

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Feb. 28, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



### Corrected hours for APG Army Education Center

The new hours of operation for the APG Army Education Center in building 4305 are Monday thru Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1 to 4:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; closed on RDO Friday. Hours are posted on the door.

For more information call Tressie Stout, education services specialist, 410-306-2043.

### BRAC is topic at SAME Chesapeake meeting today

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post Monthly Meeting will be held 11:30 a.m., Feb. 22, at Top of the Bay. Guest speaker Sue Nevins, deputy chief of staff for Operations and Plans/G3, will present a briefing titled, "Fort Monmouth Update on BRAC."

To reserve a seat, e-mail tonp@lindbergh-assoc.com or Sue Ahern at SAhern@mbpce.com.

### RAB meeting tonight

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Feb. 22, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Graces Quarters and O-Field Study Areas.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line, 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

### OC&S presents 34th Annual Gospel Night

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools will celebrate the 34th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night, 4 p.m., Feb. 25, at the APG Post

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# Combat Lifesaver Course prepares Soldiers for battlefield life saving

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

It used to be that only qualified field unit medical personnel could go beyond the basic first aid measures to administer emergency life-saving measures on the battlefield. That is changing as a new course trains Soldiers, enlisted as well as officers, in life saving techniques that are making a difference for Soldiers fighting in the War on Terror.

The newly updated first-aid curriculum being taught to Army personnel worldwide has come to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The Combat Lifesaver Course is administered jointly by the APG Fire and Emergency Services EMS Division and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

The course introduces Soldiers with very basic medical training to several critical elements of field care such as performing rapid medical assessments, establishing intravenous access, performing needle chest decompressions and the placement of naso-pharyngeal airways in battlefield patients.

The weeklong course trains non-medical personnel to administer life-saving first aid and is crucial knowledge given the combat situations ground troops are facing in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to Staff Sgt. Marcus Murray, KUSAHC training coordinator, who instructs portions of the Tactical Casualty Care course.

"This is not your typical medical class," Murray said. "We try to teach Soldiers what they will encounter in the war zone. The focus is on tactical training, evaluating, treating and evacuating casualties under fire," he said. "It's the best training I've been a part of."

He praised APG EMS personnel



Photo courtesy of DSHE  
Two Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers treat a "casualty" during Combat Lifesaver Course training at the Military Operations on Urban Terrain site in October 2006.

for "bringing an incredible amount of experience to the table."

"Their expertise was so valuable," he said. "It made the training that much better."

"We gladly accepted the opportunity to offer our services as instructors for this critical combat training," said EMS technician, Michael Slayman.

He and other members of the divi-

sion upgraded CLS power point presentations and other course materials in preparation for the training. In addition, they were able to obtain more than \$6,000 dollars in adjunct training equipment at no cost.

The Maryland Army National Guard's 1/169th Medical Evacuation Company from Weide Army Airfield volunteered the use of personnel and equipment,

including a Blackhawk helicopter, which was used in teaching loading procedures, medical treatment capabilities and duties of an in-flight medial assistant.

The tactical portion of the training focused on preventing casualties during combat, extricating patients tactically and securing a perimeter for treatment of casualties.

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## MRICD welcomes Vedder family

Story by **CINDY KRONMAN**  
MRICD

Visitors to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense are not uncommon: assistant secretaries of the U.S. government, general officers and foreign dignitaries have all come by for briefings and tours.

On Jan. 26, however, MRICD welcomed a very special group of people, the relatives of Col. Edward B. Vedder, a career military physician, noted researcher, and medical educator.

Vedder can be considered the first commander of what eventually developed into MRICD as well as the father of MRICD's training program in the medical management of chemical casualties, according to Dr. Gary Hurst, chief of MRICD's Chemical Casualty Care Division.

Vedder's importance to MRICD is underscored by the institute's having named its training building after Vedder and then, as the CCD buildings increased, naming all of

the division's training and office facilities the Vedder Complex. In addition, Vedder's photograph was incorporated into the design of MRICD's logo, developed a few years ago.

Col. Brian Lukey, commander of MRICD, called Vedder "one of my heroes," as he welcomed the family.

"It is an absolute honor to host you today," Lukey said.

The Vedder family was led by Martha Vedder Cullinane, widow of Vedder's only son, Henry Clay Vedder II, who followed in his father's footsteps, serving as a physician in the Army for 30 years. He died in 1989. She was joined by their three children and members of their families as well as by several of the descendants of Vedder's daughter, Sibyl. These included one of Sibyl's sons-in-law, his three children and members of their families, and two of his nieces, children of Sibyl's other two daughters. While many of the Vedder family members live in Virginia, others came from

California, Tennessee, New York City, and even Nova Scotia, Canada.

"My mother talked about her grandfather and had many stories about his accomplishments," said Pamela Lowen Osti. "She was very proud of him. I wanted to share in that."

"It is an honor to be part of this family," added her sister, Catherine Lowen Erno. "I have two sons. I wanted them to learn about their family and their great-grandfather."

The same was true for the daughters of Vedder's son. While Martha Vedder Poulin and Melissa Vedder Murray never knew their grandfather, they were often told stories about him and his accomplishments by their father.

Plans for the family to visit MRICD and the Vedder Complex began four years ago when members of the Chemi-



cal Casualty Care Division located at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, contacted him, and asked whether he was any relation to MRICD's Col. Vedder. He turned out to be Vedder's grandson and put the CCD officers in contact with his

mother. Meanwhile, Lt. Col. Nathan Johnson, U.S. Air Force, currently with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, was developing an interest in medical chemical defense as he pursued his graduate degree

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## Veteran career fair to be held in Baltimore March 8

www.recruitmilitary.com

In cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor and the President's National Hire Veterans Committee, (HireVets First), RecruitMilitary will host a career fair for veteran job seekers, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 8, at the Sports Legends Museum at Camden Yards, 301 West Camden Street in Baltimore.

This is a hiring event for veterans who are transitioning from active duty, members of the National Guard and Reserves and military spouses.

RecruitMilitary produced 13 career fairs in 2006 and more than 225 organizations and 8,000 job seekers attended the events. RecruitMilitary has already

scheduled 32 career fairs for 2007.

RecruitMilitary connects employers with job seekers who have a military background. All of the company's officers, account executives and recruiters are either veterans or active or former reservists.

In addition to career fairs RecruitMilitary offers subscriptions to its database of registered candidates, currently numbering more than 140,000, job postings on its Web site, www.recruitmilitary.com.

Companies attending the March 8 fair include General Dynamics, Military Sealift Command, BAE, Amtrak, Walgreens, OldCastle, STS Utilique and many more.

To register, or for more information, visit www.recruitmilitary.com.

## MRICD scientists receive Army R&D Achievement Award

Story by **CINDY KRONMAN**  
MRICD

A team of scientists from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense received a 2006 Research and Development Achievement Award for Technical Excellence.

Drs. John McDonough and Tsung-Ming Shih, of MRICD's Research Division, Pharmacology Branch, and Dr. Benedict Capacio of the Analytical Toxicology Division, Medical Diagnostics and Chemical Branch, distinguished themselves in the design and execution of a collaborative research effort toward the advancement of the anticonvulsant drug midazolam for the treatment of seizures induced by chemical warfare nerve agents. The team identified midazolam as a more potent and rapidly acting anticonvulsant than the currently fielded diazepam against seizures produced by nerve agents.

In addition, they successfully demonstrated that prompt and effective anticonvulsant treatment is essential to protect against nerve agent-induced permanent brain damage.

Their research efforts provided a significant body of scientific evidence for the Army to seek from the Food and Drug Administration approval of midazolam as an improved anticonvulsant for the treatment of nerve agent-induced seizures.

McDonough, Shih and Capacio were presented their awards at MRICD on Feb. 1 by Jean Reed, special assistant for Chemical and Biological Defense and Chemical Demilitarization in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Nuclear and CB Defense Programs).

Reed also presented the Order of Military Medical Merit to Col. James Madsen of the MRICD Chemical Casualty Care Division.

The medal, said MRICD's commander Col. Brian Lukey, acknowledges the excellence with which Madsen does his job as well as his contribution to the Army Medical Department.

"Thank you very much for giving me the honor [of presenting the awards]," said Reed, who along with his scientific advisor, Fay Peng, was visiting the institute that afternoon.

Reed expressed pleasure at being back at the MRICD and thanked the scientists for the effort and time they devote to what they do, acknowledging that the cutting edge research performed at MRICD and other Army labs could not be done in the private sector.

After the award presentations, Reed and Peng had the opportunity to see some of that cutting edge technology with tours of MRICD's Affymetrix gene chip facility and the Electron Microscopy Laboratory, with its JEOL 7401F Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope.

# 22nd Chemical Battalion NCO becomes Sergeant Audie Murphy Club's newest member



Photo by AMBER SOWARDS, RDECOM DATA IMAGING  
Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, places the Sgt. Audie Murphy medallion around Staff Sgt. Crystal Triplett's neck during a Sgt. Audie Murphy Club induction ceremony Feb. 12 at the APG Conference Center.

Story by  
**HEATHER TASSMER**  
APG News

The Aberdeen Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club welcomed a noncommissioned officer from the 22nd Chemical Battalion as its newest member Feb. 12 during an induction ceremony at the APG conference center.

Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Eloy H. Alcivar presented the Audie Murphy Medallion, Army Achievement Medal and various other awards to Staff Sgt. Crystal Triplett. Triplett has been serving as a technical escort for the 22nd Chemical Battalion since 2005.

Nadeau told the audience he met a man who was a sergeant during World War II who trained Murphy, the Soldier the club was named for. The man told him about a "scrawny" Soldier who he thought wasn't going

to make it in the Army.

Nadeau said years later, the man found out by reading an article that the Soldier was Murphy.

"This award is a big deal," Nadeau said. "I don't know if it's harder to earn this award or keep this award. You decide that."

Alcivar also discussed the importance of becoming a member of the club and said that "it is really necessary for a Soldier to improve their chances of getting promoted."

He said that the incentive of the club will be "self gratifying" for NCOs.

"They will be able to help Soldiers in their units with a higher level of competence," he said. "It is a win-win situation for everyone."

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby echoed Alcivar's comment.

"The person that participates in the club wins and the Army wins," Irby said. "The club makes members better Soldiers and leaders. I challenge all Soldiers eligible to participate."

Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Litteral, pres-

ident of the club, read the biography of Murphy, who became the most decorated Soldier of the U.S. Army.

Command Sgt. Maj. Allen Fritzsching, the U.S. Army Developmental Test Center discussed the history of the club, mentioning it began in 1986 at Fort Hood, Texas, and expanded Army wide in 1994.

Fritzsching praised Triplett for her achievement.

"For the remainder of your career, you will be associated with the club that represents the best of the best," he said. "You have raised the bar by accepting the induction to this club."

Triplett said preparing for the selection process was a challenge and that this was her second attempt to become a member.

She said she started preparing three or four months before the selection process.

"It wasn't only about studying Army regulations and manuals but also applying what I learned," Triplett said. "I spent a lot of time preparing but it was worth the time spent."

"This award makes me look forward to accomplishing anything I set my mind to," she said. "I encourage my peers to get prepared [for the club's selection process]. It is a good opportunity for them, and it definitely prepared me to be a much better leader."

She said she is thankful for her family, leaders and peers who supported her efforts to become a member.

She said as a technical escort, one of the responsibilities includes mentoring incoming Soldiers.

Pfc. Amber Inmon, 22nd Chemical Battalion, expressed gratitude for Triplett's advice.

"She taught me to choose for myself and to think like a leader," Inmon said. "Her positive attitude and leadership keeps me motivated, and I am able to work at a higher level."

For more information about the club, contact Litteral, jeffery.litteral@apg.army.mil.

## Staff Sgt. Crystal D. Triplett

Born in Shelby, N.C., Triplett entered the U.S. Army on Aug. 2, 2000. She graduated from One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., as a chemical operations specialist.

She deployed to Kuwait in 2002 with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Central Command, for six months. She also deployed to Iraq in 2003 with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and in 2005 as a technical escort with Team 3, Company A, 22nd Chemical Battalion, APG.

Triplett's military education includes technical escort class, Warrior Leaders Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Defense Packaging and Handling of Hazardous Materials, Field Management of Chemical and Biological Casualties and other courses.

Triplett's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Noncommissioned Officers Profes-

sional Development Ribbon, Iraqi Campaign Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

She is currently enrolled in the Army University through Saint Joseph's College of Maine, and has completed 32 credit hours toward a bachelor's degree in health care administration.

She is married to Staff Sgt. Lester Triplett, also assigned to the 22nd Chemical Battalion.

## Audie Leon Murphy

June 20, 1924 - May 28, 1971

Audie Leon Murphy was a Soldier who became famous during World War II. He joined the Army in June 1942 after he was refused enlistment from the Marines and Paratroopers. He was assigned to the 15th Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division and fought in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany.

He was credited with killing more than 240 Germans and capturing many others.

Murphy became a hero for his bravery and leadership on the battle-



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Audie\\_Murphy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Audie_Murphy)

field, earning every medal the military can give. Some of these awards were the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross and three Purple Hearts.

After his discharge from the Army in September 1945, he entered the movie industry. His well-known film was "To Hell and Back."

Murphy died in a plane crash on May 28, 1971, near Roanoke, Va.

## Becoming a member

The U.S. Army Forces Command Regulation 215-7 states the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is an elite organization of noncommissioned officers whose demonstrated performance, inherent leadership qualities and abilities are characterized by those of Murphy.

Induction and membership in the FORSCOM SAMC is a reward for those NCOs who have contributed significantly to the development of a professional NCO corps and a combat-ready Army. Members exemplify leadership characterized

by personal concern for the needs, training, development and concern for families of Soldiers.

The criteria for becoming a member involve a four-phase selection process:

Phase 1: Commander's Evaluation/Nomination

Phase 2: Performance Test based on candidate's recorded accomplishments

Phase 3: Initial Selection Board at unit level

Phase 4: Final Selection Board at installation level



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# Sports

## Basketball update

The following results were received from the APG Sports Office for the week ending Feb. 16.

Teams unable to make a scheduled game are reminded to notify the APG Sports Office at least 24 hours in advance.

For inquiries regarding statistics, call 410-278-2939.

### APG North

USAF	1 - 6
USMC #2	2 - 5
USMC	0 - 5

### Results

**FEB. 12**  
HHC 16th, 53; Company E 16th, 34  
USMC #2, 27; USMC, 23

**FEB. 13**  
Rescheduled due to weather

**FEB. 14**  
Rescheduled due to weather

### Schedule

**FEB. 26**  
6:30 p.m., USAF vs. Company E 16th  
7:30 p.m., USMC vs. HHC 16th

**FEB. 27**  
6:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. USAF  
7:30 p.m., USMC #2 vs. Company B 16th

**FEB. 28**  
6:30 p.m., Company E 16th vs. USAF  
7:30 p.m., USMC #2 vs. Company A 16th

### MARCH 1

6:30 p.m., Company A 16th vs. KUSAHC  
7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. USMC #2

### STANDINGS

Company C 16th	6 - 1
KUSAHC	5 - 2
HHC 16th	5 - 2
Company A 16th	5 - 2
Company B 16th	5 - 3
Company E 16th	2 - 5

### APG South

#### Results

**FEB. 12**  
CHPPM, 40; MRICD, 34  
AML, 44; Company C 143rd, 40

**FEB. 13**  
Rescheduled due to weather

**FEB. 14**  
Rescheduled due to weather

**FEB. 15**  
AML, 34; Company B 143rd, 26  
CBRNE, win; Nat. Guard, forfeit

### Schedule

**FEB. 26**  
6:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. AML  
7:30 p.m., MRICD vs. CBRNE

**FEB. 27**  
6:30 p.m., CHPPM vs. AML  
7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. Company A 143rd

**FEB. 28**  
6:30 p.m., MRICD vs. Company C 143rd

### STANDINGS

CBRNE	8 - 1
Company A 143rd	6 - 1
CHPPM	6 - 2
Company B 143rd	3 - 6
AML	3 - 6
Company C 143rd	2 - 6
MRICD	1 - 7
Natl Guard	Dropped

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# Youth sports programs highlight of February Well-Being Council

Story by  
**HEATHER TASSMER**  
APG News

Child and Youth Services' spring sports programs were the highlight of the Feb. 15 Well-Being Council meeting at the APG North chapel.

"We have fun and exciting sports programs for the kids," said Bill Kegley, youth sports director. "We keep them busy all throughout the year."

Parents can register their children for baseball, T-ball, softball, flag football, cheerleading and Start Smart basketball through Feb. 28, Kegley said.

He said Smart Start is a program for both parents and children that gives 3- and 4-year-olds an opportunity to develop basic skills.

Flag football will be played at both youth centers on Saturday mornings and games will be alternated between the two sites, he said. The sport will only be played on APG.

T-ball, baseball and softball will be played in the local communities of Aberdeen, Belcamp, Bel Air and Churchville, Kegley said.

Pitching clinics for baseball and softball will be held 6 to 8 p.m., March 6 and 13.

For more information, con-

tact Kegley at 410-306-2297.

**KUSAHC**

The expansion of the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic pharmacy is slated to be finished in March or April, according to Deborah Dodsworth, KUSAHC patient advocate.

KUSAHC is out of the flu mist vaccine but injections are still available.

Dodsworth also told attendees that if patients have more than one or two health issues, they should ask for additional time when they call to make an appointment.

In addition, she said KUSAHC is still experiencing a lot of no-shows. KUSAHC has a policy to be 15 to 20 minutes early in case something in their file needs to be verified.

She also said patients with children should have childcare set up before coming to an appointment.

CYS offers a reduced rate of \$2.50 per hour for childcare of KUSAHC patients but the child must be registered prior to the day of the appointment, according to Pat Palazzi, acting chief of CYS.

**AAFES**

A Subway sandwich shop opened Feb. 15 at the APG North Shopette. APG News will publish details for the grand

opening in a future issue.

**MWR**

Gina Dannenfels, chief of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, announced that due to a reduction in funds, the APG North fitness center's hours have changed to Monday through Thursday, 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Fridays.

The fitness center will be monitored to ensure the new hours are practical for the APG community members' schedules, Dannenfels said.

Military personnel, Department of Defense civilian and contractor employees can discuss these and other community issues at the Army Family Action Plan Symposium. The symposium will be March 20 to 22 at Top of the Bay. Training for the symposium will be 1 to 3 p.m., March 1, also at Top of the Bay.

**DIO**

Some APG residents experienced heating problems or "freeze ups" in their houses, according to Pat Hector, director of the Housing Division.

Several houses' pipes froze because the residents had their water hoses connected, Hector said.

She encouraged residents to remind their neighbors to disconnect their hoses so that this problem can be prevented.

In relation to winter hazards, APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby reminded attendees to make sure their sidewalks are cleared off to prevent falls.

Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, reminded those who live near water to not walk on the ice and not allow their pets to walk on the ice.

"The ice may look solid, but I guarantee it's not," Wright said.

Wright said no incidents of people falling through the ice on APG have been reported.

**DLES**

Robert Krauer, director of the Law Enforcement and Security, informed the attendees that there have been several break-ins in vacant family quarters.

Those who have broken into the quarters were identified as children and will be charged with the appropriate offense, Krauer said.

"I solicit your continued assistance because residents have called when they see the break-ins," Krauer said.

In the past, fires and other damage have been the results of break-ins, he said.

Krauer also reminded attendees to only use hands-free cell phones while driving.

"It's starting to get out of control again," he said. "I know you're busy, but please hang up the phone before driving."

Another issue he discussed was improper use of government vehicles, such as shopping or getting lunch.

"Unless you have specific permission to utilize a government vehicle to stop for activities other than official business items, it is against the law," Krauer said.

The consequence for civilians who break the law is a mandatory 30-day suspension without pay and the court decides the consequences for military employees, he said.

Krauer reminded attendees that not everyone is eligible to buy gas at the Shopette or the Army Air Force Exchange Services. Those with the appropriate military ID cards or retired ID cards can only partake in the services, Krauer said.

**Chapel**

The Maryland Crime Prevention Association will hold a youth workshop, "Tools For Success" 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 10. The workshop is for ages 11 through 18 and will focus on peer pressure, conflict and problem solving, prevention of gangs and self esteem. To register, contact Gerri Merkel, 410-278-2516.

There will not be a meeting in March because of the AFAP symposium. The next meeting is 9:30 a.m., April 19, at the APG North chapel.

# Community Notes

## SATURDAY

### MARCH 3 PRAYER BREAKFAST

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will host a prayer breakfast at 9 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rebecca Turner of Robinson A.M.E. Church, Grasonville, Md.

A "Linen Rally" will be held immediately after the prayer breakfast. This event will benefit the Church's Annual Women's Day Program scheduled for March 25.

For more information, call 410-939-2267.

### BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit cancer aid and research will be held at the VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Tickets cost \$15 per person and include a three card set of 20 and lunch. Extra packs cost \$5 each. This is a non-smoking event.

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

## SATURDAY

### MARCH 17 BASKET BINGO

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

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 or Carolyn Spencer, 410-378-3219.

### A NIGHT AT THE RACES

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, located on 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will hold a \$1,000 Draw Down and Night at the Races.

All proceeds will benefit the Detachment Commander's Project Fisher House Foundation.

Tickets cost \$35 each and admit two for dinner, draft beer, soda and limited open bar. Events include horse races, \$1,000 draw down, wheels of fortune, Chinese and silent auctions and a cake wheel.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Tom Deal, 410-642-2561, Emory Thompson, 410-642-6718 or Ed Steininger, 410-939-2293.

## SUNDAY

### MARCH 18 ALPHA PHI ALPHA SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

The Iota Alpha Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will host its annual Scholarship Banquet, 3 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood. Tickets cost \$35. All proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.

For information or to obtain a ticket, call Jessie Shanks, 410-272-3026 or 410-459-4389.

## SATURDAY

### MARCH 24 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Water Witch Fire Company will be held at the VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open at 6 p.m.; Bingo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards. Food, beverage, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available.

For more information, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Bonnie Perkins, 410-378-2376 or Stephanie Gibson, 410-378-2672.

## SUNDAY

### MARCH 25 SPRINGTIME IN TUSCANY FUNDRAISER

Family and Children's Servic-

es of Central Maryland will host Spring Time in Tuscany, a wine tasting fundraiser at Bulle Rock in Havre de Grace, 2 to 5 p.m. The event will include wine tasting, heavy hors'dourves and music. Tickets cost \$55 per person. Funds raised will be unrestricted funds to benefit the programs of Family and Children's Services in Harford County.

For more information, to purchase tickets, or to learn about corporate sponsorship opportunities, call Jennifer Redding, 410-838-9000.

## SATURDAY

### MARCH 31 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit will be held at VFW Post 8185. Doors open at 6 p.m.; Bingo begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards. Food, beverage, baked goods,

door prizes and raffles will be available.

For more information, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Kathy, 410-642-9297, or VFW Post 8185, 410-642-9297.

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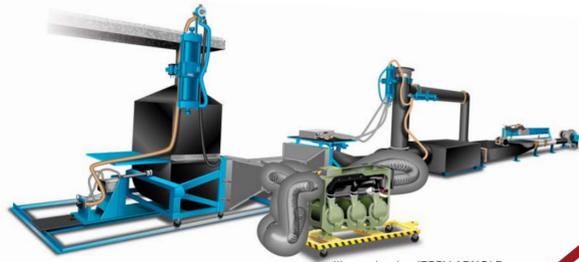


Illustration by JERRY ARNOLD  
Illustration of Air Flow Balance and Agent Simulant Test (Q262 gas life tester).

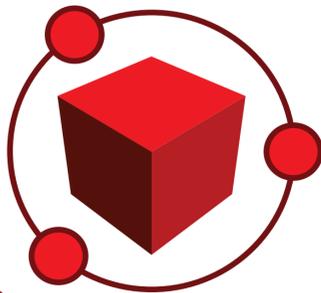


Illustration by JASON WOJCIK, Photos by CONRAD JOHNSON  
The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Data Imaging Team designed this exhibit for the National Guard Association of the United States conference held in Waikiki, Hawaii.

# RDECOM Data Imaging Team

## thrives on futuristic thinking

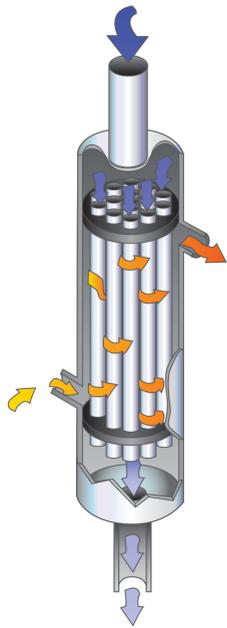


Illustration by JASON WOJCIK  
Inner workings of Nafton Dryer

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

When it comes to designing, depicting or displaying futuristic prototypes, landscapes or environments, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command organizations turn to a group of innovators who are changing the way America views the Army of today and tomorrow.

The Data Imaging Team is a group of more than 20 graphic artists, exhibit specialists, photographers, videographers and production artists led by Tom Faulkner, director.

The team's handiwork can be viewed in a variety of organizations in and around RDECOM, to include the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, the 20th Support Command and the Maryland Army National Guard.

What makes the Data Imaging Team so different from similar facilities within the Army?

"For one thing, being a Data Imaging Team photographer means being highly qualified in a lot more than just basic photography," Faulkner said.

"The mission requirements are diverse and often volatile. Currently we are supporting an ongoing project of documenting explosive effects over different distances. The photographers are quite experienced in gathering recorded data in a multitude of environments" he said, adding that the photographers used high speed photography, photo imagery and

smoke obscuration capabilities.

"We have state-of-the-art equipment and the photographers are constantly learning new skills," he said.

"Our photographers are certified to work in hazardous environments containing live fire or chemical/biological hazards. Their biggest challenge is wearing the protective gear while working. The photographer must be able to modify his equipment to work in a hazardous material environment. He has to capture the data accurately, and then safely decontaminate himself and his equipment afterward."

When working with unexploded ordnance, for example, one phrase that is often repeated is, "Everybody get out of here except for the photographer," said Data Imaging lead photographer Conrad Johnson.

"You're thinking to yourself that you'd like to leave too but the test engineers always want a photo of the grenade with the pin half out," Johnson said.

"We support research so we have to be prepared to work in test situations and with prototypes to help engineers document their projects," he added.

In addition Johnson got to use his aerial photography skills over Gulfport and Biloxi, Miss., in 2005, documenting the Army's water purification systems used to support local hospitals in action after Hurricane Katrina.

"But the bottom line is what we do helps Soldiers do their jobs," Johnson said. "It's helpful and it's practical and that's the most satisfying part."

In addition, the Data Imaging Team operates and maintains the RDE-

COM Conference Center, Faulkner said.

"Over the last five years, Mary Hebb and Darlene Gardner, through hard work and attention to detail, have expanded the conference center average of approximately one-hundred and twenty to over three-hundred conferences and seminars a year," Faulkner said.

Data Imaging Team members work in a variety of disciplines including high speed, infrared and digital photography and video production, multimedia, 3-D concepts and design, graphics, framing and more.

Lead artist, Jerry Arnold, is also the LOG SEC program manager and oversees seven other contractor personnel in support of the Data Imaging Team's RDECOM support mission. Arnold, whose more than 25 years in the industry includes time with Martin-Marietta, Johns Hopkins University and the U.S. Army Environmental Center, credits the Data Imaging success story to its youthful innovators.

"We've got a good mix of veterans and young people who thrive on thinking outside the box," Arnold said. "They're a bunch of aggressive designers who are very strong on initiative."

Problems are often solved by brainstorming during staff meetings, added Jason Wojcik, graphic designer.

"We're pretty cutting edge in using the resources available to us, and brainstorming is a key process," he said. "Everyone contributes, and we often design just by conversation."

Arnold adds that this "infusion of youth" into the organization in recent years has made all the difference in the organization's success rate among its clients and allows them to provide ideas that are fresh and innovative. Unlike other military graphic sections where the work force

may not have changed in over 15 years, the Data Imaging Team is constantly endeavoring to raise the bar and surpass the client's expectations.

"The Army has realized that in order to attract young, dynamic thinkers it has to adapt and think about presenting itself more dynamically," Arnold said. "A lot of our designers are coming from outside design organizations and they bring these fresh, new ideas and concepts to the Data Imaging Team. This is a unique environment where we, as designers, are allowed to pursue our creative talents to such an extent and with the full support of management."

"Also, unlike most graphic departments, we actually do conceptual technical illustration," Arnold added, noting that he and Wojcik have drawn robots, weapons, and complex objects that don't even exist.

One of the organization's most noteworthy projects may be the entrance foyer and adjoining hallway in the RDECOM headquarters building which has been undergoing a meticulous transformation over the past several months.

The futuristic design can be credited to Data Imaging's youthful-thinking team of innovators, Faulkner said.

"The tasking was to place Soldiers in a futuristic atmosphere," he said. The display blends photography, texture, lighting and a blend of materials on the walls, ceiling and floor to create the right effect.

"The commander is very pleased," Faulkner said. "We are lucky to have the right mix of skills, expertise and willingness to step outside the norm that we have here on the Data Imaging Team."

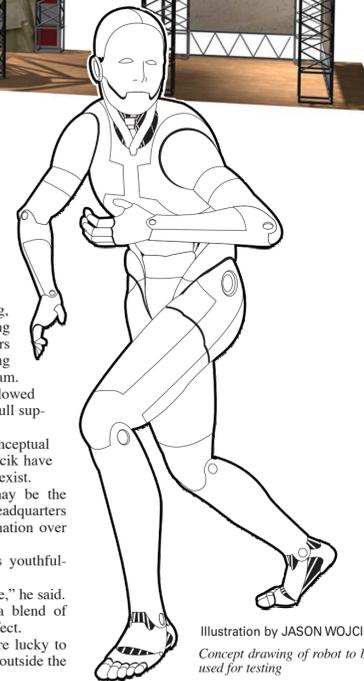


Illustration by JASON WOJCIK  
Concept drawing of robot to be used for testing



Design by JASON WOJCIK

Above left, is a concept illustration of the left side of the entrance hallway in the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command headquarters and at right is a photoleft of the completed right side.



Illustration by JASON WOJCIK

Included in the hallway display is this futuristic battlefield concept used in lenticular graphics.

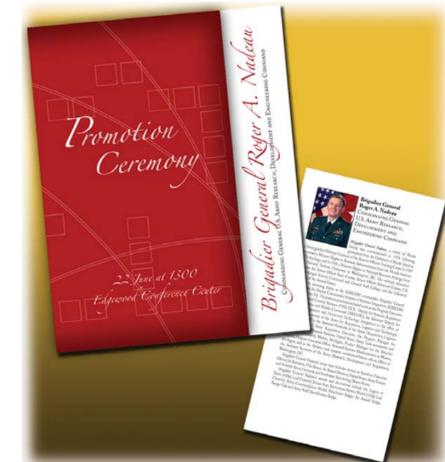


Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON

Lead artist Jerry Arnold designed this program for the promotion ceremony of Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, APG and RDECOM commander.

### Photography



Personnel secure hazardous materials in overpack container for shipping.



Damage caused by Hurricane Katrina in Biloxi, Mississippi.



Water Purification Unit System deployed by TARDEC in Biloxi, Mississippi in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.



Testing damage caused by explosive dissemination devices.



M56 Smoke Obscuration System disseminating visual and IR smoke.  
Photos by CONRAD JOHNSON

## POST SHORTS

Theater. Admission is free and open to the public.

The theme for this year's observance is "From Slavery to Freedom: The Story of Africans in the Americas."

### GEMS accepting student applications

The Gains in Education through Mathematics and Sci-

ence Summer 2007 program at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory is open to student applicants in grades 7 through 12. The GEMS goal is to reach a diverse group of students from middle and high schools in the Harford, Baltimore, and Cecil County communities.

The program is limited to 100 students, so register early.

For more information, visit the U.S. Army Educational Outreach Web site, <http://www.usaeop.com>, or contact Dr. Sandra Young, 410-306-0679 or Dr. Rose Pesce-Rodriguez, 410-306-0885.

### Annual FWP training conference

The APG Federal Women's Program will sponsor its 17th annual Training Conference in observance of Women's History Month 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 7, at the APG South Conference Center, building E-4810.

This year's theme is "Generations of Women Moving History Forward." The conference is open to all active duty military and civilian employees of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Contractors may attend at the discretion of their

supervisors.

Attendees with special needs must make this known when registering.

Registration packets can be picked up 7 to 8 a.m., in building E-4811, prior to attending the opening ceremony and the morning session. For those who will only attend the afternoon sessions, pick up registration packets 12:15 to 12:50 p.m.

For more information, call Diane Siler, 410-436-2681, Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023, Kathleen Praesent, 410-278-1137 or Sheryl Coleman, 410-278-5964.

### Army Band to change command

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will conduct a change of command ceremony 3 p.m., Feb. 27 at the band's Rehearsal Facility in building 2184.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Frederick Ellwein will assume command from Chief Warrant Officer 5 Robert L. Larsen.

The presiding officer will be Lt. Gen. William E. Mortensen, deputy commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command.

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. The ceremony is open to the public.

For more information, call 410-278-8769, DSN 298-8769.

### Temporary closure of 57th Street

Beginning on or about March 1, 57th Street in APG South will be closed for two days to install a new waterline connection. The closure will occur between building E-3835 and Beech Point Road. Access traffic to the E-38XX block will be rerouted to Ricketts Point Road. The actual closure time and duration will depend upon weather conditions.

For more information, call Jerry Norris, Directorate of Installation Operations, 410-306-1159.

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## MOVIES

**ADMISSION:  
ADULTS \$3.50,  
CHILDREN \$1.75**  
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard  
To verify listing, call 410-272-9008, or visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) and click on "Movie Listing"

The Post Theater will be closed Feb. 23 and 24

## Black History Month

### BEP presents Lunch Time Movies

In commemoration of Black History Month, the APG Black Employment Program will present Lunch Time Movies 11:30 a.m., every Tuesday and Thursday at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326 and the APG South Gunpowder Club.

#### APG North

- Feb. 22: "Whispers of Angels: - A Story of the Underground Railroad"
- Feb. 27: "Glory Road"

For more information, call Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988 or e-mail [ronda.mckinney@apg.army.mil](mailto:ronda.mckinney@apg.army.mil).

#### APG South

- Feb. 22: "Ali"
- Feb. 27: "Miss Evers' Boys"

For more information, call Sheryl Hale, 410-436-3502 or e-mail [Sheryl.Hale3@us.army.mil](mailto:Sheryl.Hale3@us.army.mil).

## LEAVE DONATIONS

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

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

James Addas	Marc Devechio	Carol Piper
Sarah Blevins	Susan Gorhan	Lester Pilcher
William Bond	Hester Hayes	Karen Privet
Debra Bonsall	Cathleen Holmes	Greg Pryor
(daughter has brain tumor)	Rick Jernigan	Judith Rembold
Jeanie Bowman	Carolyn Johnson	Barbara Seker
Kim Brooks	Karen Kimble	Joyce Spies
Leroy Carter	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Joan Taeuber
Stephen Carter	Lydia Langley	Lavonne Telsee
Rogelio Chevannes	Joyce Mauldin	Alison Tichenor
Brett Christy	Louis McCarter (kidney failure)	Elizabeth Usmari
John Daigle	Sandra Miller	Christine Wheaton
Shelia Davison (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo)	Karen Moss	Kimberly Windisch
Jeannette Dennis	Trudie Norman	Louis Winters
	Iffy Okoye	Roberta Witherspoon
	Mary Pettway	Sharon Woods
		Charles Young

## APG closing announcements

If the installation is closed, is experiencing a delay in opening or if liberal leave is in effect due to weather or other emergency situations, check for postings on the local television and radio stations, WAPG-TV Channel 21 (on Aberdeen Proving Ground) or call 410-278-SNOW (7669).

A recorded telephone message will contain updated information and should begin at about 5 a.m.

Announcements about federal offices in the greater Baltimore metropolitan area do not apply to APG; listen for those that name APG specifically.

For general information, call the APG Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147.

## Chapel News

### "Tools Four Success" Workshop

A "Tools Four Success" Workshop on Peer Pressure, Conflict and Problem Solving, Prevention of Gangs, Confidence and Self-Esteem will be held 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 10. The Maryland Community Crime Prevention Association will host the workshop for all youths ages 11 to 18, youth leaders and parents. Lunch will be provided. Registration is mandatory and forms can be picked up at the Main Post (APG North) Chapel, Child Youth Services office, or call 410-278-2516 register by Feb. 26.

For more information e-mail [gerri.merkel@apg.army.mil](mailto:gerri.merkel@apg.army.mil).

### Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)

CWOC meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every other Monday at the Main Post Chapel. Check the bulletin boards at the Main or South Chapel for a complete schedule. For more information, call 410-278-2516.

### Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)

PWOC meets 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., each Thursday and 7 p.m. on Mondays.

### Children's Play Group

Army Community Service sponsors a Children's Play Group, 9 to 11 a.m., each Wednesday at the Main Post Chapel playroom. Parents and their small children are invited to join others for some "fun time."

For more information, call 410-278-2516/4333 or ACS.

### Catholic religious education classes

Classes are held every Sunday except holidays after the 8:45 a.m. Main Post Chapel mass. Sacramental classes of 1st Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation with children and parents are also available.

### Celebration of Confirmation

A Celebration of Confirmation for Catholic 8th graders will be celebrated 6 p.m., March 2, with Bishop Frank Higgins from the Military Archdiocese in Washington, D.C., officiating.

### Protestant and Gospel Children's Church

Protestant and Gospel Children's Church is held 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings during the Protestant Service and noon during the Gospel Service at the Main Post Chapel.

### Jewish worship services

Jewish Worship Services are held at noon, every Thursday at the Main Post Chapel.

# APG needs community input

The Army Family Action Plan processes reviews, prioritizes and resolves issues solicited from the community. Members of the community submit issues and participate in prioritizing them at the annual AFAP Symposium. Issues beyond the scope of the local level are sent to the Regional AFAP Conference.

Submission

E-mail: [marilyn.howard@us.army.mil](mailto:marilyn.howard@us.army.mil)

Fax: 410-278-9685

Input is needed from Soldiers, civilian employees, family members, retirees and youth. Issues may be in any area affecting members of the military community. Any issue important to well-being can be submitted.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669 or e-mail [marilyn.howard@us.army.mil](mailto:marilyn.howard@us.army.mil).

Mail:

AFAP, Army Community Service, Building 2754, Room 203, APG, MD 21005-5001

Print clearly and provide detailed information. Use additional pages if necessary.

What is the problem? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is it a problem? \_\_\_\_\_

How can it be fixed? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and contact information will allow delegates to contact submitter to clarify an issue if needed. Incomplete issues may not be considered.

## Vedder

From front page

in biochemistry and found himself continually coming across Vedder's name. Through research, he learned more about Vedder's many accomplishments in the fields of science and medicine and discovered Vedder's papers, which had been donated by Cullinane to the University of Rochester Medical School. Johnson contacted Cullinane and a dialogue about Vedder and a family visit to MRICD began.

During the visit, both Johnson and Hurst gave presentations highlighting Vedder's contributions to modern medicine, which were extensive and not merely related to the medical treatment of chemical warfare casualties.

Born in New York City in 1878, Vedder attended the University of Rochester and then went on to the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, which, as Hurst pointed out, was unusual at the end of the nineteenth century when one could attend medical school without a college degree. After graduating, Vedder stayed on for a year to do research on dysentery and tropical medicine with the early microbiologist, Dr. Simon Flexner.

He was commissioned a lieutenant in the Army in 1903, attracted to service by a sense of duty as well as by a recognition that the Army provided a unique opportunity to do research.

Many of his research efforts, however, had to be accomplished in

his spare time, outside of his official responsibilities. As a result, Vedder was often beaten to the punch, his significant research findings laying the groundwork for discoveries that would be attributed to others.

Twice in his career, first in 1904 and again in 1909, Vedder was assigned to the Philippines, where he became interested in research to determine the cause of the disease beriberi. In this research he partnered with chemist Robert Williams, and out of their work came important developments into what Vedder called a substance "necessary to life" but would be later dubbed vitamins by another researcher. It also led to Williams' isolation and synthesis of thiamine. Vedder determined that beriberi was caused by a deficiency in diet and was not of germ origin as was commonly believed. In 1913, he authored his first textbook "Beriberi."

Among the other medical diseases and topics that Vedder advanced through his research are syphilis, plague, pellagra, cholera and medical hygiene. He was a leading physician in testing one of the first drugs for syphilis, during his tour at the Army Medical Center, now the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, from 1913 to 1919.

In 1922, Vedder was handpicked by the Army Surgeon General, and approved by the chief of the Chemical Corps, to serve at Edgewood Arsenal as the first chief of Medical Research.

Toward the end of his tour, in 1925, he studied information about the chemical injuries of World War I, which led to his groundbreaking book, "Medical Aspects of Chemi-

cal Warfare."

While at Edgewood, Vedder also began a training program for doctors and nurses that included a course on the clinical aspects of gas poisoning and the treatment of gas casualties.

Vedder's other publications include a book on medicine from a historical perspective, "Medicine: Its Contribution to Civilization," published in 1929.

Among the Vedder papers donated to the University of Rochester, and since read by many of the medical staff in MRICD's Chemical Casualty Care Division, was a memoir of the history of medicine up to 1950. Partly autobiographical, Vedder's memoirs, said Hurst, provide "tremendous insight about Dr. Vedder."

"He was humble," Hurst said. "He downplays his contributions and mentions [those of] others, but he was not a shrinking violet.

"Vedder is part of the reason modern medicine now exists," he said.

Among the recognitions Vedder received during his lifetime were the Cartwright Award from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Welcome Essay Prize, three times, awarded by the Association of Military Surgeons, and the honor in 1924 of laying the cornerstone for the School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Rochester, where he is considered the university's most distinguished graduate.

"Time" featured Vedder in two issues, May 12, 1923, and Dec. 8, 1924, for his work on developing a cure for influenza.

The Army made a film about Vedder and Williams' accomplishments,

called "The Modest Miracle," and in 1942 True Comics ran a strip, "The Modest Miracle," on Williams' research to isolate and synthesize thiamine in which Vedder is represented as "the Army doctor."

In addition to MRICD's Vedder Complex, there is a Vedder Hall at Fort Sam Houston and a display dedicated to Vedder at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

When he retired from the military Vedder taught medical students at George Washington University and residents at Alameda County Hospital in California. He died in 1952.

After presentations by Johnson and Hurst, Cullinane was presented with a copy of the modern "Textbook of Military Medicine: Medical Aspects of Chemical and Biological Warfare" and a framed photograph of the Vedder Complex at MRICD. Lukey also gave her a commander's coin.

For Cullinane, who had been wanting to visit since hearing of the dedication of the Vedder Complex, the reception was much more than she had expected.

"This is truly an honor for us," Cullinane said, "and we want to thank you."

She particularly appreciated the presentations by Johnson and Hurst. Family members were given literature on MRICD and on its training in the medical management of chemical casualties, and a tour of the training exhibits displayed in the Vedder building as well as a look at the reception area and main hallway of MRICD's primary building, where Vedder's photograph hangs in the Commanders Gallery.



# MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## Activities

### PIE changes name to Family Information Network

The Exceptional Family Member Program support group Family Information Network, or FIN, will replace the Parent Information Exchange, or PIE. The FIN will meet 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., every second Wednesday during winter months through April in building 2754 first floor conference room.

For more information, call 410-278-2420.

### Youth baseball and tee ball

Register early for youth baseball and Teeball. Teams and space is limited. For baseball, the cost is \$35 for youths ages 5 to 15 (age as of April 30, 2007) and \$35 for tee ball, ages 5 to 6. Practice begins the week of April 2. Games are held during the week. Parents interested in coaching please call Youth Sports at 410-306-2297.

### Girl's softball

Register for softball for girls ages 7 to 18 (age as of Jan. 1, 2007). The cost is \$45 per child. Practice begins the third

week of March and games start in mid-April. Teams play in the Eastern Harford County league. For more information call 410-306-2297.

### Fast Pitch Clinic for Girls Softball

A Pitching Clinic for girls ages 8 through 14 will be held 6 to 8 p.m., March 6 and 13, at Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522. The clinic will emphasize the proper fast pitch mechanics, the correct way to warm up, how to improve arm speed and control and tips for pitchers to practice on their own.

Registration fee costs \$5. Register through Feb. 28 during the spring sports registration period at Central Registration, building 2752 Rodman Road.

For appointments after 10:30 a.m., call 410-278-7571. Walk-in registration will be held 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., Mon-

day through Friday.

### Basic plumbing class

This course will teach participants how to make plumbing repairs at their home or business, including how to repair pipes and stop leaks, what steps to take in emergency situations and when to look for warning signs and why.

Classes are for adults ages 18 and older and will be held 6 to 7 p.m., Wednesdays, through Feb. 28, in the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326.

### SKIES Unlimited

For more information and registration for all SKIES Unlimited programs, call Central Registration. An additional \$18 Central Registration Fee will apply if not already enrolled in the Child and Youth Services Program.

For more information or to make an appointment to register, call 410-278-7479/7571.

### Child and Youth Services

There are immediate full-day openings for 3- and 4-year-olds at the APG North Child Development Center. All active duty military and activated reservists, DoD civilians

and contractors assigned to APG are eligible for services. The center is open daily, 6:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call Central Registration at 410-278-7571.

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

### Tickets available to see the Harlem Globetrotters

Tickets to the 2007 Harlem Globetrotters Blue Tour are on sale at MWR.

March 4: 1 and 6 p.m. at the Towson Center, Towson. Tickets for the 1 p.m. show cost \$17.50 and \$14.25 for the 6 p.m. show.

March 6: 7 p.m. at the Bob Carpenter Center, Newark, Del. Tickets cost \$16.50.

March 11: 1 and 6 p.m. at the Wachovia Center, Philadelphia. Tickets for both shows cost \$16.50

March 17: 1 p.m. at the Verizon Center, Washington, D.C. Tickets cost \$13.25.

### Ringling Bros and Bamum & Bailey Circus

Still 'The Greatest Show on Earth' tickets are available for shows March 7 through 18 at the 1st Mariner Arena in Baltimore. Tickets cost \$19.50 for ages 2 and older (regular price is \$30 through Ticketmaster).

The last day to purchase tickets is March 1.

Contact MWR Leisure Travel Services Office, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or mwr\_registration@apg.army.mil.

### Shopping trip to New York City

Go shopping with MWR in New York City, including a stop at Jamaica Avenue, March 24. Start at the famous Aqueduct Flea Market and then off to Jamaica Avenue, famous for bargains on many fine clothes. Finish the day shopping in Midtown Manhattan. Cost of the trip is \$60 per person.

The bus will leave at 7:50 a.m. and return at 9:30 p.m.

### Dover Downs Raceway Nextel Cup

Zoom on down to "The Monster Mile" Dover Downs Raceway Nextel Cup race on June 3. The bus departs at 9:20 a.m. and returns at approximately 8 p.m.

Experience the thrill of the speed, the unique white concrete track, the roar of the engines and cheers of the crowd.

Cost of the trip is \$130 and includes bus transportation and tickets - reserved seating on Turn 3, sections 139-149, rows 1-30.

For more information or for registration, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr\_registration@apg.army.mil.

## Amateur Boxing Night

Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host Amateur Boxing Night, 6 p.m., March 3 at Hoyle Gymnasium, 143rd vs. 16th. Doors open 5 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 Leisure Travel and Tickets, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or at Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210, or call 410-436-7134.

## Variety of sports activities available to youths

### Youth Flag Football cheerleading

Youths ages 6 to 14 (age as of April 1, 2007) can sign up for flag football. Cost is \$45 per child; shoes and socks are not included. Practice begins the week of April 2 and will be held on weekdays after 5:30 p.m.

### Start Smart Basketball

This program is for boys and girls ages 3 to 5 who want to play basketball and coached by their mom or dad. Start Smart Basketball will be held Mondays, March 12 through April 16. Parent participation is required. Cost is \$40 per child. Each child will receive a T-shirt, basketball and award.

### Youth Flag Football

Boys and girls, ages 6 to 8, 9 to 11 and 12 to

14 (age as of April 1, 2007) can sign up. Flag football practices begin the week of April 2, games begin May 5. Games will be held every Saturday at APG North and South Youth Centers. The fee is \$45 for the season. Coaches and referees are needed to make the program a success.

For more information, call Youth Sports office.

### Golf and Tennis Programs

Registration begins May 1 for the summer Junior Golf and Tennis programs. Boys and girls ages 7 through 17 can register. Golf and tennis will be held in APG North and South and begins the week of June 18.

For more information or to register, call 410-306-2297.

## Save on ski vacations through MWR

Visit MWR Leisure Travel Services Office for discounts on lift tickets to many local ski areas. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907.

Visit MWR Equipment Resource Center for great prices on full ski equipment and snowboarding outfits. For more information, call 410-278-4124/5789.

When customers take their receipts from either location to the other on the same day, they will receive an additional 5 percent discount on their purchase or rental. Discounts are good now through March.

## CWF event

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a trip to Myrtle Beach, April 9 through 13. The price per person based on single occupancy is \$589; cost for double-occupancy is \$489; triple-occupancy costs \$469; and quad-occupancy costs \$459. Package includes motor coach transportation, lodging at the Sea Mist Resort, a guided tour of historic Charleston, Barefoot Landing, a visit to Broadway at the Beach, a performance at the Carolina Opry, four breakfasts, four dinners, plus all gratuities. Reservations will be accepted until all seats are full.

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

## Fitness Center hours change

The APG North Fitness Center in building 320 is revising its hours of operation. Effective Feb. 26, the new hours are Monday thru Thursday, 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Friday.

For more information, call 410-278-9725.

## St. Patrick's Day Tourney

Ruggles Golf course will hold a St Patrick's Day Tournament, March 17, with a 9 a.m. scramble. Play your own team - play your own game and have a chance to win a \$1,000,000 Pot of Gold.

All tournament participants placing on close to pin holes will participate in the end of tournament shoot out. The winner will then attempt a hole in one for the Pot of Gold. Participants must be registered by March 15 at Ruggles Pro Shop, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Cost is \$15 for annual patrons and \$28 for all others. Optional 18-hole cart is available at \$13 per rider. Refreshments and prizes follow

the Shoot Out Contest.

For more information, call 410-278-4794/9452.



## School age/middle school services summer program

The Aberdeen North and South Summer Program will run for nine weeks, June 18 through Aug. 17, Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The program is open to all qualifying children who have completed first through eighth grades. Parents can sign up for the weeks that fit their schedule.

Tuition fees are based on total family income.

Waiting list applications may be picked up daily beginning 7:30 a.m., Feb. 20 at the APG South Youth Services, building E-1902, the Outreach Services building 2752 or faxed to 410-278-4658. Applications will not be distributed or accepted at the APG

North Youth Services.

Registration will be held Saturday, April 21, at the APG South Youth Services and Saturday, April 28, at the APG North Youth Services for all sponsors who have been offered openings by the Central Registration office. Registration packets, an up-to-date physical and family income information must be completed prior to the registration appointment.

A \$20 non-refundable deposit is required per child at the time of registration for each week a parent selects.

For questions or further information, call the Outreach Services Office, 410-278-7571 or 7479.

## SCHOOL LIAISON

### Educating children about space, aviation

www.spacecamp.com

Founded in 1982, Space Camp and Aviation Challenge (1990), located in Huntsville, Ala., use space and aviation as a platform to excite and educate children ages 7 to 18, in the fields of math, science and technology.

Space Camp programs range from 3 to 13 days, during which teamwork, self-confidence and communication will be achieved through state-of-the-art simulations, missions, rocket building and robotics.

Aviation Challenge programs range from 3 to 13 days, during which teamwork, self confidence and communication will be achieved through state-of-the-art high performance jet

simulation. Experiences include everything 'you need to know' about Space Shuttle Systems and life aboard the Orbiter and Space Station. Try out space food, learn to sleep in space and even how to use an MMU, that's NASA talk for a Manned Maneuvering Unit — and maneuver around on a cushion of air.

The cost of the camp includes all meals, lodging, program materials and activities. Three-day summer programs cost \$399, and 6 days cost \$899. Tracks include studies in space, aviation or robotics.

Space Camp and Aviation Challenge have 24-hour medical and security staff on site.

To learn more, call 1-800-63-SPACE or register online at www.spacecamp.com.

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

## APG 90th Anniversary Dawning of a new era in APG's 90-year history

### 90th Anniversary Celebration Calendar of Events

(All dates are subject to change and weather conditions.)

#### March

**Women's History Month & Days of Remembrance - One Day (EEO)**

- 7, Generations of Women Moving History Forward EA, EEO, 410-278-1137
- 20 thru 22, Army Family Action Plan, MWR, 410-278-7572
- 28, Town Hall meetings, APG South Conference Center, 9 a.m.; APG North Post Theatre, 2 p.m.
- 31, Easter Egg Hunt, MWR, 410-278-7572

#### April

- 14, Ruggles Golf Course holds APG 90th Anniversary Opening Day Golf Scramble, 8:30 a.m., MWR Ruggles Golf Course, 410-278-9452
- 21, Exton Golf Course holds APG 90th Anniversary Open Day Golf Scramble, 8:30 a.m., MWR Exton Golf Course, 410-436-2213
- 26, Law Day, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 410-278-1107

#### May

**Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (EEO)/APG Open House/Military Appreciation/ Ordnance Week Activities and Anniversary Balls**

- 5, Spring Fest community event, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fire and Emergency Services, 410-306-0533
- 19, 10K Armed Forces Day Run, MWR, 410-278-3812
- TBA Military Appreciation Luncheon (sponsored by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce)
- TBA U.S. Army Soldier Show, MWR 410-278-4402

#### June

- 2 and 3, Ruggles Senior Club Championship, 9 a.m., age 50 and older, limited to annual, MWR Ruggles Golf Course, 410-278-9452
- 11, Ruggles Super Senior Tournament, age 60 and older, MWR Ruggles Golf Course, 410-278-9452

(Editor's note: This calendar will be updated as necessary. New or changed items will appear in bold print.)

## APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

### Week of Feb. 26

Special #1: Double bowlerburger with cheese, French fries, one cookie and soda for \$7.75.

Special #2: Chicken patty topped with marinara sauce and provolone cheese, potato chips, one cookie and soda for \$6.95.

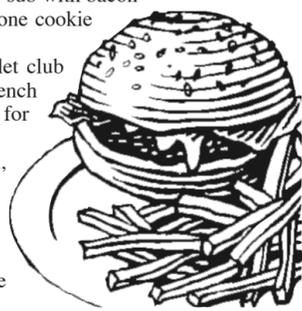
### Week of March 5

Special #1: Turkey club sub with bacon and cheese, potato chips, one cookie and soda for \$5.95.

Special #2: Chicken filet club with bacon and cheese, French fries, one cookie and soda for \$6.85.

For more information, call 410-278-4041.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



## APG Credit Union supports Military Saves week

APGFCU

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union is asking military members to join Military Saves.

The Department of Defense has designated Feb. 25 through March 4 as Military Saves Week, a week dedicated to encouraging service members and their families to establish savings goals and set money aside for emergencies and other needs.

In addition to building a solid savings plan, any person who registers as a Military Saver between Feb. 26 and March 10 will be entered to win a \$500 APGFCU 12-month certificate. Kiosks will

be available to sign up at APGFCU's branches in Aberdeen, Havre de Grace and on post.

Nancy Hill, the Maryland Military Saves point person, will be at the APG Branch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 2 and 7, assisting people with budgeting, credit report analysis and giving tips for personal security. Hill will be armed with information and available to speak with people one-on-one regarding any of these topics. She will also be there to enroll them in Maryland Military Saves and enter them for the contest.

Stuart Clode, APGFCU senior vice president, stated that "as a credit union, APGFCU's mission is to improve the

financial wellness of all members and to empower them to meet life's challenges with confidence and knowledge. The military family has been our focus from the very beginning and will remain a top priority." APGFCU's roots go back to 1938 when a group of local pioneers decided to address the savings and borrowing needs of the military families at APG. Sixty-nine years later, their vision remains intact with a full presence on the post. An active branch office and four ATMs serve the financial needs of military and civilian families, in addition to the seven branches and over 20 ATMs off-post. In conjunction with the APG

administration, APGFCU also provides money management training to young recruits and offers free budgetary advice for any family that could use a helping hand to meet its day to day financial commitments.

The APG branch, located at Chesapeake Avenue and Oakington Street, is open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays, and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, and provides extra long hours on all civilian and military paydays to meet the special circumstances of these APG members.

For more information or to sign up, visit [APGFCU.com](http://APGFCU.com) or any branch location.

## Lifesaver

From front page

The training was taught by personnel at the SSTF Warlord Compound operated by the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center and Army Research Laboratory.

Slayman said that "use of the Military Operations in Urban Training site allows us to perform a real life assessment of the combat life saver's skills in a way that to my knowledge has never before been evaluated."

"It's easy to teach someone how to start an IV or a chest decompression and watch them do it in a classroom," he said. "But utilization of the MOUT site enables us to evaluate the student during the application of their skills and knowledge while in a combat situation."

He said that while medical personnel evaluate their first aid skills, the ARL instructors teach tactical methods involving transporting and evacuating casualties under fire.

"Everyone involved from trainers to trainees appreciated the readiness and willingness of these two organizations to assist with such vital training," Slayman said.

Because the most common cause of death in Iraq among combat fatalities has been



Photo courtesy of DSHE

During Combat Lifesaver Course training at the Military Operations in Urban Training site, Soldiers prepare a "casualty" for evacuation.

bleeding from arms or legs that have been smashed or explosively amputated, and bleeding or choking from serious facial wounds, the Army thinks the new training, along with a new first-aid kit could save about 10 percent of the Soldiers who die in battle.

The two are the first improvements in basic Army combat medicine since the Korean War. In addition,

improved body armor, now worn by all deployed U.S. troops, helps protect the Soldier's torso from the gunshot wounds that were the primary cause of death in past conflicts, Army medical officers say.

Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan often operate beyond the immediate reach of combat medics, said Col. Greg Jolissant, the Army's top medical training officer, adding that

only one Army medic is commonly assigned per infantry platoon of 40 to 60 men.

"The nearest combat medic may be 30 minutes away, but if you have a partial amputation, you have about 10 minutes to stop the bleeding," Jolissant said. "You can't wait for the medic to show up."