

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

Local author captures images of APG



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Bomb storage
Bombs away—hot off the production line! These unnamed men carefully arrange bombs in building 60 on Nov. 25, 1944, as they are brought in on the forklift. The phosphene (CG) filled 1,000-pound M79 and 500-pound M78 bombs, along with 7.2-inch rockets fill every available inch of floor. A No Smoking sign hangs in the back of the room. (See article on page 9.)

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for July 11, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Crain selected as new AMSAA director

Dr. W. Forrest Crain has been selected as the new director of the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

OSJA Client Services closed July 5

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division, Legal Assistance Office will not have a walk-in service available on Thursday, July 5. Clients with any questions should contact the Legal Assistance Office at 410-278-1583 before that date. Walk-in services will resume the following Thursday.

Veterinary Clinic closings

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will be closed July 31 for end of month inventory. The VTF will be open 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on July 5, 6 and 9 due to shortage of staff and will return to normal hours July 10. For more information, contact the VTF, 410-278-3922/4604.

Top of the Bay price increase

Top of the Bay has redesigned their lunch program. The sandwich and salad bar remains the same. The hot buffet is self-serve and includes a side salad, fruit punch or iced tea, rolls and butter and costs \$7.95 per person. Carry out buffets cost \$8.25 per person.

Improving English skills

The Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program will offer free English for Speakers of Other Languages classes for those needing a refresher course or for those with little English speaking and writing skills.

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APG is first U.S. location to formally close its chemical weapons destruction facility

Story by **MICKY MORALES**
CMA

U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency officials announced June 25 that the Maryland Department of the Environment has approved the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility's permit closure under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. This makes ABCDF, located on Aberdeen Proving Ground, the first of the nation's chemical weapons destruction facilities to receive regulatory agency closure certification.

"MDE has very strict stan-

dards for decontaminating a facility permitted as a hazardous waste operation prior to closure, and it requires very careful sampling and analysis documentation," said Dale Ormond, CMA acting director. "The ABCDF work force met all of these requirements, which is consistent with their record of never receiving a Notice of Violation during ABCDF's operating life. I'm very proud of them."

Achieving RCRA closure involves a three-stage process that typically takes years to complete. A permitted facility must prepare and receive reg-

ulatory agency approval for its closure plan. The facility must then closely follow the plan as it decontaminates and disposes all of its contaminated equipment and any contaminated soil. The plan specifies a sampling analysis program for potentially contaminated materials at the site, and it establishes a set of reporting procedures. Finally, the facility submits a closure report to the agency confirming that all contaminated material has been properly removed or remediated and verifying that all the procedures in the closure plan were followed.

"Everyone at ABCDF, government staff and Bechtel Aberdeen workers alike, along with APG's environmental compliance personnel, worked very closely with MDE officials throughout the life of the project to anticipate regulatory concerns and clarify reporting requirements," said Brian O'Donnell, ABCDF's site project manager. "Closing ABCDF's RCRA permit in record time was an outgrowth of that history of cooperation."

ABCDF operated from April 2003 to February 2006, safely neutralizing 1,623 tons

of mustard agent by mixing it with hot water and sodium hydroxide. The agent was drained from 1,817 one-ton steel containers. The ton containers were then decontaminated and recycled.

ABCDF is the second U.S. Army chemical demilitarization facility to complete chemical agent destruction operations. The Johnston Atoll Chemical Agent Disposal System located 800 miles southwest of Hawaii completed operations in 2000, and is currently working with regulatory agency officials to close its RCRA permit.



Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Kenney, annex chief, right, looks on as Gen. William S. Wallace, commander of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, left, tries on a helmet used to train Ordnance Warriors on the Welding Simulator computer in Cohen Hall during a tour of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School June 18.

TRADOC commander tours OMMS, presents safety award

Story and photo by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The commander of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command visited Aberdeen Proving Ground, June 18, to present a special award to the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and tour its Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School teaching facilities.

Gen. William S. Wallace presented the TRADOC Certificate of Achievement in Safety Award to Keith Katz, OC&S safety officer, and his staff during a ceremony at OC&S headquarters.

Wallace said that "it takes energy

to make these programs work," and he commended the office for "making it all happen."

"Thanks to these great professionals our folks understand the need to reduce risk and make ourselves just a little bit safer," Wallace said. Katz said the award was the result of hard work by ordnance civilians and Soldiers to meet or exceed the standards.

"We basically aced the last TRADOC inspection, which is held once a year," Katz said. "It could be the first time that that was ever done."

He said that the office strives to keep the safety message going within OC&S and OMMS and that Soldiers

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Never Give Safety A Day Off

Influencers cost Soldiers their lives

Story by **LORI YERDON**
U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

In February, two Soldiers died in a rollover accident in Iraq when the M114 high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle they were operating rolled into a canal. Though the Soldiers drowned, preliminary reports suggest they were driving under the influence ... but not of alcohol.

Driving under the influence doesn't always involve drinking alcohol. Drugs and other items can impair drivers and render them incapable of safely operating vehicles, as is the case in this report.

Initial findings from the accident suggest the Soldiers "huffed" before driving the government vehicle. Huffing is a term people use to describe the action of intentionally inhaling aerosols or chemical vapors to attain a "high" or gain some euphoric effect. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, drugs, aerosols, chemical vapors and other items used to obtain this feeling act on the brain and alter perception, balance, coordination and other motor skills required for safe driving.

The symptoms of drugged driving may have gone undetected in the past, said Sgt. Danny Lamm of the Impaired Driving Unit at the California Highway Patrol academy; however, enforcement measures are now in place to detect such hazardous practices.

Unfortunately, a trend is now emerging as a result of the improved detection

methods — incidents of drugged driving are on the rise.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 16,000 people are killed annually because of drunk and drugged driving. NHTSA also estimates that drugs are used by about 10 to 22 percent of drivers involved in accidents, often in combination with alcohol.

Prescription, over-the-counter, illicit and unrecognized drugs all have potential reactions with alcohol. The NIDA reports that drugged driving is a public health concern because it puts not only the driver at risk, but it also places passengers and others who share the road with them at risk.

In some situations, intoxicated passengers can cause fatal accidents, as is the case in a March privately owned vehicle accident that killed one Soldier in Tennessee. A Soldier was traveling with two other Soldiers when he reportedly lost control of his privately owned vehicle and crashed into a tree. However, reports indicate that a back-seat passenger reached forward and grabbed the steering wheel.

Impaired judgment, uncoordinated body movements, blurred vision and slurred speech are just a few of the effects alcohol and drugs have on people. Just one drink is known to impair mental and physical abilities.

Lamm said he has witnessed numerous cognizant, levelheaded people choose to have a few drinks, decide to drive and become remorseful when

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Commander's Corner

Commentary: Meet the new APG commander

By
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Commander, USARDECOM

I'm honored to be part of Aberdeen Proving Ground. It's a vibrant area with a great group of organizations dedicated to the mission of supporting the Soldier.

With the implementation of Base Realignment and Closure initiatives, APG will continue to build on its tradition of excellence, serving as a hub of research, development and testing.

Your reputation as an outstanding workforce precedes you.

I, on the other hand, am probably still an unknown entity to many of you, so it's only fair you know a little bit about me.

I grew up in southwest Tennessee, and I think of myself as a relatively simple, ordinary person. My wife Reva and I walk on Sunday afternoons and enjoy cooking out with people from the community; I like to think I'm good on the grill, but her perspective is a little different.

Play golf? Me too, but I'm not great at it.

I do so to spend time with my son and meet new people.

And if I'm not out hunting on a crisp fall morning, I'm probably watching college football and bleeding orange for my University of Tennessee Volunteers.

For me, the key is remaining a normal per-



Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON, G-6 DATA IMAGING TEAM

son. I'm not comfortable being an exception just because I'm a general officer. If I'm standing in line at the PX (Post Exchange), I don't expect to move to the front just because of my rank.

It's important to stay focused on contributing instead of expecting. We owe this nation something for all the daily privileges we receive, so

it's our duty to take an active part in the community and pay [our] debts to society.

I was raised to believe in basic values such as honesty, integrity, hard work, dependability and discipline. I hold myself to these standards, and I expect the same from others.

I also value the opinions of others, especially those who look at the problem from a different angle, because they help me to think outside of my normal comfort zone.

Most of all, I believe in and value people. If we take care of the people, amazing things will happen.

I want to know you as a person, not just as your position. Reva and I grew up having and being neighbors; that's why we have always tried to live on post wherever we were stationed and become part of the installation community.

The APG community will grow with the incoming organizations, so we must begin implementing changes to ensure we have the right balance necessary to support the complexity of a civilian-heavy workforce. What makes for a good working environment for civilians on a military installation may be slightly different than Soldiers. This is clearly one of those times when one size doesn't fit all, and we're going to have to adapt in order to take care of the people.

We owe it to the area and the APG ten-

ants to update the facilities, so I will continue doing everything within my power to keep the funding to where it needs to be and to do what needs to be done.

Some may have the lingering misconception that the civilian work force lacks focus because they are not at war. That's absolutely not true. One's location on or proximity to the battlefield doesn't increase or decrease his or her contribution to the fight; it's the individual's dedication. We're all Warfighters, and whether you're a facilitator or a guy with a bayonet, you make a difference. You may not be carrying an M4, but that doesn't mean your work doesn't save Soldiers' lives and allow the mission to be accomplished successfully.

We're all part of a team whose strength lies in a unified effort; therefore, we've got to support each other in order to continue building. I'm convinced that the individuals working at APG and across the globe for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command are committed to contributing to a cause more important than them. The APG workforce is dedicated to accomplishing the missions necessary to support the needs of today's Soldier and tomorrow's Army, and I look forward to being part of this difference-making team.

Decline in Family Child Care providers focus of June Well-Being Council meeting

Story by
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APG News

A decline in Family Child Care providers was the main topic during the June 20 Well-Being Council meeting at the Post Chapel.

Col. John T. Wright, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, reminded attendees that the meeting was his last Well-Being Council meeting before retirement.

"I'd like to thank the community for supporting me and my Family these past three years," Wright said.

He also reminded attendees that July 12 is the Garrison change of command ceremony.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Aphrodite Corsi, director of FCC, discussed the state of the child care agency that certifies military spouses to take care of children inside their homes.

FCC has had a decline of providers due to Soldiers' permanent change of station assignments, Corsi said.

She said when she came here two years ago, there were 30 FCC providers. Now the staff has half as many providers and six of them are located off of the installation.

Providers are "extensively trained" and know how to perform CPR on both children and adults, she said.

The staff also provides extended care while children's parents are on deployments and hourly care if a parent has an appointment at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

"Our goal is to increase providers," Corsi said. "If anyone has any suggestions as how to get more providers, we are open to anything," she said.

Wright said FCC is a good choice of child care for single Soldiers.

Single Soldiers who are having trouble with family care plans and "are not able to make the convenient hours of the Child Development Centers, Family Child Care is the best option," he said.

For more information about FCC or to register children, contact Corsi, 410-278-7477 or e-mail aphrodite.corsi@apg.army.mil.

Gina Dannenfels said "MWR is in full summer mode."

Outdoor Recreation equipment such as tents and canopies are available for rent, she said.

She also gave dates for upcoming MWR events including the Army Concert Tour Sept. 29 that will feature Montgomery Gentry and other special guests and the APG 90th Anniversary Gala Nov. 10 at Ripken Stadium.

Pat Palazzi, chief of Child and Youth Services, said there are still openings for the school age summer

program in APG South. She said the program provides children and youths with plenty of activities to keep them busy such as swimming, bowling and field trips.

ACS will be holding a job fair 1 to 5 p.m., July 24, at the APG North Recreation Center. The job fair will feature more than 30 employers.

ACS also will be holding Job vs. Career classes for teens 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., July 18 and Aug. 15.

The ACS 42nd birthday celebration will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 26, at Maryland Boulevard Park.

Army Emergency Relief is offering several scholarships. To find out about eligibility and deadlines, visit <http://www.aerhq.org/education.asp>.

For more information on MWR, visit <http://www.apgmwr.com>.

AAFES
The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will hold a Christmas in July sale July 13 to 15. On July 13, from 6 p.m. to midnight, there will be a drawing for prizes. There will also be hourly drawings for gift cards. In August, AAFES will host a book signing for Bill Bates, an author who has produced a book of vintage APG photographs.

Wright told the attendees that the Post Theater has stopped showing movies because the projection and sound system were too expensive to repair.

Commissary

The Commissary staff has decided to tweak its hours of operation, said Anne Morrison, lead support clerk. The previous hours for Sundays were 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now the store will be open until 6 p.m. Instead of opening at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays, the store will open at 10 a.m. like all of the other weekdays.

Morrison reminded attendees that Tuesday through Friday the Commissary opens at 8 a.m. for "Early Bird Shopping" where customers can buy up to 20 items.

Morrison said the Commissary will be open on July 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

APG DCC
The APG Dental Clinic Command will participate in Retiree Day in October.

KUSAHC
Deborah Dodsworth, KUSAHC patient advocate, said that a reservist is conducting physical therapy at the clinic because the regular physical therapist was deployed.

She also reminded attendees that physical exams are now a two-step process—paperwork and the actual exam.

Patients don't have to make an appointment for the first part. They can just walk in any time from 7 to 7:30 a.m. Patients must schedule an appointment to have the second part completed, she said.

Dodsworth said the pharmacy wait

time for picking up prescriptions has improved.

"There were some transitions along the way but it's much smoother now," she said.

TRICARE Online still has some glitches but the information management staff is working with the KUSAHC Web site to give patients a direct link to TRICARE Online's appointment menu.

KUSAHC has been holding monthly Health Education Meetings the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting is 5 to 7 p.m., Aug. 2 in the Kirk Readiness Training Center, room B21.

"This is a great opportunity for you to learn about Kirk and TRICARE," Dodsworth said.

She said Col. William Rice, commander of KUSAHC, and Health Net personnel are present at the meetings to answer questions. Computers are available so patients can learn how to make appointments online. In addition, experts discuss and answer questions on a health topic each month.

Wright expressed concerns with the pink Other Health Insurance Verification card. Per U.S. Army Medical Command mandate, the KUSAHC staff is required to ask all non-active duty Family members if they have additional health insurance besides TRICARE, Dodsworth said.

This is federal law for third party reimbursement. Patient Administration has patients sign Form 2569, she said. "Patients must bring the card with them to each appointment," Dodsworth said. "It is updated annually." Renee Smith, health benefits adviser, said the card is scanned in Patient Records.

"Per Patient Administration, you still need to keep the card on your person," Dodsworth said.

Wright also inquired about the guidance sheet for processing retirement physicals. Dodsworth said that she would follow through and have information for the next meeting.

DSHE
Rick Johnson, chief of the Safety Office, warned attendees to be mindful of safety this summer. He reminded them to always have a designated driver during summer celebrations. He also warned them about other hazards such as heat stress and lightning.

Wright reminded attendees that the installation only allows hands-free cell phones.

In addition, he said that to ensure water safety, swimming areas will be examined and posted.

The next Well-Being Council meeting will be 9:30 a.m., July 19, at the Post Chapel.



Photo by MIKE CAST, DTC
Technologies such as robotic systems have a role to play in military and homeland defense. Many of these systems are the product of collaboration between an Army agency at APG and the private sector.

Partnering with APG

APG teams with local, state development agencies to spread word about technology-transfer partnerships with private-sector firms

Story by
MIKE CAST
DTC

Representatives of high-tech industries in Maryland and in the region came to Harford Community College June 28 to learn about potential partnerships with Army agencies at Aberdeen Proving Ground. They also learned about partnership opportunities resulting from the Base Realignment and Closure decision to transfer several Army operations from Fort Monmouth, N.J., to APG.

Sponsored by the APG Science and Technology Board as well as Maryland's Technology Development Corporation, the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and the Team APG Business Development Office, the daylong event drew an estimated 400 attendees. It was the sixth such "technology-transfer" showcase since 2001, and the focus this year was on technologies needed to protect Soldiers from chemical and biological threats and for homeland defense.

In addition to playing host to more than a dozen briefings from diverse Army organizations on technologies under development, conference sponsors erected exhibits to inform attendees about various technology-development programs and scheduled a "networking" session at the end of the day to foster contacts among representatives of high-tech firms and the Army, Maryland's local and state agencies, and academia.

To foster opportunities for local businesses to work jointly on technology-development projects with federal agencies, TEDCO has attracted some \$12 million in grants from numerous federal and national organizations, including the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Economic Development Administration, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy and the Small Business Administration. Providing opportunities for small businesses and companies run by minorities and women is one of the priorities of local and federal government agencies.

TEDCO's executive director, Renee Winsky, briefed conference attendees on programs for "incubating" shared technology-development projects among Army organizations, academic institutions and local, state and federal agencies. Maryland agencies and Army organizations at APG, including RDECOM, also provided business-development briefings. One of the organizations that conference attendees came to hear from was RDECOM's Communications, Electronics,

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Taking safety seriously, OC&S pushes holiday safety

Story and photos by
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 APG News

To drive home a point about safety, senior noncommissioned officers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School took to Aberdeen Proving Ground streets to remind drivers and passengers to buckle up July 2.

Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Slater, 61st Ordnance Brigade, credited the OC&S Safety Office and staff and brigade commander Col. Bobby Towery with coming up with the idea to bring the safety message to APG service members and civilians.

"The commander's stand is that we can't afford to lose one more Soldier," Slater said. "We are a nation at war and we lose more Soldiers to traffic accidents than to combat, so our focus is to be vigilant and aggressive when it comes to safety because all Soldiers are valuable."

1st Sgt. David Arbelles, Company C, 16th Ordnance Brigade, and 1st Sgt. Calvin Bell, Company B, 16th, manned one of five checkpoints on Boothby Hill Road.

"We're out here to make sure people are staying safe, are buckled up and not talking on cell phones," Bell said. "Basically, we're encouraging awareness."

Arbelles added that delivering frequent safety briefings to their troops leaves NCOs well suited for the task.

"I talk scenarios and share true stories about their fellow Soldiers who made mistakes and were killed or injured," he said. "It hits home when you can tell them what could happen, or what did happen and then tell them how to avoid making the same mistakes."

Slater said that the OC&S/OMMS does a safety push every quarter, often in conjunction with Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security police officers.

"As leaders we get excited about safety," he said. "We're not just out here for show. We take safety seriously."



Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Slater, 61st Ordnance Brigade, hands a seatbelt safety flier and key chain to Staff Sgt. Jeremy Bishop, 54th Engineer Battalion on Bel Air Street July 2.



1st Sgt. Calvin Bell, Company C 16th, left, and 1st Sgt. David Arbelles, right, double up on Boothby Hill Road to make sure drivers get the safety message. The driver, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jose Marrero, HHC 16th, was good to go.



Spc. Nicole Schiffer, APG Dental Clinic Command, stops on Frankford Street to get safety information from Sgt. Maj. Edward Brooks, 61st Ordnance Brigade.

Varied duty assignments enhance young dancer's ambitions



Photos courtesy of SGT. MAJ RONALD GREEN, 20TH SUPPORT COMMAND (CBRNE)

Kaitlyn Green is pictured performing a solo lyrical piece. Green was part of a recital with the Joppa Mid-Atlantic Center for the Performing Arts.

Story by
JONI PLATT
20th Support Command (CBRNE)

Anyone with children may be familiar with Sebastian, the funny Caribbean crab with a penchant for reggae music from the movie "The Little Mermaid."

Kaitlyn Green, 12, daughter of Michelle Green and Sgt. Maj. Ronald Green, Operations, 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives), earlier this month was Sebastian in the Little Mermaid production of the Harford Ballet Company Production.

Kaitlyn is an Aberdeen Middle School student who has been dancing since she was three. She joined the Harford Ballet Company about a year ago.

"Dancing in "The Little Mermaid" was a new experience for me," Kaitlyn said. "This was the first time I had a major role. I've been in five productions of 'The Nutcracker' and also 'Cinderella,' but I think Sebastian has been my favorite. He was the most fun and the little kids really liked it."

Kaitlyn sees similarities between the crusty, fun loving crab and herself.

"Sebastian and I are both funny without really trying to be," she said. "We also like things to be in order."

The Green's have been in APG for two years. Their duty assignments have included locations in El Paso, Texas; Albuquerque, N.M.; and Florida.

"It's been tough to move



Kaitlyn Green, right, hugs her father, Sgt. Maj. Ronald Green from the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) just before he left for deployment last year.

around so often, but it has definitely benefited Kaitlyn," said her father, Sgt. Maj. Ronald Green. "She has had opportunities to perform with other ballet companies such as the New Mexico Ballet Company and the Moscow Ballet Company. It has made her very outgoing and a well rounded performer."

Preparing and rehearsing for the production has been a challenge for her at times, but one she considers well worth the effort.

"Kaitlyn's dance schedule was pretty demanding," said her mother, Michelle.

"We would leave right after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. She was at the studio from 4:15 to 9 p.m. for class and rehearsal time. They had about a 90-minute break to eat dinner and do homework. On Saturdays she was at the studio from noon to 5:30."

In the future Kaitlyn said that she would like to be the Sugar Plum Princess in "The Nutcracker." However, she said any other role she might get the chance to play would make a great opportunity for her.

This summer she'll be performing in an outreach performance sponsored by the Harford Ballet Company at the Harford County Boys and Girls Club Center in Havre de Grace. She plans to keep on dancing with the Harford Ballet Company in the fall.

Kaitlyn can count on her parents' support of her passion for dancing.

"Kaitlyn has a natural ability," said her father. "She's had it since she was three, and Michelle and I will support her in whatever she does that will make her happy."

Wallace

From front page

and civilians are getting the message.

After the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Rebecca Halstead, OC&S commander and chief of Ordnance; Col. Frank Merritt, OC&S chief of staff; and 61st Ordnance Brigade com-

mander Col. Bobby Towery escorted Wallace on a sampling of OMMS training at Cohen and Downer halls and to the Warrior Training Site (Forward Operating Base Wolverine) in APG South.

At Cohen Hall, Wallace visited the Virtual Reality Training Room where he tried out the Virtual Welding Simulator in the welding department.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Ralph E. Williams III, department director, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jack Peters, Welding Services division chief, Department Sgt. Maj. David Crump and Sgt. 1st Class Michael Cox, chief instructor, led the tour.

Wallace tried on a simulator

helmet and Peters explained that the simulator allows students to familiarize themselves with welding equipment and techniques before actually using the equipment.

At FOB Wolverine Wallace toured the walled complex of tents and dirt roads styled after actual outposts in Iraq. The site is where Ordnance Warriors train and prepare for duty in Iraq.

Maj. Steve Schwantes, FOB officer in charge, said that Basic Officers Course, Advanced Individual Training and Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course students train at the site which applies numerous scenarios to test their skills at mounted and dismounted

battle drills and tasks as well as live fire exercises involving insurgents and improvised exploding devices.

"Required tasks and battle drills vary according to the scenario," Schwantes said.

The computer lab where students learn maintenance and repair of the Stryker combat vehicle was the final stop at Downer Hall. Wallace toured the Wheel and Track Automotive Department led by Richard Hoy, WTAD director; Gill Regan, chief of training management, Directorate of Instruction; WTAD Sgt. Maj. Ronald Bray; Roger Thompson, DOI; Tom Gollhardt, senior instructor and Staff Sgt. Tracy Winegart, instructor.

Winegart demonstrated the way students navigate around the virtual power distribution panel, learning how to read and monitor gauges, perform maintenance and troubleshoot a problem before handling the actual equipment, and Gollhardt led a tour of the Stryker section, which is filled with the actual vehicles and components the students train on.

Wallace said he was pleased to see that Ordnance Warriors are not only learning what they need to accomplish their missions but also learning what they need to survive in the war zone.

"I'm pleased to be here to recognize this great curriculum," Wallace said. "When we promote programs like these, none of us have any idea what lives we may be saving."

ChalleNGe Academy youths take on Library Reading Challenge

HCPL

During its April meeting, the Harford County Public Library Board of Trustees recognized the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy for its participation in the library's Winter Reading Program.

One hundred academy cadets, reading more than 300 books, completed the program.

"We are very proud of these young adults; this is a tremendous accomplishment," said Audra Caplan, director of HCPL.

"The purpose of the Winter Reading Program is to encourage reading

for pleasure," she said. "The cadets at the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy personify the success that can be achieved when the library and community work together."

To complete the library's Winter Reading Program teens have to read three books. The program ran Jan. 2 through March 3.

Cadet Matthew Grimes, who said he didn't think of himself as a reader before participating said, "I enjoyed reading, and I will read more in the future."

He said his favorite book was "Return with Honor" by Scott

O'Grady.

"I never really thought of reading as a fun activity, but now I know it is," Grimes said.

The Freestate ChalleNGe Academy is a 5-month military oriented residential program held at Aberdeen Proving Ground followed by a 12-month placement and mentoring phase. Cadets can earn a high school diploma or GED, gain work experience and career planning.

Freestate instructor Sara Jolly said, "Reading, especially for pleasure, is not an activity our students normally do." Jolly said she believes having

the cadets participate in the library's reading program added much to their curriculum.

"The students were thrilled to receive a certificate and proud of what they accomplished," Jolly said.

The relationship between the HCPL and the academy continues to strengthen. Academy students also attended a poetry program at the Aberdeen branch in April and a program featuring author KaShamba Williams in May. The academy cadets also volunteered at the Aberdeen Friends of HCPL book sale in June and may help with a landscap-

ing project later this spring.

"It has been great partnering with the Freestate Academy," said Bill Amos, Aberdeen Branch librarian.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches serving more than 170,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 3,500,000.

The mission of HCPL is to provide access, service and information to the residents of Harford County anytime, anywhere and to create an environment that encourages the acquisition of knowledge and the love of reading.

Exhibits, sponsors needed for APG 90th Gala Nov. 10

USAPG PAO

Exhibit space is available for organizations/Aberdeen Proving Ground memorabilia collectors to provide historical/era displays at the APG 90th Anniversary Gala at Ripken Stadium, 7 to 11 p.m., Nov. 10.

The gala is a celebration of APG's 90-year history. The evening will be full of live entertainment, music, dancing, food, drink, reliving memories and re-acquainting with separated co-workers and friends who may have retired or moved to another location. Anyone that's ever passed through the gates of APG won't want to miss the gala.

Requests for space and exhibit designs should be submitted to the Garrison Public Affairs Office, ATTN: Debi Horne, building 2201 by July 15 in order to hold a space. Space will be reserved on a first design-received first space saved basis. All costs will be absorbed by the exhibitor. There is no fee for exhibit space at the stadium.

Technical advice is available by calling Larry Dumm, Directorate of Information Management, Visual Information Systems Division, 410-278-4700, or Jerry Arnold, U.S. Army Research and Development Command, Data Imaging Team, 410-436-3686. Organizations interested in being a sponsor should call Chris Lockhart, Morale, Welfare & Recreation, 410-278-4698, by July 13.

For more information on the event or exhibiting, call Horne, 410-278-1150.

Capitol College signs on with Maryland National Guard Partners in Education program

Story by

MAJ. KRISTINE HENRY
MDNG

The Maryland National Guard announced June 28 that Capitol College in Laurel signed a memorandum of understanding establishing the college as part of its Partners in Education program.

As part of the agreement, Capitol College, which is one of only 75 colleges and universities nationwide that certify graduates for Department of Defense

and National Security Agency secure network certification, has agreed to waive 50 percent of tuition for members of the MDNG.

The tuition waiver applies to the first 12 credits of graduate or undergraduate study per academic year. Capitol College is the first institution to offer half off of graduate tuition as part of the program.

"This is an outstanding example of the incredible support the men and women of

the Maryland National Guard receive from the educational community," said Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, adjutant general of Maryland. "Capitol College has really gone the extra mile to be there for those who put their lives on the line defending our state and our nation."

In addition to the tuition

waiver offered as part of this program, National Guard members are also eligible for federal and state tuition assistance, as well as educational benefits under the G.I. Bill.

Capitol College is the 38th institution of higher learning to sign on with the Partners in Education program.

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.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

James Addas
Sarah Boats
William Bond
Sandra Boyd
Debra Bonsall
(daughter has brain tumor)
Jeanie Bowman
Teresa Bridges
Rogelio Chevannes
Brett Christy
George Colletta

James Craven
Ruth Cunningham
John Daigle
Shelia Davison
(benign paroxysmal positional vertigo)
Marc Devecchio
Wayne L. Doyel
Dawn Folck
Cathleen Holmes
David Harding
Ira Hines

Carolyn Johnson
Reginald Johnson
Beverly King (caring for husband)
Cathryn Kropp
Joyce Mauldin
Louis McCarter (kidney failure)
Sandra Miller
Karen Moss
Gloria Morales
Trudie Norman

Cindy Orwig
Lester Pilcher
Judith Rembold
Barbara Seker
Joyce Spies
Alison Tichenor
Elizabeth Usmari
Louis Winters
Sharon Woods
Charles Young

POST SHORTS

Classes will be held every Friday, 6 to 8 p.m., July 6 through Aug. 24 at ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road.

The course is open to military personnel, APG civilians, retirees, and adult Family members age 18 and older.

The class is also designed to provide foreign-born adults an opportunity to improve their English comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing skills. An instructor from Harford Community College will teach the class. Attendees must attend all eight sessions. Seating is limited, so register early.

For more information or to register, call the Relocation Readiness Office, 410-278-7474/2453.

Adult American citizenship class

The Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program will offer a free class for military personnel or Family members, preparing to take the test for American Citizenship given by Immigration and Naturalization.

The class will be held every Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon, July 7 through Aug. 25 at ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road.

The class covers citizenship procedures, explain how to fill out the application, basic American history and the Constitution.

Attendees must attend all eight sessions to receive a Harford Community College certificate for attending a Citizenship Class. Seating is

limited, so register early.

For more information or to register, call the Relocation Assistance Program, 410-278-2464/7572

Blue Cross visits APG

The APG Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit 9 to 11:30 a.m., July 10, in building 305, room 236 and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in building E-4811 (Seminar Area of Conference Center in APG South) to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call Teri Wright, civilian Personnel Advisory Center, 410-278-4331.

AAFES gears up for Christmas in July

The AAFES Main Exchange will hold Christmas in July, from July 13 to 15. The store will remain open until midnight on July 13 and then will open 6 a.m., July 14 with regular hours on July 15. There will be gift card drawings 6 p.m. to midnight, July 13 and all day Saturday. Customers must be present to win.

Job vs. Career

classes for teens

Army Community Service will hold Job vs. Career classes for teens, ages 13 through 18, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at ACS Classroom building 2754. Classes will be held July 18 and Aug. 15.

Today's workforce offers many challenges and rewards. Teens will learn the benefit of a career over a job. The ACS Employment program and Tina Mike, APGFCU Education director, will help guide teens through the job and career preparation process so they can achieve their own employment success.

Topics include:

- what employers are looking for
- how to apply for a job
- tips on resume writing
- interviewing experience

For more information or to enroll teens in this free class, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Readiness, 410-278-9669

ACS holds Waiting Families Support Group meetings

The Waiting Families Support Group is scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m., Wednesdays, at

Army Community Service, building 2754 Rodman Road. This group is designed to provide resource information to assist spouses and Family members remaining behind while the military sponsor serves on unaccompanied tours, extended TDY, or deployments.

Meetings will be held July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road, 410-278-9669/7572.

SOLE holds luncheon

The International Society of Logistics (formerly Society of Logistics Engineers) will hold a luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 23, in Top of the Bay's Gunpowder Room featuring guest speaker David Shaffer deputy to the commander, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. Seating is limited.

For more information, contact Larry Seed, 410-297-9550, larry.seed@msaincorp.com, or Paul Nelson, 410-436-4575, paul.nelson@us.army.mil.

Army bands perform locally

The U.S. Army Field Band, Fort Meade Md will perform 7 p.m., Aug. 15, at the Humbert Band Shell, Hickory Avenue, Bel Air. For more information, call the band at 301-677-5349.

The 389th Army Jazz Band (AMC's Own) will perform 7 p.m., July 31, in Festival Park, Aberdeen. In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be held in Aberdeen Middle School's multi-purpose room.

Thrift Shop holds bag sale through August

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Thrift Shop, located in building 2458, is holding a \$2 Bag Sale during regular business hours through August. Sale items are mainly men's, women's and children's clothing.

The Thrift Shop hours of operation are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.

to 1 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-8572 during business hours.

ACS holds Job Fair

The ACS Employment Readiness Program in partnership with the APG Military Transition Assistance Program will hold a Job Fair, 1 to 5 p.m., July 24, at the Aberdeen North Recreation Center. There will be various employers for full and part-time positions available. The Job Fair is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Employment Readiness Program, building 2754, 410-278-9669.

WIC clinic meets weekly

The Army Community Service, in conjunction with the Harford County Health Department, operates a Women, Infants and Children Clinic every Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in building 2754. Eligible mothers and children can receive health screenings by a registered nurse, formula and food vouchers, nutrition counseling, breast feeding instruction and more. For more information, call Diana Hayes, Parents and Children Together coordinator, 410-278-4372.

ACS presents Smart Start Your Business seminars

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union and HCC SBDC will sponsor Smart Start Your Business seminars. This free 90-minute orientation program provides an overview of the ways to start a business, the skills and duties of a successful entrepreneur and how to write a strategic business plan. Other services offered by the SBDC will also be discussed.

Seminars will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 19, Oct. 31 and Nov. 14.

For more information or to RSVP, call 410-278-9669.

Writing an effective IEP

Army Community Service will hold a free workshop - How to Write an Effective Individual Education Plan at ACS building 2754 Rodman Road conference room. The workshop will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Sept. 20. All service members, civilians, Family members and retirees are eligible to attend this workshop.

The focus includes:

- Essential elements within an IEP
- Laws and regulations surrounding special education
- Advocating a child's special education services
- Alternative solutions

Parents are encouraged to bring a copy of their child's most recent IEP to the session.

For more information or to register, call the Exceptional Family Member program manager, 410-278-2420.

MPT World War Two documentary

Maryland Public Television is looking for Latino/Hispanic and Native American World War II veterans and civilians employed in the war industries and support services who served in World War II. MPT wants to interview the individuals so their contributions made to the country during the war can be presented in a documentary film that will bookend the Ken Burns' special called, "The War" to be aired in September. There is a July deadline.

If anyone has names, contact Kathy Abey of Congressman Wayne Gilchrest's office with the name and contact information, 888-393-3915 or e-mail kathy.abey@mail.house.gov.

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

BOSS News
"Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers"

All Soldiers are welcome to attend events. Contact Sgt. Eugenia Richards, 410-278-2709, for more information on BOSS events.

White water rafting/paintball trip
BOSS is going on a trip to the Poconos for white water rafting and Skirmish Paintball July 28 and Aug. 18. The one-day trip costs \$54.95. Price includes all safety equipment for both rafting and paintball. Lunch can either be purchased or brought from home. Transportation will be provided. For serious inquires, a \$15 deposit is required to hold the date and the rest of the payment is due two weeks prior to trip. The deadline for the July trip is July 13 and for the August trip is Aug. 3.

Community service
The quarterly trip to visit the Armed Forces Retirement Home, Washington, D.C., is Aug. 15. The starting point is at the APG North Recreation Center at 6:30 a.m. The group will return no later than 5 p.m.

Community Notes

THURSDAY

JULY 5 BOORDY VINEYARD WINE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Boordy Wine Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$30 per person (21 years of age or older). The ship will cruise around the Susquehanna. Wine from Boordy Vineyard, soda, beer, cheese and light appetizers will be served. Reservations can be made with credit card.

For more information or for reservations, call 410-939-4078.

FRIDAY

JULY 6 HAPPY HOUR CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Happy hour cruise onboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis departing at 5 p.m.

Passengers can board the ship at Tydings Park, 352 Commerce Street, Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$35 per person (must be over 21) and includes a two-hour cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area, beer, soda and light appetizers.

Reservations required. Credit cards will be accepted.

For more information, to make a reservation or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

FIRST FRIDAY SPECIAL CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a First Friday Cruise, 7 p.m., onboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Passengers can board the boat at Tydings Park, 352 Commerce Street, Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$35 per person (must be over 21 years of age) and include a two hour cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area, bottled mixed drinks, beer, soda and light appetizers. Reservations are required.

For more information, to make a reservation or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

SATURDAY

JULY 7 EDGEWATER VILLAGE COMMUNITY DAY

The Edgewater Village Community will hold a Community Day "Unity in the Community," 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the 1800 block of Brookside Drive between Eloise Lane and Judy Way. Events include live entertainment, free fun for the kids with moon bounces, water slides, games and free food including grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call Keith Staggers, president of the Second Watergate North Association, Inc., 410-676-8934.

GEAR FOR GOOD DONATION DRIVE

Tastykake, in conjunction with the Aberdeen Ironbirds and Weis Markets, will host a "Gear for Good" sporting equipment donation drive, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 7. Donations will be accepted at the Weis Market located at 943 Pulaski Highway in Havre de Grace. In exchange for a donation of new or gently used sporting equipment, visitors will receive a coupon for a free Tastykake family pack. Appearances will be made throughout the day by Ferrous, the official Aberdeen Ironbirds' mascot, and Kirbee, Tastykake's lovable life-size Krimpet mascot. All donated equipment will go to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Harford County.

For more information, call Kristin Coleman, 484-362-1434, or e-mail kcoleman@fcfschmidtpr.com.

STORM CHASERS CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Storm Chasers Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$35 per person (must be over 21) and includes mudslides and hurricanes and munchies.

Passengers will help the crew of the Martha Lewis chase away the summer storms. Reservations required.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 410-939-4078.

SUNDAY

JULY 8 SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK – THE TEMPEST

The Havre de Grace Arts Commission will present Shakespeare in the Park, The Tempest, 6:30 p.m., on the lawn between the Maritime and Decoy Museums at Market and Lafayette Streets, Havre de Grace. The play is an Olney Theatre Center for the Arts National Players production. The play is free. There is no rain location. Bring chairs, blankets and picnics.

For more information, call 410 939-5544.

MONDAY

JULY 9 STORYTIME CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Storytime Cruise, 6:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$10 per person, for ages 3 to 8. Passengers can board the ship at Tydings Park, Havre de Grace for a 90-minute cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area while enjoying snacks and stories for youngsters.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

JULY 13 AND 14 "OPERATION HELPING HERO'S" FREEDOM RIDE

American Watercraft Association and Operation Sec-

ond Chance for Charity Ride down the Chesapeake Bay, Potomac River will host Operation Helping Hero's Freedom Ride watercraft trek to benefit injured U.S. Soldiers.

The personal watercraft ride begins at sunrise on July 13 in Charlestown, Md., starting down the Chesapeake Bay and then up the Potomac River to the Quantico Marine Corp Base in Virginia where riders will spend the night. On July 14, riders will proceed up river to Leesylvania State Park, Va., to join the American Watercraft Association's 3rd Annual D.C. Freedom Ride. They will then return to Quantico after the festivities. On Sunday morning the River Runners will begin the trip home following the same path.

For more information, call Jennifer Hall, 202-777-3503 or e-mail jhall@clsdc.com or Jaclyn Simon, 202-777-3540 or e-mail jsimon@clsdc.com, or visit Web site www.east-emparriverrunners.com.

SATURDAY

JULY 14 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit The Men's Auxiliary of VFW Post 8185 will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards. Food, beverages, 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 VFW Post 8185, 410-642-9297.

THURSDAY

JULY 18 AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY COMPTROLLERS

The American Society of Military Comptrol-

lers, Chesapeake chapter, will hold a luncheon and installation of officers, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Clarion Hotel, 980 Hospitality Way. Guest speakers will include the Garrison BRAC Office. Cost to attend for members is \$20 per person, non-members, \$22. RSVP and payment is due by July 11. No refunds after July 11.

For more information or for reservations, call Debora Holliday RDECOM, 410-

436-5296; Ivy Henderson GAPG, 410-278-0943; Maria Lusas, ATEC/DTC, 410-278-1222; Patti Kazlo, ATC, 410-278-3406; Tina Allen, CHPPM/MRICD, 410-436-7208; Donna Horvath, AAA, 410-278-5785; Liz Fournier, CMA, 410-436-9073; and Linda Payne, AMSAA, 410-278-6582

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

Host families needed

One hundred volunteer host families are needed to "adopt" two players each for the 2007 Cal Ripken World Series in Aberdeen, Aug. 8 to 18. Game dates are Aug. 11 to 18.

Volunteer parents will be required to provide beds for two players, food, housing, transportation and more.

Host Families will receive T-shirts, a Host Family celebration, a gift bag with an activities guide and coupons to support the Host Family's experience.

Teams include the Maryland State Champions, a Harford County representative team, teams from eight regions across the United States and six international teams from Japan, Canada, Australia, Mexico, South Korea and the Dominican Republic.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Janice Chan of the Ripken Foundation at 410-823-0808, e-mail jchan@ripkenfoundation.org or visit Web site, <http://worldseries.ripkenbaseball.com/>.

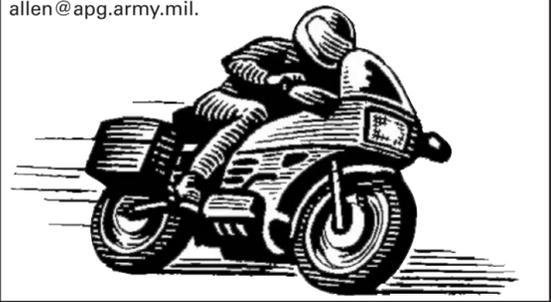
APG offers basic, experienced rider's courses

The Basic Rider Course and Experienced Rider Course is free and mandatory for any Soldier, civilian, retiree, Family members or contractor who wants to operate a motorcycle on post. Basic and Experienced Rider Courses are scheduled through the next several months at building 5442, Range at Susquehanna and Havre de Grace Street, across from building 3073.

BRC, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., is designed for the novice rider who holds a learner's permit and has his/her own motorcycle. Dates are: July 10, 11 and 31; Aug. 1; Sept. 5 and 6; Oct. 2 and 3; Nov. 12 and 20

ERC, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., is designed for the licensed motorcyclist who wants to sharpen his/her riding skills and has their own motorcycle. The motorcyclist should have at least been riding one season. Dates are: July 12; Aug. 2 and 3; Sept. 7; Oct. 2, 3, 4 and 5; Nov. 1, 2 and 23

For more information or to register, call H. Mike Allen, Installation Safety Division, 410-306-1081 or e-mail mike.allen@apg.army.mil.



DOC announces PR cutoff dates for 2007

ACA

The Army Contracting Agency Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Contracting has established its fiscal year 2007 cutoff dates for submission of purchase requests.

Early customer support in identifying and submitting PRs by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the APG DOC to meet customer needs. Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end.

Offices are advised to submit year-end requirements as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

The following schedule has

been established for the submission of PRs for FY 07 and maintenance for FY 08:

- Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 – July 1*
- Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 – Aug. 1
- Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million – July 1
- Commercial Items under \$100,000 – Aug. 15
- Services Over \$100,000 – July 1
- Delivery Orders and Task Orders Under Existing Contracts – Aug. 1
- GSA Schedule Procurements – Aug. 1
- Short-of-Award over \$2,500 – June 15**

• Maintenance for FY 2008 – July 1

(FY 08 Contract Modifications and Options for Existing Maintenance Contracts)

* There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

**Customers submitting "short-of-award" PRs, especially for services requirements, must seriously consider whether funding will materialize. A substantial amount of effort is expended to prepare these pending actions and they must be prioritized after PRs that are funded and PRs that are subject to the availability of funds.

The above lead times can be affected by various factors, a few of which include: competition requirements, to include fair opportunity for services task orders over \$100,000 when using Federal Supply Schedules; obtaining sole, limited source or urgency approvals – the Justification and Approval process; the review process accomplished by the APG Small Business Advisor to ensure all socioeconomic programs will be appropriately addressed; front-end PR entry, and PD2 (PD2 is the DoD contracting automated system used at APG).

New requirements affecting lead times

When placing sole source orders over \$2,500 under Federal Supply Schedules, a Justification and Approval must be prepared and approved by a Contracting Officer.

When purchasing supplies or services over the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$100,000) using non-DoD contract vehicles (which includes placing orders with GSA), proposed actions must be reviewed and approved considering:

If the action is in the Best Interest of the Government – satisfying customer requirements, schedule, cost

effectiveness (taking into account, discounts and fees), and contract administration including oversight.

All service requirements must be approved for purchase prior to submittal to the APG DOC IAW established agency procedures as directed by the Secretary of the Army memo, Army Policy for Civilian Hiring and Initiation/Continuation of Contracts for Service Personnel, 23 Feb 06.

Other factors which must be addressed: determining that tasks or supplies ordered are within the scope of the contract; ensuring funding is used IAW appropriation limitations; providing unique terms, conditions and requirements for incorporation into an order or contract to comply with all applicable DoD-unique statutes, regulations, directives and other requirements (e.g., all clothing, shoes and other items specified under the Berry Amendment, procured with DoD funding, is of domestic origin); and collecting data on the use of assisted acquisitions for analysis.

Information technology

Desktop and Notebook Computer Purchases. To maximize cost savings, all Army desktops and notebooks 'shall' be ordered through the Consolidated Buy program utilizing the Army Desktop and Mobile Computing agreements. For the policy memo issued by the Army's Chief Information Officer on July 22, 2005, Buying Schedule, Specs and Pricing, Submittal Instructions, Request Preparation, Exceptions, and Frequently Asked Questions, visit the Consolidated Buy page at:

https://asep.monmouth.army.mil/scp/cb/cb_index.jsp. Requests for these items must be submitted to the Directorate of Information Management. For standard requests, DOIM will approve the request and forward it to the ACA DOC for processing.

For non-standard requests, DOIM will review and validate the request and then forward it to ACA. For more information, contact the ACA APG DOC chief, Technology Branch, 410-278-0883.

The contracting officer is responsible for and this office's policy is to determine the best method of procuring any supply or service based upon regulation, urgency, delivery, socio-economic concern and competition which provides the best value at a reasonable price.

Submission of requests after



the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require approval by the chief of the Contracting Division. The APG DOC will do as much as possible to assist customers in satisfying their requirements after the cutoff dates. However, the directorate has a limited capability to process late requirements. Budgetary constraints may mean that customer-funded overtime may be the only method to provide the directorate with additional flexibility to accept requirements after the established dates.

Individual contacts

Joyce Roberts, Contracting Division, joyce.roberts@us.army.mil, 410-278-0869

Facilities Branch: For repair, alteration, construction, sale and removal of excess real property, services for base operations functions (including, but not limited to, utilities privatization, custodial, refuse, underground utilities locating, etc.), equipment-in-place and facilities contact Kandi McDonald, kandi.mcdonald@us.army.mil, 410-278-2372.

Services Branch: For the purchase of base support and services for core customers; equipment-in-place; range testing of vehicles, equipment, ammunition; lease, rental, and maintenance of equipment; full food services; and environmental services contact Shirley Kelly, shirley.a.kelly@us.army.mil, 410-278-0854.

Technology Branch: For information technology equipment and services; word processing equipment; software; general, specialized, and test equipment; instrumentation; supplies; and IT maintenance contact Barbara

Kuklinski, barbara.kuklinski@us.army.mil, 410-278-0883.

AEC Branch: For the purchase of all services covering cleanup work in support of the U.S. Army Environmental Command's mission contact Alison Gannon, alison.gannon@us.army.mil, 410-436-1661.

The ACA APG DOC Web site is located at <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/Restricted/aca/index.html>.

The fiscal year cutoff dates for submission of PRs are located at this site under "Announcements, News, and Notes." For customer assistance, use the link, "Customer Corner," for guides, templates, formats and helpful Web sites.

Purchase requests awarded "subject to the availability of funds" must be funded as soon as funds become available. The work must start and the contractors must be paid – this is not accomplished until the funds are certified.

Preparation of PRs

When preparing PRs in PRWEB (formerly known as Acquiline):

Do not use any dashes or spaces in the PR number.

When preparing attachments for any electronic document to be used by contracting, submitters must use Normal, Times New Roman, 10. The contracting writing system used by Contracting cannot format correctly if a font other than Normal, Times New Roman, 10 is used or if any special characters are used in the document.

Do not use page breaks, section breaks, column breaks or special characters such as trademark signs, tm, ®, <, etc., in any document that will be used in a purchase order or contract.

Edgewood Acquisition Center announces PR submission schedule

RDECOMAC

The Edgewood Contracting Division of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Acquisition Center has established its Fiscal Year 2007 Cutoff Dates for Submission of Purchase Requests.

Early customer support in identifying and submitting purchase requests by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the Edgewood Contracting Division to meet customer needs.

Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end.

Organizations are advised to submit their year-end acquisition requirements as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

FY 2007 Schedule

• Noncommercial Items Over \$100,000 - July 1

• Noncommercial Items Over \$100,000 (Competitive) - too late this year - need minimum of six months; however, there may be exceptions. Requests will be considered on an individual basis.

• Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 - Aug. 1 (Competitive and Noncompetitive)

• Commercial Items between \$100,000 and \$5M (Competitive and Noncompetitive) - Aug. 1

• Short of Award over \$2,500 - action brought up to point of award pending receipt of funds - July 1

• Commercial Items Under \$100,000 (Competitive and Noncompetitive) - Sept. 1

• Task Orders/Delivery Orders between \$2,500 and \$100,000 (Competitive and Noncompetitive) - Sept. 1

• Task Orders/Delivery Orders between \$100,000 and \$1 mil (Competitive and Noncompetitive) - Aug. 15

• Task Orders/Delivery Orders over \$1 million (Competitive and Noncompetitive) - July 1

Requests received after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require approval by the Director, Edgewood Contracting Division.

For more information, call Gwen Johnson, 410-436-3352, and Carol Edmead, 410-436-4388.

Safety

From front page

they are arrested for driving under the influence. The sad reality, however, is that Lamm and other law enforcement professionals aren't always able to remove impaired drivers from the streets before someone dies.

For example, in fiscal year 2006, an Army captain died in Iowa after losing control of his motorcycle, slamming into a chain-link fence and tumbling end over end more than a dozen times.

The investigation revealed that he was driving under the influence. His blood alcohol concentration was .289, and he chose to leave

the bar and not wear a helmet.

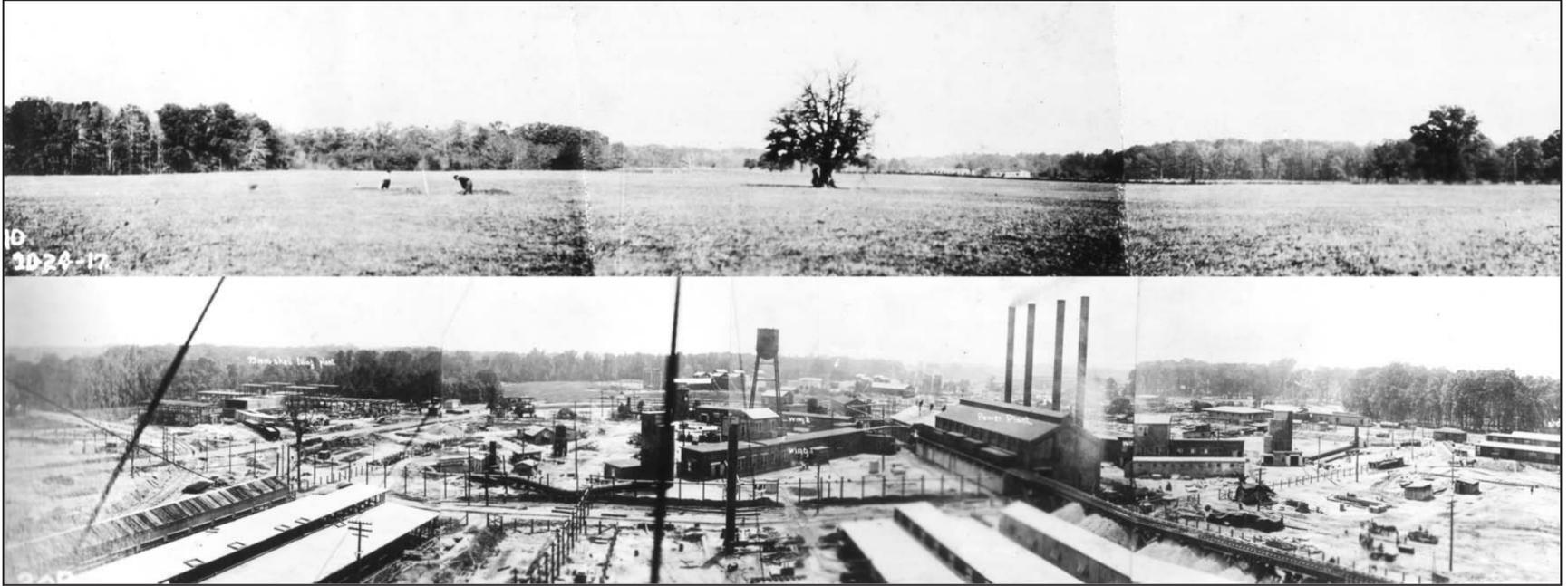
"Soldiers must take care of each other and battle to stay in the fight," said Lt. Col. Randall K. Cheeseborough, chief ground task force for the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center. "Develop a plan of attack before heading out for a night on the town, and make sound decisions before drinking."

"The use of battle buddies, designated drivers and taxis is cheaper than the cost of a DUI or fatality," Cheeseborough added. "Though Soldiers can face punishment by their chain of command, the ultimate loss could be that of a life. What influence would you rather drive under?"

For more information on drunk or drugged driving awareness and prevention, visit www.madd.org or www.nida.nih.gov.



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



Edgewood Area, Before and After View

The preceding photos give a flavor of what Harford County looked like before and after the Army began building the bases that would become known as Aberdeen Proving Ground and Edgewood Arsenal. But nothing quite drives home the extreme change in the landscape as these two photos, taken by the Army from roughly the same spot before construction began and after many of the plants in the Edgewood Area had been built.

Author produces book of vintage APG photos

Story by
HEATHER TASSMER
APG News

From Aberdeen Proving Ground's beginnings to the efforts performed during both World Wars, APG community members, Harford County residents and employees can learn all they need to know about the installation's history from a new book of vintage photographs due out in August.

"Images of America: Aberdeen Proving Ground" by Bill Bates provides six chapters of historical perspectives on the Army, APG and the Edgewood Arsenal.

The photos are organized

in chronological order, starting in 1917 during the early days of APG and focuses on APG efforts during both World Wars, the partnership between the military and civilian employees and post-World War II innovations.

"The roles of civilians during the World Wars were incredible," Bates said.

He said the civilians, especially women during World War II, had to take on a lot of the responsibilities of testing and other jobs because most of the military personnel were off at war.

The book also contains a foreword written by retired

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, former installation commander for APG.

Bates gathered most of the 213 photos in the book from the Ordnance Museum and Jeff Smart, a U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command historian.

Some of the photos featured in the book include what the Edgewood Area looked like before and after the Edgewood Arsenal and the making and testing of weapons.

Bates has produced four other historical books full of vintage photos including "Images of America: Bel Air;" "Images of America: Havre de

Grace;" "Then & Now Harford County" and "Harford County in Vintage Postcards."

"Since I had published other Harford County books I went with the next logical step covering the larger areas of the county," Bates said.

He had a particular reason in mind when choosing APG as his next subject.

"I'm always looking for an emotional connection when I make the books. I know that sounds odd because when you're talking about history it's a lot of facts and dates. I wanted the emotional connection to be the sacrifices that Soldiers and civilians made from the very start of APG."

Bates has ties with both Harford County and APG because he is a member of the board of directors for the Harford County Chamber of Commerce which supports the Army Alliance, Military Appreciation Week and sponsors the annual Military Appreciation Luncheon.

Readers who are not familiar with APG's many units and organizations can take comfort that the book is mostly acronym free.

In addition to informing readers about APG's past, the book also provides information on how base realignment and closure will affect the installation's future to include the departing and incoming organizations.

"I hope the book familiarizes readers with how APG

came to be and what it has meant to Harford County and the country over the past ninety years," Bates said.

He said he hopes the book improves "community relations" between Harford County and APG.

"Citizens and smaller businesses really need to see the vision of what's happening over here," he said.

In August, Bates will sign

purchased copies of "Images of America: Aberdeen Proving Ground" at the APG Post Exchange in APG North, and at APG's 90th Anniversary Gala Nov. 10 at Ripken Stadium.

For more information on Bates and his other books published by Arcadia, visit www.harfordbooks.com.

(Editor's note: Cutlines are taken directly from the author's book.)



Outdoor Testing July 1, 1929

A protectively clothed man stands ready for testing in a ["Hun Stuff"] mustard agent chamber. [Mustard gas was given the military symbol HS for "Hun Stuff." Later during World War I, the "S" indicated the mustard gas had about 25 percent solvent in it.] Once the most protective cloth was created, various designs were tested that allowed flexibility while staying safe.



MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Visit the King Tutankhamun Museum exhibit

Spend a day with MWR in Philadelphia, Aug. 18, beginning with a visit to see King Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs Exhibit at the Franklin Institute Science Museum. Other historical areas of interest in the beautiful city of Philadelphia will be available. Cost of the trip is \$60 per person and includes bus transportation and admission to the King Tut exhibit. For more information or to make reservations, call MWR Leisure Travel Services, APG North Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907

Do-it-yourself New York City tours

MWR has scheduled several trips to New York City – eight hours for sightseeing, shopping, seeing a Broadway matinee, venturing into China Town and more. Trips will take place July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20 or Nov. 17. Cost of the trip is \$40 per person. The bus will depart 8:25 a.m. and will return 10:30 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_LeisureTravel@apg.army.mil.

Beat the summer heat with 'Links to Lanes'

Nine holes of golf, two games of bowling with a bowling center meal ticket costs \$20 per player during July and August. Participation in APG North and South must be completed within the same week. The golf portion may be played Monday through Friday after 4:30 p.m. The bowling portion may be completed anytime the lanes are available. For more information on this special, call 410-278-9452

See the Wiggles

See Sam, Murray, Jeff and Anthony in "Racing to the Rainbow," 3 p.m., Aug. 10, at the Baltimore 1st Mariner Arena. Tickets cost \$29.75. Seats are located on 200 level. For more information, call MWR Leisure Travel Services, APG Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, or e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil.

Aberdeen Ironbirds tickets

Tickets are available for the following Aberdeen Ironbirds games:

- Williamsport Crosscutters, 7:05 p.m., July 11,
- Staten Island Yankees (Military Appreciation Night), 7:05 p.m., Aug. 16,
- Oneonta Tigers, 7:05 p.m., Sept. 6

Tickets cost \$13.50 per person and include a complimentary Ironbirds hat.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Services at APG North Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil or visit Web site www.apgmwr.com.

MWR begins daily bus trips to Atlantic City

Roll the bones on daily trips to Atlantic City. MWR Leisure Travel Services offers daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal and Tropicana casinos for ages 21 and over. Cost of the trip to Trump Taj Mahal is \$28 per person with \$22 back in cash and a \$5 buffet coupon. Cost of the trip to Tropicana Casino is \$6, no bonus back. The bus will leave Vitali's Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood at 9 a.m. and return at 9 p.m. Customers should note that the trips are selling out two

weeks in advance. Call ahead to reserve a seat.

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

Orioles Baseball tickets available at MWR Leisure Travel Services

All game seats are located in Section 40 Row WW seats 11 and 12, Row XX seats 11 and 12. Tickets cost \$49 each. Call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil.

- Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Wednesday, July 25, 7:05 p.m.
- Boston Red Sox, Friday, Aug. 10, 7:05 p.m.
- Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Thursday, Aug. 30, 7:05 p.m.
- Boston Red Sox, Thursday, Sept. 6, 7:05 p.m.
- Boston Red Sox, Friday, Sept. 7, 7:05 p.m.

ACS upcoming events

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

The Parenting Lunchbox will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., on Tuesdays through July 31, for parents of children from ages birth to 16. This workshop is for parents, whether experiencing difficulties or simply searching for a fresh approach to effectively communicate with children.

A Support Group for Survivors meets 6 to 8 p.m., each Tuesday. The topic is "Talking it Out." The support group is open to adults affected by unhealthy relationships including domestic and/or sexual violence.

A Support Group for Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse will meet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, starting Aug. 7. "Let's Talk About It," provides emotional support, begins the healing process, and shares experiences and resources.

The Relocation Program will hold a Home Buying and Selling Seminar class, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 18, at the Aberdeen North Recreation Center, building 3326.

Family Information Network Meeting, or FIN, support group meets 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the second Wednesday of the month. It is designed to provide education, information and support to those Families who are living with or caring for an exceptional Family member.

Army Community Service will celebrate its 42nd Birthday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 26, at the Maryland Boulevard picnic area.

Another Dynamic Huggable Delightful Child is a six-week series planned for August. The focus will be to educate parents on ADHD, behavior modification and communication techniques.

Victim Advocacy APG 24-Hour Hotlines: Domestic Violence is 410-652-6048; Sexual Assault is 1-410-322-7154.

Sports

Registering for Challenger Soccer Camp

Challenger Sports' British soccer camps are the largest camps in the U.S. The camp includes individual skill development, professional British coaching staff, programs for all levels, daily world cup style tournament, free soccer ball, free T-shirt and a bonus British

soccer Jersey if youths register 45 days before the camp.

Soccer Camp is scheduled for July 23 through 27.

Camp for ages 4 and 5 will be held 8:30 to 10 a.m., and costs \$72 per child; ages 6 through 14 will be held 10:10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and costs \$102 per child. Camp will be held at the Youth soccer field (APG

North) on Bayside Drive.

For registration, go to www.challengersports.com and click on find a camp, click on type of camp (British Soccer camps) type in the APG zip code (21005) and click on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Upcoming golf events

Senior Golf Special

Ruggles Golf Course is offering a Senior Golf Special to golfers age 55 or older: play Monday through Thursday until 2:30 p.m. for \$33. This special may not be used with any other discounts. Tee time registration is recommended.

For more information, call 410-278-4794 or e-mail david.correll@us.army.mil.

Summer Scramble

Ruggles Golf Course will hold a Summer Scramble open to all golfers, July 21 with an 8 a.m. start. Entry fee costs \$30 for annual patrons, \$45 for authorized patrons with a value card, and \$55 for guests and includes range balls, cart, hot dog with soda on turn, appetizers with beverages and prizes.

For more information or to register, call 410-278-4794, or visit the Pro Shop at Ruggles.

Win a getaway from MWR Recreation Centers

The Armed Forces Recreation Centers provide service members, retirees, DoD civilians and their Families a "great getaway" at four world-class destinations: Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul, South Korea; Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany; Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii; and Shades of Green on Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., simply by visiting their Web site and entering the contest.

The grand prize consists of an all-inclusive vacation package for two, including a seven-night stay at the resort of the winner's choice, round-trip airfare for two, a seven-day car rental and a set of luggage.



Authorized MWR patrons can also win other prizes, such as Sony digital cameras, Sony PlayStation Portables, a set of golf clubs or \$100 gift cards.

For more information or to register, visit www.afrcresorts.com/sweepstakes and register before Aug. 31.

Swimming pool operations

Pool passes and lessons on sale now

OLYMPIC POOL, BUILDING 3325

Daily operation: Through Aug. 26
Labor Day weekend: Sept. 1 through 3
Closing date: Monday, Sept. 3

Daily operation schedule

Child & Youth Services Day Camp: 9 to 11:30 a.m. through Aug. 17

Open swim hours: 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The lap swim lane is available during standard hours.

Weekend operation schedule: Open swim: 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

SHORE POOL, BUILDING 2031

No open swim schedule.

Lap swim, swim lessons, drown proofing and rentals only.

Swimming lessons: Through Aug. 10; Levels 1-6, Adult, Parent/Toddler are scheduled daily. (Determined by customer demand.)

BAYSIDE POOL, BUILDING E-4655

Operates on same schedule as the Olympic Pool.

Weekend hours: 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Daily operation schedule

CYS Day Camp: 9 to 11 a.m. through Aug. 17

Open swim hours: 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

POOL PASS FEES

Daily.....	\$5	E1-E4.....	\$40
Under 5.....	Free	All others.....	\$85
Guest of eligible patron.....	\$9	Family	
5 and under.....	\$2	E1-E4.....	\$80
Active duty E1 - E4.....	\$2	All others.....	\$175
Lap swim.....	\$2	Season passes on sale at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center in APG North, 410-278-4124, and at the Hoyle Gym in APG South, 410-436-3375.	
30-day pass		SWIMMING LESSON FEES	
Individual		Lesson location: Shore Pool; cost is \$50	
E1-E4.....	\$15	*10% discount for each additional child in a session.	
All others.....	\$35	*10% discount for each additional session	
Family			
E1-E4.....	\$35		
All others.....	\$70		
Season pass			
Individual			

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www.apgmwr.com



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.)

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| <p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26, Army Community Service Birthday Picnic, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. <p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBA <p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29, Army Concert Tour <p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBA | <p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10, APG 90th Anniversary Gala, Ripken Stadium, 7 to 11 p.m. Ticket sales begin Aug. 21. For more information, call 410-278-1150. <i>Exhibitors welcome, see page 5.</i> • 15, Military Family Movie, ACS, 410-278-4372, 6 to 9 p.m. <p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5, ACS Christmas Party/Tree Lighting Ceremony, 410-278-4372, 6 to 9 p.m. |
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(Editor's note: This calendar will be updated as necessary. New or changed items will appear in italic bold print.)

Legally Speaking

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

Where there's a will, there's a way

Story by
MARIE ANTOINETTE JOINER
OSJA

(Author's note: The following information is provided as a public service and is not intended to be specific legal advice. The material presented is general legal information intended to alert readers to possible legal problems and solutions. Always consult with an attorney regarding specific state questions.)

A person can give their loved ones a gift that would make handling their death easier, clarify what they wanted to do with personal belongings and make the complicated legal process a little more manageable.

A Last Will and Testament, commonly referred to as a "Will," is a legal document that directs how a person's property will be distributed upon their death. A Will can also be used to designate the person(s) to carry out wishes, name guardians of minor children and establish trusts or custodianships.

It must meet certain formal requirements as provided by the laws of each state. Contrary to popular belief, if someone dies without a Will, their property does not go to the state, unless there are no surviving Family members. Instead, each state has "laws of descent" which determine who will receive property and in what proportion.

Does everyone need a Will?

Consulting with an attorney is the best way to determine whether a person needs a Will. In most states, there are benefits to having a Will even if a person's assets don't have a high dollar value. The ability to designate the person(s) one wishes to take care of minor children, considered by many the most important assets, is a very important consideration.

When to make a Will

A Will should be made while the person is in good health and free from emotional stress. A prudent person does not wait for a catastrophe or other compelling reason, such as a deployment or the pandemic flu, before making a decision. If a person has children and the individual and his spouse dies, would they want to name the guardian of their children, or would they want the court to appoint one? If a person does not have a Will, the court, by law, will appoint the guardian.

Changing a Will

In most circumstances, a person may change a Will as often as desired by executing a new Will or by executing a legal addition or amendment call a "Codicil." One should not mark through the Will to make changes – this is a misconception that may invalidate the document. If a person desires to change the Will, always consult a lawyer in advance. Remember, any previous Wills should be destroyed when a person makes a new Will.

Length of Will validity

A properly drawn and executed Will is "good" or valid until it is changed or revoked. Changes in circumstances after a Will has been made, such as tax laws, marriage, birth of children or even a substantial change in the nature or amount of a person's estate, may raise questions as to the adequacy of that Will.

All changes in circumstances require a careful analysis and reconsideration of all the provisions of a Will and may make it advisable to change the Will to conform to the new situation.

Managing the individual's estate

If a person makes a Will, he/she may name the person to manage his affairs during the peri-

od of administration. This person is called the Executor or Personal Representative. If one does not make a Will, the Probate Court will appoint someone, whom the person may or may not know, to handle the affairs.

Avoiding inheritance taxes, other death taxes

A properly drafted Will may reduce or eliminate the amount of taxes that have to be paid. However, it is necessary that everyone be tax conscious. Many Wills written without consideration of recent federal tax laws should be re-examined with reference to tax problems. A lawyer thoroughly skilled in these matters can give proper guidance regarding this issue.

Life insurance, no substitute for a Will

Life insurance is only one kind of property which a person may own. If a life insurance policy is payable to a named individual, the Will of the insured has no effect on the proceeds. If the policy is payable to the estate of the insured, the disposition of the proceeds may be directed by a Will.

There are also considerations if the life insurance proceeds are intended to fund a trust for minor children. A lawyer can advise an individual on the proper way to ensure that life insurance and the Will work in conjunction with each other. Remember – no one can change a life insurance beneficiary using a Will.

Drafting a Will

The drafting of a Will is a delicate operation. It requires professional knowledge which can only be developed through years of training and study. Only the practicing lawyer can help to avoid the numerous pitfalls and advise the course best suited for each individual situation.

An eligible client can obtain a worksheet

in advance and complete the information before the initial appointment. The time varies depending on how complex the estate. The initial appointment is approximately one hour. There may be some follow-up, depending on the particular circumstances. The appointment to sign the Will is approximately one hour.

Safekeeping a Will

Put the Will and other important estate documents in a safe, secure and preferably fireproof location that can be accessed by the person's personal representative. Good choices are a safety deposit box at a bank or a safe in the person's home.

Choices that are not as good are metal filing cabinets. But remember - if people cannot find the Will after a person dies, then the law considers that there was no Will. Having the combination to the safe isn't helpful if the representative cannot get into the house. It doesn't matter if everyone "knows" what the Will says.

Only a properly executed will with original signatures is valid in most states.

Everyone tends to put off estate planning decisions because they "don't want to think about it" or they "don't have the time." But consider whether providing peace of mind to loved ones is a gift like no other – a way to make the loss easier.

So remember... "where there's a will, there's a way."

Getting help

Estate Planning services through the Client Services Division are limited and are by appointment only. Active duty military and their spouses can contact the Client Services Division with any questions at 410-278-1583.



Your health is KUSAHC's goal



DoD readies pandemic flu guidebook for civilians

Story by
GERRY J. GILMORE
Army News Service

The Defense Department is preparing a pandemic flu guide for civilian employees, a senior official said.

The DoD released its Pandemic Influenza Implementation Plan in April, said Patricia S. Bradshaw, deputy undersecretary of defense for Civilian Personnel Policy, May 25 during an interview with the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service.

The department's plan is part of the president's initiative to prepare the nation for a potential mass outbreak of deadly flu virus.

"And now, we're going to

top that off with a DOD civilian human resources guide with a target audience of managers and employees," Bradshaw said.

She said the guide will outline specific things that managers, supervisors and employees need to do to prepare themselves for a possible flu pandemic or any other type of crisis. It's available on DoD's pandemic flu Web site, fhpp.osd.mil/aiWatchboard.

Pandemic flu is a fast-spreading human flu that causes a global outbreak, or pandemic, of serious illness that could sicken or kill hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of people, according to the U.S. government's

pandemic flu Web site. For example, the 1918 flu epidemic killed more than half a million Americans.

Any challenges inherent in preparing the department's roughly 600,000 civilian employees for a possible flu epidemic or other crisis aren't dissimilar to those faced by the private-sector work force, Bradshaw noted.

"I think the challenges are not unlike any [other] work force," Bradshaw said. "If we have a crisis such as a pandemic, the real challenge here is maximizing social distancing as the preferred technique to employ, because it's a contagious disease."

Increased shift work, phone usage, teleconferencing and working from home are among the options DOD could employ to continue operations in the event a flu pandemic reaches the United States, Bradshaw said.

"You're trying to figure out how to keep people safe and well and, at the same time continue the operations of the department," she said. "And so, we'll really be looking at ways to do that."

Federal government guidance to state and local authorities has recommended the launch of pandemic flu preparedness exercises, she added.

"You can test to see

where your gaps are and [where] your potential problems would be," Bradshaw explained, noting the federal government and the military already have conducted some exercises with civilian authorities.

The DoD plans to continue to provide work and pay to its civilian employees during a potential pandemic flu crisis, Bradshaw said. Again, the focus will be on employing social distancing to minimize potential devastating effects during a pandemic.

"We're going to tell you, 'Please, don't come to work,'" Bradshaw said.

Such a practice, she said, minimizes the spread of dis-

ease during a pandemic.

Additionally, DoD civilian managers need to determine how they'll continue performing their organization's core functions during a pandemic, Bradshaw said.

"What are the mission-essential functions that absolutely need to be done?" Bradshaw asked, [especially] tasks that can be accomplished online from home.]

"The managers really need to think through what kind of work can be done away from the work site," she said. "Our goal is to ensure that our employees, to the maximum extent possible, can continue to work during such a pandemic."

DENTAC Health Notes

Brushing, flossing prevent oral cancer

Story by
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APG Dental Clinic Command

The most common form of oral cancer is Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma. It is the sixth most common cancer worldwide and the eighth most common cancer in the United States.

According to statistics released by the National Institutes of Health, the Oral Cancer Foundation and the World Cancer Report, the following facts present themselves. Around 30,000 Americans are diagnosed with oral cancer every year. The 5-year survival rate, one of the lowest of all the major cancers, has been stagnant for decades. Globally, this disease kills one person every hour. This makes it more deadly than cancers of the brain, cervix, testes, ovary, kidney, liver, Malignant Melanoma, or Hodgkin Lymphoma.

Despite these sobering statistics, oral cancer remains one of the more under reported of the major cancer sites. Emerging research connecting poor oral health to major systemic diseases may help to change this. Recent studies connect an increase in the severity of periodontal disease to an increased risk of oral cancer. This is another in a series of medical problems being linked to oral infection. A recent study in the Journal of the American Periodontal Association showed a direct correlation between the loss of gum attachment to bone and the risk of OSCC. A study done in Sweden and published in the Acta Otolaryngol concluded that poor and even average oral hygiene, as well as poor dental health, were independent risk factors for OSCC.



There is a proposed mechanism here. Bacteria have shown the ability to produce acetaldehyde, a known carcinogen. Certain oral bacteria are responsible for most of the acetaldehyde production in the oral cavity. This is especially true among cigarette smokers and alcohol users. This is especially compelling in the light of evidence linking Helicobacter pylori to stomach cancer and Salmonella typhi to gallbladder cancer.

Reduction in the levels of certain microorganisms is becoming accepted as a legitimate method of reducing cancer risk. In the case of oral cancer, quit smoking, avoid heavy alcohol use, properly brush and floss and see the dentist and dental hygienist for routine treatment.

TRICARE medical benefit enhanced to assist dental patients with special needs

Story by
MEGHAN WOOD
DoD Military Health System

TRICARE implemented coverage for anesthesia services and associated costs for dental treatment for beneficiaries with developmental, mental or physical disabilities, and children age 5 or under July 1.

Additionally, TRICARE encourages beneficiaries who received these services between Oct. 17, 2006, and July 1, 2007, to contact their TRICARE regional contractor for help with reimbursement. "TRICARE will do all that is possible to ensure that beneficiaries receive the appropriate payment for these services received since October 17, 2006," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, TRICARE's deputy director.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2007 legislated the change, and TRICARE revised the regional contracts to expand coverage for the services. The services require preauthorization through the regional TRICARE contractors.

The change in statute does not provide coverage for the actual dental care services. Coverage for dental care services is available through the TRICARE Dental Program and the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program.

TRICARE reminds beneficiaries that to avoid costly and extensive dental procedures requiring anesthesia, children should start seeing a dentist by the time their first tooth appears or by their first birthday; this helps to prevent tooth decay and other oral diseases.

"Decay is the single most common chronic childhood dental disease—and it's completely preventable," Granger said.





Sports

16th defeats 143rd 9-6 in thrilling Amateur Boxing Night

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

They fell behind quickly but when the smoke cleared the Soldiers of the 16th Ordnance Battalion had come back to inflict a stunning defeat on the 143rd Ordnance Battalion during what may have been the most thrilling Amateur Boxing Night ever at the Aberdeen Athletic Center June 2.

The 16th won 9-6 in a tough defense of their turf.

Anthony Harris, Jesus Vela and Leodon Cason coached the 16th team while Duane Edwards, Scott Overrocker, Vermont Hamilton and John Richardson, coached the 143rd.

It was the farewell event for both Harris, who retires soon; Vela, who is leaving for Korea; and Edwards who had PCS'd to Fort Bliss, Texas, but returned to help coach the team one last time.

Edwards said the 143rd had "good fighters" who may have been overwhelmed by all the excitement once they were up in the ring.

"You have to drill it into their heads that sticking to the

game plan is the key," Edwards said. "They'll be much better next time."

With Edwards' departure, Overrocker is taking over as the primary trainer.

Harris, who will be replaced by Cason, said that he was "totally proud" of his young warriors who trained for 35 days.

"They were outstanding," he said. "It took exactly six weeks for us to come beat the daylights out of 143rd."

"They did an excellent job and Sergeant Harris is an excellent coach," added 16th Ordnance Battalion commander Lt. Col. Karen Jordan as she and battalion Command Sgt. Maj. William Hart posed with the team in the ring.

The 16th won all three of the female bouts with Alicia Litchfield, Company A 16th scoring an impressive TKO over 143rd's Monica Miller.

Litchfield said she participated because she thought it might be interesting and that she would "definitely do it again."

"I just thought it was nice to have the opportunity to do something like this," she said.

"I used up a lot of adrenaline but I really enjoyed it."

Antonio Battle, Company A 143rd, who won a thrilling battle with Company A 16th's Jonel Brown, said he had trained before but never actually boxed.

"I just hit him first to let him know I'm here to box," Battle said. "It was pretty cool."

He thanked his coaches who he said, "Helped us a lot in pointing out our strengths and weaknesses."

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff expressed appreciation to all supporters of the Amateur Boxing Night programs. They include the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School and battalion leaders; emergency medical personnel from the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment's Fire and Emergency Services Division; Dr. (Capt.) Martin Rose from Kimbrough Army Hospital, Fort Meade; Washington D.C. referees James Cooper, Wayne Smith and Michelle Hall; and ring girls Kyley McDivett and Nikita Doolen.

Also, Sgt. Maj. David E. Crump served as ring master; Tanika Hart sang the national anthem; Sgt. 1st Class Marlin Jones gave the invocation and the OMMS color guard presented the colors.

Guest vendor Outlaw Catering from Pylesville sold shrimp and chicken baskets, fries, hot-dogs, sodas and bottled water refreshments.

"This is our first time on APG and we were real impressed by these Soldiers," said Outlaw Catering co-owner Jason Metzger. "I never heard so many 'Yes Sirs' and 'Yes Ma'ams' in my life. They were all very polite, and you don't always get that from young

people."

The next Amateur Boxing Night will be held Oct. 6 at Hoyle Gym. Check www.apgmwr.army.mil for more information.



Rachel Lai, Company B 16th, right, lays one right on the nose of Julia Bush, Company B 143rd, during the first bout which Lai took.

Final Standings

Bout #	16th	143rd
1	Rachel Lai (Win)	Julia Bush
2	Hasson Williams (Win)	Selwyn Ayers
3	Rosendo Arroyo	Jared Page (Win)
4	Jeremy Simmons	Eddie Small (Win)
5	Brian Perrotto	Danell Williams (Win)
6	Jeremnia Brown (Win)	Jalena Baumgartner
7	Brandon Glazier (Win)	Christopher Gosnell
8	Jorani Norris	Justin Wire (Win)
9	Jonel Brown	Antonio Battle (Win)
10	Randall Jordan (Win)	Aaron Jennings
11	Alicia Litchfield (Win)	Monica Miller
12	Ahmed Fofanah (Win)	Derek Schicci
13	Rayshawn Jamerson (Win)	Christopher Anderson
14	Nyon Walo	Christopher Williams (Win)
15	James Rice (Win)	Justin Enriquez



In goes the good water, out goes the bad water! Water being poured on Rosendo Arroyo's head by coach Anthony Harris appears to be exiting his mouth during a break between rounds in the third bout.

Fallston High remembers fallen Marines, others during inaugural Ring of Honor ceremony

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Two service members and alumni of Fallston High School who lost their lives in the War on Terror were included in the school's inaugural Ring of Honor induction ceremony June 5.

Hosted by principal Kevin Fleming and assistant principal Eileen Turowski, the program honored those who have had a positive impact on the school or who represented the school with distinction.

Posthumous awards went to U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Patrick R. Adle and USMC Cpl. Jennifer M. Parcell.

Other inductees included Frank A. Stultz, FHS charter principal; David Wren, FHS volunteer of the decade and another posthumous award went to William "Skip" Strong, former Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company assistant fire chief.

The ceremony began in the school's auditorium and concluded with the unveiling of the Ring of Honor garden at the school's flagpole.

Fleming thanked all for attending the inaugural program, commenting that, "with tonight's celebration, we begin an annual celebration of Fallston graduates who have contributed to its excellence."

Turowski thanked the Ring of Honor committee members and said the committee goal was to "recognize students who made significant contributions over the last 30 years."

Outside, as a huge American flag, hoisted by the Fallston and Bel Air Volunteer Fire companies flew overhead, honorees or their Family members unveiled the bricks in the Ring of Honor garden bearing the honoree's names.

Ring of Honor chairman James O'Toole closed the ceremony, commenting that all six inductees, "showed that our lives are incomplete without service to others."



Photo by BRIAN KRISTA, THE AEGIS
Visitors admire the new Ring of Honor wall honoring Fallston High School alumni after its unveiling June 5. In the foreground, a brick engraved with the name of U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Patrick R. Adle, who was the first inductee, lies in the new Ring of Honor garden.

"The lesson they teach is that by sharing, we better our lives and the lives within our reach," O'Toole said.

USMC Sgt. Donald Turner presented the official nomination on behalf of Adle

and Parcell before the Family members accepted the awards.

"We are a band of brothers and sisters," Turner said. "Once a Marine, always a Marine. And as a fellow Marine, who has been to Iraq, I share this bond and I am proud to nominate my fellow brother and sister for the Fallston High School Ring of Honor."

DeCA gauging customer interest in expanded Virtual Commissary

Story by
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Officials at the Defense Commissary Agency are seeking customer feedback on potential expansion of its Virtual Commissary. Customers can provide comments using a short, three-question survey that is posted online at https://www.commissaries.com/online_grocery_survey.cfm. The survey is available now and will remain posted until mid-July.

DeCA's Virtual Commissary, created in October 2005, allows authorized shoppers to purchase prepackaged gift baskets containing products that DeCA's industry partners provide for sale online at commissary prices, which means an overall savings of 30 percent or more as compared with retail grocery stores. Customers access Virtual Commissary through DeCA's official Web site, <http://www.commissaries.com>. The link is located under the "Shopping" tab. Authorized shoppers log on using their last name, Social Security number and date of birth. The information is verified by DEERS, the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System.

"The shopping experiences of our customers guide the decisions we make," said DeCA Director and Chief Executive Officer Patrick Nixon, "so naturally we want to hear what our customers think of Virtual Commissary. Do they want expanded online shopping? If we build it, will they come?"

The survey is designed to quantify customer interest in an expanded Virtual Commissary.

If DeCA were to sell nonperishable groceries on Virtual Commissary (to be shipped after a small delivery fee), would shoppers go online and shop? How often? What sort of products would they be interested in buying online?"

"We will gauge customer interest by tabulated data from the survey," said Barry White, an operations research analyst with DeCA, "and we'll provide this information to DeCA's director of sales, who will refer to it when deciding whether to expand Virtual Commissary."

DeCA officials encourage commissary patrons to take a few minutes to fill out and submit the survey, noting that participation in the survey is their opportunity to have a voice in the decision.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their Families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices – savings worth about \$3,000 annually for a Family of four. A core military Family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to Family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their Families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

according to estimates of the Army Alliance, an organization whose charter is to support APG and local business.

Some of the Army's C4ISR requirements are highly complex, so CERDEC is eager to recruit. It needs to start hiring very capable engineers and researchers now, Martin said. Tomorrow's Soldiers will use new technologies such as sensors that will provide them with a stream of battlefield data.

"The most complex problem we have in C4ISR is how to fuse all the data," he added.

"Some of the new employees will face technological challenges. Having enough of the right kind of fuel is a critical requirement, he said.

"We really want small fuel cells to work off of JP8, the most common fuel in DoD," he said. "Global positioning systems have limits because you lose the signal when you get inside a building. We're looking for continuous navigation without GPS."

Some of the Army's technology goals are based not on the requirement for new systems but on the need to make existing systems less costly, Martin said. Some cost as much as \$200,000 per unit produced, and at that price the Army can't afford to buy very many. The goal is to bring the cost of some of the \$200,000 units down to about \$75,000 apiece.

Because Army's technologies will continue to evolve, CERDEC is planning to award new contracts every year.

"Work is being done at Fort Monmouth under contracts signed this year, but any work after 2008 probably will need to be contracted locally," Martin said.

The dialogue with academic institutions in Maryland has been "fantastic," according to Martin, and he expects it to lead to expanded research and development partnerships between CERDEC and local colleges and universities.

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Research, Development and Engineering Command.

The core of the CERDEC mission will transfer from Fort Monmouth to APG within the next few years, and technology-transfer opportunities in the areas of command and control, communications, computers, intelligences, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) will be available at APG, said Gary Martin, the technical director of CERDEC.

The average age of CERDEC employees is about 44, according to Martin, and the agency is focused on recruiting graduates from local colleges and universities. Some recruitment is occurring already, he added.

BRAC decisions are expected to bring some 40,000 jobs to Maryland and between 6,000 and 8,000 jobs to APG,



Photo by STEPHANIE FROBERG
Donna Clem, the Science and Mathematics Academy coordinator, looks at images generated by the field emission scanning electron microscope, while her former student, microscopist Tracey Hamilton, explains the research that academy students will be involved in for their capstone projects.

USAMRICD, Aberdeen's Science and Mathematics Academy sign partnership agreement

MRICD

In an agreement signed June 14, at the institute, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense agreed to "promote the Aberdeen Science and Mathematics Academy curriculum by sharing knowledge of the bio-medical sciences and the professional career paths with students and teachers throughout the 2007-2009 school years."

Under the agreement, scientists at the institute will mentor ASMA students through summer employment programs as well as in the students' senior capstone science projects.

The USAMRICD has a history of supporting and encouraging the scientific development of the nation's youth. Through various internship and employment programs, the institute has provided research experience and training to college and high school students, as well as to college graduates and postgraduates.

The MRICD research staff, in particular, has enjoyed mentoring these students and playing a part in their development as future researchers, physicians, and veterinarians.

"MRICD partnered with the Harford County Public School system to provide even more opportunities to develop the scientific knowledge and skills of promising young high school students," said Cindy Kronman, public affairs officer.

"We're very excited about this partnership," said Col. Brian J. Lukey, MRICD commander, at the signing, which was attended by Donna Clem, coordinator of the Science and Mathematics Academy, Aberdeen High School, and Michelle Shaiwitz, coordinator, Harford County Public School Partnerships for Student Achievement. Also in attendance from MRICD were Col. Harry Slife, the institute's deputy commander, Dr. David Moore, the director for Strategic Research Program Development, who arranged the partnership agreement, and several of the MRICD mentors: Drs. John McDonough, Robert Kan and Heidi Hoard-Fruchey, and Maj. Thomas Talbot.

"We're honored to be able to collaborate with you in your endeavors," Lukey told Clem, adding that the partnership complements the institute's Build a Bench Program, which was established to attract and develop young scientists at all levels to be the future researchers of MRICD.

Clem was equally excited about the agreement.

"We'd be lost without your help," Clem said.

She described the academy, which is merely three years old, as "a work in progress," something that might deter potential mentors looking

for a proven track record from volunteering.

The 2007-2008 school year will be the academy's first with a senior class, and therefore the first in which students will be developing and executing their capstone projects under the guidance of career professionals.

"We are good teachers, but not research scientists," added Clem, explaining the importance of having mentors to provide students with real-world, hands-on experience at the bench, as well as to introduce them to the various careers available in the fields of science and mathematics.

The mentors present at the signing were also impressed with the academy and especially with the depth of experience and scientific learning it was able to offer students.

"It's good to see a school stepping up and doing something about students who are interested in science and mathematics," said Hoard-Fruchey.

McDonough, one of MRICD's most senior scientists and a recent Army Research and Development Achievement award recipient, was already very familiar with the academy's program. His wife, Linda, has taught biology there for the last two years. After the signing, he took Clem and Shaiwitz on a brief tour of some of the laboratories that will be hosting academy students as they complete their capstone projects. These included his electroencephalography laboratory, the genomics laboratory, an analytical chemistry laboratory, and the room that houses the institute's state-of-the-art field emission scanning electron microscope. There, microscopist Tracey Hamilton, herself a former student of Clem's, explained the scope's capabilities and the research that the students would be doing.

Hamilton credited Clem's own mentoring as key to her decision to pursue a career in science.

For Clem and Shaiwitz, MRICD and its capabilities were not entirely new; both had spent time at the institute before. As a high school student, Shaiwitz worked at MRICD one summer under the George Washington University Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program. Five years ago, Clem, through a program sponsored by the Northeast Maryland Technology Council, spent a week at the institute interviewing the principal investigators about their research and what skills they thought students should develop for these professions.

"It was incredible to see the work done at MRICD," Clem said of her experience then. She was particularly impressed, she said, at the variety of science being conducted and especially by the range of equipment that was available to the scientists.

20th Support Command celebrates Army birthday



Photo by JONI PLATT, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, 20TH SUPPORT COMMAND (CBRNE)
Spc. Beth Roussell, and Col. Barry Lowe, chief of staff, both from Headquarters and Headquarters Company 20th Support Command (CBRNE), cut the cake and kick off Army birthday activities June 14 during the organization celebration at the headquarters building. A summary of the historical origin of Army flag and the U.S. Army was presented by Col. Ray Van Pelt, and pledging of the Soldier's Creed was lead by Sgt. Maj. Ricardo Soto-Acevedo, both from G3 HHC, 20th Support Command (CBRNE).