

## Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Sept. 17, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



### Pentagon Memorial opening to public

The Pentagon Memorial will be open to the public 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 11. This will be the first opportunity for the general public to view the memorial in remembrance of the lives lost on 9/11 at the Pentagon and on American Airlines Flight 77. The opening will include a multimedia tribute highlighting stories of 9/11 survivors and family members of victims.

For information on how to access the Pentagon Memorial, refer to the Memorial Visitors section at [http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2008/0708\\_memorial/](http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2008/0708_memorial/).

### Freedom Walk remembers 9-11 victims, honors veterans today

St. Joan of Arc School, located on 230 South Law Street, Aberdeen, will join cities across America to host an America Supports You Freedom Walk, 12:30 p.m., Sept. 11, to commemorate the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, and to honor veterans.

The America Supports You Freedom Walk will begin at St. Joan of Arc School and end at Festival Park.

Participants include the entire student body, faculty and staff of St. Joan of Arc School; Aberdeen Mayor Michael Bennett; Col. John Rooney, commander of the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center; the Maryland National Guard Color Guard; members of the U.S. Army; veterans; police; firefighters and the Aberdeen community.

The America Supports You Freedom Walk calls on people to reflect on the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, honor veterans, past and present, and renew the nation's commitment to freedom and the values of this country.

For more information about America Supports You Freedom Walk, call Margie Forbes, 410-272-1387 or e-mail [mforbes@stjoanarc.org](mailto:mforbes@stjoanarc.org).

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# Army launches 'I. A.M. Strong'

Story by **HANK MINITREZ**  
Army News Service

The I. A.M. Strong campaign will empower Soldiers to "Intervene, Act and Motivate" to prevent sexual assault, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston said.

Preston "soft-launched" the new peer-to-peer training effort with an announcement to young Soldiers attending the 2008 Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Conference in Lansdowne, Va., Aug. 6.

The I. A.M. Strong campaign [was] officially announced Sept. 9 when Secretary of the Army Pete Geren launched the Sexual Assault Prevention Campaign and Strategy, setting the tone for all Soldiers to shift from a response focus to prevention.

"I need your help with an issue that is affecting our Soldiers - sexual assault," Preston told Soldiers attending the BOSS conference.

"We've been on the defensive concerning this crime - and it is a criminal act," Preston said. "The Army was focused

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## Army Ready means being ready for hurricane season

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Three tropical storms, Hanna, Ike and Josephine, tracked west in the Atlantic Ocean as Hurricane Gustav headed through the Gulf of Mexico toward Louisiana. Millions fled the region ahead of the hurricane which had devastated parts of Cuba, Haiti and other Caribbean islands. After witnessing four active systems at the same time, three of which became hurricanes, the Department of Homeland Security, along with Ready Army, is urging Soldiers, civilians, contractors and their Family members to not wait for an emergency to make plans.

According to the Ready.Gov Web site, residents of coastal or low-lying areas should have a plan in the event of mandatory evacuations.

In preparing a viable emergency preparedness plan, the following steps are recommended:

### Step 1: Get a Kit/'To-Go-Bag'

- Get an Emergency Supply Kit, which includes items like non-perishable food, water, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra flashlights and batteries. Portable kits for the car should include:

- Copies of prescription medications and medical supplies
- Bedding and clothing, including sleeping bags and pillows
- Bottled water, a battery-operated radio and extra batteries, a first-aid kit, a flashlight
- Copies of important documents: driver's license, Social Security card, proof of residence, insurance policies, wills, deeds, birth

and marriage certificates, tax records, etc.

- Maps
- Photos of Family members including pets
- Comfortable clothing and blankets
- Unique Family needs such as prescription medications, pet supplies, infant supplies, etc.

### Step 2: Make a Plan

Make a Family Emergency Plan. Family members may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how to contact each other, how to get back together and what to do in an emergency.

Plan places for Family members to meet, both within and outside the immediate neighborhood.

Designate an out-of-town contact. It may be easier to call long distance than to call across town. Designate someone in another town or state who can communicate between Family members.

Inquire about emergency plans at places where Family members spend time such as at work, in schools or at daycare centers. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one.

### Plan to evacuate

- Identify ahead of time where Family members will meet, both within and outside the immediate neighborhood
- Identify several places to meet in an emergency such as a friend's home in another town, a motel or public shelter
- Keep at least a half tank of gas in vehicle at all times in case of mandatory evacuation orders
- If not in possession of a motor vehicle, plan alternate means of evacuating

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## Ricketts Point Road closed Sept. 13

Ricketts Point Road was initially scheduled to be closed on Saturday, Sept. 6, but inclement weather prevented construction crews from working. Ricketts Point Road will be closed this Saturday, Sept. 13.

Access to buildings north of E-3300 will not be affected; access to E-3300 and buildings south of E-3300, including range access, will be via Otto Road. The closure is scheduled for only one day but may require a second day.

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

## DSHE leads cleanup of G-Street salvage yard

Community invited to open house to view site operations

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

The Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, along with Weston Solutions is leading the excavation and clean up of the Burn Residue Disposal Area of the G-Street salvage yard in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

A once active area back in the 1950s when testing of mustard and other agents was standard procedure, the area has been found to contain hazardous and non-hazardous remnants of those activities as well as contaminated soil containing high lead levels.

John Wrobel, DSHE on-site coordinator, said that testing of several types of chemical agents took place on nearby J-Field.

"Whenever they blew things up the pieces were brought here [to the G-Street site]," Wrobel said.

The ongoing excavation process focuses on removal of hazardous remnants as well as contaminated soils. The process includes the use of a vapor containment tent in which excavated debris and contaminated soil will be examined before shipment for offsite disposal.

Safety is a top priority, Wrobel said, explaining that the tent serves as a safeguard in the unlikely occurrence of a chemical release during the excavation.

The round structure is 40-feet in diameter and is made of poly-membrane. Equipment outside of the tent will monitor for vapors, and a decontamination tent will be attached for personnel leaving the area.

Kerry Jones, a Weston unexploded ordnance technician, said that excavators commonly find ordnance and scrap metals and that they are now entering the second phase of removing potentially chemical materials. They work at Level A status - wearing fully encapsulated suits and protective masks - the highest level of protection.

Jones said that much of the shifting of topsoil will be done by hand and that local explosive ordnance disposal personnel will assist.

"We've found remnants of chemical nerve agent bomblets but they contained no agents," Jones said, adding that they also look for UXO and munitions.

Representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment make regular visits to the site.

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## TRADOC commander visits OC&S



Photo by ROGER TEEL

Marine Staff Sgt. Matthew Wolfe shows Gen. William S. Wallace, commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, how the precision metal lathe merges manual machining operations with full computer numerical control through an intuitive programming system during the general's Aug. 25 visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Wolfe, an instructor at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, is supported by fellow Marines Master Sgt. Michael Jones and Capt. Jason Lacinis, the executive officer of the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment at APG. To the right, Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, commandant of OC&S, also views the presentation. In the foreground is Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jack Peters, chief of the Metalworking Services Division at the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School. Wallace had lunch with a group of training noncommissioned officers to hear their concerns, then was briefed at the school headquarters before touring several training sites.

# Getting the word out about suicide awareness

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

With Suicide Awareness Week being observed this week, the Aberdeen Proving Ground suicide prevention coordinator and Army Substance Abuse Program personnel led several operations geared toward spreading awareness about suicide signals and prevention.

The ASAP office closed early Sept. 5 for staff members to mount suicide prevention posters in every location Soldiers might frequent, from the Commissary to the barracks.

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine provided the posters. On Sept. 7 they attended services at both APG chapels to dispense suicide awareness pins and brochures to service members, civilians, retirees and their Families, and ASAP staff members manned information booths at the Main Post Exchange and the Edgewood Shopette Sept. 10, handing out suicide prevention resource information to passers-by.

“Along with these measures, APG chaplains and Behavioral Health personnel from Kirk U.S. Army

Health Clinic are available by pre-arranged appointment to conduct suicide awareness and prevention sessions for commanders or directors who desire group training for their personnel,” said Jareta Coyle, APG suicide prevention coordinator and alcohol and drug control officer.

In addition, the Defense Commissary Agency is partnering with both the Department of Defense-funded Mental Health Self Assessment Program and CHPPM to highlight the benefits of good mental and physical health, especially in areas that can help pre-

vent instances of suicide. “Death by suicide is a tragedy that can be prevented,” said DeCA Director and Chief Executive Officer Philip E. Sakowitz Jr. “We owe it to the military community we serve to spread the word about where service members and their Families can get professional help.”

As part of the national observance that begins with Suicide Prevention Week and continues throughout the month, commissaries will give away magnets and eco-friendly shopping bags and display posters provided by the Mental Health

Self Assessment Program that promotes mental health screenings. The screenings are available at <http://www.MilitaryMentalHealth.org> and by telephone at 1-877-877-3647.

Commissaries will also display special suicide prevention posters from CHPPM that bear the message, “Shoulder-to-Shoulder: No Soldier Stands Alone.” (See article below for more on the poster.)

At the heart of this awareness campaign is the concept that total wellness involves good mental and physical health.

There is a definite link between improving physical health through nutritious food choices and exercise and addressing psychological health needs, said Maj. Karen Fauber, DeCA dietician.

“This is one of the most important campaigns that

DeCA will be participating in,” Fauber said. “We all have a vested interest in doing whatever it takes to help decrease the instances of suicide in the military community. And, we all need to be involved.”

For more information about the DeCA/MHSAP bag and magnet campaign, call 781-239-0071, ext. 108, or visit <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/military>.

The Department of Veterans Affairs also has established a national suicide prevention hotline for veterans in emotional crisis. Veterans can call the same National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>) number and press “1” to be routed to the Veterans Hotline.

(Editor’s note: See page 3 for Health Notes on suicide awareness.)

## Suicide Prevention: Warning signs, risk factors

When a Soldier shows any combination of the following, the buddy or chain of command should be more vigilant. It is advised that help should be secured for the Soldiers.

- Talk of suicide or killing someone else
- Giving away property or disregard for what happens to one’s property
- Withdrawal from friends and activities
- Problems with girlfriend/boyfriend or spouse
- Acting bizarre or unusual (based on your knowledge of the person)
- Soldiers in trouble for misconduct (UCMJ, Article 15, etc.)
- Soldiers experiencing financial problems
- Soldiers who have lost their job at home (reservists)
- Soldiers leaving the service (ETS, retirement, oth-

er-than-honorable discharge, etc.)

When a Soldier presents with any one of these concerns, the Soldier should be seen immediately by a helping provider:

- Talking or hinting about suicide
- Formulating a plan to include acquiring the means to kill oneself
- Having a desire to die
- Obsession with death (music, poetry, artwork)
- Themes of death in letters and notes
- Finalizing personal affairs
- Giving away personal possessions

For more information, or to view more Suicide Awareness materials, visit <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil>.

## New materials ready to help units, Soldiers prevent suicide

Story by  
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CHPPM

To mark Army/Department of Defense Suicide Prevention Week, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine added a new poster to its line-up of educational materials for Soldiers, leaders and Family members.

The poster, available for downloading now, touts this year’s Army suicide prevention theme, “Shoulder to Shoulder: No Soldier Stands Alone.” It emphasizes the idea that suicide prevention is about Soldiers taking care of Soldiers.

“I wanted the poster to show the kind of unity that Soldiers who have been in combat together have,” said Ethel Kefauver, CHPPM visual information specialist and the poster’s designer. “That’s the idea behind suicide prevention—we all have a responsibility to help each other.”

CHPPM offers a range of educational and awareness products to assist units with suicide prevention training. These include the ACE intervention card, a pocket-size reminder of buddy assistance tips; a half-dozen posters in addition to the new one; Army-sanctioned leader and Soldier training briefs and supplemental training aids; and information for Family members.

The materials are Army-focused but available to other military services as well.

“We serve the Army primarily, and most of our materials depict Soldiers,” said Shawn Bow-

man, chief of CHPPM’s Health Information Operations Branch. “We know, though, that suicide prevention is important to all the services, so we provide these materials to requesting Navy, Marine and Air Force units, too.”

CHPPM’s product distributors expect that demand for the new poster and related materials will swell during Septem-

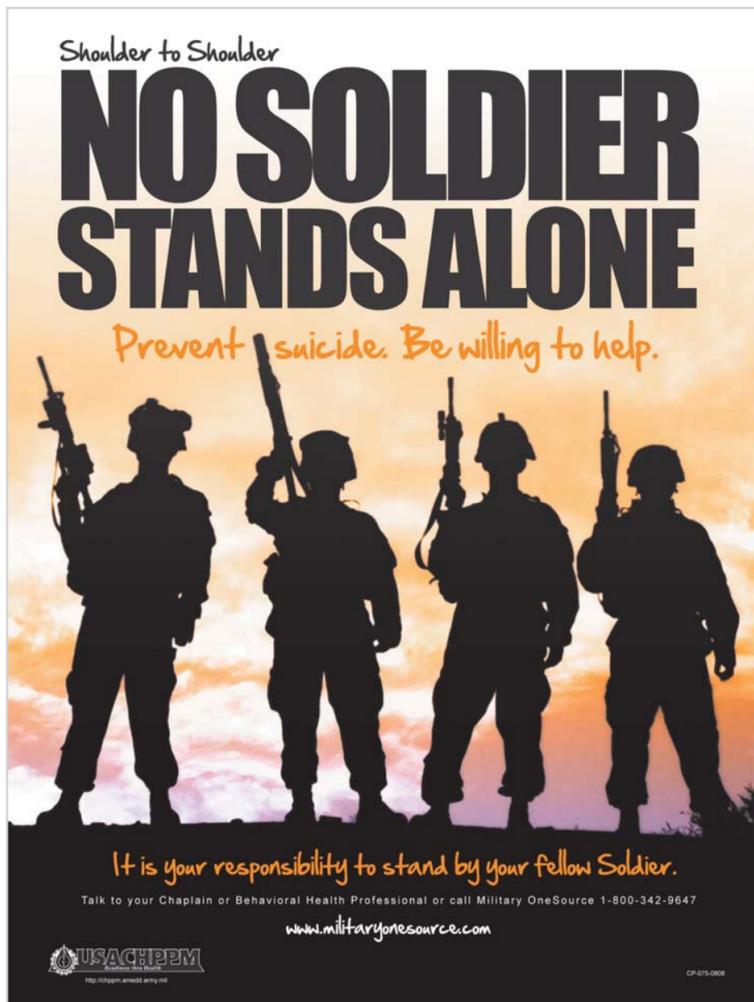
ber due to the emphasis Army leaders are placing on suicide prevention.

“Suicide materials are our top priority during Suicide Prevention Week,” according to Anne Gibson, who oversees CHPPM’s mail room. “We would ask that our customers ordering other materials be patient with us in September, given the importance of the suicide prevention effort.”

Gibson estimates that suicide prevention materials ordered through CHPPM’s Web site would ship in five to seven working days.

Visit the CHPPM site at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/> to view, download or order suicide prevention materials.

A printed version of the “Shoulder to Shoulder” poster should be available by the end of the month.



Designed by ETHEL KEFAUVER, CHPPM  
Photo of poster by BEN BUNGER, CHPPM

## Suicide Prevention Training Tip Card

Most suicides and suicide attempts are reactions to intense feelings of:

**Loneliness** – an emotional state in which a person experiences powerful feelings of emptiness and isolation. Loneliness is more than just the feeling of wanting company or wanting to do something with other people; loneliness is a feeling of being cut off, disconnected from the world and alienated from other people.

**Worthlessness** – an emotional state in which a person feels low and they lack any feelings of being valued by others.

**Hopelessness** – a spiritual/relational issue. It often stems from feeling disconnected from a higher power or people. Connection with a higher power and other people is a key to helping individuals to withstand grief and loss. This connection allows individuals to rebound from most severe disappointments in life.

**Helplessness** – a condition or event in which Soldiers think they may have no control over their situation and whatever they do is futile, such as repeated failures; receipt of a “Dear John/Joan” letter, etc.

**Guilt** – a primary emotion experienced by people who believe that they have done something wrong.

Depression is considered when one of the following two elements is present for a period of at least two weeks: depressed mood or inability to experience life pleasures. If one of these elements is identified, depression is diagnosed when five symptoms from the list below are presented over a two-week period.

- Feelings of overwhelming sadness and/or fear, or the seeming inability to feel emotion (emptiness)
- A decrease in the amount of interest or pleasure in all, or almost all, activities
- Changing appetite and a marked weight loss or gain
- Psychomotor agitation or retardation nearly every day
- Fatigue, mental or physical, also loss of energy
- Intense feelings of guilt, helplessness, worthlessness, isolation/loneliness and/or anxiety
- Trouble concentrating, focusing or making decisions or a generalized slowing and memory difficulties
- Recurrent thoughts of death (not just the fear of dying), desire to just “lay down and die” or “stop breathing,” recurrent suicidal ideation without a specific plan, or a suicide attempt or a specific plan for committing suicide
- Feeling and/or fear of being abandoned by those close to the individual

For some individuals, a combination of many factors may cause depression; for others, a single factor may trigger the illness. Depression often is related to the following:

- Imbalance of brain chemicals called neurotransmitters – Changes in these brain chemicals may cause or contribute to clinical depression.
- Negative thinking pattern – People who are pessimistic, have a low self-esteem, worry excessively, or feel they have little control over life events are more likely to develop clinical depression.
- Family history of depression – A genetic history of clinical depression can increase one’s risk for developing the illness. But depression also occurs in people who have had no Family members with depression.

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Your health is KUSAHC's goal



# Understanding suicide in today's world

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Army leaders at all levels are helping Soldiers and their Families prevent suicides, and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and Aberdeen Proving Ground are taking action during National Suicide Prevention Week and all year round.

Suicide is a major, preventable public health problem in the United States. In 2004, suicide was the 11th leading cause of death in the United States accounting for more than 32,000 deaths. Among persons 10 to 24 years of age, suicide is the third leading cause of death in the United States.

The military represents a segment of the U.S. population; therefore, suicide does occur.

In 2007, there were 108 suicides and 166 suicide attempts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

While each person is unique, there are several commonalities. While anyone can be at risk, suicide was more common among young, Caucasian, unmarried, junior enlisted Soldiers.

Firearms were the most common method for completed suicide. Overdoses and 'cutting' were the most common methods for suicide attempts. Thirty percent of people reportedly used drugs and/or alcohol during their attempts making use of these substances a risk factor. Fifty percent of Soldiers who completed or attempted suicide had a recent failed intimate relationship.

This year, at APG, one Soldier committed suicide and there were 15 suicide attempts. This significantly affects individuals, Families and the military in profound ways.

Those who know the individual may experience confusion, shame, guilt, anger, blame or other emotions.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, risk factors for suicide include:

- Depression and other mental disorders, or a substance-abuse disorder (often in combination with other mental disorders). More than 90 percent of people who

die by suicide have these risk factors.

- Stressful life events, in combination with other risk factors, such as depression. However, suicide and suicidal behavior are not normal responses to stress; many people have these risk factors, but are not suicidal.

- Prior suicide attempt.
- Family history of mental disorder, substance abuse or suicide.

- Family violence, including physical or sexual abuse.

- Firearms in the home--the method used in more than half of suicides.

- Incarceration (For Soldiers, this may include Soldiers undergoing investigation or UCMJ action).

- Exposure to the suicidal behavior of others, such as Family members, peers or media figures.

- Research also shows that the risk for suicide is associated with changes in brain chemicals called neurotransmitters, including serotonin. Decreased levels of serotonin have been found in people with depression, impulsive disorders, a history of suicide attempts and in the brains of suicide victims. Physicians can prescribe medications that may help.

"If you think, or are told, that someone may be suicidal, do not leave him or her alone," said Joseph C. O'Rourke, KUSAHC Behavior Health. "Notify someone (such as your command) immediately. Try to get the person help immediately at the nearest mental health provider, hospital emergency department, or call emergency services, 911.

"Before professional help arrives, eliminate access to firearms, alcohol, drugs or other potential tools for suicide. During normal duty hours, contact KUSAHC Behavioral Health, 410-278-1715; during non-duty hours, dial 9-1-1 and request an ambulance to transport the Soldier to the nearest Emergency Department," he said.

Anyone with questions or concerns regarding suicide or other mental health issues should call O'Rourke, 410-278-1755.

## ¿Habla Español? TRICARE speaks your language

U.S. DoD Military Health System

TRICARE beneficiaries now have a choice when it comes to how they receive their healthcare information. Spanish language versions of key healthcare information materials are now available at all TRICARE Service Centers or can be downloaded at <http://www.tricare.mil/tricaremart/SearchResults.aspx?s=spanish>.

"To ensure all service members and their Families are well cared for, now and in the future, it is essential to provide information they can all understand," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director, TRICARE Management Activity. "We

recognize that Hispanics are the largest growing segment of the U.S. population, and providing healthcare information in both English and Spanish is good customer service."

TRICARE publications in Spanish include: TRICARE Prime Handbook, TRICARE Prime Remote Handbook, TRICARE Latin America and Canada Handbook, TRICARE Choices for the National Guard & Reserve Flyer, TRICARE Summary of Beneficiary Cost Flyer, TRICARE Overseas Program At a Glance Flyer, and a few other forms and letters. Visit TRICARE Publications Smart Site under the "My Benefit" portal at [www.tri-](http://www.tri-)

[care.mil](http://www.tricare.mil) for the complete list of products.

# Three retire during August ceremony

Story by  
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APG NEWS

Three civilian employees were honored for their

service to the Army during a retirement ceremony at Top of the Bay Aug. 27.

Albert Brown, contract performance representative

for the Quality Assurance Division and Plans, Analysis, Integration Office; Richard Dunham, instructor for the Fire Control Branch and Weapons Training Department at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools; and Willa Rosier, an equipment specialist under the Equipment Management and Transportation Branch retired with more than 107 years of combined service time.

James B. Johnson, executive director for the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command at APG hosted the event and presented awards to the honorees. He was assisted by Command Sgt. Maj. Carlton Handy, DTC. The U.S. Army Materiel Command Band's Brass Quintet, led by Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy P. Davis, provided music for the event and opened the ceremony with the national anthem.

Johnson expressed gratitude to the retirees for serving the United States.

"I want to begin by thanking all of you who could be here with us today," Johnson said. "It always is a good day for the Army when we have the chance to recognize great people – and especially so when those people have dedicated as many years of faithful service to the government as today's retirees.

"When I looked at the résumé's of today's retirees, I was struck by the fact that their combined years of service to the United States totals more than a century. Two served both in and out of uniform, but all three deserve our sincerest thanks for what they have done for our country," he said.

Johnson pointed out that Brown and Dunham both volunteered to serve in the Army in the 1960s,



**Albert Brown**



**Richard Dunham**



**Willa Rosier**

a time when military service seemed unpopular to young people.

"When Albert Brown joined the Army in 1969, service to this country was an unpopular notion to many of the people capturing headlines at the time," Johnson said. "Luckily, for the Army and for this nation, Albert didn't see it that way. He was ready to do whatever the Army and his country counted on him to do."

Johnson added that although military service seemed unpopular at the time, there were young people who wanted to make a difference.

"Richard Dunham quietly chose to enter military service in 1968, a year when protests against traditional American values seemed to reach a crescendo in some quarters," he said. "I say 'seemed' because there were many young people like Richard wanting to make a difference without making noise."

Johnson also thanked the retirees for their civil service at APG.

"All of today's retirees have helped to make the Army and APG better than it would have been without them, and so I want to thank everyone who came here today to help us honor them," Johnson said.

## **Albert Brown**

Brown was awarded the Department of the Army certificates of Retirement and Appreciation signed by Col. Jeffery S. Weissman, Aberdeen Proving Ground garrison and deputy installation commander.

Brown's wife, Jacqueline, received the DA Certificate of Appreciation signed by Weissman.

Brown was born in Churchville, Md., and has been a lifetime resident of Harford County. After graduating from Bel Air High School in 1968 he joined the U.S. Army approximately one year later, during the Vietnam era. Following his military discharge in 1972, he began his federal employment at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Perry Point, Md., where he was employed in Psychiatric Nursing from 1973 through 1979. During his tenure at the Veteran's Hospital, he enrolled at Harford Community College where he pursued the two-year nursing curriculum.

In late 1979, Brown took a short break from federal service and acquired a management position outside the government sector, as a residential coordinator

for International Telegraph-Telephone, Incorporated until 1983. His federal service resumed in early 1983 at APG working as a security guard for the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security until 1985.

Other jobs at APG included working as a motor vehicle operator, and an equipment specialist for the Equipment Management Division through 2004, upon implementation of the Most Efficient Organization.

Brown said that he plans to work in retirement, assisting with the full-time management of his Family's school bus business, which he began nine years ago on a part-time basis.

"Although I will still be working, I will enjoy some perks like being able to work from home which will save gas," Brown said. "And, since I will be working with my Family, I will be able to spend more time with them."

Brown said his faith in God has helped him throughout his career. He is active in his church and sings gospel music, and said that he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife Jacqueline, and the rest of his Family.

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# Retirees

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## Richard Dunham

Dunham was awarded the Department of the Army certificates of Retirement and Appreciation signed by Weissman. Dunham's wife, Jane, received the DA Certificate of Appreciation, also signed by Weissman.

Born in Kingston, Pa., in 1948, he moved to Baltimore in 1951, and graduated from City College High School in May 1967. Dunham worked as a carpenter for Middle River Construction Company before enlisting in the Army in April 1968.

As a member of the armed services he proudly served more than five years in the Army with a tour overseas in Korea with Headquarters and Headquarters Company A, 702nd Maintenance Battalion. Returning to the United States he was stationed at APG and worked as an instructor for the Fire Control Branch,

Weapons Training Department, OC&S.

Following his discharge in December 1973, he started his civil service career in March 1974. Positions he held at APG include Facility Engineering Directorate, Utilities Division as a refrigeration mechanic, and a construction inspector position in the reorganized Directorate of Public Works, now called the Directorate of Installation Operations.

On Aug. 31, Dunham retired after 40 years of service to the U.S. Army with 35 years as a civil servant and five years active duty.

Dunham said that in his retirement he will restore antique tractors and spend more time with his family.

Dunham said that part of this time will be spent on motorcycle rides. At the encouragement of his wife, Dunham began riding motorcycles in 1996. Since then they have taken many long distance motorcycle trips.

"I am planning a trip to Key West," Dunham said,

"and I want to travel from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean."

Dunham said that as he looks back on his career, he is satisfied.

"I gave my best throughout the years," he said. "I always tried to do my best for the troops and for Uncle Sam."

## Willa Rosier

Rosier was rewarded the Department of the Army certificates of Retirement and Appreciation signed by Weissman.

Rosier's husband, Melvin, received the DA Certificate of Appreciation also signed by Weissman.

Rosier was born in Baltimore on June 14, 1953. After she graduated from North Harford High School in 1971 she went to Bryman Medix School in Townson, Md., as a medical dental receptionist in 1972. She then worked as a medical secretary for several months and had other

jobs before beginning her civil service career.

Among her jobs at APG: supply clerk in the Supply and Services Division of the Retail Store in the Edgewood Area, supply clerk-typist at the Commodity Management Branch, supply technician as a commodity manager for excess material in the Directorate of Logistics, which has since changed to the Directorate of Installation Operations. In 2004 due to a reduction-in-force her position of 19 years as a supply technician was given to someone else and her new position was transferred to Fort Lee, Va. She decided to stay at APG where she worked at the Fuel Desk and performed other tasks at that time. In 2006 she accepted a position as an equipment specialist under the Equipment Management and Transportation Branch.

She retired on Aug. 3,

with 33 years of dedicated government service.

"I learned a lot of different skills throughout my career," Rosier said. "I thought the jobs I held at APG were interesting."

In her retirement, Rosier

plans to continue being active in her church and

spending time with family. She also said that she enjoys sewing and making quilts, and wants to learn how to use her computerized sewing machine.

## MOAA offers free career fair for military, spouses

MOAA

The Military Officers Association of America invites active duty, former and retired officers, enlisted personnel, and their spouses to attend a free Career Fair with approximately 150 employers, career development seminar, and onsite resume critiques in Washington, D.C., Sept. 16.

The Career Fair is open to all enlisted grades and spouses as well.

The event will be held 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center Washington D.C., Hall D (formerly the Washington D.C. Convention Center) at 801 Mt. Vernon Place, N.W., at the Mount Vernon Square/Convention Center Metro stop.

Employers from approximately 150 regional and national companies will look for people in virtually every job skill.

Businesses attending include Sears Holdings Corporation, Booz Allen Hamilton, DHS/Transportation Security Administration, the Drug Enforcement Agency, EG&G Technical Services, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, educational institutions, financial institutions and many more.

Several free, 60-minute Pre-Career Fair Transition Seminars will be offered including, Marketing Yourself For Your Dream Job, Networking Your Way Into Your Target Company, Military to Federal Resume Writing Workshop, and How to Work a Job Fair, held at 8 and 9 a.m. Other free seminars, "Evaluating Employer Benefit Plans" and "It's Your Talent—Own It! Becoming an Independent Consultant," will be held at noon.

No pre-registration is required. For more information, call 1-800-234-6622 or 703-838-0547, e-mail CareerFair@moaa.org, or visit Career Fair on the MOAA's Web site, [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org).

## TransCom rolls out new program for household moves

American Forces Press Service

U.S. Transportation Command and the Army's Military Surface Distribution and Deployment Command have announced the initial rollout of a new automated system for movement of service members' and government civilians' household goods.

The Defense Personal Property System, or DPS, automates much of the process of pre-move counseling, scheduling, tracking, invoicing and claims filing for household goods ship-

ments, officials said.

DPS operations will begin Sept. 10 at 18 transportation offices designated in conjunction with their service headquarters, and it will be available to transportation offices worldwide Jan. 22.

The new system implements elements of TransCom's "Families First" initiative, and will replace TOPS, the Transportation Operational Personal Property Standard System.

(Editor's note: From a U.S. Transportation Command news release.)

## Commentary: Do yourself a favor--turn in a poacher!

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

It's sad to say but thousands of crimes against wildlife take place each year in the state of Maryland and that includes here at Aberdeen Proving Ground. And, it's even sadder to say that the vast majority of these crimes are never reported, even by the people who stand the most to lose by these illegal acts.

The other day a fellow approached one of my officers and began relating how he had witnessed some illegal poaching out on the Gunpowder River, and he hoped we might be able to do something about it. He went on to say that for several days in a row he had watched a group of people deliberately catch and exceed their daily limits of crabs, and had watched them transfer the illegal crabs from their small fishing boats to a much larger and faster "get away" boat.

According to him, "When we saw them, there were at least six of them doing the catching, and I'd say over a three day period, we saw them stash at least thirty bushels in the bigger boat."

Just for giggles, let's figure that up. During that period crabs were going for \$150 a bushel; so 30 bushels of crabs at \$150 per bushel, comes out to about \$4,500.

Now don't get me wrong, the fact that he reported the crime is admirable. The kicker is, the poaching he'd witnessed was back in MAY, four months ago!!!

His excuse for not reporting it when it was going on was, "I didn't have my cell phone with me at the time."

Wow! I wonder what he would have done if he'd



Courtesy of APG NEWS ARCHIVES FEB. 14, 1996  
Ralph Plummer, left, and Bill Armstrong, special agents with APG Wildlife and Marine Law Enforcement Division, pose with the rockfish caught illegally in APG Waters.

witnessed someone carrying \$4,500 worth of stuff out of his house?

There's hardly a day that goes by when I don't hear someone say, "Hey, how come there ain't no fish?" or, "We used to catch crabs all day long with just a dip net, now, we're lucky if we can catch a bushel."

Well, one of the reasons there ain't no fish, is 'cause you're not doing 'your' part.

Guys, wildlife law enforcement officers aren't supermen. We can't do it all, and we sure can't be everywhere at the same time. There's just no way we can be out and about 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Recent surveys indicate that only 1 to 3 percent of wildlife crimes are ever reported. That's a disgrace!

Folks, critters cannot speak for themselves, but you can, and to put it bluntly, 'you' need to get involved. Poachers aren't the "good guys" ...they're thieves pure and simple, and they're robbing you blind!

We need your help. Wildlife belongs to every-

one, not just a few, and whether you're a bird-watcher, a fisherman, a hunter or a wildlife enthusiast, reporting a poacher is the right thing to do, and it's as easy as picking up your telephone and calling CATCH A POACHER (1-800-635-6124). It's a 24 hour, 7 day a week Maryland reporting system, and it works, and if you're worried about someone knowing who turned them in, don't be...your anonymity is guaranteed.

Or if you'd rather talk to one of us here on the proving ground, give us a call at 410-278-3305 or 410-436-6181. Don't wait four months and expect us to do miracles.

So, how 'bout it? Do yourself and everyone else a favor...turn in that poacher.

### Steer clear of deer

Okay guys and gals, head's up! Fall is coming on quick, and it won't be long before the leaves are turning and the temperatures start falling. By this time next month, it'll be "courtin'" time for deer and like most other critters (humans included), when love is in the air, them that's got "it" ain't got enough sense to get in outta the rain.

Doe deer will be getting goofy and bucks will be getting stupid, and one thing they're noted for this time of the year is playin' out in the traffic. So, let's be careful out there on the highway, especially in the early morning and late evening hours.

If you see a deer standing on the side of the road, slow down and really pay attention. As the old saying goes, "The life you save might just be your own."

# Community Notes

## THURSDAY

### SEPTEMBER 11 SUNSET CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Sunset Cruise, 6 to 8 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 10 and under. The ship will cruise around the Susquehanna Flats and upper Chesapeake Bay. Reservations are required. For more information, reservations, call 410-939-4078

## FRIDAY

### SEPTEMBER 12 MARGARITA NIGHT

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer Margarita Night, 6 to 8 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older). The historical dredger will cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area as margaritas are served and Jimmy Buffet tunes play. Also includes light refreshments and beer. Credit cards are accepted.

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

## SATURDAY

### SEPTEMBER 13 BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 5337, 3706 Pulaski Highway in Abingdon will hold a one-half BBQ chicken dinner, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost of chicken only is \$6 each; cost is \$7 for a dinner and includes cole slaw and corn on the cob. Proceeds

will go toward shipping troop packages.

For more information, call Leola Bogdan, 410-591-4138.

## CASINO NIGHT

The public is invited to Casino Night, 6 p.m. to midnight, at the American Legion Susquehanna Post 135 located on 300 Cherry Street, Perryville. Up to four tables for Texas Hold'em will be available with a \$50 buy in with limited buy back; first come, first serve. Games of chance, a cash bar and food will be available.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

## BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Eastern Star will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 each and include 20 games for all paper cards. Extra cards cost \$5. Bring a non-perishable food item for a chance on a special drawing. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332 or Sandy Matthews, 410-272-9130.

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## SUNDAY

### SEPTEMBER 14 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School will held at the school, 810 Aiken Avenue, Perryville, 2 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m.; Early Bird

Cash at 1:45 a.m. Tickets cost \$12 per ticket and includes 20 games and all paper cards. Extra cards cost \$5. Food and drinks will be available. Bring a canned good and/or non-perishable food item for a bonus prize ticket. No smoking is allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332 or call the Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265.

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## MONDAY

### SEPTEMBER 15 STORYTIME CRUISE

Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Storytime Cruise, 6 to 7:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$10 per person, for ages 3 to 8. Enjoy a sail accompanied with children's stories and snacks. Reservations are required.

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

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

## SCHOOL LIAISON

### Uniform Forum Community Meetings scheduled

Don't miss out on an important opportunity to participate in conversations regarding the possibility of implementing school uniforms in Harford County Public Schools.

The Committee on School Uniforms was convened after a request by the Board of Education of Harford County to assess public interest in the concept.

The committee is co-chaired by Patricia Skebeck, executive director of Elementary Education, and David Volrath, executive director of Secondary Education, and includes representation by teachers, students, parents, community members and the Board of Education.

In November 2007, the committee began its research with a survey that was distributed to all schools to be completed by parents and staff. In addition, numerous public comment forms have been submitted through the HCPS.org Web site.

The next step in this research process is to take it into the community for discussion with meetings scheduled at each high school.

### Schedule

Tuesday, **Oct. 7** – Patterson Mill Middle/High School

Wednesday, **Oct. 8** – Harford Technical High School

Tuesday, **Oct. 14** – Bel Air High School

Wednesday, **Oct. 15** – C. Milton Wright High School

Tuesday, **Oct. 28** – Havre de Grace High School

\*All meetings are held in the cafeteria from 7 to 9 p.m.

Attendees will have an opportunity to receive information regarding the process to date and to engage in discussions about thoughts and opinions concerning the benefits and limitations of school uniforms.

The Board of Education of Harford County has made no decisions regarding school uniforms; they are looking to the community for feedback before they start the decision making process.

For more information regarding the community meetings, contact the HCPS Communications Office, 410-588-5203.

### Education After High School meeting Oct. 14

The school counselors of Harford County Public Schools in cooperation with the Harford Community College Admissions Office will hold their Annual Education After High School program for students and their parents 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14, on the campus of Harford Community College in the Susquehanna Center.

There will be more than 100 representatives from four- and two-year colleges and universities, business, trade and technical schools and the armed forces.

For more information, contact Laura Wade, 410-588-5245.

### Health Department, HCPS offer free flu mist vaccine

In conjunction with the Harford County Health Department, Harford County Public Schools is offering the flu mist vaccine free to eligible elementary school students.

Prior to receiving the vaccine, students must return a parental consent

form to their school nurse by Sept. 26.

Dates of vaccine are Oct. 21, 24, and Dec. 9\* (\*second dose as needed).

For more information, call the APG School Liaison Eileen Campbell, 410-278-2857 or the HCPS Communications Office, 410-588-5203.

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

## POST SHORTS

### Home Ownership Workshop today

Army Community Service will offer free Home Ownership Workshops, 1 p.m. every Thursday, through Sept. 25 at the ACS, building 2754, Rodman Road. Participants may sign up for any scheduled classes: Sept. 11, 18 and 25.

These free educational workshops are designed to guide military Families and DA civilian employees through most of the financial and administrative hurdles of purchasing or selling real estate.

Topics of Discussion include Learn Effective Ways To Buy and Sell Real Estate; New and Exciting First Time Buyer Programs; The Four Keys to Home Ownership; Competing Successfully in Today's Market; Breaking Through the Down Payment Barrier; The Home Financing Process, Selecting an Area; and more.

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

### G-Street holds Open House Sept. 13

The Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment and Weston Solutions will host an open house of the Edgewood Area's G-Street Salvage Yard, site of the Burn Residue Disposal Area, to view the specialized equipment, containment structure and filtration system for interested members of the communities of Joppa and Edgewood 1 to 3 p.m., Sept. 13, at the site.

Cleanup activities of the G-Street area include excavating buried debris and contaminated surface soil for offsite disposal. All work is being completed under a containment structure as a safeguard against the unlikely occurrence of a chemical release during the excavation.

To attend, contact Deborah Volkmer, Weston Solutions project manager, at 410-612-5900 or e-mail [deborah.volkmer@weston-solutions.com](mailto:deborah.volkmer@weston-solutions.com). Seventy-two hour notice is needed for anyone attending with special needs.

Visitors must enter the Edgewood Area through the Route 24 gate. A valid photo ID is required for all visitors. Event personnel will be at the gate to provide directions to the open house location. Wear comfortable shoes for walking and standing. Cell phones and cameras are prohibited.

### 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, Sept. 16 through Dec. 16. The class will be held at Edgewood Area building E-2100 Conference/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.

### Registrar now for UMUC Fall 2008

Registration has begun for the University of Maryland University College Fall Semester.

Online session 3 runs Sept. 21 to Dec. 14

Online session 4 runs Oct. 5 to Dec. 14

At Aberdeen Proving Ground HRMN 300 Human Resource Management will be offered.

Students are advised to register early, as some

classes fill quickly. For more information or to register, visit the APG office of UMUC in building 4305, room 210, or call 410-272-8269 or 410-306-2048.

Information about UMUC is also available online at [www.umuc.edu](http://www.umuc.edu).

### RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Sept. 25, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Aberdeen Area Study Areas.

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

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

### Thrift Shop holds \$2 bag sale in September

The Thrift Shop will hold a \$2 bag sale in September for all items displayed in the parking lot.

The shop will be closed Sept. 6.

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.

Signments 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.

### Combined Federal Campaign celebration Sept. 29

The Combined Federal Campaign begins this year with a celebration 9 a.m., Sept. 29, at the Post Theater.

CFC key worker training and booklets will be provided to attendees. The CFC celebration will fea-

ture a cake cutting ceremony and music.

For more information, call Nancy Sewell, chairperson, 410-306-1123.

### Hispanic American Heritage Month

The APG Hispanic Heritage Committee will present National American Heritage Month, 11 a.m. to noon, Oct. 8, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Guest speaker will be Jorge Christian, a mechanical engineer with the U.S. Army RDECOM-Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. The theme for 2008 is "Getting Involved: Our Families, Our Community, Our Nation."

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Elwood Veney, RDECOM, 410-436-4810; Master Sgt. Gail Brennan, OC&S, 410-278-2529; Sgt. 1st Class Michael Jones, 61st Ordnance Brigade, 410-278-4408; Sgt. 1st Class Cesar Salcedo, 410-436-4953; Linda Patrick, CHPPM, 410-436-1023; or Sheryl Coleman, ARL, 410-278-5964.

### Main Exchange offers Buddy List

Customers can now sign up at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Main Exchange to be on a "Buddy List." Customers that sign up on this list will receive "Buddy Messages" via e-mail every Friday, alerting them of weekend sales and happenings in the store and online at [www.affes.com](http://www.affes.com).

### Vet clinic closed Mondays

Until further notice the post Veterinary Treatment Facility, located in building 2479, will be closed on Mondays. Regular hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call ahead for an appointment.

The clinic closes for lunch, federal holidays and

on the last business day of the month.

For more information, call the VTF at 410-278-3911/4604.

### Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 18

Aberdeen Proving Ground will host the annual Retiree Appreciation Day activities 8 a.m. to noon at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Oct. 18.

For more information, contact Janet Dettwiler, APG adjutant, 410-306-2301.

### Volunteers needed

The APG Equal Employment Opportunity Minority College Relations Program committee is looking for a few good committee members. The MCRP committee meets the third Thursday of each month, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The meetings will rotate between the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. Anyone who is interested in joining the committee and would like to find out more about MCRP, can attend the next meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2:30 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

For more information, contact Rick Witherspoon, 410-278-1137.

### 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. Signments 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.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil) under Shorts.)*



# FAMILY, MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## CYS renamed to include school services

FMWR

Army Child and Youth Services will now be Army Child, Youth & School Services.

Re-naming this key Family and MWR program sends a clear message: there is a renewed focus at every level of the Army to support the schools serving Army children.

"This higher level of engagement is critical in addressing the impacts on our military-connected students caused by the stresses of deployment and troop movements as the Army transforms to an Expeditionary Force during this time of persistent conflict," said Maj. Gen. John A. MacDonald, deputy commanding general, Installation Management Command.

"The intent of the addition of the word 'School' to the CYS logo is to emphasize the commitment of CYS to serve and support our Soldier Family members with the care of their children in all aspects of their lives both on-post and in the community," said Regina Dannenfeler, chief, CYS Services.

Of note is the use of the ampersand (&) rather than the word "and" in this title. The preferred acronym is "CYS Services;" an alternate acronym, if required by context, is "CYS2." Keeping "CYS" as part of the acronym now represents the three major components of the mission: services related to children, youth and schools.

The CYS Services logo is the graphic representation of the components that make up the organization which includes services for children, services for youth and services for students and school personnel.

"The logo is active and full of energy," said Mike Lupacchino, Aberdeen Proving Ground director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "It gives a feeling of synergy and movement. Both the logo and the programs are moving forward and outward to reach their fullest potential, yet, through the bands, tied securely to



the customers they serve ("children," Families and school personnel)."

The CYS Services star is the multi-layered star at the base of the logo. It is made up of four overlapping layers - black, blue, red and white symbolizing the seamless delivery of services provided to patrons. The black-outlined star represents the commitment of the Army Family Covenant Promise to improve Family readiness by "ensuring excellence in schools, youth services and child care." It surrounds and supports the other three stars (as both the source and the anchor). The white star is surrounded and protected by the other stars and represents the children and youth having access to and participating in CYS Services. The red-outlined star represents parents and the blue-outlined star represents school personnel.

The three flying stars symbolize the mission of CYS Services: Child Care, Youth Programs and School Services.

"These stars remind us that though they are secured to the CYS Services star at the base, they are continual-

ly striving to realize the performance outcomes linked to the three cornerstones of CYS Services: to ensure quality, maintain affordability and increase availability," Lupacchino said.

Here at APG, the school's connection is of utmost importance, said Lupacchino.

"While improving school transitions, the School Liaison communicates with the schools and the Child and Youth Centers to provide the optimal environment for children," he said.

In a meeting with Roye-Williams Elementary School, the APG School Liaison learned of their new Top Hat behavior plan that reduced disciplinary referrals. The School Liaison was then able to demonstrate this plan to a group of children preparing for prekindergarten at Roye-Williams Elementary.

"The experience was extremely helpful for one child whose father had just returned from Iraq after two tours of duty. His child/all the children in the center are learning to demonstrate appropriate school behavior," said Eileen Campbell, APG School Liaison.

"The momentum of the stars carries them forward to the cutting edge of programming and outward as CYS Services delivers on the promise of the Army Family Covenant. They symbolize the limitless potential for CYS Services to improve the quality of life for Army Families," Lupacchino said.

Finally, the bands connecting each of the program stars to the CYS Services star reflect the partnerships found on installations between CYS Services and other community organizations.

The red, white and blue theme is the visual link which binds CYS Services with the FMWR Command parent organization.

### Activities/Events

#### Youth Basketball Cheerleading registration

APG Youth Basketball Cheerleading Registration will take place Oct. 15 through Nov. 9, at building 2752, Rodman Road. Walk-in registration will be held 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.; after 10:30 a.m., call for an appointment at 410-278-7571. To register for the Edgewood Area Youth Center program, call John Lee, 410-436-7131.

Ages 6 to 14 can register. Squads will be broken down by age groups. Cost to register is \$45 per

person. Each child must be a CYS Services member (\$18 per year) to participate in the Youth Sports Program.

Practices will be held weeknights. Games will be held Saturdays beginning Jan. 3.

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There will be league teams for ages 7 to 8; 9 to 10; 11 to 12; and 13 to 14 (age as of Dec. 31, 2008). A clinic will be held for ages 4 to 6 (age as of Dec. 31, 2008). Cost to join a league is \$45 per person; the clinic costs \$35 per person. Each player must be a CYS Services member (\$18 per year) to participate in the Youth Sports Program.

Practices will be held weeknights. Games will be held Saturdays beginning Jan. 3.

#### Punt, Pass, Kick Competition

A Pass, Punt and Kick Competition will be held at the Edgewood Youth Center 1 p.m., Sept. 20 for boys and girls ages 8 to 15. Participants must fill out an entry form, show proof of age at registration, and a parent's signature is required. Participants can register through Sept. 18 at the Aberdeen and Edgewood Youth Centers, or visit the Web site, [www.nflyouth-football.com](http://www.nflyouth-football.com), and click on forms, fill out the liability/waiver form and fax to Bill Kegley, CYS Sports director, 410-278-4658. For more information, call Kegley, 410-306-2297.

#### MWR daily bus trips to Atlantic City

Roll the bones on daily trips to Atlantic City, N.J. FMWR Leisure Travel Services offers daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino. Cost of the trip to is \$32 per person with \$25 back in cash and a \$5 buffet coupon. Only for ages 21 and over. The bus will leave Vitali's Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood at 9 a.m. and return at 9 p.m.

For more information, contact FMWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail [apgr-usag-mwrliesuretravel@conus.army.mil](mailto:apgr-usag-mwrliesuretravel@conus.army.mil).

#### Comedy Jam at the Post Theater

The public is invited to a Comedy Jam, Oct. 18, at the Post Theater, building 3245. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 8 a.m.

Comedy acts include Roy Woods Jr., Eric Meiser and Lawrence Owens.

Tickets cost \$15 for active duty military, \$20 for civilians and \$25 at the door. Attendees must be 18 years of age and older.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit FMWR Leisure Travel Services, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210, 410-436-7134.

## The Course at APG



### GOLF SPECIAL

Open to Authorized users and Harford County residents.

Thru September 30, 2008

#### Save and Play the Golf Courses at Aberdeen Proving Ground:

Ruggles Golf Course: \$30  
Exton Golf Course: \$20

Monday thru Friday (weekends after 2:30 p.m.) Includes greens fee with cart

\*\*Must present coupon for special; coupon not valid with any other discount; cut here or go to [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) for coupon

Eligible patrons are: active duty military, retirees, veterans, DoD civilians, APG contractors and Harford County residents.



For more information call 410-278-4794 or 410-436-2213



[www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com)

### SKIES Unlimited

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

#### SKIES Unlimited gymnastics program

Gymnastics classes will be held Sept. 13 through Nov. 8 on Saturdays. Class groups include ages 2 and a half to 4, 9 to 10 a.m.; ages 5 to 7, 10 to 11 a.m.; and ages 8 to 18, 11 a.m. to noon.

Youths not already enrolled in the child and Youth Services Program will pay an additional \$18 registration fee.

To register, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479.

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

#### Private piano lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Fridays, Sept. 12 through Oct. 17 and 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.

#### Private Voice Lessons

Ages 7 and older can register for private voice lessons, 4 to 7 p.m., Mondays, Sept. 29 through Oct. 27 (no class Oct. 13), at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

An award-winning singer/songwriter will instruct students. No experience necessary. Singing lessons cost \$132 per student and includes one 30 minute session per week for four weeks. Parents choose which time frame session they want to sign up for when they register their child.

## Results of adult child golf outing

Ruggles Golf Course

The Adult/Child golf outing held July 17 saw three teams tied at four-under par after nine holes of competition.

Michael and Michele Smith prevailed

over Brooke Foley and Colyn Irvin in a putting playoff.

Hunter Keithley and Andre Crouse finished third.

The rest of the results are as follows:

#### First Place

Mike Smith  
Michael Smith  
Michelle Smith  
Tim Wood

#### Second Place

Jason Foley  
Brooke Foley  
Brendon Schafer  
Colyn Irvin

#### Third Place

Jim Crouse  
Andre Crouse  
Bob Keithley  
Hunter Keithley

## Employment Readiness Program offers free classes

#### Smart Start Your Business

All sessions 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. ACS classroom, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19.

This class is sponsored by APG ACS Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union and Harford Community College SBDC. This 90-minute

orientation program provides an overview of the ways to start a business, the skills and duties of a successful entrepreneur and how to write a strategic business plan. Other services offered by the SBDC are also discussed.

To reserve seating, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669/7572. Space is limited.

# MRICD scientist appointed associate editor of new journal

MRICD

Inderscience Publishers recently introduced a new scientific print and Web periodical, The Botulinum Journal, and Dr. Michael Adler, a research pharmacologist at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command's U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, has been appointed as one of the journal's two associate editors.

"The TBJ is devoted to reporting all aspects of botulinum toxin, a powerful bacterial neurotoxin, including state of the art laboratory research, tracking and investigation of outbreaks, and publication of editorials and policy papers to guide the development of small molecule therapeutics," said Adler, who has spent the last 16 years of his career at MRICD doing research to develop drugs to reverse the muscle paralysis that occurs in patients intoxicated with botulinum toxin.

"By this appointment, our institute is clearly recognized as an important center for botulinum toxin research," said Col. Harry Slife, MRICD's commander.

Adler and his team have made significant progress toward developing a treatment drug that is designed to inhibit the actions of botulinum neurotoxin inside the nerve endings that control voluntary muscles and restore normal muscle function.

Unlike the antitoxin that is the currently approved medication for botulism, the treatment being developed by Adler and his team would not have a time restriction for effectiveness.

As a result of his research efforts and collaborations, Adler has authored or coauthored 34 journal articles and book chapters on botulinum toxin. He is also active in the prestigious Interagency Botulism Research Coordinating Committee, where he chairs an annual symposium on small molecule therapeutic drugs.

Additionally, Adler is widely sought for his expertise by patients stricken with botulism, and he worked with the World Health Organization to identify sources of antitoxin for the victims of a large botulism outbreak in



Photo by JAMES APLAND, MRICD

*State-of-the-art equipment such as this patch-clamp amplifier system, which is used to obtain recordings of synaptic currents from a single cell, allows U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense' Dr. Michael Adler to evaluate the effectiveness of new drugs designed to reverse the toxicity of botulinum neurotoxin, an important focus of Adler's laboratory.*

Thailand in 2006.

Inderscience promotes the journal on its Web site as "an international forum and refereed authoritative source of information... to disseminate knowledge, provide a learned reference in the field, and establish channels of communication" among researchers and professionals in government, academia and industry, and policy makers in biodefense, homeland security, public safety and regulatory compliance.

The journal will be published quarterly, and the first issue recently became available on line at [www.inderscience.com/tbj](http://www.inderscience.com/tbj). Serving on the editorial board are several other researchers from MRICD's sister laboratories within MRMC. They include Drs. Frank Lebeda and Leonard A. Smith, from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, and Lt. Col. Charles Millard of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.

# G-Street

*From front page*

On Aug. 28, Frank Vavra, USEPA project manager, Philadelphia Region, and Heather Njo, MDE project manager, Federal Facilities Division, joined Wrobel for a walkthrough of the area.

Vavra said that the USEPA has oversight on cleanup projects such as this one.

“We have to review plans and sign off on all Army decisions before they can take action,” he said. He added that site cleanups are common occurrences on military installations.

“APG has been handling ordnance for nearly one-hundred years,” Vavra said. “This is not out of the ordinary.”

Karen Jobes, DSHE project manager, said that there will be an open house for the members of the communities of Joppa and Edgewood 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13.

“All work is being con-



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON  
*Vehicle parts and other kinds of scrap metals lay on an examination table after being unearthed at the Burn Residue Disposal Area of the G-Street Salvage Yard in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Edgewood Area.*

ducted under strict Army safety requirements,” Jobes said. “Visitors can meet cleanup personnel and see the specialized equipment, containment structure and filtration system in action.”

To attend the Community Open House, call Weston’s Abingdon office

at 410-612-5900 or e-mail Deborah Volkmer, Weston public outreach manager at [deborah.volkmer@weston-solutions.com](mailto:deborah.volkmer@weston-solutions.com). Advance notice is needed for anyone attending with special needs.

Visitors must enter the Edgewood Area through the

Route 24 gate. A valid photo ID is required for all visitors. Event personnel will be at the gate to provide directions to the open house location.

Wear comfortable shoes for walking and standing.

Cell phones and cameras are prohibited.

# Ready

*From front page*

• Take an Emergency Supply Kit along if ordered to evacuate

• Take pets but under-

stand that only service animals may be permitted in public shelters. Plan care for pets in an emergency.

• Take a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class with local citizens group or college and keep it current.

### **Step 3: Be informed**

Factors determining the severity of hurricanes and/or tropical storms include storm surge, marine hazards, tornadoes, high winds and inland flooding.

Know the terms that are used to identify a hurricane emergency:

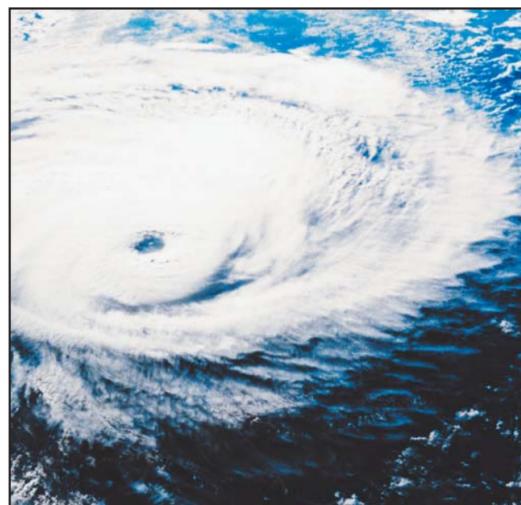
**Hurricane watch** – Hurricane conditions are possible within 36 hours. Family disaster plans and protective measures should be initiated. Be prepared to evacuate. Monitor local radio and television news outlets or listen to NOAA weather radio for the latest developments

**Hurricane warning** – sustained winds of at

least 74 miles per hour are expected within 24 hours or less. Families should be in the process of completing protective actions and determining the safest location to be during the storm.

A Category 1 storm has the lowest wind speeds, while a Category 5 hurricane has the strongest. These are relative terms, because lower category storms can sometimes inflict greater damage than higher category storms, depending on where they strike and the particular hazards they bring. In fact, tropical storms can also produce significant damage and loss of life, mainly due to flooding.

For more information, visit the <http://www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/hurricanes.html> or the National Hurricane Center and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at <http://nhc.noaa.gov>.



# USU training programs prepare students for the battlefield



Photos courtesy of UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY

First year medical students carry a litter during a drill exercise at Operation Kerkesner. Battlefield training includes learning how to properly load and transport patients on a litter.

Story by  
**MARQUEIS SPARKS**  
Military Health System Writer

In the wilds of Pennsylvania, platoons of men and women in sweat-stained uniforms and full mock gear traversed rugged terrain for two weeks in July, saving lives in makeshift combat hospitals and engaging in hand-to-hand combat between bites from their MRE rations.

These weren't platoons engaged in a domestic conflict but rather platoons of first-year medical students from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences who were participating in the Operation Kerkesner education program and field training exercise July 13 through 25, at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

The USU Department of Military and Emergency Medicine developed Operation Kerkesner as an education and training exercise to replicate the dangerous and adverse environments that medics face and subsequently overcome as they care for the wounded on the battlefield.

The newly improved Kerkesner training program was the brainchild of Air Force Maj. Glenn Burns, assistant professor, medical emergency medicine and officer-in-charge of Operation Kerkesner, who felt that first-year USU students needed an effective, interactive way to learn what it takes to be a military medic on the battlefield:

bravery, intelligence and sheer instinct.

As a graduate of USU, Burns incorporated ideas from his experience during the training exercise.

"What we are trying to do is to give them the training now, so if the [hostile] situation ever presents itself, both as a doctor and officer, they know what to do," explained Burns. "They know these are human beings who need care, and they also know they need to protect themselves while providing that care."

Burns is a 2002 graduate of the USU School of Medicine who deployed with the Special Operations Command. His decorated military and medical background, in addition to the diverse backgrounds of other staff members, offered students the opportunity to train with instructors who have experienced battlefield medicine firsthand.

A few miles away from the Kerkesner training grounds, fourth-year medical students and graduate nursing students from USU trained at Operation Bushmaster, a similar program that provides emergency medical training necessary for combat, natural disaster and terrorist attacks. This type of medical training is unique to the military and plays a vital role in protecting the nation's safety.

"I hope [these students] go away with a better appreciation



U.S. Navy HM2 Shyla Glynn, A moulage (make-up) artist applies make up to a first-year medical student to give the appearance of a flash burn. First-year students act as patients for the fourth-year students during Operation Bushmaster.

for what our enlisted Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen go through in the field," said Army Col. John M. Wempe, USU's brigade commander. "In addition to that, the leadership skills gained here are in context with the basic medical skills that a combat medic has to have. That's what I hope they take away from this."

For the two-week duration of Operation Kerkesner, tents lined with cots became homes for all participants. Luxuries like showers, air conditioning and walled rooms were replaced by dirt, trees and plenty of heat.

Each morning, the students were in formation with their assigned platoons, eager and a bit nervous to hear about the day ahead—on some days, activities ran as long as 18 hours.

Those activities included simulated event exercises, training to care for the wounded while under fire, chemical and biological threat training, evacuation and search-and-rescue exercises.

In one exercise, as students patrolled a path, a sudden explosion filled the air with thick, white smoke. Within seconds, instructors emerged and hastily placed plastic injury masks and afflicted body parts on a few students near the blast. As the remaining, "healthy" students tended to their injured colleagues, they came under enemy fire.

A combative session allowed students to spar against each another in self-defense training and learn how to use their equipment to defend themselves against the enemy.

Another exercise left students in the woods to locate two downed pilots and secure them to a helicopter landing zone while under constant enemy threat.

Team building and leadership

were often themes of the Kerkesner sessions.

In one such exercise, students embarked on a three-hour land navigation assignment. Using only a compass, map and protractor, small teams had to find their way to particular locations and eventually arrive at a meeting spot.

"Being able to communicate and work with a team are the key aspects of this exercise," said Army 2nd Lt. Chris Brooks. "Having the opportunity to help out my buddies, and navigating my way through the terrain were the most interesting aspects of this training for me. This training is very important for all of our Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen."

Training in the natural setting challenged Kerkesner students to perform amid chilly winds and sporadic downpours, but they remained positive.

"If it ain't raining, we ain't training," chuckled Army 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Brown, who was drenched from the rain. "One of the reasons I chose USU over the HPSP [Health Professions Scholarship Program] scholarship was that if I was doing this career full out, I needed more background to it. And [Kerkesner] is helping meet that need."

Besides the dirty, rough and rugged exercises, Operation Kerkesner offered its fair share of educational, informative and interactive sessions focused on care for the wounded.

Students were trained to set up a battalion aid station quickly and accurately, even to the point that they were timed on quick and adequate tent preparation. And another session gave students a thorough lesson on the proper ways to examine a patient from head to toe and then admin-

ister intravenous fluids.

"They learn the fundamentals, and it's like riding a bicycle. It's one thing you never forget," said Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Careese Charles. "They have already received the information in the classroom, but it's about two instructors to twenty five students. Out here it is one-on-one training: one instructor, one student and one patient."

As friendships formed and new talents emerged, the students used the final day of Operation Kerkesner to band together, using brains and brawn to compete in a platoon showdown. Selecting members from each platoon to participate in the stretcher relay, IV set-up race, weapon assembly and disassembly race, combat bouts, and even a ration-eating contest, the students laughed and cheered each other on, as Operation Kerkesner officially came to a close.

USU hopes that students will take what they learn at Operation Kerkesner and Operation Bushmaster and apply those lessons when they prepare for the realities of war.

Air Force Col. Charles Beadling, vice chair and assistant professor, MEM, acknowledged that USU plays a major role in the quality of care and level of integrity among the medical students who will soon be responsible for making sure their fellow Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines make it back home.

"They leave knowing that when the time comes, they will be ready," Beadling said. "The graduates know that the men and women who sacrifice so much for our nation and for millions of people who they will never know, deserve the best possible care."



A first year medical student attempts to find the vein on U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Troyann Ernle, right, in a field situation as part of the Survival Training Lane.



# Sports

## HHC 16th snatches intramural softball crown from USAF with 14-4, 14-2 wins



U.S. Air Force batter Skyler Nefflen pops out to left field as HHC 16th catcher Jacob Cameron, and Donna Coyne, intramural sports programmer filling in as umpire, left, look on during the first inning of the softball championships at Shine Sports Field Aug. 28.

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

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion softball team stunned the U.S. Air Force Detachment, 14-4 and 14-2 to win the intramural softball championship at Shine Sports Field Aug. 28.

HHC 16th overcame a tough third-round loss and a trip through the loser's bracket to come back and defeat USAF which was looking to repeat after defeating HHC 16th to win it all last year.

"This team is our nemesis," said USAF coach Clint Haynes before the game. Haynes, who also played left field, said the team had its ups and downs early in the season before putting together another championship run.

"We had to recruit some new players but we came back and jelled, and now we're trying to repeat," he said.

HHC 16th coach John Sanchez said that the teams' season went "pretty well" with only the USAF team giving them any trouble.

"I think it will be tough

but we're pretty confident we've got the guys to overcome this team," he said.

Playing in the loser's bracket after losing to USAF during the tournament, HHC 16th had to beat the reigning champs twice and that's just what they did.

Both wins were eerily similar with HHC 16th jumping out to a commanding lead in its half of the first inning and never looking back.

Additionally, it was third baseman Quinton Hamm who got things rolling both times. In game one, Hamm batted in the first run with

a double in his first at-bat, scoring Felix Custodio, the batter before him who drew a one-out walk from USAF pitcher Joel Wheaton.

In game two, Hamm opened things up in the bottom of the first, with runners on second and third, with a blast over the centerfield fence for a 3-run homer.

It was off to the races from there with stand-out performances by HHC 16th's Joseph Davis, David Jones, Anthony Manske, Jacob Cameron and Sanchez winning much of the battle with their big bats.

### Softball tournament results

The following is the results for the intramural softball post-season tournament held Aug. 18 to 28.

<b>AUG. 18</b> JPED, 17; CHPPM, 16 USAF, 12; 203rd MI, 3 USMC, 15; Company A 16th, 5	<b>AUG. 21</b> USMC, 16; 203rd MI, 15
<b>AUG. 20</b> HHC 16th, 16; JPED, 3 USAF, 14; USMC, 5 203rd MI, 17; CHPPM, 16	<b>AUG. 26</b> USAF, 12; HHC 16th, 8 USMC, 16; Company A 16th, 15 HHC 16th, 10; USMC, 0
	<b>AUG. 28</b> HHC 16th, 14; USAF, 4 HHC 16th, 14, USAF, 2

"This was a tough team to beat," said Haynes when the dust had settled. "But we had a great season, and I appreciate all the hard work from our players."

Sanchez said the team was "pretty confident" they could pull out both wins.

"We pulled together at just the right time," Sanchez said. "I don't know if I'd want to play with any other team."

Hamm, the games MVP, said he was trying for a home run in that critical first inning to put USAF in a hole again.

"All I was thinking was 'they needed a run,'" Hamm said, adding, "The coach gave me a green light to swing on a two-two pitch."

A student in the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's Warrant Officer Basic Course, Hamm is a former non-commissioned officer who

played on the team while he was an instructor-writer.

He said it "just felt good to win."

"I've been winning and losing with this team for four years," he said. "We finally got it together."

The HHC 16th intramural softball championship team included Coach John Sanchez, Jacob Cameron, Felix Custodio, Joseph Davis, Chris Farley, Robert Haddix, Quinton Hamm, Willie Hardy, David Jones, Anthony Manske, David Pickett, Jim Richards, Veronica Sanchez, Jason Venable and Clyde Williams.

USAF team members included Coach Clint Haynes, Kristian Duncan, Kristopher Eddy, Jacob Hoage, Chestley Lunday, Vincent Marinelli, Frank Miramontes, Skyler Nefflen, Phillip Paulsen, Alexander Schlegel, Joel Wheaton and Amy Wollen.

### Commander's Cup point standings

The Commander's Cup trophy is awarded by the APG Garrison commander each December to the unit that scores the most points in intramural sports during the year.



Units accumulate points by participating in the bench press competition, bowling, basketball, racquetball, dodge ball, 3-on-3 basketball, the deadlift competition, volleyball, tennis, golf, soccer, softball and flag football. Points are also awarded for unit and unit representative participation, division standings and post championship wins.

USAF .....	71
USMC .....	69
203rd MI .....	52
Company C 143rd .....	46
Company C 16th .....	46
JPED .....	40
Company W 61st .....	33
Company A 143rd .....	32
HHC 61st .....	14
HHC 16th .....	26
NCOA .....	25
Company B 143rd .....	24
Company A 16th .....	22
MRICD .....	16
20th SUPCOM .....	12
Company B 16th .....	10
Company E 16th .....	10
ATC .....	6
KUSAHC .....	2

\*Four units with 0 points

### Harford Technical holds soccer camp at APG



Photo by RACHEL PONDER, APG NEWS  
Laurie Schwoy, left, the coach for the camp, tries to block a goal from Erica Coley, a sophomore. Harford Technical High School's girls' soccer team held a camp to practice for the upcoming soccer season on the Aberdeen Area soccer field with permission of Bill Kegley, director of Child, Youth & School Services Sports, due to renovations on their own field, Aug. 11 through 15. "I would like to thank Bill Kegley for letting us use the field and Eric Henderson [assistant CYS Services Sports director] for mowing the grass so that we could practice," said senior Jill Ashburn.

## Strong

From front page

on response. Now, we're going on the offensive. We're implementing a new prevention campaign."

Soldiers attending the BOSS conference came away understanding that preventing sexual assault is one of the highest priorities of the Army's most senior leadership. Hearing it straight from the Army's top non-commissioned officer served to underscore that point.

"As the Army moves out front in these efforts, I need you to ask yourself and each other, 'What can we do now to prevent sexual assault?'" Preston said. "It's about bringing the team together, being a leader. Looking out for our fellow Soldiers and taking them under your wing to keep them safe."

"Our Army Values and the Warriors Ethos should make it a given," he said.

"But to remind you and all our Army Soldiers, I want to reinforce that it's your duty as a Soldier to:

**"INTERVENE"**  
"When you recognize a threat to a fellow Soldier, I expect you to have the personal courage to INTERVENE and prevent sexual assault. As a warrior and a member of a team, you must INTERVENE."

**"ACT"**  
"As a brother, a sister, a fellow Soldier, it is your duty to stand up for your battle buddies, no matter the time or place. Take ACTION. Do what's right. Prevent sexual assault. ACT."

**"MOTIVATE"**  
"We are Soldiers. MOTIVATED to engage and keep our fellow Soldiers safe. It is our mission to prevent sexual assault and to live the Army Values and take care of our fellow Soldiers. We are all MOTIVATED to take action, to pro-

mote SAPR programs and become advocates within our communities. We are strongest...together."

This change moves the Army's efforts from risk reduction (potential victim focus) to prevention, which is focused on stopping potential offenders and their inappropriate behaviors and actions that may foster sexual assault. Just as Soldiers would not assist the enemy in harming one of our own, Preston said the Army expects that Soldiers will not tolerate the mistreatment or assault of a fellow Soldier.

The I. A.M. Strong program features influential role models, provides peer-to-peer messages and a social network to encourage Soldiers to participate in prevention and accountability behaviors and offers community workshops, projects and awards.

In addition to the [ongoing] sexual assault prevention summit [taking place through Sept. 12], Army

G-1, in partnership with commands' I. A.M. Strong programs, will launch a tour this fall featuring live, interactive training. The training focuses on cultural expectations, gender role stereotypes and unrealistic expectations that contribute to unhealthy intimate and social situations.

The training program addresses issues of dating, sex and non-stranger rape among young people. It fosters the dialogue to encourage thoughtful, accountable behavior.

Some Soldiers enter into military service with social beliefs that do not align with Army values, officials said, particularly in the area of tolerance of inappropriate attitudes, behaviors or actions of a sexual harassment or sexual assault nature. They said these social beliefs may affect Soldiers' actions as they enter the Army and establish relationships with fellow Soldiers.

Although Soldiers may have experienced a tolerance for these social beliefs before they enlisted, officials said these beliefs are counter to who American Soldiers are, and the faith and trust Soldiers place in each other.

"You're [here today-at the BOSS Conference] because you're already actively engaged in your command and community's efforts to provide better opportunities for Soldiers," said Preston. "I call on you to be an active member of the I. A.M. Strong program. With your support, we can proactively combat this crime that is being committed against our Soldiers."

The goal of the Army Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program is to create a climate where Soldiers live the Army Values, thereby eliminating incidents of sexual assault.

Soldiers must understand that they can report incidents when they occur,

without fear, knowing they will receive the help and care they deserve, officials said, adding that leaders must ensure that offenders are brought to justice.

But responding to a sex crime that has already occurred is only one part of the equation, Preston said, adding that preventing it before it even happens is where Soldiers need to focus their efforts.

"Sexual assault goes against our Army Values and Warrior Ethos," Preston said. "I need you to intervene before an assault happens. Have the personal courage to take action and be motivated to make the program a success - take ownership."

More information on the SAPR program can be found at [www.sexual-assault.army.mil](http://www.sexual-assault.army.mil) (Editor's note: Hank Minitrez serves as deputy chief, Public Affairs for the Army G-1 Human Resource Policy Directorate.)