

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for May 21, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



Installation Volunteer Recognition ceremony tonight

The APG community will formally thank volunteers at a recognition ceremony and reception 7 p.m., May 15, at Top of the Bay.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669.

Register by May 16 for Motorcycle Safety Day May 21

Motorcyclists are invited to join the 61st Ordnance Brigade and the World Wide Rydzaz for a day of motorcycle, safety and mentorship, 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., May 21, at the Ball Conference Center, building 3074. This event is open to all riders, civilian and military. Park motorcycles in the parking lot next to the Ball Conference Center. An all-you-can-eat lunch will be provided for a flat rate of \$10. RSVP and prepayment required.

For more information or to RSVP by May 16, call Sgt. Christopher Ruzicka, 410-278-8573.

JETS, USO-Metro host job fair for military

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., May 16, at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club, located at 5500 Schulz Circle, Fort Belvoir, Va.

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

For more information, call Dawn Fincham, 703-805-2464, e-mail dawn@usometro.org or Cassie Camp, 703-696-0958, e-mail cassie@usometro.org.

May Well-Being meeting cancelled

The May Well-Being meeting is cancelled. The June meeting will be held at the APG Chapel, 9:30 a.m., June 19.

For more information, call Sheryl Speerstra, 410-278-4521.

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Photo by JOE ONDEK, ATSS
Joe Ondek, a contract environmental specialist and photographer working for ATSS, was lucky enough to photograph this fawn just hours after its birth. This week's APG Outdoor Journal column focuses on the wildlife that is so prevalent on APG. See pages 8 and 9 for article and more photographs.

ACS shows appreciation to military spouses

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG NEWS

Army Community Service celebrated Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 8 at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Exchange in conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day was celebrated nationally on May 9. President George Bush said in a proclamation on May 5:

"While our men and women in uniform are pro-

tecting our country's founding ideals of liberty, democracy and justice, their spouses live with uncommon challenges, endure sleepless nights and spend long periods raising children alone.

"Many military spouses are also committed volunteers, serving other military Families and local communities. Our nation benefits from the sacrifices of our military Families, and we are inspired by their courage, strength and leadership."

To recognize their efforts,

military installations across the country expressed their appreciation to military spouses.

On Aberdeen Proving Ground, ACS staff members handed out gift bags, roses and cards to military spouses who visited their table. Military spouses also had the opportunity to pick up information about ACS programs, education and employment opportunities.

Spouses signed up for a raffle to win gift bags with toiletries and gift certificates

donated by AAFES.

"We want to say thank you to military spouses for all they do, for keeping their Families strong while their spouse is deployed. We also want to provide information on ACS programs and services, if they need assistance," said Marilyn Howard, APG Army Volunteer Corps coordinator for ACS.

Howard added that military spouses also serve their country and make sacrifices while their spouse is away.

Denise Stout, mobiliza-

tion and deployment manager, leads Hearts Apart for spouses of Soldiers that are deployed.

"We aim to take care of the Soldier's Family and be their link with the community," Stout said.

Stout pointed out that not only did they have information available for military spouses, they also had deployment handbooks with suggestions on ways for children to stay in touch during deployments.

"I am retired military and a single parent. I wish that these

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Cindy Scott of the APG Army Substance Abuse Program educates young listeners on the differences between candy and medicines at a previous year's Fun Fest.

Armed Forces Day Fun Fest, 10K Run this Saturday

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

Armed Forces Day is this Saturday, May 17, and a daylong celebration is planned for members and friends of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community.

10K Run

Festivities start with the second annual Armed Forces Day 10K Run starting 8 a.m. at the Athletic Center. Hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Charm City Run, the event drew 1,300 runners from across the state last year. Registration is \$25 thru Friday, May 16, and \$30 on race day.

There is a \$5 discount for active duty military, E-4s and above and all E-1s thru E-3s run free (see unit first sergeant). Register at any one of the

post athletic centers or visit <http://www.charmcityrun.com>.

Those without military ID cards should pre-register to avoid delays at the gate. Everyone must show a valid photo ID at the gate.

For more information, contact Ralph Cuomo, FMWR sports director, 410-278-3868/7934.

Armed Forces Day Fun Fest

The Armed Forces Day Fun Fest will be held 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Springfield Avenue next to the Commissary at the Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park and on Shine Sports Field.

The fun begins at 9 a.m. with youth sports baseball, military and civilian displays and music by the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band followed by opening ceremonies

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APG housing residents asked to respond to housing surveys

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG NEWS

Residents of government housing units at Aberdeen Proving Ground soon will be receiving official Army Resident Assessment Surveys with an APG memorandum signed by Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, Garrison and deputy installation commander.

The two-page survey is the first of what will be an annual survey that allows Families to tell leaders how well their on-post housing needs are being met.

The survey is being distributed to all Army installations participating in the Residential Communities Initiative Family Housing Program.

"We would ask that each Family participate," said Marilyn Spence, APG Housing Office, Directorate of Installation Operations. "Please fill out the

survey and mail it back in the enclosed postage-paid envelope."

Spence said that residents can expect to receive the surveys in two to three weeks.

She said that although APG has not transitioned to private operations under RCI, the survey will establish a baseline for comparison of residential satisfaction in the future with current operations.

In addition, participants should note that in the survey, the terms 'property management' or 'community office' refers to current housing operations.

"This is a precursor to privatization," Spence said, adding, "We want to know how our Families feel about housing and housing services."

Government housing on APG is slated to be privatized in late 2009.

For more information, call Spence or Pat Hector, chief, Housing Division, 410-306-2010.

Army extends cap on Family Readiness Group accounts

Story by **WILLIAM BRADNER**
FMWR/C

The amount of money Family Readiness Groups are allowed to have in informal funds was recently raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000, regardless of the echelon of command or number of people in the unit.

FRGs typically use informal funds to host unit outings, events or social activities including parties or other events, providing snacks and childcare at FRG meetings and printing FRG newsletters. The funds are all donated or raised with typical fund-raising events such as bake sales or silent auctions.

"Units felt that five thousand dollars did not give them enough flexibility to meet all of their needs," said Delores Johnson, director of Family Programs at the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.

The focus of FRGs is mutual support, not fundraising, but for the larger units, hosting a welcome home celebration or "Family Day" can easily cost more than the \$5,000 cap. The more robust FRGs were making hard choices, limiting their activities and curtailing fundraising to remain within regulation.

As part of the Army covenant, See **FRG CAP**, page 3

Rule of Law principles highlight Law Day luncheon

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG NEWS

With the theme, "The Rule of Law: Foundation for Communities of Opportunity and Equity," the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate hosted its annual Law Day observance with a luncheon at Top of the Bay May 1.

Maj. Richard Hatfield,

deputy staff judge advocate, hosted the program which featured remarks by guest speaker Robert Krauer, Aberdeen Proving Ground director of Law Enforcement and Security.

Welcoming guests on behalf of Maj. Gen. Fred D. Robinson Jr., commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Lt. Col. Don F. Pollack, staff judge advocate,

Hatfield commented on Rule of Law foundations and asked listeners to "take a moment to read the Law Day proclamation," signed by Robinson.

"I would ask everyone to reflect on your responsibility under Rule of Law," he said.

Capt. Jessica Guise, Law Day action officer, introduced Krauer who said he would discuss the Rule of Law from a law enforcement perspective

and cautioned listeners that his comments were opinion only and should not be considered an official position.

Using a 'time machine' scenario to present historic examples of the evolution of the Rule of Law, Krauer began with "a simple definition."

"The Rule of Law, in its most basic form, is the principle that no one is above the law," Krauer said. "Hopeful-

ly, as I lead you down the path, I'll be able to correlate this simple definition with our stops along the way."

Starting with the Cromagnon era, Krauer presented the case of a caveman stealing left-over food from his fellow cave dwellers as they slept, being found out and receiving a "painful lesson" for his transgression, as what could

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CYS Sports' Spring into Action promotes health and fitness



From left, Daniella Williams, 13, Renessa Georges, 14, Deja Brewster, 9, Danielle Eubanks, 9, and Kamryn Henderson, 9, show off the medals they received for winning field activities during Spring into Action April 19.

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG NEWS

Child and Youth Services hosted Spring into Action, a first-time event, that featured field activities for all age groups and promoted health and nutrition awareness on the field of Aberdeen Youth Services April 19.

Bill Kegley, the CYS sports director, said that the Youth Sports staff wanted to plan an event that celebrated Health and Nutrition Awareness Month, which is in March, and Military Child Month, which is in April.

The activities included a football throw, a water balloon toss, a 50-yard dash, an 800-meter run and team-building activities like a soccer shootout and a home run derby. The events were for all age groups, including a category for 15 through adult.

"This was a wonderful event, and the weather was great. The children and parents seemed enthusiastic about the activities," said Leo Youngblood, a football coach for CYS.

Kegley said he was pleased with the turnout, of more than 300 people. He said that his staff wanted to provide fun and competitive events for all skill and age levels, while promoting and providing information on health and fitness.

Jenny Goodwin, a senior business communications major at Ville Julie College, organized the event with CYS Sports staff as part of her internship requirements, which requires her to work 120 hours in a related field.

"I have been working for CYS Sports as part of my internship requirement, and Bill wanted me to organize the event so that I could have my name on a project for future interviews," she said.

Goodwin said that she is thankful for the valuable experience that she gained while planning the event. She added that she was in CYS Sports as a child and would like to work for FMWR when she graduates college.

Jones Junction of Bel Air provided free shirts to attendees, and also displayed two vehicles, a Toyota Matrix and a Toyota Scion for the event. AT&T provided water bottles and water bottle coolers.

"I am extremely thankful to the sponsors. We wouldn't be able to have these programs without them," said Christina Lockhart, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing and sponsorship manager. "I also want to thank the Youth Sports staff, who did a fantastic job pulling this event together."

Healthy snacks were provided for participants like string cheese, popsicles,

oranges and yogurt. Pamphlets provided by CYS were also given out to promote health and fitness. Posters were made to educate all attendees on calorie consumption and fast food choices.

The event concluded with an awards ceremony.

Alexander Stovall, 7, said that his favorite part of the event was running around the baseball pole during the home run derby.

"I liked the snacks and I had fun with my brother," added Brianna Stovall, 3. Their mother, Nishika Stovall, retired military, said that she had fun watching her children compete during the activities.

Kristin Carven, a parent and program specialist for the U.S. Army Evaluation Center, said, "I think that this event was one hundred percent fun. It got parents and kids involved, which is what we need."

"I think this event went really well, especially for it being a first-time event," Goodwin said. "Bill wants this to be an annual event."

For more information about CYS Sports, visit www.apgmwr.com, or call Kegley, 410-306-2297. CYS Sports provides a comprehensive set of programs for military children and children of Department of Defense civilians, retirees or contractors.



Photo by JAMIE REDDING
Michael Redding, 7, took on the high jump during the obstacle course.



Photo by RACHEL PONDER
Shyann Stolo, 5, shows off her Child and Youth Services cheerleading uniform.



Photo by RACHEL PONDER
From left, Alexander Stovall, 7, Nishika Stovall, retired military, and Brianna Stovall, 3, relax and eat some healthy snacks after participating in field activities.



Photo by JAMIE REDDING
Andrea Redding, 8, maneuvers her way through the tire obstacle course.

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Students make a D.A.R.E. poster to demonstrate a pledge to "Say no to drugs." Several students' posters were on display during the D.A.R.E. graduation program April 17.

D.A.R.E. program graduates APG students

Story and photos by
RACHEL PONDER
APG NEWS

With the support of their parents and community leaders, 49 students graduated from the Aberdeen Proving Ground Youth Center's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program April 1 at Top of the Bay.

D.A.R.E., an international educational program founded in 1983, seeks to prevent use of illegal drugs, membership in gangs and peer-pressure.

Students that enter the D.A.R.E. program sign a pledge not to use drugs or join gangs. The program also encourages teamwork and self-esteem building activities. D.A.R.E. is also beneficial in terms of improving communication between the police, teachers, students and parents.

School age and middle school students from Edgewood and Aberdeen Youth centers attended 10 D.A.R.E. sessions headed by APG Crime Prevention/Community Police Officer "Big Mike" Farlow. Pamela Evelyn, school-age counselor for the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, Katherine Knoph, middle-school counselor for the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, and Angelique Chronister, Edgewood Area Youth Center counselor, assisted.

Farlow welcomed the audience to the graduation and introduced himself as a "teaching cop." He remarked that he especially enjoys educating young people through D.A.R.E.

"My mom was a teacher; my dad was a cop. When you

mix the two together you get a teaching cop," Farlow said.

Farlow added that D.A.R.E. is a changing, interactive program that works.

Farlow remarked that the D.A.R.E. program this year educated children and teens about resisting over-the-counter and prescription drugs, in an attempt to decrease this trend.

"Whatever the community is going through, D.A.R.E. will address those issues," Farlow said. "Since D.A.R.E. was introduced in 1983, alcohol and illegal drug use has decreased in children and teens. Unfortunately, over-the-counter, and prescription drug use is on the rise."

Farlow thanked Jaretta Coyle, APG Army Substance Abuse Program alcohol drug control coordinator; Cynthia Scott, ASAP alcohol drug prevention coordinator; and Regina Dannenfelser, director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, for supporting D.A.R.E., and his boss, Robert Krauer, director of Law Enforcement and Security, for allowing him to continue the D.A.R.E. program.

Krauer said that he believes in D.A.R.E.'s effectiveness. He thanked Col. Jeffery S. Weissman, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez for coming to the program, and their continued support of D.A.R.E.

"This is a wonderful program; thank you for supporting it," Krauer said. "We couldn't do it without your support."

Krauer also introduced

the keynote speaker Claude Nelson, the Maryland State D.A.R.E. representative.

Nelson thanked the APG military and APG Police for their support of the D.A.R.E. program. He also remarked that it was good to see so many parents attending the graduation, emphasizing that one of D.A.R.E.'s goals is to improve the communication between parents and children about drug use and to educate parents about keeping their children drug-free.

"Graduates, you should be applauded for your decision to not be involved in drugs, gangs or violent behavior. It is all about making a positive decision, a D.A.R.E. decision," Nelson said.

Nelson added that during the students' training they learned that D.A.R.E. can also stand for a decision making process: Define, Assess, Respond and Evaluate.

"If you can make a positive decision, you are much better off," Nelson said.

After Nelson's remarks, a slide show made by Child and Youth Services was shown highlighting some activities the children did during their sessions.

After the slide show, Farlow and Knoph presented the children with a certificate showing that they pledged to live drug and violence free lives.

There were also special awards given to the students who wrote the best essay, created the best poster and had the best spirit.

Aberdeen Youth Center's winners were Fallon McDermott for best essay, Kiana Deschamps, for best poster and Bayley Merritt for best spirit.

Edgewood Youth Center's winners were Bronte Goldsmith for best essay, Elise Stolo for best poster and Thailand Lindsay for best spirit.

After the presentation of awards and certificates Farlow gave Evelyn, Knoph and Chronister, whom he nicknamed "D.A.R.E. Angels," special D.A.R.E. coins and pink D.A.R.E. shirts.

After the graduation, Merritt, 4th grade, said, "The D.A.R.E. program was fun. I won the award for best spirit because I had a good attitude and was always happy in class."

Merritt's mother, Angela Merritt, added, "I think D.A.R.E. is great, it keeps the kids out of trouble and aware of what they should and shouldn't do. Bayley always told me what he learned in class."

Farlow said he was pleased with the turnout and support of the community and parents.

"The students we have at APG are the best," he said. "It makes teaching a joy when the students are excited about what they are learning."

"This year we added the middle school curriculum which is very interactive with a lot of role-playing on the student's part. They really had a great time," Farlow said.

Future D.A.R.E. events

Aberdeen Proving Ground

Police and CYS are hosting a D.A.R.E. Dance 5 p.m., May 20 to teach participants different dance styles and to show a fun, healthy alternative to drugs and alcohol.

Representatives from the Maryland D.A.R.E. Office

will teach a parent/community class on the new threat of kids using prescription and over-the-counter drugs 7 to 8 p.m., May 21. Everyone is invited to attend both programs.

For more information, call Farlow, 410-278-3609.

FRG Cap

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child care for FRG meetings and activities is available by contacting either the Army Community Service or the Child and Youth Services.

"Child care for meetings and activities is easily one of the FRG's largest expenses, and now those costs do not have to come from their informal FRG funds," Johnson said. "That will also free up limited funds for other activities."

"This is a natural step forward in delivering the promise of the covenant to our Soldiers and Families," Johnson continued. "We're empowering the FRGs to make their own choices about funding and how they're going to support their units."

In response to requests from FMWRC and other Army commands, the Secretary of the Army signed Army Directive 2008-1, titled "Increase In Family Readiness Group Informal Fund Cap" on March 7.

AMEDD spouse champions multiple initiatives for military Families

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Army and Army Medical Department leaders increasingly recognize the importance of Family members to current operations through the Army Family Covenant and a host of programs designed to support Families with services and information.

Debbie Fryar, an AMEDD spouse, has been at the tip of the spear in garnering support for Families, and her dedication was recognized by the National Military Family Association's presentation of the Sydney Tally Hickey Award Feb. 21 in Arlington, Va.

The award, a rare honor, goes to an individual, agency or group that has given extraordinary service in support of military Families.

Fryar's record of service to Families spans almost two decades. Most recently she was appointed to the DoD Task Force on Mental Health as the single Family member representative. Traveling to military

posts around the world, this task force published a report to Congress and the Secretary of Defense in June 2007.

Fryar currently serves on the DoD Beneficiary Advisory Panel for the Uniform Formulary and works with DoD Health Affairs' Joint Task Force for Family Readiness Education on Deployments, where she is committee co-chair.

Her work with the NMFA began in 1996; she is currently the NMFA representative for Aberdeen Proving Ground, where her husband serves as the executive officer for the 9th Area Medical Laboratory, 44th Medical Command. In this position, she monitors issues relevant to the quality of life of Families of the seven uniformed services and represents the association at briefings and meetings.

Previously, she was deputy director of government relations for NMFA, where she wrote testimony concerning military Families and presented it before the U.S. Congress.

She has served on The Military Coalition's Veterans and Health Care committees and has represented military Families on the Navy Force Management Oversight Committee Working Group of the Injured Marines and Sailors Program.

While overseas, she served as the station chairman of the American Red Cross in Yong-

san, Korea, where her station helped many Families living on the peninsula.

In 1994, Fryar became one of the first Family members to attend the Army Family Team Building Master Trainer Course. A year later, she rose to the level of AFTB core instructor—in that role, she planned and conducted training courses at all levels of the Army.

She has also successfully facilitated conferences and group sessions, which resulted in identifying solutions to key quality of life issues. As a core instructor, she helped develop curriculum for the AFTB Program Managers Course and professional development

courses. She also served as the AFTB Program Manager for the Kaiserslautern, Germany, military community.

She has been active in a myriad of other Family programs, including health services auxiliaries at various military hospitals, as a unit Family readiness group volunteer, the American Red Cross, Army Family Action Plan, Marines' Toys for Tots, Compassionate Ministries, Ladies Ministries and a church military and uniformed services support group.

Fryar, a military spouse for almost 19 years, earned a bachelor's in nursing from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas.

Commentary: Read this book if you've ever...

By
THERESE MANCEVSKI
Special contributor

Read this book if you've ever: Had a conversation with your deployed Soldier that consisted of an ultimatum involving a compassionate reassignment or a divorce; wished Lifetime would get over themselves and continue the "Army Wives" series already; or thought that being a military spouse was tantamount to being a certifiable dingbat.

Sarah Smiley's "Going Overboard: The Misadventures of a Military Wife" chronicles the author's life over the course of her husband's year-long deployment to Iraq in a way that is both comical and memorable. From struggling with two young boys to being bitten by a friend's "devil cat," readers will quickly identify with Smiley so that her struggles become ours.

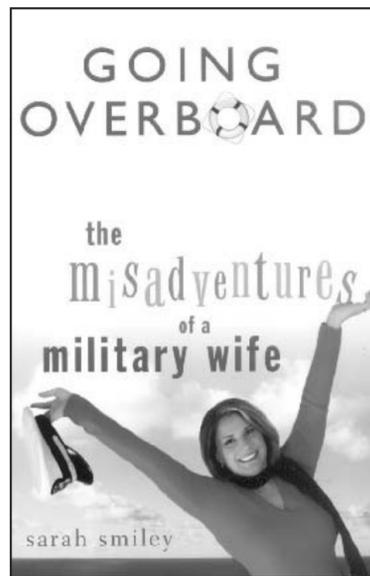
But this book is more than just a 200-page reinforcement of Murphy's Law—when one thing goes wrong, everything goes wrong (especially during deployments)—it's also a kind of coming-

of-age story about a woman who learns to give herself and her marriage the credit both she and it deserve.

All too often, we military spouses tend to forget the important role we play in the lives of our Soldiers. It's easy to forget that we are their connection to everything that is good and right in the world when the kids are sick or the car won't start or the garbage disposal stinks (again). But that's exactly what we are: their connection to everything that is good and right in the world, even if that world comes with an overgrown lawn and frizzy hair, or whatever the case may be.

"Going Overboard" reiterates the importance of perseverance in the grand scheme of things.

The book's sharp witticisms and oh-so-true criticisms of the Navy (we can overlook that fact, right?) make it one heck of a read for anyone who considers her/himself a less-than-perfect example of a military spouse (and yes, that includes yours truly).



AAFES holds contest to salute military spouses

AAFES

The time has come to give recognition to those military spouses who have gone above and beyond to help deployed troops and their Families.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will hold a Patriot Family Salutes the "Military Spouse" Calendar contest through July 28. Entrants are

invited to write an essay of 300 words or less explaining what the nominee has done to support the military community during a deployment. Nominees must be authorized AAFES shoppers.

The 12 winners will receive a \$500 AAFES shopping spree and have their essays published, along with their photos, in a

"Military Spouse" calendar that will be available at all AAFES BXs/PXs in early November.

"I can't wait to read the entries," said AAFES' Chief Marketing Officer Richard Sheff. "This is a great opportunity to highlight the difference military Families are making in their communities."

A complete description of

the "Military Spouse" contest rules can be found online at http://www.aafes.com/Patriot_Family/videocontest.asp. The contest is open to all authorized exchange shoppers. Entries must be postmarked or e-mailed to Patriot Family at www.aafes.com no later than July 28. No purchase is necessary to win.

Spouses

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handbooks were available back then," Stout said.

Stout added that they also had handbooks for spouses

with tips on how to stay in touch with a deployed spouse.

The spouses that stopped by the table said that they enjoyed the event.

"This was a nice treat, and I appreciate it. I am excited about receiving "Chicken Soup for the Volunteer's Soul," because I enjoy that book series," said Tawni Dodson, the spouse of a retired military.

Darrell Nevels, who is a new military spouse and retired military, said that he is new to the area and thought that the employment and education information was very helpful.

"I thought it was a nice turnout, and the PX is a good place to have this event," he said. "This is a [good] opportunity to meet other military spouses, and I like that they have information that spouses would be interested in."

To find out about ACS programs, call Howard, 410-278-9669.



Sports

USAF wins intramural basketball championship Airmen defeat Company A 143rd, 48-44; 60-43

Story by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The U.S. Air Force Detachment, 261st TRS, Detachment 1, celebrated a hard-fought victory over Company A 143rd Ordnance Battalion after winning the post intramural basketball championship, 60-43, at Hoyle Gym March 24.

While Company A 143rd went undefeated through the tournament up until the championship games, the Airmen had to overcome a third-round loss to Company B 143rd, battle its way through the losers bracket, defeating three teams to gain a shot at the title, then defeat the winners bracket champion, Company A 143rd, twice to win the championship.

USAF coach Clint Haynes, who was assisted by Christopher Moreau, said he couldn't be prouder of the team which consisted "mostly of students who come and go throughout the regular season."

"We can't schedule practice because we have airmen who have different classes and PT schedules," Haynes said, adding. "We're very proud of our team this year for overcoming that obstacle and playing hard, smart basketball. [Moreau] and I are always telling the guys it's about having a good time. It's nice to bring the championship trophy back to the detachment and put it beside last year's softball trophy."

Company A 143rd went on to win the 3-on-3 basketball tournament held April 4 with the three-man team of Devon Robinson, Valentino Murray and Jason Riley.



Photo by DONNA COYNE, FMWR
The U.S. Air Force Detachment intramural basketball team poses after winning the post championship at Hoyle Gym March 24. From left, Michael Hooper, coaches Chris Moreau and Clint Haynes and his son, Calen White, Arthur Banks, Joel Wheaton, Byron Robinson, Andre Hall and Alexander Schlegel.

The following results were received for the intramural basketball post-season tournament held March 10-24 and the 3-on-3 basketball tournament held April 4.

Intramural basketball

March 10

22d Chem 52; NCOA, 44
Company E 16th, 55; Company A 16th, 44
USAF, 60; Company W 61st, 34
Company C 16th, 38; 203rd MI, 30

March 12

HHC 61st, 40; Company C 16th, 38
203rd MI, 48; Company A 16th, 41

March 13

Company A 143rd, 46; 22d Chem, 38
Company B 143rd, 62; USAF, 57

March 17

Company A 143rd, 0; Company E 16th, 0
USAF, 72; HHC 61st, 57
NCOA, 31; Company B 143rd, 18

March 20

Company E 16th, 32; Company C 16th, 27
22d Chem, 48; HHC 61st, 35

March 24

Company A 143rd, 54; USAF, 40
22d Chem., 48; Company C 16th, 40
USAF, 0; 22d Chem., 0
USAF, 48; Company A 143rd, 44
USAF, 60; Company A 143rd, 43

3-on-3 basketball tournament

JPED, 16; HHC 61st #1, 5
Company A 143rd, 16; HHC 61st #2, 8
Company A 143rd, 17; JPED, 15
HHC 61st #2, 16; HHC 61st #1, 13
HHC 61st #2, 16; JPED, 14
Company A 143rd, 16; HHC 61st #2, 14

Commander's Cup point standings

The Commander's Cup is awarded by the APG Garrison commander each December to the unit that scores the most points in intramural sports during the year. Units accumulate points by participating in Basketball, the Bench Press Competition, the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Racquetball, Volleyball, Softball, Golf, the Deadlift Competition, Dodge Ball, Bowling, Tennis, Soccer and Flag Football. Points are awarded for unit participation and division and post championship wins.



Company C 143rd	36
USMC	34
USAF	33
Company C 16th	26
Company B 143rd	24
HHC 16th	21
NCOA	21
Company A 143rd	16
Company W 61st	15
20th SUPCOM	12
203rd MI	11
MRICD	11
Company A 16th	10
Company B 16th	10
Company E 16th	10
ATC	6
KUSAHC	2



TRICARE Service Center is here to help

KUSAHC

Health Net Federal Services facilitates for TRICARE, one of the Military's Health Plans. The TRICARE Service Center is located on the first floor of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

"The Health Net staff works with the Military Treatment Facility to deliver outstanding customer support," said Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison command sergeant major, during the April Well-Being Council meeting.

When arriving at the KUSAHC TSC, the first contact is Rebecca Cornacchia, the liaison between TRICARE, the MTF and Network providers. She reviews each patient's situation and advises on what course is needed to resolve the

issue. Cornacchia will assist with claims resolutions and portability issues.

Enrollments, claims resolutions, referrals and authorizations for surgeries can all be completed at the center, said Margaret Gibson, manager of the TSC.

Gibson recommends beneficiaries to the Health Net Federal Services Web site, <https://www.hnfs.com>, in addition to using the TSC.

"It is important that beneficiaries read up on their benefits before they get sick," Gibson said. "They need to be knowledgeable before a crisis happens."

The Web site also offers valuable services such as viewing and paying bills online and providing information on dis-

eases such as diabetes, she said.

One of the main reasons beneficiaries come to the center is because they have questions about explanations of benefit statements they receive in the mail after an appointment. Explanations of benefits break down what insurance benefits were covered or did not cover.

"Some people do not know how to read the explanations and don't understand that they are not bills," Gibson said.

Also, for those retirees with supplemental insurance, TRICARE pays last.

Gibson said some retirees aren't aware they have TRICARE. If their other insurance

See TRICARE, page 13

Community Notes

FRIDAY MAY 16 ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY ANNUAL IVY BALL

The Xi Delta Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,

Incorporated will sponsor its Tenth Annual Ivy Ball, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood. A donation of \$50 for this event includes continuous music and door prizes. Proceeds will benefit scholarship fund and com-

munity service programs. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority also will observe its Centennial Celebration - 100 years "In Service to All Mankind." For more information, call Kathleen S. Carter, 410-939-1664, e-mail woodrow15@comcast.net.

RIDEYOUR BIKE TO WORK DAY

Harford County will sponsor the sixth Ride Your Bike to

Work Day Rally, 7 to 9 a.m. at 220 South Main Street, Bel Air. The rally will feature a bike parade through Bel Air and offers several grand prizes including a bicycle from Contes Bikes; an electric scooter from Ex-treme Scooters; rounds of golf at Mount Branch Golf Course; Ironbirds tickets; restaurant and gift certificates plus numerous prizes and giveaways.

Celebrate Clean Commute Month in May with alternative commuting - walking, bicycling, sharing a ride in a carpool or vanpool, taking public transit and tele-working to reduce traffic congestion and tailpipe emissions. Events include the winners of the Annual Briefcase Challenge competition - participants from large, medium and small companies competing within their company's size category and three scheduled "Cleaner Cars, Cleaner Air" clinics.

For more information or to register for Bike To Work Day, visit www.harfordcountymd.gov or www.theaegis.com.

SATURDAY

MAY 17 ABERDEEN MIDDLE SCHOOL FLEA MARKET AND BLOOD DRIVE

Aberdeen Middle School will host a Flea Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the school parking lot. There also will be a health fair with free health screenings and a Red Cross Blood Drive in the school building. Rain date is May 31 for the flea market only.

Donate old and new items or make crafts to sell. Flea market vendors are needed. Cost for two parking spaces is \$10 each.

For more information, call Katie Scarborough, 410-273-5510 or e-mail Katherine.Scarborough@hcps.org.

Hatem Bridge Project will cause major traffic delays

Beginning June 9, the Hatem Bridge Preservation Project will take place. Permanent lane closures also will go into effect and construction is expected to take three years to complete.

Effective immediately, commuters who currently have a valid AVI decal can renew it annually for free. The toll plaza at the Tydings Bridge will not accept AVI decals. Another option is to purchase the E-Z Pass electronic toll collection system which has special commuter rates. The E-Z Pass can be used on the Tydings Bridge, all MTA bridges and tunnels, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Delaware and more.

One lane will remain open in each direction, except during scheduled times, to allow delivery of construction materials. This will provide predictable traffic patterns so drivers will know what to expect. Once all lanes are reopened, the yearly fee for the AVI decals will be reinstated.

The project will replace the entire concrete roadway (deck) and include the installation of a new, permanent jersey barrier in the center of the bridge. Motorists should expect delays, especially during the morning and afternoon rush hours. Plan for additional travel time or consider alternate routes.

For more information or to receive a free AVI decal, visit the administration office at the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge or visit www.hatembridge.com. To purchase an E-Z Pass commuter plan, visit www.ezpass.com.

Post Shorts

'Retired Federal Employees' meets May 20

Susquehanna Chapter 1522 of National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association for Harford and Cecil counties will meet in the Havre de Grace Methodist Church social hall, Congress and Union avenues, Havre de Grace. A light lunch with potluck will be served at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker Robert Magee, former

director of the Susquehanna Museum, will discuss the history of Havre de Grace. A business meeting will follow at 1:15 p.m.

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

Office Eagle holds Customer Appreciation Day

The Aberdeen Area Office Eagle will hold a Customer Appreciation Day, 10 a.m. to 2

p.m., May 20. Join the Office Eagle for a 50's style celebration that includes refreshments, giveaways and lots of fun.

For more information, call Office Eagle, 410-297-4950, e-mail bcouncil@bism.org.

Asian Pacific Amer- ican Heritage event

An Asian Pacific celebration will be held 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., May 21, at the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Elwood Veney, RDECOM, 410-436-4810; James Rivera, EEO, 410-278-1100; or Linda Patrick, CHPPM, 410-436-1023.

New arrivals required to attend Newcomers' Orientation

All newly arriving Soldiers and civilian employees are required to attend the APG Newcomers' Orientation, 1 p.m., May 21, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Sponsors are encouraged to bring their family members, and all members of the APG community are welcome to attend.

More than 50 APG community activities and organization representatives will welcome arrivals with handouts and literature and will answer questions regarding their programs. Each unit/activity is requested to report the number of attending personnel to Phyllis Ethridge, Army Community

SPRING ARRIVES ON THE CREEK KAYAK TRIP

Shake off the winter blahs and ease into the kayaking season with an easy paddle around Otter Point Creek to observe springtime hustle and bustle in the marsh. This program will be held 9 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 8 to adult. Cost is \$10. Registration is required.

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

SUNDAY

MAY 18 DABBLER OR DIVER, WADER OR WARBLER PONTON BOAT RIDE

It's migration time. Join Phil Powers on the pontoon boat to search marsh, shoreline and woods edge to see what birds are back for the summer or just flying through. This program will be held 9 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 10 to adult. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for 13 and younger. Registration is required.

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

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

Service, building 2754, 410-278-9669/7572, fax 410-278-9685 or e-mail Phyllis.ethridge@us.army.mil

RAB meeting May 29

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Bush River Study Area.

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

For more information, call the Information Line, 41-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

DoD holds BRAC job fair

The Department of Defense will hold a BRAC Job Fair, 2 to 7 p.m., June 4, at the Harford Community College (The Susquehanna Center) 401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air. Jobs include engineers, contract specialists, contract officers, management analysts, program analysts, logisticians, contract managers and program managers. Job applicants will meet with DOD recruiters and can apply for federal jobs located at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information, call Stacey Lambert, 410-939-4240, or e-mail slambert@swnetwork.org.

RecruitMilitary Career Fair May 29

The RecruitMilitary Career Fair event will take place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 29 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.

More than 300 veterans are expected to attend this special event intended to help transitioning service members, veterans and military spouses find jobs.

Attendees will be able to interview with an all-star team of national, regional and local employers in the government and private sector.

This event is produced in cooperation with President Bush's National Hire Veterans Committee (Hire Vets First), The American Legion, and the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network.

Dress for success, bring plenty of resumes and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews.

For more information, visit the RecruitMilitary Web site, <http://www.recruitmilitary.com>.

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



Veterans' Voices

Anzio veterans tour Ordnance Museum

Story and photo by
ROGER TEEL
USAOC&S

Veterans of the Allied attack on Anzio Beach, Italy, in January 1944 – one of the bloodiest engagements of World War II – visited the U.S. Army's Ordnance Museum May 1.

Their first stop was to "Anzio Annie," the monstrous German artillery gun that fired 500-pound rounds at the dog-faced Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division who spearheaded the assault.

Joe Jachimski, from Dundalk, Md., described being in the fight.

"Yeah, Anzio Annie... she used to come over our heads," he said, retelling a story he has undoubtedly told many times before.

"Me 'n old Don Kimble, who's not here today, from Detroit, Michigan... We'd hear this thing going off – throwing five-hundred pound rounds – maybe more – and listen to 'em come over our heads. I'd say to Joe, "Did you hear that?"

"And he'd say, 'Anytime you can hear it, you're safe.'"

The Anzio beachhead was 10-miles deep and 15-miles wide where the 3rd Division made their landing.

"Our general, he made a mistake..." Jachimski continued. "We were supposed to move up, but he said 'dig in.' And we dug in... for five months."

Alfredo Rinaldi is a native of Anzio and continues to live near the beach. He joined the American forces there and has been a perpetual member of the Anzio veterans group.

"I have a small museum there," Rinaldi said as he chatted with Ordnance Museum director

Dr. Joseph Rainer. "But I don't have a tank, a German tank."

As he fumbled through his wallet in search of a business card, he stopped to show photos of himself with former first lady Barbara Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.

Jachimski addressed the special bond among Anzio vets.

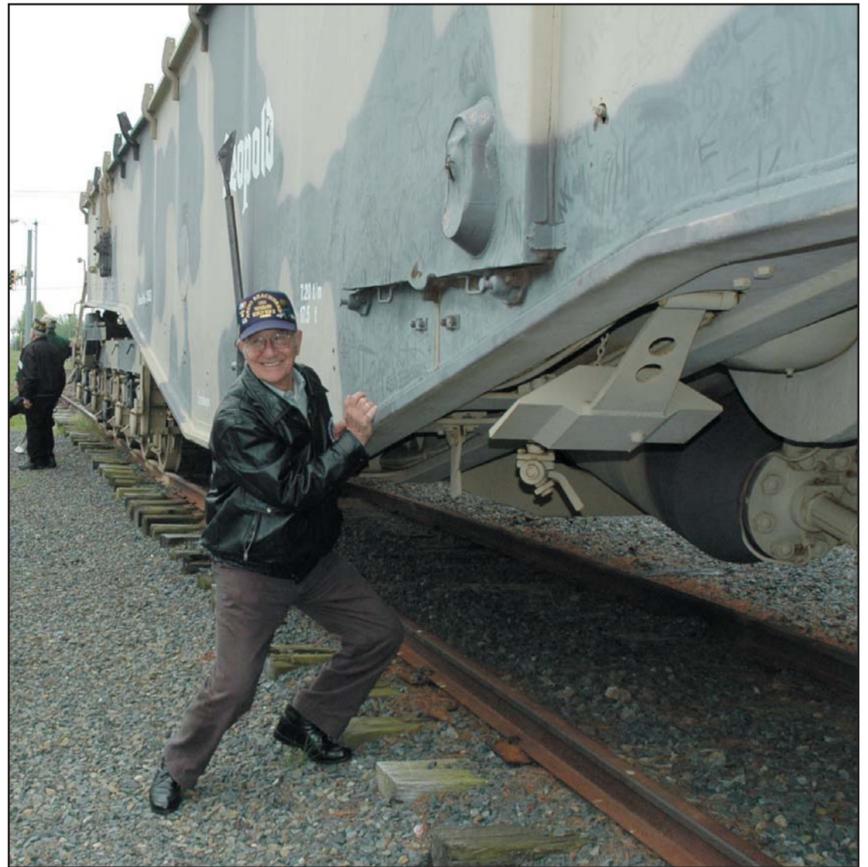
"These guys...whew! They've all seen a lot of action. Anybody who was on Anzio saw action. I don't care if you were a cook, or in the Navy or even the Air Force... you saw action," he said.

"One guy, he's living in Idaho now and not here today, on our beachhead he captured 132 Germans. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, which is just next to the [Congressional] Medal of Honor. And the Medal of Honor was awarded to twenty-two men who fought at Anzio, more than any other battle in World War II. I got a book that tells you all their names and all of it," he said.

After the war, Jachimski was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

"I must have been a good Soldier, because the colonel assigned me and two other guys to work for the Secret Service. We worked for President [Franklin] Roosevelt while he was on vacation. I tell you," Jachimski said, continuing his war story, "I talked to him just like I'm talking to you now. We'd cook hotdogs, set up picnics, work the swimming pool, did all that stuff that Secret Service guys did back then."

Jachimski has never been back to Anzio Beach, though the group travels there frequently. "They're going next month," he said.



Alfredo Rinaldi gives "Anzio Annie" a push during the veterans' visit to the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum May 1st.

VA to call combat veterans with info on care, benefits

VA Representatives of the Department of Veterans Affairs began contacting nearly 570,000 recent combat veterans to ensure they know about VA's medical services and other benefits.

"We [are reaching] out and touch[ing] every veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Free-

dom to let them know we are here for them," said Veterans Affairs Secretary Dr. James B. Peake, a retired lieutenant general who served as the Army surgeon general. "VA is committed to getting these veterans the help they need and deserve."

A contractor-operated "Combat Veteran Call Center" will telephone two distinct populations of veterans from

Iraq and Afghanistan, officials said. In the first phase, calls will go to an estimated 17,000 veterans who were sick or injured while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. VA officials will offer to appoint a care manager to work with them if they don't have one already. Care managers ensure veterans receive appropriate care and know about their VA benefits. For five years after their

discharge from the military, these combat veterans have special access to VA health care. The department screens combat veterans for signs of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. VA personnel have been deployed to the military's major medical centers to assist wounded service members and their Families during the transition to civilian lives.

The new call center's second phase will target 550,000 Afghanistan and Iraq veterans who have been discharged from active duty but have not contacted VA for services. Once contacted, veterans will be informed about VA's benefits and services. The initial calls will be made by a private contractor, EDS, which specializes in technology services to improve business. If

needed, VA employees will make follow-up calls, officials said.

"We will leave no stone unturned to reach these veterans," said Dr. Edward Huycke, chief of the Veterans Affairs - Defense Department Coordination Office.

(Editor's note: Courtesy of American Forces Press Service from a Department of Veterans Affairs news release.)

APG Outdoor Journal

Commentary: Respecting Mother Nature's bounty at APG

By **BILL ARMSTRONG**
APG Wildlife and Marine Law Enforcement Division

One of the nicest things about being in the wildlife law enforcement business is the almost daily interaction with Mother Nature and our wildlife resources here at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Sometimes I am simply overwhelmed when I'm out and about on the installation and see just how many different species we have here and their numbers.

When I came here from West Virginia where I was a conservation officer (game warden) for a number of years, I thought I was pretty well educated in the out-of-doors and the mystique of critter behavior. That theory fell apart when I experienced the vastness of the uninhabited forests and marshes that make up our installation. I was truly amazed, and it sure didn't take me very long to realize that I only "thought" I had seen wildlife during my career in the mountains.

I see more critters today while doing a routine patrol of the testing ranges than I ever saw in a month of Sundays in the hollows and backwoods of West Virginia.

While I was down range today, I saw up close everything from bald eagles and deer (to include pibald whitetail deer), to river otter, beaver, fox, turkey, raccoon, two different species of owl, two species of hawk and a harrier; and I'm sure if I had extended my patrol, that list could go on and on.

The point I'm trying to make here is that APG is a veritable menagerie when it comes to

wildlife, and there's much here to enjoy, whether you're a hunter or a fisherman, or just someone who enjoys the outdoors.

The downside to all of this is the wildlife species at APG are conditioned and accustomed to seeing people and machines. In many cases their "turf" happens to be in close proximity to those places where we routinely work and travel. Critters are quite familiar with our activities, and in many cases, all too often have lost their fear of people, which brings me to where I'm trying to go with this week's column.

Now is the time of year when most of the critters are either nesting or caring for their young, and we, as employees at APG, need to be cognizant of that fact.

Take for instance our red foxes. Most of the time foxes are on the move during the late evening hours or at night, but right now most of them are in the process of trying to feed their young, and this requires hunting. This means that they are out, roaming around in the daytime and exposed to people. That's normal. So, the mere fact that you see a fox out and about during the daylight hours this time of the year doesn't necessarily mean that the fox is sick or has rabies.

The same thing goes for deer. In the next month or so we will start seeing fawns, and as I mentioned earlier, deer live and thrive in those areas where we work, so it's quite normal to see fawns this time of the year.

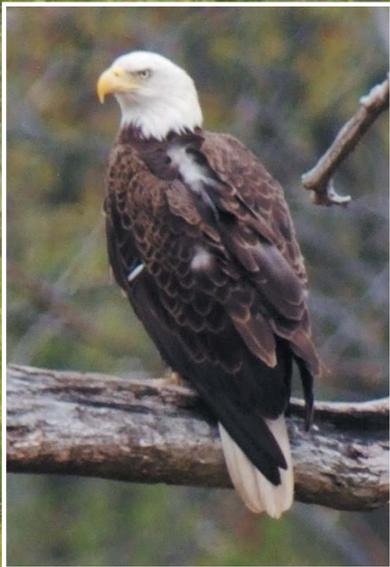
If you happen to see a fawn around your office, this doesn't mean that they've been abandoned or in need of our help. It only means that their mother is probably just around the corner. Every year the APG Wildlife Office receives a multitude of calls from well intentioned folks reporting abandoned fawns that they've seen around some of the office complexes, and even

worse, some people think that picking them up or handling them because they are so cute or cuddly is okay—thinking that perhaps someone from our office or the APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will immediately come and "take care" of them. Please, just leave them alone; that critter's mother knows exactly where her offspring is, and will eventually return to care for it. Don't handle it, and for heaven's sake, don't feed it. Take it from someone who's been in the wildlife business for 41 years, Mother Nature will handle the situation just fine.

However, if it does appear sick or injured, that's a different story all together. In those cases, call one of the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security Wildlife and Marine Law Enforcement offices: 410-278-3305 in the Aberdeen Area or 410-436-4357 in the Edgewood Area.

For the most part, the abundant forests and marshes of APG are an oasis and a sanctuary for many of Maryland's wildlife species. Just enjoy their presence, and be thankful that APG isn't wall-to-wall townhouses and condos. At least here at APG the critters have a place to live and play.

(Editor's note: All photographs were taken on APG by Joe Ondek)



The root of Monday's power problems



Telephone and electrical problems on post May 12 were caused by a tree that was uprooted by overnight wind and wet conditions. Photo by ROGER TEEL, OC&S

Letter to all Soldiers, civilians and Family members of the U. S. Army

This month we celebrate a tradition begun over 50 years ago by President Harry S. Truman, Armed Forces Day.

On the first Armed Forces Day, President Truman called on Americans to recognize "the skill, gallantry and uncompromising devotion to duty characteristic of the armed forces."

This day is an opportunity for us, and for the nation, to honor the service of our men and women in uniform.

U.S. Army Forces Command takes pride in the vital service you perform for your country and the world.

Whether an active or reserve component Soldier, I know you are prepared to complete the mission here and abroad. The courageous efforts of all our armed services to protect our homeland and to bring hope and security to so many throughout this world are inspirational. Your service and that of your brothers and sisters in arms in the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast

Guard are a testament to America's national resolve.

Today we have tens of thousands of service members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, with many more forward deployed to austere locations around the globe. As we observe Armed Forces Day this year, please remember you have the firm support of the American people, and I salute your dedication, sacrifice and selfless service.

Know also your many accomplishments during the past year are vital to our continuing national security.

Army Strong.

Charles C. Campbell

General, USA

Commanding

U.S. Army Forces Command

TRICARE

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doesn't pay in full, TRICARE picks up the remainder of the bill to their doctor.

Health Net has a community representative, Robert Townsend, who is the primary contact for new providers to the TRICARE network. He educates providers by maintaining critical business and working relationships helping to ensure quality

health care is provided to all beneficiaries. Townsend monitors any gaps in coverage if providers are no longer participating and conducts contract negotiations. He also accompanies the health benefits advisor to briefings throughout APG targeting audiences such as new Soldier units.

Jackie Daniels is the CLR (clear, legible report) advocate with Health Net for TRICARE. She receives and coordinates medical reports and consults from outside providers to ensure all patient data is available for follow-up care with the ben-

eficiary's medical care.

The hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Health Net Customer Service number is 1-877-874-TRICARE (1-877-874-2273).

Concerns regarding dental benefits or outside pharmacy coverage such as Express Scripts can be answered by Megan Krebs, health benefits advisor at KUSAHC. Krebs can be reached 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling 410-278-1719. Health Net does not manage these benefits.

Law Day

From front page

have been the earliest occurrence of established law within a society.

He said the incident would have sent the message that "no one in that cave was entitled to anything that all could not possess and everyone was to be treated the same, in order to survive."

Moving forward thousands of years, Krauer talked about the Bible's Moses, who presented the Ten Commandments to his weary people.

"For these ancient people who wandered the desert, the words on those tablets were the Rule of Law," Krauer said. "Those words proscribed how everyone was expected to behave ... and were the framework of how they were to live as a nation. We have seen these laws evolve into the Judeo-Christian body of ideas and values considered by some as a fundamental basis for Western legal codes and moral values," he said.

Jumping forward to Ancient Greece, Krauer said that philosophers Plato and Socrates "helped conceive a government structured to serve the people," and that the contrast between the rule of men and the Rule of Law is first found in Plato's 'Statesman' and in Aristotle's 'Politics,' "where the Rule of Law implies obedience to positive law and formal checks and balances on rulers and magistrates."

He said that the term 'rule of law' was established by Aristotle, who studied under Plato, who identified societal goals and the means to achieve them through laws guaranteeing the equity of individuals and ensuring predictability, transparency and efficient justice.

"Aristotle's approach worked across institutions and in fact required institutions to work together in order to achieve societal goals," Krauer said.

The Magna Carta, signed by King John I of England in 1215, was a prime example of the Rule of Law, he said, in that it forced the king to submit to the law and succeeded in putting limits on feudal fees and duties.

"My previous simple definition that no one is above the law becomes most apparent as it codifies the American legal system as being derived from English law," he said.

Advancing to the American colonies and the nation's forefathers, Krauer said that while adopting some principals of English Common Law during the quest for American independence, the establishment of the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government and the U.S. Constitution serve as clear evidence that in the U.S. the Rule of Law is based primarily on the Constitution and the assurance that U.S. laws – in conjunction with the Constitution – are fair and applied equally to all members of society.

"All of us ended up as the winners," he said.

In regards to what it all means to someone that leads a law enforcement organization, Krauer said that although the strict interpretation seems to imply no leeway, "as a practical matter, the police must have some discretionary latitude."

He said that while he wouldn't expect to see a motorist get ticketed for going 26 mph in a 25-mph zone, neither would a stern warning not to do it again apply in the case of a confirmed child molester.

"Police officers must exercise their considerable authority reasonably, in good faith, with-

out exceeding the limits of that authority," Krauer said, adding that with authority comes great responsibility; that abuse of authority warrants correction and that accountability is paramount.

"Government or police authority is legitimately exercised only in accordance with written, publicly disclosed laws," Krauer said, citing the elements of due process as critical to that process.

"These policies are absolute and must be the standard by which we live," he said. "I

can argue that our system is ... flawed, but I also am convinced that it beats whatever system is in second place."

Hatfield thanked the event organizers, Guise and Sgt. 1st Class Mona Stephenson, senior paralegal at the SJA office, and presented Krauer with a commemorative plaque in thanks for sharing his perspective on the Rule of Law.

"Obviously the Garrison is lucky to have someone as head of law enforcement who takes the Rule of Law so seriously," he said.

Law Day 2008: The Rule of Law

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
www.abanet.org

Many people do not make the connection between the Rule of Law and their daily lives – their safety, jobs, health, education and infrastructure.

Advancing the Rule of Law helps achieve an array of public benefits. We all have a stake in the Rule of Law, and we all can do our part to strengthen it.

The Rule of Law refers to a system of self-government with a strong and accessible legal process. It features a system based on fair, publicized, broadly understood and stable laws, and diverse, competent and independent lawyers and judges. This foundation is essential to foster sustainable communities of opportunities and equity.

Without the Rule of Law, individuals are consigned to live in societies characterized by violence, poverty, illness and ignorance.

Congressional Resolution establishing Law Day, 1961

U.S. Code, Title 36, Section 156

The first day of May each year is hereby designated as Law Day, U.S.A. It is set aside as a special day of celebration by the American people in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States of America; of their rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under law in their relations with each other as well as with other nations; and for the cultivation of that respect for the law that is so vital to the democratic way of life.

The President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all public officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on such day and inviting the people of the United States to observe such day with suitable ceremonies and other appropriate ways, through public bodies and private organizations as well as in schools and other suitable places.



FAMILY, MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

FMWR will sponsor teams to Wilderness Challenge

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will sponsor one local team of active duty service members who wish to participate in the 2008 Wilderness Challenge to be held in Fayetteville, W.V., Oct. 2 thru 4.

The Wilderness Challenge is an annual event sponsored by the Navy Mid-Atlantic region Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department. It is held in West Virginia in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains and on the New and Gauley rivers.

All five branches, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, compete against each other. The challenge consists of a race through Class I thru III rapids in Duckies, a combination of raft, canoe and kayak paddled with double-edge paddles; a Whitewater Raft Race; a one-half mile

long swim with alternating swimmers during the Whitewater Raft Race; a 14-mile mountain bike race; a mountain hike and an 8K mountain run.

Ralph Cuomo, APG sports director, said that FMWR will pay the \$700 registration fee for one team of active duty service members from APG who wish to participate.

"All other costs like transportation, food and lodging, they'll have to pay themselves," Cuomo said, adding that FMWR would like to see APG represented.

Wilderness Challenge organizers hope to field 60 teams for the competition. Each team will have four members and at least one of the members must be female to compete for awards.

For more information, visit <http://www.wildernesschallenge.net> or contact Cuomo, 410-278-3868/7934.

SKIES Unlimited

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

Drivers Ed

Drivers 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, which begins June 23, 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 Blvd., room 304, June 2 thru 17; June 23 thru July 8; July 14 thru 29 and Aug. 4 thru 19. For more information about the class in the Edgewood, 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.

Kids in the Kitchen

Kids ages 8 to 14 can join Chef Paul for Kids in the Kitchen at Super Suppers, located on Route 40, Havre de Grace, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., June 6. Cost is \$20 per student. A maximum of 8 students will be allowed. Get in on the fun by making great kid-friendly entrees for the Family. Children will make friends and food with others their own age while learning the importance of clean food preparation and nutrition. Open to all DoD ID card holders.

Free babysitting class

Become a Red Cross 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., June 17 and

18, 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.

Brazilian Jujitsu

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

Sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 20 through June 19.

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

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

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

Activities/Events

Entries being accepted-2008 Army Arts and Crafts Contest

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

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

Baltimore Orioles Games

Purchase tickets for Orioles baseball at Camden Yards:

- Pittsburgh Pirates, 1:35 p.m., June 15
- Kansas City Royals, 7:05 p.m., July 3
- 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.

Do-it-yourself New York City tours

FMWR has scheduled several day trips to New York City - eight hours for sightseeing, shopping, seeing a Broadway matinee, venturing into China Town and more May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20,

Oct. 18 and Nov. 15.

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

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

Tae Kwon Do classes

Aberdeen Area Youth Center offers Tae Kwon Do classes for ages 5 to 11, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, through May 21. Cost is \$40 per student. Tae Kwon Do promotes discipline, muscle toning and conditioning.

For more information or to register, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479 for an appointment.

Hip Hop classes

The Aberdeen Area Youth Center, located in building 2522, will hold Hip Hop Dance classes for ages 8 through 18. Classes for ages 8 to 13 will be held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; classes for ages 14 to 18 will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All classes will be held on Mondays.

This is a fun and energetic dance class, great for all ages and levels.

For more information or to register, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479 for an appointment.

Sign up now for the Spring Aerobics program

Spring forward with Spring Aerobics at the Aberdeen Area Fitness Center, building 320,

through May 30. Cost is \$44 per person.

Cost includes a different aerobic workout each day 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 5 to 6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday.

Lunchtime workouts include Monday, strength training with Barbara; Tuesday, Yoga with Steve; Wednesday, step and sculpt with April; and Thursday, kickboxing with Ray. Evening aerobics on Monday and Wednesday includes step with Joe.

At least 12 participants are needed to hold each class.

For more information or to sign up, call 410-278-9725.

New York City Liberty Tours

FMWR Leisure Travel Services offers two New York City Liberty Tours, July 19.

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

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

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

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

Fun Fest

From front page

hosted by Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

Daylong activities include live music, games, military displays, a new car display, sporting events for children, food vendors and more. (See schedule below).

Special events include music by RELEASE, a popular local band specializing in classic rock, pop, R&B and country favorites; a birthday cake-cutting for Sparky the Fire Dog; performances by six APG Talent Showcase winners and a dance

demonstration by the CYS Hip Hop Kids.

In addition, batting cages, miniature golf and go-kart rentals at Chesapeake Challenge are half-price all day, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Outdoor Recreation is displaying camping equipment, trailers, and other items available for rental during the spring and summer months; and the Army Substance Abuse Program will host a Drunk Driving Awareness Booth and drunk driving goggles challenge.

Other attractions include face painting, a bounce house, a climbing wall, clowns, magic show, balloon hats and appearances by Dora the Explorer, IronBirds Mascot, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog and Sparky.

For more information, visit the FMWR Web site, <http://apgmwr.com>.

Schedule of events

- 9 a.m. CYS Baseball game (Shine Sports Field)
- 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Military display/car display/camper display/ helicopter display
- 9:45-10:45 a.m. Music by AMC Band
- 10 a.m. Opening ceremony; presentation of 10K Run awards
- 10 a.m.-noon Monster Energy Drink sampling
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pony rides
- 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Bounce House
- 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Event tent (Sponsor displays/Extreme Balloon/Magic Show/Clown face painters/IronBirds Mascot/Dora the Explorer/CYS games and activities/Sparky/McGruff/Drunk Driving Awareness)
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Youth Sports flag football/CYS cheerleaders
- 10:30 a.m. Food vendors open
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Golf demo and lesson/climbing wall/Kids' Obstacle Course
- 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Music by RELEASE (APG Talent Showcase winners will perform during breaks)
- 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park open (batting cage, miniature golf, go-karts half price)
- 2 p.m. Sparky birthday cake cutting (event tent)
- 2:15 p.m. Kid's 50-Yard Dash
- 3:15 p.m. CYS Hip Hop Kids

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

Week of May 12

Special #1: Chicken filet salad sub, choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, French fries, cookie and soda for \$5.75.

Special #2: Breaded chicken patty, choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, French fries, cookie and soda for \$5.75.

Week of May 19

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

Special #2: Fish filet with cheese, choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, curly fries, cookie and soda for \$6.35.

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



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