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Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Oct. 11, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

APG schedules Community Awareness Day

The Aberdeen Proving Ground and Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Departments, Child and Youth Services, Army Community Service and many other APG agencies will host a Community Awareness Day Oct. 14 at the APG FD. This year's theme is "Watch What You Heat" to create awareness about kitchen fires.

Domestic Violence exhibit comes to APG

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program invites everyone to the exhibit, "Living With the Enemy," presenting the chronicles of domestic violence on the nation's men, women and children 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 5, and 9 to 11 a.m., Oct. 6, at the Mezzanine Room, Top of the Bay.

For more information, call 410-278-7478 or 410-278-2435.

New 'Grab and Go' lunch at Top of the Bay

The Top of the Bay has a new "Grab and Go" line. The menu includes pre-made daily garden and chef salads, turkey and Swiss wrap, ham and cheese wrap and a roast beef wrap. There will also be bags of chips, pretzels and cookies for sale.

Dining facilities serve Oktoberfest Specialty Meal

The Oktoberfest Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Oct. 17. During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.55 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests. The

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This fire could have been prevented



Photo by ANDRE' FOURNIER, DSHE
This unattended cooking fire Aug. 10 caused \$32,000 in damage. The APG resident attempted to douse the fire with dish water but instead the splashing water caused the fire to spread to the cabinets and ceiling. Cooking is the leading cause of fires according to the National Fire Protection Association, causing an average of \$10,000 in damage. To learn safety practices in the home and how to prevent kitchen fires, see article on page 6.

DoD takes strong stance against domestic violence



Photo courtesy of DONNA FERRATO, DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS INC. (NYC) FROM THE BOOK LIVING WITH THE ENEMY (Aperture)

ACS

The month of October is nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Army is launching its 'Take a Stand Against Domestic Violence' campaign in hopes of creating community awareness and promoting its zero tolerance policy.

Domestic violence is a crime that ruins families, weakens communities and undermines military readiness, according to Dr. David S. Chu, under secretary of defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense.

He said that with this campaign, DoD is calling on service men and women and their families to take a stand against domestic violence and stop the abuse.

DoD defines domestic violence as an offense under the U.S. Code of Military Justice or state law that

involves verbal, physical, emotional and sexual abuse, or the violation of a lawful order of protection that is obtained by a victim of domestic violence against an abuser.

"Domestic violence tears at the very fabric of our being," said Aida Rivera, ACS Family Advocacy Program manager. "The Army's policy is that it will not be tolerated among the ranks. Not only is the Department of the Army taking a stronger stance to hold perpetrators of abuse accountable, it is taking steps to ensure that victims of abuse, both active duty and family members, have the resources and options necessary for accessing the help that they need."

The ACS Family Advocacy Program is the installation commander's program for preventing domestic

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CFC key workers briefed on 2006 goals

Story by YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

About 30 'foot soldiers' received their marching orders during a training session for Combined Federal Campaign key workers held at the Garrison conference room Oct. 2.

Aberdeen Proving Ground CFC chairman Michael Graziano and assistant chairman Peter Leon Guerrero hosted the meeting which featured remarks by Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

Stating that the key workers represent 67 APG organizations and units, Wright challenged them to increase contributions over last year by 1,000 contributors to achieve the installation goal of \$425,000

in contributions.

"Make the contact and give them the opportunity to make a contribution," Wright said. "Take the information you learn today back to your organizations and ... get those contributions rolling in."

Also in attendance was Christopher Wilborn, director of the CFC of Central Maryland, who thanked APG for its part in CFC.

"I wanted to be here due to the great support we get from APG from Colonel Wright down," Wilborn said, noting that Central Maryland has the fourth largest campaign in the nation. "We couldn't accomplish anything without APG," he said.

The meeting's guest speaker was CFC loan executive Billy

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Health conference provides forum for collaboration

Story by LYN KUKRAL
CHPPM

Topics ranging from planning for a pandemic flu outbreak to using complementary medicine, to food safety and security, to monitoring air particles in the Middle East—including using high mobility multi-purpose vehicle engine filters to collect air samples—were on the agenda at the annual Army Force Health Protection Conference Aug. 6 thru 11 in Albuquerque, NM.

The conference, hosted by the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, drew more than 1,700 public health and other healthcare professionals. They had 536 presentations in 10 tracks of study, plus 21 work-

shops, to choose from—all aimed at the conference goal of "maximizing the force."

For military public health and related specialists working in time of war, maximizing the force means understanding what warfighters face and applying that knowledge to deployed-environment surveillance, injury prevention, hearing protection and the many other specialties that Medical Command and other DOD scientists and technical experts practice, according to Addison D. (Tad) Davis IV, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health.

In his opening remarks, Davis urged conference attendees to "[take] the

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Army accepts keys to Next Generation Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle



Photo by EDRIC THOMPSON

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command accepted the keys to General Motors' Next Generation Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle Sept. 21 as part of an ongoing cooperative research and development agreement. The hydrogen fuel cell vehicle is a conventional Equinox chassis with GM's next generation fuel cell module and electric drive. The performance is expected to be closer to conventional propulsion in this class of vehicle.

Story by TOM MOYER
RDECOM

Continuing the Army's efforts in collaborating with industry to research alternative energy sources, the commanding general of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command accepted the keys to General Motors' Next Generation Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle Sept. 21, during a ceremony on Capitol Hill.

Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau received the keys from Larry Burns, vice president of Research and Development and Strategic Planning for General Motors Corp., as part of a cooperative research and development agreement between the Army and GM.

"The ability to do this research in a cooperative way with industry allows both the private industry and the government to advance this technology faster and cheaper than either one of us could have done individually," Nadeau said.

The vehicle delivered is a conventional Equinox chassis with GM's next generation fuel cell module and electric drive. It is fueled by compressed hydrogen. The new fuel cell module has a higher energy density, and performance is expected to be closer to conventional propulsion in this class of vehicle.

The Army will find out what is within the art of the possible within the field of hydrogen fuel cell technology, Nadeau said.

The Army took delivery of the first generation hydrogen fuel cell vehicle, Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck platform, from GM in April 2005 and has been developing and demonstrating this new technology to determine how feasible, practical and economical it might be.

Currently there are two locations where fuel cell activities are primarily demonstrated for this program: Fort Belvoir, Va., and Camp Pendleton, Calif., where the U.S. Marine Corps operates a hydrogen fueling station.

As with the other hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, Soldiers and Army civilians will be trained to operate and maintain the fuel cell vehicle, which will be strictly used for administrative purposes.

The technical objective will be to accumulate vehicle miles and fuel stack hours and to observe operations, maintenance and repair services of fuel cell vehicles and hydrogen fueling operations.

The U.S. Marine Corps will use the vehicle at Camp Pendleton through April 2007 before returning it to the Army for use at Fort Belvoir through December 2007.



A crowd of onlookers wave American flags as members of the Patriot Riders Motorcycle Club ride escort the family of Navy Petty Officer David Sean Roddy, who was killed in Iraq, to the Saint Francis de Sales church in Abingdon Sept. 30.

APG civilians participate in support for fallen warrior

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

They came from all over. Most of them had never met the man they came to honor but still they came.

Compelled to make a statement of solidarity and support simply by their presence, hundreds showed up at the Saint Francis de Sales church in Abingdon to form a cordon of honor for the family of Navy Petty Officer David Sean Roddy who died Sept. 16 in Iraq's Al Anbar province, while dismantling a bomb.

A rumor that protesters

from the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., would be in attendance prompted the outpouring of community support for the fallen warrior and his family, but many said they would have been there anyway.

Every veteran service organization in Harford County, as well as those from neighboring states and the Eastern Shore were in attendance as well as nearly half a dozen motorcycle groups.

Included in those groups were APG's Fred Posadas, who rode with the Brotherhood Veterans Motor-

cycle Club and George Martin who rode with the Patriot Riders.

Posadas is a retired command sergeant major working in the APG Garrison's Operations Division and Martin is an investigator with the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

Posadas and about 25 other riders, most of whom are former Soldiers, escorted the hearse from the funeral home along with Maryland State Troopers.

"We all got tears in our eyes when we saw the wall of flags," Posadas said, adding,

"We would do this anytime for anybody but we're here especially to say that we're not going to let anybody [disrespect] our heroes."

Martin, whose group has participated in several services for fallen service members, said that he was feeling both pride and sadness.

"We show up whether there are protesters or not," he said. "Our mission is to support the family as well as to pay tribute to their loved one."

A giant American flag hoisted over Abingdon Road by members of the Bel Air and Abingdon volunteer fire departments and two seemingly endless rows of flag-waving men, women and children who lined both sides of the road greeted the family's motorcade as it arrived at the church.

Also on hand were uniformed Navy personnel from Roddy's unit. Also on motorcycles, the Harford County Sheriff's Department, Bel Air Police Department, Maryland State Troopers and Maryland Transportation Authority Police led the procession.

Members of the church's



From left, Alan Killinger, an Army retiree and former employee of the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum, and Kathy Abey, district representative and coordinator of the Veterans History Project for the office of Congressman Wayne T. Gilchrest, hold up an American flag in support of the Roddy family.

Knights of Columbus chapter were on hand by 6 a.m., placing flags in the grass along the corridor, coordinating parking assignments and handling crowd control.

"About 212 members from here and different councils around the state are here to support our fellow knights and support the family," said Grand Knight Dan Sanris. "This is very important to us,

whether protesters show or not," he said, adding that planning for the event began "about a week ago."

"This is an overwhelming turnout," added K of C member Ed Pavlipsa. "It's really heartwarming, this show of motorcycles, flags and patriotism," he said. "I know David is up in heaven looking down on us and smiling. It's a nice day but a sad occasion."

Canadian delegation visits APG



Photo by ANDRICKA HAMMONDS, OC&S
Maj. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, chief of Ordnance, and commanding general of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, welcomes Maj. Angelo Battiston, Canadian liaison officer, and the Canadian delegation Sept. 26. The Canadian delegation visit was part of a three-day tour of the Ordnance Museum, OC&S and the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.

Army Evaluation Center holds quarterly awards ceremony

AEC

The U.S. Army Evaluation Center held its quarterly Award Ceremony, Sept. 12 at Ball Conference Center.

Dr. James J. Streilein, director, AEC, presented awards to the employees and contractors recognizing their outstanding achievements and service to the Army and the test and evaluation community.

Awards

- Commander's Medal for Civilian Service Stephanie Jessop
- Achievement Medal for Civilian Service

Susan Rymarz

• National Guard Patriotic Employer Award

Dr. James J. Streilein and Judy Tredway

• Special Act recipients

David C. Bedard, Aladrian Crowder, Susan Carter Crowther, Margo Washington

• Length of Service

Melissa Brooks, Brian Stolarz, William Halke, Stephen Yuhus, Frank Gasiorowski, Janet Dawson

• Certificates of Appreciation

Dorothy Miller and John Darling

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CFC

From front page

Bowman. Speaking through an interpreter due to his deafness, Bowman called APG "the backbone to the CFC in Central Maryland," and said that "Making 100 percent contact and getting 100 percent participation" should be every key worker's goal.

He said that 98 percent of all Americans are direct or indirect recipients of CFC sponsorship, and encouraged key workers to share the facts regarding the benefits to donors such as library reading programs, interpreter services for the deaf, medical assistance programs such as bus shuttle service to and from medical appointments, all of which are financed through CFC contributions.

He said that educating would-be contributors was crucial to overcoming objections. "Many times there are objections because they simply don't have the facts," Bowman said. "Answer the objection with the facts, then leave it up to them to decide."

Graziano, who also is deaf and used an interpreter, reviewed the campaign goals, procedural changes and told participants to read Army Regulation 600-29 and review

the information in their packets before soliciting co-workers.

He said that one significant change from previous years is that Social Security Numbers are only required for those contributing through payroll deduction.

"This is a significant change from last year so be sure to share that too," he said.

"For those concerned about Social Security Numbers, have them contact the CFC Office," Graziano said.

Guerrero reminded listeners that their "responsibilities include educating yourself so you can educate others and spreading the word."

He asked those who had worked with the campaign before to help the new workers.

"The campaign ends at noon on December 15," he said. "Make sure we have all your documents in before then."

After taking questions, Graziano wished them well.

"Think teamwork, good luck and keep smiling," he said. According to Sandra Phillips, a secretary with the Civilian Personnel Assistance Center and veteran key worker, the training was "very good."

"They were able to relate exactly what people need to know about what to do and how to do it," Phillips said.

"I'm ready to get out there and see what I can do," said

Staff Sgt. Yakicia Nellons, a drill sergeant with Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

A first-time key worker, Nellons said she doesn't anticipate any problems. "I've been contributing for years, and I know what CFC can do," she said. "Getting that information out won't be a problem."

The APG CFC Office is located in building 4302. The APG CFC coordinators are Michael Graziano, chairman; Peter Leon, Guerrero, assistant and Nelder Smothers, secretary. For more information, visit the office or call 410-278-0197/0199 or TTY: 800-201-7165, Extension 41027-0198.

CFC

The Combined Federal Campaign is the authorized solicitation of employees in the federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. It continues to be the largest and most successful workplace fundraising model in the world. With a tradition of commitment to the community through the selfless efforts of federal employees, the CFC began a series of charitable campaigns in the early 1960s. Eventually, the efforts came together under one umbrella creating one campaign, once a year.

In 2005, federal employees around the world donated more than \$268 million to charitable causes.

NCOA commandant retires during September ceremony

Story by
YVONNE JOHNSON
Apj News

Command Sgt. Maj. Sammy J. Brinson Jr. retired after a 29-year career that included three tours at Aberdeen Proving Ground during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Conference Center Sept. 8.

Maj. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, OC&S commander and chief of ordnance, and Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel A. Eubanks presided over the ceremony.

Brinson was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Department of the Army certificates of retirement and appreciation signed by Gen. Peter Schoomaker, Army Chief of Staff, and the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by President George Bush.

His wife Carolyn was awarded the Freedom Team Salute Certificate of Appreciation from Boles for her support of the Global War on Terror and their three children received OC&S "Army Brat" awards.

On behalf of OC&S Boles thanked all for coming, remarking that Brinson's family members who numbered more than two dozen, came from nine different states to witness the ceremony.

"We are not judged by how much time we have but how we use that time," Boles said. "Not everyone can be famous but everyone can be great."

He said that he and Brinson served together three years in Germany and Iraq and called him "a great Soldier."

"You can see from the family members here that it has not been a solo performance," Boles said. "And he would be the first to say he has not done this alone."

He said that Brinson told him his mother, a former WAC who served during World War II, asked a recruiter to put him in the Army and that he stayed in to make his family proud of him.

"Thank you for your loyalty, sergeant major," Boles said. "You may rest easy that you have served well and your family is proud of you."

"He is a Soldier," Boles told the audience. "Please join me in thanking him," to which they responded with a standing ovation.

Brinson said, "Today is a

miracle for me because a young man from Leesburg, Florida, was not supposed to last six months in the Army."

He acknowledged Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, who nodded in agreement, remarking that the two went through basic training together.

"God has made this day possible," Brinson said, before thanking his wife, his family, his parents and his brothers and sisters and their families, all of whom were in attendance.

"I especially want to thank my church family for supporting me all these years as well as all the positive Soldiers and experiences that affected me," Brinson said.

He added that he was proud to have commanded the NCO Academy at the end of his career.

"There is no better way to close this chapter in my life," he said. "I retire with no regrets."

Brinson closed reciting the Soldier Creed as the audience stood and applauded.

He said his retirement plans include continuing the gospel career he started with his brothers and sons and continuing to train young Soldiers at Fort Jackson, S.C.

"All NCOs must not forget that we are a nation at war and that young as well as old Soldiers are dying. It's up to us to train them to stay alive," Brinson said.

He attributed his successful career to his faith.

"People respect someone who has morals," he said. "I always tried to carry myself as a man of faith. It's been hard but Soldiers respect that because they know you will go beyond the norm to take care of them."

"I can't say I haven't gotten tired," he added. "There was so much more I wanted to do,

but I told my kids that now I can be a better father."

Carolyn Brinson added that their military career together "Has been wonderful and exciting but we are looking forward to the next chapter in our lives."

She thanked their church family at Helping Hands Ministries and the Boles family for their support.

"We will miss the support he's given us over the years," she said. "He made us all feel like a part of the OC&S family."

Command Sgt. Maj. Sammy J. Brinson Jr.

Brinson was born in Leesburg, Fla. He entered the Army in 1977, receiving basic and Advanced Individual Training for Tracked Vehicle

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discount meal rate of \$3.05 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Oktoberfest Specialty Meal menu includes cabbage and potato soup, pork schnitzel (jager schnitzel), German style chicken with vegetables, beef rouladen (German style), spicy spare-ribs (gewurzte schweinsrip-pchen), grilled bratwurst with sauerkraut, egg noodles, German mashed potatoes, sweet and sour red cabbage (rotkohl), German style spinach, mushroom gravy, assorted salad bar, cole slaw with creamy dressing, cucumber relish salad (gurkensalat), assorted breads/hot rolls,

bread pudding with vanilla sauce, snickerdoodle cookies, German chocolate cake, soft serve ice cream with assorted toppings, assorted condiments and assorted beverages.

Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

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

CHPPM hosts ergonomics open house

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine will hold an ergonomics open house 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 25, in building E-1570, room 206, APG South. Military person-

nel and Department of Defense civilians and contractor are invited. The event includes demonstrations, hands-on activities, ask-an-ergonomist, Ergo-Teasers, information on ergonomic services provided at APG and Army-wide, door prizes and refreshments. For more information, call Nancy Cammarota at 410-436-3928.

Amateur Boxing Night

Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host Amateur Boxing Night between fighters from the 16th and 143rd Ordnance battalions at the APG Athletic Center, Nov. 4. Doors open 5 p.m. and the event begins at 6 p.m.

Tickets cost \$5 for active-duty military, \$10 for civilians and \$20 for front row seating. Admission is free for children six years of age and younger.

Purchase tickets at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or at Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E4210, 410-436-7134.

Convoy trainer available

A Virtual Combat Convoy Trainer has become available for use by military units from APG and other installations. Units with the Ordnance Center and Schools have priority use of the trainer for Advanced Individual and Officer Basic training.

Available schedules include 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. Hours can be negotiated for daytime training from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To schedule training, contact the 61st Ordnance Brigade S3 Office, 410-278-4920/5770.

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

Community Notes

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 7
FUNDRAISER TO
BENEFIT CANCER
SURVIVORS**

Help for Oncology Problems and Emotional Support (H.O.P.E.) will hold its fourth Annual Sam Frost Celebration of Life Shrimp

and Bull Roast, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., at Jarrettsville Gardens located at 3825 Federal Hill Road. Activities include silent auction items to include passes to Ladew Gardens, Longaberger baskets, Ski Roundtop passes and more; money wheels, door prizes, and raffles including a half carat dia-

mond ring in a 14kt white gold triple setting. A DJ will also provide music.

Tickets cost \$35 per person (must be 21 years of age or over). All proceeds go to benefit area cancer patients and their families. To purchase raffle or event tickets, call 717-993-2481. Raffle winners need not be present to win.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 717-993-2824 or 717-993-2481. For more information about H.O.P.E., visit www.hopelifeline.com.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Food, beverages, baked goods, door prizes and raffles available. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 or Shirley Macon, 410-436-2577.

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY,
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 13 - 15
USED BOOK SALE**

The Abingdon Friends of the Library will hold a Used Book Sale at the Abingdon Branch located on 2510 Tollgate Road. A preview sale for members of the Friends of the Library will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A public sale will be open to everyone, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Oct. 15, 1 to 4 p.m. Donations of used books will be accepted.

For more information, call 410-638-3990.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 14**

HARVEST HOME

The Stewardess Board of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street will host Harvest Home, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Food for sale includes vegetable beef and chicken soup, chicken and fish sandwiches and baked goods. Items on the White Elephant table may be purchased.

For more information or to place orders, call 410-939-2267.

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



Chapel Services

'Catholic scripture class

A Catholic Bible scripture class will be held 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. every Wednesday at the main chapel, building 2485. Passages will be from the Lectionary in preparation for the Sunday readings. The format will be a video lesson, discussion and prayer. Everyone is welcome. Attendees should bring lunch.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75

Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard To verify listing, call 410-272-9008, or visit www.aafes.com and click on "Movie Listing"

WORLD TRADE CENTER Haylie Duff, Angelica Huston
Friday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.

A scandal causes Tanzie (Hilary Duff) and Ava Marchetta (Haylie Duff), two wealthy heiresses to a cosmetics empire, to lose their fortune, forcing them to battle to recover their status and prove they can run the company. (Rated PG)

CROSSOVER
Saturday, Oct. 7, 9 p.m.

Starring: Wesley Jonathan, Wayne Brady, Anthony Mackie

Noah Cruise is determined to become a doctor using his basketball scholarship to UCLA pre-med, rather than succumb to the lure of former sports agent Vaughn (Brady) and go for the NBA. His best friend, Tech (Mackie), also an outstanding basketball player, has less lofty ambitions: he wants to get his GED and win an underground street ball game against his arrogant rival. (Rated PG-13)

MATERIAL GIRLS (FREE ADMISSION)
Saturday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

Starring: Hilary Duff,



Commentary - 'Stand by your pan'

By
ANDRE' FOURNIER
DSHE

How often has the doorbell or telephone rung or a child interrupted you while you were cooking, causing you to forget about the chicken you left sizzling on the stove - until smoke filled the house?

If this scenario or a similar one doesn't sound familiar to you, you may want to think about it a little more because it's likely that you, a friend, or family member has run the risk of having a dangerous fire.

As a fire protection specialist for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire Department, I often talk to people about ways they can stay safe in their homes. Too often, we have that talk after they've suffered a damaging fire.

It's my hope that people reading this article won't have to learn the hard way.

If I could give just one fire warning, it would be "Stand by your pan!"

Why? Because cooking is the leading cause of home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association. The latest statistics from NFPA say that one out of every three home fires started in the kitchen and more than 100,000 fires a year were related to cooking.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services Department is joining forces with NFPA and thou-



Photo by ANDRE' FOURNIER, DSHE

Once the Aug. 10 fire was visibly extinguished, from left, firefighters Stephen Funk, James Williams and Robert Farrell Jr. use a thermal imager to check for hot spots, which are fires that are hidden within walls and ceilings. If a hot spot is located, firefighters perform 'salvage and overhaul' by opening the walls and ceilings to extinguish any hidden fires, which in turn prevents a callback for rekindling [of the fire].

sands of other fire departments across North America to commemorate Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8 through 14.

Fire prevention and home safety need to be a year long event. The practice of Fire Prevention Week merely allows us to highlight some specific issues, specifically this year promoting the theme, "Prevent Cooking Fires - Watch What You Heat."

The theme reminds us that leaving cooking unattended and other unsafe kitchen practices are a recipe for disaster.

Often when we're called to a cooking-related fire, the residents tell us they only left the kitchen for a few minutes. Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start. The bottom line is that there's really no safe period of time for the cook to step away from a hot stove.

A few key points to remember:

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food. If you must leave the room even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home and use a timer as a reminder.
- Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles like potholders, towels, rags, drapes and food packaging.
- Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of three feet (1 meter) around the stove.
- If you have a fire in your microwave, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Never open the door until the fire is completely out. If in doubt, get out of the home and call the fire department.
- Always keep an oven mitt

and a lid nearby. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (making sure you are wearing the oven mitt). Turn off the burner and slide the pan off the burner. To keep the fire from restarting, do not remove the lid until it is completely cool. Never pour water on a grease fire. If the fire does not go out, get out of the home and call the fire department.

If an oven fire starts, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing. If the fire does not go out, get out of the home and call the fire department.

This is also a good time of year to remind people to test their smoke detectors and change batteries.

A cooking fire can quickly turn deadly. I have seen too many homes destroyed and people killed or injured by fires that could have been easily avoided.

Please heed these simple safety rules. We firefighters would like to be in your kitchen, but only when you invite us for dinner!

To contact the APG Fire Department, call APG North, 410-306-0572, or APG South, 410-436-4451.

Women group together, form UFVA

Story by
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APG News

The Phoenix Chapter of the United Female Veterans Association held its introductory meeting Sept. 14 at the Harford County Library in Aberdeen.

Wanda Story, UFVA commander, spoke about her reasoning of why she decided to start a new chapter.

Story said that the area needed another organization that supports women veterans.

"We are so spread out with our female veterans that none of us are really doing what we should be doing -- helping our female veterans with whatever they need from us," she said.

Some of the tasks female veterans need help with range from filing compensation paperwork to finding out about benefits, Story said.

"I felt that all of us need to work together to make the government and the states know that we need help and that we are not going away," she said. "We need to let the government know what kind of health care we need, what we are not receiving, that we are standing beside and backing our fellow women active duty, reserve, and National Guard [members] who are helping to protect this nation and its people."

Two of the members, Julia Oliver and Connie Confer, came up with the name for the UFVA chapter. They are both former members of the Women's Army Corp Veterans Association.

"They called it The Phoenix because they said it is a new chapter rising from the old," Story said.

In addition, she said she would like to see some artwork that would represent the chapter.

Story said a lot of women veterans from Fort Jackson, S.C., are interested in UFVA and they invited her to a luncheon at the installation.

She also conducted officer elections at the meeting for chapter commander, senior vice commander, sergeant at arms, chaplain and adjutant.

Story explained why she used these names for the officers.

"In the past veterans organizations have always stayed within a military realm of thinking," she said. "I have been around veterans organizations long enough and have watched how they look upon other organizations. I have found that if you have a structure that is different from theirs, they turn a blind eye to you."

She said to solve this, it is important to "stay within the realm and use the right phrases" so that other organizations take them seriously.

The chapter commander holds the meetings, takes care of the other members and is on every committee except for the nominee committee, Story said.

The senior vice commander's responsibilities include standing in for the chapter commander if she can't make it to meetings or events and conducting a membership drive.

The Phoenix adjutant records what happens at the meetings and the chaplain leads prayers.

The sergeant-at-arms brings flags for the meetings and makes sure the meeting is run properly.

In addition to helping out women veterans, members also have the opportunity to attend and speak at conventions, Story said.

She said that they will attend any convention they are invited to.

In October, Story and her

husband, Dennis, are attending a Young Veteran's Symposium in Chicago. She said the topics that will be discussed at the symposium are health, education and homelessness.

Story is in the process of talking to someone from the Veterans Commission in Bel Air in order to have one of the member's of Phoenix to join the board.

Story is also going to start a magazine for the chapter. She said a bio of a member will be published in the magazine each month. It will also contain updates about benefits, health care and symposiums.

A few of the members discussed why they decided to join UFVA.

Julia Oliver talked about why she joined the organization.

"I think it's a good idea," Julia Oliver said. "We need a service organization that helps veterans in need."

One of those women in need is Spc. Michelle Swann from the National Guard who also joined the UFVA.

Swann just returned from Iraq in May and is in the process of readjusting.

She said while she was serving in Iraq, her ex-husband tried to take custody of her children but she was not informed about this while she was in Iraq. Swann didn't know that her children "had been taken away" from her until she returned to the United States.

"I joined the [United Female Veterans Association] because I don't want what happened to me to happen to other single women who are mothers," Swann said.

Swann's children are living with her now but she is still in the process of obtaining full custody.

Story said "because of young women like Michelle, we can't stand by and let this happen."

"This is why women need to group together," Story said.

The UFVA's next meeting will be 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Oct. 12, at the library.

For more information about the UFVA or starting a new chapter, visit Web site www.ufva.us.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

SCHOOL LIAISON

FluMist offered to HCPS elementary students

Harford County Public Schools elementary-aged students who have turned in a permission form will receive the FluMist vaccine free of charge at school by a team of medical professionals. The FluMist clinics will take place on Oct. 12 and 13; with a second dose for those who need it on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

The program is funded by the State, the Federal Centers for Disease Control, and MedImmune, manufacturer of the FluMist nasal spray.

The vaccine will be administered by medical professionals from the Harford County Public Schools, the Harford County Health Department and the

University of Maryland.

For more information about FluMist visit the Harford County Health Department Web site, www.harford-countymd.gov/health. For more information on the school-based flu immunization clinics, contact Sue Reiman, 410-588-5361.

Ninth grade bullying/harassment unit to be delayed

'Chocolate War' book part of 'Living in Contemporary World' class

HCPS

(Note: Bullying has been a concern in schools for ages. Some adults may have felt its sting at one time. Harford County's latest effort to make 9th grade students aware of this concern and to teach coping skills will be revised. Perhaps they may use another book to teach compassion. In any case, parents may get to know how resources are selected.)

Harford County Public School System officials have decided to postpone the delivery of a bullying/harassment unit that is part of the required ninth grade "Living in a Contemporary World" class from its scheduled mid-October until next spring. The two-week unit incorporates the reading of the 1974 "Chocolate War" book, written by Robert Cormier.

The delay will provide the school system an opportunity to form a broad-based

committee to review potential use of the book as part of the unit which also deals with stress management and decision making, Superintendent of Schools Jacqueline C. Haas said, adding that parents and educators will be part of the group.

"Several parents have expressed concern over the use of the book, and we will conduct this review process that will examine its use," Haas said, noting the committee will be formed in the near future.

The group is expected to make a recommendation this winter on the status of the book's use in the unit, the superintendent added. The group's suggestion would then be reviewed by Haas in time for the unit to go forward in the spring, she said.

"We take seriously concerns that parents bring to our attention," Haas said, noting comments made about the book by seven parents during the Sept. 11

Board of Education of Harford County meeting, and several others which have been received at the school system's central office since a permission slip went home at the beginning of the school year giving parents the option for their ninth grader to read the book.

"We want to use this (review) opportunity to educate parents about what went into the process of selecting the book and alternatives that were considered," Haas said.

The Social Studies course, now in its first year of implementation as part of the Comprehensive Secondary School Reform initiative, is intended to help freshmen transition into high school by providing them with coping skills in facing many of the pressures of their world. It is also planned to provide them with life skills that will be useful to them as they move into their young adult lives.

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.

Army Community Services is located in building 2754, Rodman Road. For information about these or any other services that ACS offers, call 410-278-7474/2453.

Social Hour Friday at Ruggles Club House

The evening Social at Ruggles Golf Course will be held 4:30 to 7 p.m., Friday. Light snacks will be provided; beer and sodas and additional food will be available for purchase.

The event is held monthly, the last Friday of each month and is open to all members of the APG community.

For more information, call 410-278-4794.

For all SKIES Unlimited programs contact Central Registration for details and registration. An additional

\$18 Central Registration Fee will apply if not already enrolled in the Child and Youth Services Program. Call 410-278-7479/7571 for an appointment to register.

Volunteers needed

Anyone interested in teaching classes such as kindergarten, history, grammar, reading, and mommy and me tumbling, should call Sarah Behl, 410-278-4589.

For more information call 410-278-4589.

MyGym parent participation classes

Age-appropriate weekly classes incorporate music, dance, relays, games, special rides, gymnastics, sports and other original activities. MyGym children have fun gaining strength, balance, coordination, fine and gross motor proficiency, agility, flexibility and social skills. The most important benefit MyGym offers, is the building of confidence and self-esteem.

Classes are held Fridays at the Aberdeen Youth Center Oct. 6 to Nov. 17. (No class on Nov. 10.)

Class times for children 18 months to 2 years are 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and for 2 to 4 years, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Cost is \$55.

Martial Arts

Classes will begin on Oct. 16 and Jan. 24 and are held Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Youth Center. Cost is \$70.

Special Notes: No classes on Nov. 22, Dec. 25, Dec. 27, Jan. 1, and Jan. 15.

There must be minimum of 11 people in the class and children must be at least 7 years old.

Jujitsu

Through the practice of jujitsu students will learn the best form of self-defense defending themselves against bigger, stronger and faster opponents. Students will develop leadership and teamwork skills. All students will advance their skills no matter their gender, size, or natural ability.

Classes are Oct. 10 thru Nov. 2 and Nov. 7 thru Dec. 8,

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Youth Center. Cost is \$85.

Babysitting classes

Training to become a Red Cross Certified Babysitter will be held 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Nov. 6, Dec. 28, Jan. 22 at Army Community Services, building 2754. Bring a bag lunch.

Participants must be between the ages of 13 and 15.

Legally Speaking

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/Staff_Judge/index.html

Commentary—'Legally Speaking' introduces articles from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

OSJA

Welcome to what will be the first of a series of monthly articles introducing you to YOUR legal office and a variety of legal subjects which we hope you will find interesting and helpful.

Our legal office is fortunate to serve a wide variety of clients and missions. However, they share one need - a requirement for top quality legal advice provided as quickly as possible.

It is our goal to accomplish that mission. In order to do so, we must be responsive to our clients' requests and proactive in adapting to our clients' changing needs and changes in the law.

So, although these monthly articles are a one way form of communication by which my office will provide you information, it is my hope that it will serve to generate comments from readers on how we can better serve the community.

The banner above, Legally Speaking, will allow you to quickly identify articles from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, also known as JAG. The crest on the left is the insignia of the Judge Advocate General's Corps. The pen represents the recording of testimony and the sword symbolizes the military character of the Corps. The wreath is symbolic of honor.

You can reach our office through our main switchboard at 410-278-1107 or e-mail us at inneapgl@apg.army.mil.

You can also find information on the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/Staff_Judge/index.html.



Again, we are honored to serve the Aberdeen Proving Ground community and look forward to the challenges ahead.

Lt. Col. Don F. Pollack
Staff Judge Advocate
U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground

Introducing the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

OSJA

Welcome to the first in a series of columns prepared by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

In the coming months look for informative articles on claims, taxes, consumer rights, estate planning, magistrate court, military specific topics and more.

The Staff Judge Advocate Lt. Col. Don Pollack, the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate Maj. Rick Hatfield and the entire OSJA staff are committed to providing first-class, professional legal services. Part of that commitment includes educating clients about legal issues that may affect them.

This article introduces readers to the many services provided by the garrison legal office.

Client Services Division

Many personal legal services are available to eligible clients through the Client Services Division, a consolidated legal office, including legal assistance and claims.

Legal Assistance

The Legal Assistance Office provides active duty clients, military retirees, reservists on orders for more than 30 days, and their dependents free legal advice on a wide variety of legal issues such as landlord/tenant disputes, family law, wills, estate planning, general powers of attorney, consumer affairs and much more.

Department of the Army civilians being held financially liable as a result of a financial liability investigation (formerly known as a report of survey) are also eligible for a consultation with a Legal Assistance attorney.

These services usually require an appointment and a confidential interview with an attorney. The Legal Assistance Office provides notaries and most powers of attorney on a walk-in basis. Additionally, one of the most popular services is a free electronic tax filing service offered from January through April of each year.

No appointment is necessary to meet with an attorney on Thursdays between 8 and 11 a.m.

Claims

The Claims Office reviews, investigates and pays claims that occur when service members and DA civilians move as part of their official duties.

Any damage to household goods as a result of an official move must be reported by submitting a completed DD form 1840/1840R within 70 days from the date of delivery of the household goods.

The Client Services Division is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., subject to change, in building 310. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Client Services Division, 410-278-

1583. Marie Antoinette Joiner is the acting division chief.

Commander's Legal Office

In addition to personal legal services, much of the work at the Legal Office is done in support of the commander's mission of operating and maintaining APG. This work involves providing legal advice and support on issues such as administrative law, labor law, military justice, environmental law and contracts.

Administrative and Civil Law Division

The Administrative and Civil Law Division provides legal support to the command on a variety of issues. Civil Law responsibilities include, but are not limited to employment law including adverse action charges, common bases for removal and other personnel actions, official presentation, gifts and appropriate use of funds, medical examinations and inquiries; ethics; administrative; environmental law; contracts and the victim witness assistance program.

For more information, call Dave Scott, chief of Administrative and Civil Law Division, 410-278-1553.

Military Justice Division

The Military Justice Division is responsible for the administration of military justice within the general court-martial jurisdiction of the commander. The division also provides support and assistance to the subordinate commanders and the tenant units located on the installation. Commanders should contact the chief of Military Justice to obtain legal advice.

For more information, call Capt. Stephen Artymowicz, chief of Military Justice, 410-278-2055.

The attorneys in Military Justice are also certified as Magistrate Court prosecutors by the U.S. Attorney's Office. For more information, call Stacey Gibson Roscoe, 410-278-1581.

Trial Defense Service

Soldiers who have been charged with UCMJ offenses, or are otherwise in need of criminal defense advice for military matters, may be eligible for legal advice through the Trial Defense Service.

Trial Defense counsel is Maj. Thomas Barnard. For more information, call Pamela Taylor, 410-278-2156.

Questions or comments?

For more information, visit the legal office Web site at http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/Staff_Judge/index.html

Looking for more information?

"Contact the Client Services Division, Legal Assistance office if there are topics or areas of the law that you, the reader, would like to see addressed in future articles," Joiner said.

ATTENTION ALL SOLDIERS

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

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

Any Soldiers questioned by their chain

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

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

NO

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

For more information regarding these issues, or a Soldier's rights involving a military criminal matter, call the APG Trial Defense Service office, 410-278-2156 or DSN 298-2156.

Government will pay for law school

Applications being accepted until Nov. 1

OSJA

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education program, or FLEP. Under this program, up to 15 Army officers may be selected to attend law school at government expense while on active duty.

Selected participants in the FLEP will attend law school at either their state's-supported school or a school that grants military members in-state tuition.

Because of possible funding limitations, participation will be contingent on availability of funds.

Selected officers will attend law school beginning the fall of 2007 and remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1, The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program, to determine their eligibility.

This program is open only to active duty commissioned officers in the rank of second

lieutenant through captain who have at least two but not more than six years of active duty at the time legal training commences.

Further eligibility requirements are governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and are non-waiverable.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron), 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194, to be received before Nov. 1, 2006. Submission of the application, well in advance of the deadline, is advised.

Interested officers should contact Maj. Richard Hatfield, deputy staff judge advocate, U.S. Army Garrison, Nora L. Farrell, paralegal specialist, 410-278-1112/1107, respectively.

HEALTH

Pandemic flu track draws hundreds to FHP conference

Story by
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M.D.

Pandemic flu workshop track chief

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the Department of Defense's Global Emerging Infections Surveillance and Response System conducted a training workshop aimed at improving preparation and response to an influenza pandemic during CHPPM's annual Force Health Protection conference Aug. 7 and 8 in Albuquerque, N.M.

The session, designed for military public health emergency officers and other public health practitioners, drew more than 300 participants from the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. Representatives also attended from other U.S. government agencies, including

the Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security department, and allied countries.

"This workshop underscores the DOD's commitment to ensuring the best possible preparation and response for the next influenza pandemic," said Col. Bruno Petrucci, CHPMM's director of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance. "It shows also DOD's desire to ensure plans are coordinated with non-military organizations."

The two-day workshop covered lessons learned from previous pandemics and the swine flu response in 1976; surveillance for influenza and emerging pathogens; national, DOD, Combined Command, Army Medical Command and Army major command efforts towards preparedness; community preparedness; incident

command at the local level; pharmacological and non-pharmacological methods of preventing and slowing the spread of infection; triage and treatment options; use of personal protective equipment; legal considerations involved in responding to a pandemic; communications during a pandemic; and the management of mass fatalities.

Experts at the conference pointed out that all but one of the 20th century's pandemics—disease outbreaks that affect large numbers of people throughout the world—were first recognized in the United States in military settings. Military recruits are continuously drawn from communities throughout the United States and bring diseases from these communities with them. Once

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information we've got and ... figure out what we can implement today to help our young men and women at war."

But despite war, transformation, constrained resources, realignment and closures, and all the other challenges the Army and the Department of Defense face, Davis repeatedly emphasized the need for conference attendees to adopt a future-oriented, "sustainability" mentality.

"Sustainability is about more than environmental sustainability—which is where the term started—it's about looking toward the future and asking

what we need to be doing today so that we preserve a resource or function for what it needs to be down the road," Davis said.

He also stressed the importance of partnering within DOD and with one's local and professional communities to maximize resources and build synergistic solutions, citing the Force Health Protection conference as a venue for the latter.

"This conference is a great opportunity for each of you to learn a tremendous amount from other people, not just in the lecture halls, but also on the breaks and in the evening hours," he said. "Seek out those folks who have been [deployed], learn what they've experienced, and figure out how you can take that knowledge and apply it to what you're doing."

Ellen P. Embrey, deputy assistant secretary of defense for Force Health Protection and Readiness, also focused on deployment health, emphasizing that for the first time, significant improvements have been made in prevention and care of warfighters during—rather than after—wartime deployment.

Among these accomplishments, she listed military medicine's agility in adapting to changing medical challenges in theater, in-theater food surveillance by veterinarians, rehabilitative care, joint surveillance efforts to integrate health and environmental monitoring, and post-deployment reassessment of troop health.

She also cited the conference host's occupational and environmental monitoring in theater, "a critical

capability that ensures safe water for our troops and continuously accesses risks associated with contaminants in the air and soil."

"Since 2003, nearly 4,000 samples have been analyzed at the CHPPM for more than 350 different parameters—quite an accomplishment for an 'optional capability,'" Embrey said.

She went on to say that such assessments "should be a regular part of our business that we provide to commanders to ensure that we have a healthy and safe environment to operate in, wherever we operate around the globe."

The global challenges of the Army Medical Department were the subject of Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley's kickoff presentation during the plenary session of the con-

ference. Despite many demands on AMEDD resources, though, Kiley emphasized that a single objective threads them all together.

"What we've got to stay focused on is the Soldier," he said. "There's so much involved with that—everything from their hearing to their mental health."

While doing that, however, Kiley said that non-deployment issues such as increasing collaboration among the military services and the proposed joint military medical command cannot be placed on the back burner.

"A joint medical command would give us increased flexibility, interoperability and improved logistics," he said. "It remains to be seen to what extent we'll actually get there."

APG Youth centers celebrate a 'Day for Kids'

Story by
ANN WAMACK
MWR

Each year, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America celebrate "A Day for Kids." This observance is traditionally held on the third Saturday of September, which fell on Sept. 16 this year.

The purpose of this annual event is to highlight the importance of strong relationships between children and their parents.

The APG Youth Center in Edgewood started this year's celebration with a spaghetti dinner and carnival, Sept. 15. Children from both the Youth Center and the Child Development Center enjoyed dinner with their parents.

After dinner, there were carnival activities in the gymnasium including miniature golf, basketball, mini-bowling, small craft projects, prizes and a moon bounce.

"This is great fun," said Steve Harris who works at Mercantile County Bank. Harris and his son Nathan were enjoying the mini-bowling.

Dan McCoy, a computer lab technician, held an "animal hunt" in the computer lab. As children competed with their parents, each person was asked to search the Web to find where in the world various animals lived.

"Getting the parents into the [Youth] center is so important," McCoy said. "We see these kids everyday but it's special for us to get a chance to meet the parents."

McCoy helped to capture that spe-

cial moment by offering family portraits after the hunt.

The "Day for Kids" celebration continued on Saturday afternoon at the Youth Center in the Aberdeen Area. The children played soccer and basketball in the gymnasium as well as table games like ping-pong and air hockey. They also enjoyed a number of craft projects. The children and their parents were treated to hot dogs and cheeseburgers.

"I brought my granddaughter. She's three years old," said Rita Wilkins, Child & Youth Liaison Education and Outreach Services program specialist for the Northeast Region. "She ran out of time before she ran out of fun things to do," Wilkins said.

The APG youth centers are affiliate members of the Boy & Girls Clubs of America. There are a number of programs offered to the families and children through this association.

The "Day for Kids" annual event is open to the public, but many more programs are available to children who are registered in the Youth Center and the Boys & Girls Club. Membership in the Youth Center is open to school age children of active duty Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians and contractors working on APG. Registration is \$18 annually. More details are available by calling 410-278-7571.

Programs offered at the Youth Centers through the Boys and Girls Club are geared for specific age groups; Passport to Manhood is for



Rogelina Tipton and Laesha Stephens create craft wreaths in the Art Room during the "Day for Kids," Sept. 16, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center.

boys 11 to 14, and SMART Girls is for girls aged 8 to 12 and 13 to 17. Teen Supreme and the Keystone Clubs is open to all registered teens.

Additionally, the APG Youth centers are also affiliated with the 4-H and various programs are offered to registered member children. The Youth

Center offers a Saturday afternoon recreation program, called the Social Leisure program, free for registered members.

For an additional fee, based on a sliding fee scale, the Youth Center also offers before and after school child care. Busses from the Harford

County schools pick up and return children to the Youth Center, with homework assistance offered in the afternoons.

For more information on these programs and other children's activities, call Central Registration, 410-278-7479/7571.

Ravens, M&T Bank host Aberdeen youth group at Ravens game

Story by
PHILIP HOMER
Special contributor

A group of 100 young people from Aberdeen-based Freestate ChalleNGe Academy enjoyed attending the Ravens game against the Oakland Raiders Sept. 17 after being selected as Honor Rows program recipients.

The Ravens' 7th Annual Honor Rows Program, presented by M&T Bank, salutes youth groups or organizations that provide outstanding volunteer service to communities.

The Freestate cadets contributed 9,676 hours of community service in the past year, including helping in the construction of Annie's Playground in Fallston, supporting Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, assisting at the Baltimore County Waterfront Festival and performing community service projects at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"This was the third consecutive year that the academy was honored by the M&T Bank for its community service participation," said the academy's director, retired Maryland Army National Guard Col. Richard "Thunder" Young.

"The staff and cadets are grateful and honored for the academy's selection," he said.

Young said that the cadets had a chance to watch pre-game warm ups, and that the highlight of their day was seeing themselves on the big screen.

"M&T Bank is continually encouraged by the high level of community involvement from young people in Maryland," said Atwood "Woody" Collins III, president of M&T Bank's Mid-Atlantic region. "The Freestate [ChalleNGe] group is truly deserving because these students are helping to make our communities stronger."

Honor Rows program

During each Ravens home game throughout the 2006 regular season, winning groups will receive up to 100 tickets to a game, an on-field pre-game tour, Honor Rows T-shirts for all participants, official in-game recognition on the SMARTVISION screens, and will be featured in a public service announcement on Baltimore's Fox 45 and WNUV 54 in the week following the game.

Honorees were selected from a panel of youth judges from the Maryland Youth Action Corps with the assistance of the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism and Ravens and M&T Bank staff.



Photo by MELANIE LEGRANDE, BALTIMORE RAVENS
Freestate ChalleNGe cadets, from left, Kendall Brooks, Kendall Govan, Stanley Sargent, Brandon Johnson, Tamika Francois and Gary Cole, show off the Honor Rows T-shirts they received during their visit to Ravens Stadium.

Abuse

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violence and providing intervention in cases where abuse has already occurred.

"We use a team approach, with intervention and counseling services provided through the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Behavioral Health Care Services, civilian sources, and prevention services and programs provided through the FAP," said Celestine Beckett, ACS officer.

The Department of Defense's commitment to ensuring that all victims of domestic violence are protected, treated with dignity and respect, and afforded the support, advocacy and care that they need has resulted in the development and implementation of reporting options for Soldiers and family member victims of abuse.

"DoD policy strongly supports command awareness, and law enforcement and criminal justice involvement to maximize offender accountability, but these can sometimes serve as barriers for victims to come forth and access medical and victim advocacy services," Rivera said. "The fear of repercussion to an active duty spouse keeps many victims from getting the help that they need. That is why DoD's restricted and unrestricted reporting options are so important."

Under the restricted reporting option, domestic violence victims who desire medical and advocacy assistance can access these by reporting the abuse to a victim advocate, a victim advocate supervisor or a healthcare provider.

"Disclosing the abuse to anyone outside of this protective sphere can move the report into the unrestricted arena and trigger an official investigation and command involvement," Rivera said.

Victims of domestic violence who want to pursue an official investigation should use the unrestricted reporting option, such as the chain of command, the Family Advocacy Program, installation Reporting Point of Contact or law enforcement.

The Army issues a challenge for all Soldiers and family members to take a stand against

domestic violence.

"It's all about stopping the violence," Rivera said. "Everyone deserves to live a life that's free from harm and the threat of harm, and our Soldiers and their families deserve no less."

For more information on domestic violence reporting options and on resources available to help victims of abuse, contact the ACS Family Advocacy Program, 410-278-7478 or 410-278-2435.

Are you or someone you know in an abusive relationship?

You might be in an abusive relationship if your spouse or partner:

- Acts in ways that make you feel afraid.
- Controls what you do, who your friends are, and where you go.
- Isolates you from family and other support systems.
- Makes all of the decisions without considering you.
- Tells you that you're a bad parent and threatens to take your children away from you.
- Prevents you from pursuing an education or career.
- Intimidates you with guns, knives, or other objects.
- Shoves, punches, kicks, slaps or chokes you.
- Threatens to kill you or to commit suicide.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, help is available through:

The ACS Family Advocacy Program, 410-278-7478/2435

Harford County Sexual Assault and Spouse Abuse Resource Center Inc. 24-Hour Hotline, 410-836-8430

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

APG Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, 410-306-2222

Military OneSource, 1-800-464-8107
Civilian law enforcement, 911

Flu

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the recruits arrive at military posts, they are often placed in settings where they are in close proximity to each other. This increases the risk of transmission for many diseases.

Service members are also sent around the world to areas where they may be exposed to infectious agents not present in the United States. For these reasons and others infectious diseases may emerge or be recognized earlier at military posts.

Thus, Soldiers may play an important part in preventing and controlling the spread of infectious diseases. To counter the spread of influenza, Soldiers should take these steps:

- Get an annual flu shot
- If in a high-risk category, also get the pneumonia vaccine
- Get adequate rest, regular exercise and eat well to ensure the immune system is strong
- Wash hands frequently
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid overcrowding when possible
- Periodically check the CHPPM Web site (<http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/>) for flu season information.

Experts also discussed the fact that despite current publicity surrounding

influenza, other infectious agents also have the potential to cause widespread or severe infections. For this reason, DOD planners are developing "all-hazard" plans that address multiple infectious agents, instead of just influenza. The need to coordinate responses with officials at the national, state and local level was also stressed.

Among the expert presenters at the workshop were Dr. James LeDuc, influenza coordinator for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Dr. David Bell, senior advisor for influenza, Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, CDC; Col. Ralph Loren Erickson, director DOD-GEIS; Dr. Wayne Hachey and Dr. Kenneth Cox, DOD Force Health Protection Readiness; Dr. D.W. Chen, DOD Health Affairs; and Dr. Stephen Ford, DOD Military Vaccine Agency.

Representatives from the Air Force Institute for Operational Health and the Naval Health Research Center respiratory disease laboratories also presented. Other participants included Dr. Tracy DuVernoy from the Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; Cindi Morin from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department; and representatives from Northern Command, Southern Command, European Command, Pacific Command, Joint Forces Command and Western Regional Medical Command.



Retirement

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Mechanics at Fort Knox, Ky.

His past assignments include Fort Polk, La.; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Jackson, S.C.; Korea; three tours at Aberdeen Proving Ground, three tours in Germany and

one tour in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His awards include the Bronze Star; the Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC); the Army Commendation Medal (5OLC); the Army Achievement Medal (4 OLC); the Good Conduct Medal (9th Award); the Mechanic's Badge; the Drill Sergeant's Badge; and the

Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharp Award.

Brinson served as the eleventh commandant of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's NCO Academy.

Brinson and his wife, reside in Columbia, S.C. They have two sons, two daughters and four grandchildren.