

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Oct. 29 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



TRAFFIC ALERT

Daily traffic changes require driver vigilance

For the next several weeks, Daisy Construction will be working at the Maryland and Aberdeen boulevards intersection. Lane changes, lane closures and varying traffic patterns will occur on a daily basis.

Motorists are asked to maintain awareness of daily changes to driving conditions and traffic control measures to keep everyone safe.

Additionally, all personnel are asked to assist in directing "lost drivers." This has become an increasing problem and especially so for shipments arriving on large trucks. When providing directions, be as clear and concise as possible.

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

CFC collecting old books, movies for special sale

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign is asking for donations of paperback and hardcover books as well as movies in VHS and DVD format to sell in the first ever CFC Book and Movie Fair to be held Nov. 13 and 14 in the Down Under area of Top of the Bay, building 30.

Paperbacks will sell for \$.50 and hardcover books and movies for \$1. The fair is open to all civilians, military personnel and contractor employees working at APG.

All proceeds from the book fair will be donated to the Chesapeake Bay CFC as 'undesignated funds.'

For more information, call the CFC Office, 410-278-9913/9917.

Celebrating Halloween on APG

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Secretary of Army announces 'Year of NCO' at AUSA meeting

Story by
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Army News Service

During his keynote address at the opening of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exposition, Secretary of the Army Pete Geren announced that 2009 would be "The Year of the Noncommissioned Officer."

"At the front of every Army mission in the United States or overseas, you'll find a noncommissioned officer," he said. "They know their mission, they know their equipment, but most importantly, they know their Soldiers."

The secretary said that during the year, the Army will accelerate NCO development of strategic initiatives, develop new initiatives that enhance the training, education, capability, and utilization of the NCO corps, showcase the NCO story to the Army and the American people, and honor the sacrifices and celebrate contributions of the NCO Corps, past and present.

"Today's NCO operates autonomously, and always



Photo by LAMONT HARBISON, DOIM MM/VISC
The Multi-Media/Visual Information Services Center, Directorate of Information Management, Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground created and staged exhibit at the U.S. Army Materiel Command Corporate 2008 AUSA Annual Symposium boasted a 4,200 square foot area featuring 23 separate AMC technology and command initiatives for public view. The MM/VISC Exhibits Section designed and built a number of themed foundations to serve as backdrops for the displays. These included an armaments factory, a business main street, a promenade and a 50's style diner.

with confidence and competence," he said. "Our NCOs are empowered and trusted like no other NCO in the world, and

most advanced armies in the world today are going to school on our model."

More than 3,000 Soldiers, civilians and mili-

tary personnel from allied nations gathered Oct. 6 for the opening of the 2008 AUSA meeting.

The opening event

of the three-day meeting, themed "America's Army: The Strength of the Nation," featured music,

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CSSC BRAC conference draws large crowd

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

With the deadline for base realignment and closure getting closer every day, more than 300 government and business leaders attended the 2008 APG BRAC Update conference hosted by the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor Consortium at the Richlin Ballroom Oct. 3.

The conference updated attendees on what is happening now and

in the future on Aberdeen Proving Ground and nearby counties to get ready for the large increase in people who will be working at the installation over the next three years.

CSSC brings together eight jurisdictions in three states to ensure a successful BRAC implementation and high quality of life for those who live and work in APG's growing defense community.

Karen Holt, CSSC regional BRAC manager, welcomed the

audience and introduced Harford County Executive David Craig.

He said that getting ready for BRAC is a top priority for him and many of his colleagues.

"There are only seven hundred and forty days left to be ready for BRAC," Craig said. "We are over halfway there in this historic transformation at Aberdeen Proving Ground. We have to be ready. Not being ready is not an option. Because of the work that the Chesapeake Science Community Cor-

ridor does working together as a region we will be ready. There was a movie out not long ago that said if you build it they will come; BRAC is the opposite of that. They are coming, so we better build it."

Craig said that we have left the planning stage and are now in the implementation stage.

"We have an unprecedented amount of money in our capital program when it comes to school construction and other infrastructure,"

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Armed Forces Blood Drive coming Nov. 20

Three ways to register to give

APG Public Affairs Office

The next Armed Services Blood Drive is scheduled for noon to 4 p.m., Nov. 20 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

Units work in conjunction with the Armed Services Blood Bank, not the Red Cross, so the donations go directly to the Soldier and their Families.

"As most of you know," said Maj. Mathieu Petraitis, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, "between the start of deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan almost seven years ago, combined with the multitude of natural disasters over the past few years, both the nation's and military's blood banks are dangerously low."

Coupled with the limitations for blood donation put on Soldiers and con-

tractors while deployed and after redeploying from theater, almost a full one-third to one-half of the career military force cannot give blood.

"That's why we're trying to reach out and spread the word about the local blood drives when they come up, and encourage you to participate, or at least help spread the word in your offices and units. We're asking commanders and directors to give their Soldiers and employees the time available if they do choose to participate," Petraitis said.

There are three ways to register for the blood drive:

- By phone: Call Jerrick Alexander, 301-295-2109.
- Online: Follow these steps:

1. Visit www.militarylifeforce.com online.

2. Create a user profile which can be found on the bottom left of the page.

3. After setting up a profile, select "find a blood drive." (Note, sometimes it take up to 24 hours for your profile to activate, if so, simply return to www.militarylifeforce.com and log on, then select "find a blood drive"

4. Under "search by zip code," enter within 25 miles of 21005 on Nov. 20.

5. It will pull up "Aberdeen Recreation," then ask for an appointment time.

- Walk-ins are welcome. Although, the advantage to calling or registering online is that donors will spend less time overall at the site and each donor will have their own appointment time.

For more information, call Petraitis, 410-278-2104.

Ordnance Museum to run 1918 tank Nov. 11

OC&S

A Model 1918 Ford three-ton tank on display at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum will be taken out for a short spin on Veteran's Day.

Museum Director Dr. Joe Rainer said they plan to run the tank on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, starting promptly at 11 a.m. The public is invited.

"We will attempt to run the tank on the grassy field next to the museum for a short fifty to one hundred yard spin," Rainer said. "At the very least, we will rev up the twin Model T engines with the tank on blocks. We won't try to turn the vehicle due to the danger of breaking or throwing a track on this antique tank."

Two modern military vehicles - Strykers from the Ordnance Center and Schools' Battle Damage Assessment and Repair Division - will also be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Coinciding with the running of the tank, the Ordnance Museum will unveil a small



Photo by ROGERTEEL, OC&S
This Model 1918 Ford three-ton tank on display at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum will be taken out onto the museum grounds for a short spin on Veteran's Day.

exhibit on the roles played by the Ordnance Department in World War I. This exhibit features period photos of ordnance Soldiers at work as well as a period-ornance sergeant's uniform, which was recently acquired from the Patton Museum at Fort Knox, Ky.

For more information, contact the Ordnance Museum, 410-278-3602.

Community Fall Fest has something for everyone

APG Public Affairs Office

A temperature of about 65 degrees Fahrenheit is on the forecast for this Saturday; perfect weather this time of year for Aberdeen Proving Ground's annual Community Fall Fest.

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation has planned even more activities, entertainment and fun for military personnel, Department of Defense civilians and contractors, retirees and their Families this year.

"This is a great event for all ages," said Mike Lupacchino, FMWR director. "We have activities for all ages; bring the whole Family. It will be a great, fun-filled day. There will be food, entertainment, music and much more. If you have an opportunity to come out, please participate."

"We have tried to gear the activities to not only the young kids but also the older kids, as well as adults, including single Soldiers," said Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, garrison and deputy installation commander. "We hope that every time we do these [fests] we can improve on what we can offer. Our ability to do that will be dependent on the support of the community and showing interest in it."

Something new for the young ones who like to dress up is a costume contest. For ages 2 to 12, the contest runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trick or treating will take place also.

Other harvest-type activities include hay rides, making edible 'piggy' apples and making Halloween masks.

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RCI housing survey

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As part of the Residential Communities Initiative, or RCI, military personnel should have received a housing survey in the mail with the past week. An accompanying letter sent to Family housing, permanent party barracks and personnel assigned to Aberdeen Proving Ground living in off-post housing encourages service members to take a few minutes and complete it, either in hard copy or on Web site <https://survey.rdniehaus.com>.

Hard copy surveys should be returned to the Housing Office, building 4305, second floor.

The purpose of the survey is to determine projected requirements (by bedrooms and grade) for government-provided or privatized Family and unaccompanied housing.

Under the RCI Program, the Army will privatize Family housing at 45 installations. Picerne Military Housing will develop the Community Development and Management Plan for APG.



'Fireside chats' a forum for answers



Photo by MICHAEL ALLISON

Col. Augustus Owens, CECOM LCMC deputy commander, (Forward), left, conducts one of his "Fireside Chats" in front of the fireplace at the Gunpowder Club, one of the temporary locations for members of the advance party of early volunteer workers in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Story by **DEBBIE SHEEHAN**
Fort Monmouth

Talk about location and a view—the newly refurbished temporary office space for the Command Group of the CECOM Life Cycle Management Command and for many of the Army Team C4ISR

advance party volunteers at Aberdeen Proving Ground is in the Gunpowder Club.

A former Officer's Club facility in the Edgewood Area of the post, it comes with chandeliers, hardwood floors and for some a view of the Gunpowder River. There is also a fireplace with a mantel as the cen-

terpiece of the lobby, large enough to be seen from two rooms. The only thing missing is a large Family portrait hanging above the mantle.

When CECOM LCMC Deputy Commander (Forward) Col. Augustus Owens first gazed at the fireplace, he said he had an

idea. He would use it as the backdrop for weekly meetings which he calls "fireside chats" with advance party personnel.

Back in the 1930s, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt used what he called fireside chat radio broadcasts to reassure the nation and point it in a positive direction.

Owens uses his fireside chats in a similar way as a troubleshooting and think tank vehicle to solve problems ranging far and wide from new office equipment for personnel to solving voucher filing problems for those trying to buy or sell homes in the APG area.

"The chats are not meant to be staff meetings," Owens said. "Everyone stands, so we don't want them to be too long. They have caught on and once a week on Thursdays at ten a.m. people come from other buildings to gather around that fireplace and update everyone else."

He explained that there is never a set agenda; instead the meetings are free flowing forums to

problem solve and share information.

"They are not mandatory, although more and more [people] are showing up. We have had a safety presentation. People get a chance to exchange information about events in the area [and] how to understand [and use] agencies such as the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration," he said.

Owens added he thinks the chats are a success.

"Let's put it this way: One week I was tied up with something and didn't come out for the meeting. I got a knock on my door saying everyone was waiting for me," he said.

The first meetings were really about nuts and bolts, said Owens. There were lists to be made of needed supplies and decisions to be made about how best to get things—from extension cords to garbage pails, from copiers to fax machines. Owens said he wanted to make sure each area had a refrigerator, drinking water and vending machines, if they were requested.

"Please folks, don't ask me what color I want, just get it," he has become accustomed to saying.

Now, those items are in place. Every advance party volunteer has a new cubicle or is in a new pod with new chairs and other essentials. There are currently 201 early volunteers on APG. By the end of the calendar year, the number is expected to climb to 331.

Owens said he wants to dispel one rumor he has heard that there isn't enough workspace for more volunteers.

"That is a rumor that keeps coming back, and I want to let everyone know it just is not true," he said. "We have plenty of room. In the Gunpowder Club alone we have ninety six more spaces available." He added there is plenty of space in other buildings as well.

"At this point I am looking to 'overbook the aircraft' as they say; fill it up and find more [space] for anyone who wants to come down," Owens said.

Making the Army Team C4ISR move a seamless transition

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

The deputy commander (forward) for the U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Command Lifecycle Management Command has the task of leading Army Team U.S. Army Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Forward as the organization makes the transition from Fort Monmouth, N.J., to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"Right now we are over here [at APG] establishing communications and procedures and processes to be prepared for the main element to come in two more years," said Col. Augustus Owens. "One day, Army Team C4ISR employees will stop working in Fort Monmouth and everybody who will be relocating will be moved here. It is my job to get the organization ready for that day."

Owens said he has leadership experience from his previous assignments that have prepared him for his current assignment. He served as an inspector general and chief, Assistance Division in the Department of the Army Inspector General Agency at the Pentagon. Before that assignment, he served on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon when it was attacked on Sept. 11, 2001. He later served as the J6 of the Joint Forces Headquarters National Capital Region in Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

Owens' career has taken him many places around the country and the world, including Korea, Germany, Haiti and Saudi Arabia.

A graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Owens' military education includes the Signal Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Jumpmaster Course and the Inspector General Course. He holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from South Carolina State University and a master's of public administration from Strayer University.

Owens said that part of his duties as the deputy commander (forward) for the CECOM LCMC include coordinating, integrating and synchronizing all efforts to support the command and Army Team C4ISR elements and personnel as they transition to APG. He also serves as the principal interface with APG's Garrison

commander, Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, and the Senior Mission Commander Maj. Gen. Fred D. Robinson and his staff concerning the CECOM LCMC and Army Team C4ISR.

"This move takes a big effort on behalf of the Army Team C4ISR Forward employees, and the critical thing we need to keep in mind is that we need to maintain the same level of support to the Warfighter. The move should be seamless so there is no break in support to the Warfighter. That is our main goal."

Owens added that the relocation of Army Team C4ISR is a result of the implementation of a 2005 Base Realignment and Closure decision, which was passed by Congress mandating that Army Team C4ISR will be a seamless move, so that there will be no break in support to the Soldier.

"I understand that the transition is difficult for some people," Owens said. "There are some Families who have worked at Fort Monmouth for generations, and Fort Monmouth is an important part of their life. However, there are good reasons to move Army Team C4ISR. Some of those reasons are that it will save money and consolidate efforts in support of the Warfighter."

Owens said that he works closely with Army Team C4ISR employees to ensure that their needs are being met on the job. If an employee has a problem on the job that is related to the BRAC move, he will work to have the issue resolved.

Owens has also helped employees if they have a personal issue concerning their move, adding that he wants his employees to feel comfortable and happy at work and in their communities.

Owens said that he encourages employees to communicate their problems so that they can be fixed in a timely manner so that the move will be smoother for Army Team C4ISR employees moving in the future.

"Army Team C4ISR employees are part of a new frontier and are pioneers, we are depending on them," Owens said. "Over the next two years they will see changes everyday."

Every Thursday morning Owens holds a Fireside Chat at the Gunpowder Club, a voluntary attendance meeting where

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'BRAC man' overseeing APG transformation for BRAC, APG 2012

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

An engineer officer is overseeing the transformation of the installation for base realignment and closure and APG 2012.

Col. Andrew Nelson, the deputy garrison commander for Transformation, who started working at APG in June 2008 at the BRAC Transformation Office, said that his focus goes beyond BRAC.

"Some people call me the 'BRAC man'," Nelson said, "but it is much more than BRAC. It is transforming Aberdeen Proving Ground into the garrison and the installation it needs to be for the new mission in 2012, after BRAC has happened."

"Aberdeen Proving Ground is growing and evolving, and I am here to help coordinate the efforts in order to get the installation transformed," he said.

"Previously Aberdeen Proving Ground was centered on the Ordnance Center and Schools and training Soldiers. The new mission is going to be focused on scientific research, development, testing and evaluation, which will be related to developing new products and processes that support the Warfighter," he said.

Nelson said that the garrison established the BRAC Transformation Office to help plan and execute that work.

"I have been brought here to lead that effort in the transformation of the garrison," he said. "I have peers who are doing similar jobs at other Army installations who have extraordinary projects as well, for example the Ordnance Center and Schools is moving to Fort Lee, Virginia, so they have an engineer officer who is carrying out similar responsibilities at Fort Lee synchronizing all the efforts that have to happen in order to prepare the installation for the arrival of the Ordnance Center and Schools."

Nelson said that he communicates with incoming tenants that are coming because of BRAC like the U.S. Army Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance from Fort Monmouth, N.J., and the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command coming from



Col. Andrew Nelson
Deputy Garrison Commander for Transformation

Alexandria, Va., so that he can help them understand what their requirements are and make sure that APG is going to support those requirements.

Nelson represents the garrison and works with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the organization responsible for managing the design and construction of all new facilities as well as any BRAC/2012 related renovation work at APG. He also communicates with current tenants to make sure their needs are being met.

Nelson said that there is \$1.5 billion of design and construction money programmed for APG in the next four years.

"I can't claim to be in charge of all of this," Nelson said. "It is a team effort for a lot of people who have responsibilities for execution of this work. The Army Corps of Engineers is the design and construction agent for those projects that are executed. I am providing oversight to that work. I am also working to coordinate the efforts of the garrison and the tenants here to make sure that all aspects and everybody's needs are understood."

"The BRAC Office is the focal point where we make sure that all of the efforts are coordinated and synchronized with the efforts of all the team members to get them completed. We make sure that all the actions that have to happen support the Warfighter," he said.

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Renowned author, activist to present Domestic Violence Awareness Month lecture

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A nationally recognized author, workshop leader and activist on trauma, abuse and healing will be the guest speaker for the Domestic Violence Awareness Month workshop, "The Batterer as Parent: Domestic Violence Affects Children," to be held at Top of the Bay Oct. 30.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program will host the event consisting of a workshop, 9 a.m. to noon; and a lecture, 1 to 3 p.m.

According to his Web site, speaker Lundy Bancroft offers new ways to understand the emotional injuries suffered by victims of domestic violence, their lasting effects and how best to get free of violent environments.

"Everyone has the right to live free from abuse and oppression," Bancroft said. "Everyone can find a path to full enjoyment of their life, bask in the love and support of people around them, and throw off the weights of past and present mistreatment."

Bancroft appears frequently as a public speaker and trainer and as a leader of weekend retreats that focus on recovery from abusive relationships, working

as an advocate or an activist, and taking charge of emotional healing through 'cooperative therapy.'

His speaking engagements address subjects related to domestic violence, with a focus on abusive men and their children, and his activist work is devoted to recovering the custody rights of protective parents, with an emphasis on the chronic systemic abuse of the human rights of protective mothers and their children in Family court litigation.

Bancroft has written numerous articles regarding trauma and abuse, healing and social change, most of which are available for

download on his Web site, <http://www.lundyban-croft.com>.

In addition, he has written four books addressing domestic violence. They include "Why Does He Do That? Inside the minds of angry and controlling men," "When Dad Hurts Mom: Helping your children heal the wounds of witnessing abuse," "The Batterer as a Parent: Addressing the impact

of domestic violence on Family dynamics," and "Humanity Unbound: A dramatically new approach to healing from trauma, abuse and loss."

Workshop topics will include Profile, characteristics and tactics of batterers; Responding effectively to Families affected by domestic violence perpetrators and Healing and recovery in children exposed to domestic violence.

The event is free and open to the public. All military, Family members, civilians, law enforcement and legal personnel, advocates, therapists, social workers, school counselors and individuals working with children and the Family court systems are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Lynda Fernandez, ACS Family Advocacy program specialist, 410-278-2435.



CFC offers incentives to contributors

APG Public Affairs Office

The Aberdeen Proving Ground 2008 Combined Federal Campaign is on its way to a goal of \$400,000 in donations.

To encourage employees to participate, the campaign offers incentives.

This year the Gold Plus Leadership Level donor of \$2,000 or more will receive two incentive prizes: a 4-inch CFC 'Eagle Giver' sandstone coaster imprinted in full color with an American flag, eagle and CFC logo and a stadium seat/folding picnic blanket inscribed with the CFC logo. The padded blanket has a colorful striped interior and front slash pocket that folds and zips together to make a comfortable seat. It features an adjustable carrying strap for convenient transport, and is made of 600 denier polyester, 100 percent acrylic.

The gold level donor of \$1,000 to \$1,999 will receive the same stadium seat /folding picnic blanket as described for the Gold Plus donor.

At the silver level, a donation of \$500 to \$999 will provide a USB multi-hub imprinted with CFC logo. The hub twists 180 degrees for easy accessibility and comes with a 30-inch cord.

Bronze level donors of \$100 to \$499 will receive a self-powered emergency flashlight, including a 6-inch wrist strap, emblazoned with the CFC logo.

Throughout the CFC season, there will be sev-



Photo by RACHEL PONDER

Incentives for the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign include a stadium seat/folding picnic blanket with CFC logo, a self-powered emergency flashlight, a USB multi-hub imprinted with the CFC logo and a CFC "Eagle Giver" sandstone coaster.

eral raffles for all donors. Winners will receive a previous year's incentive gift as their prize.

Federal employees can make donations by check, cash or payroll deductions. Married couples are allowed to combine their donations if they would like to receive upgrade incentives.

Retirees, reservists and contractors are permitted

to donate to CFC by cash, check or money orders only.

The 2008 Contributor's Guide for national/international organizations is at Web site <http://www.cbacfc.org>.

For more information, visit the APG CFC Office, building 30, Top of Bay/Down Under, e-mail apgr-usag-cfc@conus.army.mil, or call 410-278-9917.

MRICD scientist retires after 58 years of service



Photo by CARY SISOLAK

Maj. Gen. George Weightman, commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, presents Dr. Margaret Filbert with a bound volume of all of her publications at the 2008 Medical Defense Bioscience Review.

Story by
CINDY KRONMAN
USAMRICD

As the new fiscal year began on Oct. 1, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense wasn't quite the same place it had been just days before. Missing from its hallways, from its staff, was one of its most venerable scientists, Dr. Margaret Filbert, who retired at the end of September after 58 years of federal service.

Filbert worked all of those 58 years at the institute, beginning at the laboratories out of which the MRICD developed: the Medical Research Division in the 1950s and the Biomedical Research Laboratory in the 1960s and 70s. She was one of the last remaining employees from these eras and was for the institute a very personal link to its history and its development as a world

leader in medical chemical defense research.

"ICD is a real Family with a great history," said Dr. John Petrali, who in 1959 began his career at the institute as a medical corpsman private assisting Filbert.

"We got where we are now by standing on the shoulders of giants," continued Petrali. "Marge is one of those giants."

Her long career is one of not only scientific achievements, but also extraordinary professional development and growth.

Tenacity and perseverance were the words current commander Col. Harry Slife said came to mind whenever he thought to describe Filbert.

Today when there is a lot of talk about women in the political arena putting cracks in the glass ceiling, Filbert, in the field of science, had been there and

done that.

"The glass ceiling at MRICD has a hole in it the shape of Margie," noted Petrali.

Discouraged from attending medical school after earning her bachelor's in the late 1940s from the University of Maryland--because the general opinion was that a woman would probably end up dropping out to start a Family--Filbert decided instead to earn a master's in physiology.

She began her federal career as a GS-07 in 1950 when she was hired by Clinical Research Division, MRL, at Edgewood Arsenal. She was left largely to her own devices, however, with little effort on the part of her division chief to provide mentoring or direction. He later excused his lack of assistance by saying that she was only working "to earn enough money to buy carpeting and draperies."

Finally, she approached other scientists, who asked her to develop assays for their research.

Despite her many research contributions over the succeeding years, Filbert didn't rest on her laurels. At a time in life when many would be considering retirement, Filbert chose to pursue her doctorate degree. She did so through the Secretary of the Army's Fellowship for Long Term Training, and in 1984, at the age of 60, Filbert received her doctorate in biological sciences from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, an accomplishment she completed while working full time.

With her doctorate, Filbert took on her own projects and continued to mentor junior scientists, most significantly Dr. Gerald Ballough, who came

to the institute under a National Research Council postdoctoral research associateship. Together they examined neuroprotective properties of drugs having the potential to prevent or reverse the seizure-related brain damage initiated by the nerve agent soman.

When Ballough left MRICD to accept a position as assistant biology professor at La Salle University, they continued their research partnership for 10 years and were able to demonstrate proof of concept for neuroprotection against seizure-related brain damage. Together they demonstrated the efficacy of a synthetic, non-psychoactive cannabinoid as a neuroprotectant against nerve-agent-induced, seizure-related brain damage and hold the patent for the use of this compound as a countermeasure against chemical threat agents.

Ballough calls Filbert "the best boss I've ever had," and said working with her was a "real honor and pleasure."

"You have my highest respect and love," he said recently to her.

During this period of collaboration, Filbert's career went in a new direction.

In 1994, she agreed to serve as acting chief of one of the research branches. She served in the position for more than a year, in 1997 accepted the position of chief, Research Operations Division, taking on the responsibility for overseeing the institute's entire research program and becoming the first female civilian division chief at the MRICD and only the second woman at the institute to hold such a position of responsibility.

More recently, with reorganization at MRICD,

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APG Outdoor Journal

Commentary: Them was the good ole days

By
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Enforcement Division

You just never know who's gonna be on the other end when you pick up the telephone these days.

"Hey, you old reprobate, how's it going?" the voice began.

Not knowing who I was talking to, I replied, "Okay, I guess, getting older and grumpier by the minute."

After a minute or so of chit-chat, the caller asked, "You ain't got a clue who you're talking to, do you?"

As I wracked my brain trying to put a face with the voice, he continued.

"You still tipping over backwards in your chair when you're trying to get a confession?" he asked.

That did it! There wasn't but one person who'd dare bring that subject up.

"#%\$#%!!!! How in the heck are you?" I asked. The voice on the other end belonged to the old platoon sergeant of the 523rd Military Police, back when they were the ones keeping an eye on things at Edgewood. "And you ought to be tarred and feathered for bringing it up."

Later, after he hung up, I leaned back and laughed; the old 523rd, what a bunch they were. When they were around, you never knew from one minute to the next what was waiting for you just around the corner.

At the time, my office was situated next door to Sarge's office and as luck would have it, we had a connecting inner door which we usually kept open. Now, before I go any further, I ought to tell you that Sarge was a practical



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joker, and the episode he was referring to was one I'll never forget.

It was just before Christmas, a few days after the close of deer season, and I was trying to put together a case on a redneck by the name of Theo, who I knew had just recently poached a deer. All of the evidence pointed toward him: the tracks in the snow, the kind of truck he drove and the word of a confidential informant, who I was trying to keep out of it. The only thing I didn't have was some physical evidence to tie Theo directly to the deer. I needed a confession...the problem was: Theo was a pretty tough nut to crack. He, and all of his Family, were hard people and well-known poachers. About ready to give up on the case, I decided I'd give it one more shot, so I sent word that I wanted to see him in my office at one o'clock.

It was a little bit after noon when I got to the office, and I figured I'd use the extra time to come up with a plan for the interview. The truth of the matter was, my evidence was pretty flimsy, and the pros-

cuting attorney would laugh me right out of his office if I tried going in there on just a hunch.

When I opened the door to my office I was greeted by the voice of the platoon sergeant next door, and to tell you the truth I had been kinda hoping his office would be empty... I didn't want any distractions during my interview and he was definitely a distraction. Whenever he was around, I lived a hard life...and even though I thought the world of him, he was a handful at times. His pranks had me constantly on-edge.

The more I thought about it, the more convinced I became that my best bet would be to try to scare Theo, make him think that he might really be going to jail for killing the deer. I needed to convince him that I was a real "bad guy."

After making a few notes I walked over and told Sarge what I was doing, asking him to be on his best behavior while I had Theo in the office.

A few minutes later Theo walked in.

"How you doing?" I asked, offering my hand as I greeted him.

"I'm alright," he responded, ignoring the handshake. "You wantin' to see me? The old woman said you stopped by the house. Said for me to be here at one o'clock."

"Yeah," I said. "Just need to run something by you."

"Yeah, about what?" he asked.

My desk at the time was one of those old wooden monstrosities, a "two peo-

ple" desk with leg cut-outs on both sides. The top was big enough for two typewriters and all the accessories. Anyway I offered him a seat on one side of the desk, and I went around and took a seat on the other side. The open doorway into Sarge's office was about four feet away.

"Had a deer killed at Gracie's Quarters, was wondering if you might know something about it," I asked.

After taking a seat, he just sat there and glared at me. "You're wasting yer time. I don't know nothin' about no deer. I killed one during the season, and so did my boy...and both of them was legal," Theo said.

"Yeah, I know all about them. I want to know about the one that was killed and drug through the fence to your truck," I said.

"Don't know what you're talking about!! I don't know nothing about any deer bein' killed on Gracie's," he said.

"Well, if you didn't kill it, you know who did!!" Trying to be the "bad guy," I continued, "And seeing as how it was loaded in your truck, you're just as guilty as the one that pulled the trigger. Surely you don't want to be spending Christmas in jail for killing a deer, do you? That's a federal offense."

Well when I mentioned jail and it being a federal offense, his eyes quickly shifted away from me.

"You ain't got nothin'," he sneered. "If you had anything, you'd of

already arrested me. You're bluffing!"

Peering down at my notes, I glanced out the doorway and noticed that Sarge was sitting quietly near the opening, listening. I figured it was time to get tough.

"Now Theo, I ain't gonna tell you this but once. I asked you to come in here today so we could get this mess cleared up without somebody having to go to jail. Now, you either tell me the truth, or so help me I'll do everything I can do to see that you spend Christmas in jail," I continued.

As I sat there waiting

for a response, the seconds slowly ticked by. Not a word was spoken. Theo was giving it some deep thought.

Just as he was about to speak, the room exploded...literally, and the blast came from underneath my desk.

Instinctively I pushed backwards in my chair, figuring that I had just been shot. As I lurched backward, the swivel chair tipped over, spilling me onto the floor. My first thought was that Theo had somehow managed to bring a gun into the office with him and that he had fired at

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Community Notes

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25 CRITTER DINNER TIME

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat and learn more about these fascinating 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.

CAR, CYCLE SHOW

American Legion Riders Post 17 will host a Car and Cycle Show, noon to 4 p.m. Register between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Show includes DJ music is by Horse playing '50s, '60s and '70s music, raffles and hourly drawings between 1 and 3 p.m. Entry fee costs \$10 per person if pre-registered or \$12 the day of the show. Do not bring alcohol.

Open class trophies will be awarded in car, truck, and motorcycle classes. Pit beef, hamburgers, hot dogs, beer and soda will be available for purchase. Dash plates will be given to first 50 paid entries. For more information, contact Keith, 410-612-0102, ksandlass@comcast.net.

FLYING THIS FALL...

Come to Conowingo Dam to see if the bald eagles previously observed in June are still fishing at the dam. This program will be held 11 a.m. to 12 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.

IF YOU FEED THEM, THEY WILL COME

Join birder, Phil Powers, to learn what birds fre-

quent backyards in Harford County and their feeder and food preferences. This program will be held 12:30 to 2 p.m. for all ages. 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.

SWEET ANNIE WREATH

Craft a beautiful and aromatic wreath using a wildflower that also happens to have ant repellent qualities. This program will be held 2 to 3 p.m. for ages 5 to adult, 5-8 with an adult. The cost is \$3 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.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Susan G. Komen 3-day Walk for the Cure will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street. Bingo begins at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 each for all paper cards; extra package costs \$5. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Bring a canned good and/or non-perishable for a bonus prize ticket. No smoking allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Barbara Harris, 410-692-0966 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26 DISCOVERY WALK

Join a naturalist on a nature walk to discover what creeps, crawls and flies around Leight Park. 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.

NAVAJO WEAVER

With a tree, a stick or two, and grass, make place-mats the way the Navajo Indians made them. This program will be held 2 to 4 p.m. for ages 8 to adult, 8 to 12 with an adult. The cost is \$4, 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.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 28 MEET THE ARC

Everyone is invited to join the Arc Northern Chesapeake Region for an inspiring session, 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Arc Administrative Offices, located on 4513 Philadelphia Road, Aberdeen. The subject will be "Workers With Disabilities, Talent for A Winning Team." Find out what the Arc is and what they do for individuals in the community. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to RSVP, call Amy Stewart, 410-879-6785, ext. 312.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 30 HALLOWEEN PARTY

American Legion Auxiliary Edgewood Service Post 17 will hold its Annual Community Halloween Party, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the post located at 415 Edgewood Road. Horn's Punch and Judy Show will be featured. Costumes are not required. Everyone will receive a 'goody bag' and refreshments will be provided.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1 TRAIL TOTS

Explore Leight Park and focus on the leaves that are falling. This program will be held 10 to 11 a.m. for infants to age 4. 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.

FIND IT IN A FILM CANISTER

Come learn some wilderness survival tips and then make a survival kit that fits in a film canister. This program will be held 2 to 3 p.m. for Families. The cost is \$10 per Family 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.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2 MEET A CRITTER

Check out one of the live critters up close while discovering what makes that animal special. This program begins at 2 p.m. and is free for all ages. No registration required.

NATURE TALES - RACCOONS

Story time with a nature twist. Come listen to some stories, learn new songs and move like the animals. This program will be held at 3 p.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.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8 TRAIL TREK

Enjoy a splendid 3- to 4-mile hike with volunteer Eugene Burg on state park lands along the river. Location to be determined. Bring a lunch. This program will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is for ages 10 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.

RECYCLING EVENT

A Community Electronics Recycling event will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Ignatius Church located on 533 East Jarrettsville Road, Forest Hill.

Computers contain hazardous materials that should not be mixed with regular trash.

The public is invited to donate their old computers, CPU's, speakers, fax machines, scanners, printers, keyboards, cell phones, stereos, mice and microwaves free of charge.

A contribution of \$10 per monitor will be requested. Do not bring television sets. Tax donation receipts will be provided. For more information or directions, call 443-866-5101 or e-mail electronics9@verizon.net.

CRITTER DINNER TIME

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

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MIGRATION HEADACHE

Join a naturalist to discover why animals migrate from one area to another and some of the headaches the critters run into along the way. This program will be held 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 7 to 12. The cost is \$2 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.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9 A MATTER OF SURVIVAL

Learn the basics of wilderness survival and learn some of the basic skills to help stay alive if ever lost. This program will be held 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 6 to 12. The cost is \$3 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.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12 MEET THE ARC

Everyone is invited to join the Arc Northern Chesapeake Region for an inspiring session, 6 to 7:30 a.m. at Maryland Golf and Country Clubs located on 1335 East MacPhail Road, Bel Air. Find out what the Arc is and what they do for individuals in the community. The Subject will be "Listen With Your Heart." Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

For more information or to RSVP, call Elaine Orbino, 410-879-6785, ext. 350.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15 WHITETAILED 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 noon for ages 16 to adult 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.

NO LEAVES TREE MYSTERY

Hike the Leight Park trails and use clues to identify some common trees when they are missing their distinctive leaves. This program will be held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 6 to adult; anyone under 10 must be accompanied by an 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.

PINECONE TURKEYS

Create an organically grown centerpiece to spruce up the harvest season dinner table. This program will be held 1 to 2 p.m. for all ages under 8 must be with an adult. The cost is \$3 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.

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POST SHORTS

activities will be celebrated Oct. 31, specifically limited to 6 to 8 p.m. for children under 12 years of age as of Oct. 31.

Personnel driving in the housing areas during the "trick or treat" period are cautioned to exercise extreme care and to be especially watchful for young children who may not be readily visible or attentive to moving vehicles.

It is strongly recommended that children wear reflective markings on their costumes or carry a flashlight.

The cooperation of all concerned is being solicited to ensure a safe and happy Halloween at APG.

For more information, call Sheryl L. Speerstra, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, 410-306-4522, or visit www.apgmwr.com/.

Building 320 parking lot closed temporarily

The parking area in front of building 320 will be closed for an extended period of time for roof replacement. Roof replacement will be accomplished in phases. The area will be cordoned off by yellow tape and traffic cones. The parking area also will be closed on weekends due to scheduled power outage when required.

Office Eagle customers should beware during admittance to the store.

For more information, call Michael Hardwick, 410-306-2305.

RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Oct. 30, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Five-Year Reviews for the Edgewood and Aberdeen Area Study Areas of APG.

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

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

Hypersonic Aerodynamics Course

The Society of Flight Test Engineers will host the Hypersonic Aerodynamics For Flight Testers Short Course, Oct. 27 through 31, at the AERO Institute in Palmdale, Calif.

Nationally-recognized hypersonics subject matter expert J. Terry White of White Eagle Aerospace be the HAAFT instructor. The HAAFT course covers a broad range of technical topics related to the flight of hypersonic vehicles.

For more information or to register, call Terry White, president, White Eagle Aerospace, 520-219-0526, or visit <http://www.whiteeagleaerospace.com> and click on the "training" button.

Thrift Shop to disburse funds

The APG Thrift Shop will accept requests for donations from service organizations and military units through Oct. 31.

The request should include the name of the organization, point of contact, address, telephone number, amount requested and specific details on what the funds will be used for.

In the past, donations have been granted to Army Emergency Relief, Army Community Service, the APG Fire Department and

veterans' organizations.

Mail or drop off requests to APG Thrift Shop, building 2458, APG, MD 21005-5001.

For more information, call the store during operating hours, which are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the first Saturday of the month, 410-272-8572. Consignments are only taken 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday.

Everyone is reminded not to use the area in front or to the back of the shop as a dumping site.

The Thrift Shop only wants items that are in good as new condition.

Thrift Shop holds \$2 bag sale through November

The Thrift Shop will hold a \$2 bag sale through Nov. 27 for all items displayed in the parking lot, or the sale room. For more information, call 410-272-8572 during store hours: Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of the month. Consignments are taken 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays.

New arrivals required to attend Newcomers' Orientation

All newly arriving Soldiers and civilian employees are required to attend the APG Newcomers' Orientation, 1 to 3 p.m., Nov. 12 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 Service, building 2754, 410-278-9669/7572, fax 410-278-9685 or e-mail Phyllis.ethridge@us.army.mil.

CPR, AED classes available

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services is offering CPR and automated external defibrillator classes on APG.

Two classes will be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Gunpowder Club, building E-4650 in the Osprey Room, Dec. 17.

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held at the Post Theater Nov. 19.

Class size will be limited to 30 participants and will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Pre-registration will be required.

For more information or to register, call Raymond Campbell, 410-306-0566, or e-mail raymond.b.campbell@us.army.mil

CECOM commander to speak at AUSA/AFCEA luncheon

The Aberdeen Chapters of the Association of the U.S. Army and the Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association with support from ITEA invites everyone to attend their monthly luncheon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 25 at Top of the Bay.

Guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Dennis L. Via,

CECOM Life Cycle Management Command, Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Meetings are open to non-members and members. Cost of the luncheon is \$15 per person, (cash or check only) and includes lunch. Official registration is on a first-come first-served basis.

For more information or to RSVP, e-mail Valerie, vlk@orsacorp.com or Joanne, evans1117@comcast.net.

SDDC to host Eastern Regional Transportation Conference

The U.S. Army Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command will host its Eastern Transportation Conference, Dec. 1 through 4, at the Marriott at City Center in Newport News, Va. The target audience for the conference is functional-level personnel (E4-Major, GS-12 and below) from the 400 Department of Defense installations and activities in the eastern United States within the defense transportation community.

The goal of the annu-

al event is to enhance attendees' knowledge of the end-to-end distribution and deployment processes within the defense transportation system, as well as address current issues affecting the transportation community.

Conference fee is \$85 per person and will be collected at registration.

To register, visit http://www.sddc.army.mil/sddc/cda/ERTC_Reg-Form.aspx and click the SDDC Eastern Regional Transportation Conference link under Events Workshops and Seminars.

For more information, visit <http://www.sddc.army.mil/Public/Home/Events%20Workshops%20and%20Seminars/SDDC%20Eastern%20Regional%20Transportation%20Conference?summary=fullcontent> or call conference coordinators Casandra Pride-Cobb, CML 757-878-8115, or Robert Covington, CML 757-878-1802, (DSN 826).

Tree lighting ceremony Dec. 3

Army Community Service will host the Holiday Extravaganza and

tree lighting ceremony 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. For more information, call Diana Hayes, 410-278-4372.

Free American Sign Language class offered

A free American Sign Language class will be taught 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday, through Dec. 16. The class will be held at Edgewood Area building E-2100 Conference Center/Classroom. Sign language will be taught for beginners and more advanced students.

Students are welcome to bring their lunch and eat it during class.

To receive credit for the class, students may submit form DD 1556. Students must complete at least 10 classes in order to receive credit.

For more information or to register, call BethAnn Cameron, 410-436-7175.

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., Oct. 31, 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 or Lindsay Raymond, 703-805-4277.

Phone number for Wildlife and Marine changes

The new telephone number for the Wildlife, Marine and Environmental Law Enforcement Office in the Edgewood Area is 410-436-6181.

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

Filbert

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Filbert stood up the Office of Consultative Research.

Over the course of her long career, she has authored or co-authored more than 35 open literature publications, one book chapter, and 12 technical reports; she has served as the contracting officer's representative on 55 grants, and as the associate editor for the Medical Aspects of Chemical Warfare volume of the Textbook of Military Medicine.

Filbert was instrumental in the development and implementation of The Journal of Medical Chemical, Biological and Radiological Defense, an on-line journal that is hosted by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and available free of charge to the scientific community worldwide. She also serves as a special advisor to the journal editors.

Since 1998, Filbert has planned and executed six biennial medical defense bioscience reviews, which are hosted by the MRICD



Photo courtesy of MRICD Archives

This is an early photo, c. 1960s, of Dr. Margaret Filbert taken in one of the U.S. Army Biomedical Research laboratories. Throughout her 58-year career, Filbert made many outstanding contributions to the medical chemical defense research program.

and currently co-sponsored by DTRA and the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command.

Among Filbert's other contributions to the institute is the initiation and organization of a scientific informative program of seminars, giving a positive

impression of the institute and a forum for scientific interaction among the MRICD scientists.

"Doctor Filbert was the engine that ran the seminar program," recalls retired Col. James Romano, a former MRICD commander, who had several

tours at the institute beginning in 1978. According to Romano, the seminars were an important way to encourage young scientists to come to the institute to engage in scholarly work.

For Dr. Henry Meier, who was one of those scientists, the seminar pro-

gram converged one day with another love of Filbert's, gardening. Not only does Filbert spend a great deal of time on the gardens at her home, on studying and visiting gardens, but she planned the front landscaping at MRICD and was often seen maintaining these plantings.

Such was the case when Meier, considering a job at the MRICD, arrived at the institute to give a seminar in 1981. He was impressed with the grounds, he recalls, and noticed the gardener working diligently as he approached the building. Later, as he took the podium in the conference room, he noticed the gardener in the audience. Surprised, Meier said, he wondered whether the institute had had to recruit the gardener to fill the room because there was so little interest in the seminar. As it turned out, the gardener asked some very interesting and pertinent questions about his research, and so went his first introduction to Filbert.

Over the years, Meier came to know Filbert well. "It was a wonderful

experience working with her," Meier said. "Well worth coming to MRICD."

Filbert is not just beloved by the institute staff. Her achievements have brought her international recognition.

"Doctor Filbert is the greatest ambassador we've ever had for our community," Slife said. "Everyone knows her and wants to talk to her. She is recognized around the world."

His sentiments were echoed by Romano, who described Filbert as having contributed significantly to the "international and national reputation and image of the institute."

For those at MRICD, Filbert's retirement is truly an end of an era.

For Dr. Robert Werlein she was the historian who could bring to life the scientists and research projects highlighted in the MRICD archived films he selected for Sigma Xi luncheon seminars.

"How much you've meant to all of us," Werlein recently told Filbert. "You will always be here in our hearts and in our memories."

AUSA

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reflection on the history of the Army, presentation of AUSA awards and Secretary Geren's address.

Due to a changing administration, the secretary said this has been a year of "lasts" for him: last budget to prepare, last time representing the service at an Army-Navy game, last time talking with Soldiers as their secretary, and last time addressing an AUSA meeting. He told the gathered crowd he's talked about people - those Soldiers, Army Families and civilians who

make up the Army.

"I came to the Pentagon late summer of 2001, and I was in the Pentagon the morning of 9/11," he said. "And for seven years, I've watched Soldiers go off to war, and watched their Families stand with them. I've been inspired by the service of our Soldiers, and humbled by the sacrifice of their Families - spouses and kids, moms and dads. And it's the privilege of a lifetime to work with and for Soldiers and Army Families."

The first priority of the Army, Geren said, is the loved ones in harm's way.

"They are front of mind twenty-four hours a day,

and we're committed to meeting with urgency the ever-changing life and death needs and demands of our Soldiers in Afghanistan and in Iraq," Geren said. "And not just meet their needs and meet the evolving threats, but anticipate, and do everything we can to get ahead of the threat. And care for those who have borne the battle, and their loved ones. These are moral duties of the highest order for our nation and our Army."

The secretary also talked about an often unseen portion of the military - those who deliver goods and services to the fighting force: the Army logisticians.

"We have two hundred fifty thousand Soldiers in eighty countries, and we've been at war for seven years, with one hundred forty thousand Soldiers in theater today," he said. "Nobody ever asks, who feeds those guys? Our logisticians are victims of their own success. Their work is so good it is invisible - it's a given. Wherever our Army goes, whatever our Soldiers need, whenever they need it, they get it. The miracle of Army logistics."

According to Geren, the Army logistics community repairs more than 14,000 vehicles every year - a number equal to the num-

ber of yellow cabs in New York City. They also move more than 700,000 personnel in and out of theater, equal to the entire population of Charlotte, N.C. And each day, he said, Army logisticians provide 750,000 meals in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq. They also dispense enough fuel in theater to fill up 750,000 cars - nearly four times the number of vehicles registered in Washington, D.C.

"We talked much about the surge - fifteen thousand more Soldiers in Iraq - but nobody ever mentioned that Army logisticians would serve forty five thousand more meals each day, and ship one hundred twenty thousand more gallons of water each day," he said. "Army logisticians - invisible, because they're so good at what they do, and absolutely indispensable."

During the course of Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, more than 619 sustainment and support Soldiers have given their lives, the secretary said.

He also pointed out the historic anniversaries the Army has celebrated in 2008, including the 25th anniversary of the Army Family Action Plan, the 30th anniversary of the disestablishment of the Women's Army Corps, and the

60th anniversary of the integration of the U.S. military.

"Sixty years ago, our Army did not stand as one," he said. "It was not a single band of brothers, rather, a collection of bands of brothers divided by race."

The policy then, he said, was that the Army was separate, but "hardly equal."

"[It was a] cruel irony of our nation sending Soldiers to fight for freedom against the Germans - yet affording privileges to white German prisoners of war held in the United States that were denied to the African-American Soldiers who guarded them," the secretary said.

On July 26, 1948, President Harry Truman signed Executive Order 9981, declaring "there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin."

"With the stroke of a pen, President Truman launched the Army on the path to the color-blind institution we know today," Geren said. "The Army moved slowly and stubbornly at first, but now stands as the model for equal opportunity in our nation. Today, we have an Army where the only colors that matter are red, white and blue."

Geren also took time to reiterate another priority of the Army - the elimination of sexual assault within the ranks.

"The brothers and sisters of our Army must be able to count on each other, wherever they are, in the battlefield or in the barracks, and whenever, on duty or off, no matter the cost," he

said. "We will create a climate of zero tolerance for gender-based misconduct - in attitude, word and deed, and become fully, as our values demand, a band of brothers and sisters."

During the opening ceremony of the exposition, retired Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, AUSA president, named the recipients of the annual AUSA awards. Recipients of the awards included:

- Gen. Creighton W. Abrams Medal: retired Maj. Gen. John A. Hemphill, Steilacoom, Wash.

- Maj. Gen. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle Medal: Col. Michael T. Plummer, Watertown, N.Y.

- Lt. Gen. Raymond S. McLain Medal: Maj. Gen. William H. Wade II, Sacramento, Calif.

- Maj. Gen. James Earl Rudder Medal: Maj. Gen. Craig Bambrough, South Riding, Va.

- Sgt. Maj. Of the Army William G. Bainbridge Noncommissioned Officer Medal: Command Sgt. Maj. Mark C. Avery, El Paso, Texas

- The AUSA Department of the Army Civilian of the Year Award: Allen Tyree, Las Cruces, N.M.

- The AUSA Newell Rubbermaid Volunteer Family of the Year Award: Lt. Col. Ronald and Sherry Rallis; daughters Jessica and Katrina; sons Ronald Jr., Nicholas and Justus; Fullerton, Calif.

CORRECTION

The article "MRAP Test Team wins top Army acquisition award" that ran in the Oct. 16 edition of APG News inaccurately stated that the Army Acquisition award in the 'Equipping and Sustaining our Soldiers' Systems' category was won solely by the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center. The award was awarded to both ATC and the U.S. Army Evaluation Center for the joint effort by the MRAP Joint-Service Test and Evaluation Team. APG News apologizes for the error.



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Nominees sought for 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show

FMWR

Nominations for performer and technician positions in the 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show are requested from Regional IMA offices.

Nominations for performers are being accepted for vocalists, dancers, musicians and specialty acts. Nominations for technicians are also being accepted for lighting, audio, video, costuming and stage technology.

The Army Soldier Show is a highly integrated, high-energy ensemble production offering a wide range of popular music and stage spectacle. Performers and technicians with past experience in theatre leadership, teambuilding and mechanical or electrical aptitude will also be considered for other positions such as stage manager, etc.

Nomination packets

must be received by the Selection Committee by Dec. 11. Packages should be sent via U.S. Postal Service to:

U.S. Army Soldier Show, ATTN: 2009 Selection Committee, P.O. Box 439, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

All nominations must include:

- Name, rank, Social Security Number, unit address, duty phone, e-mail address and area(s) of specialty for performer (singer, dancer, etc.) or area(s) of specialty for technician (lighting, audio, carpentry, electrical work, etc.). Information should be current and accurate.
- Official DA photo or similar photo in uniform.
- Copy of current enlistment or officer record brief.
- For performer nominees; submit a DVD or video cassette showing

musical styles, vocal range and special talents, with emphasis on musical variety. Recommended format is a spoken introduction, a minimum of two songs of contrasting styles, and a segment devoted to additional talents such as dance or instrumental performance. Musician nominees must also submit an audio CD of good quality. (This is in conjunction with the above criterion.)

- For dancer nominees, submit a DVD or video cassette showing different dancing styles. Recommended format is a spoken introduction, a minimum of two performance numbers showing different techniques and solo and/or partner styles. A dance resume is also encouraged listing training if applicable. Indicate additional talents as well.
- For technician nomi-

nees, a technical experience resume including experience in sound, lighting, construction, carpentry and stage management must be submitted. It is also strongly recommended to submit any photos of past work. Performers may include technical expertise in their resumes.

- All nominees must have a minimum of 90 days time in service remaining after completion of tour in November 2009. Nominees must meet height and weight standards per AR 600-9. A copy of the most recent record Army Physical Fitness Test must be provided (PT test should not be older than six months). Profiles will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

- Nominees must be deployable worldwide, as the Army Soldier Show will tour overseas areas.

Video auditions and technical review will take place mid-January 2009 and finalists will be notified by the Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command U.S. Army Entertainment Division through their respective regional headquarters, with units and installations receiving an information copy of the notification.

Administrative details

The TDY orders will be issued and all costs will be paid by FMWR for travel to the final audition process. Following the final audition process, selectees will be attached to FMWR through November 30, 2009, and non-selectees will be returned to their respective units.

Attachment orders will be issued by FMWR.

All nominees must have a letter of release from their respective commands

releasing them from March 1, 2009, through Nov. 30, 2009. Technician candidates must have a letter of release from their respective commands releasing them from Feb. 1 through Nov. 30, 2009.

Soldiers selected for the 2009 Army Soldier Show will have change of duty or change of rater evaluation report completed prior to departure from the parent unit.

More information may be found on the Web site at WYNJ. **ArmyEntertainment.net** Specific artistic and or technical inquiries may be sent to Timothy Higdon, 703-806-3698 or DSN, 656-3698 and military questions may be addressed to First Sgt. Cynthia Moody, DSN 656-4937 or 703-806-4937 or Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Madison, 703-806-4936 or DSN 656-4937.

Activities/Events

Hershey Park in the dark

Don't miss out on this year's big Family Halloween event at Hershey Park.

Special discounted tickets are available for all the theme park rides on weekends. Kids 12 and under are welcome to dress up and trick-or-treat along a path that starts at Chocolate World and ends at Treatville.

Bring flashlights and don't miss the Creatures of the Night special. Discover more than 200 native North American animals in the dark. Parents may finish off their day with a little holiday shopping at Chocolate World.

Hershey Park in the

Dark will be held Oct. 24 to 26 and Oct. 31 through Nov. 2. Tickets cost \$21.95 for adults and \$14.95 for children.

Private guitar lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held 3:30 to 7 p.m., Nov. 25 through Dec. 16, Tuesdays, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

An award-winning singer/songwriter will instruct students. No experience necessary.

Cost of the lessons is \$132 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week for four weeks. Students must provide their own guitar and also are required to pur-

chase books required for the course as recommended by the instructor.

Books are a one-time purchase. Parents can choose which time frame session they want to sign up for when they register their child. Open to all DoD ID card holders.

For more information or to register, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479 for an appointment or e-mail stacie.umbarger1@conus.army.mil.

Disney on Ice: Worlds of Fantasy

Tickets are available for Disney on Ice: Worlds of Fantasy at the 1st Marine Arena located on 201

West Baltimore Street, Baltimore.

Show times include 7:30 p.m., Oct. 29 and 31; 10:30 a.m., Oct. 31; 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Nov. 1; and noon and 4 p.m., Nov. 2.

Everyone is invited to come visit the worlds of their favorite Disney characters. Visit Pixie Hollow and meet Tinkerbell and her friends.

Journey to Atlantica and go on an adventure with Ariel. Visit other worlds including the Lion King and Cars. And don't

forget to come one hour before the show to see an enchanting display of Disney princess gowns and mementos.

For more information, call the FMWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

BOSS Haunted House

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will sponsor a BOSS Haunted House, 7 to 10 p.m.,

Oct. 24, and 7 to 9 p.m., Oct. 25, at Child, Youth & School Services, building 2522 (gym, dance room and front). The event includes a haunted maze, food and concession area, game room, face painting, games and more.

For more information, call the BOSS representative, 410-436-1921; the Garrison command sergeant major, 410-278-1509; the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, 410-436-2713; or the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, 410-2621/3404.

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.

Private piano lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Fridays, Oct. 31 through Dec. 12. (No class Nov. 28.) Classes will also be given 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Saturdays, Sept. 13 through Oct. 18 and Nov. 1 through Dec. 13. (No class Nov. 29.)

Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want to sign-up for when they register their child.

Students are responsible for purchasing the required books for the course recommended by the instructor.

Tutors available for all grades

Private tutors are available for students in grades 1 through 12. Tutoring for grades 1 through 8 includes all subjects. Grades 9

through 12 includes English, math, earth science and chemistry only.

Tutors are available 3 to 6 p.m., Tuesdays, through Nov. 4 and Nov. 11 through Dec. 2. Tutors cost \$145 per student for four one-hour one-on-one sessions. Parents decide what hour time frame they would like. Open to all DoD ID card holders and their Family members.

SKIES Unlimited offers Driver's Ed

Drivers Education classes are conducted by Rules Driving School, Inc. Monday thru Thursday, 6 to 9:15 p.m. Classes will be held in Aberdeen at the Community Center, 34 N. Philadelphia Boulevard, room 304, Oct. 27 thru Nov. 12 (no class Nov. 11); Nov. 17 thru Dec. 3 (no class Nov. 27) and Dec. 8 thru 23.

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.

Upcoming Domestic Violence Awareness Month events

Army Community Service will host varied events in October to raise awareness and prevention of domestic violence.

- "Meet Me at the Gate" was such a huge success in 2007 that Army Community Service representatives will again greet employees and visitors entering Aberdeen Proving Ground and offer domestic violence literature and reference material throughout the month of October.

- "Clothesline Project" – Children will create painted T-shirts with their messages against domestic violence to hang on a clothesline that will be displayed throughout the installation as part of the 'Clothesline Project.' The staff will also work with the youths at both APG Youth Services centers Oct. 24 and facilitate an activity table at the Fall Fest Oct. 25 with all materials needed for anyone wishing to create a T-shirt with their message against abuse. T-shirts can be added to the existing clothesline.

- DVAM information booths will be located at the Commissary, PX, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and the U.S. Post Office.

- Articles on domestic violence, effects of domestic violence on children and other available resources will be published in the APG News.

- Retro Bill will present "Safety First" at the Fall Fest, Oct. 25.

- The ACS FAP will present "The Batterer as Parent," 9 a.m. to noon, Oct. 30 at Top of the Bay. Lundy Bancroft, author, advocate and custody evaluator will be the key note speaker. A workshop will be held 9 a.m. to noon followed by a lecture, 1 to 3 p.m. The program is free. The workshop is open to all military, Family members, civilians, law enforcement, attorneys, judges, advocates, therapists, social workers, school counselors, individuals working with children and the Family court systems. Register now – space is limited. For more information or to register, call 410-278-2435. Bancroft wrote "Why Does He Do That," "When Dad Hurts Mom" and his national prize winner, "The Batterer as Parent."

For more information, call Lynda Fernandez, Army Community Service, 410-306-2041.

Fall Fest

From front page

Visitors won't want to miss another first for the fest, the "Really Strange Museum," but this is something that has to be seen and not described, said Chris Lockhart, FMWR Marketing.

"And, we even have an Oompah Band that will play beginning at one o'clock in the fest tent," she said.

Dora the Explorer and Sponge Bob will be on hand to greet visitors to the fest which begins at 10 a.m. in the 3200 block of Aberdeen Boulevard,

between the Post Theatre and the Emergency Services Building.

The day's activities begin with a Volksmarch at 10 a.m. starting at the Fire Station, building 2200. Walkers will be given a map for the 1.7-mile trail.

Once inside the fest area, there are opportunities to shop, eat, dance, be entertained and educated.

"Many of the favorites return such as face painting, bounce houses, a sports competition program for youth with carnival style games, the bike rodeo where youths receive a free helmet, the seat belt conquer, McGruff's birthday celebration, fire prevention demonstrations featuring a

live bedroom fire exhibit, performances by the U.S. Army Materiel Band 389th Brass Combo, and the return of Retro Bill to talk to children about safety and give a self-esteem puppet show.

There will be plenty of opportunities for shopping as well.

The PX is also holding a Fall Fest sale Friday through Sunday.

"Stop by to take advantage of some of our great sales over the weekend," said Debbie Armendariz, APG Main Store manager. "Customers can register to win a fifty dollar gift card, but also take advantage of specials like twenty percent off tillers and

grills; twenty five percent off lawn mowers and fertilizer; fifty percent off selected fire pits, fountains, garden tools, game tables, mulch and soil and egg crate pads and pillows and seventy five percent off summer toys and boogie boards."

There will also be two flea markets for those hard core thrifty shoppers.

"With the return of the Car Show, there will also be an automotive flea market," Lockhart said.

"But, we also have tables for rent for a public flea market. All tables rent for fifteen dollars," said Earlene Allen, special event coordinator.

For more information on

reserving tables, visit, www.apgmwr.com/store/fallfest-vendortables.html or www.apgmwr.com/store/autovendortables.html.

To recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month, revelers can design a T-shirt with messages about domestic violence prevention for inclusion in Project Clothesline.

"I am very proud of this year's Fall Fest," Weissman said. "Mike [Lupacchino] and his crew have put a lot of effort into planning the event and a lot of FMWR dollars go into it. We can only continue to grow the event as long as there is some interest. If you haven't been to one in awhile, I suggest that you

try this one out; it will be different than what you did in the past."

"And, don't forget to stop by the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers [BOSS] Haunted House being held in the Child Youth Services building 2522, 7 to 10 p.m., Oct. 24, and 7-9 p.m., Oct. 25. Activities include a Haunted Maze, games, face painting and much more," said Bryon Reasin, FMWR BOSS advisor.

"We are also planning some big surprises for the Spring Fest, so please come and support the festivals so that we can continue to improve them and make them bigger each year," Weissman added.



Flu vaccine open to TRICARE beneficiaries

KUSAHC

Influenza vaccination is now available to all TRICARE beneficiaries at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

FluMist®, the nasal flu vaccine, is the recommended vaccine choice in healthy individuals for protection against the flu. In addition to the immunity provided by traditional vaccination, FluMist® helps the body to develop antibodies along the respiratory tract which provides a greater defense along the main route of entry for the influenza virus. FluMist® is a safe and effective influenza vaccine that has been used for the past four years. Individuals should not receive FluMist® if they:

- are less than 2 years old or 50 years of age or older;
- have an allergy or history of allergic reaction to chicken eggs or egg products or any component of the vaccine;
- are a child or adolescent who regularly takes aspirin, or products containing aspirin;
- have a history of Guillain-Barré syndrome;
- have a known or suspected immune deficiency disease or condition such as HIV infection, leukemia, or lymphoma or are undergoing treatments for cancer;
- have a history of asthma or reactive airways disease;

- have medical conditions such as chronic disorders of the lungs, heart, or kidneys; diabetes, or sickle cell disease; or
- are pregnant.

Vaccination by injection is available to those who are not eligible to receive the FluMist®.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends children age 6 months to 8 years receive two doses of vaccine if they have not been vaccinated previously at any time with either the injectable or nasal flu vaccine (doses separated by four or more weeks); two doses are required for protection in these children. Children age 6 months to 8 years who received only one dose in their first year of vaccination should receive two doses the following year.

For more information, call KUSAHC's Immunization Clinic, 410-278-1746 or the FLU Vaccine Hotline, 410-306-3588 (FLUV).

KUSAHC hours

- Monday: 7:30 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m.
- Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. - noon
- Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m.
- Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - noon and 2 - 4 p.m.
- Friday: 7:30 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m.

Congress makes it official: No TRICARE fee hikes for 2009

DoD

Military retirees and active duty service members won another huge legislative victory recently as Congress just said no to drastic increases in TRICARE fees and copayments, and rejected establishment of new fees for TRICARE for Life and TRICARE Standard beneficiaries in the fiscal year 2009 National Defense Authorization Act.

The proposed increases and new fees, including increased prescription drug copayments for active duty dependents who purchase medications at retail pharma-

cies, and doubling or even tripling of some TRICARE out-of-pocket costs for retirees, were being pushed for by the Pentagon, following the report of its own handpicked Task Force on the Future of Military Health Care.

The President of the National Association for Uniformed Services®, retired Army Maj. Gen. Bill Matz, along with NAUS Legislative Director Rick Jones, held firm to a member-supported position that any unwarranted increases in TRICARE costs violated the promises made to those who spend a career in uniformed service.

Chapel Events

Chapel hosts Hallelujah Harvest

The APG Main Post Chapel will host its 10th annual Hallelujah Harvest celebration 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 31. Games, food and prizes will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend this alternative to Halloween. The children and youth are invited to dress as a Biblical character or as a saint.

Registration as an individual or as a Family is recommended for planning purposes.

For more information, call Gerri Merkel, director of Religious Education; Clarence Weaver, Gospel RE counselor, Olivia Wheaton, Catholic RE counselor, or Sandra Hohmann, Protestant RE counselor, 410-278-2516/4333.

KUSAHC service at chapel

The APG community is invited to the Main Post Chapel Protestant Service 10:15, Nov. 2 when the staff of Kirk U. S. Army Health Clinic will be recognized during a themed-Sunday event.

Chapel hosts Thanksgiving Prayer Luncheon

The Main Post Chapel will host a Thanksgiving Prayer Luncheon at Top of the Bay, 11:30 a.m., Nov 14. To make a reservation, call the chapel, 410-278-4333. Tickets cost \$5 for E-5 and below and \$8 for civilians and E-6 and above. Due to space limitations, it will be on a first-come, first-reserved basis.

Worship schedule

Aberdeen Area

Main Post Chapel, building 2485

Catholic worship

For specific services, visit <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/chaplain/pdf/Catholic%20Information.pdf>.

8 a.m. Sunday Reconciliation

8:45 a.m. Sunday Eucharist

Collective Protestant Worship Services

10:15 a.m. General Protestant Worship

Gospel

Noon Sunday

Edgewood Area

building E-4620

Collective Protestant Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday

Catholic Worship

For specific services, visit <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/chaplain/pdf/Catholic%20Information.pdf>.

10 a.m. Sunday Reconciliation

10:45 a.m. Sunday Eucharist

For more information, call 410-278-4333.

BRAC

From front page

he said. "We are doing the things that need to be done so that we can be ready when BRAC does occur. It has been a gradual thing. Numbers of people have already begun working at Aberdeen Proving Ground and those numbers will continue to rise."

Craig mentioned that Harford County has town hall meetings to provide updates to the community on what is going on with BRAC.

He introduced the special guest speaker Col. James Balocki, chief of the BRAC Division of the Operations Directorate in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management. Balocki talked about the importance of BRAC to the Army, some special challenges that APG faces in the next few years and he talked about Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance moving to APG.

"There are eighty thousand pieces of equipment at Fort Monmouth that have to be moved to Aberdeen Proving Ground, and most of the equipment is expensive and specialized," Balocki said.

He said that the move has to be seamless, which is a big challenge.

"It is a different kind of move than we are used to. When they unplug equipment at Fort Monmouth, it has to be working at Aberdeen Proving Ground. It is a challenge to provide capabilities in the communications and electronics field while they are ongoing at Monmouth and also at Aberdeen Proving Ground before they are even complete and able to maintain support for our Warfighters.

"But being able to move folks is probably the biggest challenge, moving people and Families, making sure we are posturing ourselves for the future," he said.

Balocki said that BRAC will bring many opportunities to APG and the surrounding counties, and even more importantly, the changes from BRAC will benefit Soldiers.

"I think that BRAC presents itself with unprecedented opportunities," Balocki said. "These are opportunities for the communities, employees, Families, the installation and



Photo by RACHEL PONDER

Col. James Balocki, chief of the BRAC Division of the Operations Directorate in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, speaks at the Chesapeake Science & Security Corridor's 2008 APG BRAC Update at the Richlin Ballroom Oct. 3.

for the organizations that will transform ourselves as we move. I think that this transformation is essential for our nation. We have to be cognizant that we are in a different environment and that environment changed radically on 9-11. Failure to recognize that is something that we cannot afford to do so we have to recognize that we are moving forward on all fronts. The Department of Defense is trying to make sure we do not have another repeat of that and at the end of the day because of BRAC we will be able to meet the needs of our nation."

After Balocki's presentation, an attendee asked if the DoD faces any consequences if BRAC is not completed in time.

"The consequence will be that it will affect our Soldiers and our Families," Balocki said. "There are no provisions in the law that will penalize the Department of Defense. This is part of a bigger program to realign and transform our military to create the balance that our Army needs to help those Soldiers rest and recuperate while they are in this operation. While they may not be a penalty in the form of a law, there is a moral obligation for us to do everything we can so that we can meet this deadline."

A panel that included William Baxter, BRAC human resource program manager U.S. Army Materiel Command; Deborah Devlin, Human Resources director, Communications and Electronic Command Life Cycle Management

Command G1, Fort Monmouth; and Bruce England, director, Susquehanna Workforce Network, gave a presentation on workforce readiness.

"We are an Army at war, and I think we all understand that. We have to look at BRAC through that perspective to determine where we are going to go are people going to be trained and ready to work for us," Baxter said. "We have to get the message across that you do not have to wear a green suit to serve in the Army. The Army needs all different kinds of workers. That is the kind of message we have to get out to the community that you don't have to go to boot camp to work for the Army."

Baxter said that APG needs to focus on attracting people to the area.

"We want to be the employer of choice, and if we are not, we are not helping our Soldiers," Baxter continued. "We have to ask ourselves what we are doing to make sure that happens."

Baxter said that he and his team have been working closely with nearby colleges and universities to make sure they are training their students with the skills for the jobs that will be coming with BRAC, of which many of the jobs will require technical and highly specialized skills.

Baxter said that the colleges and universities that they are working with are very enthusiastic about BRAC, as it [BRAC] provides their students with

job opportunities.

"We need to sustain the workforce, so we do not have to go outside the community for workers," he said. "Local schools need to have a strong STEM [science, technology, engineering and mathematics] program so that we have good students who are strong in these skills and will be going to college and coming back to work in Aberdeen Proving Ground. We have great partnerships with the nearby schools to make this happen."

Baxter said that he and his team are looking beyond the September 2011 deadline into the future when planning with local schools, colleges and universities.

"We need to train the workforce. 2012 is just a mark on the wall, we need to be ready for 2040, 2050 and beyond. We owe it to the Soldiers to make sure we are able to make sure we are able to hire the right people. We need to show that we have a great quality of life. We are close to major cities like Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington. We need to show that Aberdeen Proving Ground and the surrounding communities is a great place to live and work."

Devlin, gave a presentation of the workforce that is coming to APG.

"Many of the people coming will become your new friends and neighbors; I have already seen some New Jersey license plates," Devlin said. "I found that in my travels here there is a misconception that all of the workforce moving here will be engineers and scientists. We also need logistic skills, administrative skills and information technology skills. When we are recruiting at universities, one of our messages that we get across is that we are looking for all majors."

Devlin said that it is estimated that 20 to 40 percent will relocate to APG, and their goal is 50 percent.

"We estimate that there will be more than two hundred thousand vacancies. It is the largest BRAC move; it is also the only BRAC move with a congressional mandate attached to it. It is a challenge especially when you take into account the highly specialized laboratories that will need to be moved without disruption," Devlin said.

"We are doing a gradual move, largely depending on the area that we have available. Aberdeen Proving Ground has been very

helpful in getting some space for us. Currently we have space for about four hundred people. Priorities have to be weighed. We have about two hundred people on the ground right now. For FY09, we are looking at a large number coming down. That is based on the space that is available.

"We are looking to put into place supervisors and subject matter experts so that we can begin to hire new hires so that there will be people here to train them and guide them and get them up to speed. We are undergoing a very aggressive hiring initiative--we will have more than two thousand vacancies. Last year we brought in more than four hundred interns or management trainees [recent college graduates] and we are looking to do about that number again this year," Devlin said.

England gave advice to those wanting to apply for a position within C4ISR. "Do not just look at the title and the pay, make sure you read the whole announcement carefully, make sure that you have the right skills to fulfill the requirements of the job," England said. "Tailor your resume in order to meet the requirements of the job, there are two announcements for the same job, one for the internal candidates and one for the external candidates. Also be patient. Applying for a government job is vastly different than a private sector job."

England said that there is a simplified process to hire spouses.

"Most employees operate on a dual income situation. The more information we can provide for finding jobs for spouses, the more we can convince people that this is a good move for them."

After the panel there was a transportation update and corridor activity update. Representatives from Baltimore city, Baltimore County, Harford County, Cecil County, York County, and New Castle County gave presentations on what their county is doing to get ready for BRAC, as each county will see an increased number of residents from the BRAC move. Representatives gave attendees information about their counties for those who were thinking about making a moving to the area around APG.

After the panel's presentation Jeffery S. Weissman, APG garrison and deputy installation commander,

gave a presentation about APG2012.

"We know that our work doesn't stop at September 2011," he said.

Weissman told of the many construction projects that are happening now and in the future at APG. He said that not only are they building new buildings for the organizations coming to APG, they are also undergoing many projects that will improve the quality of life for the people at APG, like building the South Side Grill on the Edgewood Area so that employees on the EA side will have better dining options.

He said that these quality of life initiatives are important as they attract employees to the area, and will encourage them to stay.

After Weissman's presentation, a panel of civilian DoD and defense contractor employees shared their relocation experiences and answered questions for those still considering to relocate to APG, and a regional resources and outreach discussion.

Sue Nappi, deputy G3/5 CECOM LCMC from Fort Monmouth, told attendees that they could look for available C4ISR positions at www.mwejobs.com. She said that those who are not used to applying for federal jobs will have to spend some time learning acronyms.

"Doing business with a federal organization is like going to another country and having to learn another language because there are so many acronyms," Nappi said.

Elizabeth Theisen, Maryland Transition Coordinator Susquehanna Workforce Network, gave a presentation of the Maryland Transition Center, a "one-stop shop" in Fort Monmouth, where employees get information about relocating to APG.

"People take in information in different ways. We aim to provide information in ways that is useful. She added that Fort Monmouth employees have taken motor coach tours to APG and the surrounding communities which have also been very helpful.

Holt concluded the conference by thanking everyone from attending, and adding that slide presentations from the conference are available at <http://www.apg-cssc.com/registration/info.cfm>, and visit CSSC's Web site, www.marylandready.com for BRAC information.

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employees can share any concerns that they might have. Owens said that he has received great feedback from the meetings and receives a good turnout every week.

He added that when Army Team C4ISR Forward grows, each organization will eventually

have their own "fireside chats."

He said that they use video teleconferencing to communicate with their counterparts in Fort Monmouth and have participated in relocation fairs to give employees information that they need for their move and about the communities that surround APG.

"This is a very dynamic environment with a lot of moving parts and people. We are setting the stage for the next twenty years and beyond," Owens said.

"With all the movement we like to emphasize safety and taking care of one another."

Team C4ISR encompasses 10 different organizations. At Fort Monmouth everyone worked in different buildings. At APG, Team C4ISR will be on one campus. It is a different mindset and takes collaboration and teamwork. It will result in a more capable workforce and better support to the Soldiers."

When asked about what advice

he would provide Army Team C4ISR employees who have not moved to APG, Owens said,

"I think that first they should take care of their Families, make sure they have a house, and check out the schools that their children will be attending. Number two, when they come to work, they should remember to be flexible, be patient and be ready to do their job. Finally, if you have any problems with any of those areas, contact me. We will notify the

proper senior leaders to get those issues solved."

Owens said that he likes to end each of his 'chats' by stressing to employees that all of their efforts are ultimately to support the Warfighter.

"CECOM LCMC is predominantly a civilian organization, so it is interesting to say that it is all about the Warfighter, but it is the truth and puts things into perspective. You can't say it enough," he said.

Nelson

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Nelson said that he is working with other Army installations to maintain a strict timeline.

"The BRAC law states that these functions must be transferred and operating at their new locations by September 15, 2011," Nelson said. "That is our line in the sand. Making sure that all of the separate pieces of the actions are completed in time to bring everything together by the deadline."

Nelson added that his office's vision is looking beyond BRAC, to transform the garrison into a new state of the art installation.

"We need to make sure the garrison is postured to support the new demo-

graphic of the workforce," Nelson said.

"[Garrison commander] Colonel [Jeffrey S.] Weissman's vision is that we need to support the change in the demographic of the workforce," Nelson said. "We have a large population of Soldiers now, but it will be significantly less. After September 2011, we will still be an Army installation and we will still have Soldiers here but the mix of Soldiers and government civilians will be different; [therefore] the requirements of the installation will be different."

"For instance, Soldiers eat at Army dining facilities and civilians eat at dining establishments, so their will be less need for dining facilities and a need for more restaurant options.

Food and beverage services need to be improved."

Nelson said that there are many projects currently going on like renovating the golf courses that will provide quality of life and service functions to support the civilian workforce. Nelson said that they are looking at other projects, like having a dry cleaning business to add extra services that civilians want on the installation for easy access to on their way to and from work.

Nelson said that his office, along with other APG offices, is also involved with outreach activities like attending town hall meetings, and is involved with the relocation symposium. His office also interacts with the Chesapeake Science and Community Corridor Consortium.

"We interact with them and a group of Northeast Maryland cities and counties that are working together to coordinate the impact of the BRAC moves throughout the regions of Maryland," Nelson said. "We interact with the Maryland Military Installation Council, which is a Maryland organization that includes all the Maryland state installations and any other city, state or county agency that needs to know about BRAC. We try to provide that information to them."

Nelson said previously that he had been in charge of large construction projects world wide, on a garrison level and on the contingency level.

A native of South Dakota, Nelson was commissioned a second lieutenant, Engineer Branch upon his graduation from North

Dakota State University. He holds a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Washington and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Washington.

His military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Services Staff School and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Prior to coming to APG he was deputy commander of the New England District Corps of Engineers where he supervised major civil works in the six New England states. He executed civil works programs on military installations. Other major infrastructure projects he has been involved with included the design and construction of the Joint Forces Command in Naples, Italy, a civil proj-

ect that we designed, and started the construction, he said.

Nelson said that he lives on APG with his Family and is enjoying his new home and life here.

"The quality of life for me and my Family living on APG is really good," he said. "I am part of the Spesutie Island Boat Club. I like to launch my boat on the weekends and go waterskiing and tubing on the bay. The commute is also great, much shorter than my previous job."

"I love the bay, the water, the proximity to Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington, the culture and major sports. Harford County is a nice rural area, still with farms and open spaces instead of urban sprawl. It is nice that way... kind of in a perfect location for our lifestyle," he said.

Community and APG: Partners in Education



Photos by CAPT JULIUS BOYD II

Jeff Jacobs, a tech teacher from Edgewood High School, coaches students during a tug of war competition against Soldiers from the 61st Ordnance Brigade during their visit to Forward Operating Base Wolverine Oct. 2. From left, Matt Revard, Jushnan Davis, Jacobs, Ciara Clark, Darius Forman, Michael Coleman, Jon Baker, Cameron Venable, Christian Pritchett, Nathan Austin, Brandon Thomas, Taylor Hurt, Samantha Miller, Monte Fletcher, Adrian Rowe and Gage German.

Edgewood students observe Soldiers at work

Story by **ROGER TEEL**
USAOC&S

Two buses of Edgewood High School students went to Aberdeen Proving Ground's Forward Operating Base Wolverine Oct. 2 to watch young ordnance Soldiers hone their craft.

They left with a much sharper image of what being a Soldier is all about.

"I was here last year," said Brandon Thomas, a senior. "What strikes me most is how dedicated the Soldiers are at doing what they have to do."

Asked if he thought he might join the Army, Thomas said that he had.

"I didn't think too much about it after visiting last year, but it's something I'll definitely consider in the future," he said.

First-time visitor Stephanie Seals, a sophomore, said it was exciting to see Soldiers work.

"It's amazing that they all know what they have to do, with so many things going on at once," she said.

The annual Edgewood High School visit is coordinated by the Partners In Education program. APG's School Liaison Officer Eileen Campbell facilitates the local program, working in conjunction with the Edgewood High School administrators -- Principal Larissa Santos and Assistant Robert Limpert, and teachers John Wallace, Dr. James Lamb, Debbie Brinkman, and Kathleen Donaldson -- and with leadership from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, Capt. Julius Boyd and 1st Sgt. Frederick Banks who directly supports their PIE efforts.

For the past several years, the Army's 61st Ordnance Brigade has been a leading proponent for the program. Soldiers from the command volunteer to engage students at area schools in many ways, from taking part in reading programs to conducting physical training and even serving as coaches on athletic teams.

"Students gain an appreciation for what Soldiers do," said Sheri Billings, a physical education/team sports class instructor, of the most recent visit. "Some Soldiers worked with the students before on team building and leadership activities," she added.

Jeff Jacobs and Jeremy Russell, tech teachers at EHS, thought the experience broke up the monotony of the students' daily classes.

"This is something my students have to work for," Russell said. "I brought ten students from my classes of about seventy students."

Jacobs brought five students from his classes of 80 students. He said they were selected by their demonstrated behavior and work ethic.

When asked what they enjoyed most about the visit, Jacobs said, "They were interested in the HEAT, the Humvee Egress Assistance Trainer."

The HEAT puts vehicle occupants in a rollover scenario, and they have to extract themselves while hanging in an upside-down position.

"Seatbelt use was definitely reinforced," one Soldier said with a smile during the training.

Students watched as insurgents stormed the FOB's gate and a fire-fight ensued. They also fired weapons themselves on the EST-2000, an indoor range with simulated targets that challenge the most gifted marksmen.

After enjoying a lunch of MREs (Meal, Ready-to-Eat), the Edgewood students and Soldiers gathered for a tug-of-war competition.

Camaraderie was obvious on the Soldier side, which may account for their winning the tugging war. But the Edgewood Rams towed the Soldiers over the line on their third try (with the coaching of a drill sergeant undoubtedly contributing to their success.)

Capt. Adam Slepian, operations officer for FOB Wolverine, asked the Soldiers, "How many of you are eighteen to nineteen years old?"

A dozen raised their hands.

"You guys are only about six to ten months away from them in age," he said, looking directly at the Edgewood students.

One sergeant, driving home a sense of patriotism, spoke about a Soldier's sacrifice for their country.

"Freedom isn't free!" he said. "Someone has to sacrifice for you to have Burger King!"

Slepian then presented two students FOB Wolverine coins, a large and unique Army coin, cherished by many. Celicia Pena, a 17-year-old senior, and Seals earned coins for their interest and participation in the day's activities.

It was noted that Soldiers now in training are preparing for deployment to Iraq.

Campbell said the next Edgewood High School PIE activity is a visit to the Perry Point Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Plans are in the works for team sports groups will assist veterans as they participate in wheelchair bowling, and micro-biology students will visit the medical center's laboratories.

ECBC brings science careers into focus for local students

Story and photo by **DON KENNEDY**
ECBC

Imagine the look of wonder that must have come across Galileo Galilei's face the first time he turned his telescope to the night sky in 1609. He was the first to see the truth with his own eyes. What he saw compelled him - at great personal risk - to tell the world what he discovered. His proclamations turned convention on its ear, challenged the limitations of human assumption, and unlocked possibilities that, until then, seemed impossible.

Kayla Hopkins, 11, had that same look about her on July 15.

"Science," said the Edgewood Middle School student, "wasn't that interesting to me before today, but this really opened my eyes."

Hopkin's "ah ha" moment came while she was on a tour of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center with a summer program called Explorations Summer Career Academy, a component of Project DREAM Work. The program, sponsored by Harford Community College for Edgewood Middle School students, seeks to expose middle school-aged students to various professions available to them and facilitate the connections between school and careers.

Hopkins was mesmerized by the 3D printer that takes photos of 3-dimensional objects and then reproduces them out of a resin material into exact duplicates.

The Advanced Design and Manufacturing team at the center uses the "printer" to create specialized parts for products it develops.

And while Hopkins found that interesting, it was clear she had other ideas. She asked if it was possible to make a copy of her body.

"Sure," Lester Hitch told her, but it would take a very long time. He was able to show her a replica of a mannequin hand in a display case nearby, and she seemed content. "That's really cool," she said.

David Galentine, 12, couldn't get enough of the robotic chemical/radiological Unmanned Ground Reconnaissance Vehicle that zipped up and down the hallways in the ADM wing of the Berger Building, the center's headquarters. The robot was developed at ECBC to be used to explore and test air and soil samples from remote locations to avoid possible human exposure to dangerous chemical or radiological material. Gal-



Edgewood Middle School students Meagan Jorge, Shelby Richter, Darnell Davis, Hannay Snyder participate in Project DREAM Work, a career-centered program run by Harford Community College. This experiment is being directed by Edgewood Chemical Biological Center scientists during the students' July 15 visit.

entine's interest in Transformers, the popular toys that change from vehicles to giant fighting robots, was more than enough to interest him in the high tech working robot.

"It's awesome that you can control it from a distance - tell it what to do and it does it," Galentine said.

Still other students were amazed at the prospect of transforming their interest in video games into a job someday. They were shown how the center uses powerful animation software and video game engines to produce visual representations of DNA strands or cells too small to be photographed. These representations are used in training materials and technical presentations to demonstrate concepts that could not be shown in any other way.

Of course, they also liked the concept vehicles and gear that were represented in the products as well. Femi Ojo, 11, was fascinated by the demonstration and said that one day he'd like to do computer animation.

"Well," said Jeff Warwick, "if you want to do something like this when you get older, you have to really study math and science. You have to know a lot about math to do this type of work, and you have to understand the science so you can understand what the scientists want you to create for them."

At that is the core of Project DREAM Work, encouraging the students to focus on their education as a means to open doors to their dream jobs.

"We try to show them that there is a world of career choices out there," said Project DREAM Work Program Director Mindy Costanzo-Romero, "and that college is a viable option for everyone. Middle schoolers need hands on experiences to make learning sink in. These are great opportunities for these students."

While at ECBC, the students also saw a gas mask

test facility and a wind tunnel demonstration.

But, perhaps the highlight of the day was a hands-on demonstration of experiments by Edgewood scientists, Dr. Ken Collins, Larry Bickford and Dan Weber. Popular among these was the use of liquid nitrogen to demonstrate the effects of heat and cold on air pressure. As Collins poured a chilly liquid from a 5-gallon can, the steam created from its interaction with room-temperature air added dramatic effect. He used it to freeze blown-up balloons to demonstrate how cold constricts the air. The students were dazzled as the air in the balloon seemed to flow from the balloon even though it remained tied tight. And, as the balloon slowly returned to room temperature, they smiled as the air seemed to magically return.

Between experiments, Collins gave the students "advertisements" for science and technology are a part of everything they come in contact with every day.

"He did a masterful job at explaining and demonstrating that science was cool, and that the path to working in science was to hit the books in school," Costanzo-Romero said.

The hands-on nature of the session allowed the students to do some exploring while they were at ECBC that showed them that science was not some far away notion, but a real viable choice for them when they were thinking about careers down the road.

The Project DREAM Work participants also visited an estuary center, a local bank and a theatre during their week-long exploration of careers.

While all of them won't become naturalists, or chemists, or robotics engineers, or bankers, or actors, they will all have seen a wide range of possibilities that are available. And each of them will have a common theme - education is the key to getting there.



Edgewood High School student Kristyn Simpson takes aim with her weapon at the EST-2000, an indoor range with simulated targets.

Soldiers help at EMS



Photo courtesy of 143rd ORDNANCE BATTALION
From left, Pvt. Samantha Harvey, Micaela Garcia and Robshanda Reason, and Pfc. Taylor Parsons and Diana Becker, Soldiers from Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, and Patricia Tracey, an Edgewood Middle School teacher, make signs for classrooms during an EMS beautification day Aug. 23. "Edgewood Middle School and 143rd Ordnance Battalion have a wonderful partnership, and it is growing stronger year by year," said Eileen Campbell, Aberdeen Proving Ground school liaison. "EMS students have patriotic pins and tie-dye T-shirts to show their appreciation for the troops and build their morale. I am so pleased that our Soldiers are trying to build students' school spirit by improving their environment."

Reminders for a safe Halloween



Story by
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Halloween is an exciting time for children and parents, including the traditional trick-or-treat highlights: mothers shopping for costumes, fathers dec-

orating the house and kids getting yummy treats to eat. In all the excitement, it is important for parents and children to use safe practices on the night they walk among ghosts and ghouls.

It's great to wear the trendy, new costumes, but poor costume design can

lead to a visit to the emergency room. Masks can obstruct a child's vision and excessive length of a costume can pose a tripping hazard.

According to the National Safety Council, the number one cause of injury on Halloween night is accidental falls from tripping over hems of costumes, steps, curbs or unseen objects.

The weather can fluctuate this time of the year with temperatures ranging from warm to cool to cold. Choose costumes that allow warm clothes to fit underneath.

Here are safety tips to make trick-or-treating a

fun and safe evening.

Costume safety

- ☛ Wear flame-resistant costumes that are short enough to prevent children from trips and falls.

- ☛ Choose a costume made of bright material that is visible in the dark or add some reflective tape to the costume or the candy bag to help drivers see the children.

- ☛ Masks should fit securely and allow the child to see well and not hinder visibility.

- ☛ If using face paint, make sure it is nontoxic and hypoallergenic.

- ☛ Props, such as knives and swords, should be made of a flexible material so that they don't pose a hazard.

Trick-or-Treat safety tips

- ☛ Have an adult or an older, responsible teen supervise children under age 12.

- ☛ Establish, in advance, the trick-or-treat route and establish a return time.

- ☛ Carry a flashlight to see and be seen.

- ☛ Walk on the sidewalk of well lit streets; avoid taking shortcuts across backyards or alleys.

- ☛ Look both ways before crossing the

street; use established crosswalks wherever possible.

- ☛ Stick to well lit houses in familiar neighborhoods only.

- ☛ Tell children not to eat any treat until they return home.

- ☛ Stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well lit and accept treats at the door. Never enter a stranger's home.

- ☛ Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address and phone number inside a pocket in case he or she gets separated from the group.

- ☛ Have a grownup inspect the candy before eating to examine all treats before eating them for choking hazards and tampering.

Home safety tips

- ☛ Remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes or lawn decorations, and sweep wet leaves from sidewalks and steps.

- ☛ Restrain animals from trick-or-treaters.

- ☛ House should be well lit. Check outdoor lights and replace burned out bulbs.

Celebrating Halloween on APG

Halloween and the traditional "trick or treat" activities will be celebrated Oct. 31, specifically limited to 6 to 8 p.m. for children under 12 years of age as of Oct. 31.

Personnel driving in the housing areas during the "trick or treat" period are cautioned to exercise extreme care and to be especially watchful for young children who may not be readily visible or attentive to moving vehicles.

It is strongly recommended that children wear reflective markings on their costumes or carry a flashlight.

The cooperation of all concerned is being solicited to ensure a safe and happy Halloween at APG.

For more information, call Sheryl L. Speerstra, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, 410-306-4522, or visit www.apgmwr.com/.

Adventures in driving decision making

Panic on the highway!

Installation Safety Office

"Adventures in driving decision making" is brought to everyone by the Installation Safety Office. These will appear on the "Safety" page in the *APG News* with a new scenario each week.

Read the following scenario and then from the options provided, select the best answer. The correct response is printed upside down.

Driving Situation #6

Imagine you're driving on a two-lane highway at night. A car coming toward you from the opposite direction refuses to lower his high beam headlights. You are momentarily blinded. What should you do?

A. Keep your beams on low, slow down and look to right edge of road.

B. Flash bright lights on and off, slow down and look at right edge of road.

C. Raise your beams and honk until he lowers his beams.

Answer B is really the better choice.

Answer C. Yeah, it may be tempting, but your choice to "raise your beams and honk until he lowers his beams" is not what you should do. That driver, if he knows he hasn't dimmed his lights and is intentionally leaving his high beams on, deserves worse treatment than that. But you don't want to get tangled up with him, at least not while you are driving. Make sure that one of you can see, even if he has to be the one.

Answer B. Your choice to "flash bright lights on and off, slow down and look at the right edge of road" is the smart thing to do. You're right in deciding to communicate to the other driver that he hasn't dimmed his lights and chances are he just didn't realize it. But, if he doesn't dim his, you should slow down to minimize the hazard and look to the right edge of the road. If you're looking away from the full glare of the lights and to the right, your eyes can handle the light better.

Answer A. Your choice to "keep your beams on low, slow down and look to right edge of road" is a good choice but you could probably do better. It may well be that the driver of the on-coming car doesn't realize that he hasn't dimmed his lights. Flash your bright lights on and off to tell him he still has his 'brights' on and chances are he'll dim his. But if he doesn't, slow down, look at the right edge of the road. Your eyes can handle the amount of light coming into them better if you're looking right and away from the full glare of his lights. And even if you wanted to raise your high beams until he lowers his, it wouldn't be wise. It's important that at least one of you can see, even if he has to be the one. Answer B is really the better choice.

APG Installation Safety Office

The increase in violent weather and unpredictable power outages has more and more homeowners investing in emergency power generators.

Some homes owners will rely on portable generators to keep appliances and heaters running in cases of extended power outages. The Installation Safety Office wants to make sure that generator safety is part of everyone's emergency plan.

Most power generators are portable, gasoline powered and started by hand-crank. Others are installed directly inline with the house wiring system and start automatically during a power outage. More problems are associated with the portable generators.

Personnel living in any of APG housing units must abide by the rules established for the installation.

"Here at Aberdeen Proving Ground, a portable generator is not allowed to be connected to the electrical circuitry in the housing areas except under special circumstances," said Pat Hector, Housing Office director. "If this were to exist, the installation electricians would connect it."

"A generator should never be run indoors or any enclosed area," said Ron Kravitz from the Installation Safety Office.

Carbon monoxide is a deadly gas produced by these generators.

"It's odorless, and there is risk of exposure if a generator is run in any enclosed area," Kravitz said.

He went on to indicate that CO kills because the body's red blood cells

which carry oxygen to the cells absorb CO better or faster than oxygen. This causes the brain, heart and lungs to become deprived of oxygen. If awake it presents flu like symptoms initially. As saturation continues, severe headaches and dizziness occur until there is a loss of consciousness and even death.

A generator should be, at a minimum, five feet away from a house. It should be kept away from windows, as CO could seep through. Definitely keep it away from the windows of sleeping quarters.

Generators are used infrequently, so maintenance can be a concern.

Make sure fresh gas is used and the generator has been serviced. The best way to store a generator is mix a gas stabilizer with the gas. Run the generator for at least 10 to 15 minutes so the stabilizer coats the carburetor. Drain the gas tank and let the engine run until it shuts down. If gas is left in the tank and carburetor for an extended time, it chemically changes to shellac.

Read the instruction manual and make sure to let the generator cool down before adding more gas.

"People tend to want things to keep running without interruption, but if gasoline is spilled on a hot engine, there's risk of start-

ing a fire," Kravitz said.

When asked about purchasing a generator, Kravitz said, "The average home operates on four-thousand to six-thousand watts, not counting central air conditioning or heat pump, so keep that in mind when choosing a generator. Standby power (whole house generators) can handle central air as well as many household appliances, and come on automatically. They sit outside the house permanently and look just like an air conditioning unit. They have a relay that automatically turns them on if the power goes out and switches back when power is restored."

Emergency generators increasing in use

Generator safety tips

1. Always read and follow the operator's manual and all operating instructions before running a generator.

2. Engines emit deadly carbon monoxide gas. Use the generator outdoors only, away from open windows, vents or doors. Never use a generator inside homes, garages, crawl spaces or other enclosed areas. Fumes that can kill build up in these areas. Using a fan and opening doors or windows does not provide enough fresh air.

3. Use a battery-powered carbon monoxide detector when running a generator.

4. Gasoline and its vapors are extremely flammable. Allow the engine to cool at least 2 minutes before refueling. Always use fresh gas in a generator. If the generator isn't going to be used for 30 or more days, mix a stabilizer in the fuel.

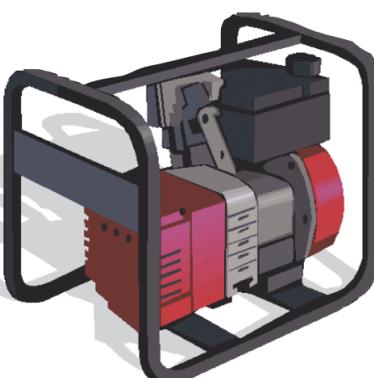
5. Maintain a generator according to the maintenance schedule for peak performance and safety.

6. Keep a generator at least 5 feet away from any structures or combustible materials. Reflective exhaust heat can damage the fuel tank causing a fire.

7. When using extension cords, be sure they are of the grounded type and are rated for the application. Coiled cords can get hot, so always uncoil cords and lay them in flat open locations.

8. If connecting a generator into a home electrical system, have a qualified electrician install a Power Transfer Switch. Never plug a generator directly into a home outlet.

9. Protect the generator from exposure to rain. Generators produce powerful voltage; do not operate under wet conditions.



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me from under the desk.

Pandemonium was an understatement!!

Struggling to get away from the desk and the chair, I jerked my pistol out of the holster and rolled onto my knees, the pistol facing toward where Theo should have been. The air was full of smoke.

Theo had disappeared... he was down on the floor too.

The next thing I heard was him screaming..."I give up, I did it! I did it! Just don't shoot me! Please don't shoot!!!" he said.

When I glanced toward the doorway, all I could see and hear was Sarge running and his laughter, and the outer door slamming as he fled.

Later I found out that he had pitched a "cherry-bomb" under my desk.

When I looked back, Theo was staring at me and the pistol I held in my hand...his hands were high above his head and his eyes were as big as silver dollars. He was still on his knees, mumbling,

"I give up...don't shoot. Please don't shoot me," he pleaded.

Motioning for him to stand up, I re-holstered my pistol and picked up my chair, repositioning it at the desk.

"Theo, I'm sorry about

that. It seems I've got some practical jokers in my office," I said.

Theo was a mess. His eyes kept darting toward the door as if he wanted to run.

"Just give me a ticket and let me get out of here. I killed it. There ain't no use lying about it. Just write me out a ticket!" he said.

There was no talking him out of it. The more I tried apologizing; the more adamant he became...all

he wanted was to leave. He'd had enough.

"Just gimme the ticket!" he said again.

And so I did.

After getting a signed statement from him, Theo went out of my office without stopping, straight out to the parking lot and climbed in his pickup truck. The ticket was paid two days later.

It was a long time before I ever saw him again, and I never did hear tell of him hunting any more after that.

I suppose he did, 'cause that's the way that Family was brought up, but if he did, I never did hear about it.

And as for me and the Sarge and the practical jokes? Well, the jokes came to an abrupt end a few days later when the Sarge, while driving up I-95, discovered a live snake crawling out from under the driver's seat.

Yep, that was the old 523rd...them was the good ole days!!

Myth busted: Scientists unveil high-tech Army



Current technology on display at the DOIM M/IVISC exhibit included the Virtual Reality Training Spray Gun at the annual meeting and exposition of the Association of the United States Army.

Story by
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Advancements in science and technology that support full-spectrum operations, like exoskeletons, were discussed Oct. 8 at the annual meeting and exposition of the Association of the United States Army.

The forum "Busting the Low-Tech Myth: Army S&T Support to Full Spectrum Operations" provided presentations on how experimental and applied technologies show the Army has advanced across the board, from recruiting to technology in theater.

Lt. Gen. Ross Thompson, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisitions, Logistics and Technology, opened the panel with a report on how to grow the AL&T workforce in order to aid research and development.

"We're going to be 'insourcing' more things than we've been outsourcing lately," Thompson said.

Other presenters went on to discuss the importance of recruiting future generations to research and operate technologies, and how technology itself plays an important part in the recruiting; how technology helps facilitate the ability to track business, the significance of internal research and external commercial partnerships, and the technological advancements themselves, both

in the experimental and applied phases.

Nanoflyers and exoskeletons

"Advancement in computers and our computational capabilities is enormous," said Dr. Thomas Killion, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Research and Technology and its chief scientist.

The LandWarrior system, the technology in the back of a Stryker vehicle, allows us to do things we would have never been capable of before, he explained.

"That's why we are a really high-tech Army," he said.

Current technologies in the field include precision munitions, unmanned vehicles from Future Combat Systems, and hybrid-electric power sources, Killion said. But these applied technologies are not the only things that make the Army high-tech; experimental systems and advanced research also make the Army more developed.

The Army has invested heavily in nano-technology and biotechnology, Killion said.

"Nano-technology in terms of designing new materials from the ground up, atom by atom, is to provide new properties" in terms of protection, sensing and monitoring the condition of the Soldier himself.

"Biotechnology, in terms of really mimicking biology to come up with

new ideas for protection, sensing, communications, for doing things in ways that billions of years of evolution have helped living things to do things, and exploiting that knowledge to design man-made systems," he said.

The Army is developing training avatars, computer generated simulations that will react to and interact with Soldiers intelligently, as well as researching sensors that monitor brain functions, which could lead to enhanced prosthetic control, Killion said.

During his presentation, Killion ran two videos of technologies still being experimented with: exoskeletons and nanoflyers.

The exoskeleton is a robotic device the Soldier wears like a full body suit. It would enhance Soldier performance, increasing strength without losing agility, and potentially developing into an entirely covered system - a little like the protective suit worn in the recent film "Ironman."

Nanoflyers, Killion explained, weigh about as much as a penny and resemble tiny helicopters, able to fit into a backpack easily. They will serve as urban-interior surveillance technology, and can either hover inside buildings or be placed inconspicuously on a shelf for stationary monitoring.

Killion emphasized that in order to continue technological advancements the Army must foster science

and engineering career paths.

"Tomorrow's technology is in the minds of today's youth," he said.

Recruiting for the future

Part of developing and maintaining a high-tech Army is having the manpower to research, develop and operate the business and technologies - which means recruitment, Thompson said.

Thompson explained how the AL&T is expanding its workforce, both on the civilian side and the military side.

Currently, there are roughly 38,500 civilians in the workforce and he proj-

ects doubling that amount through 2012. On the military side, there are less than 16,000 people, but that's expected to increase by 178 in the contract area and 149 in other military.

"All those acquisition career fields require highly trained people; it's not just the 'Ph.D.' scientists - it's the business school graduates that understand basic economics and finance and can help us put together a good contract instrument," he said.

Ed Walters, chief marketing officer for the Army, spoke about the new Army Experience Center, a recruiting center in Philadelphia that uses advanced technology and marketing theories.

Based on the concept of experiential marketing, the Army Experience Center provides a relaxed environment for recruiters to interact with young people and their parents, Walters said.

The center is futuristic in appearance, complete with a command center where visitors can be briefed virtually by actual Soldiers. State-of-the-art gaming stations, touch screen monitors and realistic battle simulators all help reinforce the idea that the Army is high tech, and help to connect with the potential recruits who grew up in a technology-oriented environment, he explained.

"The mission is to apply alternative business practices to recruiting," Walters said, and to create innova-

tive programs to enhance the understanding of the Army.

Researching the future

The director of the U.S. Army Tank and Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, Dr. Grace Bochenek, said that the Army is researching several types of alternative energy: biodiesel, hydrogen fuel and hydroelectric power sources. These would help run autonomous vehicles and provide clean, efficient power for the Soldier of the future.

In fact, hybrid-electric power has already been put to use as a power source for the FCS Non-Line of Sight Cannon.

The Army is also working with various representatives from the commercial automotive industry, like GM and Toyota, to research vehicle safety, Bochenek said.

Jeff Parsons of the Army Contracting Command spoke about how new software enables training and experience to be tracked, helping to build a "virtual contracting enterprise" and create better contracting officers.

"[Our job] is to recruit you to help us get the story out," Killion said, asking the audience to spread the word: "That the Army is a high-tech service, that we provide Soldiers with technology that enables them to more effectively do their jobs, and do it safely."



Griffin reviews a Warfighter power source demonstration with U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command subject matter expert Rafael Casanova at the AUSA annual meeting Oct. 6-10.

Army operationalizing reserve component

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The Army is changing how it generates forces and is overhauling the National Guard and Reserve, said the commander of U.S. Army Forces Command Oct. 8.

Gen. Charles C. Campbell told reporters during the Association of the United States Army annual meeting that transitioning the reserve component from a strategic reserve to an operational force is a crucial part of modernizing the Army.

"We will organize the Guard and Reserve along modular lines and equip [the reserve component] in ways that make it fully interoperable with the active component," Campbell said. "There are some costs associated with that that are pretty significant, but nonetheless, at end state, our intent is to modularize the Guard and Reserve."

It's difficult and complex to operationalize the reserve component, Campbell said Oct. 7 at the AUSA Land Warfare Forum on the subject. But he emphasized that it's crucial.

"Clearly what is required is adequate equipment that enables home-station training" at reserve centers and armories prior to mobilization," Campbell said. He added that the Guard and Reserve must also be equipped and trained for homeland defense and homeland security.

Making sure reserve-com-

ponent Soldiers have the right training and equipment is especially important because the Army relies on them so much today, and because in January of 2007, the secretary of defense shortened National Guard and Reserve mobilizations to one year for both time in theater and training at mobilization stations. So the Army needs to make training time count, he said.

Lt. Gen. Michael Rochelle, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel, G-1, said that prior to 2001, the Army Reserve and Guard was primarily considered a strategic reserve. Under the mobilization concept, if the balloon went up, units would be called up for the duration of a war plus six months. But that's not how they're used today, he said, with Guard and Reserve units doing rotations to theater and back.

"The Cold War mentality .. simply doesn't work in the operational environment," Rochelle said.

Because operationalizing the whole reserve component at once could cost about \$28 billion, Campbell said that right now the Army is modernizing and updating National Guard and Reserve units that have been alerted for deployment.

According to Campbell, since 2001, more than 600,000 reserve-component Soldiers have been mobilized, with 92 out of 105 National Guard brigades and a comparable percentage of the 60-

plus Army Reserve brigades are expected to be modularized by the end of 2009.

"Tremendous progress has been made," he said. "We certainly can be blessed as a nation for the citizen Soldiers who stand in our ranks...and have answered repetitively our nation's call. They have performed splendidly and transparently. There is no longer a differentiation between Guard and Reserve and active component. It is American Soldiers doing our nation's bidding and doing it in a way that is very notable and very conspicuous for the quality of service...and the quality of young men and women who stand in our ranks."

When National Guard and Reserve units are notified for deployment, it is after the ARFORGEN, or Army force generation process, used to prepare units for deployments based on combatant commanders' requirements.

Under ARFORGEN, units are placed in three categories based on when they're expected to be available for deployment. Units are placed in the reset/train pool after returning from a deployment and their primary mission is to rebuild and recuperate, while remaining available for disaster relief. As they prepare for future missions and undergo collective training, units move to the Ready Force pool. When they are ready to redeploy, they go back to the available force pool.

ARFORGEN synchronizes the

Army modernizing, organizing, manning, training and equipping systems. The program, Campbell said, was especially successful during the surge in 2007, when ARFORGEN allowed FORSCOM to identify 30,000 additional troops and coordinate their deployment to Iraq.

"Had we not had a process like ARFORGEN, we might not have been able to deploy the capabilities and the capacities that were requested by the combatant commander in the timelines that they needed," he added.

As the Army continues to fulfill, re-examine and adjust its requirements over the next year, Campbell said the Army hopes reserve component Soldiers will soon be able to spend four years at home for every year of deployment, and that active component Soldiers will be able to spend two years at home between deployments.

The training battalions that prepare Reserve Soldiers for deployments need to be operationalized as well, said Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, chief of the Army Reserve and commander of U.S. Army Reserve Command.

"In the Army Reserve, we have a lot of generating force, as well as expeditionary force," Stultz said. He said that some Reserve drill sergeants and trainers have been on active duty for four years. "The generating force needs to be operationalized as well," he said.

Stultz talked about recruiting

and partnerships with employers. He has formed a partnership with dozens of employers across the nation in which companies will hire Reserve Soldiers after they finish their active duty. He said the next step is figuring out how to share health benefits, insurance and retirement benefits between the Army and the private sector.

Lt. Gen. Clyde Vaughn, director of the Army National Guard, said that reorganizing and transforming his force included closing more than 150 armories. He said it was painful, but it enabled reorganizing a force that a few years ago was understrength and overstructured. It enabled filling units to 91 percent, he said.

Lt. Gen. Rochelle said it's important to streamline the way Guard and Reserve Soldiers are brought on active duty. He said there are currently 14 different categories of active duty for the components, to include Active Duty for Training, Active Duty Special Work and more. He said that should be streamlined to three or maybe even one.

"It's either active duty or it's not," he said.

Rochelle also said that streamlining the way to bring Individual Ready Reserve and Retired Reserve Soldiers onto active duty will be a force multiplier.

Lt. Gen. James D. Thurman, deputy chief of staff for G-3/5/7, said that operationalizing the force will "change the paradigm."