

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Nov. 22, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### Thanksgiving Day refuse pickup schedule

The following changes will be made to the refuse collection throughout family housing:

Nov. 20 - New Chesapeake and all of APG South

Nov. 21 - Trailer Park, Bayside, Plumb Point Loop, School Street and Hopkins Loop

Nov. 22 - Recycling  
Nov. 23 - No pickup  
Nov. 24 - Patriot Village

### KUSAHC closes early Nov. 16

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will close from noon to 1 p.m. (instead of 12:45 to 2:15 p.m.) on Nov. 16.

### Block parties promote safety

The APG Fire Department will hold two block parties in APG North and APG South.

In APG South, the block party will start 6:30 p.m., Nov. 17, in the parking lot of E-1950, Schaefer Road. The block party in APG North begins 6:30 p.m., Nov. 18, in the playground area, building 3800 block of Veteran Court and Patriot Way Road.

Holiday safety tips and information include party safety, Christmas trees, lights and candles, fire prevention in the kitchen and more.

For more information, call fire inspector Doug Farrington, 410-306-0523.

### Sign-up for 2006 Christmas Gift Wrap program

Plans are underway for the 2006 Christmas Gift Wrap Program sponsored by AAFES and coordinated by the APG Army Volunteer Corps coordinator. All Aberdeen Proving Ground Family Readiness Groups, private organizations and volunteer activities are eligible to participate and should designate a representative.

Organization/activities interested in participating must call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669, by Nov. 16.

All representatives must attend a mandatory meeting

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# Halstead assumes command of Ordnance Corps

Story by  
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HAMMONDS**  
OC&S

It's been 25 years since her training days, and now she's returned to assume command of the Ordnance Corps and the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools as the chief of Ordnance.

Brig. Gen. Rebecca Halstead walked Aberdeen Proving Ground hallways as a student second lieutenant in 1981.

"It's so different being here after all this time," Halstead said. "It's a little surreal; it's unbelievable to think that this much time has passed in my life."

As a lieutenant, Halstead never thought that she would one day be the chief of Ordnance. She recalls sitting in class while the chief of Ordnance visited training classrooms to see how the students were doing.

"Now, I will be that leader who visits the classrooms," Halstead said. "I want to

ensure students know their leadership cares and is interested in their development."

She said that she believes in the "battlefield circulation," which dictates involvement in her command. Her plans include visiting classrooms, participating in dialogue, and getting a grasp of the needs of the school and its students.

"I remember thinking it was exciting that a general was interested in lieutenants. I certainly hope I will leave the same positive influence of those leaders who served before me," she said.

A few months ago, Halstead returned from a deployment to Balad, Iraq, as the commanding general of III Corps Support Command. While there, she observed the competencies of Soldiers in the field and she plans to apply that knowledge to the training at OC&S.

Halstead's number one goal is to provide a training and command environment that is



Photo by SEAN KIEF, APG PHOTO LAB

Gen. William S. Wallace, commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, and Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halstead, the 34th chief of Ordnance and commandant of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, salute during the change of command ceremony Oct. 30 in Ordnance Circle at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

aligned with the operational Army in order to build competent, confident Soldiers.

"When students leave here, I want them to say, 'the train-

ing here was demanding, but it really prepared me for serving my unit,'" Halstead said.

She views the personnel working in the schools as

experts. "We've been chosen to be here based on our competencies and expert abilities. The staff at OC&S, military

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## Officer Personnel Management System changes to grow adaptive leaders

Story by  
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U.S. Army Human Resources Command

The Army announced Sept. 5, a revision of the Officer Personnel Management System that will align branches and functional areas under three Functional Categories.

"We're building on a proven system, but adapting to the emerging realities of the 21st century security environment and the capabilities required of a campaign-quality, joint and expeditionary Army," said Col. Pat Stallings, chief of the OPMS Task Force, U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

The OPMS Functional Design, announced via an All-Army Active message, is now in effect, but most officers will not see an impact until spring, Stallings said.

HRC assignment officers will begin identifying a small number of officers

for broader assignment next summer, with notifications beginning as early as January. The lieutenant colonel selection board that convenes in February will be the first to use the Functional Categories as promotion categories.

HRC will announce procedural changes for officer evaluations (report and support form preparation and processing) and Functional Designation boards via MILPER messages.

"The Task Force reestablished the periodic review process to recommend changes required for management and development of the Officer Corps, to develop skills required, today and tomorrow, and group skills functionally to meet Army requirements," Stallings said.

The revised OPMS design, he said, is better aligned to the critical joint functions required of the Army than the four Career Fields of OPMS 3, and

provides broader officer development.

"This design directly supports the Army's strategy of growing adaptive leaders. We are not changing the core features of the OPMS system that make it so good today," noted Stallings. "We will continue to develop and promote functional specialists, and we will maintain our absolute focus on developing officers' war fighting skills in their branch."

"We've always had multi-skilled officers," he said, "but are now seeking to develop them in a more deliberate way. OPMS improvements provide the framework to build future senior leaders who are multi-skilled and better prepared to operate as part of joint and interagency teams."

The new Functional Categories are: Maneuver, Fires and Effects; Operations Support; and Force Sustainment, which includes the spe-

cial branches.

Functional Categories are further divided into Functional Groups that link branches and functional areas with similar battlefield functions.

Lists of branches and functional areas by Functional Group and Functional Category are available at the HRC-Alexandria Web site, [www.hrc.army.mil](http://www.hrc.army.mil), under Officer Personnel Management Directorate.

Stallings noted that there is no longer a "3" or "III" after "OPMS;" it's an evolutionary system, without numbered versions.

Reserve component leaders are committed to the same objectives for growing 21st century officers, Stallings said, and are reviewing the functionally aligned OPMS design to determine applicability within their personnel management systems.

## Aberdeen Proving Ground reports on water quality

PAO

Aberdeen Proving Ground, following analysis of water samples, reports the water in the Kings Creek area of Bush River near the Edgewood Area Waste Water Treatment Plant has returned to normal.

On Oct. 28 the plant experienced a system bypass and overflow during which water overflowing the chlorination tank and bypassing secondary treatment discharged into the Bush River.

The Harford County Department of Health and the Maryland Department of the Environment have been notified of the results.

Questions regarding APG waste water bypasses or operations should be directed to 410-278-1147 or 800-688-8705.

## CFC campaign exceeds \$170,000

APG CFC Office

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign exceeded the \$170,000 mark with 949 of the goal of 3,000 donors contacted.

The CFC Office congratulates the 143rd Ordnance Battalion for beating its goal and doubling its contributions over the 2005 campaign.

In addition to the complimentary gifts for CFC contributions, those who donate to the 2006 campaign also are eligible to participate in three raffle drawings for additional prizes.

The prizes include a Chris White print of Fort McHenry, 1st place; a bag of CFC incentive gifts from the 2003 thru 2005 campaigns, 2nd place; a CFC water bottle, 3rd place; and a prize bag, 4th place.

To participate in the raffle drawings, place contributor's

name, organization and phone number on the back of the tear-off portion of the contribution form and submit it to a CFC key worker. Raffles can also be picked up at building 4302.

The first raffle was held Nov. 6. The winners included Pam Klinger, U.S. Army Environmental Center, 1st place; Bob Wilmoth, Directorate of Information Management, 2nd place; Harry Cunningham, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, 3rd place; and David Mike, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, 4th place.

The next drawing will be Nov. 11. For more information, or to make a contribution, contact a CFC key worker, visit the APG CFC Office in building 4302, or call 410-278-0197/0199 or TTY: 800-201-7165 Ext. 410278-0198.

## DoD announces National Conservation partnership

DoD

Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health Alex Beehler signed an agreement Nov. 8 with Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment Merlyn Carlson near Fort Riley, Kan., to establish a national Defense Department-Department of Agriculture partnership to promote land conservation near military bases.

"This is a win/win partnership," Beehler said. "It will greatly enhance the sustainability of our installations and the working landscapes surrounding those installations. The Defense Department recognizes that the viability of our installations is directly linked to working with others outside our fences."

This partnership will marry Agriculture Department efforts with DoD's national Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative conservation buffer program. The REPI Program helps preserve land around installations by providing funds, so that the installations can enter into agreements to

acquire conservation easements.

Carlson called the partnership "good news for the environment" and said that the national partnership will allow DoD to better harness various programs, which are designed to assist private land owners and managers on conservation concerns, on behalf of military conservation buffer efforts across the country.

The encroachment of urban development has posed an increasing threat in recent years to military training land and surrounding areas. The DoD has responded by working creatively with other partners to promote compatible land use options and more informed regional planning.

For more information, call Chris Isleib, 703-697-5131.

For more information about DoD's REPI Program, visit at <https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/Library/Sustain/Range/REPI-FACT-SHEET.doc>.

For more information about NRCS conservation programs, visit <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>.

## Commentary: Marines celebrate 231 years

By  
**GEN. M. W. HAGEE**  
U.S. Marine Corps

On Nov. 10, 1775, our corps was born as the Continental Congress raised the "first and second battalions of American Marines."

Each year as we celebrate our birthday, we pause to reflect on the Marines of yesteryear who fought in our touchstone battles and forged the modern Marine Corps with their courage, integrity and undying commitment to their fellow Marines.

Each of our storied battles is a link in the long chain that binds all Marines together from the Continental Marines at Bunker Hill to the Teufelhunden crossing the wheat fields of Belleau Wood.

This chain binds us to the Marines on the crest of Mount Suribachi; it passes through the ice and snow of the Chosin Reservoir and the steaming jungles of Vietnam, and it anchors firmly today in the desert sands of Iraq.

This year's celebration again finds many from our ranks serving with distinction in harm's way. As we have for the past 231 years, our corps is answering the nation's call.

I can report first hand that our Marines fighting on the front lines of the long War on Terror are performing brilliantly, acquitting themselves with honor, dedication and digni-

ty in difficult and dangerous environments.

All Marines are making a difference. Regardless of where you are serving, you are adding new chapters to the legacy that was earned with sweat and blood on old battlefields. Just as previous generations of Marines shaped today's Marine Corps, your deeds are molding the corps of tomorrow.

Our corps has never been stronger, and all Americans are extremely proud of your magnificent performance and unwavering commitment to serve our corps and country. With high caliber Marines like you, our future has never been brighter.

Another irreplaceable element of our success as Marines is the terrific support we receive from our families. Through the long hours, the exercises and the combat deployments, their support is unconditional and firm. They give us love and devotion, providing us with the strength to drive on when duty calls.

Today we should all acknowledge our loved ones for their patient, steadfast service.

To all who have earned the title Marine, to the superb Sailors who serve with us in every clime and place, and to our precious families—I wish each one of you a heartfelt happy 231st birthday.

Semper fidelis and keep attacking!



# The APG Forum

## Commentary - APG leadership visits CECOM

Recently, I had the opportunity to participate in a Town Hall meeting at Fort Monmouth hosted by Maj. Gen. Michael R. Mazzucchi.

The U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground is committed to providing the latest information to all those affected by Base Realignment and Closure – arriving or departing.

From time to time we will share articles such as this with the greater APG community to enhance their awareness and solicit their support as we welcome thousands of new employees and their families to the top of the bay.

We will continue outreach efforts to all affected.

Col. John T. Wright, Garrison Commander

### Town meeting updates workforce

Story by **DEBBIE SHEEHAN**  
CECOM Public Affairs Office

Maj. Gen. Michael R. Mazzucchi hosted the Base Realignment and Closure town meeting in Pruden Auditorium at Fort Monmouth, N.J., Sept. 29.

He said it was the third in a long series of BRAC meetings, that are his way of keeping his promise to the workforce to keep everyone up to date on the latest BRAC developments.

Mazzucchi said there are three guiding principles in the commitment to the BRAC move: to maintain support for the Warfighter; to take care of those who choose not to move with the mission; and to minimize disruption for those who choose to relocate.

During his opening remarks, Mazzucchi said he realized the future presented many challenges, but he hoped it would also present many opportunities for exploring life changes.

He said both he and his wife, Linda, were "Army brats."

"It was sometimes painful to be thrust into new encounters. When we married we said we were not going to live that life--that I would do one tour and get out. It did not happen that way..." he said.

But their children told them that living the Army lifestyle involving many different duty stations gave them advantages to see different environments, something they were thankful for.

Col. Kent Woods, C-E LCMC chief of staff, presented a BRAC update.

"Don't shoot the messenger," he joked as he opened his portion of the program.

He focused on timelines, cost estimates, military construction, domain planning, communications initiatives and the command's continuing focus. He said the funding and completion of military construction continues to be a major

factor that will determine future timelines.

The Department of the Army has not yet released specific timelines for implementing BRAC directives but, based on current planning, the transfer will likely take place in 2010 and 2011.

At this point total cost requirements for the move are more than \$1.6 billion.

The MILCON for Aberdeen Proving Ground totals \$744 million and includes a current plan for a combination of new construction and renovated facilities with facilities to be occupied based on mission domains.

Currently, the domain planning study is a concept to co-locate C-E LCMC organizations at APG based on closely related missions. Eight mission-related groups forming a total of 14 mission domains would move to functional areas on the post.

Wood echoed Mazzucchi's words, promising the workforce will be kept informed through more town meetings and events like the Relocation Job Fair held in June.

He invited employees to visit the new relocation kiosks that will be located throughout the post.

Mark Fuhring, assistant deputy chief of staff for Personnel, gave a brief human resources update.

He stressed the importance of the Second BRAC survey which closed on Oct. 27. The survey was in three parts: employee's plans up to and after the mission moves, feedback from the relocation fair and information requested by Maryland state officials.

Heidi Stover, Employee Assistance Program, said her office can provide confidential evaluation and referral. She said that if BRAC issues are bothering people in a stressful way to please think of seeing the counselors for "concern, compassion and confidentiality."

The EAP program is located in building 501, next to the Post Chapel and can be reached



Photo by RUSS MESEROLL

Col. John T. Wright, garrison and deputy installation commander briefs attendees to a U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Command town hall meeting Sept 29 where the main topic of discussion centered on Base Realignment and Closure and the impending move to APG.

by calling 732-532-2415.

Col. John T. Wright, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, traveled north to present an overview of his installation. After showing a brief video, Wright commented that APG and Fort Monmouth were founded in the same year, 1917.

He said the 72,000 acre post is located 90 minutes from the nation's capital, is home to design and testing elements, and sits along the Chesapeake Bay.

There are 14.7 million square feet of building space, 42 miles of automotive test track, over 100 labs located in the Rodman Building alone and two airfields on the installation, stated Wright.

APG supports high technology growth and partners with many academic institutions including Johns Hopkins University, Howard University, Drexel University and others including the Aberdeen High School Math and Science Academy, Wright said.

During the question and answer period concerns were raised about environmental safety at APG.

Wright said that there were concerns found at any testing ground such as noise and water quality.

Noise is monitored and the public is notified when appropriate, he said. The water comes

from a source off post and is filtrated to modern standards; and the post is also home to nearly 140 bald eagles which are protected, he added.

"My family drinks the water; I have eaten deer culled from the installation. My kids roam anywhere." Wright said.

He said there are restricted areas, mainly due to fear of unexploded ordnance.

He mentioned a new park for recreational vehicles, but stressed it was for campers and not residential use. Thought is being given to temporary housing on post for advanced teams or those waiting for homes to be constructed, but no concrete plans are in place, he noted.

Wright suggested that employees considering relocation visit not only on a weekend but on weekdays to observe the traffic flow and consider the length of commute they want to make. He said there is plenty of affordable housing in the area.

Wright said more information about APG can be obtained by visiting [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil).

Mazzucchi concluded the meeting by saying that he knew for many the decision to move or not is "an affair of the heart." He said everyone should take the "long view" of the situation while continuing to do the work of our country.

## Commentary - Guarding your identity protects more than just you

'On Cyber Patrol'

Civilians don't normally run the same risks as military personnel – IEDs [improvised explosive devices] and RPGs [rocket propelled grenades] on their way to work -- just the occasional DUI [driver under the influence] and the SIWCMO [stupid idiot who cut me off]. But, there is a danger that we all share, the chance that someone will steal your identity.

In our technology driven society our numbers are just as important as our names. Who we are is often reduced to digits on a card – military, social security, bank account, or passport. Combined with online IDs and passwords, these are who we are. They are also our first line of personal security in the vast cyber community. Defensively, it's a very thin line.

The thought of having these numbers compromised so that others can assume our identity for profit, harm, or simple chaos is a real concern for all of us, or it should be. There's a good chance you have seen some of the public serv-

ice ads telling people how to protect their identity. Many of us know about the risks. Few of us actually protect ourselves adequately. Most of us are not doing anything. All of us need to protect our financial and personal data in order to safeguard our credit scores.

These days, the person who is stealing your identity and creating new ones with your data is no longer the little old guy with thick glasses huddled in a dark apartment with engraving tools, magnifying glasses, and an X-acto@ knife. It's a young kid with the laptop next to you in Starbucks, or a member of an organized crime syndicate, or a terrorist operative in a mud hut. They all want to be you. If you are in the military, this is a double threat because being you might give enemies access to information that will put your fellow Soldiers at risk.

Those trying to steal your identity range from the sophisticated (creating phishing programs) to the heavy handed (digging through your trash for paper with identity information).

They will use phishing techniques and misinformation (social engineering) to trick you into giving up critical personal information. They could simply look over your shoulder while you are online or conducting business in a bank or store. Awareness of potential risks and threats is critical to protecting yourself.

For example, I was in a government agency office that was issuing access badges for employees and contractors. There was a large group of people sitting in the room within a few feet of the desk where the agency security official was checking authorizations and identifications. He asked everyone for his or her ID number. Most of the applicants gave it to him verbally. I clearly heard four Social Security numbers and was able to see the names on the newly issued or updated badges as they walked by my seat.

Anticipating his question, I wrote my number on a piece of paper and handed it to him. I got it back immediately and later shredded the note. My ID was safe for the moment, but I could

have easily stolen the identity of four other people at that agency simply by being attentive.

While Army procedures, policies, and applied technologies go a long way in keeping your identity safe, it's what you do on your own that makes the difference.

From a personal point of view, having your identity stolen is a nightmare. You could be financing someone's new SUV – maybe one that eventually becomes a car bomb. The damage to your credit rating, finances and reputation could take years to fix.

On top of that, think what stealing your identity as a member of the U.S. military could mean. Someone pretending to be you could gain access to Army facilities and systems that could cause significant damage or create paralyzing confusion.

A few simple precautions will reduce or even eliminate that risk. Guard your identity and you are guarding your fellow Soldiers, your family and yourself.

### Halstead

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and civilian personnel, owes each student dedicated expert training and support, mentorship and the facilitation of student learning. Training has to be tough and realistic to prepare Soldiers to step into combat. We can't give them everything they [Soldiers] need, but I'd like to come as close as possible," she said.

Halstead regards the mission of training Soldiers as one of the top priorities in the Army.

"Soldiers are our future, we need to develop them the right way," she said.

She believes the right way includes preparing them to serve efficiently and skillfully in an operational capacity and giving Soldiers the right tools to become strong capable leaders.

She is thrilled to be part of APG.

"This is a beautiful and historic community. I've found the people



Photo by SEAN KIEF, APG PHOTO LAB

here to be very embracing. I know I'm going to enjoy being here," Halstead said.

### Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halstead

Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halstead became the 34th chief of Ordnance on Oct. 30. She was promoted to her present rank on Jan. 1, 2005.

A native of Willseyville, N.Y., she was commissioned in the Ordnance Corps upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., in 1981.

Her military education includes completion of the Ordnance Officers Basic and Advanced Courses at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.; the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; and the industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

She holds a master's degree in military art and science from the Command and General Staff College and a master's degree in national resource strategy from the National Defense University.

Halstead has served in a variety of

assignments to include: platoon leader, operations officer, and executive officer, 69th Ordnance Company (DS/GS Special Weapons), 559th Artillery Group, Vicenza, Italy; commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company; commander, 63rd Ordnance Company (DS/GS Ammunition), and materiel officer for the 80th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wash.; personnel assignments officer, Ordnance Branch PERSCOM, Alexandria, Va.; aide-de-camp, Combined Arms Support Command, Fort Lee, Va.; support operations officer and battalion executive officer, 526 Forward Support Battalion, 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.; logistics staff officer and assistant executive officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C.; and commander, 325th Forward Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii;

commander, 10th Mountain Division Support Command; 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.; executive assistant to the Combatant Commander, United States Southern Command, Miami, Fla.; and the deputy commanding general for the 21st Theater Support Command, U.S. Army Europe, Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Halstead's most recent assignment was as commanding general, III Corps Support Command, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army, Germany from September 2004 to September 2006 with deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq.

Awards and decorations received include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with one oak leaf cluster), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Army Achievement Medal, the Air Assault Badge and the Army Staff Badge.

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# Community Notes

## THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16 GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

To promote the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout, the Harford County Health Department will offer a free, two-hour "Quick-Quit" Stop Smoking Class, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. at the Health Department, located at 119 S. Hays Street. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, 410-638-8405.

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17 OWL PROWL

Come for a night hike in the bottomland forest to search for the owls that call this marshy forest home. This program is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for ages 10 to adult and costs \$3. Registration is required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18 HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

The Darlington-Dublin Memorial VFW 10146 Ladies Auxiliary, located on 3340

Conowingo Road, Street, will hold a holiday Craft Bazaar 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds to benefit auxiliary programs.

For more information, call 410-838-6629.

## WHITE-TAILED DEER SURVEY

Harford County seems to be experiencing explosive population growth - and not just with humans. Help to determine if the deer population of Leight Park is a healthy size. Join park personnel to get the scoop on poop and conduct pellet (deer scat) counts on the trails to determine how many deer call the park home. This program is from 9 a.m. to noon for ages 16 to adult and is free. Registration is required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

## ALLTIED UP

Have fun with cordage and try some basic knots. Scouts may find this useful. This program is from 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 8 to adult and is free. Registration is required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

## TINFOIL MAJIC

Learn an outdoor cooking skill with tinfoil and charcoal.

## NIMH holds Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder study

The National Institute of Mental Health is holding a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder study. Qualified individuals between the ages of 18 to 65 may participate in the study. Anyone who has experienced a traumatic event including physical or sexual assault, a serious accident or felt their life was in danger may suffer from PTSD. Symptoms may include difficulty getting rid of troubling images or thoughts of the trauma, flashbacks or nightmares, avoiding people or places or feeling anxious or jumpy.

An investigational drug that may help with PTSD symptoms will be studied and a free mental health assessment will be conducted. Transportation reimbursement is available.

For more information or to qualify for the study, call 301-496-5645, or TTY: 1-866-411-1010, or see <http://patientinfo.nimh.nih.gov>.

Lunch will be provided. This program is from 11 a.m. to noon for ages 8 to adult and is \$4. Registration is required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

**PRIZE BINGO LUNCH**

The Pilottown Rod and Gun Club, located on Belle Manor Road, Conowingo, will hold a Prize Luncheon Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Rod and Gun Club. Doors open at 11 a.m., bingo begins at noon. Tickets cost \$15 and include paper packets for 20 games and lunch; extra packets cost \$5; cost for children 10 years of age and under is \$10 with no extra packets. Tickets are available at the door. Door prizes, refreshments, raffles

and more will be available. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No smoking is permitted in the club.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-378-2221, 410-658-5628 or 410-378-0096.

**BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the USNTC Bainbridge Historical Association will be held at the VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo begins 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards. Food, beverage and basked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. No smoking is allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne

Gibson, 410-378-3338, Carolyn Spencer, 410-378-3219 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19 WORMS EAT YOUR GARBAGE**

Reduce the need for chemical fertilizers by making brown gold - compost - with the help of worms. Build a worm compost bin for the garage, basement, or any room in the house. This program is from 2 to 4 p.m. for ages 8 to adult, 8 to 12 with an adult and is \$20. Registration is required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

**TREE MYSTERY**

Hike the trail and use clues to identify some of Leight Park's common trees. This program is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 6 to adult, 6 to 10 with an adult and is free. Registration is required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

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



**Chapel Services**  
**Volunteers needed for Child Watch**  
 Volunteers and contractors are needed immediately to help with Child Watch at the Main Post Chapel on Sundays and/or Thursdays.  
 For more information, call Staff Sgt. Irether J. Gaines, 410-278-4333 or e-mail [irether.j.gaines@us.army.mil](mailto:irether.j.gaines@us.army.mil).

**MOVIES**

**ADMISSION:  
 ADULTS \$3.50,  
 CHILDREN \$1.75**

**Building 3245  
 Aberdeen Boulevard**

**To verify listing,  
 call 410-272-9008,  
 or visit  
[www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com)  
 and click on  
 "Movie Listing."**

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**THE MARINE**  
 Friday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.

**EVERYONE'S HERO  
 (FREE ADMISSION)**  
 Saturday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**  
 Saturday, Nov. 18, 9 p.m.

**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](mailto:rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil).

**Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program**

James Addas  
 Sarah Blevins  
 Debra Bonsall (daughter has brain tumor)  
 Kimberly Brooks  
 Janet Cannedy  
 Leroy Carter  
 Rogelio Chevannes  
 Shelia Davison (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo)  
 Susan Gorhan  
 Shirley Gross  
 Hester Hayes  
 Rick Jernigan  
 Carolyn Johnson  
 Beverly King (caring for husband)  
 Lydia Langley  
 Louis McCarter  
 William B. McLean (kidney failure)  
 Sandra Miller  
 Mary Pettaway  
 DeAnna Sampson  
 Barbara Seker  
 Joan Taeuber  
 Alison Tichenor  
 Christine Wheaton  
 Louis Winters  
 Charles Young

## Snowball Express for children of fallen Soldiers

[www.militaryconnection.com](http://www.militaryconnection.com)

MilitaryConnection.com and the M. Scott Kerr Foundation want to provide a "dream weekend" for the children of fallen Soldiers.

The organizations are working to make dreams come true for children who have sacrificed so much for the country.

The Snowball Express will be held Dec. 15 through 17 and will benefit children who have lost a parent in Iraq or Afghanistan in the War on Terror.

The goal is to make this holiday season as joyous an occasion as possible. The children and their surviving parent or guardian will fly to Southern California courtesy of Southwest Airlines, and will stay at hotels in Orange County that have been donated by corporations including Marriott and Ayres, and more. Oakley World Headquarters will provide a party for the families, featuring an extreme sports show and major entertainment. The Crystal Cathedral will host a special presentation of "The Glory of Christmas." The weekend will end with a full day at Disneyland/California Adventure hosted by the Walt Disney Corporation.

"I am very grateful to the wonderful corporations that are helping, and to the Rotary Clubs across America," said Michael Kerr, founder of Snowball Express. "I also appreciate the many non-profits and other organizations such as **MilitaryConnection.com**, Homefront America, A Million Thanks, and of course the Defense Department's America Supports You for their wonderful support and

assistance. We want to get the word out to these military families that may not be aware of the program. This event will be the first of many to salute these very special children."

"I cannot wait to see the smiles on the faces of these deserving children, to lighten their burden in some small way," said Debbie Gregory, president of **MilitaryConnection.com**. "We will be doing whatever we can to help make this event a reality. I want to challenge all of the great corporate citizens of America to lend a helping hand. We can move mountains when we work together, and we need

everyone's participation."

Any surviving spouse or guardian whose child has lost a parent in the War on Terror and wishes to attend this dream weekend, should register online at [www.snowball-express.org](http://www.snowball-express.org).

Individuals who wish to make a donation, or corporations interested in sponsorship should contact [www.snowball-express.org](http://www.snowball-express.org) or click on the special banner at [www.militaryconnection.com](http://www.militaryconnection.com).

The children are everyone's children and their parents were Americans serving their nation.

Military Connection is providing valuable services to this

project. See [www.militaryconnection.com](http://www.militaryconnection.com) or contact Gregory at 800-817-3777

The M. Scott Kerr Foundation and the Snowball Express was founded by Kerr for the purpose of providing for the families and especially

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## SCHOOL LIAISON

### Roye-Williams announces holiday festivities

Roye-Williams Elementary School families, teachers and staff will "Celebrate the Holidays," 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 18. There will be special concert performances by each grade starting with Kindergarten at 9 a.m. and continuing every half hour until 5th grade finishes at noon.

A special holiday gift shop will provide affordable items for the children to purchase. All are invited to visit

and take pictures with a special holiday guest, or just come and enjoy the holiday brunch.

Parents may purchase books for holiday giving at the Rainforest Book Fair Dec. 4 through 8 during school-day hours. Families may prefer to wait until the Book Fair and Family Activity Night 6 to 8 p.m., Dec. 8. Volunteers will be appreciated.

### Science, Math Academy holds meetings for prospects

The Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School will hold two informational meetings for prospective students and their parents 7 to 9 p.m., Nov. 29 and Dec. 11 in the auditorium. The Science and Math Academy is an accelerated and enriched program of studies in science, mathematics and technology.

Students and parents may attend either meeting as the program is repeated. Information about the SMA program and application process will be the focus of these meetings. Tours of the SMA will be given by current students and parents.

Applications for the freshmen class of 50 students for 2007-2008 will become available in early December 2006. The deadline for application to the class of 2007-2008 is Jan. 19.

For more information, visit the SMA Web site <https://hcpsowa.hcps.org/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp> or <http://www.scienceandmathacademy.com>.

## 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, visit

[www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

**MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel is located in building 3326. They may be contacted at 410-278-4011/4907, by e-mail at [mwr\\_registration@apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration@apg.army.mil) or on the Web site, [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).**

### Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Travel to New York City to see the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes.

Tickets for Nov. 18 cost \$140 each.

Tickets for Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10 and 16 cost \$135 each; The bus will depart 8:05 a.m., building 3320, and depart New York at 11 p.m. Seats are limited, register early. Cost includes charter bus transportation and a ticket for the show. There will be time before the show for shopping and lunch. Open to all Department of Defense card holders.

For more information or to make reservations, call MWR Registration, 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail [mwr\\_regis-](mailto:mwr_regis-)

[tration@apg.army.mil](mailto:tration@apg.army.mil), or visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### Military Family Appreciation Month

In honor of the month of the Military family, MWR offers discount tickets to Medieval Times Dinner Theater and Show located in Hanover, Md. The cost of tickets for adults is \$40 per person, and \$34 for children. Discount tickets also are

available to the Martina McBride: The Joy of Christmas Tour, Dec. 21. The concert starts 7:30 p.m. at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. Tickets cost \$74 per person on the 100 level and \$62.50 per person on the 200 level.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Tickets and Leisure Travel, 410-278-4011.

### Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a trip to the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater in Wilmington, Del., Dec. 15. Tickets cost \$63 per person and include charter bus transportation, dinner and the show, "Three Little Baker's Christmas Celebration 2006."

For more information or to make reservations, call Angela Keithley, 410-278-4603/4771.

### Sign up for Christmas Gift Wrap program

Plans are underway for the 2006 Christmas Gift Wrap Program sponsored by AAFES and coordinated by APG Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator. All Aberdeen Proving Ground Family Readiness Groups, APG private organizations and APG Volunteer activities are eligible to participate and should designate a representative.

Organization/activities interested in participating must contact Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669, by Nov. 16.

All representatives must attend a mandatory meeting 10 a.m., Nov. 20, conference room, building 2754.

## Stripes.com hosts free holiday messages

*Stars and Stripes*

Stars and Stripes, daily newspaper of the U.S. military, will host a free holiday message posting service online at Stripes.com through Nov. 27 for the benefit of military service members and their families who may be separated over the holidays.

Many of the messages submitted online will be published in the Dec. 16 editions of Stars and Stripes (Europe, Pacific and Middle East) selected on a "first come, first served" basis and online at Stripes.com, also beginning Dec. 16.

"Stars and Stripes provides free message services to the troops several times a year," said Marketing Director Meg Irish. "But without a doubt, the holiday season is the hardest on families that must be separated. Last year we were flooded with thousands of messages—we printed over 100



pages full of messages in our Mideast Edition alone."

To send a free message, visitors may go to Stripes.com and click on the Holiday Messages button, any time before Nov. 27. To view all the holiday messages, visit Stripes.com any time after Dec. 16.

Message senders are remind-

ed that Stars and Stripes can publish only those messages received online and in English. Every effort will be made to print all the messages received for Middle East, Europe and Pacific recipients, but Stars and Stripes also reserves the right to limit the number of messages actually published based on the space available.

## Dream

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the children of fallen Soldiers now and forever. The organization's goal is to supplement and enhance services provided by the government. Tax-exempt status is pending (EIN #20-5627830).

For more information about Military Connection, call Gregory at 1-800-817-3777 or visit [www.militaryconnection.com](http://www.militaryconnection.com).

For more information about Snowball Express, call Michael or Jeannie Kerr at 1-800-979-3KID, e-mail [info@snowballexpress.org](mailto:info@snowballexpress.org) or see Web site [www.snowballexpress.org](http://www.snowballexpress.org).

# A glimpse of the Veterans History Project

## Focusing on APG veterans

# History Project

## VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

For Veterans Day this year, the APG News staff decided to share with readers heartfelt stories from the Library of Congress American Folklife Center Veterans History Project.

The United States Congress petitioned the Library of Congress to create an oral history program to preserve and record the histories of combat veterans and civilians in support services. In 2000 the Veterans History Project, through the Library of Congress and the American Folklife Center was created as a permanent record and historical archival resource for future generations.

These stories were written by Kathy Abey, a volunteer and coordina-

tor for the Veterans History Project through Congressman Wayne T. Gilchrest's office in Bel Air, an official collecting partner with the Veterans History Project for four years. Abey and other local volunteer partners have had the opportunity to meet and interview these veterans.

As each day passes, 1,500 veterans are lost and with them go their stories and history forever. Anyone who is or knows a combat veteran or a civilian that worked in support services who would be interested in sharing their story should visit [www.loc.gov/vets/](http://www.loc.gov/vets/), call Abey, 410-838-2517 or e-mail her at [Kathy.Abey@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kathy.Abey@mail.house.gov).

Photos are provided courtesy of the veterans.

## Ed Ilgenfritz: a man of faith

Born and raised in Baltimore County, Korean War veteran Ed Ilgenfritz was active in Boy Scouts and earned the Eagle Scout rank before he left scouting behind for other adventures in life.

### Getting into the Army

Ilgenfritz first tried to get in the Navy but was turned down because of poor eyesight. Then he tried the Army. Once they found out he could see with glasses, the Army issued him two pair and welcomed him into the service of his nation.

### Training, learning passwords

Ilgenfritz trained at Aberdeen Proving Ground and noted he actually liked basic training. He said being in the Boy Scouts helped him to get through the training and that it taught him to pay attention, follow directions and not question the authority from which the direction or order came.

More importantly, he already knew how to camp and in Korea that was the only option for housing Soldiers had.

He joked about his letters home to a special girl. He said he was "campaigning to be the boyfriend," that he finally "won the election" and had "served 53 consecutive terms without interruption."

Ilgenfritz recalled one day while he was on guard duty in Korea on the perimeter of the camp or compound. A platoon of men that left for patrol in the morning were late coming back that night. In the meantime, the password had changed.

As darkness fell, what was left of that company of men came straggling up the road. Hearing them approach, Ilgenfritz and the others on guard duty did not know what to do.

They knew the group was missing and that this could be them, but the orders were if anyone didn't know the password they were to protect the compound.

Ilgenfritz asked the others to hold their fire for just a minute. He called out to the approaching unit, singing the first verse to the children's Sunday school song "Jesus Loves Me."

A man in the incoming unit sang the second verse. Then Ilgenfritz sang the next one and so on until the men were in sight and they could confirm they were U.S. Soldiers.

### Finding an orphan/starting an orphanage

In another story, Ilgenfritz related that after a heavy artillery and air assault of a particular area, they found a child of about five years old, completely naked and standing in a snow drift in freezing temperatures.

They wrapped him in their sleeping bag and drove around trying to find anyone to take the child, but there were no survivors in the area.

Ilgenfritz and the other Soldier in the jeep were supposed to carry messages to the unit behind them, but they gave the child food and water and took him with them to the next unit.

Seeing the sheer desperation of this small child, the men in the battalion took up a collection to help raise money for his care and to start an orphanage in Seoul and sent the child with a protector south to that town.

During their 50th Anniversary Reunion in Korea, some of the veterans visited the orphanage they helped start, but Ilgenfritz could not find out what became of that small boy.



Ed Ilgenfritz in base camp in Korea

### Finding solace in religion

Ilgenfritz spoke of some of the battles and the men he served with—some made it home and others did not.

He spoke of the chaplain to whom he credited saving his soul. The chaplain who ministered to the troops in his unit said he had made a plan for young Ilgenfritz' salvation. Ilgenfritz said he followed the plan to the letter and gave himself to his Lord. Two days later, the chaplain was killed.

Even though many years have passed, the idea that that chaplain made sure the Soldier's salvation was secured before he died still brings Ilgenfritz to tears. Today he serves as a chaplain to other veterans.

He enjoys telling Scouts about how the skills he learned helped him in the Army and how the training at APG helped to keep him alive.

Some of the types of guns he used in battle are displayed at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum.

Although he has suffered significant illness in the last few years and has lost most of his hearing, Ilgenfritz remains very vibrant and active living in Hydes, Md.



Veteran Ed Ilgenfritz, (right) trained at APG, firing the 105mm Howitzer during battle in Korean War.



Ilgenfritz, front row, second from the right, stands with his 155th Artillery Squad.

## Odom serves in Korea

James Odom was born July 29, 1929, in Treadway, Tenn., and served with the 2nd Battalion, 279th Regiment 45th Division in Korea achieving the rank of sergeant first class.

These were some of the toughest years in the Korean War.

Odom was assigned to map segments of the roads and terrain where he guided troops on mapping expeditions while stationed in Japan. His skill and talents were immediately recognized by superiors and he was pro-

moted to sergeant.

When he shipped to Korea Odom was chosen to vanguard the landing area to make certain their ship could safely land.

While in Korea he was assigned to Headquarters Company, S2 Intelligence unit and promoted to sergeant first class. Odom was one of the people that reviewed the maps and terrain to structure night reconnaissance patrol maneuver missions.

This was particularly difficult on him when the units would report back in and had lost some of the men.

He received the Bronze Service Star Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal, Medal of Occupation with two bars, National Defense Service Medal and in 1998, 45 years after he actually was recommended, Odom received the Army Good Conduct Medal at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

His family discovered that he never received this medal although it had been recommended before he was honorably discharged from the Army in October 1953.

The surprise presentation was organized by his son and two



James Odom, Korean War veteran, finally received his Army Good Conduct Medal at APG in 1998—a surprise arranged by his daughters and the APG staff. (Photo taken in 1951 in Korea.)

daughters with the assistance of APG staff and presented by Maj. Gen. Edward L. Andrews. (See article in APG News issue dated June 18, 1998.)

Odom moved to Maryland in 1956 and lives in Churchville.



James Odom, center, with fellow Soldiers during the crossing of the Pacific in route to Korea.

## Shadle begins life, ends career at APG

Retired Col. Charles M. Shadle was a dedicated Soldier as well as a family man.

Born April 24, 1922, at Edgewood Arsenal, he served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, receiving numerous awards and medals during his Army career that spanned more than 30 years.

Shadle spent his first military year with the Marine Corps reserve from 1942 to 1943 when he enlisted in the Army and attended Officer Candidate School.

Shadle was following his father's influence. His father retired as a brigadier general for the Army.

His first military combat tour was in World War II with a mortar battalion.

He then spent time at Rocky Mountain Arsenal, the Philippine Islands and into his second combat assignment, a one-year tour in Korea in 1950.

While serving in Korea, he was assigned to an intelligence unit that captured one of the first enemy Chinese soldiers.

His report to higher command noted that he felt there may be more enemy Chinese troops in Korea than the United States may have initially expected. Unfortunately, that observation later proved to be true.

There were more assignments after the war, Fort McClellan, Ala.; Headquarters First U.S. Army, Gouse Island, N.Y.; Texas Western College to finish his degree; and back again to Rocky Mountain Arsenal. He also served as an associate professor of Military Science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Shadle's third combat tour was to Vietnam in 1963. The assignments that followed included Fort McClellan as commander of the 1st Battalion; Fort Lewis, Wash., as the assistant chief of staff; commander at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, returning to his roots retiring as a colonel at Aberdeen Proving Ground as the deputy post commander in 1974.

Shadle actually received a music scholarship for college, playing



Left to right, Shadle with his father, Brig. Gen. Charles Shadle who was also stationed at APG, and his brother, Robert, who was killed in a training accident.

in a dance band while in college and studying to be a newspaper reporter and photographer.

During the interview, he laughingly said, "I don't think I would have been any good at either of them."

At age 51 he embarked on another career in Harford County government in the Department of Public Works and as county administrator. He then worked with GM in the car seats division and for a while with Bendix Corporation.

"After I had retired three times, I thought I should actually retire for real," Shadle said.

He serves on the Retiree councils for APG (for more than 30 years) and for Fort Meade among many other activities he does to support the military and civilian community.

In addition to his stellar Army career, Shadle has been a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary for 32 years and runs a radio station from Edgewood during the boating season, organizing search and rescue in the area if boaters are in trouble. He also teaches boater safety courses for the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Shadle met his wife, Hildegard, when they were both stationed in Fort Fitzsimmons, Colo., where she worked as an Army nurse. They married in 1946 and had three children. They now live in Parkville.

One of his sons also chose the military lifestyle and is an Army colonel.

When asked about what lasting impact the military had on his life and what he felt he was given by his military service, Shadle said, "The military and the Army gave me confidence and a feeling of doing something well. It has benefited me and my family in so many ways. The Army gave me three educational degrees; I have traveled all over the world and seen most of this country; I have known really wonderful people, made friends in many countries and the medical benefits take good care of me and my wife. I couldn't have asked for more."



Shadle positioned at a heavy mortar position in Germany in 1945. This mortar was researched, developed and tested at APG.

## POST SHORTS

10 a.m., Nov. 20, building 2754 conference room.

### NFFE meets today

Future meeting dates for National Federation of Federal Employees Local 178 are Nov. 16 and Dec. 21 in building E-4415; Aberdeen-South. meetings are held twice each day, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 4 to 5 pm.

For more information contact the union, 410-436-3942.

### Learn more about 'A

### Lean Six Sigma Experience'

Dr. Barry Bodt of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory will speak on "A Lean Six-Sigma Experience" at Top of the Bay

Nov. 16. Bodt's presentation will focus on the Lean Six Sigma quality improvement program recently adopted by the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

The talk is sponsored by the Chesapeake Chapter of the

American Statistical Association. The lunchtime meeting is open to the public.

For more information, call Grace Deng, 410-306-0498.

### Second Annual Turkey Bowl Nov. 20

The 20th Support Command (CBRNE) and the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) will again challenge each other during the Second Annual Turkey Bowl flag football game. Military officers and enlisted and civilian personnel will face off 6:30 a.m., Nov. 20, at Hoyle Softball Field. The pub-

lic is invited to attend.

For more information, call Capt. Brian Hoffman, 22nd Chemical Battalion, 410-436-6928, or Capt. Shaun Miller, 20th Support Command, 410-436-6928.

### Garrison unit holds coat drive

Winter is fast approaching and there are many in need of a winter coat or jacket. Help someone in need by donating a new or gently used coat to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison winter coat drive through Dec. 15.

Coats, winter clothing and food items can be dropped off at Army Community Service building, the Post Chapel, the Commissary, Top of the Bay, and in buildings 4305 and 305.

Coats and clothing should be clean and food items non-perishable. Items will be donated to Harford County Social Services.

For more information, call SGT Anthony Cirillo, 410-278-3000 or Staff Sgt. Michael Sauer, 410-278-2634.

### CDC, CYS opens for special hours

For those parents who want to get a jump on their holiday shopping, APG North Child Development Center and Youth Services will be open 1 to 8 p.m., Dec. 2 and APG South CDC and Youth Services will be open 1 to 8 p.m., Dec. 9. Special activities, dinner and snack will be provided for \$25 for the first child and \$20 for each additional sibling.

Register by Nov. 21 for APG North and Nov. 28 for APG South.

All children must be registered members of CYS.

Registration fee is \$18 per child with a maximum of \$40 per family for those children who are not CYS members.

To make an appointment, contact Central Registration, 410-278-7479/7571.

There is a minimum of 10 children required per site for this special opening. Spaces are limited, so register early.

### Dining facilities offer Thanksgiving Specialty Meal

The Thanksgiving Day Specialty Meal will be held in the APG North dining facility, building 4219 and the APG South dining facility, building E-4225, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Nov. 23. During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The holiday meal rate of

\$5.90 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$5 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

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

### Upcoming Veterinary Clinic closings

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will be closed Nov. 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving, and Nov. 30 for inventory.

For more information, contact the VTF, 410-278-3911/4604.

### RAB meeting scheduled Nov. 30

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Nov. 30, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic of the meeting will be an update on the O-Field Study Area.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line, 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

### Office Products Expo Dec. 7

The Directorate of Contracting, U. S. Army Contracting Agency will host the fourth annual Office Products Expo 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 7, in the Aberdeen Proving Ground's Recreation Center, building 3326, Erie Street. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Dennis Bolen, U.S. Army Contracting Agency, 410-278-0849, DSN 298-0849 or dennis.bolen@us.army.mil.

*(Editors Note: More shorts can be seen at [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil) under Shorts.)*

# Mail early to meet postal deadlines

Story by  
**ASHLEY STETTER**  
Army News Service

Military postal workers across the world are "making a list and checking it twice" to ensure that Soldiers serving far from home receive packages in time for the holiday season.

Mail is abundant November through December, and postal workers advise all those sending packages overseas to obey official holiday Mail-By deadlines to guarantee timely delivery.

According to statistics by the Joint Military Terminal, Kuwait, postal workers in the terminal's 10-post-office region processed approximately 2.5 million pounds of incoming and 3 million pounds of outgoing mail in November 2005.

A similar work load is expected for 2006, with Mail-By-dates which began Nov. 13 for parcel post and extend to Dec. 4 thru 19 for priority and express mail services.

These deadlines are rapidly approaching, and military postal officials have issued suggestions and other helpful resources to make mailing fast and easy.

For the convenience of spouses, friends and family members sending mail overseas, pre-addressed, printable, postage paid APO/FPO address labels are available at the United States Postal Service's Click-N-Ship® Web-site, and free packing materials are available by calling 1-800-610-8734.

DOD mailing guidelines require use of the service member's full name (with or without rank or rating), return address, military organization or unit, APO/FPO address and the nine-digit zip code, if one is assigned.

Following these guidelines will get mail overseas sooner, giving Soldiers like Sgt. Normajeon Pangelinan, who is currently serving with the 101st Airborne Division in Iraq, a taste of the holiday season.

"Holiday packages from home improve Soldier morale because we are constantly reminded that people are thinking of us," Pangelinan said. "Mail reminds us that Americans appreciate what we are doing and will continue to support us."

As for what to send, Command Sgt. Maj. James B. Roth, who served in Afghanistan with the XVIII Airborne Corps, offers a simple suggestion.

"It's not the cost of the item that counts; it's the thought. New socks, underwear, toiletries, batteries, telephone cards, books and holiday items are always welcome and greatly appreciated," he said.

Holiday items are fine, but postal officials say packages going to Iraq and Afghanistan may not

include: pork or pork by-products, alcoholic beverages, pornographic or sexually related items or unauthorized political materials. If any of these items are found, postal officials say, none of the contents will be delivered.

In addition, programs that once allowed the general public to send mail addressed to "Any Service Member" no longer exist, and packages addressed as such will not reach their destination.

There are many organizations out there for those wishing to send to unspecified Soldiers. Visit [www.AmericaSupportsYou.com](http://www.AmericaSupportsYou.com) to find organizations that help support all those serving.

Remember that Mail-By-dates vary by destination and mailing method and promise delivery by Christmas day. Senders preferring delivery before Dec. 25 should mail 10 days earlier than the suggested deadlines.

## The following shipping dates are recommended for military mail:

### APO AE ZIP 093

Parcel Post: **Nov. 13 (expired)**

Space Available Mail: **Nov. 27**

Parcel Airlift Mail: **Dec. 2**

Priority Mail/First-Class Mail, Letter and Cards: **Dec. 4**

Express Mail Military Service: **Not Available**

### APO AE ZIPS 090-092, 094-098; APO AA ZIP 340; APO AP ZIP 962-966

Parcel Post: **Nov. 13 (expired)**

Space Available Mail: **Nov. 27**

Parcel Airlift Mail: **Dec. 4**

Priority Mail/First-Class Mail, Letter and Cards: **Dec. 11**

Express Mail Military Service: **Dec. 19**

For more information, call 800-ASK-USPS or the Military Postal Agency, 1-800-810-6098.



## Channel 21 features Pentagon Channel programming

The Pentagon Channel will feature the following programs on Channel 21. These programs are subject to change each week and will be updated as necessary.

### Monday

ATS Reloaded, 5:30 a.m.  
American Veteran, 9:30 a.m.  
Army Newswatch, 11 a.m.  
Inside Afghanistan/FJ Iraq, 1 p.m.  
Around the Services, 5:30 p.m.  
Focus on the Force, 10 p.m.

### Tuesday

Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
RECON, 11 a.m.  
Focus on the Force, 1 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 3 p.m.  
Freedom Journal Iraq/Inside Afghanistan, 4 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday

Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
American Veteran, 1 p.m.  
Inside Afghanistan/Freedom Journal Iraq, 2 p.m.  
RECON, 3:30 p.m.  
Focus on the Force, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday

Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.  
Freedom Journal Iraq/Inside Afghanistan, Noon  
Focus on the Force, 1 p.m.  
RECON, 3:30 p.m.  
American Veteran, 5 p.m.

### Friday

Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
Army Newswatch, 10:30 a.m.  
RECON, Noon  
American Veteran, 2:30 p.m.  
Freedom Journal Iraq/Inside Afghanistan, 4 p.m.  
Focus on the Force, 6:30 p.m.  
ATS Reloaded, 7 p.m.

### Saturday

Around the Services, 5:30 a.m.  
News Reel Anaconda, 7:30 a.m.  
American Veteran, 1:30 p.m.  
Army Healthwatch, 2 p.m.  
ATS Reloaded, 5:30 p.m.  
Battleground, 7 p.m.

RECON, 8 p.m.

### Sunday

ATS Reloaded, 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
Freedom Journal Iraq, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
Today's Military, 1 p.m.  
Around the Service, 7:30 p.m.

Army Newswatch – Bi-weekly report on the men and women of the Army.

Around the Services – From the Pentagon Channel NewsCenter, daily half-hour program featuring military news from top defense officials and the military services from around the world.

RECON – A monthly information television program providing an in-depth look at a variety of topics, highlighting the accomplishments of U.S. military men and women.

Your Corps – Monthly view of the men and women of the Marine Corps.

Freedom Journal Iraq – A daily news program produced by American Forces Network Iraq. The program focuses on military missions, operations and U.S. military forces in Iraq.

Navy Marine Corp News – A weekly look at the men and women of today's sea service.

Opportunity Showcase – A monthly program dealing with a variety of subjects that benefit small business owners, transitioning military members and other subjects of opportunity-produced by the U.S. Air Force.

The American Veteran – A half-hour video news magazine designed to inform veterans, their families and their communities about the services and benefits they have earned through their service to America and to recognize and honor that service.

Battleground – Every weekend, this series features historic films from World War II, Korean War, and the Vietnam War. *A Pentagon Channel Original Series.*

Focus on the Force – A weekly program highlighting missions, operations and people of the U.S. military.

Inside Afghanistan – Presents the latest from Operation Enduring Freedom, showing the activities of American troops in country.

ATS Reloaded – ATS-Reloaded revisits the best of the week and keeps viewers updated on information that's important.



Your health is KUSAHC's goal



## Prescription for change: KUSAHC pharmacy moves to new location

Story by  
**DEBORAH A. DODSWORTH**  
KUSAHC

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is always looking for ways to improve its services to active duty personnel and their families.

During the weekend of Dec. 9, the location of the pharmacy will be temporarily moved to the end of the main corridor, room C-10 to ensure that there is no break in pharmacy services.

The pharmacy window will be opened for

business as usual on Monday, Dec. 11. The hours of operation will remain the same and there will be no interruption to having prescriptions filled.

The Patient Notification Board will be located outside the pharmacy window at the temporary location. While a prescription is being prepared, patients can wait in Room C-12, which is to the old waiting area. The wait time may be slightly longer although long delays are not anticipated.

## Flu shots available at KUSAHC

Story by  
**AUDREY ALBA**  
KUSAHC

The annual Influenza Immunization Program is in progress at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

The clinic received a partial shipment of the injectable flu vaccine which is currently reserved for active duty Soldiers who cannot receive Flu Mist.

TRICARE beneficiaries at high risk for complications from influenza will be vaccinated as soon as possible after the next shipment arrives.

The Flu Hotline will be updated as soon as the next shipment arrives. The number to the Flu Hotline is 410-306-3588.

An annual flu shot is recommended for people 65 years of age or older, residents of long-term care facilities, adults or children with long-term health conditions such as heart or lung disease, adults or children with weakened immune systems, children 6 months to 18 years of age on long-term aspirin treatment, and pregnant women who will pass the 3rd month of pregnancy during the flu season. Health care workers and family members in close contact with medically high-risk individuals should also be vaccinated.

Patients do not need a prescription to receive the influenza vaccination.

The Immunization Clinic hours for flu vaccinations are 7:30 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday and 1 to 4 p.m., Friday.

## TRICARE information now housed under one roof

TRICARE Management Activity

TRICARE beneficiaries will get a pleasant surprise the next time they visit TRICARE Online. The Web site has a new name, a new look and a new home.

It's now part of TRICARE.mil, the official Web site for all TRICARE information.

"We reorganized the Web site with our beneficiaries in mind," said Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director, TRICARE Management Activity. "Now they can go to one site to look up benefit information, schedule an appointment or track claims. Everything's in one place making the site easier to use."

**TRICARE.mil comprises five main content areas:**

- My Health (TRICARE Online) – personal health information and online appointment scheduling for TRICARE Prime enrollees
- My Benefit – TRICARE benefit information
- MHS Staff – resources for Military Health System staff members
- TRICARE Providers – information for TRICARE network providers
- Pressroom – the latest news about TRICARE and the military health system

In the next phase of Web site improvements, beneficiaries will be able to enter their profile and receive benefit information tailored to them. TRICARE expects this feature to be available winter 2007.

## KUSAHC SHOTS

### TODAY'S THE DAY: QUIT

Help yourself and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic by supporting the Great American Smokeout today.

Everyone can help by educating friends and loved ones on the dangers of tobacco use and encouraging them to consider quitting for good.

For more informational products and tobacco cessation classes, visit Community Health Nursing, 3rd floor, or call 410-278-1964.

### KUSAHC CLOSED NOV. 24

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed Nov. 24, for a training day.

The staff apologizes in advance for any inconvenience this causes to the beneficiaries.



# Veterans' voices

## Thunder roars, as veteran riders salute young troops

Story and photo by  
**ANDRICKA THOMAS HAMMONDS**  
OC&S

Thunder roared again Oct. 21 as 110 motorcycles from clubs around the county road their bikes in the name of freedom and honor, enroute this time to Aberdeen Proving Ground South, to salute young troops for answering the call to duty.

Soldiers from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion welcomed the Warrior Brotherhood Veterans Motorcycle Club "Blasting Thunder" along with seven other local motorcycle clubs by standing in formation at attention as the motorcycles parked diagonally, facing the troops.

The troops in formation took turns shouting the "Warrior Ethos," the set of principles every Soldier lives by, to further heighten morale.

"It's a great motivation to see all the veterans come out and support us," said Pvt. Paul Marcum, Company C. "This makes you feel good about the decision we made, it's worth it."

Approximately 140 participants, some ex-military, some not, showed their support for the troops. Participating motorcycle clubs included the Warrior Brotherhood Veterans Motorcycle Club Chapters A and B, Cecil and Harford County Harley Owners Group, Chosen Sons Motorcycle Club, Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Central Maryland, Lynx Motorcycle Club and the U.S. Military Veterans Motorcycle Clubs.

"This is a prime opportunity for the young Soldiers to ask questions about what life during and after the military is like," said battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Luis Rivera.

Rivera said he wants the young Soldiers to share experiences and compare today's Army to the Army the veterans served in during times like Desert Shield and the Vietnam War.

"We honor what they're [young Soldiers] doing now versus what we've [Soldiers of yesterday] already done," said biker Sgt. 1st Class Eric "Oz" Metz, 61st Ordnance Brigade. Metz is set to retire Dec. 25.

Biker David Tiller, from the Lynx Motorcycle Club, said Soldiers need good memories to take with them when they go to war.

"When you're in a war zone, you want memories, and that's what I want them to take from this. This gives them something to remember," said Tiller, who let troops try his three-wheeled motorcycle on for size.

To salute the troops, bikers revved their engines causing a loud thunder and vibration radiating through the formations.

"This is an opportunity for veterans to reach out to active duty Soldiers to let them know we appreciate and support their efforts," said Fred Posadas, retired command sergeant major, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

Tears flowed as the sounds of the engines combined with the troops' shouts.

"It's a Kleenex day. It's overwhelming," said Mary Beth Roberts, motorcycle club biker. "They're babies, and they've put their life on the line for us, what do you say after that?"

The battalion presented a certificate of appreciation to the motorcycle clubs in attendance as a way of thanks.

But biker Tiller said it's the Soldiers who



Pvt. Douglas Kitchen, Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, right, tries biker David Tiller's motorcycle on for size Oct. 21, while mingling with the veteran riders after the formal portion of the "Blasting Thunder" ceremony aimed to honor the young Soldiers of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion for answering the call to duty.

should be getting the thanks.

"They [Soldiers] deserve every bit of respect they could possibly get," Tiller said

After the formal part of the ceremony, troops

and veterans mingled.

"We are proud of the sacrifice the Soldiers are making for all people," Posadas said. "We are behind them."

## Wounds of war: facing the long road to recovery



82nd Airborne Division commander Maj. Gen. David Rodriguez pins a Purple Heart on Spc. Jay Erwin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. His mother, Sue Erwin, watches.

Story and photo by  
**STAFF SGT RANDY RAMPOL**  
Army News Service

When Spc. Jay Erwin used to hear reporters speak of "wounded" Soldiers on the evening news, he envisioned troops with minor scrapes and bruises who medics could quickly patch up and send back into the fight after a day or two.

Today, as Erwin sits in a wheelchair on the second floor lobby of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, he sees things much differently.

"Hearing about our guys who were wounded didn't really affect me," he said. "I was just glad that guys I was fighting with were still alive. It didn't occur to me that there's a lot more mental and physical pain involved with being wounded, and I'm learning that now."

Like many Soldiers who have suffered injuries in battle, Erwin is learning that matter-of-fact statements regarding casualties don't begin to describe the long road to recovery combat-wounded Soldiers face.

An indirect fire infantryman team leader with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Erwin was severely injured when his position was mortared while on a mission south of Baghdad. Shrapnel shattered his left tibia, fibula and ankle; landed in his femoral artery; and lodged just a quarter of an inch from his jugular vein, requiring doctors to perform emergency surgery.

"I was in a high state of pain," Erwin said. "I saw smoke bombs going off, people yelling and I was bleeding through my pants. When I started to see all the blood spurt I put on a pressure dressing thinking, 'I have to get something done or I can't help out.' I was trying to stay in the fight, but save my life as well."

Erwin was medevaced to Germany's Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, and after being stabilized, returned to the United States. Only then did he come to grips — physically and emotionally — with the extent of his wounds. Though not life threatening, Erwin's injuries force him to

rely on others.

"I have to take baby steps now. Everyday I face challenges to get through my pain and recover. I'm working hard to learn ways to compensate for my injuries," he said.

The WRAMC staff guides Soldiers like Erwin through obstacles on the long road to recovery.

"The goal is to have a complete recovery, or exhaust as much occupational or physical therapy as we can to get these guys functional and even retainable in the Army if possible," said Sgt. 1st Class Maurice Grant, XVIII Airborne Corps Casualty Assistance Liaison. Grant said that once they complete an overall assessment of their wounds, most Soldiers he is assigned to are prepared for the challenges they will face while recovering.

"After a Soldier gets over the initial shock of what has happened, and what they will have to face due to their injuries, and physically sees their wounds, they come to grips fast," Grant said.

**Never the same again**

The Army's policy of moving family members close to

the hospitals where their loved ones are recovering helps Soldiers get better faster, according to Grant.

"Moving the family here helps expedite the recovery process. It lets the Soldier know he or she is not going through it alone. It's like a, 'we're here with you every step of the way' process," he said.

While family members are more than happy to provide

**What the future holds**

McNees suffered a long list of wounds. His leg was blown open causing a compound fracture of his tibia. He suffered a fractured jaw and broken ear drum. Shrapnel pierced flesh through his left hand and breaking his right, and all of the tendons in his right foot were ripped apart.

Although the list of

"I know that this is something we may have to do on our own. It may be an initial out-of-pocket expense, but I will be glad to do anything I have to as long as we get the results we want," she said. "We grieve over the extent of these injuries and what this will do to hamper our dreams."

**No cause for special status**

Military leaders understand that Soldiers and their loved

*"I think everyone deserves to feel appreciated for what they're doing for their country, not only those who got blown up," said Staff Sgt. Bryan McNees.*

love and support by moving to the areas where their Soldiers are recovering, Sue Erwin, Erwin's mother, said the upheaval involved with relocating to a strange place, combined with seeing the extent of her son's injuries, was almost more than she could bear.

"This was catastrophic for me, life altering," Sue said. "I have a house, a job, a life in Kansas. I would walk on fire for my son and my family, but this is the last place I ever wanted to be. I've lost 20 pounds since this has happened. People don't understand that this is life altering forever; we will never be the same because of this."

Sarah McNees, who is staying in Washington D.C., while her husband, Staff Sgt. Bryan McNees, recovers from his combat injuries at Walter Reed, said that once the wave of relief that her husband was alive had passed, a new wave of anxiety took hold of her.

"It's hard to figure out how to make it work ... we have a whole lot ahead of us," she said. "I'm so thankful that he's still here, but at the same time it's daunting."

Sarah said that she never realized the danger her husband and other Soldiers faced while performing their duties in support of the global War on Terror.

"I've been dealing with the shock," she said. "At first I was like 'I can't believe that this has happened.' As an American I can't believe that this is what Soldiers are facing, I just think about what my husband was going through the day that it happened. Our whole lives kind of got blown up that day, too."

McNees, HHC, 1st Battalion, 325th AIR, mortar platoon section sergeant, was wounded during the same attack that injured his Soldier, Erwin.

Erwin said that he remembered McNees emerging from a cover position with his hair and arm on fire.

McNees' physical injuries rather long, he said his biggest challenge is focusing on the present and suppressing his concerns about his family's future.

"Right now I'm healing," McNees said. "There's only so much that I can do. I want to stay in the Army, but what will I be able to do? Right now I push it to the side, I don't dwell on it all day, but my biggest worry is the future."

A concern for what the future holds is particularly haunting for 1st Lt. Ivan Castro. A scout platoon leader with HHC, 1st Battalion, 325th AIR, Castro suffered multiple debilitating wounds, including the loss of his eyesight when a mortar hit his position while he was providing support by fire from a rooftop in Iraq.

A former special forces Soldier with 17 years of military service, Castro described what he has dealt with emotionally.

"You have short-term goals and long-term goals," Castro said after recovering from an operation to remove a brain aneurysm. "People who are proactive and driven want to succeed. So when you think about all that, and then suffer a major loss, everything changes."

"I'm trying to remember the last time I looked at my wife, what she was wearing. I'm thinking about if we have kids, when I hold them I won't be able to see them," he said. "If you lose an arm or a leg you can put prosthetics on, but when you lose your eyesight, there's no cure for that."

Castro's wife, Evelyn, hopes the future holds a cure for her husband's blindness. She said her biggest challenge will be researching treatment therapies and technology to help her husband regain his eyesight. Cross-checking medical books and Web sites has been frustrating for Evelyn, but she said she believes her work will pay off in the end.

ones can become despondent during recovery. On Oct. 14, 82nd Airborne Division Commander Maj. Gen. David Rodriguez visited Soldiers at Walter Reed and Bethesda medical centers to talk with them and their families, and to present Purple Heart medals.

"How are you feeling? How about your family?" Rodriguez asked as he leaned over McNees' bedside. "Is there anything you can think of that we can do better to help? Hopefully, we'll get you patched up quickly and ready to go."

Rodriguez went on to commend the Soldiers for their service and wish them and their families his best.

McNees said he appreciated Rodriguez taking time to speak with him and award the Purple Heart personally, but he does not consider the wounds he suffered a cause for special status.

"I think everyone deserves to feel appreciated for what they're doing for their country, not only those who got blown up," said McNees. "The only difference is that I got blown up that day. There are lots of Soldiers who do their jobs everyday in combat and don't get blown up."

As Soldiers continue fighting the War on Terror, more will receive combat wounds. Soldiers and family members will continue leaning on each other for support while recovering. And, the realization of what Soldiers face when receiving "wounds" will grow increasingly, painfully clearer.

"The verbiage just has to change," Sue said. "'Wounded' sounds like someone fell down and got a band-aid. These are catastrophic injuries. Someone needs to propel and explode a mortar every night on TV so people can see what it does to a human body."

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