

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Feb. 27, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



National Prayer Luncheon Feb. 22

Aberdeen Proving Ground will host its annual National Prayer Luncheon 11:30 a.m., tomorrow, at Top of the Bay. The guest speaker will be Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, archbishop of Baltimore.

For ticket information, call 410-278-4333.

OC&S presents 35th Annual Gospel Night Feb. 24

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools will celebrate the 35th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night, 4 p.m., Feb. 24, at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater. Admission is free and open to the public.

NCO Academy holds 8th Annual Anniversary Dining Out

The Noncommissioned Officer Academy will hold its 8th Annual Anniversary Dining Out Feb. 29 at Top of the Bay. The evening will honor past NCOA commanders from 1987 to present.

Tickets cost \$35. Call to make a reservation by Feb. 25.

For more information or to RSVP, call Sgt. 1st Class Francis Cruz, 410-278-9129 or e-mail francis.cruz@apg.army.mil or lilly.dillon@apg.army.mil.

RAB meeting February 28

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Carroll Island and Graces Quarters Study Areas. Board meetings are open to the public. All APG employees and citizens are invited.

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

JETS, USO-Metro host job fair for military

The Joint Employment Transition Services and the USO of Metropolitan Washington will host a job fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 29, at

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Multiculturalism highlights Black History Program

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

A legacy of achievement while overcoming social obstacles was the focus of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Black History Month Program held at the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center Feb. 6.

Hosted by the installation's Equal Employment Opportunity Office and Black Employment Program, the program included cultural displays, guest exhibits, art work, dance and music, an ethnic food sampling and a keynote address by guest speaker Clarence A. Johnson, a member of the Senior Executive Service and director for Civilian Equal Employment Opportunity, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon.

The program's theme honored Black History Month founder Carter G. Woodson and the origins of multiculturalism.

Arfanchalis Davis, Northeast Civilian Personnel Operations Center, Tobyhanna, narrated the program and Col. Jeffrey Weissman, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, gave opening remarks and closing presentations.

Weissman noted the importance of educating Americans about diversity and introduced the guest speaker.

"I think you will find a wonderful program today," Weissman said. "And I think you will find it both educational and inspirational."

He commented on Johnson's wide-



Stephanie Graham, second from right, and the NYADS Dance Troupe, from left, Sequoia Ghram, 17, Bria Goodwin, 14, and Aaronica Burrell, 9, entertain the audience with a 'Freedom Dance' during the Black History Month program at the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center Feb. 6.

ranging Army-wide responsibilities.

"Today, he is focusing on recognizing cultural differences," Weissman said. "If you look at his biography,

you will see that he is uniquely qualified for this role."

Rick Witherspoon, Garrison EEO advisor, opened the program with a rendition

of Bill Withers' 'Lean On Me,' accompanied by Staff Sgt. Stephen Edgerton, AMC Band, on keyboard. Other entertainment

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Slavery to freedom celebrated through song

Wilbert Davis Gospel Night features local talent Feb. 24

OC&S

African-American Heritage Month will be celebrated at Aberdeen Proving Ground as the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools hosts the 35th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night 4 p.m., Feb. 24, at the APG Post Theater.

Admission is free and open to the public.

The theme for this year's obser-

vanance is "From Slavery to Freedom: Celebrating Gallantry, Courage, and Heroism" and will feature several local gospel groups.

This year's program features: the Aberdeen Proving Ground Gospel Service; The Brinson Brothers from Columbia, S.C.; the Aberdeen High School Gospel Choir; Sister from Elkton; Sisters Singing with Anointed Voices from Aberdeen; Lisa Lyons from APG; LaShawna Moore

from Aberdeen, The Mount Zion Male Chorus from Havre de Grace and the Dance Group Praise and Motion from Aberdeen.

Gospel Night began in 1973 by then Maj. Wilbert Davis. He personally nurtured the musical celebration of Black History Month even after he retired from the U.S. Army.

In tribute to his personal dedication and devotion to the project Gen. John-

nie E. Wilson, the chief of Ordnance, named the annual event in his honor on Feb. 9, 1992.

Access to APG for the performance is available at the Maryland Boulevard Gate, Route 715.

An identification card such as a military or government civilian ID card, or a driver's license is required.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Gail Brennan, 410-278-2529.

IA leaders stress need for employees to get serious about computer security

DOIM

To prepare for the upcoming certification of the Installation Campus Area Network, Aberdeen Proving Ground DOIM officials recently conducted an informal inspection of several installation buildings.

Results showed that not enough employees, both Department of Defense civilians and contractors, are adhering to security procedures in protecting equipment and information.

The inspection found too many instances of unlocked or unattended computers and loose security of Common Access cards (CAC), according to Alice Surette, information assurance security officer for the Directorate of Information Management.

"All Aberdeen Proving Ground computer users are reminded to lock their computers and secure their CAC cards whenever computers are left unattended, for any reason," Surette said. "Unsecured systems, workstations and unauthorized thumb drives leave computer networks vulnerable to attacks and employees to identity theft or worse."

She said that everyone who uses a computer on APG is required to follow security procedures as stated in Army Regulation 25-2, Information Assurance.

In addition, further guidance is provided by calling the DOIM Help Desk at 410-306-HELP (4357).

"Network and workplace security is a team effort," Surette said. "Whether protecting information on the network, on a CD, or simply securing our CAC cards, we all must do our part to make sure security risks are mitigated."

Governor O'Malley welcomes home National Guard Soldiers from Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan

MDARNG

Approximately 180 Soldiers of the Maryland Army National Guard who returned last fall from overseas deployments were honored in a "Freedom Salute" Feb. 9 at Loch Raven High School by Governor Martin O'Malley and federal, state and local officials.

"I am very pleased that these citizen Soldiers of Maryland have safely returned from their deployments," O'Malley said. "These highly trained and highly motivated men and women have taken oaths to protect our state and our nation. They have sacrificed much to meet those obligations and I am glad to have them home."

"These men and women have dutifully and with distinction served our country and sacrificed so much," said Lt. Governor Anthony Brown. "I am delighted that so many Family members and friends were on hand to welcome these heroes home."

The returning Soldiers were from Headquarters, Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit,

which was based in Kuwait but commanded aviation maintenance organizations of National Guard units from 16 different states in Iraq and Afghanistan; Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 29th Infantry Division, which was based in Kosovo as part of the NATO peacekeeping force; and detachments of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 224th Aviation Regiment, which flew missions in Iraq.

The Freedom Salute is a formal ceremony to recognize the service of Soldiers who deployed and served in support of the Global War on Terror. The Soldiers being honored in this ceremony have served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Kosovo as part of the NATO peacekeeping force.

Each eligible Soldier received an encased American flag, a lapel insignia, a commemorative coin and certificate of appreciation from the Army National Guard. The Soldier's spouse/significant other received a lapel insignia.

APG wins Maryland 'Pacesetter' Award

Story by **MAJ CHARLES F. RUGGIERO JR.**
DLES

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Police Departments were recognized by the Maryland State Highway Administration's Highway Safety Office, the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and the Maryland Committee For Safety Belt Use, Inc. Feb 7 for exemplary seat belt use (100 percent) by members of both departments.

The awards ceremony at the Thurgood Marshall (BWI) Airport Marriott featured special recognition of businesses, schools, religious institutions and agencies after 92 percent or more of their populations were observed wearing seat belts on at least two occasions. Due to support from law enforcement agencies throughout the state and a conscientious effort of the populace, more than 93 percent of Maryland motorists are now using their seat belts as they travel. The Pacesetter program recognizes organizations that are trying to increase this number by "setting the pace" for even higher safety belt use.

Seat belt usage on Aberdeen Proving Ground during several days of observation throughout the "Click It or Ticket" Campaign last year was 99 percent, according to Joseph Darabasz, APG Police Traffic super-

visor, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

"Our goal for this year is to reach that hundred percent mark for the entire installation," he said.

To qualify for the "Pacesetter" award, participants conducted two observational seat belt surveys in their parking lots throughout a 24-hour period. These surveys were spaced at least 30 days apart to indicate sustained usage rates, and were conducted according to guidelines provided by the Maryland Highway Safety Office at SHA. Many of the surveys were submitted in conjunction with the Maryland Chief's Challenge campaign, a two-month law enforcement-based public education initiative to raise awareness of the lifesaving and injury reducing benefits of seat belt and child safety seat use.

The APG Police and Fire Departments extend an invitation to all organizations on post to take part in the Maryland "Pacesetter" challenge. Any activity that would like more information about this program and would like to be included in this year's seat belt "Pacesetter" survey, should contact investigator Mike Farlow, APG Community Policing Officer, 410-278-3692.

(Editor's note: Author is chief of Police Services Division, DLES.)

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Edgewood Area,
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Arkansas Guard promotes first African-American general



Photo by ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD
 Brig. Gen. William J. Johnson, right, is promoted by Maj. Gen. William D. Wofford, the adjutant general of Arkansas, becoming the first African American general in the 203-year history of the Arkansas National Guard.

Story by
MAJ EURYDICE STANLEY
 Army News Service

On Sept. 4, 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus defied the U.S. Supreme Court, calling in the Arkansas National Guard to prevent nine African-American students from entering Little Rock's Central High School. At the time, there were no African Americans in the Arkansas National Guard.

Last month, Brig. Gen. William J. Johnson became the first African-American general in the Arkansas National Guard.

"The significance of 'one day' was manifested today," said retired Arkansas National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. James Bankhead, who beamed with pride as a star was customarily pounded on the chest of the first African American general in the 203-year history of the Arkansas National Guard.

Johnson, 57, a native son of Arkansas, has served in the state for more than 30 years in positions of increasing responsibility to include executive officer, company commander, aide de camp, battalion

commander, human resource officer, chief of the joint staff and his current position as the assistant adjutant general for the Arkansas Army Guard. He holds degrees from Vincennes University, Philander Smith College and the U. S. Army War College.

"This is a promotion that is well-earned," said Maj. Gen. William D. Wofford, the adjutant general of Arkansas. Brig. Gen. Leodis Jennings, G-3, Army National Guard, echoed those sentiments: "Brigadier General Johnson's promotion is significant on three levels - he is the first African American general in Arkansas, the first African American deputy adjutant general in Arkansas and the highest ranking African American in the Arkansas National Guard. He routinely sets the standard of excellence."

Johnson is known as a calm, balanced, character-centered leader with strong leadership precepts, hard work ethics and true dedication to duty.

As he stood before a crowd of more than 500 supporters who attended his promotion ceremony, he thanked the pioneers upon whose shoulders he stood, recognizing their contri-

butions to his success.

"As I look back on a career where I've served in almost every position from private to colonel, I fully realize that I stand here due to the mentorship and guidance I received during my career," Johnson said. "I know that you can't get from point A to B by yourself. Attitude is important, as is respect and discipline."

Johnson's promotion was positioned during the celebration of significant occurrences in African American history as he writes a new chapter of his own.

The actual promotion was effective Oct. 16, 2007, two weeks after the nationwide commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Little Rock Central High Crisis and took place Jan. 5, a few weeks prior to the national recognition of the dreams and contributions of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Johnson was 7 years old on Sept. 2, 1957, when 280 Arkansas National Guard Soldiers were called up by Faubus to prevent the entrance of nine African American students into Central High who were attempting to desegregate the school. President Dwight D.

Eisenhower quickly federalized the entire force of 10,000 Guard Soldiers to remove them from the governor's command. Their mission of ensuring students were protected for the rest of the school year became one of the most significant examples of the National Guard's dual role of performing missions as directed by state or federal authorities. Johnson remembers it as a significant time in his life.

When asked about the role of the National Guard in the Central High Crisis, he noted "no one volunteered to stop African American kids from going to school. People don't understand mission, oaths and how this whole thing works. As Soldiers, we take an oath that says 'I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Arkansas against all enemies, foreign and domestic.' They did that then, we do it now.

"Soldiers today are better trained and more focused to perform a state and federal mission. While they are more diverse, they are still mission oriented. Soldiers will perform the mission regardless - without question," Johnson said.

"What a 'changing of the Guard' that I knew," noted Elizabeth Eckford, civil rights pioneer and one of the original Little Rock Nine students who vividly remembers being protected by an all Caucasian force of Arkansas National Guard Soldiers. Actually, there were no African American Soldiers in the Arkansas National Guard until 1963 when 1st Sgt. Jeff Hayes joined.

"Brigadier General Johnson's promotion shows the possibility for other Soldiers of color in the future," she said. "It's as if a huge road block has been physically removed."

Johnson said he saw the promotion ceremony as one of the most significant events in his life.

"I didn't know how many would attend with the 39th Infantry Brigade at Camp Shelby preparing for deployment," Johnson said. "As I looked around the room, I saw

folks I knew and gained something from that I haven't seen for twenty years. I'd catch a quick glimpse of someone who helped me put my first uniform together, Soldiers I've gone on missions with, and most importantly, countless young officers who saw hope in this organization for them."

Johnson requested retired Maj. Gens. Don C. Morrow and James Ryan, former Arkansas adjutant general, to participate in his ceremony along with the current adjutant general.

"Those who participated in my ceremony moved progress forward," Johnson said.

Well wishers within the crowd represented all facets of Johnson's life - community leaders, military colleagues, mentors, peers and most importantly, Family. His grandson, Brandon, beamed with pride as he presented Johnson's general officer belt to his grandfather, to the delight and pleasure of everyone in attendance.

"I watched him advance through the enlisted ranks - his career became the symbol for other aspiring Soldiers to model due to his desire and commitment," said Bankhead, Johnson's former trainer at the NCO academy. "He could have gone either way, but I know the mentorship that he received as he matriculated made the difference. It was exhilarating to see him receive his star - there are no words for it."

Bankhead was one of the original members of the Arkansas Defense Race Relations Institute Training team in 1973. The team spent five years providing training to Arkansas National Guard units attempting to change the attitude and behavior within the ranks.

"I know that what retirees did came at a cost," Johnson said, adding that he believes that everyone can serve in the fight to develop cohesive teams. "It's all association and relationship building. With relationship building comes trust. You have to sift out the values and beliefs that might have been addressed in childhood. You have to try to work toward the center and try to reach an agreement."

Johnson said that Soldiers

must be persistent to succeed.

"Look at other places and see how far along we are. You may not sprint - it takes time. Young officers don't want to wait. No one can take away what you've learned. I'd like to see more consistent change than faster. Identify opportunity, understand the culture of the organization to get through it, provide opportunities for others and make fair assessments. Don't just try to get by, request the hard jobs and prepare yourself for them.

"I have a diverse group that I mentor. I force mentorship on some to develop them. Many younger officers don't take this as seriously as more senior Soldiers who had to fight their way through the system," Johnson said.

Johnson's leadership focus is clear. He believes that it is his responsibility to assist the adjutant general as he directs his vision of building the finest reserve military organization serving the nation, state, and community collectively as a team.

"My goal as a strategic leader is to help guide the achievement of the adjutant general's vision by acquiring and allocating resources, directing policy, building consensus, influencing organizational culture and shaping the complex and ambiguous environment that we work," he said. "I will assist in growing the next generation of leaders, influence organizational culture, energize subordinates, and seek opportunities to advance our organizational goals.

"Bottom line, Soldiers have to see what right looks like. As a leader, you're a servant, motivator, listener, counselor and organizer. You can't get through an organization without someone helping you, and I'm obligated to do the same for others. I can't do any less," Johnson said.

(Editor's note: Maj. Eurydice Stanley serves as adjutant for the National Guard's Professional Education Center.)

Culture

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tainment included storytelling by Janice Curtis-Greene a retiree from the Baltimore Social Security Administration and cultural dances by Stephanie Graham and the NYADS Dance Troupe. In addition, Chaplain (Maj.) R. Randall Thomas, 16th Ordnance Battalion, offered an invocation of thanks for African American pioneers.

"Thank you for those who led so many through endless darkness and hopelessness and despair and for those who continue to struggle for universal freedom of all mankind," Thomas said.

Johnson complimented the program's organizer, Kimberly Alcorn, Installation Black Employment Program manager, on the event.

"I must admit I am moved by the talent that I have seen here today," he said.

He thanked everyone, on behalf of Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey, "for programs that make our nation strong."

Johnson read the proclamation establishing Black History Month, also referring to it as 'African American History Month,' and said that when Woodson established the observance, "I'm guessing the word multiculturalism was not in the dictionary but I think he'd be pleased."

"It's important that we continue to teach African American history and its accomplishments," Johnson said.

He said that Woodson "just want-

ed recognition" for noteworthy roles in American history that included the thousands of blacks who served and died in the Civil and Revolutionary wars.

"We've come a long way, baby," he said, adding that, "the goal of Carter G. Woodson is that we continue to educate the world about our history and culture." Citing the numbers of black males in prisons as opposed to those in college, Johnson said "there is room for improvement."

"I challenge each of you to carry on the educational goals of Carter G. Woodson," he said. "It's so important that we continue to recognize the achievements of African Americans."

Weissman presented certificates of appreciation to the program's participants.

Guest exhibits included the Harford County chapter of the NAACP led by Zilpha P. Smith, president; Eugene Chandler, 1st vice-president; Jerome Foster, 3rd vice-president and Calvin Dixon, assistant secretary.

"The chapter is seeking new members who wish to play a role in the continued existence of NAACP advocacy initiatives, outreach programs and litigation efforts," Smith said.

The chapter meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at Union United Methodist Church, 700 Old Post Road in Aberdeen, Smith said. For more information, contact Smith, 410-272-2131 or visit www.NAACP.org.

Representatives from the Greater Baltimore Urban League included Shelya Stewart, case manager, and Joe Bell, job development coordinator.

"The mission of the Urban League

is to enable African Americans and other minorities to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights through diversity of employment, youth and personal development and other programs," Stewart said.

For more information, visit the Baltimore Urban League Web site at www.bul.org.

Blacks in Government representatives included Jackie Pitts, conference planning co-chair, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, and Regina D. Kennedy, conference planning chair, Department of Veterans Administration, led by Larry McCaskill of RDECOM, president, BIG Susquehanna Chapter.

BIG is a national advocacy organization whose goals are to promote equity in all aspects of American life, excellence in public service and opportunity for all Americans.

"Blacks in Government functions as an employee support, advocacy and resource group for black civil servants at the local, state and federal level," McCaskill said. "The organization goals include promoting professionalism among Blacks in government, providing a nonpartisan platform on major issues, disseminating information and eliminating discrimination."

For more information, visit www.bignet.org.

At the program's conclusion, while guests sampled southern collard greens, Louisiana shrimp and Andouille sausage jambalaya, palm butter, West African greens, Jamaican curry chicken and fried plantains, several commented on the celebration.

Sgt. Nikishe Simon, 22nd Chemical Battalion, said that although she arrived late she enjoyed what she saw.

"I didn't see the whole thing but what I did see was outstanding," Simon said.

"This [program] was one of the best I've been to," said Sgt. 1st Class Marva Rogers, 20th Support Command. "It was informative, educational and enlightening, and the food was delicious."

"I thought it was outstanding," said Irvin Howard, a BEP member, retired Marine and instructor with the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance Schools' Conventional Weapons Division. "We have outstanding workers here on APG who should be represented. I'd like to see more African American supervisors

take the time to come out and support our programs."

Alcorn said that she was very pleased with the successful event and commended Johnson for sharing his life experiences.

"It's important to understand that special emphasis programs and observances such as Black History Month support one of the EEO goals of educating the workforce about cultural diversity to eliminate employment barriers," Alcorn said.

The BEP encourages participation and support from all levels; military and civilian, commanders, service members, directors and employees, she added. The BEP meets on the last Thursday of each month. For more information, call Alcorn, 410-278-1145.



Books by noted African American authors, such as 'The Souls of Black Folk' by W.E.B. DuBois and the selected poems of famed novelist and poet Claude McKay, are just some of the reading materials that were available at the Black Employment Program display.

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Deputy to the commander RDECOM retires after 34 years of service

RDECOM

After 34 years of working in the field of systems analysis where he applied his knowledge of math and computer modeling to some of the Army's most well-known hardware and logistical systems, what David Shaffer says he will remember most in retirement is the people.

"The most enjoyable part of my career is that I've had the good fortune to work with a lot of very bright, very talented people, Shaffer said. "The Army is strong because of the talents of the people it has here working for the Soldier." Shaffer joined those people in the early 1970s.

Later this month he will retire as the senior civilian and deputy to the commanding general of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

RDECOM is the Army's focal point for developing and accelerating innovative technology and engineering solutions that provide U.S. forces with decisive and dominant capability where they need it, when they need it. Shaffer's analytical abilities have stood him in good stead at the sprawling command, which boasts

more than 18,000 personnel worldwide working on everything from basic chemical research to getting Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles to the Soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Shaffer's people skills were also a critical asset, said those who have worked with him.

RDECOM provides the full spectrum of basic research, development, engineering and analysis of Warfighter systems, from concept to capability. That meant working not only with the command's scientists in the lab and engineers at high-powered workstations, but Soldiers deployed to war zones to get feedback on RDECOM systems and the people at the headquarters who keep it all working. He also had to form and maintain close working relationships with the command's many partners in the academic research community, private industry and the technology leaders in other countries.

By the time he had advanced to become the senior civilian advisor to the commander, Shaffer had seen the command's operations from the bottom up.

"I started as an intern at AMSAA

[U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity] in the early 1970s, and worked my way through the ranks to become the director," Shaffer said. "When I first came to AMSAA years ago things like the SINGARS [Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System] and the M1 (Abrams Main Battle) tank were just in testing. I had the good fortune to watch as they became the premier combat platforms of the world."

Shaffer said he thrived on the activity's mandate to analyze the constantly changing slate of new technologies and ways of doing things.

"I really found AMSAA [now a subordinate element of RDECOM] to be challenging and exciting because you were always given different challenges to work on. The fun part of the job was that it wasn't the same thing or the same people. You were always getting to meet new people doing interesting things," he said.

Because of the nature of his work, the general public did not get to see much of what was developed and provided to the Army, but he said his personal satisfaction was not diminished.

"Unlike our counterparts in private

industry, we [civil servants] don't tend to make a big deal of our accomplishments. We are not going to spend taxpayer's money to advertise ourselves. We know what we have to do and we get it done. The satisfaction that we get is that equipment gets into the field and Soldiers lives are saved," Shaffer said.

Army leaders not only saw the superior work being done for Soldiers at places like AMSAA, they saw an opportunity to do it better and for fewer taxpayer dollars, he added.

Shaffer was deeply involved in the planning for the Base Realignment and Closure action that is just coming to fruition as he steps down.

"I had the good fortune of working for the BRAC effort under General Paul Kern when he was AMC [U.S. Army Materiel Command] commander," Shaffer said. "The transformation that is going to happen at Aberdeen Proving Ground will be the biggest thing that has happened here since it was bought in 1917. With organizations coming down from Picatinny Arsenal and Fort Monmouth in New Jersey, as well as the [U.S.] Army Test and Evaluation Command and others, along with the loss of the

Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground will be very much focused on science and technology.

"The makeup of the workforce is going to change in the next five years. The infrastructure here on the proving ground is going to allow us to have incredible state-of-the-art facilities. It will present lots of challenges for our leadership, but it's going to be extremely positive as Aberdeen moves into this transformation for our Army," Shaffer said.

Having had a hand in the design and execution of the BRAC effort, Shaffer now faces his own transition. He plans to go back to work in the private sector, but not before he does something he has never done before.

"First thing I'm going to do is take a month of leave and go to Florida and enjoy the sunny south. My wife and I have never really taken a long vacation during my working life," he said.

Shaffer and his wife Kathy, a nursing home administrator and registered nurse, have lived in the Aberdeen area since 1971. They have two sons, Michael, who is a mechanical engineer with Lockheed Martin in New Jersey, and Jeffrey, who is a computer scientist working in Lexington, Ky.

Army Contracting Agency implements Wide Area Workflow



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Wide Area Workflow is an E-Commerce initiative designed to automate commercial invoices and government receiving reports into a Web-based and paperless environment.

It is the Department of Defense's standard application for the electronic processing of invoices and receiving reports.

Users of WAWF input their invoices and receiving reports into WAWF via the Internet and the information is then routed through the system utilizing the vendor's Commercial Activity Government Entity, or CAGE, Code and the Government's most current Department of Defense Activity Address Code, or DoDAAC.

The Army has been working with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to implement

this application for the last several years. Many organizations have had the ability to use WAWF since November 2006, but have not made significant progress in utilizing this electronic commerce tool.

The Army Test Center and Army Medical Command coordinated with the Directorate of Contracting and are now using this process.

WAWF requires the activities' active assigned DoDAAC be included in each contract action and that the requiring activities' inspection, receiving and invoice approving personnel are registered and activated in WAWF in order for the automated processes to work.

The activity point of contact must verify the DoDAAC at <https://www.daas.dla.mil/daas-inq/>, but know that this procedure requires a login and password.

Requesting and receiving activities' must ensure the information needed for Army elec-

tronic invoicing instructions are included on all purchase requests submitted to their contracting offices in order to utilize WAWF.

It is the requesting activities' responsibility to ensure data provided to the contracting office is current and accurate.

The information required for each purchase request must be clearly visible on it or provided as an attachment to the electronic purchase request.

A link to a form that may be used as an attachment will soon be available on the Directorate of Contracting Web site under "Full Customer Service," "Announcements and News" at <https://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/contracting.asp>.

WAWF training is available online for both requiring activities and vendors at <http://wawftraining.com>.

For additional information, call Martha Mitchem, 410-278-2362.

AED saves APG service member

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For the second time in as many months, the employment of a facility AED (automated external defibrillator) is credited with saving a life on Aberdeen Proving Ground thanks to swift action by two Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic employees.

Staff Sgt. Zach Delabastide, a preventive medicine clerk, and Josephine Starrett, a logistics specialist, were exercising in the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center about 5:30 a.m., Jan. 30, when the incident occurred.

Delabastide said that while riding a stationary bike, a man on the bike next to him suddenly collapsed.

"About five or six minutes into our workout I looked over and he began to slouch on the handle bars," Delabastide said.

He said that he could hear labored breathing from the man and assumed that he was resting but that the man then slumped over. As Delabastide reached out to catch him, the man's

weight pulled them both to the floor.

"I immediately looked up and told the nearest person to call 911," he said.

The man then began convulsing and shortly after he stopped breathing. Then Delabastide could not find a pulse.

Starrett, who was exercising nearby in the Nautilus room saw what was going on and as she approached, Delabastide looked up and shouted for her to "get the AED."

"He completely turned blue and there was no pulse," Starrett added. "All the life saving steps we had learned in training was all that was going through my mind," she said.

Carefully following the instructions on the AED, once in place, Delabastide yelled for all to "stand clear."

"It analyzed his rhythm and said to shock him," he said. "I pushed the button to shock him and it then analyzed his pulse and breathing."

Realizing the presence of Sgt. David Wright, a KUSAHC medic, Delabastide "put him in charge" and

then shifted positions to stabilize the victim's airway.

"The AED cycled through and [again said] that we were to stand clear," he said.

After he informed Wright of the reading, he pushed the button and shocked the patient again.

"For the next couple of minutes we just monitored him until the [APG] emergency medical service arrived," he said.

The patient was regaining his color as the paramedics arrived, he said. The three assisted medical personnel in stabilizing the patient and securing him on a stretcher as they briefed them on what had transpired.

Delabastide said that later that morning, one of the emergency responders, paramedic Michael P. Slayman, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, Fire and Emergency Services Division, came to his office to let him know the patient had improved to the point that he was speaking and appeared fully lucid before the ambulance was out

of the gate.

Delabastide and Starrett said the realization of what they had done settled in slowly.

"I spent the day retracing our steps," Delabastide said. "In a situation like that you just don't want to do anything wrong that would hurt the person. My wife was just in awe when I told her," he added. "When someone tells you that you saved someone's life it seems like something that's bigger than you are."

Starrett said that although neither she nor Delabastide are medical personnel, they had received medical emergency training at KUSAHC.

"It's something you never think about actually happening," she said, adding that when she told her daughters about the incident, "All they could say was 'Oh my God.'"

"Training at the clinic really paid off," she said.

Bob McNabb, U.S. Ordnance Center and Schools Safety Office, congratulated the heroes on their fast thinking and said that the incident,

along with a similar incident at the AA Chapel in December, shows the importance of having as many readily available AEDs in post facilities as possible.

"The OC&S Safety Office in coordination with the Installation Fire Department schedules CPR/AED training five times a year," McNabb said. "This training is conducted by our very own [paramedics], and it is now obvious to me just how well they provide this training."

"I happened to be at the Fitness Center that morning, so I saw first hand just what professionalism looked like. These two individuals, Staff Sergeant Zach Delabastide and Ms. Josephine Starrett, didn't even bat an eye. They went to work, and because of their quick response and attention to detail, a young Marine is alive and well. I'm proud of these two individuals and I'm proud of the Army and our Fire Department for the training they provide. Safety in everything we do is alive and well," McNabb said.

AUSA chapter looks forward to the future

Story by
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APG News

The Susquehanna Chapter of the Association of the United States Army has a new board of directors and its new president says the chapter is wholly focused on the future.

Mary J. Jernigan, a division manager with QUANTUM Research International in Bel Air, was sworn in as chapter president during a Dec. 7, 2007, ceremony led by retired Col. John E. Davies, AUSA national director of Regional Activities. Jernigan said she is confident in the future of the organization and that she is grateful for the support of the chapter's executive board, especially past president Luis Fernandez.

"We are going to continue what Mr. Fernandez started," Jernigan said. "He graciously served our community with many years of hard work in this and other organizations, wholly dedicated to our Soldiers and veterans."

She said the board is "actively formulating a plan of action to embrace AUSA goals," while seeking new members and corporate support.

The chapter has 342 active, paying members, she said.

"The board is working on updating member's contact information so we can communicate activities and they are in the process of designing a chapter Web site for chapter events, an activities calendar and the chapter's history," she said.

Monthly meetings of the Susquehanna Chapter of the AUSA will be held the second Tuesday of each month, with the first meeting of the year set for 11:30 a.m., March 11 at the Clarion Hotel, 980 Hospitality Way, in Aberdeen. To attend, contact Valerie Kutchner, 410-273-5451 or e-mail vlk@orsacorp.com.

Along with chapter business, the meeting will include remarks by guest speaker, Staff

Sgt. Gary Heffernan, an Iraq War veteran from Fort Hood, Texas, who is currently serving with the Army's 'Why We Serve' speakers program.

"You do not have to be a member to attend," Jernigan said.

Meeting announcements will be posted on the national Web site and on the chapter site once it is operational, she said, adding that those wishing to join the chapter must do so through the national Web site, <http://www.ausa.org>.

Jernigan said her short term goals include involving surrounding communities in AUSA activities and encouraging participation from local businesses, as well as government employees and contractors.

She said she also would like to see the chapter host technical conferences and seminars as fundraisers to hopefully start a scholarship program for local students.

"One year from now, I see this chapter playing an integral part with the proving ground and its commander," she said. "I'd like a close, working relationship with the community and APG commanders to let them know we're here for them."

The anticipated influx of new members due to Base Realignment and Closure increases the need for a vital, active chapter, Jernigan said, noting that representatives from the Fort Monmouth, N.J.

AUSA chapter "have already shown interest in what we're doing," and that their vice-president attended the groups' December meeting.

"They are the most active chapter in the nation with more than one-thousand members," she said.

She said that even with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' anticipated departure from the proving ground, the focus remains on the Soldier.

"We will continue to support the Soldiers remaining at APG, and I'd like for us to get involved with visiting wounded warriors at Walter Reed [Army Medical Center]" she said. "There are so many things we can do to help them."

"The point of AUSA," she added, "is to educate our Soldiers and their Families about issues affecting them and to take care of our Soldiers and their Families. AUSA invites all those who want to share in this responsibility to join and participate. We are laying the foundation for the future of this chapter. This is a marvelous and exciting opportunity to pave the way for future generations."

For more information about the Susquehanna Chapter of the AUSA, contact Jernigan at 410-569-7317, ext. 13 or e-mail her at mjernigan@quantum-intl.com.

AUSA
www.ausa.org

Since 1950, the Asso-

ciation of the United States Army has worked to support all aspects of national security while advancing the interests of America's Army and the men and women who serve.

AUSA is a private, non-profit educational organization that supports America's and provides professional development opportunities at a variety of local and national events.

AUSA offers educational materials and events designed specifically to educate Army professionals about current issues that affect Soldiers and their Families.

AUSA membership is open to all Army ranks and components - active, National Guard and Reserve, Department of the Army civilians, retirees, concerned citizens and Family members. Community businesses and defense industry companies also are represented by AUSA.

For more information, visit the AUSA Web site, <http://www.ausa.org>.



Your health is KUSAHC's goal



KUSAHC offers physical therapy

KUSAHC

For anyone suffering from a movement disorder arising from a condition or disease, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic has two employees trained in the profession of physical therapy.

Physical therapy is normally performed by either a qualified physical therapist (physiotherapist) or physical therapy assistant under the direct supervision of a phys-

ical therapist. Capt. Joseph Flores, a mobilized Army Reservist, is a civilian trained licensed physical therapist filling in for Capt. Terrance Fee who is currently deployed to Iraq. Flores is supported by Sgt. Joseph Holtz, an Army trained physical therapist technician who graduated from the AMEDD Center & School Physical Therapy Technician Program.

In most cases a patient is

referred by a physician to the physical therapist with a general complaint of neck, back, shoulder, knee or ankle pain. The physical therapist will then perform an evaluation to determine the specific diagnosis and then devise a plan of care to alleviate the problem and restore any function lost due to the patient's specific impairment.

The treatment programs can consist of therapeutic modal-

ities and/or exercise for specific parts of the body such as the back, legs, arms, or neck in an effort to strengthen, restore range of motion, re-learn movement, and/or rehabilitate the musculoskeletal system to improve function.

KUSAHC currently accommodates active duty, Family members and retired patients with the general complaint of neck, back, shoulder, knee, and/or ankle

pain; but can also accommodate post-operative patients such as those whose operations include arthroscopic knee surgery, arthroscopic shoulder surgery, spine surgery, ankle surgery, and total knee and hip replacements.

The two types of patients KUSAHC staff cannot accommodate are pediatric and elbow/hand patients. Pediatric patients are generally referred to a civilian

physical therapy clinic as KUSAHC hours would cause the child to miss a significant amount of schooling to attend in-clinic appointments. Hand/elbow patients are referred to occupational therapists, who are more skilled and adept in this area of physical therapy.

Patients should have a referral from their primary physician when coming to KUSAHC for physical therapy.

TRICARE beneficiaries prove they would rather 'switch than fight'

U.S. DoD Military Health System

The classic marketing slogan "I'd rather fight than switch" has no place in the campaign to encourage TRICARE beneficiaries to make the switch from retail pharmacies to the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy.

The "switch" has taken place in record numbers, in record time, all pretty much due to the new Member Choice Center.

The goal to convert 60,000 retail prescriptions to mail order within a year through the MCC was a done deal in less than four months according to TRICARE officials. By mid-January 2008 there were over 65,000 conversions with another 10,000 in the process.

"The ease of using the Member Choice Center, coupled with our efforts at getting

the word out, contributed to immediate success," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of the TRICARE Management Activity. The MCC launched at the end of August, 2007. "Everyone who makes the switch from now on is above and beyond our initial goal. It just goes to prove, the more convenience and savings you offer, the more receptive beneficiaries will be to making the TMOP choice."

TMOP allows TRICARE beneficiaries, consisting of the members of the seven Uniformed Services, retirees and their Families, to save money by receiving up to a 90-day supply of most medications for the same amount they would pay for a 30-day supply at a retail pharmacy.

Some beneficiaries save as much as 66 percent on medications for conditions such as high blood pressure, asthma or diabetes. In all, a beneficiary's savings with TMOP could range from \$24 a year for each regular formulary generic drug to as much as \$176 a year for each non-formulary brand-name drug. The savings increase with each additional prescription.

As an added bonus, prescriptions are 30-40 percent less through the mail-order service compared to retail pharmacies. The Department of Defense estimates savings as much as \$22 million a year with just a one percent shift of prescriptions from retail to mail order.

For many beneficiaries, the key factor is the convenience of making the switch through the MCC and the appeal of "home delivery." TMOP pharmacists are available 24 hours a day, any day of the week. Beneficiaries can ask questions about their personal drug treatment in complete privacy over the phone — rather than in public at a retail pharmacy counter.

The MCC can also refill a beneficiary's prescription by mail, phone, fax, or online and take payment by check or credit card. Although toll free phone calls now out number Internet requests, initial communication efforts resulted in the majority of beneficiaries using the MCC's online features to "click and convert."

"Even now, many of TRICARE's beneficiaries are using the online option," said

RADM Thomas McGinnis, chief of the TRICARE Management Activity Pharmaceutical Operations Directorate. "We are finding that our beneficiaries are very computer savvy and enjoy the convenience of managing their health care needs online. TRICARE beneficiaries use the online refill option thirty-four percent of the time." That's higher than in commercial versions of mail order programs.

There are other convenient features. An electronic alert is e-mailed to beneficiaries when their prescription is about to expire, giving them time to arrange for a renewal from their physician. Beneficiaries also get an e-mail when prescriptions are shipped and an additional reminder is sent when they are eligible to refill the prescriptions.

"TRICARE is dedicated to staying at the forefront of today's growing technology and to offer tools that enhance service, savings and convenience for the beneficiary," Granger said. "The early success of the MCC is a clear indication that we're hitting the mark with our beneficiaries."

Commentary: Is smokeless tobacco worth using?

By **BRAD TAFT**

U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

"Smoking is bad. I know that. But look, I don't smoke, I chew. That's a lot better choice, right?"

"That depends."

Chewing tobacco is a choice that depends on two things: what you want to get out of using smokeless tobacco and the price you're willing to pay to get what you want.

You are the Army's most important asset. You are strong—Army strong. Nothing

should get in your way as you live out your strength of character, your strength of will and your strength of purpose.

The problem is that smokeless tobacco does get in your way because it is highly addictive. The drug nicotine makes smokeless tobacco addictive, and the amount of nicotine you get from a dip of chewing tobacco is three to four times the amount delivered by a cigarette.

Just like any other addiction, addiction to smokeless tobacco takes things away from you:

- Money—each year hundreds of dollars of your

hard-earned money gets put in your mouth and then spit out.

- Health—you may develop problems with your teeth, mouth and stomach from the chemicals in smokeless tobacco; as well, there's the possibility of heart problems and cancer.

- Priorities—everything starts to revolve around you being able to have a chew.

If you can't get through the day without chewing tobacco then you probably are addicted.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the nicotine in tobacco makes it as tough to break free of tobacco addiction as it is to break free of addiction to heroin or cocaine.

However, you can free yourself from smokeless tobacco addiction. The annual Great American Spit Out (GASpO) is today, Feb. 21. The Army Toolkit for GASpO 2008 has some good resources as do the sites listed below. Check them out and talk to your health-care provider about beating the addiction to smokeless tobacco.

Other resources

Army Toolkit—GASpO 2008 <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dhpw/Population/TobaccoCessation.aspx> (Scroll down to "Great American Spit Out.")

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention http://www.cdc.gov/healthmarketing/entertainment_education/tips/tobacco.htm

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/HealthInformation/DiseasesAndConditions/Spit-Tobacco/default.htm>

(Editor's note: Author is a health promotion outcomes researcher at CHPPM.)

Community Notes

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 22 2008 CHRISTIAN SWEETHEART GALA

True Joy Ministries will sponsor its third annual 'Christian Sweetheart Gala, 7 to 11 p.m., at the Richlin Ballroom located on 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood. The formal, black-tie optional event is a non-profit scholarship fundraiser. Tickets cost \$50 per person and includes dinner and automatic entry into the 'Grand Prize' raffle for \$750. Participants must be present to win. For those unable to attend the gala there is a 'Mystery Prize' drawing with a donation of \$35.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Minister Kenneth W. Telsee, senior pastor, True Joy Ministries, 410-937-4051 or 410-273-9715; or e-mail Trujoyministries@aol.com.

FULL MOON FRIDAY NIGHT

There is nothing like a hike with a full moon. Hike the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center trails and enjoy the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of winter. This program will be

held 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. for ages 7 to adult. Cost is \$2 and registration is required. For more information, to register or for directions to the center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 23 CRITTER DINNER TIMES

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat and learn more about these fascinating creatures. This free program will be held 1:30 p.m. for all ages. No registration required.

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

WINTER LOWTIDE WALK

Walk the shoreline of Otter Point Creek to look for the fascinating shapes that driftwood can take. Bring boots or hip waders and splash around, particularly the children. This free program will be held 3 to 4 p.m. for all ages; under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

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

BLUE GRASS MUSIC

American Legion Edgewood Service Post 17, located on 415 Edgewood Road, will sponsor True Blue Grass Music featuring The Harold Tipton Band, 8 p.m. to midnight. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person and include cash bar and food.

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 24 DISCOVERY WALK

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

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

BRING OUT YOUR BONES

Learn the basics of identifying bones found in nature, then do a chicken wing dissec-

tion (and eating), after washing hands, of course. This program will be held 1 to 2 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. Cost is \$3 and registration is required.

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

WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION FUND

Maryland Consolidated Military Organizations will host a bull and oyster roast, 1 p.m., at Tall Cedars Hall located on 2501 Putty Hill Ave., Baltimore. All proceeds will benefit a Welcome Home Celebration Fund for deployed Maryland National Guard units.

Donations cost \$33 per person, or \$300 per table of 10 and includes music, dancing, silent auction, wheels and instant bingo raffles.

Menu includes pit beef and ham, country smoked ham, oysters on the half shell, homemade Maryland crab soup, chicken wings, barbecue boneless pork ribs, sauerkraut and kielbasa, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes with gravy, potato salad, cole slaw, fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, pickled beets, seasonal vegetables

with dips, coffee, iced tea, beer and soda.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lisa Mitchell, 410-576-6037 or e-mail lisa.mitchell@mdbalt.af.mil.

BASKET BINGO

American Legion Mason-Dixon Post 194, located on 338 East Main Street, Rising Sun, Md. will sponsor Basket Bingo, 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 for three cards and 20 games; extra cards cost \$5 per set. Raffles will be available. Proceeds to benefit Boy Scout Troop 28.

For more information, call 410-658-3915, or e-mail basketbingo@zoominternet.net.

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 28 BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN OF MARYLAND

The Business and Professional Women of Maryland Harford County Chapter will meet 6 to 8 p.m. at the Edgewood Public Library, located on 629 Edgewood Road. Guest speaker will be Karen Zhusanbay, U.S. Department of

Veterans Affairs. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Manuela Perez, 410-306-2354, or e-mail mperez@dlr.state.md.us.

THURSDAY

MARCH 6 LARVAL FISH SURVEY

Find out what the larval fish survey taught about the Bush River in 2007. Anyone can be a part of the 2008 survey. This workshop is for returning and new volunteers. If participants are willing to volunteer their time to study fish and streams, then join the Estuary Center — no experience necessary. All equipment and training is provided. Dinner will be served. This free program will be held 6 to 8 p.m. for ages 12 to adult; ages 12 to 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

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

Post Shorts

Chapel News

Holy Season worship schedule

Easter Sunrise Service will be held 7 a.m., March 23, in front of the Main Post Chapel. More information will be available at a future date.

Aberdeen Area

Protestant services

Regular worship is Sunday, 10:15 a.m.

Through March 19, Lenten Lunches will be held in the fellowship hall

Gospel

Regular worship is Sunday, noon

March (TBD), Christ Seder Meal and Service will be held in the fellowship hall

Catholic services

Regular mass is Sunday, 8:45 a.m.

Feb. 22, 6 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Confirmation Vigil Service

March 7, 6 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Soup and Bread

March 16, 8:30 a.m., Palm Sunday Mass

March 21, 3 p.m., Good Friday service: Stations of the Cross

March 21, 7 p.m., Solemn Liturgy

March 22, 8 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass

March 23, 8:30 a.m., Easter Sunday Mass

Edgewood Area

Protestant services

Regular worship is Sunday, 9:15 a.m.

Catholic services

Regular mass is Sunday, 10:45 a.m.

Feb. 23, 6 p.m., Holy Hour, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Feb. 29, 6 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Soup and Bread

March 1, 6 p.m., Holy Hour, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

March 8, 6 p.m., Holy Hour, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

March 14, 6 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Soup and Bread

March 16, 10:45 a.m., Palm Sunday Mass

March 20, 7 p.m., Holy Thursday Mass

March 23, 10:45 a.m., Easter Sunday Mass

Jewish services

Jewish worship services will be held at the Harford Jewish Center, Temple Adas Shalom located on 8 N. Earlton Road, Havre de Grace.

For more information, call 410-939-6593 or e-mail hjcmd@comcast.net.

Islamic services

Islamic worship services will be held at the AM-NUR Foundation, 10012 Harford Road, Parkville, Md.

For more information, call 410-663-9677.

the Spates Community Club, located at 214 McNair Road, Fort Myer, Va.

Employers include area police and fire departments, federal agencies, health care agencies, defense and government contractors and will discuss job openings with candidates. All military I.D. card holders are eligible to attend. Military personnel should bring resumes and be prepared for on-site interviews. No children please.

For more information, call Dawn Fincham, 703-805-2464 or e-mail Dawn.M.Fincham@us.army.mil.

Annual FWP training program

The APG FWP committee will sponsor its annual Women's History Month Training Program. The program will take place 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 5, at the Edgewood Conference Center, building E-4810. The training is open to all active duty military, DoD civilians and contractors located at APG.

Topics for this year include Writer's Workshop, Budget Workshop (Ways to Find Hidden Cash), The Peak Performance Commitment, The Benefits of a Mentoring Relationship and Emotional Intelligence and are available in the morning and afternoon.

Deadline for registration, with supervisor approval, is Feb. 28.

For more information, call Diane Siler, 410-436-2681.

Recruiting team to visit APG

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command,

Ft. Knox, Ky., will present a briefing, 10 a.m., Feb. 28 at the Janet Barr Building, building 4305, room 243, Side A.

The briefing will include qualifications and application procedures to applicants interested in becoming U.S. Army warrant officers.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Rosalyn Grayson, Career Counselor, Ordnance Center and Schools, 410-306-2769, DSN 458-2769 or e-mail rosalyn.i.grayson@apg.army.mil; or call the Warrant Officer team, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Carlos L. Negron, 502-626-0458, DSN 536-0458 or e-mail carlos.negron@usarec.army.mil.

[negron@usarec.army.mil](mailto:carlos.negron@usarec.army.mil).

Women's artwork wanted

The theme for Women's History Month is "Women's Art: Women's Vision." The Federal Women's Program Committee is looking for artwork by local female artists to display at the FWP Conference, March 5 at the FWP Training Conference. Art must be 'workplace appropriate.'

All artwork will be the responsibility of the artist, to include setup.

Placement time is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Artist should also include a brief narrative

explaining the piece(s) and why the medium was chosen.

Artists interested in displaying up to two pieces of their original art in any medium (to include painting, photography, quilts, jewelry, etc.), should contact Diane Simmons, 410-436-8479, or e-mail diane.e.simmons1@us.army.mil or Diane Siler, 410-436-2681, or e-mail janet.siler@us.army.mil, for more details.

GEMS accepting student applications

Registration for the summer 2008 Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science program at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory is now open for students currently in grades 6 through 10. Students currently in grades 11 and 12 will be considered for the program only if they have not previously participated in GEMS.

The GEMS program gives a diverse group of middle and high school students the opportunity to do hands-on experiments with scientists and mathematicians in a government laboratory. The goals of the program are to motivate students in their study of math and science and to inspire them to consider careers in those fields.

The program is limited to 112 students (28 per week).

Registration will close March 22. Letters of acceptance will be sent out by April 25.

For more information or to register, visit the U.S. Army Educational Outreach Program Web site, <http://www.usaeop.com>. GEMS is listed under "High school programs."

Look for the location link for the ARL-APG program) - or contact Krissy Turner, 410-306-1008, or e-mail krissy.turner@us.army.mil.

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FAMILY, MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Exero World Wrestling Title Match

Live wrestling – the Xero World Title Match featuring Supreme Lee Grant vs. Julio Dinero is scheduled for 6 p.m., Feb. 23 at Edgewood Area Hoyle Gymnasium, building E-4210. Admission price is \$10 for active duty, general admission \$15, \$20 for ring-side seats, \$3 for youth ages 7 to 14 for CYS members, \$5 for non-members. Children ages 6 and under admitted free.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-278-4011/4907 or 410-436-3375/7134.

SKIES Unlimited Brazilian Jujitsu

A Brazilian jujitsu program will be held at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

Three sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from March 11 through April 10; April 15 through May 15; and May 20 through June 19.

Beginner classes will be

held 6 to 6:45 p.m.; advanced classes will be held 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Cost is \$85 per student, or \$240 per student for all three classes.

For more information or to register, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. For an appointment, e-mail stacie.umbarger@apg.army.mil.

Do-it-yourself New York City tours

MWR has scheduled several day trips to New York City – eight hours for sightseeing, shopping, seeing a Broadway matinee, venturing into China Town and more March 15,

April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15.

Cost is \$40 per person. The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. and will return 10 p.m. Open to all DoD card holders.

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

New York City Liberty Tours

MWR Leisure Travel Services offers two New York City Liberty Tours, March 29 and July 19.

Cruise aboard the famous Circle Line cruise ship down Manhattan harbor to the Statue of Liberty for the best view in the city. Following the cruise, enjoy lunch on the coach touring famous and not-so-famous New York sights narrated by a professional and friendly step on guide. Then explore and shop in midtown Manhattan. Shop for souvenirs, browse at Macy's or stroll Times Square.

Cost is \$90 per person and includes roundtrip transportation, cruise and lunch.

The bus will depart 7:20 a.m. and return 9:30 p.m.

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

Amateur Boxing Night

The 16th and 143rd Ordnance battalions face off for the first time in 2008 during the Amateur Boxing Night Extravaganza March 15 at the Aberdeen Athletic Center, building 3300. Doors open 5 p.m., the event begins at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 for active duty military; \$10 for non-military; and \$20 for ringside seats. Children under 6 are admitted free.

Purchase tickets at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or Hoyle Gym, building E-4210, 410-436-3375/7134.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus tickets on sale

Ladies and gentlemen, come see the greatest show on earth. Tickets are available for

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

Week of Feb. 19

Special #1: Bacon, lettuce and tomato sub with mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, curly French fries, one cookie and soda for \$6.75.

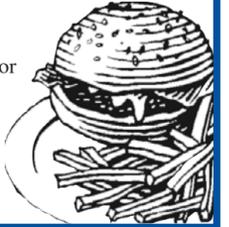
Special #2: Grilled cheese with garden salad: lettuce, tomato, onions and pickles, one cookie and soda for \$3.65.

Week of Feb. 25

Special #1: Three cod strips, French fries, one cookie and soda for \$6.95.

Special #2: Italian sausage on a hot dog bun, curly French fries, one cookie and soda for \$5.25.

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



SCHOOL LIAISON

Harford County school parents can receive notification about school closures and delays from several sources

Alert Now <http://www.hcps.org/aboutus/inclementweather/schoolsout.aspx>. Parents will receive announcements of school closures and delays sent directly to their home telephone. Announcements will be made at 5:45 a.m.; announcements are normally complete by 6:05 a.m.

The eSchoolnewsletter is an e-mail service for parents to receive e-mails from their child's school or the school system. Parents can register as users at schools. Information includes notification of any schedule changes and other important material. Schools will use the service to keep Families of their students informed about issues at their school. Eschoolnewsletter will be sent out around 5:15 a.m.

Television stations announcing school closures and delays include WMAR Channel 2; WBAL Channel 11; WJZ-TV Channel 13 and Fox 45 News Channel 45 or 15.

Radio stations announcing school closures and delays include WAMD 970-AM,

Aberdeen; WBAL 1090 AM, Baltimore; WCBM 680 AM, Baltimore; WSBA 910 AM, York, Pa.; WLIF 101.9 FM, Baltimore; WPOC, 93.1 FM, Baltimore; WWMX 102.7 FM, Baltimore; WQSR, 102.7 FM; WDAC, 94.5 FM, Lancaster, Pa.; WXYV, 105.7 FM, Baltimore; WERQ, 92.3 FM, Baltimore.

Get the latest school closure and delay information directly from the home page of Harford County Public Schools, www.hcps.org. (School closure and delay information will replace the scrolling photos at the top of the home page of HCPS.org) The Web site should be updated by 5:30 a.m. and as needed when messages change.

Central Office Switchboard or Alert-Now Voicemail Box

These mailboxes will be updated with the closure information no later than 5:15 a.m.

Switchboard: call 410-838-7300 or 1-866-588-4963 to listen to a recording of current school closures and delays.

AlertNow Mailbox: 410-809-6340

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

shows March 12 through 23 at the 1st Mariner Arena in Baltimore for \$18.75 for ages 2 and older. The last day to purchase is March 7.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit MWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail

MWR_LeisureTravel@apg.army.mil.

MWR hosting 'Losers ARE Winners' weight loss competition

A new weight loss competition began Jan. 14 and ends April 4. Participants must enter with a partner (groups of 3 will be accepted).

Participants will weigh in once a week. Participants who lose the most weight based on a percentage will win a prize.

Register at the AA Fitness Center, building 320 or Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210. Entry fee is \$5 per person.

For more information, call Jeff Pettway, 410-278-9725

Discount ski lift tickets available

MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center has discount ski lift tickets for Bear Creek, Blue Mountain, Camelback, Jack Frost/Big Boulder Ski Resorts and Ski Liberty, Ski Roundtop and Whitetail.

For more information, call MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center, 410-278-4907/4011, building 3326, or e-mail mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

School age/middle school services summer program taking applications

The Aberdeen and Edgewood area's summer programs will run for nine weeks, June 16 through Aug. 15, Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to

5:30 p.m.

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

Tuition fees are based on total Family income.

Waiting list applications may be picked up daily beginning 7:30 a.m., Feb. 19, at the Edgewood Area Youth Services, building E-1902, the Outreach Services, building 2752 or faxed to 410-278-4658.

Applications will not be distributed or accepted at the Aberdeen Area Youth Service building.

Registration will be held Saturday, April 19, at the Edgewood Area Youth Services and Saturday, April 26, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Services for all sponsors who have been offered openings by the Central Registration office. Registration packets, an up-to-date physical and Family income information must be completed prior to the registration appointment.

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

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

AAFES NEWS

AAFES gives military shoppers chance to 'pin down' trip to Wrestlemania 24

AAFES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is "tag teaming" with World Wrestling Entertainment to provide military shoppers at BXs and PXs throughout the continental United States with an opportunity to win a free trip for two to Orlando for Wrestlemania 24.

The "Wrestlemania 24 Get-away Sweepstakes" includes round trip airfare for two, three nights hotel, two tickets to Wrestlemania 24 and \$500 in spending money. The approximate retail value of the winning package is \$3,000.

"Whether the winning entry comes from the Ft. Lewis PX or the Tyndall Air Force



Base BX, AAFES is going to send one lucky Soldier or Airman and their guest to see the pageantry and drama of sports entertainment's greatest event live and in person," said AAFES Chief Marketing Officer Richard Sheff. "The 'decision' to enter is a

no-brainer."

Military shoppers can register for the sweepstakes at all CONUS AAFES locations through Feb. 28 with the winner being announced on or about March 7.

Wrestlemania 24, WWE's annual extravaganza, will take place on Sunday, March 30 at the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, marking only the second time in the event's history that it will be held outdoors. Last year saw more than 63,000 fans from 22 countries and all 50 states converge on Detroit for Wrestlemania 23 and this year's event is expected to draw similar numbers.

Military shoppers sitting pretty with Stylique Salon Sweepstakes

AAFES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Nikon have teamed up to help military shoppers leap into the new year with a new style and possibly even a new digital camera through the Stylique's Nikon "Picture a New You" sweepstakes.

Now through Feb. 28, authorized shoppers can register to win one of ten Nikon Coolpix L14 digital cameras, valued at approximately \$129 each.

"Troops and their Families will look picture perfect after visiting their local Stylique Salon," said AAFES Chief Marketing Officer Richard Sheff. "There is no better way to capture that 'new you' look than with a brand new digital camera."

Military shoppers can register for their chance at a digital camera at Stylique Salons located in BXs and PXs worldwide. Winners of this sweepstakes will be announced on or about March 28.

Surf the Internet and 'Discover Your Benefit'

DeCA

Find convenience and the latest information at your fingertips at the Defense Commissary Agency's new and improved Web site: <http://www.commissaries.com>.

DeCA has retroed its Internet site to include fresh new graphics that change with each season and a new section that promotes health and wellness. The single biggest addition is its "Ask the DeCA Dietitian," a nutrition forum hosted by Army Reserve Maj. Karen Fauber, a registered dietitian. Customers can exchange questions, comments and experiences on nutrition topics with the DeCA dietitian and other users.

The site also helps customers make healthy financial choices by listing what's on

sale in the "Savings Aisle" under the "shopping" tab. Customers can print a list of all items on sale at their local commissary, and find Internet coupons on the 'Links' page.

If saving money is especially appealing, check out DeCA's comprehensive case lot sale page available during its sale event every May and September. This Web page is particularly popular with authorized shoppers who live a long distance from a commissary, but are willing to make a special trip, where savings can run as high as 50 percent, compared to commercial prices.

Customers can purchase or donate commissary gift certificates through "Gift of Groceries;" select from more than 100 gift baskets through

"Virtual Commissary;" and sign up for commissary news via e-mail through "Commissary Connection."

Last, but certainly not least, customers will find Kay's Kitchen online. If stumped about what to prepare for dinner, look for inspiration here, where there are lots of quick, easy and nutritional recipes using both classic and diverse ingredients from apples to zucchini.

DeCA's Web site is a great way for commissary shoppers to discover their benefit and stay connected to what's happening in their commissary - wherever in the world they and their Families are stationed.

For more information, go to: <http://www.commissaries.com>.



Veterans' Voices

Disabled veterans earned increase

Department of Veterans Affairs

Over a million eligible veterans will see their mileage reimbursement more than double for travel to Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities.

"This increase helps veterans -- especially those living in rural areas -- offset some of the gasoline costs as they travel to VA's world-class health care," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake.

"Increasing the mileage reimbursement is one more step by VA to help veterans access the health care they deserve," he said.

The 2008 appropriations act provided funding for VA to increase the beneficiary travel mileage reimbursement rate from 11 cents per mile to 28.5 cents per mile.

The increase went into effect Feb. 1.

After little more than a month on the job, Peake used his authority to establish the first increase in the mileage reimbursement in 30 years, fulfilling a pledge he made during his Senate confirmation hearing last month.

While increasing the payment, VA, as mandated by law, also equally increased the deductible amounts applied to certain mileage reimbursements.

The new deductibles are \$7.77 for a one way trip, \$15.54 for a round trip, with a maximum of \$46.62 per calendar month.

However, these deductibles can be waived if they cause a financial hardship to the veteran filing for reimbursement.

Soldiers, Family members exhibit skills in Army Arts, Crafts Contest



Trevor Harding of Camp Zama, Japan, won the accomplished wood category of the 2007 Army Arts and Crafts Contest with "Lewis Chessmen & Table."

Story by
TIM HIPPS
FMWRC Public Affairs

More than 200 Soldiers, civilians and Family members from 39 garrisons generated 530 entries in the 2007 Army Arts and Crafts Contest.

Soldiers in Iraq and Kuwait and MWR patrons from around the world participated in the annual, juried competition of two- and three-dimensional artwork.

The crafts were entered in categories for ceramics, drawings, fibers and textiles, glass, metals and jewelry, oil-base painting, water-base painting, wood, and mixed media, both two- and three-dimensional. There were separate divisions for novice and accomplished artists.

The accomplished division was for competitors who have gained skills and knowledge through formal courses leading to credit in college or art schools. Those whose skills had not been acquired in formal education competed in the novice division.

Several competitors, such as Army veteran Myrna Hawkins, said they feel like they have spent their art "careers" producing entries for the Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command-sponsored event. Thirty-two contestants were returning participants and 175 entered for the first time.

First-place winners received \$300, runners-up \$200, and third-place finishers \$100. Contestants who received honorable mentions were issued certificates of excellence.

"Ceramics is a great stress reliev-

er," said Hawkins, whose "African Influence" placed first in the accomplished metals and jewelry category and "The Mask" earned runner-up honors in mixed media 3-D. "When you put your hand in the clay and start to work, a peace just seems to come over you. I can't quite explain, but it's wonderful."

Several years ago, an Army MWR employee in the embroidery section of the arts and crafts shop at Fort Hood, Texas, urged Hawkins to enter the contest.

"I really am amazed each time that I win anything, because if someone would have asked me a few years ago if would I be doing what I am right now, I would probably say 'no,'" said Hawkins, 44, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., who is now majoring in fine arts at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. "If I couldn't be creative, I don't know what I would do. Get dirty! Work in clay! It's awesome!"

Capt. Hee Kim, a hobby origamist since elementary school who is stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga., won the novice mixed media 3-D category with "Ancient Dragon." Origami is the Japanese art of folding paper into decorative or representational forms, such as animals or flowers.

"It gives me time to be creative without worrying too much about 'what if,'" Kim said. "After all, it is just paper."

Kim followed the original design of a piece created by renowned origamist Staoshi Kamiya.

"I folded mostly based on his diagrams," Kim explained. "Though I

made modifications and airbrushed it to give its statue and sculpture-like presence."

His wife, professional artist Anni Mirka Kim, placed second in accomplished drawing with "Spirit and Perseverance" and third in accomplished prints with "70 Percent of Grains."

Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Avis' woodwork "Bob Burn" topped the novice mixed media 2-D category and his "Lil Duckhunter" earned an honorable mention. Now stationed at Fort

Bragg, N.C., Avis found time to hone his skills while at Camp Victory in Iraq.

"It actually provided a little piece of home to me while I was away," said Avis, 37, a native of Beckley, W.Va. "It is nice to sort of get away with something you like, even if it is for just a little while."

Avis, who discovered the contest on Army Knowledge Online, had personal motivation for both of his winning woodworks. He produced "Bob Burn" for a military working dog program manager at Fort McPherson, Ga.

"Bob, a military working dog, was on the initial push into Iraq," Avis explained. "It was a somber moment when they finally had to put him to rest."

Avis created "Lil Duckhunter" for one of his buddies.

"It was his son's first duck hunt in Arkansas and everything about the picture, from the sunrise down to the Red Ryder BB Gun, sort of drew my attention to it," he said. "It was also the first time I had ever attempted a wood burning of a person."

Sgt. Maj. Steve Carter, who instructed art classes for Soldiers in a tent in Iraq, placed second in the novice metals and jewelry category with a bronze statue entitled "The Guardian" while serving in the U.S. Army-Europe chaplain's office in Heidelberg, Germany. Carter, who also makes knives, now works in the TRADOC chaplain's office at Fort Monroe, Va.

Terry Flemings has taken classes in etching, wood shop and framing at the arts and crafts facility on Fort Hood.

"I always find time to do something with art and my artwork because

it mellows my mind," said Flemings, whose "Waldo's Porch in the Spring" placed third in novice water base painting. "I only recently, within the last two years, shared my work with the public."

Flemings, an administrative assistant at Carl R. Darnell Army Medical Center, wishes she had more free time for her art.

"The more I paint, the more I realize that I truly have a gift," she said. "I could paint all day. My goal is to reverse my life as it is right now. Instead of working eight hours a day, teaching aerobics, and then painting; I want to paint eight hours a day, continue my fitness to maintain my health, and then maybe work - if I need to. I want to thank FMWRC for the opportunity, and for recognizing me as an artist. Getting the news (of placing in the contest) made my day."

The contest was judged by Pam Eisenmann, a former art teacher and manager of Army Arts and Crafts programs in Europe, Korea and the continental United States, and George Goetzke, a former arts director and woodworker, who works at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

May 25 is the submission deadline for the 2008 Army Arts and Crafts Contest. Authorized MWR patrons, with the exception of employees of the Army Arts and Crafts program, are eligible to enter. All submissions must be the entrant's original work and must be completed within 24 months of the beginning of the contest year.

For more details, write to FWRC Attn: FMWR-CR (Arts & Crafts), 4700 King Street - 4th floor, Alexandria, VA, 22302-4418 or call Linda Ezernieks, 703-681-7754.



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Staff Sgt. Johnnie Williams of Fort Lee, Va., won the novice oil base painting category of the 2007 Army Arts and Crafts Contest with "A Day at Sailing."

2007 Army Arts and Crafts Contest (Accomplished only)

Ceramics

1. Deida Bourne, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, The Wave
2. Brigitte Richard, Fort Hood, Texas, Buttons Over Denim Blue
3. Margaret Tacub, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Samurai

Honorable mention: Deida Bourne, Light as a Feather, Ode to Lily

Drawing

1. Anji Johnson, Yongsan, Korea, Wisdom
2. Anni Mirka Kim, Fort Stewart, Ga., Spirit and Perseverance
3. Nicholas Moise, Garmisch, Germany, Umbrella

Honorable mention: Hye Comfort, Camp Zama, Japan, Warrior Girl; Staff Sgt. Ricky Melton, Fort Stewart, Ga., Deep Snow

Fibers

1. Sgt. 1st Class Anne Burnley, Fort Eustis, Va., Golden Girls
2. Patty Wilken, Fort Polk, La., Row by Row Quilt
3. Patty Wilken, Fort Polk, La., Joseph Coat

Glass

1. Mary Hayes Collins, Fort Belvoir, Va., Erica
2. Becky Kobler, Fort Campbell, Ky., Dancing Lady

Metals & Jewelry

1. Myrna Hawkins, Fort Hood, Texas, African Influence

Mixed Media 2-D

1. Jeanne Treschuk, Fort Belvoir, Va., Self Portrait
2. Ginger Hansen, Fort Sill, Okla., My Womb;

3. Sgt. 1st Class Anne Burnley, Fort Eustis, Va., Swab the Bore

Mixed Media 3-D

1. James Meekins, Fort Eustis, Va., Mask and Shield
2. Myrna Hawkins, Fort Hood, Texas, The Mask
3. Duane West, Fort Eustis, Va., The Elk

Oil-base painting

1. Sharon Shaw, Fort Dix, N.J., Early Sunset
2. Lori Ann Seage, Yongsan, Korea, Aurelia
3. Andrew Washington, Heidelberg, Germany, Together We Stand

Prints

1. Laurreta Kreider, Vicenza, Italy, Splash!
2. Sgt. 1st Class Anne Burnley, Fort Eustis, Va., Dissolve
3. Anni Mirka Kim, Fort Stewart, Ga., 70

Percent of Grains.

Water-base painting

1. Sgt. Maria Li, Camp Stanley, Korea, Stream
2. Anji Johnston, Yongsan, Korea; The Secret Garden
3. Mary Beth Crane, Stuttgart, Germany, Tuscan Still Life I

Wood

1. Trevor Harding, Camp Zama, Japan, Lewis Chessmen & Table
2. Spc. David Draper, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Forever Warrior
3. James Meekins, Fort Eustis, Va., Bust of a Man

Honorable mention: James Meekins, Fort Eustis, Va., Egyptian Awakening Mask; Charles White, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., Grandfather Clock