

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

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



ACS hosts holiday tree lighting party tonight

Army Community Service will host the annual Holiday Extravaganza and tree lighting ceremony 6 to 8:30 p.m., Dec. 6, at the APG North Recreation Center, building 3326.

The tree lighting is at 6 p.m. inside the APG North Recreation Center. Free photos with a "special guest" in his red suit starts at 7 p.m.

Since this is a ticketed event, tickets can be picked up from ACS building 3326 only.

For more information, call 410-278-4372/7572.

Flumist offered free at Commissary

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic representatives will offer Flumist 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dec. 8, at the commissary. This is a free service.

Blue Cross visits APG

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the service benefit plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit APG Dec. 11. The representative will be available from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room 236 and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in building E-4811 (Seminar Area of the APG South Conference Center) to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

CFC reaches toward goal

The APG Combined Federal Campaign has reached \$206,983 of its \$400,000 goal. Twelve organizations exceeded their goal, but only one organization has reached 100 percent participation.

Congratulations to the following organizations for exceeding their goal: 1st Area

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APG celebrates 90 years with gala



Reenactors from the World War II Recreation Association stage APG's first firing welcoming visitors to the Aberdeen Proving Ground 90th Anniversary Gala at Ripken Stadium Nov. 10. From left, Gail Kelly as Mrs. Edward V. Stockham of Aberdeen who pulled the lanyard on the first gun fired on APG Jan. 2, 1918; Maj Christopher Kelly, 20th Support Command (CBRNE), and his father John Kelly as the firing crew. See pages 7 thru 10 for a closer look at the exhibits, entertainment and socializing.

Photo by ROB KAUZLARICH

U.S. Army Element, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives activated

ACWA

The U.S. Army Element, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives was formally activated at Aberdeen Proving Ground in a ceremony hosted by Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command Nov. 28.

The new organization, structured as an AMC Separate Reporting Activity, will contribute to the national chemical weapons demilitarization imperative through its mission to destroy the chemical weapons stockpiles at Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colo., and Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky.

"Chemical demilitarization is unlike any other mission in our Army," Griffin said. "There is no more critical mission than ACWA's in the welfare, well-being and safety of the people of this nation. When we look back years from now, we'll owe a tremendous debt of gratitude for the work you've done."

Congress created the ACWA program in 1996 to research and develop alternatives to the baseline incineration destruction technology. Since that time, the program's focus has shifted from the successful demonstration of alternatives to managing the design and construction of neutralization pilot plants at the Colorado and Kentucky sites. Its new designation as an



Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives

Army "element," the designation for an Army organization assigned to a non-Army program, signifies the official change from the program's former alignment with the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency.

As part of the ceremony, Dr. Arthur T. Hopkins, acting assistant to the secretary of defense (Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs) officially presented ACWA program manager Kevin J.

Flamm his management charter. Flamm, a member of the Senior Executive Service, will report directly to the Department of Defense, as mandated by public law.

"Chemical weapons demilitarization is a complex, challenging and dangerous mission," Hopkins said. "This highly visible program to eliminate chemical weapons from the face of the earth is very important to the entire Department of Defense, as well as the nation and the world."

Hopkins stated that Flamm is "ideally suited to meet the challenges ahead," noting his decades of experience in similar chemical programs. He added that the new program manager has the Office of the Secretary of Defense's strongest confidence and support.

"It is the men and women of the U.S. Army who have made the United States the world's leader in the safe and environmentally sound destruction of chemical weapons," Flamm said.

Commenting on the ACWA government and contractor team, he added, "They, like I, do not view this program as a job, but as a duty to our country."

Music for the ceremony was provided by the Brass Quintet of the AMC Band, and the color guard was fielded by Soldiers of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE), both stationed at APG.

U.S. Army bids farewell to modern chemical weapons capability NSCMP completes final step in destroying binary chemical weapons

U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency

The U.S. Army Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project has said "bye-bye" to binary chemical weapons, after completing the final step in destroying the binary precursor chemicals known as DF and QL.

NSCMP, part of the U.S. Army Chemical Materiel Agency, was tasked with destroying existing stores of

QL and DF, chemicals designed for use in binary chemical munitions. NSCMP neutralized the chemicals last year at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark., and shipped the resulting wastewater to a facility in Texas for final treatment and disposal. The treatment, which used wet air oxidation, or WAO, was completed Nov. 27.

The U.S. Army developed binary chemical munitions

in the 1980s to provide the United States with a modern chemical weapons capability. Binary chemical munitions were designed to combine two non-lethal chemicals to create nerve agent inside the munition while in flight to the target. Binary chemical weapons served an additional purpose as the catalyst leading to international agreements on the dissolution of chemical

warfare practices.

The Chemical Weapons Convention, an international treaty signed by the United States requiring the destruction of chemical weapons, mandated the destruction of the binary chemicals QL, diisopropyl aminoethylmethyl phosphonite, and DF, methylphosphonic difluoride. NSCMP neutralized all existing QL and DF and

shipped the resulting wastewater to Texas Molecular, a permitted treatment, storage and disposal facility in Deer Park, Texas.

Laurence Gottschalk, NSCMP project manager, said he is proud of the team of contractors and government employees who completed the project ahead of schedule.

"The U.S. binary chemical

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New login notice to clarify computer use issues

Story by **DONNA MILES**
American Forces Press Service

Defense Department employees soon will see a new notice on their government computer screens informing them that their e-mails are subject to monitoring and that use of the computer means they recognize and consent to that monitoring.

The revised language will appear throughout DoD within the next two weeks, according to an official from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information.

John Grimes, DoD's chief information officer, signed a policy memo earlier this month mandating the new electronic notice and consent banner on all DoD information systems. Grimes set a Dec. 12 deadline for all DoD entities, including the military services, to use the revised wording.

The banner notifies users that their systems may be monitored for "penetration testing, (communications security), monitoring, network defense, quality control, and employee misconduct, law enforcement and counterintelligence investigations."

It also includes a paragraph clarifying that passwords, access cards, encryption and biometric access controls are used to provide security for the benefit of the government, not to provide personal privacy to employees.

The notice also will appear on government BlackBerry devices and other personal digital assistants and personal electronic devices, although the wording will be shorter than on computers.

The new verbiage is designed to clarify the DoD policy in light of a U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces decision. The court ruled that the current banner warning, which has been in place for a decade, does not state clearly enough that employees have no right of privacy when using government computer systems.

In that case, a service member received notice that she was required to undergo a random urinalysis test. She, in turn, e-mailed several other people, discussing her fear that her drug use would be detected and the steps she had taken to avoid detection, officials in Grimes' office

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ARDEC selected as first DoD Baldrige Award Winner

Story by **EVA BUSH**
ARDEC

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center made history Nov. 20, becoming the first Department of Defense organization in history selected to receive the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

The Baldrige National Quality Award is presented annually to a small group of elite businesses and organizations deemed to have world-class performance excellence and quality achievement practices.

After President George W. Bush and Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez made the announcement, ARDEC Director Joseph A. Lannon was notified of the center's selection in the non-profit category.

"We are absolutely thrilled by our selection as a 2007 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient," Lannon said. "Each member of our workforce is responsible for bringing this honor to our organization."

"The men and women of ARDEC earned this award as a direct result of

what they are doing for our Warfighters. I couldn't be prouder of each and every ARDEC employee," he said.

ARDEC officials now will prepare to accept the award at a ceremony to be held in Washington, D.C. in early 2008.

The award is the nation's top prize for performance management and quality achievement. Leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, information and analysis, human resource focus, process management and business results are among the criteria for the award.

"The organizations recognized have given superb examples of innovation, excellence and world-class performance," Gutierrez said. "They serve as role models for organizations of all kinds striving to improve effectiveness and increase value to their customers."

The center, the Army's principal researcher, developer and sustainer of current and future military armaments systems, is focused in particular on developing and improving the technical capabilities of U.S. service members fighting the Global War on Terrorism. Headquartered at Picatinny Arsenal, See **BALDRIGE**, page 6

61st 'gives' thanks this holiday season

OC&S

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving Families and Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade Family Readiness Group were busy donating large overstuffed food baskets to 15 homeless Families within the city of Aberdeen.

The Families were identified through a local charitable organization called the Harford Family House, Inc. This organization is unique in that it empowers Families to make changes in their own lives and enables them to find work and housing of their own.

The Families the unit supported are part of a transitional program and are currently working toward bettering their lives and the lives



Photo courtesy of HHC, 61st ORD BDE Angie Cunningham, wife of Sgt. 1st Class Robert Cunningham, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, fills baskets with Thanksgiving dinner related items for delivery to homeless Families in Aberdeen Nov. 19. The baskets, along with freshly baked pies were delivered the day before Thanksgiving.

of their children. son,” said Kate Grabia, the

The group was proud to support these Families. 61st HHC Ordnance Family Readiness Group leader.

“We have a lot to be thankful for this holiday sea- “The Families of the [group]

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Use of fingerprinting evidence comes under scrutiny in Maryland

Story by
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Two recent decisions in two different Baltimore County circuit courts have stirred national debate regarding the admissibility of fingerprint analysis evidence in criminal cases.

On Oct. 19, in a death penalty case pending against Bryan Rose in Baltimore County Circuit Court, Justice Susan Souder excluded fingerprint evidence that the prosecution sought to admit linking the defendant to a murder committed during the course of an attempted carjacking.

The fingerprint evidence was, according to Souder, the “heart” of the prosecution’s case. In her 32-page legal decision excluding the evidence, Souder described fingerprinting analysis evidence as “a subjective, untested, unverifiable identification procedure that purports to be infallible.”

Under Maryland law the prosecution was unable to appeal the decision because it does not involve the constitutional rights of the defendant. Souder’s decision can be found at <http://www.baltimoresun.com/media/acrobat/2007-10/33446162.pdf>.

On Oct. 31, less than two weeks later, in an unrelated murder case in Baltimore County Circuit Court, a different judge, Justice Patrick Cavanaugh, gave an entirely different ruling on the issue of the admissibility of fingerprint analysis evidence.

Cavanaugh denied a defense motion to exclude fingerprint evidence in the case against Kevin Banks. Cavanaugh said he had read Souder’s previous opinion and “respectfully disagreed.” Cavanaugh said that “[i]n this case, a jury is going to be the trier of the facts.”

The heart of the debate centers around these judges’ application of the test that



Maryland uses for admissibility of scientific evidence from *Frye v. United States*, 293 F. 1013 (D.C. Cir. 1923), available at <http://www.law.ufl.edu/faculty/little/topic8.pdf>.

It is relevant to note that the federal and military courts and many state courts use the Supreme Court’s test for admissibility of scientific evidence from *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals* (92-102), 509 U.S. 579 (1993), available at <http://supct.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/92-102.ZS.html>.

The crucial question for judges considering the admissibility of scientific evidence is the same though - is the science behind the evidence reliable? In this case, that means judges must ask whether the science behind the expert’s opinion as to what fingerprint analysis can tell is dependable enough to be considered by the jury.

Souder said no. She did not “close the door” on the admission of such evidence but ruled that impartial scientific testing would first need to be done in order to

determine the rate of error in fingerprint analysis identifications. Until then, she stated that fingerprint analysis remains “a subjective, untested, unverifiable identification procedure that purports to be infallible.” She rejected the government’s argument that the evidence was reliable because it has been accepted in Maryland courts for over a century and is generally accepted in the scientific community.

Souder cited heavily to a case study, the Mayfield case, provided by the defense concerning the FBI’s erroneous fingerprint identification of a bombing suspect in the March 11, 2004, Spanish train bombing case. The Department of Justice’s 2006 internal review of the case and critiques of fingerprinting analysis can be found at <http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/special/s0601/final.pdf>.

Cavanaugh treated the issue entirely differently in the case upon which he sat as judge. He refused the defense’s request for a hearing. He noted that there was an abundance of Maryland cases in which judges had upheld the reliability of fingerprint evidence. He also compared fingerprint evidence to x-rays and asked the defense “do you want to attack them next?”

Criminal law experts are predicting a flood of cases in Maryland and throughout the nation raising this issue and citing to the logic in Souder’s opinion. However, it is important to note that Souder highlighted that death penalty cases, such as the one on which she was sitting, must be analyzed differently from other cases. In fact, she quoted a number of U.S. Supreme Court cases for the proposition that evidence admitted in capital cases must have enhanced reliability. As a result it is possible that even Souder may only exclude fingerprint evidence in death penalty cases.

Chemicals

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materiel is history,” he said. “Congratulations to all of the people involved in completing this first-of-a-kind process in a safe, environmentally sound and timely fashion. I am proud of each member of this team. Each of [you] contributed to the success of the mission.”

After extensive technology evaluation and testing, NSCMP chose Zimpro® WAO as the best process to treat the wastewater. Zimpro® WAO, provided by Siemens Water Technologies, has more than 50 years of commercial history.

Developed in the 1930s as a process to produce artificial vanilla, it was patented as a waste treatment process in 1950. Since then, it has treated wastewater from refineries, acidic material from industrial plants and sewage sludge.

“This success is especially fulfilling for the non-stockpile government-contractor team

and a great accomplishment for the U.S. Army,” said Edward Doyle, NSCMP’s waste project manager. “We used an ‘out-of-the-box’ approach to partner with industry on this project and the resulting safe operation of the WAO unit, while exceeding projected efficacy,

availability and schedule, is a great way to end this chapter of our cold war legacy.”

Non-Stockpile initiated bench-scale testing of the WAO process in 2001. Following were the design and fabrication, and the start of operations of a full-scale WAO

system in March 2007. These steps were conducted for the U.S. Army by Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure, NSCMP’s waste management contractor.

POST SHORTS

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The last day for accepting pledges is Dec. 14. For more information, or to make a contribution, contact a CFC key worker, visit the APG CFC Office in building 2752 (Rodman Road), or call 410-278-1399/5320/5327.

APG Railroad Club open house

The Model Railroad Club, building E-5173 on Webster Road in APG South, will be open to visitors, 7 to 9 p.m., each Thursday in December. The HO scale model railroad display simulates railroad operations as they occurred in the 1960s with a variety of freight and passenger trains connecting eastern U.S. cities.

AMC Band to perform at Cecil College

The U.S. Army Materiel Command Band will perform a Holiday Concert, 7 p.m., Dec. 11, at the Cecil College Auditorium, located on One Seahawk Drive, North East.

The 'Holiday Traditions' concert is free and open to the public, however tickets are required. For free tickets, mail a self-addressed stamped envelope to AMC Band Holiday Traditions, 2201 Aberdeen Blvd., APG, MD 21005 or tickets may be picked up at building 2184 Swan Creek

Drive (AMC Band Hall). Tickets will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis. Limit six tickets per request.

For more information, call 410-278-8769.

RDECOM/CMA holds Holiday Food, Toy, Gift Drive

Through Dec. 12, the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Chemical Materials Agency will hold their annual Holiday Food, Toy and Gift Drive for non-perishable foods and new or clean, gently-used toys for children.

Toys are needed for infancy through teen-aged years. All items should be clean and in good working order. Donation sites are located in 27 buildings in APG South.

The drive will end with a ceremony at 10 a.m., Dec. 12, in building E-3549 (Berger Laboratory Cafeteria). Donations will be presented to Army Community Service and the 20th Support Command for distribution to the Families of APG Soldiers.

Also, the Harford County Parks & Recreation Center will be distributing donations to needy Families in the Edgewood community. All are invited to attend and enjoy holiday music and refreshments.

'Persian Ghost' book signing at the PX

Maryland author Warren Gray will discuss and sign his latest book, "Persian Ghost," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 9, at the APG North Main Exchange.

Gray is a former military intelligence officer with experience in special operations and counterterrorism.

For more information, see the author's Web site, www.freewebs.com/warrengray.

FEHB open season

FEHB, FEDVIP open seasons run through Dec. 10.

Rates for the 2008 Federal

Authorized exception to dual compensation laws

Current appropriated and nonappropriated fund employees are eligible to keep their full-time position and also be employed as an NAF flexible employee for the following hard-to-fill positions:

- Bartender, NA-7405-03
- Cook, NA-7404-04
- Custodial worker, NA-3566-02
- Custodial worker (leader), NL-3566-02
- Food service worker, NA-7408-01
- Food service worker, NA-7408-02
- Gardener, NA-5003-04
- Motor vehicle operator, NA-5703-07
- Operations assistant, VF-1101-01
- Recreation assistant (aerobic), NF-0189-02
- Waiter/waitress (trainee), NA-7420-01
- Waiter, NA-7420-03

To apply for the above positions, visit Web site, <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/naf.htm> for job listing, and <http://cpol.army.mil/library/naf/jobkit> to apply.

Employees Health Benefits and Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program rates have been posted. New rates will be effective Jan. 6, 2008.

To view FEHB rates, visit <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/08rates/index.asp>; to view FEDVIP rates, visit <http://www.opm.gov/insure/dentalvision/08/vision.asp>. There is no icon, click on the words, "dental" or "vision."

Employees must contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) or Web site www.abc.army.mil or call 1-877-276-9287.

Santa visits post housing

Santa Claus will visit housing residents in APG North, 4 p.m., Dec. 23.

Garrison and Deputy Installation Commander Col. Jeffrey Weissman and Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez will join Santa and hand out coloring books.

'Retired Federal Employees' meets Dec. 18

Susquehanna Chapter 1522

of National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association for Harford and Cecil Counties will meet 11 a.m., Dec. 18, at the Bayou Restaurant, Route 40, Havre de Grace. Social time will be 11 a.m. to noon; noon to 1:15 p.m., buffet; 1:15 to 1:30 p.m., announcements; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. will be entertainment and sing-a-long. Reservations are required.

For more information or for reservations, call 410-939-3973.

Camp Lejeune water study

Anyone who lived or worked on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune between 1957 and 1987 may have been exposed to contaminated drinking water.

The U.S. Marine Corps encourages all those who resided on the base prior to 1987 to register at the official Camp Lejeune water study Web site to receive updated information and notifications regarding the ongoing water study.

For more information, visit

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

Community Notes

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 8 WINTER BAZAAR

Aberdeen Middle School, located on 111 Mount Royal Avenue, will hold a Winter Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All parents and the community are invited to attend. Events include free kid's crafts, prize bingo, photos with Santa, craft vendors, games and more.

For more information, call Katie Scarborough, 410-273-5510.

NATURAL ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

Use nature's bounty to create unique decorations to take home. Enjoy hot cocoa, cookies and seasonal music. This program will be held 2 to 4 p.m. for all ages but those 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$5 per person or \$12 for a Family. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

WHERE ARE SANTA'S COOKIES?

Grove Presbyterian Church located on 50 East Bel Air Avenue, will present two Children's Dance and Magic Shows at the Village Arts Center, 3 and 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for children plus a non-perishable food item, or \$7 at the door plus a non-perishable food item. Food items will be donated to the Harford County Food Bank.

For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, call 410-273-2045 or e-mail vilageartscenter@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 9 THIS HOLIDAY IS FOR THE BIRDS

Create holiday treats for wildlife using cones, seedpods and other natural treats. This program will be held 2 to 3 p.m. for all ages. Cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, located on 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will hold a Children's Christmas Party, 2 p.m. The event will include pictures with Santa, presents and refreshments.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

American Legion Post 17, located on 415 Edgewood Road, Edgewood, will have Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m. to noon. An all-you-can-eat buffet will be served. Children eat free, cost is \$6 for adults. Photos with Mr. And Mrs. Claus are free.

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 15 WHITE-TAILED DEER SURVEY

Harford County seems to be experiencing explosive population growth, and not just with humans. Help is needed to determine if the deer population of Leight Park and the Bosely Conservancy is a healthy size. Come get the scoop on poop and conduct pellet (deer scat) counts out on the trails to determine how many deer call the park home. The survey will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 16 to adult and is free. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

WINTERTREE MYSTERY

Hike the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center's trails and use clues to identify common trees. The program will be held 11 a.m. to noon for ages 6 to adult and is free. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

HOLIDAY PAPERMAKING

Turn recycled paper into cards and decorations for the holidays. The program will be held 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 10 to adult. Cost is \$5 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

HOLIDAY PRIZE BINGO AND DINNER

VFW Post 8185, located on Route 222, Port Deposit, will hold a Holiday Prize Bingo and Dinner, 6 p.m. Doors open 5 p.m.; Bingo starts 7 p.m. Cost of Bingo and dinner is \$15 and includes paper packet for 20 games and spaghetti dinner. Extra packs cost \$5. Tickets

for children ages 6 and under cost \$10 for a single card pack – no extra packs. Early birds purchase tickets separately at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. Door prizes, refreshments, raffles and more will be available. Proceeds to benefit Krafty Survivors Relay for Life. For more information or to purchase tickets, call VFW Post 8185, 410-642-9297, 410-658-5628 or 410-378-3338.

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 16 DISCOVERY WALK

Join a naturalist on a nature walk to discover what creeps, crawls and flies around Leight Park. This program begins at 10:30 a.m. and is free for all ages. No registration required.

For more information or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

ALL TIED UP

Have fun with basic knot tying. Scouts may find this useful. The program will be held 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 8 to adult and is free. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The House of Resurrection in Jesus Christ, located on 1915 N. Singer Road, Joppa, will hold a Youth Ministry Christmas Program, 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Denise Corbett, 410-436-5157.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Grove Presbyterian Church located on 50 East Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen, cordially invites everyone to attend Sounds of the Season, 5 p.m.

The Grove Chancel Choir will perform a Christmas cantata and A Joyful Noise in the Grove will play Christmas music using handbells. A reception with light refreshments will follow.

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

Holy Days worship services

An Ecumenical celebration will be held 5:30 p.m., Dec. 15, at the APG South Chapel. Events include supper, 5:30 p.m.; procession and caroling, 6:30 p.m.; Post Stable Nativity reading, 7 p.m.; and a hot chocolate social, 7:45 p.m.

APG North Chapel

Catholic

Dec. 7	Holy Day mass	6 p.m.
Dec. 9	Holy mass	11:45 a.m.
Dec. 16	Advent mass	8:45 a.m.
Dec. 23	Advent mass	8:45 a.m.
Dec. 24	Vigil mass	6 p.m.
Dec. 25	Christmas mass	8:45 a.m.
Dec. 30	Holy Family mass	6 p.m.
Dec. 31	Vigil mass	6 p.m.

Protestant

Dec. 9	Christmas cantata	10:15 a.m.
Dec. 16	Advent worship	10:15 a.m.
Dec. 23	Advent worship	10:15 a.m.
Dec. 30	Worship	10:15 a.m.

Gospel

Dec. 9	Worship	noon
Dec. 16	Worship	noon
Dec. 23	Christmas worship	noon
Dec. 25	No service	
Dec. 31	Worship	noon
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Watch night service	10 p.m.

APG South Chapel

Catholic

Dec. 8	Holy Day mass	noon
Dec. 9	Advent mass	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	Advent mass	10:45 a.m.
Dec. 23	Advent mass	10:45 a.m.
Dec. 25	Christmas mass	10:45 a.m.
Dec. 30	Holy Family mass	10:45 a.m.
Jan. 1	Holy Day mass	10:45 a.m.

Protestant

Dec. 9	Advent worship	9:15 a.m.
Dec. 16	Advent worship	9:15 a.m.
Dec. 23	Advent worship	9:15 a.m.
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve candlelight service	8 p.m.
Dec. 30	Worship	9:15 a.m.

Jewish services

Hanukkah, Dec. 5 thru 12
 Services held at Harford Jewish Center,
 N. Earlton Road, Havre de Grace,
www.harfordjewishcenter.org

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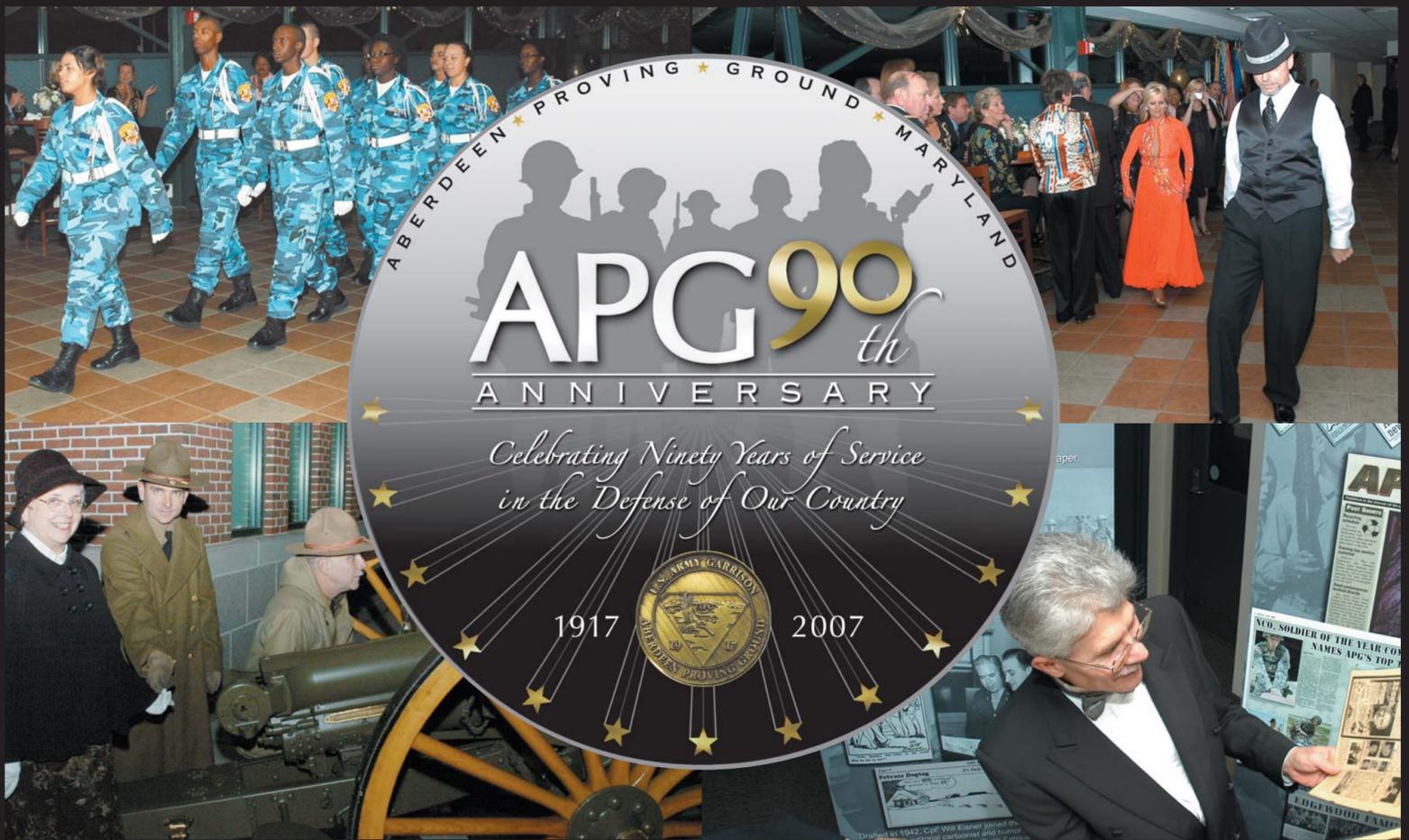
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N.J., the center employs more than 3,000 personnel at its five different locations in the United States.

“Awesome news,” said Brig. Gen. William N. Phillips, commander of Picatinny Arsenal and the Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management Command at Picatinny. “On behalf of the entire Picatinny community, I congratulate Dr. Joe Lannon and his entire ARDEC workforce for becoming the first organization in DOD to earn this prestigious honor.”

Computer scientist Nancy L. Terrat reacted similarly to word of ARDEC’s selection.

“That’s terrific,” she said. “People were thrilled to be nominated and compete for the award. They actually wanted the Baldrige examiners to visit their work areas. That’s great news.”



APG News

Commemorative Section

90th Anniversary Gala celebrates APG history

Story by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

From the firing of the first gun to its emergence as the Army's premier center for chemical, biological, vehicle and weapons testing and evaluation, the history of Aberdeen Proving Ground was celebrated in style during its 90th Anniversary Gala at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen Nov. 10.

Guests in evening attire and Soldiers in dress blue uniforms took in the featured events inside the stadium's club level as well as in the welcome foyer on the main level which held 20 displays by APG organizations detailing 90 years of achievements.

Sgt. Steven Lah, U.S. Army Materiel Command Band, the evening's emcee, opened the program thanking the sponsors, and introducing Maj. Gen. Fred D. Robinson Jr., commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, and Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, the evening's hosts.

Robinson thanked everyone in attendance "for the difference you make to our nation, Families and Soldiers."

Citing groundbreaking achievements by organizations like the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, the U.S. Army Research Laboratory and the Aberdeen Test Center, Robinson said, "It's hard to imagine ninety years, and when you look back, you realize what the contributions are. They take care of our nation."

In addition, he said that the "standards have been set" by the young Soldiers, Marines and Airmen who have trained and served at the proving ground.

"When you see a [service member]," Robinson said, "stop them, shake their hand and say 'thank you for your sacrifice.'"

Weissman said that the gala represented "a new chapter" in APG history, and he thanked everyone involved in its planning, in particular, former Garrison commander retired Col. John T. Wright who was in attendance with his wife Tammy.

"Tonight is a culmination of the efforts of many people; those who put it together and those who served here over the past ninety years," Weissman said. "As deputy commander I'm proud to be here tonight as we celebrate ninety years in the defense of our nation."

He assured listeners that during the evening, as they took in the organization displays, they would be "educated about APG's past, present and future."

"It's not the buildings, laboratories or testing facilities that make APG special," he said, "but the Soldiers and civilians who served the past ninety years who made APG a great place to live, serve and play at the top of the bay."

The evening began with the posting of the colors by the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School color guard, accompanied by AMC Band snare drummer Sgt. Levi Graves, a blessing by APG Garrison Chaplain (Col.) Ruben D. Colon and the singing of the national anthem by Eva Mims, former secretary to the APG commander and current special assistant to the associate director of National Intelligence.

Mims said she was happy to be asked to be a part of the program.

"It was an honor for me to render our nation's anthem at such a prestigious event," Mims said.

While socializing, attendees dined on tasty samplings of chicken satay, crab balls, bruschetta and bacon wrapped scallops. There also were fruit, cheese and vegetable displays, a pasta station, beef and turkey carving stations and a chocolate fountain and gourmet dessert bar.

Entertainment included a demonstration of marching skills by the Maryland Army National Guard's Freestate ChalleNGe Academy drill team and a featured event was a 'Dancing for the Troops' tribute by Tom Rzepnicki and Debbie Howley, the owners of the 'Dance With Friends' studio in Joppa.

The dancing duo presented two dances, both a tribute to APG's Soldiers and civilians and Howley's husband, Col. Richard A. Howley currently on his third tour in Iraq, according to Howley.

"The first routine was basically a funny little routine we put together to the song 'He Just Wants to Cha-Cha,'" Howley said.

They performed the second dance, dressed in evening gown and tuxedo, to the song 'The Best is Yet to Come.'

"We were just hoping to do something elegant that everyone could enjoy and identify with," Howley said.

Rzepnicki said they were "thrilled" to be a part of the 90th celebration of APG.

"We were honored to be asked," he said. "And we said yes immediately. The chance to be a part of an event like this doesn't come along very often, and we were proud to be a part of it."

Music was provided by the Blue Moon Band which performed big band sounds throughout the evening.

The U.S. Army Materiel Command Band performed 20 minutes of music through the ages narrated with historical footnotes of what was happening at APG during the time a particular song was popular. A standing ovation was the appropriate response by the audience.

In addition, local poet and former APG employee Aldona Pryce closed out the evening entertainment with a reading of an APG 90th Anniversary poem, a rhyming summary of APG achievements and significant events over the last 90 years, which she wrote just for the occasion.

Special guests included author Bill Bates who signed copies of his book, 'Images of America: Aberdeen Proving Ground,' and members of the World War II Recreation Association, a re-enactor team which also displayed APG small arms and equipment from World War I to World War II and was led by Maj. Christopher Kelly, 20th Support Command (CBRNE); and Hazel Jenkins, a retired U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity employee and a former Women Ordnance Worker (WOW) who supported the ordnance mission on APG during World War II.

Jenkins also worked on *The Groundhog staff*, which was the former name of the post newspaper, and her photo was in the WOW display that was presented by the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum.

"Women were just getting into the workforce back then," Jenkins said of her early WOW days.

"The only holiday we got was Christmas but everybody was in it for the war effort, and you never heard any complaining."

She said she and other WOWs averaged 10-hour days, six days a week.

"We did a little bit of everything. Wherever we were needed, that's where we went," Jenkins said. "I didn't work with any weapons or guns but I knew many who did."

Jenkins said she enjoyed her years at APG and was happy to talk about the WOW experience during the gala.

"I love being a part of APG history," she said. "This was my home."

The U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School color guard, led by Staff Sgt. Devron Bryant, Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, posted and retired the colors. Color guard members included Staff

Sgts. Clifton Thorton and Jerry Downes, Company A 143rd; U.S. Air Force Staff Sgts. Chris Moreau and Clint Haynes, Detachment 1, 361st Training Squadron; and Pvts. Gerald Young and Anthony Swindling, Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

Accolades

Guests, sponsors and participants seemed to not only enjoy the gala but to appreciate its meaning.

Regina Dannenfels, director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and 90th anniversary committee chairperson, thanked the sponsors, organizations, performers, volunteers and participants and all committee members who helped with the evening's success.

"This event would not have been so successful without the help of the gala committee members and all the sponsors and advertisers who contributed to supporting the gala event," Dannenfels said.

Stacey Rebbert, senior vice president of the APG Federal Credit Union, said that her company was a proud sponsor of the gala.

"Our credit union is privileged to honor the people and support the mission of Aberdeen Proving Ground," Rebbert said. "We have been serving the military men, women and civilians on post for more than seventy years, and we are committed to meeting their continuing needs."

"We considered it an honor to help sponsor the Ninetieth Anniversary Gala of Aberdeen Proving Ground," said retired Col. Jim Bagley, of CACI Technologies, Inc., another sponsor.

"The evening was a spectacular event, bringing together the entire community and paying tribute to a critical part of our Army's heritage," Bagley said. "CACI values the contributions of the installation and looks forward to other opportunities to support the Soldier and the Army Family."

Mary Cooke, RN and vice president of U.S. Family Health Plan at Johns Hopkins, said that the company "considers it an honor to participate in the celebration."

"The Johns Hopkins Family is proud of its partnership with the military community and is indebted to the men and women who have served in the past and to those who continue to serve our country," Cooke said.

June Markland of Aberdeen said she and her husband Larry "had a great time."

"We really enjoyed the dancing and all the entertainment," Markland said. "The food was excellent, and the exhibits were so interesting. I did not want to miss a thing but I'm sure I did."

"I thought the gala was great," said William Hughes who attended with his fiancé, Marilyn Swankowski, a visual information specialist at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. "The Army Band and the [Blue Moon] Big Band were fantastic, and the food was excellent. [The committee] did a great job."

"I thought the gala was very successful," added Diane Burrier, an APG contractor with the Log.Sec Team. "It was first class."

Burrier said the creative planning of Debi Horne, editor of the *APG News* and gala event chairperson, and the creativity of Jerry Arnold, RDECOM Data Imaging Team and gala exhibits manager, "really stood out."

"I thought the veteran's history project with personal photos of veterans was especially moving," Burrier said.

"We thought the gala was terrific," said former APG employee Hayward Hulick. "The bands were outstanding, the food was wonderful and the exhibits were very well done. As a retired employee, it was nice to see old friends and catch up. We would definitely go to another one."

Exhibitors display 90 years of APG history



Ordnance Museum
Women Ordnance Workers and WACs during World War II

Photos by ROB KAUZLARICH

The U.S. Army Ordnance Museum's display covers the contributions of Women Ordnance Workers (WOWs) and the Women's Army Corps (WACs) of APG during World War II. Former WOW, Hazel Jenkins, stands in front of the display.



U.S. Army Garrison
APG-Looking Back, Moving Forward

The APG Garrison display consists of a five-panel graphic depiction of the diversity and scope of Aberdeen Proving Ground from its inception in 1917 to present.



U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command

Photo by JERRY ARNOLD

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command display, designed by its Data Imaging Team, consists of posters produced to promote war efforts during World War I and World War II. The Data Imaging Team produces contemporary designs and posters for the U.S. Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground.



Veteran's History Project
The Veteran's History Project presents Aberdeen Proving Ground: Looking Back--Moving Forward

The Veteran's History Project display presents a pictorial history and video essays of the personal stories of the men and women, who lived, worked or trained at Aberdeen Proving Ground and Edgewood Arsenal. The visual display includes photographs; PowerPoint presentations of the facilities from 1917 to present; and DVD/videos of people who were interviewed for the Veterans History Project who have been involved in some way with APG and Edgewood Arsenal.



Author Bill Bates
'Images of America: Aberdeen Proving Ground'

Bill Bates stands at a display for his book, "Images of America: Aberdeen Proving Ground," which is a photo-history of APG containing more than 200 vintage photos from the archives of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, U.S. Army Ordnance Museum and other sources to illustrate the story of APG from Sandy Hook to the past 90 years in Harford County. The foreword to the book was written by retired Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, former commander of APG.



Sponsor displays for the 90th Anniversary Gala include the APG Federal Credit Union and U.S. Family Health Plan Johns Hopkins.



U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center
90 Years of Excellence in Training

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center display depicts how ATC has evolved to meet the advancement of military technologies, and has become a major test range for the Department of Defense, providing state-of-the-art test facilities and highly skilled personnel. Through a long history of excellence in testing, ATC ensures that U.S. troops have the most sophisticated and the safest equipment, materiel and systems in the world.



U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
Prevention is the Key

The USACHPPM display explains why the organization is the Army's nerve center for military public health, offering global scientific expertise and services in clinical and field preventive medicine, environmental and occupational health, health promotion and wellness, epidemiology, disease surveillance, toxicology and related laboratory sciences.



ECBC: 90 Years of a Tradition of Solutions
Then and Now

Photo courtesy of ECBC

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center display details its long and distinguished history of providing the best chemical and biological technologies, beginning with the trenches of World War I where chemical agents were first used as a battlefield weapon and protective masks were consequently needed for U.S. Army Soldiers. Battlefield enhancements over the past nine decades include smoke screening capabilities, collective protection systems, CB detection and warning devices, as well as new respiratory protection and decontamination.



Historical Research and Response Team
History of APG

Photo by JERRY ARNOLD

This RDECOM Data Imaging Team exhibit highlights the rich and colorful history of APG showing period photographs of what was happening at APG during particular decades.



U.S. Army Research Laboratory
Supercomputing history at APG

ARL's History of Army Supercomputing exhibit features the lineage of large scale scientific computing systems which began with the U.S. Army Ballistic Research Laboratory's role in the development of the ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer) at APG. The ENIAC was installed at APG in May of 1947 and was the world's first operational, general purpose, electronic digital computer. Of the many scientific developments spurred by World War II, ENIAC ranks as one of the most influential and pervasive. The exhibit chronicles the legacy of the BRL and ARL role in large scale scientific computing, from the ENIAC to today's world class supercomputing center at APG.



20th Support Command (CBRNE)
Respond. Assess. Mitigate. Eliminate.

Display and information packets depict and describe the design, mission and capabilities of the new 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives), the only U.S. Army Forces Command unit assigned to APG. Representatives explained the current transformation of chemical and ordnance (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) units to CBRNE units and the role of the 20th SUPCOM at home and abroad.



Aberdeen Museum and Archives
APG - Then and Now

The Aberdeen Room display features displays and a board game of structures at APG showing the relationship between APG and the community of Aberdeen.



Edgewood Chemical Biological Center
Sample Receipt Facility Under Construction

ECBC along with its federal partners, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security, is collaborating on the construction of the new Chemical Biological Radiological Sample Receipt Facility in APG South. The CBR SRF is the first multi-agency funded project at APG with construction funds provided by the Army, FBI and DHS. This facility will be the central location for the receipt, triage, screening and analysis of potentially contaminated samples and devices from military theaters of operation, intelligence organizations and law enforcement agencies from around the world.



Directorate of Installation Operations
An Early Aerial View of Aberdeen Proving Ground

Preparations to expand APG from its original boundary occurred prior to World War II. Much farmland adjoining the existing garrison was acquired for this expansion. The DIO display is an aerial composite circa 1932 showing the open farmland. The private properties acquired to make up APG are overlaid on the photograph. Also depicted are several private cemeteries that exist on the installation.



The Voice of APG for 90 Years
The changing face of the post newspaper

The original post publications, with names like Rapid Fire, The Flaming Bomb, The Groundhog, The Flame Thrower and Upper Bay Citizen were predecessors of the APG News. Post Aldona Pryce stands near three graphic panels depicting the changing look of the post newspaper over 90 years.



Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic
A Mission of Healthcare Throughout the Years

Col. William Rice, KUSAHC commander, right, and Deborah Dodsworth, patient advocate and exhibit representative, look over the KUSAHC display. KUSAHC is a subordinate command of Fort George G. Meade Medical Activity and is part of the Walter Reed Health Care System. KUSAHC serves approximately 20,000 eligible Department of Defense beneficiaries in the APG community. The exhibit focuses on its thriving clinic with rich history along with the continuing health care support and health education that is provided to its patients.



APG Fire and Emergency Services
Past and Future

APG's Fire and Emergency Services display depicts the modernization of the department's firefighting equipment and vehicles over the past 90 years; from a 35 mph vehicle that carried only 200 gallons of water to emergency vehicles that drive 60 mph and carry more than 3,000 gallons of water.



CBRNIAC
Bringing the CBRN Defense and Homeland Security Communities Together

Dr. James King stands at the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense Information Analysis Center (CBRNIAC, formerly CBAC) display. CBRNIAC is the authoritative source of CBRN defense scientific, technical and operational information, serving the CBRN Defense and Homeland Security communities. To learn more about CBRNIAC products and services, visit <http://www.cbrniac.apgea.army.mil>.



U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense
'Continuing to Serve the Nation Through Research, Education and Consultation'

The USAMRICD display highlights several significant accomplishments by its scientific staff over the years. USAMRICD is the nation's leading science and technology laboratory in medical chemical countermeasures research and development. The organization manages a diverse portfolio of biomedical research projects for the Department of Defense and other federal agencies. Its medical training has been designated as the "gold standard" for the nation, and its consultative services provide valuable and timely information for customers.



World War II Recreation Association
Equipment from an Era - Doughboy to GI

This static display of APG small arms and equipment used from World War I through World War II, "Doughboy to GI," is presented by members of the World War II Recreation Association. Two members of the group, John and Maj. Christopher Kelly, a father and son team, reenacted significant events from APG's 90-year history throughout the evening. Maj. Kelly is assigned to the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) on APG.



MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

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USA Express

The U.S. Army Entertainment Division is recruiting for its USA Express Deployable Musical Performance Group. The crew is scheduled to tour from early spring through late summer of 2008, to forward deployed locations as well as other locations in the United States or abroad.

They are currently seeking Soldier instrumentalists, vocal performers and an audio technician. Primary instrumentalists sought include keyboard, bass, guitar, lead guitar and drums. Other instrumentalists may apply to be part of the group.

Vocal performers are required to be comfortable with a variety of styles of music, to have some movement ability and to be able to communicate effectively with an audience. Audio technicians must be qualified to operate a PA system, including the ability to operate a

basic digital audio sound mix board and have a rudimentary knowledge of audio equalization.

Interested Soldiers should send a complete packet to: U.S. Army Entertainment Division, Attn: USA Express, P.O. Box 439, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060. If using Federal Express, DHL or UPS, send to 6091 Jackson Loop, Bldg 1434, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060 by Dec. 7. Nomination package required. All costs will be funded by the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.

For musical information, call Cordell Hall, program manager and musical director, 703-806-3220, or e-mail cordell.hall@us.army.mil. For general information, call Victor Hurtado, artistic director, Army Entertainment, 703-806-5827, DSN 656-5827 or e-mail victor.hurtado@us.army.mil.

December	Organization
6, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Audie Murphy Club
7, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.*	CBRNE (EA 20th SUPCOM)
8, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	HHC 16th Ordnance Bn
9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Aberdeen Youth Center
10, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	KUSAHC
11, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	CBRNE (EA 20th SUPCOM)
12, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	ANCOA
13, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Chapel: Religious Education
14, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	US Air Force
15, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Chapel: PWOC
16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	CSM Association
17, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Company B, 22nd Chem
18, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	BOSS
19, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Company B, 22nd Chem
20, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Catholic Women of the Chapel
21, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	BOSS
22, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	29th CAB
23, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	HHC USAG
24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	MRICD

**AIT Night.
For more information, contact Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service, 410-278-9669.*



Activities/Events

Medieval Times offers "Kids Free" admission in November, December

Medieval Times Dinner and Tournaments offers "Kids Free" admittance tickets with each paid adult admission to customers who purchase adult admission tickets at on-base ITR and ITT offices for performances scheduled through Dec. 25. The offer is available at all Medieval Times Castles in North America. "Kids Free" tickets are only available for children 12 years of age or younger.

Families who want to book reservations should call MWR Leisure Travel Office, APG North Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail MWR-LeisureTravel@apg.army.mil.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

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

- Dec. 9, 5 p.m. show costs \$130.
- Dec. 14, 4 p.m. show costs \$130.
- Dec. 15, 5 p.m. show costs \$143.
- Dec. 16, 5 p.m. show costs \$130.

Seats are limited, register early. Cost includes charter bus transportation and a ticket for the show. Open to all DoD ID card holders.

For more information or to make reservations, call MWR Leisure Travel Services, APG North Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail MWR-LeisureTravel@apg.army.mil.

Choice of shows at The Hippodrome Theater

MWR Leisure Travel Services has discounted tickets for several shows at The Hippodrome Theater, located at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center, 12 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore.

Shows include:

- "Avenue Q," 2 p.m., Dec. 15
- "Cirque Dreams," 2 p.m., Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, 2008
- "High School Musical," 2 p.m., Feb. 23, 2008; and 8 p.m., Feb. 29, 2008
- "Camelot," 2 p.m., March 29, 2008
- "The Color Purple," 2 p.m., May 3, 2008; 2 p.m., May 10, 2008; and 6:30 p.m., May 11, 2008.

Tickets are available for a limited time – purchase them now. Tickets range in price from \$33 to \$87. To order tickets, visit www.eventusher.com; enter the special password: 105MWRAPGMD and follow the instructions on the ordering page.

Price includes show ticket only, no transportation is provided. Open to all DoD ID card holders.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit the MWR Leisure Travel Office located in APG North Recreation Center, building 3326, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail MWR-LeisureTravel@apg.army.mil.

Christmas in New York

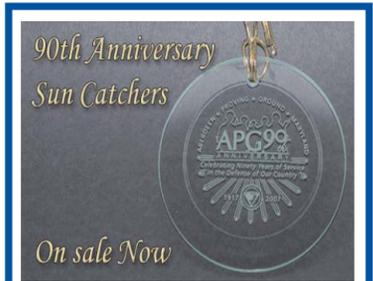
MWR has scheduled several trips to New York City – eight hours for sight-seeing, shopping, watching a Broadway matinee, venturing into China Town and more. Trips will take place Dec. 8, 15, 22 and 29. Cost is \$40 per person. The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. and return 10 p.m. Open to all DoD card holders.

For more information or to register, call or visit MWR Leisure Travel Services, APG North Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail MWR_Leisure.

Grease on Broadway

Sandy and Danny reunite once again. See Grease, 2 p.m., May 17, 2008, on Broadway. Tickets cost \$165 each and include bus transportation and Broadway play. This event is open to all DoD ID card holders. Purchase tickets in advance, or purchase tickets as a Christmas gift.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Services, Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail MWR-LeisureTravel@apg.army.mil.



APG 90th Anniversary Ornaments on sale

Unique and memorable ornaments for the Christmas tree or windows. On sale now at Ruggles Golf Course, ITR, Hoyle Fitness Center/Gym and the Bowling Center. Ornaments cost only \$12.50 each.

Sports

Aerobics classes at the APG North Fitness Center, building 320

Fee for individual classes is \$4 per session. For more information or to set up an aerobics class for a group, contact Jeff Pettway, 410-278-9725.

Barbara's step-weight aerobics, 20 sessions

Classes will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, thru Dec. 20. Cost is \$44.

Joe's cardio pump, 20 sessions

Classes will be held 5 to 6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, thru Dec. 19. Cost is \$44.

SCHOOL LIAISON

Harford County Public Schools Winter Concert schedule

- Dec. 6, 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m., Edgewood Elementary School, Beginner and Advanced Orchestra/Band and combined fourth and fifth grade chorus
- Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m., Meadowvale Elementary School, fourth grade chorus; 7:30 p.m., fifth grade band, chorus, orchestra
- Dec. 11, 2 and 7 p.m., Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School, fourth and fifth grade chorus, strings
- Dec. 11, 2 and 7 p.m., Havre de Grace Elementary School, fourth and fifth grade chorus, orchestra
- Dec. 11, 7 p.m., Edgewood High School, percussion ensembles and concert band
- Dec. 12, 7 p.m., Havre de Grace High School, chorus and orchestra
- Dec. 13, 9:30 a.m., 1:30 and 6:30 p.m., Roye-Williams Elementary School, fourth and fifth grade band, chorus, orchestra
- Dec. 13, 7 p.m., Havre de Grace Middle School, Chorus, orchestra
- Dec. 14, 9 a.m., Aberdeen Middle School, sixth grade assembly, band, chorus, orchestra
- Dec. 17, 9 a.m., Aberdeen Middle School, 9 a.m., seventh grade assembly and chorus; seventh and eighth grade band and orchestra
- Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Aberdeen Middle School, concert orchestra, sixth grade band
- Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Edgewood High School, symphonic and jazz band
- Dec. 18, 9 a.m., Aberdeen Middle School, eighth grade assembly; eighth grade chorus; seventh and eighth grade band and orchestra
- Dec. 18, 7 p.m., Edgewood High School: Edgewood Middle School sixth grade band, chorus, orchestra
- Dec. 18, 7 p.m. Aberdeen Middle School, concert band, sixth grade orchestra
- Dec. 18, 7 p.m., Edgewood Middle School, chorus, orchestra
- Dec. 19, Edgewood High School: Edgewood Middle School seventh grade band, chorus
- Dec. 19, 7 p.m. Aberdeen Middle School, all choruses, brass choir
- Dec. 19, 7 p.m., Havre de Grace High School band
- Dec. 20, 7 p.m. Edgewood High School: Edgewood Middle School eighth grade band, chorus, orchestra

For more information on any APG school related topic, contact Eileen Campbell, 410-278-2857 or e-mail eileen.campbell@apg.army.mil.

Free movies at the Post Theater

MWR hosts free movies at the Post Theater, 7 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays.

Movies are open to active duty personnel, Family members, Reservists, National Guard, DoD civilians, retirees and DoD contractors working at APG. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult regardless of the movie rating.

- Dec. 8, 7 p.m., Illegal Tender (Rated R)
- Dec. 9, 2 p.m., Rush Hour 3 (Rated PG-13)

For movie listings, call the Movie Hotline, 410-278-8000 or check the APG MWR Web site, <http://www.apgmwr.com/>.

ACS upcoming events

All scheduled events will be held at the Army Community Service Center, building 2754, Rodman Road unless otherwise noted.

Holiday tree lighting, party tonight Army Community Service will host the annual Holiday Extravaganza and tree lighting ceremony 6 to 8:30 p.m., Dec. 6, at the APG North Recreation Center, building 3326.

ACS announces 'Holiday Sponsor Program'

With the holiday season fast approaching and the nation still fighting the War on Terrorism, the APG community is constantly reminded of the sacrifices of the men and women in the U.S. armed forces.

During these stressful times, some military Families are experiencing financial difficulties and require additional assistance. Army Community Service works closely with these Families providing supportive services throughout the year.

To help make this holiday season brighter for some of these Families, ACS will collect donations from individuals or groups desiring to sponsor a military Family.

For more information, call Arcelio V. Alleyne, ACS Financial Readiness Program manager, 410-278-2450/7572, fax, 410-278-9685 or e-mail, arcelio.alleyne@us.army.mil.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

Week of Dec. 3

Special #1: Nine wing dings or wing zings, French fries, one cookie and soda for \$5.85.

Special #2: Cheeseburger sub with mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, French fries, one cookie and soda for \$6.95.

Week of Dec. 10

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Army News

'America's Army' contractors take basic training

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The developers of "America's Army," the official video game series of the U.S. Army, spent four days on Fort Jackson S.C., recently learning what it is like to transition from civilian to Soldier.

Civilian contractors from across the country - including America's Army Public Applications in Emeryville, Calif.; Redstone Arsenal, Ala.; and Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. - went through a mini-Basic Combat Training class Nov. 5 through 9 which included physical training, drill and ceremony, Victory Tower and weapons firing at Bastogne Range on Fort Jackson.

The original PC version of "America's Army" - subtitled "Recon" - launched July 4, 2002, and has been downloaded more than 40 million times, making it one of the most popular PC video games of all time.

Since its release, subsequent PC versions and versions for Xbox and mobile phones have also been developed.

Owned by the U.S. government and originally developed as a global public relations initiative, "America's Army" is a multi-player, first-person shooter game simulating the Army experience from basic training to the battlefield.

Players are bound by rules of engagement and must adhere to the seven Army Core Values to accomplish missions.

Developers' experiences during their stay at Fort Jackson should help make Version 3.0 - scheduled for release September 2008 - the most realistic version yet.

"This will help keep this the most authentic Army game out there," said John Carlisle, account director, Ignited Marketing. "It's good to get the developers behind a machine gun because usually those guys are the ones rendering it in three dimensions, putting it into the game. So, you want

them to understand the action of the weapon, the procedure by which ammo is loaded and the weapon cleared."

Carlisle, a former Army officer, said the technical aspect is important, but there is more to learn about Army life that can benefit mini-BCT participants both professionally and personally.

"They'll understand being a Soldier isn't just about shooting, it's about camaraderie, teamwork, being a unit and sharing a common experience," he said. "That's the real strength of the Army."

Carlisle said he applauds the efforts of the employees who took on the challenge.

"All of these people volunteered because they wanted to walk in a Soldier's boots a little bit," he said. "These are folks that have been working at a desk behind a computer, living a fairly good civilian life, coming out here to do the things basic recruits do; march, set up bivouacs, live in the barracks - they all came

here with the idea this would make them better at their jobs, but I don't think they realized this will make them better, period."

After four days of waking up at 5 a.m., eating in dining facilities, marching around post and living a Soldier's existence, "America's Army" employees graduated mini-BCT Nov. 9 and, after watching the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment graduation ceremony, headed back to their respective companies.

Clayton Montgomery, AAPA associate designer, is excited about the knowledge he took back with him.

"I already had a great respect for Soldiers, but this experience has increased that," he said. "It was really awesome for them to set this up for us. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance, and it's really awesome to be a part of that."

(Editor's note: Heath Hamacher writes for the Leader newspaper at Fort Jackson.)



Courtesy of HHC 61ST ORDNANCE BATTALION
Renee Duzan, case manager with Harford Family House, left, accompanies two members from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, 1st Sgt. Michael Ambrose and Spc. Antonio Aguilar on delivery of food baskets to homeless in Aberdeen Nov. 21.

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decided that giving thanks meant giving back to their immediate community. I was humbled by how many people thought of strang-

ers in the community before themselves.

"Army Families always go above and beyond. This was another example of their ongoing strength," she said.

The FRG led more than 10 Soldiers in the delivery of 15 baskets. People from the unit brought in hundreds of items

in canned goods and other non-perishables which the FRG put together for delivery.

Baskets full of mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, fruit, stuffing, pies and other Thanksgiving goodies were delivered by the FRG directly to the Families of the Harford Family House, Inc. on Nov. 21.

"It is rewarding to see Soldiers and Families giving their time and efforts to the community," said 1st HHC, 61st Ordnance Brigade Sgt. Michael Ambrose. "This experience only reinforces how much Soldiers care about the community and country they are serving. HHC 61st Ordnance Family Readiness Group is clearly a group that has not only "readied" themselves but also taken responsibility to do the same in their community."

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explained.

Investigators used those e-mails as evidence in a prosecution. The service member was convicted and sentenced, but an appellate court set aside the findings and sentence, because the banner did not clearly state that there was no right of privacy in e-mails.

The revised banner will ensure all users of government computer systems understand that there is no right of privacy in e-mails, officials said.

Defense Department officials said monitoring is critical in ensuring government systems aren't compromised by viruses or hackers, and to identify threats as early as possible.

In order to protect DOD information systems, DOD needs to be able to monitor all traffic flowing through and across DOD systems, an official said.