

## Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for July 23 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



### TRAFFIC ALERT

### Motorcycles beware of hazard

The new traffic barrier installed on Maryland Boulevard may pose a potential hazard to motorcycles by allowing some motorcycle wheels to enter into the cable recesses. The Directorate of Installation Operations has advised the Corps of Engineers of this condition and requested they have the manufacturer correct it.

As an interim, warning signs will be placed on each approach to the barrier.

For the most recent traffic alert information, visit the APG News Web site, [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil), and click on the Traffic Alert icon below the weather posting. Maps that indicate traffic pattern changes and locations will soon be posted.

This information is also available at the APG 2012 Web site, <http://apg2012.apg.army.mil>.

### ACS to celebrate 43rd Birthday

Army Community Service will celebrate its 43rd birthday with a picnic, face painting, balloon animals, cake, food, fun and festivities, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 24, at Maryland Boulevard Park. Free tickets are available at the Aberdeen Area ACS, building 2754 and Edgewood Area ACS, building E-4630. For more information, call 410-278-4372.

### Child care for military Families

The Military Fee Assistance Program has off-post, licensed child care for military or DoD Families assigned to Fort Meade, Fort Detrick, Walter Reed or Aberdeen Proving Ground. Child Care Military Services is

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# Snow assumes command of FORSCOM's 20th SUPCOM

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

The 20th Support Command, (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-yield Explosives) hailed its incoming commander while bidding farewell to the outgoing during a change of command ceremony at McBride Parade Field July 2.

Col. Jeffrey J. Snow assumed command of the unit from Brig. Gen. Kevin R. Wendel who led the unit since its activation in 2004.

The commander of U.S. Army Forces Command, Gen. Charles C. Campbell, presided over the ceremony.

Prior to the change of command, Campbell presented awards to Wendel and his wife, Denise.

Wendel was awarded the Distinguished Service

Medal and his wife received the FORSCOM Certificate of Achievement.

Campbell said that Wendel commanded "a unique organization absolutely critical to our nation."

He credited Wendel with overseeing the formation of a multi-unit task force of Soldiers, Marines and civilians around the nation and the world that is "well on its way to being fully operational."

"It's difficult to do in peace time and even more difficult in war to do what he's done, including taking care of our Soldiers and their Family members," Campbell said. "Thank you for the work you've done over four years with this organization and this community."

Wendel said it has been "a wonderful ride and an

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Photo by SCOTT NIETO, APG PHOTO LAB

Brig. Gen. Kevin R. Wendel, left, outgoing commander, passes the 20th Support Command colors to Gen. Charles C. Campbell, commander, U.S. Army Forces Command, as incoming commander Col. Jeffrey J. Snow, right, looks on during the unit's change of command ceremony at McBride Parade Field July 2.

# Army officer in command of developmental testing exploited workforce talent to support Warfighter

Story by  
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DTC

Since the advent of combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command has been under wartime pressure to thoroughly and rigorously test weapon systems, ensuring they effectively meet the needs of Warfighters on the battlefield and protect them from injury or death to the greatest extent possible.

At the same time, the Soldiers, civilian employees and contract staff assigned to the command have frequently had to work long shifts to make it possible for a variety of these systems to reach the battlefield with unprecedented speed.

The Army officer who has overseen these efforts for the past two years, Brig. Gen. Frank "Del" Turner III, will relinquish command of DTC to take on a new assignment as deputy to the commander and chief of staff of the U.S. Army Accessions Command July 21.

He commanded DTC through a turbulent period in which support to America's men and women on the battlefield has been the paramount mission of the command. But support for the Soldier on tomorrow's battlefield, through programs such as the Future Combat Systems, has also put prominent blips on DTC's radar screen.

According to those who have worked with him day in and day out, he has steered a course at DTC that exploited the multifarious talents of its employees while continuously reminding them of their importance to Soldiers.

"Brigadier General Turner's biggest impact on this command was adding discipline to everything we do," said James Johnson, Turner's deputy who will also be his successor for an interim period. "He challenged everyone to focus less on the process of what we do and much more on end results. He wanted everyone to do more than just stay busy. Instead, he wanted us to break down

barriers and red tape and get solutions in the hands of Soldiers in weeks or months instead of years."

Johnson said Turner made a point of communicating and collaborating more closely with organizations such as the Army Research Laboratory and the Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center to make this happen.

"The most notable example is the collaboration we now have with these organizations in designing, building and testing armor protection for vehicles and tanks," Johnson added.

DTC's chief of staff Karen Taylor noted that Turner wanted to under-

score the importance of Soldier support in the workplace, which he did in part through the creation of graphic communication materials such as a series of posters showing how DTC-tested systems saved lives on the battlefield.

"He reminded us daily that what we do is important because it was saving Soldiers' lives," Taylor said. "He brought the Soldier back into the headquarters. He made sure displays were exhibited on the walls, hallways and foyers displaying the equipment this command was testing and how it was impacting the Soldier in theater."

Turner, on the other hand, See TURNER, page 15



Photo courtesy of YUMA PROVING GROUND

Brig. Gen. Del Turner, commanding general of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, checks out one of the MRAP vehicles undergoing testing at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz.

# G.A.T.E. project goes walls up



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left, Ron Descheneaux, OPUS senior director of government programs; Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; and Greg Kuester, Garrison Enhanced Use Lease program manager, examine the exterior of the 60,000 square foot research and development building shortly after the final slab was put into place July 10. The building is the first erected for the Government and Technology Enterprise, or G.A.T.E. project, part of the Army's Enhanced Use Lease program.

# Policy aims to prevent loss of leave

Story by  
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American Forces Press Service

Service members expecting to lose annual leave on Sept. 30 due to caps on carryover leave will be the first to benefit from a new policy that allows them to keep more annual leave, earn or hold on to certain special leave categories, and in some cases, sell back accrued leave.

The new military leave policy, part of the fiscal 2008 National Defense Authorization Act, allows troops to carry over 75 days rather than the previous 60 days into the next fiscal year, Sam Retherford, the Pentagon's deputy director of officer personnel management, told American Forces Press Service.

The new policy, in place until Dec. 31, 2010, is expected to reduce the amount of lost leave caused by the current high operating tempo. Quality-of-life surveys conducted over the past five years show that about 13 percent of the force lost up to 20 days leave each year, Retherford said. Senior noncommissioned officers and officers who have accrued more leave were the most likely to be affected.

The Defense Department had been proposing policies to fix the situation, and welcomes Congress' support for measures that raise the leave carryover ceiling, increase the amount of "special accrued leave" earned in a contingency zone operation, and provides another opportunity for troops to sell back used leave, Retherford said.

The new policy also extends the period service members deployed to a combat zone or supporting a contingency operation have to use their accrued leave. Those who served in a combat zone now have up to four years to reduce their leave from the maximum 120 days to the 75-day cap provided for under the new provision.

Those supporting contingency operations can take up to three years to get their leave down to the new cap.

The new policy also allows enlisted members to sell back up to 30 days of special accrued leave — leave earned in a combat zone or designated contingency operation — they would otherwise have lost beyond the 120-day limit, Retherford said. Leave accrued in a combat zone is more valuable than regular leave, because it is not taxed, he said.

Enlisted troops can sell back leave when

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# Veterans' Voices

## Soldiers, patients brave heat for car show

Story and photos by  
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APG News

Despite sweltering heat and humidity from an unusual June heat wave, Soldiers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course and hospitalized veteran patients at the Perry Point Veterans Affairs Medical Center enjoyed music, games and refreshments while taking in the sights during the 7th Annual Classic Car Show and Cookout on the hospital grounds June 8.

Members of BNCOC classes 15-08 and 16-08 escorted wheelchair-bound patients to the show that featured more than two dozen classic cars from the Lost in the 50's Car Club of Pasadena, Md., and the Bel Air Corvette Club of Harford County.

As at past recreational events, BNCOC Soldiers were on hand to escort hospitalized veteran patients and also assist with clean-up operations following the day's activities, according to Margaret Hornberger of the hospital's Public Relations Office.

She credited a host of volunteers, individuals and organizations with the program's success.

"We owe so much to all of our volunteers, and

having the Soldiers here means so much to our veteran patients," Hornberger said.

"Without the Soldiers, we couldn't get our non-ambulatory patients [to the show]," added Nancy McLaughlin, Perry Point activities coordinator. "And with them being in uniform, the patients just love it."

Along with the car clubs, donations came from Frito-Lay of Aberdeen; Veterans of Foreign Wars posts 6027 in North East, Md., and 8126 of Havre de Grace; American Legion Post 135 in Perryville; and Mario Rocco, the entertainment D.J. who provides music for the event every year.

The groups donate food, refreshments and their time to make the event special for the veterans, McLaughlin said. She expressed special thanks to Lee Anderson of the Bel Air Corvette Club, who purchased all the food for the barbecue, and Ginny Stephens of the Lost in the 50's Car Club, who coordinates the event every year.

Virginia Stephan of the Bel Air Car Club said that the event started after her father, a veteran, who was a Perry Point patient, passed away.

"We wanted to do something special," she said, noting that it began with the car groups giving photo



Staff Sgt. David Brown, Class #1608, and patient Ben Caley check out a classic car as Staff Sgt. Jay-R Strawder Class #1508, passes by with another patient during the 7th Annual Classic Car Show and Cookout at the Perry Point Veterans Administration Medical Center in Perryville June 8.

albums to the patients.

"It just mushroomed from there," she said, adding that several car clubs either participate or contribute to the event each year.

When not viewing the classic cars and convertibles the Soldiers and patients cooled off in the air condi-

tioned gym or with Italian ices from Rita's.

Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Jackson, BNCOC instructor, said about 30 Soldiers participated as part of the school's community service commitment

requirement.

He said that all participants were volunteers and that the Soldiers and veterans seemed to appreciate each other's company.

"Soldiers understand that these are the guys who came

before them and having Soldiers as escorts makes the event more special for the veterans," Jackson said. "It was a well organized event, and most of our NCOs appreciated the opportunity to help our veterans."



Staff Sgt. Ben Garcia, Class #1608 and patient Walter Hambrecht look at the "Toys for Tots" car, one of dozens of classic cars on display for the veterans of Perry Point VAMC.



Deejay Mario Rocco entertains the audience with a song as BNCOC Soldiers, from left, Staff Sgts. Oleen Bentum, Eric Smith and Patrick Miller and Sgts. Mark Lee and Marvin Mercer provide backup.

## Landmark case helps millions of veterans get federal jobs

Story by  
**CAITLIN MERRILL**  
Special contributor

A landmark decision made by the Merit Systems Protection Board will open the door to more federal jobs for military veterans across the country regardless of age.

In *Isabella v. Department of State*, Robert P. Isabella, a preference-eligible veteran, applied for the position of Special Agent with the U.S. Department of State, for which the description specified a maximum age of 37 for a successful applicant. When Isabella applied for the position, he was 36; however, after he turned 37, the agency stopped processing his application because he would soon reach the cut-off age.

The Merit Systems Protection Board found that under the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, the Department of State had violated Isabella's rights related to veterans' preference.

The board ruled that it was insufficient to establish that the maximum entry age as essential to the performance of the duties of the position. As such, the board found that there was no justified reasoning for the age

limit and that Isabella's application should indeed be processed.

"This win has a significant impact on veterans," said Mathew B. Tully, the attorney who represented Isabella. "It waives the maximum age for federal law enforcement and firefighter positions for veterans and potentially all other positions that have an age limit. This now opens the door for millions of veterans to apply for positions that they would otherwise be ineligible for. It is a great day to be a veteran."

Tully is a well-known veterans' rights activist whose law firm, Tully Rinckey PLLC, is one of the few in the country dedicated to protecting and preserving the rights of military personnel. He has appeared before the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to discuss the discrimination of National Guard reservists by federal agencies.

"It's crucial that veterans are knowledgeable about the laws that can help them get an edge in federal employment. The more who know, the more who will become federal employees," Tully said.

For more information about the case or to speak with Tully about its impact on veterans' rights, call 518-218-7100 or e-mail [cmerrill@tullylegal.com](mailto:cmerrill@tullylegal.com).

## New GI Bill becomes a reality

Story by  
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Military.com

President Bush signed legislation ushering in a new era in GI Bill benefits June 30. The legislation, which the Senate passed overwhelmingly, is part of a \$162 billion war spending bill.

The new GI Bill was framed by Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., who has long argued that veterans deserve benefits that match those given to World War II veterans. Then, returning GIs were covered for the full cost of tuition and books for whatever college they entered; in addition they were paid a monthly stipend.

Under the new GI Bill, payment rates will go up, but will be based on the college or university costs in the service

member's state of residence. Eligible students also will receive a monthly stipend for books of up to \$1,000 per year and a monthly housing allowance of about \$1,000. The housing stipend will be tied to the Pentagon's basic allowance for housing rates.

The new education benefits are forecasted to go into effect in mid-2009 and will be available to all service members and veterans - including members of the Guard and Reserve - who have served on active duty for at least 90 consecutive days since Sept. 11, 2001.

The benefits are paid in increments which are determined by the amount of time served on active duty.

To view a list of FAQs for the new GI Bill, visit: <http://www.gibill2008.org/faq.html>.

### VA seeking OEF/OIF veterans

Military.com

Combat veterans are eligible for free medical care from the Veterans Administration for most conditions for five years after they separate from active duty.

The VA is reaching out to veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom who have been discharged but have not con-

tacted the VA about their benefits.

In addition to health care, other possible benefits include home loan guarantees, education, training and life insurance.

OEF-OIF combat veterans who have not contacted the VA to learn about these benefits, should contact the nearest VA facility or visit: <http://www.oefoif.va.gov/> for more information.

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## Getting to know APG's new SJA

Story and photo by  
**RACHEL PONDER**  
APG NEWS

A new staff judge advocate arrived in Aberdeen Proving Ground in June.

Lt. Col. Bobbi J. W. Davis came to APG after working as the deputy staff judge advocate for Redstone Arsenal's Space and Missile Defense Command located in Huntsville, Ala. She replaced Lt. Col. Don Pollock, APG's previous SJA.

She serves as legal advisor and action officer to Maj. Gen. Fred D. Robinson Jr., commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Garrison Commander Col. Jeffery S. Weissman.

Davis' other duties include managing the legal services, such as client services, military justice and administrative law that are provided to the community and supervising a staff of 19 in the legal office.

Davis said that she has enjoyed getting to know her staff.

"I feel really blessed to have this opportunity to work in this great office filled with dedicated, hard working people," Davis said. "I feel like this is such a wonderful office, my challenge will be to make a positive contribution but I'm up to the challenge."

She said that her leadership style is to provide her vision, direction and guidance and then let her personnel do their job.

"I will be available to my staff to answer questions if they are having problems in a particular area and to check on the problems to see if things are moving in the right direction.



When you have good people working for you though, the best thing you can do is to let them do their job."

### **Lt. Col. Bobbi J.W. Davis**

Davis lives with her three children; Sebastian, 4, Kennedy, 7, and Spencer, 8, and her husband Kenneth in Fallston, Md.

She said she enjoys living in Harford County and working at APG.

"I think APG is a beautiful installation, and I think this area has a lot to offer the military and their Families."

Davis grew up as a self-described "Army brat." Her father is retired Command Sgt. Maj. James W. Williams.

She lived in Germany

three times while growing up, and many places in the United States.

Davis graduated from the University of Florida with a Juris Doctorate. She also has a bachelor's degree in telecommunications from the University of Florida.

Davis' military education includes the Judge Advocate Basic Course, the Judge Advocate Graduate Course and Command and General Staff College.

Other assignments include teaching as a professor for the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School for three years. She also previously served as the DSJA at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

## APG youth group donates \$400 to women's shelter

Story by  
**RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

The Young Women of Excellence, an Aberdeen Proving Ground youth group for young women ages 13 through 21, supported by the APG Post Chapel Gospel Service, presented a check for \$400 to the House of Ruth Maryland June 14.

The Young Women of Excellence raised the money by having two bake sales at the PX.

Kit Dale, a volunteer from the House of Ruth Maryland, accepted the check on behalf of the organization and spoke to the Young Women of Excellence and Women of Grace, a woman's ministry supported by the APG Post Chapel Gospel Service, about the House of Ruth Maryland.

"I admire you for your commitment, and appreciate your dedication," Dale said.

"We wanted to help the House of Ruth Maryland because we felt they do not get as much help as other charities, and we wanted to do something that will help women," said Lisa Henson, a member of the Young Women of Excellence.

"We feel like supporting this charity brings unity to the community," said Gerry Wiley, who is a leader for the Young Women of Excellence.

House of Ruth Maryland, which is commonly referred to as "House of Ruth," was established in Baltimore in 1977 and has served 100,000 victims.

Each year more than 500 women and children temporarily live at the House of Ruth Maryland. The emergency shelter and six transitional apartments house up to 84 women and children each day. There are other women's shelters that go by the name of "House of Ruth" across the country, but they are operated separately.

The mission of the House of Ruth Maryland is "to protect and provide a

safe haven for women and their children and to meet their immediate survival needs, to help battered women and their children escape battering situations permanently, to prevent domestic violence from occurring and to facilitate rapid and effective intervention when it does, and to change society's attitudes so domestic violence is not tolerated."

Dale talked to the young women about domestic abuse.

"Abuse, whether it is physical, mental or sexual, should never be tolerated," she said. "Domestic abuse is very common, but no one wants to talk about it. It is important that people try to stop this before it perpetuates."

Dale told stories of women she has helped through the House of Ruth Maryland and the services, that the House of Ruth provides which includes a 24-hour hotline, shelter and counseling and education training.

The shelter also provides counseling to men who are abusers. Some of the men are court-ordered to attend and some voluntarily.

Dale volunteers for the House of Ruth Maryland by attending community health fairs in the area to educate the public about what they do for the community.

"When I attend the health fairs so many women come up to me and tell me stories of how they or their friends have been abused," Dale said. "Part of dealing with this issue is bringing it out into the open."

After Dale spoke to the women, Henson commented about what she heard.

"I felt that the statistics were very surprising. I didn't realize that domestic violence was such a big problem in America," Henson said. "It would be really scary to be put into that situation, especially if you did not have anywhere to go."

Although the House of Ruth Mary-

land employs some full-time and part-time workers, it is mainly supported through volunteers.

To find out more about volunteer opportunities at the House of Ruth Maryland, go to [www.hruth.org](http://www.hruth.org).

The Young Women of Excellence meets at 10 a.m. at the APG Post Chapel on the second Saturday of the month. The group is open to all young women ages 13 to 21. For more information call Wiley, 410-298-9774, Glenda Coley, 410-272-3661, or Ayesha Burch, 410-306-6665.

### **Facts on domestic violence: The scope of the problem**

*House of Ruth Maryland pamphlet*

Nearly one third of American women report being physically abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives. (Commonwealth Fund Survey, 1998)

On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country every day. In 1999, 1,642 murders were attributed to intimates; 74 percent of the murder victims (1,218 total) were women. (Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report, Intimate Partner Violence and Age of Victim, 1993-1999, October 2001)

Females accounted for 39 percent of the hospital emergency department visits for violence-related injuries in 1994. Eighty-four percent of the persons treated for injuries inflicted by intimates were women. (Violence by Intimates: Analysis of Data on Crimes by Current or Former Spouses, Boyfriends and Girlfriends, U.S. Department of Justice, March 1998)

A child's exposure to the father abusing the mother is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next. (Report of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task Force on Violence and the Family, APA, 1996)

## Leave

*From front page*

they re-enlist or when they leave the military with an honorable discharge. Officers can sell back leave only when separating from the military under honorable conditions.

Troops can sell back only 60 days of leave over the span of their career, Retherford said.

The new policy also extends the special rest and recuperation absence from 15 to 20 days for troops completing an overseas duty tour extension longer than 12 months and electing government-paid trans-

portation. Those who pay for their own transportation for special rest and recuperation are still authorized the previous 30 days absence.

The new military leave policy ensures that service members don't lose out because they're unable to take leave due to the high operating tempo, Retherford said.

"Lost leave is an issue, because leave is an entitlement. It is worth money," he said. "This new policy sends the message that the department values the worth of the entitlement, but recognizes that there is not always the opportunity for people to take leave because of the current operational environment."

# ATC engineer says 'Let's fly'

Story and photo by  
**STEVE ROCHETTE**  
APG News

Most nights during the summer, Frank Fratrik can be spotted flying a helicopter. But the helicopter isn't a Black Hawk or even an Apache – it's a T-Rex 450, a fast and high-powered radio controlled model helicopter.

Fratrik, a U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center engineer who works on the software test team during the day, has been 'flying' RC model aircraft at night since January when he took up the hobby.

"I love it because it's a challenge, and there's a rush from learning new maneuvers while knowing that making a mistake could result in a crash," Fratrik said.

As a child, Fratrik was interested in remote controlled cars. But his RC models are hardly the same devices he used as a youngster.

His helicopter can reach speeds of 50 mph and has

capabilities such as a shifting tail rudder to keep the model streamlined. He also owns a ParkZone Trojan model plane.

"The technology has really advanced and the price has gone down so the activity is increasing in popularity," explained Fratrik. "Some of the experts can do some incredible maneuvers like flying upside down – it's all on YouTube."

Shows and competitions are held throughout the country for RC fanatics. Local interest is high as the Harford County Radio Control Modelers gather several nights a week to fly their models.

Fratrik has picked up some tricks from watching others as well as from experimenting on his own. He also practices on the Internet with programs that simulate flying an RC model.

"It's nice to be able to practice on a simulator and not worry about picking up the pieces if you crash," Fratrik said. "Practicing

online is a good way to improve without the risk."

Even with the online training, RC enthusiasts crash their model aircraft occasionally due to mechanical failures or human error. Fratrik is no different.

"The helicopter has seen about five crashes and the plane two," he said. "One time, my plane was stuck in a tree about fifty feet in the air, and I had to put a ladder on a truck to get it down," he chuckled.

After a crash, repairing an RC aircraft is not especially difficult. New parts can be purchased for a small price and owners can re-assemble devices with a bit of super glue and some other basic tools.

Fratrik's hobby has been well-received at home. He said his wife Sara has shared in the fun watching him progress and improve.

"She puts up with it," laughed Fratrik. "We did go to a show together, which was pretty amazing seeing the size of some of

the models."

Fratrik added that his co-workers at ATC have taken an interest in his hobby as well.

"Most of them think it's neat because a lot of them have engineering backgrounds. It's also fun to see similarities in military and commercial technology," Fratrik said.

Fratrik advises those interested in the activity to find a local club and check it out.

For more information on the Harford County RC Modelers, visit their Web site: <http://www.hrcm.com/>. Flight simulation programs can be accessed at <http://www.preflight-sim.com/>



Frank Fratrik, a U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center engineer, manipulates controls to maneuver his radio controlled model helicopter. The RC helicopter can reach speeds up to 50 mph.

## POST SHORTS

a program of the Maryland Committee for Children, Inc.

For more information, call LOCATE: Child Care Military Services, 1-800-999-0120.

### BJ's membership still available

Additional dates have been added for membership with BJ's Wholesale Club. A BJ's representative will be at the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., July 23 and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., July 29 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

For more information, call Patti Harkins, assistant funds manager, Civilian Welfare and Post Restaurant Fund, 410-273-2075 or 410-278-4603.

### Nominations due for Women's Equality Day awards program

In recognition of Women's Equality day, APG will hold an awards program, 10 a.m., Aug. 26, at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, Ball Conference Center, building 3074.

Awards will acknowledge those individuals and organizations exemplary in their support of the Federal Women's Program objectives. Award categories are Outstanding Woman of the Year, Outstanding Supervisor/Manager of the Year and Activity Most Support-

ive of FWP Goals.

Nomination packets are due by July 23.

For more information, call Susan Church, 410-278-3672, or Diane Siler, acting FWP manager, 410-436-2681.

### JETS, USO-Metro host job fair

The Joint Employment Transition Services, or JETS, and the USO of Metropolitan Washington will host a job fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 25, located at the Spates Community Club, located on 214 McNair Road, Fort Myer, Va.

Employers include area police and fire departments, federal agencies, health care agencies, defense and government contractors are participating to 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, 703-805-4277, e-mail dawn@usometro.org or Cassie Camp, 703-805-2464, e-mail cassie@usometro.org.

### Register for next Strong Bonds seminar

Register now for the next "Strong Bonds," an all-expense paid three-day, two-night couples training conference July 31 through

Aug. 2 for 14 married couples.

The training will be held at the Harbor Inn Hotel, St. Michaels, Md.

To register, visit <https://www.strongbonds.org/>.

For more information, contact the APG Chaplains' Office, 410-278-4333.

### No emergency service at KUSAHC

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is not equipped or staffed to provide emergency medical care. Neither the Aberdeen Area nor Edgewood Area clinics should be considered suitable destinations to receive healthcare for a medical emergency.

For emergencies, call 911. APG's EMS service is manned with paramedic-level emergency medical technicians and state-of-the-art equipment to provide emergency care while en route to local hospitals.

### Volunteers needed for Retiree Council

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Retiree Council is being revitalized. The purpose of the council is "to provide the commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground, installation commander, Fort George G. Meade, Md., and the U.S. Army an insight into the problems and issues expressed by retirees residing on APG and surrounding areas."

To help accomplish this, the APG Retiree Council is seeking volunteers to serve on the council. Interested parties should send an e-mail with contact information to: ricky.godbolt@us.army.mil or jatraino@aol.com.

*(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil) under Shorts.)*

# Community Notes

## THURSDAY JULY 17 SUNSET CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Sunset Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under age 10. The ship will cruise around the Susquehanna Flats and upper Chesapeake Bay. Reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, call 410-939-4078.

## FRIDAY JULY 18 TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy will offer a Teddy Bear Picnic aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis, 9 to 11 a.m. Join Skipjack the Martha Lewis pirate bear on a relaxing cruise. Hear some stories and enjoy a picnic lunch with the children on Maryland's state boat and help preserve this disappearing part of Maryland history. Tickets cost \$15 per person (children only). For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JULY 19 AND 20 ANNUAL CIVIL WAR WEEKEND

The Friends of Jerusalem Mill, located at Jerusalem Mill Village, 2813 Jerusalem Road, Kingsville, Md., will hold their 5th Annual Civil War Weekend Reenactment and Encampment. Scheduled for Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, July 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the event will feature a reenactment of The Confederate States of America Major Harry W. Gilmor's 1864 raid across Baltimore and Harford counties and on the General Store 1864 raid on the general store at Jerusalem Mill Village (both Saturday and Sunday).

The event is open to the public. A variety of activities for adults and children will be available.

Tickets cost \$7 for adults ages 16 and over; \$5 for ages 16 and under, seniors age 60 and older, and active duty military with I.D.; children ages 5 and under are free. Special Family price of \$25 for two adults with three or more children.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Friends of Jerusalem Mill, 410-877-3560.

## SATURDAY JULY 19 CRITTER DINNER TIME

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat and learn more about these creatures. This program begins at 10:30 a.m. and is free for all ages. No registration required.

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

## WHITE TAILED DEER SURVEY

Harford County seems to be experiencing explosive population growth - and not just with humans. So, come help to determine if the deer population of Leight Park is a healthy size. Come get the scoop on poop and conduct pellet (deer scat) counts out on the trails to determine how many deer call the Park home. This program will be held 9 a.m. to 12 noon for ages 16 to adult, and registration is required.

For information, regis-

tration or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

## INTRODUCTION TO KAYAKING

Get familiar with a new form of transportation and search the marsh in kayaks. This program will be held 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$10 and registration is required.

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

## A LEIGHT TREE WALK

Walk the Discovery Trail with a naturalist and discuss some trees common to Leight Park. This program will be held 2:30 to 4 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. The program is free but registration is required.

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

## BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Men's Auxiliary of VFW Post 8185 will be held at VFW Post 8185, located on 520 Susquehanna River Road, Port Deposit. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 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.

## CHARLIE DANIELS BAND WEB DISCOUNT OFFER

The Charlie Daniels

band, .38 Special and Shooter Jennings will perform 7 p.m., at Pier Six Pavillion located on 731 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore. Gates open 5:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$31.50 to \$58.50 (prices include 10 percent discount).

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <http://tickets.piersixpavilion.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=36&c=1&pg=>. Password is "Georgia."

## SUNDAY JULY 20 INVASINATORS

Learn about, search for, and remove one of the most aggressive, harmful, non-native invasive

plants of wetlands, purple loosestrife. Enjoy purple snacks; earn a t-shirt. Survey the marsh in canoes from Bosely Conservancy. This program will be held 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. The program is free but registration is required.

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

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

## SCHOOL LIAISON

### Freshman Day at AHS

Aberdeen High School will host a Freshman Field Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 28 to familiarize students with each other. Events include an obstacle course, games, Rita's Water Ice and more.

For more information, call Pat Lawrence, 410-273-5502.

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



# APG Outdoor Journal

## Commentary: About weird fishing laws; local crabbing and how about them eagles?

By  
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APG Wildlife and Marine Law Enforcement  
Division

An interesting outdoors news article came across my desk the other day which left me shaking my head in amazement. *The International Game Warden* magazine reports that the Swiss federal government just recently passed legislation, which will outlaw "catch and release" recreational fishing.

This law, which is part of an animal welfare act, will go into effect in 2009, states, "It is not permitted to go fishing with the 'intention' to release the fish."

How about them apples, sports fans? And, not only that, the new law requires the use of barbed hooks, and that anglers attend a government sponsored course on fishing before being granted a fishing license.

Wow! Can you imagine what it would be like being a game warden standing up before a federal judge who has just spent the morning hearing cases on murder, fraud, drug dealing, and the like, and presenting something like this: "Your Hon-

or, the defendant is being charged with criminal conspiracy to catch and release fish back into the waters of the Chesapeake Bay"

"Yes, your Honor, the defendant was sitting there on the river bank with a fishing rod and a bucket of minnows, and when I asked to look at his hooks, I found that they were all "barbless," which demonstrated to me, beyond a reasonable doubt, that it was his intent to release the fish he caught. And when I inquired further of the defendant, if he'd been catchin' any? He responded, "Yes, he'd had a hold of a couple of catfish, but they all got off the hook." That was clear evidence to me that he was fishing just for the fun of it, 'cause everybody knows that catfish can't get off'n the hook without some help."

Boy; that ranks right up there with bank robbery or something. I wonder what Trout Unlimited, BASS or the Maryland Department of Natural Resources would say if our federal government initiated something like this?

Don't laugh folks...fishing is currently being threatened right here in the United States. Some animal rights

groups are already stating, "Fishing is nothing short of cruelty to animals," and "Fish are treated in ways that would warrant felony charges if it were other animals."

Heaven help us! You can't walk down the streets at night without fearing for your life, and now they're trying to outlaw fishing.

### Crabbing around APG; eagle births increase

A couple of other things worth mentioning; first, this year's crop of bald eagle chicks that fledged (spread their wings and left the nest) on Aberdeen Proving Ground numbered 59 which surpassed last year's total by 12. Apparently it was a pretty good nesting season for our national bird.

And second; crabbing is picking back up in the Bush and Gunpowder rivers. The water is a little bit dirty but the crabs we observed being caught on Sunday by the recreational crabbers were really nice ones.

From what I saw, most of the successful crabbers were utilizing traps or rings baited up with chicken necks.

## Essays wanted on mission of MOAA

MOAA

The Military Officers Association of America is seeking entries for its inaugural Military Professional Essay Contest.

Essays may address any topic that has relevance to the association's stated mission of preserving a strong national defense.

The contest is open to

current, former and retired members of the military; members of their Families; and students, staff and faculty members at any professional military education institution.

Writers must be at least 18 years old and the essay must be the writer's own work. Multiple entries are permitted. Entries are due

by July 31.

Entries will be judged by an independent panel, and the top three essays will be printed in an upcoming issue of the Military Officer magazine. Judges will base their selections on original thought, clarity and logic of writing and style.

The entrants will be

competing for prizes of \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place.

The winners will be announced on the MOAA Web site Dec. 31.

Complete rules and eligibility can be found on the MOAA Essay Contest Web site, <http://www.moaa.org/essaycontest>.

## FEW accepting nominations for annual scholarship

FEW

The Maryland Tri-County chapter of Federally Employed Women presents an annual \$300 scholarship called the 2008 Dottie Dorman Working Woman's Scholarship to a deserving woman to pay for or offset college expenses incurred in pursuit of her continuing education.

To qualify a nominee must:

- Be a female employee in Baltimore, Cecil or Harford County.
- Currently be pursuing college-level education studies.
- Prepare a short essay (not to exceed one typewritten page) summarizing educational plans and explaining how this scholarship will be used.

Indicate in the essay whether you are currently receiving federal aid for education, whether you are involved in a reduction in force, and what the promotion potential is in your current federal position.

- Provide the name; home and work addresses; home and work

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# FAMILY, MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## Activities/Events

### Army 10-Miler—runners needed

The FMWR Community Recreation Division Sports Branch will sponsor two teams from APG to compete in the Army 10-Miler, Oct. 5, in Washington, D.C. Team participation is limited to active duty Army personnel assigned to APG.

For more information, call Ralph Cuomo, 410-278-3868, e-mail [ralph.cuomo@us.army.mil](mailto:ralph.cuomo@us.army.mil) or visit [www.armytenmiler.com](http://www.armytenmiler.com).

### Dolphin Watch and Wildwood, N.J.

Come watch the playful dolphins of Cape May, Sept. 4. Enjoy a two-hour cruise with free coffee and danish. Finish the day off with a nostalgic stroll down the boardwalk. Have lunch and do a little shopping before heading back home. Cost is \$59 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation, dolphin watch and trip to Wildwood.

The bus will depart Best Western at 6:45 a.m. and return at approximately 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call MWR Leisure Travel services, 410-278-4011 or visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/trips.html>.

### Choptank River cruise

Enjoy a relaxing two-hour cruise along the Choptank River and fine dining at the Suicide Bridge Restaurant, located along the Choptank River. Don't forget to visit the restaurant's Web site to learn about its unusual name. The Choptank River Cruise takes place July 19. Cost of the cruise is \$68 per person and includes round trip bus transportation, cruise and meal. The bus will depart Golden Ring Terminal 9:15 a.m. and then depart the Towson Park and Ride 9:30 a.m.

### QVC Studio Tour and King of Prussia shopping

Visit the QVC Studio, July 26. The QVC has become a popular destination for thousands of visitors. See how QVC products are sourced, tested and brought to life on air.

Best of all, King of Prussia is tax-free on all clothing and shoe purchases. This shopping trip is not one to be missed! The trip costs \$42 per person and includes round trip bus transportation and tour. The bus will depart the Edgewood Best Western at 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 6:30 p.m.

### Cruisin' on the Atlantic and casino trip

Kick back and relax as passengers enjoy the morning sea

breeze aboard a 65 foot yacht. Enjoy a one-hour narrative cruise along the Atlantic City shoreline then head out to the casinos. Everyone will receive a \$15 slot card and a buffet coupon. The cruise and casino trip will take place Aug. 17. Cost is \$48 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart the Edgewood Best Western 7:50 a.m.

### York County Fair (Grandparent's Day)

Treat the grandparents to a day of midway games, local and Amish food and fun. End the day at Cracker Barrel Sept. 7. Cost is \$37 per person. Bus departs Golden Ring Terminal at 9:10 a.m.

Contact FMWR Leisure Travel Services for more information at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, calling 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mailing [mwr\\_registration@apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration@apg.army.mil).

### Job vs. Career class for teens

Army Community Service will hold a Job vs. Career class for teens, ages 13 through 18, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., July 23, at ACS classroom building 2754.

Today's workforce offers many challenges and rewards. Learning has a tremendous impact on future earnings. 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.

### Smart Start Your Business seminars

The ACS Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union and Harford Community College Small Business Development Center will sponsor a Smart Start Your Business seminar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 30, at ACS classroom building 2754. This free 90-minute orientation program provides an overview of how to start a business, the skills and duties of a successful entrepreneur and how to write a strategic business plan.

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

### Summer fitness programs

The Aberdeen Area Fitness Center in building 320 is offering lunchtime and evening fitness sessions through Aug. 30.

Lunchtime sessions, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will be Step and Weighted Bar on Mondays and Strength and Hand Weights on Wednesdays.

Twice weekly on Monday and Wednesday take Step With Joe, 5 to 6 p.m.

Cost is \$44 per session or \$4 per class. At least 12 registrations are needed to hold a session.

For more information, call 410-278-9725 or visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### Adult kayak lessons

Outdoor Recreation will offer kayak lessons for adults, 5 to 7:30 p.m., July 18 and 25 at Skippers Point. Lessons cost \$30 per person. Kayaking lessons will teach the essential skills needed to be a knowledgeable kayaker.

For more information or to sign up, call Fawn Heitman, 410-278-4124.

### Baltimore Orioles games

Purchase tickets for Orioles baseball at Camden Yards:

- Detroit Tigers, 7:05 p.m., July 18
- Chicago White Sox, 7:05 p.m., Aug. 25
- Oakland Athletics, Sept. 7, TBD
- Cleveland Indians, 7:05 p.m., Sept. 9
- Toronto Blue Jays, Sept. 28, 1:35 p.m.

For more information on other Baltimore Orioles games or to purchase tickets, call 410-278-4907/4011.

## Aberdeen & Edgewood Area swimming pools

### Aberdeen Area

#### Olympic Swimming Pool, building 3325

- Daily operation: thru Aug. 22
- Labor Day weekend: Aug. 30 thru Sept. 1
- Closes Monday, Sept. 1
- Daily operation schedule
- Child & Youth Service Day Camp: 9 to 11 a.m., thru Aug. 21
- Open swim: 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Lap swim lane available during standard hours.

#### Weekend operation schedule:

Open swim: 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### Shore Swimming Pool, building 2031

Swimming lessons: thru Aug. 8. Levels 1-6, adult, parent/toddler; Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (To be determined by customer demand)

- Daily operation schedule: thru Aug. 17
- Open swim: noon to 5 p.m.

#### Weekend operation schedule:

Through Aug. 17, Saturday and Sunday  
Open swim: 12 to 5 p.m.

### Edgewood Area

#### Bayside Swimming Pool, building E-4655

- Daily operation: thru Aug. 22
- Labor Day Weekend: Aug 30 thru Sept. 1
- Closes Monday, Sept. 1
- Daily operation schedule

- CYS Day Camp: 9 to 11 a.m. (thru Aug. 21)
  - Open Swim: 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Lap swim lane available during standard hours.

#### Weekend operation schedule

Open swim: 11:30 a.m. thru 7 p.m.

#### Pool pass fees - FY 08

##### Daily passes

Daily . . . . .	\$5
Under 5 . . . . .	Free
Guest of eligible patron . . . . .	\$9
5 and under (guest) . . . . .	\$2
Active duty E1 - E4 . . . . .	\$2
Lap swim . . . . .	\$2

##### 30-day pass

##### Individual:

E1 - E4 . . . . .	\$15
All others . . . . .	\$35

##### Family:

E1 - E4 . . . . .	\$35
All others . . . . .	\$70

##### Season passes

##### Individual:

E1 - E4 . . . . .	\$40
All others . . . . .	\$85

##### Family:

E1 - E4 . . . . .	\$80
All Others . . . . .	\$175

## SKIES Unlimited

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID card holders. For an appointment, e-mail [stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil](mailto:stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil).

### Driver's Ed

Driver's education classes are conducted by Rules Driving School, Inc. Monday thru Thursday, 6 to 9:15 p.m. (Classes are also available 2:30 to 5:45 p.m.) During the summer schedule classes will only be offered 2:30 to 5:45 p.m. There are no classes on federal holidays.

Classes are held in Aberdeen at the Community Center, 34 N. Philadelphia Boulevard, room 304, July 14 thru 29 and

Aug. 4 thru 19. For more information about the Edgewood Area class, call 410-278-7571.

Class includes 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.

Cost is \$295 per student. Last day to register for the class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between 15.9 and 18 years of age. Parents must attend the first day of class. Open to all DoD ID cardholders.

### SAT preparation

Child and Youth Services will hold Scholastic Aptitude Test preparation classes, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 4 through 8, at CYS Administrative Offices, building 2752 Rodman Road for students in grades 9 through 12.

Students can be a step ahead for the SAT. Classes will assist students in sharpening the verbal skills needed for being successful when taking the SAT. The class also prepares students for the SAT math exam, covering basic math skills including algebra and geometry.

Classes cost \$170 per student and includes textbook and are open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.

To register or to make an appointment, call the Central Registration Office, 410-278-7571/7479.

For more information, call 410-278-4589 or e-mail [stacie.umbarger1@conus.army.mil](mailto:stacie.umbarger1@conus.army.mil).

### Free babysitting course

Become a certified babysitter after taking the free 4-H/Army Child and Youth Services babysitting class for ages 13 and older. The class will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aug. 19 and 20, at Child and Youth Services, building 2752. The objectives are to familiarize participants with the responsibilities of babysitting. This class is open to all DoD ID card holders.

## FEW

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telephone numbers; e-mail addresses; name and telephone number of current supervisor (to confirm federal employment); and name of nominee's educational institution.

- Submit application to the Maryland Tri-County FEW Scholarship, c/o Suzanne Schultz, 952 Chesapeake Drive, Havre de Grace, MD 21078 no later than Aug. 19.

The winner will be announced during the APG Women's Equality Day observance and awards ceremony 10 to 11:30 a.m., Aug. 26, at the Ball Conference Center, Aberdeen Area.

For more information, call Suzanne Schultz, 410-278-9514 or Melissa Smith, 410-642-2411, x5129.

## APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

### Week of July 14

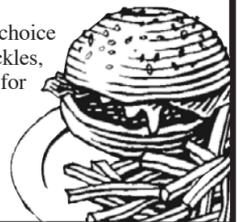
Special #1: Grilled ham and cheese, french fries, cookie and soda for \$5.25.

Special #2: Tuna wrap with lettuce, tomato, potato chips, cookie and soda for \$5.45.

### Week of July 21

Special #1: Two hot dogs, curly fries, cookie and soda for \$6.95.

Special #2: Cheeseburger sub, choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, french fries, cookie and soda for \$7.25



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

# Army partners with academia for emergence of new technology

Story by  
**ANDRICKA THOMAS**  
RDECOM

The U.S. Army is in its fifth year of a 10-year partnership with Arizona State University, and reports on-time progress in its journey towards creating a flexible display screen for the dismounted Soldier.

The Army established the Flexible Display Center at Arizona State University to advance flexible display technology research and speed the commercialization of flexible display screens for use in Soldier equipment.

"This is a one-of-a-kind center that provides unique and powerful technology development capabilities for the Army, ASU and industry partners," said Gregory Raupp, Flexible Display Center director.

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Natick Soldier Research Development and Engineering Center and the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center are working together to advance the technology and develop software and other applications for Soldier use once the flexible display screen has matured. All three organizations are subordinate elements of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Contributing to Future Combat Systems and Army Transformation, the Flexible Display Center aims to replace glass-based displays in existing equipment with a light-weight, rugged flexible display screen that uses less power. Through the development of flat panel, flexible display screens, the Army can help increase Soldier efficiency and reduce the amount of weight the dismounted Warfighter carries.

"Just changing the screen can significantly reduce the weight of a piece of equipment," Morton said. "For example, a seventeen-inch display may weigh thirty pounds in a military vehicle with fifteen pounds of metal mounting hardware. By replacing that glass screen with a plastic, rugged, flexible display, the

weight of the display may be reduced to only five pounds with two pounds of mounting hardware," said Dr. David Morton, cooperative agreement manager for the center.

"Soldiers like the readability of the e-paper [electronic paper] flexible display screen," Raupp said. "In bright light the screen is easier to read and in dim lighting and darkness, it's readable with night vision goggles."

The Army is looking at reflective and emissions technology for the screens to be integrated in human portable applications, allowing the Soldier to see the screen without the use of backlighting, as to not give away a location of a Soldier while on a mission. By replacing the current liquid crystal glass-based display, the amount of battery power used drops by at least half, and the display is less likely to break while on a mission, according to Morton.

Presently, the industry is flooded with liquid crystal display and plasma screens, all of which are delicate and need to be ruggedized for military use. However, with the development of flexible reflective technology, Soldiers may be able to wear a bendable display device, or roll-up, or ultimately fold the display screen, thus increasing Soldier capabilities to carry and convey mission information.

"We have tapped into non-mainstream technology [reflective and emissive] to increase the benefits and capabilities of the Warfighter," Raupp said. "Reflective displays are ideally suited for the dismounted Soldier, while the emerging emissive technologies are well suited to vehicle and command—post applications."

These screens could be used in mission planning and rehearsal, land navigation and provide the Warfighter with the most up-to-date information just prior to departing for a mission.

Ideally, a Soldier will be able to connect the flexible screen to a computer database and download information necessary to complete the mission. Then the Soldier would disconnect and retain the information on the device, fold



Two Soldiers from the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center test the new ruggedized PDA with the new flexible display screen.

or roll it up and pack it away. These screens could also be worn on the forearm of a military uniform for easy access while in the midst of battle.

"It's an enabling technology with many possibilities," Morton said. "The technology will open a variety of doors for Army use. Potentially, it could be incorporated into the new vehicle systems. Maps could be displayed on the ground in the middle of the field, on a grand scale in a briefing setting or be displayed outside of a vehicle."

During the development of the flexible screens, RDECOM organizations are working simultaneously on the software to support the technology. Presently, there are two demonstrations that show integration through the Future Force Warrior program to show applications of the flexible screens.

One example, with customer funding and management support coordinated by teams at NSRDEC, is a rugged and compact networked personal digital assistant which was developed for use by individual infantry rifleman squad members. The Soldier Flex PDA was demonstrated in the Army's Future Force Warrior Advanced Tech-



The flexible display screen shown is a personal digital assistant device. The screen increases the durability of the PDA for the dismounted Warfighter.

nology Demonstration at the 2007 Command, Control, Communications, Computers Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, or C4ISR, "On-the-Move" testbed.

"We want industry to see the applications," Morton said.

The key reason the Army got involved with this project is to encourage commercial companies to manufacture the flexible display screens for the Army to purchase and utilize.

CECDEC's C4ISR/mobility has identified the need for thin-profile displays to be integrated and expanded to military appli-

cations to increase information capability. Partners in industry who contribute to the research will allow them to advance or create a new product line for their company, while providing the Army with the technology they need for purchase.

The Army's partnership with academia bridges the gap between the Soldier, industry and research data.

Maj. Michael Baker, an active-duty student at ASU, is studying for his doctorate, in computer science and engineering. Baker deployed recently, and says his experience in the field contributes to his research as a scientist.

"An Army representative can serve as a liaison for what emerging technology is applicable in the field," Baker said. "When I was deployed with Fourth ID [Infantry Division] we had a problem with the glass breaking on our PDAs [personal digital assistant]."

Students like Baker can identify problems in the field and bring feedback from the field for the scientists and engineers to solve.

"Someone needs to be able to think strategically from the field concept to the science and technology developments of the Future Force," he said.

## 20th SUPCOM

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extraordinary enterprise and journey."

"I've been surrounded by superior NCOs and officers who took an idea and made it work," Wendel said. "Each and everyone has an important role to play in this command, not for only what we've done in the past, but for what is to be done in the future."

During the ceremony, Campbell told Snow that he could look forward to a "very rewarding time."

"You are the right commander to oversee the continued growth and development of this command," Campbell said.

He also praised the Soldiers on the field, which also held an array of 20th SUPCOM vehicles, equipment and other assets.

"You have left an important legacy," Campbell told the Soldiers. "The sight of an American Soldier in uniform continues to bring hope in places where the future is brighter than the past."

Noting that his son recently deployed with the 10th Mountain Division to Iraq, Wendel said that the organization was "born out of necessity" and still had much to accomplish.

"I'm proud of what we achieved. The Soldiers of this command have truly made a difference," Wendel said.

He thanked Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin W. Womack Sr., calling him his "wingman, per-



Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin W. Womack Sr., left, and Brig. Gen. Kevin R. Wendel, outgoing commander of the 20th Support Command, share an emotional moment in the receiving line at McBride Parade Field after Wendel's change of command ceremony.

sonal mentor and trainer."

"Thank you for all you've done for me as a leader," he said.

He called Snow "no stranger to a challenge," and wished his Soldiers well.

"It's been an honor to serve with these great Soldiers," he said.

Snow said that he was "privileged to be standing before you as the new commander of the [20th SUPCOM]."

He thanked his family for their support and the Wendels for their assistance throughout the transition.

"To the Soldiers and civilians of this command, you have my solemn promise to do everything in my power to serve as a role model," Snow said. "I recognize my responsibility, and Lisa and I look forward to the challenge."

The program included music by the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band led by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Frederick Ellwein and a howitzer salute by the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' salute battery, led by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Fitzalbert Gordon. The 22nd

Chemical Battalion (Tech Escort) provided the color guard.

Col. Raymond T. Van Pelt, 20th SUPCOM deputy commander, served as commander of troops and Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin W. Womack Sr. was the custodian of the colors.

20th SUPCOM units on the field included Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 20th SUPCOM, Aberdeen Proving Ground; 52nd Ordnance Group (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), Fort Gillem, Ga.; 63rd Ordnance Battalion (EOD), Fort Drum, N.Y.; 184th Ordnance Battalion (EOD) Fort Gillem, Ga.; 192nd Ordnance Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C.; 71st Ordnance Group (EOD, Fort Carson, Colo.; 3rd Ordnance Group (EOD), Fort Lewis, Wash.; 79th Ordnance Battalion (EOD), Fort Hood, Texas; 84th Ordnance Battalion (EOD), Fort Riley, Kan.; 242nd Ordnance Battalion (EOD) Fort Carson, Colo.; 48th Chemical Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas; 2nd Chemical Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas; 22nd Chemical Battalion, APG; 23rd Chemical Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wash.; 83rd Chemical Battalion, Fort Polk, La.; 110th Chemical Battalion, Fort Lewis, Wash.; 111th Ordnance Group (EOD) Opelika, Ala.; the U.S. Army Reserve Consequence Management Unit, Abingdon, Md.; and the 21st EOD Weapons of Mass Destruction Company, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

**Col. Jeffrey J. Snow**

A native of Nashua, N.H., Snow is a graduate of the U.S.

Military Academy at West Point. He was commissioned as an infantry officer.

He holds a master's in social psychology from Michigan State University.

His military education includes the Combined Arms Staff School, the Army War College and the Joint Forces Staff College.

His past assignments include 1st Armored Division, Germany; Fort Drum, N.Y., USMA at West Point, Washington, D.C., and the Pentagon.

Snow and his wife Lisa have three children, Lauren, Kelly and Maggie.

**20th Support Command (CBRNE)**

The 20th Support Command (CBRNE) was activated in October 2004 as a major subordinate command under the U.S. Army Forces Command. The intent of this major transformation effort was to bring together all of the Army's CBRNE response elements under one command.

Previously, the U.S. Army Materiel Command was responsible for a number of CBRN assets under the Guardian Brigade, which consisted primarily of the Technical Escort Unit and some remediation elements. When the 20th was activated the Guardian Brigade, U.S. Army Materiel Command, which previously filled that role as an interim solution, was deactivated and the Technical Escort Unit was re-assigned and re-flagged as the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Tech Escort).

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### New child passenger safety law protects more of Maryland's children

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

As of June 30, a new law requires Maryland's children up to age eight to use a child safety seat or booster seat when riding in a motor vehicle, unless the child is 4 feet 9 inches tall or taller or weighs more than 65 pounds.

The current law requires children to use safety seats until they reach 6 years of age and weigh 40 pounds.

"This new law will help protect older children who are not ready for adult seat belts," said Denise McKinney, pediatric nurse practitioner, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. "Even after reaching the current requirement of age six and weight of forty pounds, most children are not tall enough for adult seat belts to fit properly."

Proper fit for a seat belt means the lap-shoulder belt fits low on the child's hips and across the mid-chest. If the belt fits across the child's neck or stomach, the child could be injured in the event of a crash.

The new law means some children who have been secured with adult seat belts under the current law will have to return to a safety seat or booster seat. The appropriate seat for most 6 to 8-year olds is a booster seat—which is designed to raise the child up so that adult seat belts will fit properly. Booster seats do not have harness straps and are not perma-

nently installed in the vehicle.

"We've seen too many children seriously injured in crashes because they were not adequately protected with the proper safety seat, and the updated law will protect more children than ever before," said Joe Davis, chief, Traffic Safety Division, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security. "We know that using the right seat for the child's age and size can greatly reduce the risk of injuries when travelling

on Maryland's busy highways." Fortunately, boosters are generally the least expensive type of safety seat, with some starting as low as \$13. For Families who cannot afford to purchase a safety seat, loaner programs are avail-

able throughout the state. For more information about Maryland's child passenger safety laws and loaner programs, call Maryland Kids in Safety Seats at 1-800-370-SEAT, or visit their Web site, [mdkiss.org](http://mdkiss.org).

### Maryland's Child Passenger Safety Law Has Changed

(Effective June 30, 2008)

- **Every child** under 8 years old must ride in a booster seat or other appropriate child safety seat.\*

Unless the child is 4 feet, 9 inches or taller, or weighs more than 65 pounds.

- **Every child** from 8 to 16 years old who is not secured in a car seat must be secured in the vehicle's seat belt.

**Protect your children as they ride!**  
The back seat is the safest. Children under 13 years old should ride in the back seat.

**Questions?**  
Call Maryland Kids In Safety Seats (KISS) at 1-800-370-SEAT or (410) 767-6016. Or visit us online at [www.mdkiss.org](http://www.mdkiss.org)

**\* "Child safety seat" includes infant seats, convertible seats, forward-facing seats, booster seats, or other federally approved safety devices.**

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
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# Health Notes

## Some duties may expose Soldiers to skin cancer risk

Story by **MARY KATHERINE MURPHY**  
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Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. Melanoma is the third most common skin cancer and the most dangerous among young people.

Melanoma killed 7,952 people in 2004 in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Skin cancer is also the most preventable of all types of cancer and, if diagnosed early, is highly curable.

Melanoma is the most dangerous form of skin cancer because of its ability to metastasize (spread to other parts of the body). Nonmelanomas (skin cancers that are not melanoma) are dangerous as well; they are responsible for 95 percent of all

skin cancer cases, according to the American Cancer Society.

Soldiers are at risk for skin cancer because of their duties. Their risk increases if deployed or training because of the time spent outdoors.

### Protecting oneself

Soldiers can protect themselves from the sun and decrease their chances of developing skin cancer by following these rules:

- Seek shade during the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the sun's ultraviolet rays are strongest and do the most damage.
- Cover up, roll down the sleeves of ACUs and wear a wide-brimmed hat where authorized.
- Wear protective eyewear—the most protective wraps around the face and blocks out as close to 100 percent of UVA and UVB rays as possible.
- Rub on sunscreen with a sun

protective factor (SPF) of 15 or higher, and both UVA and UVB protection. Apply at least every two hours.

Soldiers should be particularly vigilant in protecting themselves from the sun if they have any of the following risk factors:

- Family or personal history of skin cancer
- Lighter natural skin color
- Getting sunburned as a child
- Blue or green eyes
- Blond or red hair
- Skin that burns or freckles in the sun
- Having a large number of moles
- Spending large amounts of time in the sun

### Checking the skin

Soldiers should check their entire body once a year for suspicious moles. If moles, freckles,

lesions or spots on the skin have any of the following signs, they should be checked by a physician:

- **Asymmetry:** If you draw a line through a mole, and the two halves do not match.
- **Border:** If a mole or other mark has a jagged or blended border.
- **Color:** If a mole is made up of multiple colors or changes colors.
- **Diameter:** If a mole is greater than 5 millimeters in diameter (bigger than the end of a pencil eraser).
- **Evolving:** If a mole changes in size, shape, color or elevation, or if it becomes cracked or infected and does not heal within a month.

Over-exposure to sunlight increases the aging process. Cumulative exposure to the sun weakens the skin's elasticity, leading to sagging cheeks, deeper

facial wrinkles, leathery skin and skin discoloration later in life. The sun's effects can be pleasant and attractive at first; however Soldiers should understand the long-term effects will not be.

### For more information, visit:

- CHPPM, <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/documents/FACT/25-019-1205FSSunlightandSkinCancerRisks.pdf>
- American Academy of Dermatology, [http://www.aad.org/public/publications/pamphlets/sun\\_skin.html](http://www.aad.org/public/publications/pamphlets/sun_skin.html)
- American Cancer Society, [http://www.cancer.org/docroot/PED/content/ped\\_7\\_1\\_What\\_You\\_Need\\_To\\_Know\\_About\\_Skin\\_Cancer.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/PED/content/ped_7_1_What_You_Need_To_Know_About_Skin_Cancer.asp)
- Skin Cancer Foundation, <http://www.skincancer.org/melanoma/index.php>

## Turner

From front page

gives more credit for mission success to the DTC workforce – both in its headquarters building on Aberdeen Proving Ground and its test centers across the United States.

"I was not really familiar with DTC before I got here, and I had never served in the test and evaluation community or with the acquisition side of the Army," he said. "Before I came to command, I had quite a few people talk to me about DTC, and tell me what a great command it was, and I think that, above anything else, bore itself out to be true. It is just blessed with very talented and motivated people. We have something like eighty-four hundred military and civilian employees and contractors, and all of them are very motivated, experienced and educated – a widely acclaimed workforce."

While systems designed to counter improvised explosive devices and protect Soldiers from other ballistic attacks have made

headlines in recent years, Turner said his focus was not narrowed to specific weapon systems. Instead, he wanted to make sure Soldiers fighting the war against terror could rely upon a full gamut of military systems to get the job done – systems that could minimize casualties and be reliable under adverse battlefield conditions.

"More than just weapon systems or the types of systems, the focus has been broader—on the Soldiers and the units that have deployed," he explained. "You run across just about all types of systems, and that is where we try to place our emphasis in DTC. The test centers have responded with very rigorous, responsive and comprehensive testing. That has not included testing all aspects of a system. We don't necessarily have to go up to Alaska to do cold-weather testing, and there are a lot of things we have streamlined, but it is still very rigorous, comprehensive and responsive to the Warfighter. I think we've done extremely well at testing those things and making sure that the user,

the Soldier, understands what the capabilities are, what the limitations are and what the safety considerations are before systems are deployed."

That doesn't mean, however, that a Future Force program such as FCS is going to be put on the back burner, Turner said. The Army is determining now what the future of the FCS program should look like, he explained.

Two programs involving DTC testing – the Small Unattended Ground Vehicle and a "class-one" gasoline-powered variant of the Micro Air Vehicle "have been accelerated in FCS testing for potential deployment a little later this year or next year," Turner said. If program managers and program executive officers have altered some of their system deployment priorities to first field systems for the current war, it is a matter of "keeping faith with the Soldier today," Turner added.

Turner said one of his challenges as commander of DTC was marketing the skills, capabilities and commitment to excellence reflected in its workforce

and test center facilities, particularly to private industry and government agencies outside the Department of Defense.

"I'm not sure that private industry and non-DoD government agencies fully understand the talent that resides on DTC ranges," Turner said. "So we have tried to tap into that by marketing to private industry and non-DoD agencies with some success. We are starting to grow with other governmental agencies – the Department of Justice, the FBI, the Border Patrol, the Department of Homeland Security and the Transportation Security Administration, and that is starting to increase the workload at the test centers. That's true at just about all of our test centers. We have the talent, we have the ranges, and those agencies have the requirement to test but really can't afford to set up the type of operation that we have here, so it is really a win-win for both us and those agencies."

Turner's new assignment to the Army Accessions Command is linked to previous experience. At

Fort McPherson, Ga., where he was chief of the U.S. Army Forces Command's Training Division and later executive officer, he was responsible for the training programs for FORSCOM's active duty and reserve component forces.

"The challenging piece of that job was mobilization and training, particularly of reserve component units that were being mobilized for what was called '10-03 Victor,' which was the war plan for Iraq," Turner said. "From the time I got there, which was about September of 2002, we were on a pretty high ramp-up for planning and training in mobilizing reserve component formations in addition to the routine challenge of providing training for the active duty divisions, brigades and corps. For the last two years, or a little under two years, I was the executive officer to the commanding general there, which was a very rewarding experience. I learned a lot, so it was a very good assignment."

At the Accessions Command, a subordinate unit of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Com-

mand, Turner will support the mission of a command whose motto is "From First Handshake to First Unit Assigned." That means "providing integrated command and control of the recruiting and initial military training for the Army's officer, warrant officer and enlisted forces," according to the command's mission statement. The command was designed to meet the human resource needs of the Army from first handshake to first unit of assignment, transforming volunteers into Soldiers and leaders for the Army.

"It runs the gamut of all of those functions, so it's a pretty wide berth, and I'm sure it will be pretty challenging," Turner said.

When asked if he had any words of advice for whomever will eventually take command of DTC after Johnson oversees its programs for an interim period, Turner replied, "The people you have in DTC are superstars. Continue to leverage their capabilities and sell them to others who might have test requirements. Start from day one and continue to sell the workforce."

# Community and APG: Partners in Education

## Roye-Williams' honors students told to dream big

Story by  
**EILEEN CAMPBELL**  
FMWR-APG School Liaison

An Honors Dinner was held June 5 to not only recognize the teacher of the year, but to celebrate the achievements of third, fourth and fifth graders at Roye-Williams Elementary School, a local school with a high enrollment of children with military parents.

The Honors Dinner is an annual celebration of these students achieving the Principal's Award for earning straight A's with no more than one B grade per quarter.

Col. William Rice, former commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic; Maj. Lilieth Whyte of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School S-3; and Harford County Councilman Richard Slutzkey; assisted Principal Susan Osborn in distributing the awards.

Ronald Wooden, 2008 Teacher of the Year and guest speaker, highlighted students' dreams in his interactive discourse.

"There is greatness inside all of you. Faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains," Wooden said. "Every child [within] the sound of my voice could have the courage to be a risk-taker and a go-getter...Every

parent has to be his [or] her child's cheerleader...Reach for the stars... You're on the move, Dream Big!"

Awardees Juan Larson and Billy Kilmon, whose parents work on Aberdeen Proving Ground, said they want to be an archeologist and a pro football player, respectively.

### Recipients of the Principals Award

- Third Grade**  
Tony Cruz  
Ashlee Dehart  
Isaac Estrada  
Charles Hash  
Jourdan Jackson  
Taylor Johnson  
Jessica Joos  
Billy Kilmon  
Andrea Marlett  
Richanda McNeil  
Lauren Pomroy  
Amanda Rodriguez  
Megan Rodriguez-Puente  
Joseph Sanchez  
Anthony Smith  
Austin Whitney  
Ariyah Young
- Fourth Grade**  
Ashley Eure  
Tariq Kanu  
Juan Larson  
Kierra Laverty  
Sam McPeak  
Kayla Warkmeister



Photo courtesy of ROYE-WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Logan Carrington, left, and Jasmin Johnson, right, Roye-Williams Elementary School students, listen as Teacher of the Year Ronald Wooden gives them some individual attention during class.

- Luke Whittie
- Fifth Grade**  
Elizabeht Caudill  
Matthew Cox  
Kary Francisco  
Lexus Pickett  
Reannah Rymarz  
Eagle Pride Pins were earned

by first year Honors' Dinner participants, Golden Eagle Pins for second year and the Golden Apple Pin for third year participants. The latter pin was awarded to Brianna Rhymer. The George W. Bush President's Awards for Education

Excellence went to Matthew Cox, Felicia Johnson, Cara London Rushing, Luis Maldonado, Lexus Pickett, Reannah Rymarz and John Uncangco. The President's Awards for Educational Improvement went to Gabrielle Costilliano and Iesha James.

## Roye-Williams' Eaglets soar at MICCA conference

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Nine Roye-Williams Elementary School students, seven with ties to Aberdeen Proving Ground, won state awards at the Maryland Instructional Computer Coordinators Association, or MICCA, conference held May 30. The students participate in the school's Gifted and Talented program.

The three categories for participants included desktop publishing, graphic arts and multimedia.

Billy Kilmon, son of Lt. Col. Scott Kilmon, commander of the Joint Personal Effects Depot, won first place in the intermediate division of desktop publishing with his morphed version of Rumpelstiltskin. Kilman researched the history and geography of Egypt and designed his book to look like a pyramid. His book is titled 'Wahawki,' an Egyptian name

meaning little fool. This is his second MICCA award.

John Uncangco, son of APG civilians John and Melissa Uncangco, won first place in the intermediate division of the multimedia category with an animated PowerPoint presentation titled 'The Pelican Brief.' His main character, Chester Peake, a pelican, visits his forest friends, Glen Bernie, Ann Apolis, Chris Field, Abby Dean, Harvey D. Grace and Rock Hall to explain how the humans are destroying their environment.

John's mother, Melissa Uncangco, a management control administrator with the U.S. Army Material Systems Analysis Activity, said that she is 'exceptionally' proud of his accomplishment and that he had "a great teacher" in Joan Cable.

She praised the educational opportunities her children have encountered in Harford County

since moving here from Fort Bragg, N.C.

"Maryland has brought my children many opportunities," she said, noting that her daughter, Jonyzie, who just completed her first year at Aberdeen's Science and Math Academy, also served on the Youth Services panel during the Army Family Action Plan symposium in the spring.

"I look forward to [their] ever increasing educational opportunities," Uncangco said.

Carolyn Mason, daughter of Warrant Officer 1 Neuman Mason, a former student in the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance Schools' Warrant Officer Basic Course, won first place in the primary division of desktop publishing with her book titled 'Schoolhouse Idioms.' Mason wrote and illustrated a poem for each of seven well-known idioms.

Matthew Cox, son of Sgt. Kevin Cox, formerly of APG, won third place in the intermediate division of desktop publishing with his narrative poem detailing the sights and hardships of the Oregon Trail. His book is titled 'Life on the Oregon Trail.' Matthew researched the Oregon Trail and then created a 48-line poem about traveling the trail from St. Louis, Mo., to Oregon City.

Hope Corey, daughter of Maj. William Corey Jr., formerly of APG, won first place in the intermediate division of graphic arts by designing a new version of the Maryland flag, titled 'Four Maryland Ladies that Made a Difference.' Hope included portraits of Harriet Tubman, Barbara Fritchie, Clara Barton and Mary Pickersgill in her illustration. She continued her project by researching each woman and writing poems to accompany her illustration.

Ryan Loar, son of Staff Sgt. Eric Loar, formerly of APG, won second place in the intermediate division of graphic arts by designing a quilt about the 12 years preceding the Declaration of Independence. He researched the involvement of the Sons of Liberty and illustrated one major event from each of the years from 1764 to 1776. Ryan is currently writing an essay to accompany his illustrations.

Rogelina Tipton, daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Rogelio Tipton, formerly of APG, won third place in the primary division of the multimedia category by creating a quiz game titled 'Sink and Float.' She researched using animation and digital photography to test her classmates' knowledge of the lessons, vocabulary and other facts involved with objects that can sink and float. She presented her work as part of a science lesson.

## Army's eCYBERMISSION competition announces national level winners

Story by  
**JAMES LAW**  
RDECOM

Four national winning teams were announced June 24 in the U.S. Army's 2008 eCYBERMISSION competition.

eCYBERMISSION is a Web-based science, math and technology competition that allows students in grades six through nine to compete for regional and national awards while working to solve problems in their communities.

The four national winners from grades six through nine are: the "CFL Quadcyclers" from West Branch Middle School, West Branch, Iowa; the "Sun Busters" from the Science Rocks U Club, Whiteface, Texas; the "SBS Bots" from Stone Middle School, Melbourne, Fla.; and the "Snacks 4 Education" team from the Fort Wayne Science Team, Fort Wayne, Ind.

National winners will receive \$5,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds, in addition to the \$3,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds already awarded to all national finalists for selection as regional first-place winners. The members of the 12 other finalist teams will receive an additional \$3,500 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds for competing at the eCYBERMISSION National Judging and Educational

Event, a series of educational enrichment activities and events held June 20 through 25 in Washington, D.C.

"We are extremely proud of all our national winners," said Dr. Michael Doyle, U.S. Army eCYBERMISSION program manager. "Our nation is placing a greater focus on the need for science, math and technology, and eCYBERMISSION helps students gain appreciation for these fields through real-life applications of the scientific method."

All four national winners presented interesting and diverse projects:

- The sixth-grade "CFL Quadcyclers" team sought to increase public awareness of toxic mercury content in compact fluorescent lamps and the proper steps to dispose of them to prevent mercury pollution in landfills.

- The seventh-grade "Sun Busters" team analyzed magazines to evaluate the media's influence on tanning, tested the intensity and effects of ultraviolet light in tanning beds and surveyed fellow students about sunscreen use.

- While researching Sick Building Syndrome, a persistent allergic reaction found in people who live or work in places that have allergens in the HVAC systems, the eighth-grade "SBS Bots" team pro-

grammed a robot to travel into an air duct and use ultraviolet light to kill bacteria cells.

- The ninth-grade "Snacks 4 Education" team researched how nutritional snacks affect students during the school day and conducted a series of experiments that provided snacks to students at various times of day and then surveyed their perceived energy levels.

Now in its sixth year, eCYBERMISSION has awarded more than \$5.7 million in prize money in support of the science, math and technology leaders of tomorrow. Since its inception, more than 46,000 students from across the country and in U.S. territories and Department of Defense Education Activity schools worldwide have participated in the competition. This year, 1,763 teams, comprised of 6,382 students, submitted their research for judging.

Registration for the 2008-2009 eCYBERMISSION competition begins Aug. 1. For more information, visit [www.ecybermission.com](http://www.ecybermission.com) or call 1-866-GO-CYBER (462-9237).

(Editor's note: Author is a contractor with Booze Allen Hamilton working at the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.)

## Student wins military scholarship

Story by  
**STEVE ROCHETTE**  
APG News

A recent graduate of C. Milton Wright High School and daughter of the former commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic was one of 600 winners of a Defense Commissary Agency scholarship.

Amanda Rose Rice, daughter of Col. William Rice, has been awarded a \$1,500 college scholarship by DECA's Scholarships for Military Children Program.

Rice plans to attend St. Mary's College in St. Mary's City, Md., where she will study political science and Asian studies. She aspires to work at the Chinese Embassy.

"I was really excited when I heard about winning the scholarship," she said.

"It will definitely be helpful to my Family as far as paying for college."

Rice was active in several student organizations in high school to include being a member of the National Honor Society, German Club, marching band and the varsity track team.

More than 5,000 students at worldwide commissary locations applied for the scholarship, which was ultimately awarded to 600 winners.

Applicants were required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average, participate in voluntary school and community activities, demonstrate leadership qualities and write an essay on the viability of mandatory military service.

Rice's scholarship was funded by Brach's Confections.

## Edgewood Middle students show appreciation to Soldiers



Photo by RACHEL PONDER  
Members of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 143rd Ordnance Battalion listen during a military appreciation ceremony sponsored by eighth grade students from Edgewood Middle School held at Aberdeen Proving Ground June 9. In her remarks to the Soldiers, Eileen Campbell, left, Aberdeen Proving Ground school liaison, thanks the Soldiers for their support of "My Life, My Future," an after school program which mentors middle school girls and prepares them for a successful future. Erica Johnson, center, and Samantha McIntosh hold a banner which reads "We appreciate our troops." "We wanted to show our appreciation for the troops, how they save people's lives every day and how they care about other people not just themselves," said Chelsey Eggleston, another eighth grade student. Other students in the program, not pictured, passed out cupcakes and other small tokens of appreciation to the Soldiers during the presentation.



Posing as 'Arab' protestors, Advanced Individual Training Soldiers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School block the road leading to Forward Operating Base Wolverine as buses carrying students from Edgewood High School arrive for a day of realistic training with the 16th Ordnance Battalion May 8.



OMMS Soldiers engage 'insurgents' after clearing the road of protestors.

## EHS students train at FOB Wolverine

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

Students from Edgewood High School got a taste of real soldiering during a training exercise at Forward Operating Base Wolverine May 20.

The training was held under the guidance of the 61st Ordnance Brigade, which shares a Partners in Education partnership with the school.

The students were given a taste of what Soldiers deployed to Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom experience at the FOB which is styled the same as those found in Iraq and Afghanistan.

They got to engage insurgents with simulated weapons, test their marksmanship skills and play paintball-based warfare games, ending their day with a tug-of-war with the brigade Soldiers.

Posing as 'Arab' protestors, Advanced Individual Training Soldiers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School met the two buses carrying 96 students and teachers at the entrance to the FOB. The protestors blocked the road, carried signs and chanted anti-American slogans until

a Route Clearance Team overwhelmed the protestors and 'insurgents' who were lurking inside the wood line.

The day included realistic sounds, including the "Call to Prayer" every 45 minutes, weapons training on simulators, shoot drills, crew-served weapons overview and training and IED lane training.

The students ate lunch with Advanced Individual Training Soldiers who participated and the day ended with a friendly tug-of-war between the students and Wolverine Soldiers.

The students also trained with small arms weapons in the EST-2000 Virtual Range, an indoor range that provides different scenarios from open-road convoys and IED attacks to small arms fire in urban areas. A computer tests both accuracy and judgment.

Students who participated in the training on the simulated weapons said they enjoyed themselves.

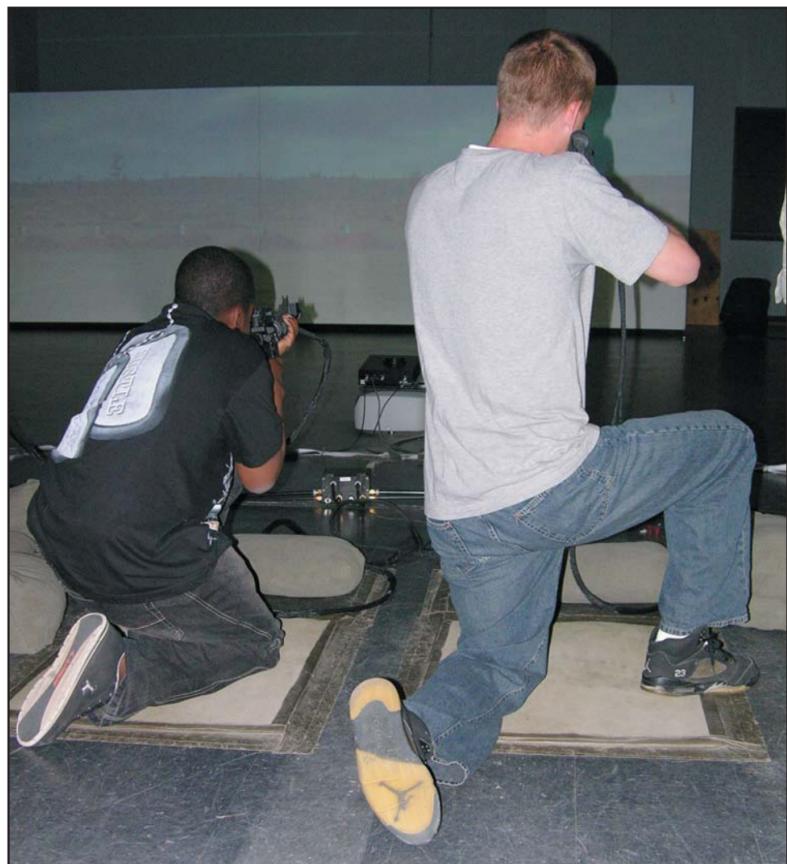
"This was fun," said Kyle Arnold, 18. With a brother and father in the Marines, Arnold said he plans to join the military as well. "I'm looking forward to it," he said.

Stevon Roberts, 15, added that the training gave him a new perspective.

"It helped me understand more about what they're going through over there," he said.



Edgewood High School seniors Ryan Lerum, 17, left, and Rebekka Hornbarger, 18, use a 50-caliber machine gun and an AT-4 rocket launcher to hold off an insurgent attack on a convoy in the heavy weapons training room of the EST-2000 Virtual Range.



From left, Stevon Roberts, 15 and Kyle Arnold, 18, familiarize themselves with the Army's M-4 rifle in the small arms training room.



Spc. Timothy Wagner directs Edgewood High School students training on the M-4 rifle. All weapons in the EST-2000 Virtual Range use laser trajectory technology.