terrorist attacks; the course, however, is also open to military individuals and has been attended by Reserve officers engaged in civilian response planning in their communities, as well as by Public Health Service personnel.

The institute has presented the course five times since December 2004, graduating a total of 375 military and civilian students.

The HM-CBRNE course features didactic classroom presentations and interactive discussion on chemical, biological and radiological agent effects and patient management, multi-casualty triage, personal protective equipment, decontamination, blast injuries, and hazard detection.

Additional topics include epidemiology, the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan, and hospital emergency incident command and management. Instruction is also provided in

the form of hypothetical scenario planning sessions and class interactions.

The course culminates in a multi-hospital tabletop exercise simulating community response to a major non-conventional event, challenging students' ability to apply hospital incident management and other learned concepts. The tabletop requires professionals to manage limited hospital resources to meet the safety, patient care and other operational challenges of the hypothetical disaster.

The HM-CBRNE Course is hosted by MRICD's Chemical Casualty Care Division and is a joint venture of MRICD, the Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort

Detrick and the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute in Bethesda.

More information about the course is available from the Chemical Casualty Care Division, MRICD, at DSN 584-2230/3393, 410-436-2230/3393, by e-mailing ccc@apg.amedd.army.mil, or by writing to Commander, MRICD, Attn: MCMR-CDM (Chemical Casualty Care Division), 3100 Ricketts Point Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5400. Information is also available on the division's Web site, http://ccc.apgea.army.mil/courses/in_house/cbrne.htm



Photo by JONATHAN HARTSOCK, MRICD

At the event site in the HM-CBRNE tabletop exercise, students assume their roles in a mass-casualty incident.



Photo by BRANDON MILLER

Training includes first-hand experience with current patient decontamination technologies.



APG organizations make strides in technology

GAPG Public Affairs Office

During the past year APG and its tenant organizations have been at the forefront in technological change. These changes have a deep impact on the local community as well as this nation's defense system.

During the past year, the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, Edgewood Chemical Activity and the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility were responsible for making Maryland the first state to completely eliminate the threat posed by the presence of one of the nation's eight chemical agent stockpiles.

"The elimination of the Aberdeen stockpile provides an example to the world, and makes this country the leader and mentor to all the nations that have committed to destroying all of their stocks of chemical weapons by 2012 under the Chemical Weapons Convention treaty," said Assistant Secretary of the Army Claude Bolton.

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center opened its new Advanced



Armor Survivability Kit for the HMMWV

Chemistry Laboratory last October.

"The cost of \$46M for the [Advanced Chemistry Laboratory] will

benefit the nation by increasing the ability for the [Edgewood Chemical Biological Center] to better counter the

evolving threat of chemical warfare and the use of chemical agents by terrorists," said Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

Several inventions with local connections were recognized this year as being among the Army's greatest inventions.

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory can claim three, including the armor survivability kit for the high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle, improvised explosive device countermeasure equipment and the unattended transient acoustic measurements and signatures intelligence.

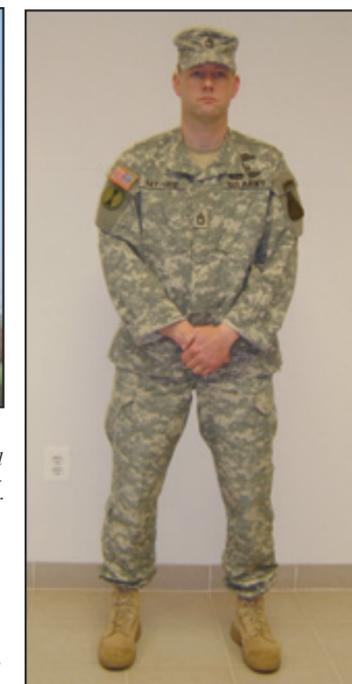
RDECOM's Natick Soldier Center developed a new combat uniform to increase performance capabilities through the application of new camouflage technologies, incorporation of functional fabric finishes and design engineering for increased operational effectiveness.



Unattended Transient Acoustic MASINT

UTAMS is an acoustic localization system based on classic sound ranging principles with advanced and unique signal processing techniques that can detect and isolate transient events such as mortar or rocket firings, munitions impacts and other explosive events.

The new combat uniform, right, was developed to increase performance capabilities through the application of new camouflage technologies, finishes and design engineering for increased operational effectiveness. It replaces the battle dress and desert camouflage uniforms.



Army Combat Uniform



IED Countermeasure Equipment

The IED countermeasure equipment was designed by Soldiers and engineers in less than four months to defeat certain remote controlled improvised explosive devices.

In less than six months, U.S. Army Research Laboratory initiated an effort and began producing prototype armor survivability kits for the high mobility multi purpose wheeled vehicle, top center, that were later installed in theatre. The effort was transitioned to the U.S. Army Tank and Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center for further development and then mass produced by the Army depot system.

Community Outreach



From left, Home Depot assistant store manager Al Brune, Rosalynn Walton, 3, from the APG Child Development Center, and store associate Jeanna Morris prepare soil for planting in the preschool classes' new garden during a Team Depot project June 17.

CDC preschoolers learn basics of gardening

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

Little more than blossoms themselves, a group of 3-, 4- and 5-year olds learned the basics of planting and caring for fruits, vegetables and flowers during a morning session at the Aberdeen Child Development Center June 17.

The Home Depot store in Aberdeen donated 20 bags of mulch and 30 plants including potted flowers, tomato plants, orange trees, and grapes for two gardens located in the outdoor play area just outside the pre-schoolers' classrooms.

Lead caregiver Michele Sheriff organized the event along with Maxine Tipton, a parent liaison who arranged for the Home Depot donation.

"We did a lesson on fruits, flowers and vegetables, which they planted in the room first," Sheriff said.

She credited Tipton with taking the project a step further and contacting Home Depot for support.

"They offered to send a team to build a foundation for our gardens," Sheriff said, "and we will keep it up. This just builds around our lesson plan of teaching how to care for things."

Home Depot assistant store manager Al Brune and associate Jeanna Morris delivered the goods that morning which included the mulch, plants, a garden hound soil turner and orange Home Depot aprons for all 30 children, then, guided each child in planting one of the plants in one of the two gardens following a layout they prepared in advance.

"This is a 'Team Depot' project," Brune said, "a community service effort that we do two or three times a year. It's sort of a good neighbor commitment and we enjoy doing it especially when it means helping kids learn about nature."

Injured Soldier grateful to APG community

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Several Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations came together to assist a wounded Soldier recovering from his injuries at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 2005.

Sgt. Sean Steanes is the cousin of Ivory (Ira) Mims, a resident of Bel

Camp who is the husband of Eva Mims, secretary to the commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau.

Steanes was burned during an attack on his convoy in Iraq in February 2005. The prognosis was dire, but Steanes continued to improve until he was strong enough to be transported to the Burn Center at Fort Sam Houston,

Texas, then to Walter Reed.

The Mims saw him through weeks of physical therapy, kidney dialysis, and skin grafts and as soon as he was strong enough, they began signing him out of the hospital to spend weekends in their home.

When word of Steanes situation and their relationship to him reached local veteran organizations, "the blessings started pouring in," Eva Mims said.

Aberdeen's Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, Free State Chapter 70 was the first organization to take Steanes under their wing. The chapter purchased clothing, video games, and other items for Steanes, including luggage for his first trip home to Bay Minette since arriving back in the states.

In addition, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10028 set aside \$1,000 for the purchase of clothing, toilet articles,

phone cards and other items.

In June 2005, Mims accompanied a group known as "Quilts for Wounded Heroes" to deliver the quilts to WRAMC chaplains for recovering service members and were able to deliver one personally to Steanes.

Steanes said he sees his recovery, which doctors have called 'remarkable,' as one of many blessings from God.

"It's been a tough recovery but I'll be forever grateful to the Lord for allowing me to survive and see my family again," Steanes said.

"It's just a blessing, what they've done for me," he said of his new found friends in the Aberdeen Proving Ground community. "It makes me feel special, like I've really done something, but I was just doing my job. I thank them all for their thoughts and prayers."



Photo by EVA MIMS, RDECOM Carol Sue Hansen, president of the group "Quilts for Wounded Heroes," left, looks on as Sgt. Sean Steanes, a wounded Soldier assigned to the Medical Hold Company at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, accepts the quilt she and her group delivered to him June 24.

Reserve unit celebrates with local veterans



Photo by JONI PLATT, 20TH SUPPORT COMMAND (CBRNE) Soldiers from the Army Reserve Unit - Consequence Management celebrated Veteran's Day in November 2005 with members of the Active Day Adult Day Care Center located in Abingdon. Commemorative events included a video presentation and distribution of "Army of One" items along with a red rose for each veteran in the center. The coordinator of this event was Maj. Michael Vail, Assistant S-3. Soldiers participating in this event were Col. Roger McIntosh, Detachment Surgeon; Maj. Annjanette Ellison, S-4 and Staff Sgt. Carmen Popwell, S-1 NCOIC. The ARU-CM supports the 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives) in their missions.

ChalleNGe continues commitment to community

Story by

YVONNE JOHNSON

APG News

The cadets of the Maryland Army National Guard's Free State ChalleNGe Academy are making a name for themselves as members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground and Harford County communities who can be counted on to lend a helping hand when needed.

The residential program not only gives at-risk youths a second chance but teaches them the importance of community responsibility, said MDARNG Col. Richard "Thunder" Young, academy director.

"The National Guard Bureau requires each student to perform a minimum of 40 hours of community service," Young said. "But we don't just want them to do it, we want them to understand why they are doing it."

Driving that point home is the responsibility of cadre instructor Sgt. Kelvin Chandler, community service coordinator. Chandler said that in the past two years, the cadets have supported Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, participated in clean up projects in parks, walking trails and boat docks in Harford and Baltimore counties, and they assisted in the building of Annie's Playground in Bel Air Sept. 10 and 24, 2005.

In addition, they partnered with the local chapter of the NAACP on a Hurricane Katrina relief project during which 15 cadets separated men's, women's and children's clothes then boxed them for shipment to Louisiana at an Aberdeen warehouse in October.

"Our kids are not bad kids, they've just made bad choices," Chandler said. "This is one important way of getting them back on track."

"Most of them get the point and volunteer over and over again for other projects," he added.

The cadets' professionalism has not gone unnoticed.

It earned them a Harford County proclamation in 2004 after assisting veterans and seniors as ushers at the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony at Ripken Stadium; commander's coins and certificates of appreciation from APG organizations and leaders; and a \$1,995 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, to plant trees at the National Guard Army in Havre de Grace.

Along with the academy's curriculum and other requirements, the community service commitment teaches an appreciation of self, said 18-year old Nathan Groves of Bel Air.

A participant in the Annie's Playground project, Groves graduated from the academy in December and recently received a top secret clear-



Photos courtesy of KYM DiPESO, Annie's PLAYGROUND COORDINATOR. Youths from the Maryland Army National Guard Free State ChalleNGe Academy at Aberdeen Proving Ground erect wooden beams and perform other chores while helping to build Annie's Playground in Bel Air in September 2005.

ance, enabling him to join the Army as an intelligence analyst.

"We hauled wood, did a lot of nailing, helped put up the swings and generally did whatever needed doing," Groves said, adding that he and his fellow cadets "felt pretty good afterwards."

"I think we all appreciated what it was all about," he said.

Young credited the APG Garrison,

led by Col. John T. Wright, Garrison commander, with helping obtain the positive reinforcement that comes from community service for his cadets.

"Col. Wright and his staff have a big hand in setting up projects for our youths," Young said. "They give them opportunities most high school students never experience. We're very grateful to the garrison and to APG."

Local committee presents awards to disabled APG employees

Story and photo by

MIKE CAST

DTK

Two hearing impaired Aberdeen Proving Ground employees received accolades Oct. 20 for their accomplishments in the public sector.

The Harford County Committee on Employment named Thomas Martin, an electronics technician at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, employee of the year.

The Harford County Merit Award was given to Michael Graziano a senior Web developer and consultant of the APG Directorate of Information Management.

Throughout his 15 years of service with ATC, Martin has been a volunteer in promoting community enhancements and support of disability programs, both inside and outside of work, according to the letter of recommendation.



Thomas Martin conducts electromagnetic interference testing on radios and other electronic equipment used in systems such as tactical military vehicles.

Martin has been deaf since birth, but his parents discovered his impairment early on and took measures to address

his deafness.

Graziano, deaf since the age of six months, came to APG almost two

decades ago as a computer programmer. He now maintains and updates all of APG's Web sites.

Graziano finds time to volunteer for community service at APG, where he serves on the APG Committee for the Disabled and as chairpersons of its Education Committee. Part of his responsibilities include making sure the APG commander's town hall meetings have open captioning for the hearing impaired and ensuring that all DOIM produced videos are open-captioned.

"I also make the effort to encourage county fire departments to include persons with disabilities in the statewide Disaster Exercise Drill," Graziano said.

When asked what advice he would give to people who have never experienced a disability themselves, he replied, "Take sign language classes. Don't be afraid to meet a person with a disability."

APG ORGANIZATIONS, MISSIONS

APG RESIDENT AGENCY, 3RD MILITARY POLICE GROUP (CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND)

Provides criminal investigative support to Army elements within the surrounding area. Investigates felony violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice punishable by one year or more of confinement, and violations of the U.S. Code when the offense occurs on an Army installation or involves Army property. Covers Harford, Cecil and Kent counties and the entire state of Delaware.

ABERDEEN CHEMICAL AGENT DISPOSAL FACILITY (ABCDF)

Safely stored and destroyed APG's stockpile of bulk mustard agent.

ABCDF safely and successfully completed a major portion of the mission on March 11, 2005, when the last batch of neutralized mustard agent was transferred to a storage tank at ABCDF for off site disposal as wastewater.

Disposal of the mustard agent is mandated by international treaty and is part of a national chemical demilitarization program that will eventually include disposal projects at eight chemical weapons stockpiles across the United States.

ABCDF is the first chemical demilitarization facility in the continental United States to successfully complete the destruction of its stored agent. As a pilot plant facility, ABCDF used a hot water neutralization process to safely destroy the agent.

The ABCDF will clean and decontaminate the empty containers using another first-of-a-kind technology, the Ton Container Cleanout Facility. All equipment exposed to mustard agent during plant operations will be decontaminated and removed from the site. The site will then be agent-free for safe re-use by APG.

For more information, visit <http://www.cma.army.mil>.

CHEMICAL MATERIALS AGENCY

Safe and secure storage of the chemical stockpile, expedient disposal of all chemical warfare related material, and production of special-

ized equipment and capabilities for our Soldiers.

The CMA includes Chemical Stockpile Storage, Chemical Stockpile Disposal Project, Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Product, Alternative Technologies and Approaches Project, Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program and the Chemical Weapons Convention Compliance.

For more information, call 1-800-488-0648, 410-436-3629, or visit <http://www.cma.army.mil/>.

CIVILIAN HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY (CHRA) NORTHEAST REGION

Provides comprehensive human resources services, advice, and support to installations and activities in the Northeast Region, to include Headquarters Department of the Army (Pentagon), West Point and the U.S. Army War College.

Comprised of the Office of the Regional Director, the Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center (CPOC), and 20 Civilian Personnel Advisory Centers (CPACs) located throughout the northeastern United States to include one of the largest CPACs being located at APG. Works closely with commanders, directors and senior staff at the assigned installations advising on recruitment strategies, training, labor management, management employee relations, classification, pay administration, processing personnel actions, maintaining Official Personnel Files and uman resources automation. Dedicated to the expedient acquisition, training, and retention of a competent and skilled workforce for the ultimate support of the Soldier.

For more information, call 410-306-1420 or visit Web sites www.chra.army.mil, <http://www.apg.army.mil/cpac/index.html> or <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/ner/>.

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY, ABERDEEN

Delivers the premier quality of life benefit to the armed services community to enhance recruiting, retention and readiness by efficiently and effectively providing exceptional savings and excellent products and services.

For more information, call 410-278-3101 or visit www.commissaries.com/locations.cfm.

DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY – REGIONAL INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT

Supports the Army Criminal Investigation Division – Major Procurement Fraud Unit in its mission to investigate allegations of white-collar crime.

For more information, call 410-278-9291.

DEFENSE MILITARY PAY OFFICER

Provides timely and accurate, responsive and professional Military Pay services to the Army Soldiers who defend America.

Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesday (closed for training on Wednesday afternoon); and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday.

For more information, call 410-306-2371.

DEFENSE REUTILIZATION AND MARKETING OFFICE-MEADE, RECEIVE IN PLACE LOCATION, ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND

As the Defense Logistics Agency representative and technical authority on disposal matters within the assigned geographical area, administers property disposal service operations including receipt, control and preparation of disposable property for reutilization, donation, sale or other disposition in support of the military services, other federal agencies, contractors and authorized customers. Promotes and assists in the establishment and maintenance of viable, effective precious metals recovery, reutilization, and recyclable materials programs within DRMO's geographical area of responsibility.

For more information, call, 410-436-3097 or 410-278-2216 or visit <http://www.drms.dla.mil>.

DEFENSE SECURITY SERVICE (DSS)

Provides security, advice and assis-

tance, counter-intelligence support and industrial security oversight to cleared civilian contractor facilities performing classified contracts.

The DSS Industrial Security Program includes the defense portion of the National Industrial Security Program, the Arms, Ammunition and Explosives Program and the Critical Assets Assurance Program.

The NISP was established to ensure that private industry and colleges and universities, while performing government contracts or research and development, safeguard classified information in their possession.

The DSS Academy provides security education and training programs to support DSS components, DoD agencies, military departments and contractors.

The functions of the academy include the development and implementation of security education, training, and awareness programs; research and development functions; and career development programs.

The academy offers formal classroom training, computer-based training, correspondence and distance learning, and tele-training.

For more information, call 301-677-4730 or visit www.dss.mil.

DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES

For more information, call 410-278-1724 or visit www.narmc.amedd.army.mil/kusahc.

APG VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY

Provides veterinary support to DoD operations in area of responsibility, including veterinary food inspections, zoonotic disease management and other services at APG.

For more information, call 410-278-3911/4575.

KIRK U.S. ARMY HEALTH CLINIC

Provides primary care and coordinates specialty care services for eligible Department of Defense beneficiaries and provides occupational health care to APG federal civilian employees. Provides medical support to the biological, chemical and nuclear missions at APG.

U.S. ARMY DENTAL CLINIC

Provides comprehensive dental care to all active duty Soldiers. Maintains their dental readiness at the highest possible level.

Focuses on efficiency, wellness and prevention of dental disease.

For more information, call 410-278-1795 in the Aberdeen Area and 401-436-3481 in the Edgewood Area.

DOCUMENT AUTOMATION AND PRODUCTION SERVICE, ABERDEEN (DAP)

Provides printing and reproduction services to activities at APG and to other customers as approved. Able to output digitized media, reproduce CD ROMs and convert information to digital images.

For more information, call 410-278-4051 or visit www.daps.dla.mil.

FIRING TABLES AND BALLISTICS DIVISION, ARMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING CENTER

Ballistic characterization of munitions and develops aiming data and ballistic fire control information for all unguided and certain guided combat weapon systems in the U.S. Army inventory, selects tri-service systems, and selects foreign military sales cases. This includes small caliber infantry systems, mortars, tank fired munitions, artillery, missiles, and rockets.

The Aiming Data and Technology team designs the firing table flight tests and analyzes the results for new or improved projectiles, propellants and fuzes. The result of the analysis is the creation of new or updated fire control input information that is used to develop tabular firing tables, graphical firing tables, graphical site tables and ballistic software.

The Ballistic Software Engineering team incorporates the FCI data created by the Aiming Data and Technology team into the NATO Armaments Ballistic Kernel software that is integrated into the software used on United States fire direction center and gun firing platforms. The team is also intimately involved in the development of the NATO Sub-Group 2, Shareable Software Suite (S4) products. The S4 product line includes the NATO Armaments Ballistic Kernel, The NATO Armaments Support Software, NATO Armaments Geophysical & Information Kernels Terrain

Elevation Data Manager and MET Manager, NATO Armaments Meteorological Kernel, and NATO Indirect Fire Appreciation Kernel. These products are or will be used in NATO country military software applications.

The Publications Team is responsible for managing and delivering the hard copy and electronic versions of the TFTs produced by the Aiming Data and Technology team. TFTs provide the information needed for Soldiers and Marines to calculate a firing solution to engage a target. Soldiers and Marine's can either request hard copy TFTs or download electronic versions of the TFT from the Army Knowledge Online Web site.

For more information, call 410-278-3577.

1ST AREA MEDICAL LABORATORY

Deploys worldwide to conduct theater level nuclear, biological, chemical, endemic disease and occupational and environmental health threat surveillance to protect and sustain the health of the force across the full spectrum of military operations to include homeland defense. For more information call 410-436-7148, or link to Web site <http://www.bragg.army.mil/www-44md/units.htm>.

HEADQUARTERS, AVIATION DEPOT MAINTENANCE ROUNDOUT UNIT (ADMUR)

Provides mobilized Army and in-theater tailored backup aviation intermediate maintenance and limited depot aviation maintenance capabilities. Supports Army aviation deployed in all theaters.

Four subordinate aviation logistics units located in Connecticut, California, Missouri and Mississippi comprise 1,440 spaces.

For more information, call 410-436-2635/2015.

JOINT PRODUCT MANAGER, BIOLOGICAL DETECTION SYSTEMS

Develops and fields a common suite of biological point detection components for use by all services. The program includes the Joint Portal Shield, the Joint Biological Point Detection System, the Biological Integrated Detection System, the Joint Biological Standoff Detection System, and the Joint Biological Tactical Detection System. These systems collectively provide biologi-

cal detection capabilities to Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines throughout the world. The office is funded at over \$1 billion for the development, production and fielding for Army and Marine tactical wheeled vehicles, Navy ships and Air Force bases.

For more information, call 410-436-7729 or visit www.jpeocbd.osd.mil/page_manager.asp?pg+2&sub+6.

MARYLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY (MDAASF)

Provides organizational maintenance and intermediate aircraft maintenance to Maryland Army National Guard aviation units as well as operational flying support.

For more information, call 410-436-3536.

MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD FREESTATE CHALLENGE ACADEMY

The Freestate Challenge Academy is a 22-week residential program for volunteers between the ages of 16 and 18 who are underemployed, drug free, at-risk high school dropouts from the state of

Maryland. The cadets are mentored for an additional 12 months following graduation. The mission of the academy is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of Maryland's at-risk high school dropouts by providing the values, skills, education and self-discipline needed to produce responsible, productive citizens who will succeed as adults.

This no fee program is sponsored by the National Guard Bureau and the state of Maryland.

For additional information, visit Web site www.ngycp.org/state/md or call 410-306-1801 or 1-800-820-6692.

MATERIEL OPERATIONS DIVISION, NATIONAL GROUND INTELLIGENCE CENTER

Provides logistical management of all foreign materiel used in exploitation and research programs and fabricates model-size targets.

For more information, call 410-278-5296.

9TH AREA MEDICAL LABORATORY

On order, deploys worldwide and to conduct health threat surveillance

for biological, chemical, radiological, occupational/environmental health, and endemic disease threats in a theater of operations in order to protect and sustain the health of the force across the full spectrum of military operations and is capable of providing tailored teams.

For more information, call 410-436-7270/7147.

NORTHEAST CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OPERATIONS CENTER

Provides comprehensive human resource services and support to assigned installations and activities in the Northeast Region, to include Headquarters, Department of the Army. Provides civilian personnel guidance and creative solutions using state-of-the-art technology. Delivers a civilian personnel management program that provides the Army chain of command the ability to recruit, train, develop and use Army civilians to meet any assigned mission.

For more information, call 410-306-0007/0008 or visit <http://cpolrhp.army.mil/ner/cpoc-main.htm>.

PROGRAM EXECUTIVE**OFFICE-GROUND COMBAT SYSTEMS (PEO-GCS) AND PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE-COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT (PEO-CS&CSS) APG FIELD OFFICE**

Provides on-site coordination and liaison services to project managers on research, development, test and evaluation activities at APG.

Operations include coordination, planning and monitoring operations and developments relating to test programs sponsored by PMs assigned to PEO-GCS and PEO-CS&CSS.

Test programs currently being supported are the Abrams Tanks, M113, and Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems, which are managed by PM Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

Support is also being provided for the family of Stryker vehicles managed by PM Brigade Combat Team (SBCT).

The APG Field Office has the capability to support any other programs managed under PEO-GCS and PEO-CS&CSS.

For more information, call 410-278-2773 or visit <http://www.peogcs.army.mil>.

U.S. ARMY ABERDEEN TEST CENTER (ATC)

ATC is the lead agency for land combat and direct fire testing within DoD, focused on giving the American Warfighter superior and safe equipment and technology.

Supports testing worldwide utilizing extensive mobile instrumentation, satellite communications, leading-edge technologies and the wide-ranging expertise of a professional work force. By using a comprehensive array of capabilities, unique facilities, simulators and models, ATC enables testing and experimentation from the component level through the entire system. The military weapon systems and equipment tested at ATC include: tracked and wheeled vehicles, guns, ammunition, bridges, generators, night vision devices, individual equipment, material handling equipment, and surface and underwater naval systems. Items can be subjected to a full range of tests from automotive endurance and full weapon performance with environmental extremes, to full-scale live fire vulnerability, survivability, lethality testing, as well as fire safety, fire suppression, and flammability testing. As an accredited federal laboratory, ATC is a leading center for technology transfer and dual-use partnership initiatives within and among DoD, industry and academia.

For more information, call 410-306-4010 or visit www.atc.army.mil.

U.S. ARMY AUDIT AGENCY (USAAA)

The agency serves America's Army by providing objective and independent auditing services. It helps the Army make informed decisions, resolve issues, use resources effectively and efficiently, and satisfy statutory and fiduciary responsibilities.

For more information, call 703-681-9856, or visit www.hqda.army.mil/aaaweb/, or www.aaa.army.mil for Extranet Web site (for .mil users).

U.S. ARMY CENTER FOR HEALTH PROMOTION AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE (CHPPM)

Provides health promotion and preventive medicine leadership and services to counter environmental, occupational, and disease threats to health, fitness and readiness in support of the national military strategy.

For more information, call 410-436-2088, or visit <http://chppm->

www.apgea.army.mil/.

U.S. ARMY CONTRACTING AGENCY (ACA)

Supports Soldiers and their families through contracting and provides direct-support installation contracting to the APG garrison and tenant activities. Executes procurements for services, technology and information systems, construction, environmental projects and testing support equipment.

In fiscal year 2005, awarded over \$250 million in Army contracts to companies located in Harford and Cecil counties.

Responsible for conducting Contracting Officer Representative training, managing the APG Army Government Purchase Card program, performing small business advisory functions and serving as business advisors to both the government and contractor communities.

For more information, call 410-278-0836 or visit <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/aca/index.html>.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ABERDEEN RESIDENT OFFICE

Responsible for construction management and construction contract administration for military and civil works projects in northeastern Maryland. Provides liaison with APG for ongoing military construction projects on the installation.

For more information, call 410-436-2470.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION RESIDENT OFFICE

Provides technical assistance and contract oversight for environmentally funded projects throughout Maryland and Delaware, with a primary focus of supporting APG's environmental cleanup effort.

For more information, call 410-671-6003.

U.S. ARMY DEVELOPMENTAL TEST COMMAND (DTC)

Tests and evaluates military weapons, vehicles and Soldier equipment. With the largest, most diverse array of testing capabilities in DoD, DTC tests military hardware of every description on highly instrumented ranges and test courses, under carefully controlled, precise conditions. Headquartered at APG,

DTC operates eight test centers at locations ranging from Alaska to the mid-Atlantic and from the deep South to the Southwest. Testing also takes place in Hawaii, and arrangements with other territories in the tropics may allow DTC testing there, thus enabling DTC to challenge systems in the full spectrum of natural or controlled arctic, tropical, desert and temperate environments.

DTC also is a key player in the Army program to field Future Combat Systems and build the Future Force. With the aid of its Virtual Proving Ground and Synthetic Environmental Integrated Testbed, DTC is developing enhanced modeling and simulation capabilities. These capabilities, in tandem with an Inter-Range Control Center and high-speed communications networks, make it possible to command and control simultaneous tests of FCS components at sites across the country. This is enabling the Army to test FCS and Future Force operational concepts in the way they would operate on the battlefield – as a system-of-systems. For more than a decade, DTC has been conducting experiments and technical demonstrations that pave the way for this network-centric mode of testing.

Ensures that the equipment used by

today's Soldier provides a decisive edge on the field of combat.

The rapid design, construction and testing of cage-like slat armor, which has saved the lives of Soldiers in both Iraq and Afghanistan attacked by rocket propelled grenades, is just one example of DTC's commitment. Seven days a week round-the-clock testing to field more heavily armored light tactical vehicles to Iraq, as well as armor kits for vehicles already fielded, is further demonstration of that commitment to the American Soldier.

DTC's full range of test services provide unbiased data to military decision makers.

Its support services help the Army evaluate the technical feasibility of early concepts, determine system performance and safety, assess technical risks during system development, confirm designs, and validate manufacturers' facilities and processes at both system and component levels.

All U.S. military services, DoD organizations, other federal agencies, state and local governments, foreign and allied governments and private industry can take advantage of DTC test services.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1141/1143, or visit www.dtc.army.mil.

U.S. ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Provides environmental program management and technical support products and services in support of Army training, operations, acquisition and sound environmental stewardship.

For more information, call 410-436-2556, or visit <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/>.

U.S. ARMY EVALUATION CENTER (AEC)

Plans and conducts independent evaluations and assessments of acquisition programs to provide essential information to key DoD decision makers.

For more information, call 410-36-0221 or visit www.atec.army.mil/aec.

U.S. ARMY GARRISON, ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND (USAGAPG)

The Garrison manages and operates APG. It is host to 66 tenants, 20 satellite activities and 17 private organizations. Provides the full range of installation support services,

including administration; logistics; morale, welfare and recreation; resource and personnel management; troop support; religious activities, safety and environmental management; operations and planning; law enforcement and security; contracting; and information technology and management. Services also are provided to Non-appropriated Fund and contract personnel, family members of active duty military personnel, and retirees and their family members residing in the surrounding community. Provides readiness and mobilization preparedness support to Reserve and National Guard units and other personnel.

For more information, call the USAGAPG Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147.

U.S. ARMY JOINT PERSONAL EFFECTS DEPOT (JPED), APG

Processes the personal effects of all Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and civilians who have been killed, wounded, unaccounted for, or evacuated from the theater of operations during a wartime contingency operation.

For more information, call 703-325-8856

U.S. ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL DEFENSE

Discovers and develops medical countermeasures to chemical warfare agents and neurotoxins and trains and educates personnel in the medical management of chemical casualties. Conducts fundamental and applied research in pharmacology, toxicology, pathology and biochemistry to define the mechanisms by which chemical warfare agents produce harmful effects as well as to identify and evaluate pretreatment protective measures, antidote therapies, and topical skin protectant barriers to sustain our armed forces in a chemical environment.

Provides scientific support for full-scale development and acquisition of the products that result from these research efforts. Builds an information base from which new methods for prevention, treatment, resuscitation and medical management of chemical casualties are devised.

Trains physicians, veterinarians, physician assistants, nurses, first responders and others for the challenging tasks of triage, decontamination and treatment of patients exposed to threat agents through on-site and off-site courses as well as through the development of a variety of learning materials: award winning satellite educational broadcasts, textbooks, handbooks, computer-based training and instructional CDs.

For more information, call 410-436-1861 or visit <http://chemdef.apgea.army.mil>.

U.S. ARMY ORDNANCE CENTER AND SCHOOLS (OC&S)

OC&S is comprised of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and two schools, the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School at APG and the Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Supports the development, production, acquisition and sustainment of weapons systems and munitions; and provides Explosive Ordnance Disposal, during peace and war, to provide superior combat power to current and future Army forces. Supports active Army, National Guard, Army Reserve, and Reserve Officers' Training Corps elements as directed by U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; trains Army units for deployment; and trains and prepares mobile training teams for deployment. Provides a repository for history, trophies, awards,

and other artifacts and recognition pertaining to the Ordnance Corps and to Ordnance personnel. Develops operational doctrine, organizations and materiel needs in support of materiel maintenance. Serves as the headquarters of the U.S. Army Chief of Ordnance Corps worldwide. The core competencies of OC&S are to train Soldiers and develop leaders, integrate systems and materiel, and develop doctrine and organizations.

For more information, call the Ordnance Corps, 410-278-2415 or visit <http://www.goordnance.apg.army.mil>.

OC&S activities at APG

U.S. ARMY ORDNANCE MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE SCHOOL (OMMS)

Provides for the education and training of selected U.S. and foreign military and civilian personnel in the fields of materiel maintenance and integrated materiel management of combat firepower and ground mobility materiel, logistics management (supply and maintenance) and combat service support.

For more information, visit <http://usaomms.apg.army.mil>.

SCHOOL OF MILITARY PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY

Provides basic, specialized and advanced military packaging training (as well as handling of hazardous materials for transportation training) to Soldiers, civilians and members of other services, industries, and nations. This mission is accomplished through resident, on site and distance learning modes of instruction. The school maintains liaisons with DoD and higher education schools, installations and agencies. It provides packaging training assistance, develops official training doctrine and literature and produces audiovisual products to support training and provide guidance in the field of packaging.

For more information, visit <http://smpt.apg.army.mil>.

61ST ORDNANCE BRIGADE/U.S. ARMY ORDNANCE MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE SCHOOL

Provides for the education and training of selected U.S. and foreign military and civilian personnel in the fields of materiel maintenance and integrated materiel management of combat firepower and ground mobility materiel, logistics management (supply and maintenance) and combat service support.

Supports active Army, National Guard, Army Reserve, and Reserve Officers' Training Corps elements as directed by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. Trains Army units for deployment, as well as mobile training teams.

ATTACHED TO THE 61ST ORDNANCE BRIGADE:

U.S. MARINE CORPS DETACHMENT

U.S. AIR FORCE DETACHMENT 1, 361ST TECHNICAL TRAINING SQUADRON

Provides administrative support to Marine Corps and Air Force students and instructors while assigned to the OMMS for training or as staff and faculty.

U.S. ARMY ORDNANCE MUSEUM

Collects, preserves and accounts for historically significant property that relates to the history of the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps and the evolution and development of American military ordnance materiel from the colonial period in American history to the present. Assists in research and development of military ordnance, and supports military training and education through the exhibition and interpretation of historical artifacts and instruction of military and civilian personnel.

Hours of operation: Daily, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; closed on national holidays, except Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

For more information, call 410-278-3602 or visit <http://www.goordnance.apg.army.mil/sitefiles/OrdnanceMuseum.htm>.

U.S. ARMY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING COMMAND (RDECOM)

To get the right integrated technology into the hands of Warfighters quicker, integrates research, development, and engineering across the Army, DoD, universities, and other science and technology resources; and take advantage of opportunities rapidly, no matter where they are.

Promotes and facilitates coordination and agility to stay ahead of ever-changing technological advances; takes technology out of the laboratories and puts it into the hands of Warfighters in the shortest time; provides direct support of the tech base to future combat system and future force; manages speed and complexity of technological change to operational needs systems engineering,

assessment, and analysis; provides engineering support to PEOs/PMs, materiel management centers and current force; identifies foreign technologies for Army use.

RDECOM manages eight labs and research, development, and engineering centers, the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, the foreign comparative testing and defense acquisition challenge program, regional international technology centers, capability and technology integrated process teams, and Agile Development Center.

RDECOM is able to exploit and apply technological solutions from across the world to a wide spectrum of threats in near real time.

For information, visit www.rdecom.army.mil.

Local subordinate commands to RDECOM

EDGEWOOD CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL CENTER (ECBC)

Provides state of the art science, technology and engineering solutions to meet the rapidly changing needs of the Warfighter.

Fosters research, development, testing and application of technologies for protecting U.S. Warfighters and the homeland from chemical and biological warfare agents. Responds to the full set of challenges posed by the global war on terror, homeland security and the continued evolution of the Warfighter mission, including chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological threats.

For information, call 410-436-5299 or visit www.ecbc.army.mil.

U.S. ARMY MATERIEL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS ACTIVITY (AMSAA)

Conducts responsive and high quality materiel and logistics systems analyses to support decision making for equipping and sustaining the U.S. Army.

For more information, call 410-278-4661 or visit www.amsaa.army.mil.

RDECOM ACQUISITION CENTER, EDGEWOOD DIVISION

Provides tailored contracting support and services to a diverse group of customers for the purpose of ensuring that Warfighters are equipped with the latest technology, goods, and services on time and at a reasonable cost.

For more information, call 410-278-0841 or visit <http://www.rdecom-ac.army.mil>.

U.S. ARMY RESEARCH LABORATORY-HUMAN RESEARCH ENGINEERING (ARL) DIRECTORATE AND THE SURVIVABILITY LETHALITY ANALYSIS DIRECTORATE

Executes fundamental and applied research to provide Army key technologies and analytical support to assure supremacy in future land warfare.

U.S. ARMY TRIAL DEFENSE SERVICE

Provides defense counsel services for Army personnel whenever required by law, regulation or as authorized by the Judge Advocate General.

Develops programs and policies to promote effective and efficient use of defense counsel resources.

U.S. ARMY TANK-AUTOMOTIVE AND ARMAMENT COMMAND (TACOM), INTEGRATED LOGISTIC SUPPORT CENTER (ILSC), CLOTHING AND HERALDRY SERVICES OFFICE

Established in 1972 as a field operating agency, the TACOM ILSC Clothing and Heraldry Services Office is the Department of the Army Logistics Office G-4 executive agent on all matters related to Central Issue Facilities, Clothing Initial Issue Points, Army Military Clothing Sales Stores and Heraldrics.

Provides Army procedural guidance to 103 AMCSSs, 64 CIFs and five CIIPs with support to the active Army, U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers, worldwide. Serves as the DALO G-4 proponent of AR 700-84 (Issue Sale of Personal Clothing) and the functional and technical experts on AMCSS matters and providing assistance to store managers, associates and Army Soldiers. Using an online helpdesk () the CHSO also provides technical advice.

The heraldry mission extends above and beyond the distributing of medals and honors to Soldiers, it also includes managing the Clothing and Textile items in the Army War Reserve, Veteran's Medals Program and the Army Working Dog Program.

For more information, call Ron Sickles, 410-436-9722.

U.S. ARMY TEST, MEASUREMENT AND DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT SUPPORT CENTER - ABERDEEN

This A2LA accredited calibration

facility calibrates and repairs all test, measurement and diagnostic equipment for APG and some DoD activities in the area, and all Department of Army active-level radiac located in 16 surrounding states.

For more information, call 410-278-4464 or visits <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/tenants/TMDE.htm>.

U.S. ARMY TRIAL DEFENSE SERVICE

Provides defense counsel services for Army personnel whenever required by law, regulation or as authorized by the Judge Advocate General.

Develops programs and policies to promote effective and efficient use of defense counsel resources.

For more information, call 410-278-2156 or visit http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/Staff_Judge/html/Trial%20Defense%20Services/trialdefense.html.

5/80TH ORDNANCE BATTALION (ARMY RESERVE)

Provides Ordnance, Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) reclassification and Non-Commissioned Officer Education School (NCOES) Phase II training in accordance with TRADOC Programs of Instruction to all branches of the Service and DOD civilians. Provides instructors, instructional material, and equipment needed to conduct all phases of training in Career Management Fields (CMF) 89 and 63 series.

During mobilization the battalion will provide refresher/reclassification training for the Individual Ready Reserves. The battalion has a follow-on-mission to expand proponent schools to meet increased mobilization requirements. Mobilization mission will be directed in accordance with TRADOC guidance to support Ordnance Proponent School.

For more information, call 410-278-4900/4955 or visit <http://www.usarc.army.mil/80thDiv/4thBDE/5-80/index.htm>.

20TH SUPPORT COMMAND (CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR AND HIGH YIELD EXPLOSIVES (CBRNE))

Integrates, coordinates, deploys and provides trained and ready forces. Prepared to exercise command and control of specialized CBRNE operations to military commanders,

either overseas or domestically.

Provides the nation and the Army with a robust and scalable response force designed to tailor responses to counter CBRNE and weapons of mass destruction threats or incidents in support of military operations and civil authorities.

Provides crisis response support both within the continental United States and overseas, leverages technology and sanctuary reach back capabilities able to link subject matter experts in America's defense, scientific and technological communities with deployed elements and first responders.

Provides training, readiness, technical expertise and assistance to select Reserve Component units, and when requested, provides CBRNE technical expertise and assistance in support of Reserve Component units.

Possesses a deployable chemical and biological analytical capability to provide timely, more accurate analysis of unknown samples and a near real-time, chemical/biological monitoring.

Subordinate elements include the 52nd Ordnance Group (EOD), the 71st Ordnance Group (EOD), 111th Ordnance Group (EOD), all with subordinate EOD battalions and companies regionally headquartered throughout the United States. Numerous elements have deployed in support of both Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

The 20th Support Command (CBRNE) plans to activate a chemical brigade headquarters and then place the two existing chemical battalions, the 110th Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) and the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), as well as additional CBRNE capable units under command and control of that brigade.

A subordinate unit, the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), formerly the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit, or TEU, has been headquartered at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground accumulating over 60 years of experience. The 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) also has regular, hands-on experience with hazardous materials and chemical warfare agents in both escort and on-going remediation cleanup operations in the United States.

For more information, call 410-436-6455 or visit www.cbrne.army.mil.

29TH INFANTRY DIVISION (LIGHT) (MDARNG)

Provides command control, staff planning, and supervision of Division Aviation Brigade operations. Supports maneuver brigades with attack and assault helicopter battalions. Provides peacetime command direction to the Divisional Reconnaissance Squadron, Combat Electronic Warfare Intelligence Battalion and the Intermediate Aviation Maintenance Company. Provides aviation and ground support during state emergencies.

For more information, call 410-612-4103 or send a fax to 410-436-3244.

203RD MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION

A multi-component unit responsible for deploying technical intelligence teams to collect, identify, assess and evacuate enemy weapons and materiel worldwide. Establish a Captured Materiel Exploitation Center (Combined, Joint or Army) in support of Army commanders and the theater commander in chief.

For more information, call 410-278-7825.

308TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION, COMPANY A

Conducts Counterintelligence Operations throughout the northeast United States to detect, identify, neutralize and defeat the Foreign Intelligence Services and International Terrorism threats to U.S. Army and selected Department of Defense forces, information, and infrastructure. On order, reinforces designated unit(s) with CI and support personnel.

389TH ARMY BAND (AMC'S OWN)

Provides military band support for all U.S. Army Materiel Command installations, U.S. Army recruiting programs and civilian communities. When required, assists the U.S. Army Special Bands in the Military District of Washington in the performance of ceremonies, concerts and other musical requirements.

For more information, call 410-278-8769, or visit www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/amcband.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation

2006 Army Arts & Crafts Contest

APG is proud to host the 2006 Army Arts & Crafts Contest. All authorized MWR patrons are eligible to enter the contest. It is an annual juried competition of 2- and 3-dimensional artwork held in separate groups for novice and accomplished artists and craftspeople. APG Arts and Crafts shops will help patrons in preparing the contest submissions.

Winners from the local competition will be entered into the national competition. Entries can be dropped off in Aberdeen at building 2407 or Edgewood at building E-4440 Arts and Crafts buildings. The deadline for submissions is 4 p.m., May 15.

Local submissions to the 2006

Army Arts & Crafts Contest will be on display for viewing at Top of the Bay 6 p.m., May 18.

For more information, call 410-278-4207/2759.

Travel Extravaganza

MWR will hold a Travel Extravaganza 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., May 16, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326.

Learn about travel opportunities and visit with the amusement and travel vendors. Learn about local and national opportunities available to all DoD ID cardholders. Door prizes will be announced.

For more information, contact MWR Registration, 410-278-4907/4011.

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Non-DOD tenants at APG

APG Federal Credit Union

Provides financial and banking services at APG and at nine other locations in Harford and Cecil counties. For more information, call 410-272-4000.

APG Business Development Office (BDO)

Serves as a single point of contact to APG and promotes collaboration among federal agencies, economic development offices, industry and other organizations. For more information, call 410-273-5062 or fax 410-273-8984.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES)

Provides quality merchandise and services. Generates funds for Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities.

For more information, call 410-272-6828 or visit www.aafes.com.

Bank of America

Provides financial and banking services at APG. For more information, call 410-272-6907.

Carlson Wagonlit Travel

Provides business travel arrangements at APG. For more information, call 410-273-1100.

Freedom Federal Credit Union

Provides financial and banking services at APG and two other locations in Harford County. For more information, call 410-676-5700.

U.S. Postal Service

Provides mail, postal and related services to APG. For more information, call 410-272-5462.

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"I was floored when I was told about the opportunity for me to work with APG's Articulation Agreement and how it would benefit me. Normally, I have run into negative situations. It was wonderful to come into a positive atmosphere at APG. I am very happy here."

To date, 16 CYS employees and FCC Providers have received an additional 21 hours of college credit based on a complete Individual Education Plan of Child Development training. The IEP consists of an 18-month foundation level child development education that is Child Development Associate based.

Curtsinger said that she plans to continue her education by pursuing a

bachelor's degree.

Beverly Hartgrove, CYS, said that anyone who has previously completed the CYS training program can take advantage of the Articulation Agreement by calling a CYS trainer to get details.

Radio messages connect families

AAFES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service recently introduced its Patriot Family Connection program to help connect deployed military members with their loved ones back home.

The new program offers family members, friends of deployed service members and AAFES associates a chance to record their greetings, words of support and thanks. Messages can be recorded 24 hours a day, free of charge, and are forwarded to American Forces Network Radio, which is heard at locations overseas including those in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

"Recording the messages is just one small element of a larger AAFES Patriot Family marketing program that includes numerous initiatives," said Mike Westphal, senior vice president of AAFES' Marketing Directorate. "It started with the Patriot Family Tree in December. Now, we have the Patriot Family Connection and 'We All Have a Hand in Securing Our Freedom' hand

trace banners we'll be sending downrange. Soon we'll be sending dozens of banners downrange for deployed troops to sign -- then those banners will tour each AAFES region."

The Patriot Family Connection is

one of several initiatives AAFES is using to help bridge the distance between the home front and the front lines. This new program has already yielded messages from Americans expressing their support for troops serving downrange.

Doug Ford from Denton, N.C., called in his greeting, "I want to send all the best wishes to the troops. God bless ya'll and thank ya'll for everything you do."

Another greeting, recorded by Jean Helen from Columbus, Ga., said, "I want to tell all the troops everywhere we're with your families back here supporting them while you're overseas. We love all you guys. Thank you for what you're doing and we appreciate your families and their bravery while they're waiting on you."

AAFES continues to show its commitment to the men and women who protect our freedom by offering programs like the Patriot Family Connection.

Anyone can record a message simply by calling 1-800-713-1302 and following the prompts.

For more information, log on to www.AAFES.com and click on the Patriot Family link.