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Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for May 6, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



Installation commander hosts retreat ceremony

The commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo invites the entire military and civilian community to a retreat ceremony May 1 at McBride Field on the Edgewood Area of APG to honor the American flag and the values it represents.

Military personnel should wear their duty uniform; civilians should wear a business suit.

Those planning to attend should arrive no later than 4:45 p.m.

For more information, call Robert DiMichele, RDECOM Public Affairs, 410-436-8797.

APG hosts Armed Forces Day, May 16

APG will once again host Armed Forces Day activities on the installation May 16. The event is free and open to the public. Events include an Armed Forces Day 10K Run; a flyover of rotary wing aircraft from the Maryland Army and Air National Guard; a resigning of the Army Family Covenant and a Pageant of Army uniforms by the Non-commissioned officers Academy to honor 2009 being named the Year of the NCO by the Department of the Army; displays and exhibits of modern-day and futuristic military vehicles, equipment, weapons and technology, which will include Future

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Protecting against a pandemic outbreak

<http://chppm-www.aapgea.army.mil>

According to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management Web site, www.acsim.army.mil, a pandemic may affect daily life for a period of time and could include school and business closings as well as disruptions of the economy and everyday functions.

To be considered a pandemic the new virus must appear in people, cause serious illness and spread easily from person to person. On average, pandemics occur every 30 to 40 years. The last pandemic appeared in 1968, and medical experts believe one may occur in the near future.

Because flu vaccines are produced from known viruses, a vaccine to prevent a new flu virus may not be available during the early stages of a pan-



dem and people of all ages may be at risk for serious illness or death.

Influenza is spread in the air by respiratory droplets from coughs and sneezes and by direct contact with these droplets.

Current plans for pandemic

flu include improving surveillance and monitoring for the appearance of new flu viruses, stockpiling of antiviral drugs, use of new vaccines when available and improving communications about the threat, including its prevention.

Preventive measures

- Update flu shots and other vaccinations to boost immunity.
- Get vaccinated every year; the vaccine is changed along with the mutating flu virus to help fight the most threatening strain.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water.
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Teach children flu prevention hygiene.
- Properly cook poultry to destroy all germs, including the avian flu virus.

ReadyArmy reminds Soldiers, civilians, contractors, retirees, Guard and Reserve and all Family members to start preparing today for an emergency. The three simple steps to preparation are:

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APG benefits from federal economic stimulus plan

Story by
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APG News

Monies from the federal economic stimulus plan that was approved by Congress Jan. 28 have trickled down to Aberdeen Proving Ground where much needed repairs and upgrades are underway or are in the planning stages.

The funding will go a long way toward helping the post prepare for

the projected influx of thousands of new employees due to base realignment and closure as well as tend to long-needed upgrades to post facilities and infrastructure, according to Mike Lupacchino, director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"We had already started projects we were looking at to improve facilities that hadn't been renovated in many years," Lupacchino said. "When this

came down, we were able to expand that into other areas."

Current FMWR renovations underway or planned include improvements to both recreations centers, to Hoyle Gym in the Edgewood Area, to the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, Top of the Bay and the Child Development and Youth centers.

Lupacchino said all projects are renovations, some to the infrastructure – heating, venti-

lation or electrical – and some physical aesthetics to ceilings, flooring, painting walls, etc.

"The good thing is it would have taken many years to get these projects approved through the normal construction project process," Lupacchino said. "Another thing is that due to the increases we will see in BRAC, it will allow us to have better facilities. For instance, at the CDC, See STIMULUS, page 7

Obama announces joint virtual lifetime electronic record

Story by
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American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama announced plans April 9 to create a joint virtual lifetime electronic record that will improve care and services to transitioning veterans by smoothing the flow of medical records between the Defense and Veterans Affairs departments.

The concept, long advocated by officials in both departments, is considered a major step toward improving the delivery of care and services to service members transitioning from military to civilian life.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki flanked the president as he described the initiative to an audience of wounded warriors, veterans and veterans service organization leaders.

The goal, he said, is simple and straightforward.

"When a member of the armed forces separates from the military, he or she will no longer have to walk paperwork from a [Defense Department] duty station to a local VA health center," Obama explained. "Their electronic records will transition along with them and remain with them forever."

No comprehensive system is currently in place to streamline the transition of health records between the two departments, the president noted.

"And that results in extraordinary hardship for an awful lot of veterans who end up finding their records lost [or] unable to get their benefits processed in a timely fashion," he said.

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Photo by STEVE LUSHER, CAMBER CORPORATION
Brigadier General Jess A. Scarbrough, left, receives the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense flag from Lt. Gen. N. Ross Thompson III, principal military deputy, office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), and passes it to Lt. Col. Harry R. Culclasure, product manager - consequence management, for Joint Project Manager Guardian during a Change of Charter ceremony April 17 signifying the assumption of authority.

Promotion leads to appointment as JPEO for Chemical, Biological Defense

Story by
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JPEO-CBD

The Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense headquartered in Falls Church, Va., recently experienced a change in leadership. Brigadier General Jess A. Scarbrough was promoted on March 27, and a ceremony on April 17 placed him at the reigns of an organization that is the single focal point for research, development, acquisition, fielding, and life-cycle support of chemical and biological defense equipment and medical countermeasures for the Department of Defense.

During the ceremony, attended by more

than 250 close friends and Family members, Scarbrough reflected solemnly on the moment of his promotion when he said, "I accept this honor with great humility, quiet confidence and a strong sense of responsibility."

The Change of Charter ceremony held April 17, transferred authority from Maj. Gen. Stephen Reeves to Scarbrough as the JPEO. During that same ceremony, Reeves retired after more than 35 years of service in the U.S. Army.

About Scarbrough

Before becoming the JPEO, Scarbrough

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ACS to host Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 6

ACS

In recognition of the men and women who have served their country in uniform, the Army pays tribute to all military spouses as essential to the strength of the nation marking May as National Military Appreciation Month.

"We are very grateful to our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen for their commitment to preserving freedom and democracy in our nation and throughout the world," said Celestine Beckett, director, Army Community Service. "As we salute service members past and present, it is only fitting to recognize those who support them and help make their service possible."

In honor of Military Spouse Appreciation Day, ACS will have an information table and free Spouse Appreciation gift bags, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 6, in the ACS lobby, building 2754. Everyone is invited.

"We salute you, our silent heroes," Beckett added.

For more information, contact Marilyn Howard, ACS, 410-278-9669.

14 inducted into 2009 Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame

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This year, the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps will induct 14 individuals whose excellence, in their field, has brought recognition to them by their peers for outstanding achievements deserving of the Corps' highest honor - Induction into the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame May 7 at the Ordnance Museum.

The Chief of Ordnance, Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, extends to these inductees, their Families and to the Ordnance Corps, congratulations on their selection.

Historical honorees: Bernard M. Baruch, Louis Dellamonica, Henry C. Hodges Sr. and Maj. Gen. John C. Raen Jr.

Contemporary honorees: Lt. Gen. Richard Hack, Maj. Gen. Ray McCoy, Maj. Gen. Joseph Raffiani, Col. Patrick Button, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Campbell, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bas-kum LeMaster, Command Sgts. Maj. Michael Ayers, David Stewart, Tyler Walker II and Karen Farren.

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Historical honorees



Bernard M. Baruch



Louis Dellamonica



Henry Hodges II



Maj. Gen. John C. Raen Jr.

Meet the 2009 Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame inductees

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Historical honorees

Bernard M. Baruch

Bernard M. Baruch, born Aug. 19, 1870, in Camden, S.C., graduated from City College, N.Y., in 1889 and began a career on Wall Street, first as an office boy then to partner in A.A. Houseman. He founded his own brokerage and bought the international trading firm of H. Hentz and Company. He was a millionaire by 1910. Fortunately for America, Baruch began devoting much of his time, given freely, to ensuring the country's industrial preparedness in time of war and peace.

In 1916, Baruch was appointed to the Advisory Commission to the Council on National Defense. Upon America's entry into World War I, he was appointed to the General Munitions Board. In late 1917 he was appointed chief of Raw Material of the newly created War Industries Board and became its chairman in 1918. This board regulated all aspects of munitions production. Baruch championed price controls to minimize war profiteering and organized the board's regulatory apparatus along commodity rather than functional lines, allowing a better focus on production by type.

At the Paris Peace Conference following World War I, Baruch advised President Woodrow Wilson on economic and reparations aspects of the Versailles Treaty.

Upon returning to the United States, Baruch embarked on a virtual crusade in the interwar years to champion industrial preparedness. Often working through the auspices of the Army Ordnance Association, he urged civilian industry and the military to prepare for wartime production. In 1924 he was appointed advisor to the new Army Industrial College.

Baruch also pushed the services to create industrial mobilization plans that took into account production capabilities, the needs of the military and the availability of raw materials. He advised then-Maj. Dwight D. Eisenhower in preparing the Army's first Industrial Mobilization Plan in 1930. He urged the use of "educational orders" that allowed commercial industries to produce limited amounts of munitions to gain experience. In 1936 and 1937, he encouraged the development of ammunition-plant blue prints and machinery lists to allow for the rapid construction of production facilities.

As war approached, Baruch also pushed for the stockpiling of strategic raw materials, especially rubber and tin. When the outbreak of war in the Pacific in World War II cut off the United States from its source of rubber, Baruch chaired a board that devised a plan for producing petroleum-based synthetic rubber. During the war, he also served as advisor to the Office of Wartime Production.

Baruch also played a key role in contract termination. Munitions contracts were often terminated because of changing requirements or improvements in production processes, and the number of contract terminations at wars end would be significant. Baruch prepared a report on how to terminate contracts quickly yet fairly and established processes for property disposal.

In 1946, Baruch was appointed U.S. Representative to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission. He served as an advisor to presidents Eisenhower,

Kennedy and Johnson until his death in 1965. His industrial and economic mobilization concepts led the way for the Army's and the Ordnance Corps's procurement and production of munitions.

Louis Dellamonica

Born March 23, 1912, in Yerington, Nev., Louis Dellamonica earned a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Nevada in 1934. He began working as an electrician at the Hawthorne Naval Facility, Nev., in 1941 in the battery shop, but his recognized talent soon led to more challenging tasks. Hawthorne was a Loading, Assembly, and Packing plant for ammunition. As the facility expanded to support wartime requirements, Dellamonica was tasked with designing and overseeing the installation of new, anti-spark, explosion-proofed electrical and lighting systems in the plant and on the production lines.

In 1948, his position was converted to Electrical engineer and in 1977 to general engineer. In 1978 he was appointed chief of the Engineering Division. During this period Dellamonica shouldered increasing responsibilities. Following World War II, as many ammunition facilities were shutting down, Hawthorne continued operations and even expanded. Dellamonica acquired machinery from closing installations to install in new LAP lines at Hawthorne. He was increasingly involved in improving and modernizing the production lines. He and his engineering team became adept at modifying Hawthorne's four production lines to accommodate new or different ammunition items.

In addition to LAP operations, research, development and testing were also carried out at Hawthorne. Dellamonica developed test systems for the increasing work done on rockets, to include the 2.75-inch and 5-inch Zuni rockets. He also devised testing equipment for naval mines being loaded at Hawthorne.

In 1969, Dellamonica took on his biggest project, the design and construction of the Western Area Demilitarization Center at Hawthorne to be used for the demilitarization of ammunition. He drew up the plans and oversaw contractor construction of a complex that eventually expanded to 15 buildings. As the WADF was nearing full completion in 1976, the Army was designated as the Department of Defense Single Manager for Conventional Ammunition. Hawthorne became an Army depot and Dellamonica a Department of the Army civilian.

He was soon involved in insuring that the WADF conformed to Army safety, environmental and operational standards. The Army estimated that \$25 million would be needed to modify and upgrade the WADF. Dellamonica designed and implemented the needed changes and improvements for \$8 million. He continued to upgrade and modernize the facility in the years to come. He introduced a series of new, safer, more efficient ammunition demilitarizing techniques, to include contour drilling, hot gas decontamination, plasma arc demilitarizing, propellant to fertilizer conversion, thermal shock cryogenic treatment and hot paraffin melt out.

Thanks to Dellamonica's efforts, 67,000 tons of ammunition has been safely demilitarized at Hawthorne Army Depot.

Louis Dellamonica retired in 2007 at

age 94 after more than 65 years of devoted service.

Henry Hodges II

Born in Boston, Mass., on Sept. 25, 1923, Henry Hodges II turned down his acceptance to Stanford University to volunteer, to serve in the U.S. Army in 1943. Trained as an artillery repairman, he joined the 10th Mountain Division at Camp Hale, Colo. Seriously injured, he recovered at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., and was medically discharged in 1944.

Hodges soon turned to a career and a passion that he would pursue for the rest of his life, developing off-road, wheeled vehicles. In 1946 he joined his father's company, Wetmore Hodges and Associates, as director of Laboratory and Field Service. In 1953, his company established and managed the Detroit Arsenal Test Operation for the U.S. Army at Camp Bullis, Texas, with Hodges as director. He tested combat vehicles from jeeps to main battle tanks on a series of courses replicating beach heads, desert dunes, mountain trails and mud pits.

In 1957, the Detroit Arsenal Test Operation was closed, but the test programs were transferred to Nevada, where Hodges and a staff of four established the Nevada Automotive Test Center. He continued his work conducting vehicle testing for the U.S. Army, with a staff that grew to more than 60 employees by 1968 and 200 by 2007. Hodges served as president and, starting in 1988, chief executive officer of the test center.

Hodges not only developed new and better ways to test vehicle mobility, but also pioneered new technologies for off-road vehicles and tires. He wrote more than 100 technical reports, many on the performance of vehicles being developed by the Army, to include jeeps, the GOER, the Twister, the Heavy Equipment Transporter, the Commercial Utility Cargo Vehicle, and the High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle, among others.

He was responsible for important developments in tire technology, championing the use of radial ply tires, devising new techniques for testing tires using high speed film and flash x-rays, and playing a key role in developing the central tire inflation system, whereby tire pressures can be adjusted from inside the vehicle.

In the 1950s and 1960s, Hodges was instrumental in developing the concept of independent suspension systems. In the early 1970s, he introduced his Vehicle Dynamics seminars, which taught military and civilian drivers how to maintain control during a tire blow out. In 1976, he built a Dynamic Force Measurement Vehicle that recorded forces acting on the vehicle and tires under a wide range of conditions. His test center played a pivotal role in developing the HMMWV, and Hodges personally drove a HMMWV across much of China and Asia and reported his findings.

During Operation Desert Shield Hodges joined a team that analyzed the terrain in northern Saudi Arabia to determine if it would support the passage of large armored forces. The team's report on soils and terrain was instrumental in developing the famous "Left Hook" plan to envelop Iraqi forces.

After devoting a lifetime to enhancing cross-country, wheeled-vehicle mobility, a capability vital to our Army, Hodges died on June 16, 2007, at age 83.

Maj. Gen. John C. Raen Jr.

Born on April 22, 1922, at Fort Benning, Ga., John C. Raen Jr., graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1943. Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, he joined the newly activated 5th Ranger Battalion, landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, where he earned a Silver Star. Injured in December 1944, Raen was evacuated to the United States.

After recovering from his injuries, he was appointed as an instructor in the Department of Ordnance at West Point in 1945 and transferred to the Ordnance Corps in 1947. After attending the Naval Post Graduate School in Annapolis, Baltimore, Md., from 1948 to 1949, he earned a master's degree in nuclear physics from Johns Hopkins University, Md., in 1951. Raen next served as the executive officer in the Ammunition Development Branch of the Office of the Chief of Ordnance from 1951 to 1954, involved in the development of combustible cartridge cases, anti-tank projectiles and armor-piercing small arms ammunition.

From 1955 to 1956, Raen served in Korea, first as executive officer, 8th U.S. Army Ordnance Section, where he expedited the flow of repair parts and new equipment, and then as commander of the 83rd Ordnance Battalion, where he revamped the ammunition stock control system. He returned to the United States in 1957 to serve on the APG Ordnance Board. In 1959, as a member of the Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission, he was involved in developing artillery nuclear warheads and arming devices.

From 1963 to 1965, Raen served as ordnance officer then deputy chief of staff, G-1, of the Berlin Brigade. In 1965, he took command of the Miesau ammunition depot in Germany. In September 1965, he led the U.S. Army Research Office in Durham, N.C., overseeing programs being carried out by civilian researchers and scientists for the Army. Raen then commanded, from 1967 to 1969, the Ballistics Research Laboratories, the Human Engineering Laboratories, and the Coating and Chemical Laboratory at APG and consolidated them with other agencies to form the U.S. Army Aberdeen Research and Development Center.

In 1969 Raen served at Headquarters, U.S. Army Vietnam, as chief of the G-4 Ammunition Division, then as chief of the G-4 Supply Division, and finally as deputy assistant chief of staff, G-4. He then returned to the United States to serve as director of Ammunition in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. In 1971, he took command of the Mobility Equipment Command in St. Louis and in 1972 moved to Rock Island Arsenal to take command of the U.S. Army Weapons Command. In 1973, Raen organized and assumed command of the U.S. Army Armament Command, merging three organizations responsible for 25 ammunition plants and seven arsenals. In 1975, Raen served as executive deputy director of the Defense Supply Agency, Alexandria, Va., and in 1976 took command of the Defense Fuel Supply Center in Washington, D.C.

Raen retired in 1979 after 36 years of devoted service.

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Army Team C4ISR provides employment opportunities for wounded warriors



Major Alexander Babington, Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, explains the mission of his organization during an Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance-sponsored Wounded Warrior Program April 7 to encourage wounded Soldiers to consider working for their organizations during the last phase of their recovery.

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The Army Team Command, Control Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (Forward) is reaching out to the nation's wounded warriors through the Army Wounded Warrior Program.

Representatives from Army Team C4ISR (Forward) met with a group of wounded warriors April 7 at the Edgewood Area Conference Center to introduce the C4ISR mission and its potential Soldier training and employment opportunities.

"We want to help bring them back into the workforce. They are subject-matter-experts and can bring a lot to the table from their active duty experiences," said Master Sgt. Walter M. Farrell, CECOM Life Cycle Management Command (Forward) senior enlisted advisor.

C4ISR will serve as a work assignment location during the Soldier's last phase of the Wounded Warrior Program.

The Army Wounded Warrior Program is the only Army program that assists and advocates for wounded Soldiers from the time of injury through reintegration. The program is committed to ensuring that wounded Soldiers and their Families are given the best possible care and can successfully return to active duty or smoothly transition to civilian life. In the last phase of the program, Soldiers who are in their last stages of medical care are permitted to work jobs in the federal civil service system. This opportunity opens doors to new career fields for Soldiers who may have not normally qualified for the positions based upon training or education requirements. In these positions, Soldiers can gain new work experience and networking opportunities before

they transition from active duty status.

"We're utilizing Soldiers more and more in the civilian positions to leverage their capabilities and their knowledge in Army equipment and services," said Tandra Griffin, CECOM LCMC Logistics and Readiness Center presenter.

Army Team C4ISR organizations presented their missions during a morning-long information session to wounded warriors who participate in the Army's Wounded Warrior Program at Fort Meade in Maryland. Soldiers then engaged in a question and answer session to learn more about the jobs associated with C4ISR.

At the completion of medical recovery, eligible Soldiers may return to their active duty units. Soldiers who are not eligible to return to active duty may then be able to transition into the federal service positions to which assigned during their medical recovery, according to the CECOM LCMC G1 (Human Resources Office). Soldiers can be appointed under the special Excepted Service noncompetitive appointing authorities for veterans and applicants with disabilities. After two years of successful performance in the Excepted Service, the employee may be noncompetitively converted to the Competitive Service where a long and challenging career may unfold.

"At the end of the day, it's all about the Soldier," said Command Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Johnson, CECOM LCMC. "Our commitment to providing potential employment opportunities for these warriors in transition, shows the commitment CECOM LCMC and Army Team C4ISR have in taking care of these Soldiers."

This was the first attempt for Army Team C4ISR (Forward) to reach out to the wounded on a large scale, according to Farrell. He said he looks forward to increased participation in the program

as it grows within C4ISR. The CECOM LCMC command sergeant major is ready to lend full support to the program.

"General [Major General] Via [Commanding General of CECOM LCMC] and I are truly committed to the Wounded Warrior program, and take pride in providing the support necessary to make this program a success," Johnson said.

Soldiers from the Wounded Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Meade said they found the meeting helpful as they contemplate their next step past their injuries.

"This is a good way for Soldiers to get acclimated to the civilian workforce," said Master Sgt. Robert Braddock. "I've been an end-user and through learning more about these opportunities, I may find I have an interest in these disciplines."

Some of the speakers were active duty Soldiers and others were Soldiers who have made the transition from military to civilian life themselves.

"I transitioned from active duty using the skills I acquired in the military," said Jason Juliano, CECOM LCMC Software Engineering Center (Forward). "I leverage those skills everyday I come to work."

Juliano said he wants wounded Soldiers to know that the work they did everyday in the field can be applied to the Army Team C4ISR world.

"We start the day with the Warfighter; we end the day with the Warfighter; and in the middle we need you [wounded warriors]," said Griffin as she closed her portion of the presentation.

To learn more about veteran employment opportunities, visit the Wounded Warrior Program at <http://aw2portal.com> or the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Always A Soldier Program at www.amc.army.mil/alwaysasoldier.

Army awards contract to build 'Phase Two' campus facility

Story by
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The Philadelphia District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$102,015,000 contract to James G. Davis Construction Corp., April 20, to build the Command and Control and Communications Network Transport, or C2CNT, East facility on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The facility will be part of the Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, or C4ISR, "Phase Two" campus at APG. The "Phase One" campus broke ground more than a year ago, March 17, with construction on that project already nearly 50 percent complete, according to Mike Vetter, the CECOM Life Cycle Management Command deputy chief of staff for Logistics and Engineering.

Both phases of the emerging Army Team C4ISR campus are being built to house more than 7,000 military and civilian personnel and support contractors relocating to APG as the Army implements 2005 Base Realignment and Closure legislation.

"C2CNT-East is the first of four new buildings to be constructed as part of the Phase Two project," Vetter said. "Additionally, one building will be renovated and improved to complete this portion of the campus."

Construction on the facility is expected to begin about May 6 and to be completed by December 2010.

C2CNT-East will comprise a total of approximately 500,000 square feet of office and research space when completed. The facility will house the Communications-Electronics Research,

Development and Engineering Center's Satellite and Terrestrial Communications Directorate, the CECOM LCMC Logistics and Readiness Center's Communications Directorate, elements of the

Software Engineering Center, and some project and product management offices of the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications Tactical.

Chapel News

APG Catholic community hosts Asian-Pacific Night

Story and photos by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Catholic community hosted Asian-Pacific Night April 18 at the Aberdeen Post Chapel for the APG and local communities.

The night featured ethnic food, music and dancing which celebrated the Asian-Pacific culture.

The program included a dinner with Asian-Pacific entrees like lumpia (egg rolls), pansit (noodles with vegetables and chicken), adobo (chicken and pork ribs), red rice and a variety of vegetables, salads and desserts.

After the dinner, Connie Richardson, the Catholic pastoral coordinator who organized the program, introduced the new priest, Chaplain (Capt.) Jonathan Morse, who previously served at Fort Drum, N.Y.

Morse, the new chaplain for the APG Catholic community and the 22nd Chemical Battalion, remarked that he has enjoyed working with people from different cultures throughout his career.

"I am a big believer in celebrating different cultures," he said. "Culture helps us form our identity."

Morse added that he looks forward to working for the APG community.

Following his remarks, several dances were performed by the Filipino American Association of Upper Chesapeake, or FAAUC, a local organization whose goal is to bring Filipinos and Americans together to spread the Filipino culture throughout the upper Chesapeake region while providing assistance to those in need in the Philippines.

The dance numbers reflected special aspects of the Filipino culture. The dancers performed the "Nasundi," a flirtatious song and dance depicting the romantic nature of the Ilocanos, and the "Magalalatik," a war dance, using coconut shells as battle armor, usually between two tribes, fighting over the latik, a coconut product used in cooking many Filipino dishes.

One of the dances, "Sayaw sa Banko," is a courtship dance performed on top of a narrow bench, which tests a man's ability to balance and lift his part-



From left, Charlie Kimball, Mason Belote, Apple Ignacio, Raymond Gaviola, Chris Sagandoy, Eddie Pascual, Justin Villegas, Nicole Brundridge and Melanie Belote perform the "Nasundi," a flirtatious song and dance depicting the romantic nature of the Ilocanos, a group of Filipinos.



Clickers, Kevin Kimball, left, and Kevin Pacifico, right, open and close two bamboo poles from a slow to fast tempo, during the "Tinkling" dance. Dancers, from left, Chris Sagandoy, Nicole Brundridge, Eddie Pascual and Apple Ignacio, imitate the movement of the tickling bird as they hop, play and chase each other in the rice fields or evade the bamboo traps set by farmers.

ner from side to side with ease. Another dance, "Tinikling," is the national dance in the Philippines and is per-

formed in between two bamboo poles that open and close from a slow to fast tempo, imitating the movement of the tikling bird.

After their performance, guests participated in line dancing and the limbo.

Gerri Merkel, APG director of Religious Education, remarked that the Catholic community hosts several themed cultural programs throughout the year.

"It is a time to come together to have fun and to support the community," she said.

Michael O'Hern, who went to the program with his wife Danny and his daughter, Sarah, and attends the Edgewood Area Catholic service, said that he tries to attend all of the programs

throughout the year.

"I like the variety of food featured at each program, and it is a fun event to attend with my Family," he said.

Richardson said that she was grateful for the support she receives for the programs throughout the year.

"We are so fortunate to have so many volunteers support our many activities throughout the year," Richardson said. "I would particularly like to thank Ramon and Bernadita Gaviola for their help in organizing this Asian-Pacific dinner and their son, Raymond, for arranging for FAAUC to perform the fantastic, professional dances."

For more information about upcoming events, contact Richardson, 410-278-8717 or 410-436-4107.

Commentary: Reflecting on God's presence

By
**CHAP (CAPT)
KURT O'DONNELL**
OC&S 16th Ordnance Battalion

Over the weekend, I had the pleasure of running a 200-mile relay called the "American Odyssey Relay." It went from Gettysburg to the Mason Dixon line, to Antietam Battlefield to Harpers Ferry and ending close to the Washington Monument in D.C. It was so cool because there were lots of runners from all over the country gathered together to do something that they love doing: run. The relay part was neat because you got to work together and encourage one another as a team. You also got to meet other teams and encourage them.

It reminded me of the importance of each and every member of the "Body of Christ," from the person handing out bulletins, to the person singing, to the

person preparing water for the pastor's message, to the preaching of the message. Everyone is needed.

There was never a dull moment during the race either because the course changed from flat to rolling hills to what seemed to be mountains back to flat land. We ran during the light hours, night hours and in the graveyard, fright hours.

Although it was hard on the body, it was a time for me to reflect on God's presence in my life especially during the last few miles of my run. It was during that time when my legs ached the most; it was during that time when I was drained physically; it was during that time when the cool breeze of God's word "Be still, and know that I am God" calmed my spirit and quenched my soul.

What are you going through today? What hills or mountains do you have to climb? In the midst of it all, "Be still" for he is God.

16th Ordnance Battalion honored Palm Sunday

Post Chapel

The Main Post worship service dedicated its Sunday morning worship on Palm Sunday to the military service of the 16th Ordnance Battalion.

The battalion team from APG represented by Chaplain (Capt.) Kurt O'Donnell and more than 230 people attended the service.

The Unit Ministry Teams was responsible for conducting most of the worship that morning by reading scripture les-

sons, providing the ushers and collecting the offering.

The chapel choir presented a tribute of song for the day.

Chaplain (Maj.) Young Kim, pastor for the protestant congregation, and Dr. Eugene Edgerton presented the 16th Ordnance Battalion with a plaque honoring their service to the nation and their faith in God. Each battalion member present received a leather-bound bible with a gold-embroidered Army emblem on its cover.



APG celebrates The Year of the NCO

Chaplain assistant reflects on 100th birthday during Year of the NCO

Story by
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APG News

The Army Web site at www.goarmy.com describes the chaplain assistant role as providing support to chaplains during missions and everyday activities; primarily supporting Unit Ministry Team programs and worship services.

An Aberdeen Proving Ground chaplain assistant takes pride in fulfilling these and other missions in the Year of the NCO while also celebrating the 100th birthday of Army Chaplain Assistants.

When he decided to join the Army, back in 1989, Staff Sgt. Deon F. Guidry had no idea what it was he wanted to do. After two years of college he was looking for something more.

Guidry is the 61st Ordnance Brigade chaplain assistant and acting installation chaplain assistant. He credits a Military Entrance Processing Station counselor with pointing him in the right direction.

"I didn't know anything about the Army when I sat down with the MEPS counselor," Guidry said. "Since I was a management major, he suggested [chaplain assistant], and here I am."

He said that even though he hadn't envisioned himself as a chaplain assistant, the choice could not have been better.

"Even if you come in with no religious affiliation, the opportunity is there to develop a relationship with God, regardless of your chosen religion," he said. "And working with the chaplains, we have the opportunity to follow their example. That's the unique opportunity we have as chaplain assistants, to set the example as Christian Soldiers."

"It's definitely grown on me," he added. "I like helping people. I think it's one of my gifts, and it's very rewarding."

He said one of the most important things a chaplain assistant has to understand is that those who come to them usually are in urgent need of help.

"You can't be slow about helping someone," he said. "Often, we are called on in desperation, after people have tried everything else first. We understand that, it's human nature. But we're here to help them spiritually, no matter what."

He said he learned that lesson quickly during his first enlistment when he deployed to Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

"Some call it 'foxhole religion,'" he

said. "We saw an increase of Soldiers attending services who had not attended prior to deployment, and many more came to us just to talk."

He said that he was surprised when Soldiers would come to him before going to the chaplain.

"I realized that by setting a good example, I drew Soldiers to me," he said. "So I learned that how you carry yourself is vital. They knew I was there to listen and maybe guide them to the chaplain."

A native of Hammond, La., Guidry is nearing 20 years of service and soon will be promoted to sergeant first class.

While his duties have varied with each assignment, he said his duties at APG are similar to past assignments, yet unique in their own way.

"Here, we focus on taking care of young recruits," he said. "I enjoy that. We also do a lot of retreats and we focus a lot on Families."

Along with their other duties, post chaplain assistants assist chaplains during services at both installation chapels on a rotating basis. Guidry works at the Main Post chapel every other Sunday. He said that although the requirement hinders his ability to join an off-post congregation, he still comes out ahead.

"I sit in on the services, and I get to hear the word," he said. "That's one of the luxuries of this job that other jobs just don't offer, you get the message – the word – every time you work."

Guidry has been married for 17 years. He and his wife, Lenora, have four children: a son, Courtney, 20, is serving as a non-destructive inspector in the Air Force; a daughter, Mercedes, 19, is in college, and two teen daughters at home, Daneisha, 16, and Chanel, 13.

He said managing a Family and military career has been easy thanks to his wife.

"She's done it all," Guidry said. "She accepted a long time ago the challenges of being married to the military, and she's handled it beautifully."

He recalled that while stationed at Fort Jackson, his wife took care of their home cooked meals, helped their children with their homework and did much more while working full time.

"She had two or three jobs," he said, "and through it all we've been more than husband and wife, we've been good friends. Having a partner like that is extremely

helpful because it allows me to do my job. Their happiness is very important to me."

Guidry served in war zones three times during his career. First, to Desert Storm in 1990 and twice with Fort Campbell's 187th Infantry Regiment, also known as The Rakkasans, to Operation Enduring Freedom in 2002 and to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

It was during his third deployment that he was wounded during a convoy attack when he took a piece of shrapnel through his left leg. He was immediately medivaced back to the states and today is missing an inch of bone in the leg. He said doctors offered him a medical discharge but he declined. A Purple Heart recipient, Guidry said that despite his injuries his favorite assignment was with his Rakkasans.

"I cannot say enough about the camaraderie we had," he said. "We deployed together twice. I met and made friends for life, and I learned a lot from them about soldiering and about life in general."

Guidry credited his faith in God, physical training and strong Family support with aiding in his recovery from his injuries. His other past assignments include Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.; Fort Story, Va., and Korea.

The year 2009 marks the 100th Birthday of Army Chaplain Assistants. Guidry said it was fitting that the centennial occurs in the same year as the Year of the NCO observance.

"I appreciate the year of the NCO and the emphasis they're placing on it," he said. "With all that's going on in the world and in the Army, the NCO can be overlooked or can feel minimized. They are telling us we are important, and we contribute greatly to this U.S. Army."

He said that in peacetime as well as wartime, chaplain assistants serve as unofficial leaders of Soldiers.

"Just like a platoon sergeant or squad leader, we share the goal of ensuring Soldiers are spiritually ready to accomplish their missions," he said. "A firm faith in God is the key to facing the adversity and stress of the battlefield and of separation from our loved ones."

U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

www.USACHCS.army.mil

History of the Chaplain Assistant

The Military Occupational Special-

ty was established by General Orders No. 253, War Department, Washington, D.C., on Dec. 28, 1909. Paragraph 1 read, "One enlisted man will be detailed on special duty, by the commanding officer of any organization to which a chaplain is assigned for duty, for the purpose of assisting the chaplain in the performance of his official duties." That meant that the assistant generally cared for the chaplains' official property, acted as his clerk, and helped with the educational, religious and entertainment programs.

In 1866, the Army decided that a Soldier found competent to teach common school subjects should be detailed to do so under the auspices of a local chaplain who often served as the schoolmaster.

In 1909, the military authorized one enlisted person to be assigned to the chaplain to assist him in the performance of his official duties. Although high moral character was required, there were no other prerequisites or generally recognized criteria for performance.

In 1927 and again in 1933, the chaplain made overtures to the Secretary of War to provide a small corps of enlisted assistants. This effort was unsuccessful. The job continued to have no vocational integrity until after World War II. The Korean War saw the development of the MOS 71B. After almost 100 years of vague existence, there was a job for the chaplain assistants. Training began at Fort Dix, N.J., and Fort Ord, Calif., with a four-week course. All trainees were volunteers who had successfully completed the nine weeks of basic combat training and nine weeks of clerk typist AIT.

In August 1965, during a major revision of AR 611-201, assistants were designated 71M, given a job description and specific skill requirements. The next year the chaplain assistant schools were merged into USACHCS at Fort Hamilton, N.Y.

During 1972, the 71M was implemented into the NCOES and was accorded the same degree of professionalism as other enlisted specialties.

Since 1974, the chaplain assistant has joined with the chaplain forming the highly professional Unit Ministry Team in ministry to Soldiers and their Families worldwide.

On Oct. 1, 2001, the chaplain assistant MOS changed from 71M to 56M. Chaplain assistants now serve in a "stand alone" Career Management Field.

Community Notes

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

MAY 1, 2 AND 3 HAVRE DE GRACE DECOY FESTIVAL

The Havre de Grace Decoy Museum will hold the 28th Decoy and Wildlife Art Festival at the Havre de Grace Middle School, Havre de Grace Activity Center, and Havre de Grace High School. The festival will be held 6 p.m., May 1; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 2; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 3.

More than 175 decoy and wildlife artists and carvers from all over the country will display and sell their work.

Events include goose and duck calling contests, retriever dog demonstrations, carving competitions on Saturday and Sunday, raffle tickets, silent auction, the 7th Annual J. Evans McKinney Old Decoy Contest and more.

Passes cost \$6 per day or \$10 for the weekend. Children ages 12 and under enter free with a paying adult.

Free shuttle bus service will be available. The Decoy Festival is handicapped accessible.

For more information or to purchase passes, call Margaret Jones, 410-939-3739, e-mail decoymuseum@yahoo.com or visit www.decoymuseum.com.

SATURDAY

MAY 2 CECIL COUNTY MARCH FOR BABIES WALK-A-THON

The Cecil County March of Dimes,

March for Babies walk-a-thon begins at the North East Community Park. Registration begins 7:30 a.m. and the walk begins 8 a.m.

For more information about sponsorship, volunteer and donation opportunities and/or forming a walk team, contact Heather Lynch, 410-803-0620 or e-mail hlynch@marchofdimes.com

YARD SALE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Mount Royal Avenue, Aberdeen, will hold a yard sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, rain or shine. Proceeds will benefit Women of the E.L.C.A. outreach ministries.

For more information, call 410-272-3111.

CHOCOLATE BAKE SALE

Havre de Grace United Methodist Church, 101 South Union Avenue, will hold a Chocolate Bake Sale, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sales include chocolate cakes, pies, candies, cupcakes and more. Proceeds benefit UMW mission projects.

For more information, call 410-939-1341.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held 7 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Catholic School, 810 Aiken Avenue, Perryville. Doors open 6 p.m. Early Bird Cash at 6:45 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 per person. Everyone is welcome to attend – invite some friends. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Bring a non-perishable food item for a bonus prize. No smoking allowed.

For more information or to purchase

tickets, call 410-642-6265 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

BASKET BINGO

St. Matthews Lutheran Church, located on Route 22, Bel Air, will hold Basket Bingo 7 p.m. Doors open 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 per person; extra packs cost \$5 each. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Proceeds will benefit Forest Hill Recreation Council 12U Express Boys Base-

ball (Cooperstown Dreams Park Tournament). No smoking allowed. Bring a canned good or non-perishable item for a bonus ticket.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Deb Norcross, 410-838-1615 or Laurie Klapka, 410-638-2338.

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

HCC presents showcase of APG opportunities

PAO

Harford Community College will present a showcase of Aberdeen Proving Ground Technology and Research & Development Contract Opportunities at the Amoss Center, located on the grounds of Harford Technical High School, 200 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air, June 17 and 18.

Registration will be held 7 to 8 a.m., June 17 to allow time for networking and visiting exhibits. Presentations will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a reception for registered participants will begin 5:30 p.m. On June 18, registration begins 7:30 a.m. and presentations start 8 a.m.

The keynote speaker on June 17 will be Lt. Gov. of Maryland, Anthony Brown. Col. Jeffrey Weissman, APG garrison commander will give an update on APG 2012 followed by Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

For more information or to register for the showcase, visit www.harford.edu/apgshowcase. Sponsorship information is also available on the site.

LEAVE DONATIONS

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Carolyn Russell, 410-306-0078, fax 410-306-0100, or e-mail carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Neoma Amberman	Miriam Garcia	Deborah Moore
Stacey Belcher	Allen Gregory	Richard Morris
Debra Bonsall (daughter has brain tumor)	Erin Griffin	Marie D. Nowak
Jeanie Bowman	Sharon Hardesty	Dorothy Nowak
Georgia Braun	Kitty Harris	Cindy Orwig
Alberta Brown	Jerome Hesch	Mary Pettiway
Michelle Brooks	Linda Hindman	Rosina Poole
Kimberly Carns	Karen Kaminsky	Judith Ratledge
Donna Cianelli	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Gloria Scott
Angela Claybourn	Kari Jackson	Donna Sexton
Frank Costa	Sinclair Joe	Melvin Showell
Kenneth Cox	Janet Kipp	Ron Spencer
Joyce Clark	Randolph	Willie Stevenson
John Daigle	Larracuenta	Lavonne Telsee
Bonnie Day	Lillian Mantilla	Gale Thompson
Carol DeVoid	Joy Meadows	Jamie Turner
Meg Downey	Richard McKay	Elizabeth Usmari
Wayne Erb	Nicole McKew	Joyce Woods
Rita Fowler	Frantz Midy	Barbara Zenker
Gregory Fox	Karen Milton	

Post Shorts

Soldier 2030, a technology demonstration of the potentially futuristic Soldier and equipment; Family entertainment; and more. To register for the run, fee required, visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/events.html#armedforcesday>.

Check the *APG News* at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil for updates on planned displays and activities.

RAB meeting at new location tonight

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., April 30, at a new location: Vitali's Restaurant & Banquets, 1709 Edgewood Road and Route 24 in Edgewood, Maryland.

The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Canal Creek Study Area.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line, 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

JETS/USO hosts Military Spouse Job Fair Express

The Joint Employment Transition Services, or JETS, and the USO of Metropolitan Washington will host a Military Spouse Job Fair Express, 8 to 11:30 a.m., and 11:35 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., May 2, at Army Community Service, 9800 Belvoir Road, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Participants can register for the morning or afternoon session. The first 100 attendees at each session will receive gift bags.

For more information or to register, call 703-805-4277, e-mail dawn@usometro.org or visit www.usometro.org.

Days of Remembrance May 5

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory is sponsoring this year's Days of

Remembrance observance 10 a.m., May 5, at the APG Post Theater. Guest speaker Marion Blumenthal Lazan will speak to the theme "Never again: What you do matters."

For more information, contact Katie Hall, 410-278-0286, 1st Sgt. L. Tyson, 410-278-9819, or Sgt. 1st Class Elwood Veney, 410-436-4810.

Final Ordnance Week begins May 4

The end of an era begins the week of May 4 with the final Ordnance Week at APG. Events include the Ordnance Corps annual golf tournament on May 6; current and former service members and their spouses will attend seminars including a briefing on the future of the schools on May 7; also on May 7, the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame inducts 14 new members. On May 8, Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, chief of Ordnance and OC&S commander, will preside over the casing of the schools' colors ceremony which will take place in Ordnance Circle in front of the corps' headquarters building.

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 90-year history comes to a close as it begins its move to Fort Lee, Va., this summer.

715 Gate ribbon cutting ceremony May 8

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at noon, May 8, to officially mark the completion of the Route 715 Gate entrance and visitor's center. Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, deputy post commander and garrison commander will give opening remarks. For more information, call John Kearney, director, Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, 410-306-2291.

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



Panic on the highway!

Installation Safety Office

"Adventures in driving decision making" is brought to everyone by the Installation Safety Office.

Read the following scenario and then from the options provided, select the best answer. The answers are printed upside down.

Situation #31

You're driving in the middle lane of a six lane divided highway going 55 mph. Signaling to make a right turn, you proceed to ease right. As you move right, the car on your left also moves to occupy the space you are now leaving. As you move into the right lane, you glance to the right and see a motorcyclist beside you. You realize that you'll either hit him or force him off the roadway. What should you do?

A. Accelerate and pull ahead of him.

B. Straddle lane line and slow to allow him to get ahead.

Answer A. If you "accelerate and pull ahead of him", you are taking unnecessary risks. Chances are you'd be able to accelerate and pull ahead, but you just can't be sure of what he'll do. It's best not to take that chance. Read Answer B.

Answer B. Yes, your best course of action is to "straddle lane line and slow to allow him to get ahead." You still have possession of the section of the road you're traveling and there's room for you, the other car, and the motorcyclist in two lanes. You might be closer than you want to be, but it won't be for long. The motorcyclist will quickly see what you're doing and pull ahead. You might very well have been able to accelerate and pull ahead of him, but since you don't know for sure what he's going to do, it's best not to take any chances.



Commentary: On medicines, alcohol, aging

By
CYNTHIA SCOTT
APG ASAP

The Army Substance Abuse Program wants you to know what you need to know about medicines, alcohol and aging.

As we age, the need to take more and different kinds of medication tends to increase. Also, growing older means that our bodies respond differently to alcohol and medications than when we were younger.

You should be aware that some medicines won't mix well with other medications, including over-the-counter medications and herbal remedies.

Many medications do not mix well with alcohol. Because medicine and alcohol misuse can happen unintentionally, it is important to know if you are having a problem.

There are some signals that may indicate an alcohol or medication-related problem: memory trouble after having

a drink or taking medicine; loss of coordination (walking unsteadily, frequent falls); changes in sleeping habits; unexplained bruises; being unsure of yourself; irritability, sadness, depression; unexplained chronic pain; changes in eating habits; wanting to stay alone a lot of the time; having trouble finishing sentences; having trouble concentrating; difficulty staying in touch with Family or friends; or lack of interest in usual activities.

If you think you may be having trouble with alcohol or medications and want to avoid problems, here are some things you can do:

- Talk with someone you trust.
- Talk with your doctor or other health professional. They can check for any problems you may be having and can discuss treatment options with you.
- Share your concerns with a friend or Family member or spiritual advisor.
- Talk with the employee assis-

tance program manager Bill Sanchious for assessment and referral by calling 410-278-5319.

There are certain steps you can take on your own:

- Read the labels of your medications carefully and follow the directions.
- Look for pictures or statements on your prescriptions and pill bottles that tell you not to drink alcohol while taking the particular medicine. If you are taking medication for sleeping, pain, anxiety, or depression, it is unsafe to drink alcohol.
- If you have never been diagnosed with a drinking problem, one alcoholic drink a day is the recommended limit for anyone over the age of 65. That's 12 ounces of beer, 1.5 ounces of distilled spirits or 5 ounces of wine.
- Sharing the right information with your health care professional is also very important.
- Make a list for your doctor of all

your medications (including doses), especially on your first visit. Keep it updated, and carry it with you.

- Remind your doctor or pharmacist about any previous condition that might affect your ability to take certain medications, such as stroke, hypertension, serious heart disease, liver problems or lung disease.

- Don't be afraid to ask questions if you don't know the meaning of a word, if instructions are unclear, or if you want more information.

- Whenever possible, have your doctor or a member of the medical staff give you written advice or instructions.

The ASAP staff is available for additional information by calling 410-278-3784 for prevention and education questions, stopping by building A-2477 or visiting the ASAP Web site, <https://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/humanresources/asap/>.

Stimulus

From front page

We're redoing the entrance allowing better access for parents to pick up their children."

He said improvements to the youth centers include carpeting, kitchen renovations, upgrading the art room, game rooms, offices and gym and exercise rooms.

Lupacchino said funding came through quickly and credited DPW and FMWR staff with responding with a workable plan just as quickly.

"DPW worked well with our division chiefs to map out the scope of these projects," he said. "They had to react quickly, and we had to act quickly.

"Overall this allows us to improve; it

gives as a facelift and improves our infrastructure. There are many more steps to take but this is a huge step in the right direction."

Work is nearly completed at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, where renovations to the men's and women's rest rooms, the main ballroom and the outside sidewalks have been completed.

Joyce Founds, center director, said that along with the refinishing of the ballroom floor, the stage curtains and entry doors would be replaced and the center's lobby repainted.

"This building was built in 1964 and it's been a long time since it's seen any improvements," she said.

Because the building is so "heavily used" it's nice to be able to present a pleasant environment for the community, she added.

"We hold job fairs, newcomers' briefings, promotions, organization training,

equal opportunity programs and all kinds of special events here," Founds said. "Everyone uses this building at one time or another. It pretty much gives the first impression of the APG community and you want to be able to present a nice facility for customer use."

On the infrastructure side of the house, Larry Carter, a quality assurance specialist and contracting officer representative with the Garrisons' Plans and Integration Office, said that everyone in the APG community, Soldiers, civilians, garrison and tenants, stands to benefit from improvements made possible by the stimulus dollars.

Carter said his office is "basically the eyes and ears of the garrison commander," in that it examines projected projects, reviews Department of Public Works work orders and "ensures tenants

are getting the service they deserve."

Specifically, Carter's area is heating and air conditioning and ground maintenance such as grass cutting and ice/snow removal.

"We have a lot of repairs that stimulus money would help in the barracks and in the garrison," Carter said, adding that acting DPW director, John Kearney, will determine where those monies are spent.

He said his office regularly meets with unit and organization representatives to review new and outstanding work orders and that the office has won awards for saving the garrison money.

"It's understood that we have to expand as the installation grows to ensure that DPW and others can do their jobs," he said.

Economic stimulus refers to the use of fiscal policy -- government spending or tax measures -- to support or revive an economy in recession.

Pandemic

From front page

Get a kit

Assemble a collection of first aid supplies, food, water, medicines and important papers that can sustain the Family until a crisis passes. Consider the unique needs of Family members and pets then assemble emergency supply kits in the home, car and workplace.

Make a plan

Family members may not be together

when an emergency strikes. To improve the chances of keeping in touch, staying safe and quickly reuniting with the Family plan ahead for various emergencies.

Be informed

Emergencies can arise from weather and other natural hazards, industrial and transportation accidents, disease epidemics and terrorist acts. Anticipate the emergencies most likely to affect the Family. Knowing what to do can make all the difference when seconds count.

According to the government Web site PandemicFlu.gov, health professionals are concerned that the continued spread of the

highly pathogenic avian H5N1 virus across eastern Asia and other countries represents a significant threat to human health. The H5N1 virus has raised concerns about a potential human pandemic because:

It is especially virulent.

It is being spread by migratory birds.

It can be transmitted from birds to mammals and in some limited circumstances to humans.

And, like other influenza viruses, it continues to evolve.

Because these viruses do not commonly infect humans, there is little or no immune protection against them in the

human population. If H5N1 virus were to gain the capacity to spread easily from person to person, a pandemic (worldwide outbreak of disease) would begin.

No one can predict when a pandemic might occur. However, experts are watching the H5N1 situation closely and preparing for the possibility that the virus may begin to spread more easily and widely from person to person.

Vaccine, treatment

Currently, there is no vaccine commercially available for H5N1 avian flu virus. However, several are in various phases of testing.

JPEO

From front page

was the assistant deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Washington, D.C. Previous assignments included, program director, Special Operations and Conventional Special Programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technol-

ogy; director, International Cooperative Programs Activity, United States Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; project manager, Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities Program; director, Army Space Program Office; and chief of staff to the Army Acquisition Executive.

He graduated from the University of Arizona with a bachelor's degree in political science then earned two master's degrees; one in business administration from the University of Oklahoma and the second in strategic studies from the U.S. Army

War College. Other professional schooling includes the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army's Command and General Staff College, the Air Force Air Command and Staff College, the Department of Defense Systems Management College and the National Defense University's CAPSTONE General and Flag Officer Course.

Scarborough will lead, manage, and direct the acquisition and fielding of chemical and biological detection and reconnaissance systems, individual and collective protection systems, decontam-

ination systems, information management systems, medical countermeasures, devices and vaccines, and installation and force protection systems. Eight Joint Project Managers throughout the United States will report to Scarborough in providing these capabilities.

"Developing, fielding and providing world-class equipment to first responders, Warfighters and force protection services is integral to sustaining and preserving our freedom and I look forward to joining the CBD community," Scarborough said.

Workers plant 775 trees at 'Old Cannery' site



Rows of protective shelter tubes containing freshly planted trees line part of a 23-acre tract of land on the Old Cannery site near the Bush River. Nearly 800 trees were planted by MAR-LEN Environmental Service April 10 as part of the Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program, or I3MP.

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

Contractors and volunteers with MAR-LEN Environmental Service planted 775 trees and shrubs on a 23-acre tract of land between the Old Cannery site and the Bush River shore line April 10.

The Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program, or I3MP, tree planting project came about as the result of the placing of 24.42 miles of fiber-optic communication lines along existing roadways and other developed areas for existing and planned facilities in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. The mitigation plan was approved by the Maryland Critical Area Commission.

As part of compliance with the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act, Coastal Zone Management Program and Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Criteria, APG mapped critical areas in the planned areas of fiber optic line installation. This resulted in the selection of a site for mitigation. All phases of the project were approved by the Maryland Critical Area Commission.

The upgrade to the installation communication systems was required by the Directorate of Information Management to meet the needs of base realignment and closure.

On April 13, Kim Parker, Director of Information Management participated in a ceremonial planting of the site's final tree.

Parker said they were honored to participate and called the I3MP a "significant opportunity for the installation."

"It provides enhanced and modernized communications infrastructure that will enable present and future missions," she said. "Planting this tree was a perfect symbol - improving the future of APG in a different way but in a way that holds future promise for years to come."

Len Wrabel, forester and co-owner of MAR-LEN Environmental Services, who with his wife, Marikay, is responsible for the planting of more than 2,100 trees on the installation, said that everything planted was native to Maryland and the Bay area. The plants included willow oak, bayberry shrub, sycamore, viburnum shrub, red maple, poplar, beech, loblolly pine, persimmon and southern red oak.

Wrabel said the project includes a two-year maintenance requirement.

"We'll be back for the next two years to maintain the area," he said. "The coolest thing is that this plantation is over what used to be a toxic dump and these trees are cleaning the ground up through a process called phytoremediation."

"It's a big job being taken care of by several small companies," added Chris Batten, a landscape architect and subcontractor to MAR-LEN.

Planning included marking the site one day, digging the holes another day, and then the actual planting of the trees on the third day. Shelter tubes were placed around each planted tree.

"The shelters protect them from rodents; mice will eat the bark," Blackburn said. "And they supply a kind of greenhouse effect that keeps them cozy and warm. Chances are you'll be replanting if you don't use [shelters]."

Workers and volunteers who brought many levels of expertise to the project included Wrabel's daughter Katrina, a natural resources specialist and owner of Dragonfly Environmental; Chris Batten, a subcontractor and landscape architect; Rusty Walker, a tree specialist and MAR-LEN aide; Steve Algeier, a horticulturist from the University of Maryland; Jessica Petty, an environmental science major from Towson University; Debbie Blackburn, owner of Planscapes Unlimited in Darlington; Scott Debouyne, a Virginia Tech forestry graduate; and volunteers Wayne Costley, Wrabel's son-in-law; and Johnny Kimber.

Go to
<http://ice.disa.mil>.
Click on "ARMY" then
"Aberdeen Proving
Ground."

April Well-Being focuses on renovations and upcoming events

Story by
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APG News

The members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community met at the Edgewood Area Post Chapel April 16 to discuss renovations and upcoming events.

Tim McNamara, deputy to the garrison commander, who led the meeting, welcomed the audience and then turned the meeting over to Michael Luppachino, director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Commissary

Anne Morrison, manager of the Commissary, announced that the Defense Commissary Agency will accept outstanding CertifiCheck gift certificates from authorized customers thanks to a plan approved by the Department of Defense. The approved plan allows DeCA commissaries to honor CertifiCheck gift checks now through July 31. (See *APG News* April 2, 2009, issue.)

KUSAHC

Lt. Col. Larry Patterson, deputy commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, said that he is pleased to announce that processing time for delivering medications has been reduced to under 30 minutes for the majority of medications. Patterson added that having two full-time pharmacists, and the new Pharmacy chief, Michael Weinecke, has helped to reduce wait time.

"We appreciate your continued patience," he said. "Patient safety is paramount above speed of delivery."

Patterson added that there is a quarterly Health Consumer meeting held at KUSAHC, The next one is 8:30 a.m., April 30 in the Ortiz Training Center on the first floor. There is a briefing about KUSAHC health activities, and many concerns are addressed. Everyone is encouraged to come.

"This is a good way to impact APG's health care system directly," he said.

For more information call Deborah Dodsworth, KUSAHC's patient advocate, 410-278-1724.

DPW

Jeffery Deel, chief, APG Utilities, represented the Department of Public Works. Deel said that spring cleanup is underway. Anyone with any special issues concerning post cleanup can call 410-278-5005.

Deel continued by saying that DPW is getting ready to shut down heat for the year. It takes approximately 30 days after that to prepare for air conditioning.

"I encourage you to dress accordingly, you might have some cold days in between and you might have some hot

days," Deel said. "If you have any comments, I encourage you to get in touch with us by leaving an ICE (Interactive Customer Evaluation) comment [at <http://ice.disa.mil>]."

DES

Robert Krauer, director of Emergency Services, said that he is pleased that the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program is well underway. The most recent group graduated at Top of the Bay on April 22.

Krauer added that the state of Maryland selected APG's Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, or D.A.R.E. dancers to perform at the opening ceremony at the D.A.R.E. Conference at Ocean City in April. (See article on page 15.)

Krauer said that as a result of their performance more D.A.R.E. officers have expressed interest in implementing the program in their districts.

"Another great effort by our kids, I am very proud of what they have done," Krauer said.

He also announced that APG received the annual award for Maryland's Chief's Challenge for seatbelt use and awareness.

"That means that those who drive through our gates are complying with Maryland's seat belt laws. My thanks to all of you who are clicking it instead of getting a ticket," he said.

Krauer added to be aware of road closures and to use exhibit patience. (See Traffic Alerts in the *APG News* for current traffic updates.)

FMWR

Christina Lockhart, FMWR's marketing director, announced upcoming FMWR events:

- Cinco de Mayo Golf Tournament, Exton Golf Course, May 2
- Talent Showcase, Post Theater, May 9
- 10K Race during APG's Armed Forces Day celebration, May 16

Lockhart said for more events and updated information, visit www.apgmwr.com.

Luppachino added that stimulus money has been given to improve FMWR's facilities. Currently, the Hoyle Gym and the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center are undergoing renovations. Top of the Bay and the Child, Youth and School Services buildings are also scheduled to undergo renovations.

Luppachino said that Ruggles Golf Course, which is now open, will have its grand reopening celebration on Father's Day weekend, June 19 through 21. During the celebration there will be special give-aways and events. The Ruggles Golf Course Club House can be reserved for private parties.

An attendee asked when the Shore Park project will begin, and Luppachino answered that it will begin in 2010.

Luppachino also announced that they are still recruiting and hiring lifeguards for the post swimming pool. Visit FMWR's Web site for more information and to apply, www.apgmwr.com.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez said that the Maryland Boulevard picnic area will remain open until the Shore Park project is finished.

Safety

Jenelle Ferguson, from the Installation Safety Office, reminded attendees to follow the installation's policy of bicycle usage. All bicyclists must wear a reflective belt diagonally across the chest and helmets at all times.

Ferguson added that an issue has come up that dog owners are not picking up after their dogs, which has been a problem in the housing area.

"Please be courteous, and remember to pick up after your dog," Rodriguez added. "Please let your children know the policy as well."

Ferguson also asked for people to please use caution and to look out for construction workers.

Chapel

Gerri Merkel, Religious Education director, announced that there is a Strong Bonds marriage retreat for active duty military and their spouses July 29 through 31. For more information, call the Main Post Chapel, 410-278-4333, or visit www.strongbonds.org.

Merkel also said that there will be an Ecumenical Vacation Bible School June 15 through 19.

"There are a lot of good programs for children and adults going on at the chapel. Please spread the word," she said.

For more information, call Merkel, 410-278-2516.

HCC

Maj. Mathieu Petraitis, garrison Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander and Army Emergency Relief officer, said that the campaign will run until mid May. He asked attendees to call 410-278-3000, or call 410-278-2508.

Housing

Pat Hector, from the Housing Office, said that Aberdeen Proving Ground Family housing residents will be receiving a Department of the Army Resident Survey in the mail within the next couple of weeks.

This annual survey provides residents the opportunity to tell the Housing Division how well it is meeting their current on-post housing needs. The survey will also provide a baseline for future comparisons as the Housing Division transitions to Picerne Military Housing.

For more information, call 410-306-2009 or 410-278-2445.

Open Forum

Rodriguez asked attendees to please participate in the annual spring cleanup, by cleaning up in the residential areas and in the offices. The Re-nu-it Center will have additional hours during this time to accommodate spring cleaning. For more information, call 410-278-8814, for the Aberdeen Area and 410-584-2398 for the Edgewood Area. The Re-nu-it center has flowers and other gardening supplies to be used on post.

"Everyone is responsible for cleaning their area," he said. The post is looking really nice. Please help to keep it that way."

Rodriguez announced that there will be a running and walking track built in the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas.

Rodriguez reminded attendees to adhere to the installation's policy of wearing reflective belts at all times when walking outside on the installation.

Rodriguez added that trailers, boats and jet skis are not allowed to be parked in the housing area.

He then asked attendees to support upcoming events. The U.S. Army Materiel Command Band will perform a concert which will be a tribute to the Noncommissioned Officers Corps 7 p.m., May 15, at the Post Theater, and is open to the public.

On May 16, APG will celebrate Armed Forces Day with a day long celebration filled with free activities for all age groups, and is open to the public. (For more information about Armed Forces Day, see *APG News* issue front page, April 23.)

McNamara concluded the meeting by saying that there are many upcoming improvements to the installation.

"Hopefully you are now beginning to see the fruits of the labors of projects that happened early on," he said. "There are many more of them just kicking off. You will see a large amount of improvements on APG."

The next Well-Being Council meeting will be held 9:30 a.m., May 21, at the Aberdeen Area Chapel.

Veterans

From front page

Obama said he's heard countless stories over the years about veterans who found it almost impossible to get the benefits they had earned – even when their disabilities and needs were clearly evident.

"That's why I'm asking both departments to work together to define and build a seamless system of integration," he said.

Ultimately, the new system will include both administrative and medical information from the day recruits enter military service, throughout their military careers, and after they retire or leave the military.

"This would represent a huge step toward modernizing the way health care is delivered and benefits are administered for our nation's veterans," Obama said. "It would cut through red tape and reduce the number of administrative mistakes."

In addition, it would enable VA sites to access veterans' complete military medical records, within rigorous privacy and security protections, so VA staffs have the information they need to deliver high-quality care, Obama said.

The president recognized the debt the country owes its service members and veterans.

"We have a sacred trust with those

who wear the uniform of the United States of America," he said. "It's a commitment that begins in enlistment, and it must never end." But for too long, the United States has fallen short of that commitment, he added.

"Too many wounded warriors go without the care that they need," he said. "Too many veterans don't receive the support that they've earned. Too many who once wore our nation's uniform now sleep in our nation's streets. It's time to change all that. It's time to give our veterans a twenty-first century VA."

Officials call access to electronic records essential to modern health-care delivery and the paperless administration of benefits.

It provides a framework to ensure all health-care providers have all the information they need to deliver high-quality health care, while reducing medical errors, they said.

The joint virtual lifetime record will take the next leap to delivering seamless, high-quality care while serving as a national model, officials said.

Obama said America's troops and veterans deserve nothing less.

"As I look out in the audience, especially seeing these folks in their uniforms, I am reminded of the fact that we have the best fighting force in world history," he said. "And the reason we do is because of all of you. And so I'm very grateful for what you've done to protect and serve this country."



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

APG host to best youth bowlers in the state

Story by
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The 25th Annual Maryland Top Ten Invitational State Finals, Youth USBC, took place at the APG Bowling Center April 5.

According to tournament directors Gerry Anderson and Judy Martinsen, 132 bowlers participated in the tournament representing the eight regions within the state. As of Dec. 31 each year, the top 10 boys and top 10 girls in each region compete in regional competitions. The winners of the region competitions move forward to compete at the

state level. This is the first year the tournament was conducted at APG.

The top six boys and top six girls each received a trophy and they also received scholarships. The highest scoring boy and girl are automatically entered into the 2010 National Tournament.

According to Richard Bush, chairman for the State's Youth Bowling Committee, selecting APG for this year's tournament was a great choice.

"Everyone from the officers at the gate to the management and staff at the Bowling Center made the bowlers feel welcome and went out of their way to accommodate their needs," Bush said.

Volunteers Dianne Swauger and Kathy Anderson, the coordinators who brought this event to APG and who work for the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, deserve recognition for their efforts.

"I'd like to especially thank Dianne and Kathy for what they do to help the kids on the APG Youth League. They put APG on the map with their efforts to bring this tournament here," said Lora Owens, assistant business manager at the APG Bowling Center.

The APG Bowling Center has just undergone an extensive renovation to include new pinsetters and party rooms. Additional upgrades will be completed

this summer. Watch for a future article in the *APG News* describing the changes.

Girls

- 1st Megan Sheets
- 2nd Lauren Davidon
- 3rd Jessica Le Compte
- 4th Elizabeth Mally
- 5th Alana Nelson

Boys

- 1st Ben Lamb
- 2nd Tanner Laughman
- 3rd Jesse Gutekunst
- 4th Matthew Green
- 5th Adam Nelson

Activities/Events

Job vs. Career classes for teens

Army Community Service will hold Job vs. Career Classes for teens ages 13 through 18, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., June 24 and July 29, at ACS, building 2754.

Today's workforce offers many challenges and rewards. Learning has a tremendous impact on future earnings. Teens will learn the benefit of a career over a job. The class will help guide teens through the job and career preparation process so they can achieve their own employment success.

Topics include:

- What employers are looking for
- How to apply for a job
- Tips on resume writing, interviewing experience

For more information or to enroll in this free class, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Readiness specialist, 410-278-9669.

ACS provides Operation R.E.A.D.Y. Training for Families

The Army Community Service Mobilization/Deployment Program provides Operation R.E.A.D.Y. training specifically to provide support, guidance, assistance and training in all aspects of Family support issues and services.

Classes will be held 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

- May 12, Rear Detachment Commander
- June 16, Trauma in the Unit
- July 21, Financial Planning for Deployment

For more information, call Mobi-

lization/Deployment Office, 410-278-2453/7572.

Hearts Apart Support Group schedule

Family members from all branches of service, DoD civilians and contractors may participate in Hearts Apart Support Group meetings held in the APG Army Community Service building 2754, Rodman Road 6 to 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month (May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2).

For more information, call, 410-278-2464/410-278-7572. (See article on page 15.)

APG holds Armed Forces Day 10K run

Charm City Run will sponsor a 10K run (6.2 miles), 7:30 a.m., May 16, commemorating Armed Forces Day, at the Aberdeen Athletic Center, building 3330.

The race is open to the general public, military or civilian. Entry forms can be found on Charm City Run Web site, www.charmcityrun.com.

Entry fees are \$25 through May 1, \$30 through May 15 and \$35 race day. There is a \$5 discount for active duty military and privates (E-1) through private first class (E-3) are free. Military grades E-1 through E-3 may register with their unit.

Runners will receive a 10K Run T-shirt, and water will be provided on the course and at the finish line.

For more information, call Ralph Cuomo, APG Sports Office, 410-278-

3868 or contact a unit first sergeant.

Annual Travel Fair slated for May 20

By plane, train, boat or automobile – choose a travel destination at the annual Travel Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 20, at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3300.

Representatives from Great Wolf Lodge, the National Aquarium, Six Flags, the Maryland Zoo, Kings Dominion, Spirit Cruises, Broadway Across America and more will be available to speak directly with visitors to the Travel Fair.

Door prizes include a 32-inch HD Flat Screen TV, hotel stays, bus trips for two, theme park tickets, gift certificates and more. Fire 4 Effect, an all new Army brass band, and a jazz combo will provide live entertainment. Wine tasting by Paradox Vineyard, light refreshments, snacks and promotional give-a-ways also will be provided.

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

Bunco at Top of the Bay

Win door prizes at Bunco, 7 p.m., May 21 at Top of the Bay Chesapeake/Mezzanine. Cost to play is \$5 per person.

25th anniversary Army 10-Miler

The 25th annual Army Ten-Miler will be held 8 a.m. Oct. 4, Washington, D.C. To mark the 25th anniversary of the

Army Ten Miler, the field for the race will be increased to 30,000 runners.

The packet pick-up and expo have moved to the D.C. Armory at 2001 East Capitol Street, NE, Washington, D.C. The armory is conveniently located off the Metro Orange and Blue lines at the Stadium/Armory stop. Parking is available at the armory for \$7.

Packet pick-up and expo will be open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Oct. 2, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Oct. 3.

Register early for a spot in the race.

The GEICO pasta dinner tickets, Hooah Tents and Youth Run registration is also open. Runners are encouraged to sign up early.

For more information or to register, visit www.armytenmiler.com.

Walt Disney World Salutes the Military

Walt Disney World is offering active duty military and retirees a free complimentary five-day park hopper and water park ticket and up to five five-day companion tickets for just \$99 each, or an upgrade to a hopper for \$124 each.

Tickets cost \$25 extra for each add-on/upgrade applied. Tickets must be purchased three weeks in advance. Tickets are not valid until activated at the theme park ticket window. Valid military ID is required at time of purchase and activation. All sales are final. No refunds, exchanges or upgrades after purchase.

Ticket prices expire Dec. 23.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-278-4011/4907 or visit the AA Recreation Center, building 3326.

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.

Price of Driver's Ed increases end of June

Driver's Ed classes will be held Monday thru Thursday, 2:30 to 5:45 p.m. or 6 to 9:15 p.m. Classes will be held April 30 thru May 5; May 11 thru 27 (no class May 25); and June 1 thru 16. Cost is \$295 per student.

The cost of the Driver's Ed classes will increase to \$305 per student starting with the June 22 class. Classes will be held June 22 thru July 7; July 13 thru 28; and Aug. 3 thru 18 (there is no class on federal holidays), Monday thru Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; 2:30 to 5:45 p.m.; or 6 to 9:15 p.m.

All Drivers Education classes are conducted by Rules Driving School, Inc. Classes will be held in Aberdeen at the Community Center, 34 N. Philadelphia Boulevard, room 304.

Classes include 30 hours classroom instruction and 6 hours behind the wheel instruction.

The last day to register for the class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9 and 18 years old. Parents must attend the first day of class. Open to all DoD ID card holders.

Baby Signs play class

SKIES Unlimited invites parents and children to join Baby Signs, a sing, say and play class, 6 to 7 p.m., May 18, at the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center Gross Motor Room. Meet a certified Baby Signs instructor and enjoy a demonstration of Baby Signs play class. Learn new signs with songs, interactive play activities and find out more about the Baby Signs program.

Open to all DoD ID card holders and their family members.

Beginner Tae Kwon Do

Join the Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Tae Kwon Do promotes discipline, as well as muscle toning and conditioning.

Beginner Tae Kwon Do classes will be held for ages 6 through 13 at the

Child, Youth and School Center, building 2522, Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. April 28 through May 21 and June 2 through 25. Cost is \$65 per student for a one-month session or \$150 per student for a three-month session.

Private piano lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 thru 18, 3 to 7:30 p.m., on Fridays, May 8 through June 12. Classes will also be given 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Saturdays, May 9 through June 13.

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.

Ice skating lessons

SKIES Unlimited offers a comprehensive group lesson program ice skating lessons for ages 4 through 18. Classes will be held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, May 26 through June 30 and July 2 through Aug. 11 at Ice World in Abingdon.

Ice World's philosophy is to provide top notch, professional instruction for beginner through advanced skaters in a relaxed and fun environment. Learn to Skate is based on the fundamentals of the United States Figure Skating Association and is necessary for those wishing to proceed on to ice hockey or freestyle.

Each session includes six weeks of professional instruction; each session is 30 minutes long with 30 minute practice weekly free skate rentals. Class sizes are limited and are grouped by age and ability. Three free passes to public sessions are included.

Ice skating classes cost \$110 per student. There will be no make-up classes or refunds.

Free babysitting course

Become a certified babysitter after taking the free 4-H/Army Child and Youth Services babysitting class for ages 13 to 18.

The class will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 16 at the AA Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522. The objectives are to familiarize participants

with the responsibilities of babysitting.

Class is open to all DoD ID card holders.

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

Infant/Child First Aid, CPR Class

An Infant/Child First Aid and CPR class will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for ages 13 and older, June 18, building 2752, Child and Youth Services administration building. The class costs \$5 per person.

Drawing, sketching

Drawing and sketching classes will be held 10 to 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, June 22 through July 30, for ages 10 to 15 at Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

Students will explore the concepts of value, proportion, perspective, composition, and foreshortening in this drawing class. Class topics include materials used in drawing and sketching, memory drawing, contour drawing, grid drawing, tonal drawing and matting of completed works.

Students are required to have an 11- x 14-inch drawing pad.

Class costs \$120 per student for eight weeks.

Toddler Art

Calling all young Picassos. Toddler Art lessons will be given 9:30 to 10:15

a.m., Wednesdays, June 24 through July 29, for ages 2 through 4 at Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

Hands-on creativity is the theme as children explore paint, clay, color, texture and shapes. Dress little ones in old clothes or smock and be prepared for a messy good time. Parent participation required.

Cost is \$60 per student for eight weeks.

Introduction to water colors

SKIES Unlimited offers an Introduction to Water Colors, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays, June 24 through July 29, for ages 8 through 13 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Cost is \$60 per student for eight weeks.

Students will learn watercolor techniques. Instruction will focus on brush handling and controlling water volume on the brush and paper.

Students are required to have a 11- x 14-inch drawing pad.

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/naf.htm> or check out AAFES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.

April bowling specials

In April, bowl from 1 to 5 p.m. for \$1.50 per game; shoe rental costs \$2.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

Week of April 27

Special #1: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.25.
Special #2: Chicken tender wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.25.

Week of May 4

Special #1: Cheese steak wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.75.
Special #2: Chicken cheese steak wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.95.

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



Contemporary honorees



Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy D. Ayers



Col. Patrick W. Button



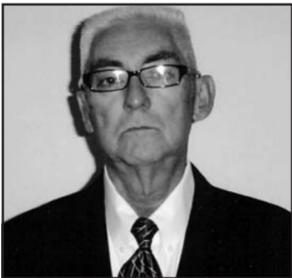
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Karen Farren



Lt. Gen. Richard A. Hack



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Baskum LeMaster



Maj. Gen. Ray McCoy



Command Sgt. Maj. David Lee Stewart



Maj. Gen. Joseph Raffiani Jr



Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker II,

Ordnance

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Contemporary honorees

Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy D. Ayers

Timothy D. Ayers, born Oct. 27, 1953, at Anna Union, joined the Army in 1975, completing Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and AIT as a Pershing missile electrical-mechanical repairman at the U.S. Army Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. His first assignment, from 1976 to 1979, was with Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 81st Field Artillery, 56th Field Artillery Brigade (Pershing), Neu Ulm, Germany. He was promoted to sergeant in 18 months and served as chief of the Pershing Electrical Repair Section, a position normally held by a sergeant first class.

Ayers returned to USAMMCS as Project NCO, Pershing Section, Training Analysis and Design Division, Land Combat Branch. He developed the Skills Qualification Tests for all skill levels of the Pershing electrical-mechanical repairer specialty. From 1983 to 1986, he returned to Germany as platoon sergeant and section chief, Pershing Electrical-Mechanical Repair Section, Company B, 55th Maintenance Battalion. In 1986, he returned again to the OMMCS as senior instructor and NCOIC of the Maintenance, Operations, and Logistics Section of the Land Combat Training Department, where he revitalized the Field Training Exercise for AIT and Basic and Advanced NCO Course students.

In 1989, Ayers was promoted to first sergeant of Company D, 832nd Ordnance Battalion at Redstone Arsenal. In 1990, he returned to Germany as first sergeant of Company A, 55th Support Battalion, and then as first sergeant of the 23rd Ordnance Company, where he played a key role in turning in more than \$11 million worth of equipment. He returned to OMMCS in 1992 as a chief instructor and writer, then attended the Sergeants Major Academy, and returned to OMMCS as sergeant major of a 130-person training department. He updated all specialty 55B (Ammunition) Army Correspondence Courses and developed a Field Training Exercise for 55B AIT students.

From 1994 to 1995, Ayers served as command sergeant major of the 74th Maintenance Battalion, headquartered at Redstone Arsenal but with detachments in 35 locations around the world. He inspected each location to ensure the welfare and proficiency of his Soldiers. In 1995, he was assigned as command sergeant major of the 191st Ordnance Battalion at Miesau, Germany. He deployed his battalion in 1995 to Tazar, Hungary, during Operation Joint Endeavor, where he served as command sergeant major of the 29th Area Support Group, operating a staging area that processed 132 units.

Ayers next served, from 1998 to 1999, as command sergeant major of the 59th Ordnance Brigade, OMMCS. In his final assignment, from 1999 to 2003, he served as the Ordnance Corps regimental command sergeant major at APG. During his tenure, he raised the standards of the OC&S's NCOA, established a Soldier and NCO of the Year program, visited ordnance schools and units, developed a Web site dedicated to ordnance Soldiers, and implemented community support programs.

Ayers retired in January 2004 after 28 years of distinguished service.

Col. Patrick W. Button

Col. Patrick W. Button, born Dec. 7, 1947, in Key West, Fla., was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1969. He attended

Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla., and was then assigned as executive officer of Headquarters, Company A, Student Enlisted Battalion, OC&S, at APG.

Released from the Army in 1972, Button earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology from Montana State University.

In 1975, he learned that his application for a Regular Army commission, submitted before his departure from active service, had been approved. Button received a direct appointment as a captain in the Ordnance Corps.

His first assignment was with the 27th Maintenance Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, serving as battalion S-1, then maintenance officer in the Battalion Materiel Office, and then commander of Company E.

The brigade his company supported maintained such high operational readiness rates, and his company received such an outstanding rating in its annual training and evaluation test, that Button was selected in 1977 to command the maintenance company of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry, the first tank battalion in the division to undergo testing under the Division Restructuring Study. He stood up his company and maintained an operational readiness rate of more than 95 percent through three months of field training.

Button next served from 1978 to 1981 in the 123d Maintenance Battalion, 1st Armored Division in Germany, first as S-1, then as commander of Headquarters and Company A, and finally as the S-2/3. Returning to the US, he was assigned as logistics concepts officer, High Technology Test Bed, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash. He developed the Tables of Organization and Equipment for the first Forward Support Battalions and the requirements documents for the Palletized Load System and Forward Repair System.

In his next assignment, as TO&E developments officer, U.S. Army Development and Experimentation Agency, from 1982 to 1984, Button worked out the details for a high-technology brigade. He next served as logistics concepts and doctrine staff officer and later executive officer, Deputy Chief of Staff for Doctrine, Headquarters U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. He developed concepts for logistics support in low intensity conflict and logistics at echelons above division.

From 1988 to 1990, he returned to the 1st Armored Division in Germany to command the 501st Forward Support Battalion.

Button then served, from 1991 to 1994, as director of Combat Developments at USAOC&S, where he oversaw advances in ordnance doctrine and equipment, to include fielding the Forward Repair System. Button was then assigned as director for Maintenance Management, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and Operations, Headquarters AMC. In addition to managing maintenance policy and the depot maintenance program, he implemented the logistics initiatives of Integrated Sustainment Maintenance and the Single Stock Fund.

In his final assignment as assistant commandant, OC&S, from 1997 to 1999, he energized combat development actions and pushed forward the multi-capable maintainer and Force XXI maintenance initiatives.

Button retired in 1999 after more than 27 years of outstanding service.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael R. Campbell

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael R. Campbell, born on July 1, 1958, in Harrisburg, Pa., entered the Army in 1978, completing Basic Training at Fort Dix, N.J., and Advanced Individual Training

at APG as a 44B metal worker. He was assigned to the 504th Maintenance Company in Germany from 1979 to 1983. He then returned to the United States to join the 801st Maintenance Battalion at Fort Campbell, Ky., supporting the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

In April 1986, after completing the Warrant Officer Candidate Course at APG, Campbell was appointed as an Allied trades technician. From 1987 to 1989, he served as ordnance shop technician with the 31st Maintenance Company, Fort Irwin, California. He repaired the installation's Central Issue Facility equipment, established a recovery assistance operation and transitioned his section from a Direct Support to a General Support organization.

Campbell returned to Germany in 1989 to serve as Allied trades technician for the 586th Maintenance Company, 2nd Corps Support Command. He deployed on Operation Desert Storm, where his Allied Trades and Vehicle Recovery sections supported the 3rd Armored Division. In 1992, he returned to the United States to serve in a series of assignments at Fort Sill, Okla. His first assignment was as assistant restationing officer for the 47th Combat Support Battalion (Provisional). He developed a restationing plan for the twelve units assigned to the battalion, providing billets and work space, coordinating unit moves, and transferring equipment with no loss of accountability.

He next served, from 1992 to 1993, as Allied trades technician for the 19th Maintenance Battalion at Fort Sill. He solved serious problems in the repairable exchange and major assembly programs. In 1993, he moved to the 226th Maintenance Company at Fort Sill to serve as Allied trades technician. His Service and Recovery Platoon distinguished itself during a command inspection with all vehicles passing with no deficiencies noted. His Service Section, though seriously understrength, was instrumental in maintaining a 94 percent operational readiness rate in the six artillery battalions it supported.

Campbell's next assignment, from 1997 to 2000, was as Allied trades technician for the 77th Maintenance Company in Germany, supporting 50 customers from the V Corps. He instituted a cross-training program and procured new, time-saving allied trades machinery. He was next assigned to the 1st Maintenance Company at Fort Riley, Kan., as Allied trades technician, where he established a safety program that met all Army safety and occupational health requirements. In 2001 he was selected to be Fort Riley's chief of Warrant Officer Management. He established a Senior Warrant Officer Council and ensured the proper assignment and professional development of his warrant officers.

In 2002, Campbell was selected to serve as the personnel proponent warrant officer at OC&S. He met all ordnance warrant officer accession, retention, and mentorship goals while realigning the warrant officer corps to meet Army transformation and modularity requirements.

Campbell retired in 2006 after more than 27 years of dedicated service.

Karen Farren

Karen T. Farren, born Sept. 4, 1950, in Killeen, Texas, joined the U.S. Army Logistics Center at Fort Lee, Va., in 1980 as ordnance force structure analyst, Force Development Directorate. With the establishment of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command at Fort Lee and the realignment of Ordnance Combat Development from OC&S to CASCOM in 1996, she became chief, Force Development Division, Directorate of Combat Development for Ord-

nance, CASCOM. For about two years, Farren served as deputy director for Quartermaster Combat Development at CASCOM but returned to DCD-OD at the request of the chief of Ordnance in 2001 when the deputy director position opened up.

From 2001 to 2005, she served as the deputy director of DCD-OD, and during much of this period was also the acting director as the director, a colonel, was assigned to fill quotas in deploying units.

Following a CASCOM reorganization in 2005, Farren assumed the position of deputy director, Concepts and Doctrine Directorate, until 2006. Except for her short stint with the Quartermaster Corps, she worked tirelessly on improving ordnance force structure and doctrine to meet the changing needs of a modernizing Army.

In the area of ordnance doctrine, Farren streamlined the number of field manuals from 19 to 8 while also revising them to reflect the Army's emerging transformation initiatives. She also reviewed more than 100 publications from other proponents to insure that ordnance doctrine was properly reflected. She played a key role in the transformation of doctrine from four levels to two levels of maintenance, devising an implementation plan and preparing the documentation needed to change the force structure to support two-level maintenance.

She also implemented a host of force structure changes to reflect the Army's shift to multi-functional logistics units and to implement the Force XXI logistics transformation. She developed the organization for the electronic maintenance platoon and redesigned air defense artillery maintenance units to meet the changing needs generated by new air defense systems and organizations. She improved the structure of explosive ordnance disposal units to enhance their capability and flexibility.

Farren was also involved in the Battlefield Distribution initiative, developing a modular structure for ammunition units. She led in the development of Force XXI structure, preparing concepts and force designs for all echelons above brigade ordnance units to reflect the shift to two-level maintenance. She also played a key role in fielding new equipment, such as the forward repair system, the family of quiet tactical generators, and improved EOD bomb suits, to enable the new force structures being developed.

Farren retired in 2006 after 26 years of devoted service. She continues, as a consultant for Logistics Management Resources, Incorporated, to serve the Ordnance Corps, playing a key role in developing the ordnance structure needed at Fort Lee to support the Base Realignment and Closure move and the establishment of the Sustainment Center of Excellence.

Lt. Gen. Richard A. Hack

Born July 21, 1950, in New York City, Richard A. Hack was commissioned through the Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1972 from the Virginia Military Institute. From 1973 to 1976 he served in a series of assignments as maintenance platoon leader and shop officer in the 530th Maintenance Company and then the 514th Maintenance Company at Fort Knox, Ky., and with the 596th Maintenance Company and the 903rd Maintenance Company in Germany. He then took command of the 42nd Maintenance Company in Germany.

In 1979, Hack was selected for the Training with Industry Program, working in Sikorsky Aircraft's Development Center and then in the purchasing department. He was next assigned, in 1980, to Rock Island Arsenal as an armament

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materiel management staff officer, where he coordinated a \$224 million program for modernizing RIA. In 1982, he was selected as aide-de-camp to the commanding general, US Armament Materiel Readiness Command at RIA.

Next Hack reported to Fort Stewart, Ga., in 1984 as materiel officer for the 724th Maintenance Battalion, responsible for equipment readiness in the 24th Infantry Division. In 1985, he became the support operations officer for the division's 4th Main Support Battalion, then executive officer of the 1st Forward Support Battalion, and finally chief of the Division Materiel Management Center, where he managed a \$24 million inventory.

Hack returned to Germany in 1987 as a logistics plans officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Army Europe, responsible for theater logistics plans. He returned to the United States in 1988 to take command of the 705th Support Battalion (Main), 5th Infantry Division, Fort Polk, La. His next assignment, in 1991, was as chief, Unit Maintenance and Battle Damage Assessment and Repair Office, OC&S.

In 1993, Hack returned to Fort Stewart to command the 24th Infantry Division's Support Command, containing 3,400 Soldiers. He next reported, in 1995, to AMC headquarters in Alexandria, Va., to serve as executive officer to the deputy commanding general. In 1996, he moved to Fort Hood, Texas, to serve as assistant division commander (support) of the 4th Infantry Division, supervising the combat support and combat service support units. He remained at Fort Hood to take command of the 13th Corps Support Command in 1997, responsible for 5,400 Soldiers.

In 1999, Hack returned to Germany as commanding general, 21st Theater Support Command, containing 7,000 Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, and local nationals with an annual operating budget of more than \$1.8 billion. Upon returning to the United States in 2001, he was selected to serve as AMC chief of staff, a position he held in addition to serving as the deputy commanding general starting in October 2002. He reorganized the headquarters staff of 1,300 Soldiers and civilians to sharpen its focus on operational requirements. In 2005, he led a Combat Service Support Assessment Team to Iraq, producing a detailed report containing 235 recommendations.

Hack retired in 2005 after 33 years of dedicated service.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Baskum LeMaster

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Baskum "Dave" LeMaster, born June 27, 1949, in Jephtha, Ky., completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and the Automotive Repair Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground before being assigned in 1968 to the 801st Maintenance Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Vietnam as a wheeled vehicle mechanic. Returning to Kentucky in 1969, he served as a wheeled vehicle mechanic in the 584th Light Maintenance Company at Fort Campbell.

LeMaster then travelled to Germany in 1972 to serve in the 517th Maintenance Company in Karlsruhe, where as a tracked vehicle mechanic he maintained prepositioned equipment, supporting four Return of Forces to Germany, or REFORGER, exercises in three years.

In 1975, he was accepted as a drill instructor, and after graduating from Drill Instructor School was assigned to a Basic Combat Training brigade at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he was selected as Drill Instructor of the Cycle.

In 1977 LeMaster was assigned as an automotive instructor at the OC&S at APG, teaching automotive repair theory and application to Advanced Individual Training students before being selected as an instructor for noncommissioned and commissioned officer training courses. In 1979, he was accepted to attend the Warrant Officer Candidate Course, graduating in July. As a new warrant officer, he returned to Germany to serve, from 1979 to 1982, as automotive technician in the 122nd Maintenance Battalion, 3rd Armored Division, supporting six battalions in the U.S. Army's largest combat brigade.

In 1983, LeMaster was assigned as automotive repair technician in the 704th Maintenance Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo. He deployed to Honduras for six months as the unit automotive repair technician for a support group element. In August 1983, he was assigned to fill a warrant officer vacancy in the division's 1st Battalion 77th Armor. He next served, from 1986 to 1987, in Korea as the battalion maintenance officer for the 802nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Engineer Brigade.

LeMaster returned to Fort Carson in 1987 to again serve in the 4th Infantry Division. He initially served in the Division Support Command but was soon assigned as maintenance technician in the 1st Battalion, 10th Infantry. Through his training program and improved supply procedures, he consistently met or exceeded the Department of the Army's 90 percent readiness standard despite four demanding rotations to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

LeMaster retired from active duty in 1989 after more than 20 years of dedicated service. His contributions to the Army and the Ordnance Corps did not end, however. He served as a U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command logistics assistance representative at forts Carson and Leonard Wood. In 1993 he was employed by Kellogg, Brown and Root as a maintenance manager, supporting the Army and training Ordnance Soldiers on deployments to Somalia, Haiti, Hungary, Kosovo, Uzbekistan, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Maj. Gen. Ray McCoy

Ray E. McCoy, born March 11, 1942, in Walters, Okla., graduated from Oklahoma State in 1965 and was commissioned through ROTC. Detailed to the infantry, he served assignments as a company executive officer and S-1 in mechanized infantry battalions at Fort Hood, Texas, and in Vietnam.

Returning to the United States for his first ordnance assignment in 1968, he commanded the Headquarters and Main Support Company, 265th Maintenance Battalion, Fort Riley, Kan. He next served, from 1970 to 1972, in the 171st Support Battalion of the 171st Infantry Brigade at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, as brigade maintenance officer. He also took command, on an emergency basis, of the Brigade's 58th Transportation Company, guiding it through a Command Materiel Management Inspection with the highest score.

From 1972 to 1974, as production, planning, and control officer, Installation Maintenance Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, McCoy reconstituted battalions brought from Forts Lewis and Meade to form the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, accomplishing all materiel readiness goals in 90 days. From 1975 to 1977, he was personnel distribution officer at the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center, Alexandria, Va. He was then assigned as logistics staff officer, later assistant executive officer, in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, U.S. Army, from 1977 to 1979. Remaining in Washington, D.C., he then served as assistant director of the Army Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff.

McCoy went to Korea in 1980 to take command of the 702nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, where he maintained the highest materiel readiness rating despite personnel shortages and excessive delivery times for repair parts. He returned to Washington in 1982 to serve as staff officer, Emergency Actions Branch, Joint Chiefs of Staff, J-4 (Logistics). In 1984, he was appointed chief of the Combat Service Support Division, U.S. Army Military Personnel Center. In 1986, he took command of the 61st Ordnance Brigade at OC&S where he activated the NCO Academy, improved the Field Training Exercise sites and established a command inspection program.

In 1988, McCoy was assigned as director, National Inventory Control Point (Supply Operations), Defense Industrial Supply Center, Defense Logistics Agency, Philadelphia, Pa. He then returned to Washington in 1989 to serve as executive officer to the U.S. Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. From 1990 to 1991 he served as executive director, Quality Assurance, in DLA's Defense Contract Management Command in Alexandria, Virginia, administering 560,000 contracts valued at more than \$760 billion.

From 1991 to 1993 McCoy returned to the Defense Industrial Supply Center as commanding general, reorganizing it from a functional to a commodity basis, greatly enhancing customer support. He next served, from 1994 to 1995, as chief of staff, AMC. In his final assignment, he returned to DLA as principal deputy director, overseeing the operation of five Defense Supply Centers, five Service Centers, and two Defense Distribution Regions.

McCoy retired in 1997 after more than 32 years of distinguished service.

Command Sgt. Maj. David Lee Stewart

David Lee Stewart, born Aug. 30, 1950, in Columbus, Miss., joined the Army in 1974. After Basic Combat Training at Fort Ord, Calif., and Advanced Individual Training as an automotive and tracked vehicle mechanic at Fort Ord and Fort Knox, Ky. He then served in the 1st Battalion, 3d Field Artillery in the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas, from 1975 to 1979, becoming a

motor sergeant while still a junior NCO.

From 1979 to 1982, Stewart served as motor sergeant in the 2nd Battalion, 36th Infantry in the 3rd Armored Division in Germany. He then joined the Bradley Fighting Vehicle Fielding Team as a maintenance and deprocessing NCO, fielding the Bradley to more than 25 battalions in the United States and Germany from 1982 to 1989.

Stewart next served in the 2nd Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga. Serving as squadron motor sergeant from 1989 to 1991, he deployed for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, where he coordinated the fielding of the M1A1 Abrams tank to the squadron prior to the commencement of the ground war. The squadron maintained a 94 percent readiness rate during the war.

Upon returning to the United States, Stewart served as first sergeant of the squadron's Air Cavalry Troop and then as first sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop. That he held these positions, normally filled by NCOs with aviation and armor backgrounds, is testimony to Stewart's leadership abilities. He improved these units' property accountability, maintenance, physical fitness, discipline and marksmanship.

In 1994, he served as the 24th Infantry Division's Support Operations Sergeant, coordinating the maintenance, supply, and transportation efforts of the Division Support Command's four multi-functional support battalions. Appointed to command sergeant major in 1995, he was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division's 224th Forward Support Battalion, which was reflagged as the 26th Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division. His battalion provided flawless support to the division's 2nd Brigade during a demanding rotation to the National Training Center followed by a deployment to Kuwait during Operation Intrinsic Action.

In 1996, Stewart assumed duties as command sergeant major of the 3rd Infantry Division's 703rd Main Support Battalion, the largest battalion in the division with more than 1,200 Soldiers. He returned to Germany in 1997 as command sergeant major of the Combat Equipment Group, Europe, with more than 2,000 Soldiers and civilian employees in three battalions spread across four countries, responsible for storing and maintaining more than \$3.5 billion of war reserve stocks.

Stewart returned to the United States in 1999 for his culminating assignment as command sergeant major of the Army Field Support Command at Rock Island Arsenal. In support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he deployed with 1,000 of his Soldiers and civilians to form the U.S. Army Materiel Command Logistics Support Element, an organization that swelled to 8,000 personnel.

Stewart retired in 2004 after 30 years of exemplary service.

Maj. Gen. Joseph Raffiani Jr.

Joseph Raffiani Jr., born July 27, 1939, in Patterson, N.J., graduated from Rutgers University in 1961 and was commissioned through ROTC. Detailed to Armor for two years, he served as a platoon leader, company executive officer, and battalion maintenance officer in Germany. His first assignment as an ordnance officer, in 1963, was as supply officer and then liaison officer in the 126th Maintenance Battalion in Germany.

In 1964 Raffiani returned to the United States to serve as a mechanical engineer at the U.S. Army Aeronautical Depot in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he developed concepts for the floating repair depot USS Corpus Christi Bay. In 1965 he commanded the only Ballistic and Technical Services detachment in Vietnam and in 1966 took command of the 94th Maintenance Company in Vietnam. Returning to the United States in 1967, he was chief of Doctrine at the APG OC&S, integrating new logistics support concepts into the curriculum.

From 1970 to 1972, he earned a master's in operations research and analysis from Tulane University. He then served as chief, Mission Relations, U.S. Military Training Mission to Saudi Arabia. From 1973 to 1976 Raffiani served as branch chief, Applications Branch, Simulation Division, U.S. Army Logistics Center at Fort Lee, Va., where he expanded the use of computer logistics simulations. In 1977, he took command of the 801st Maintenance Battalion in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky. From 1979 to 1980 he served as the division's assistant chief of staff, G-4 (Logistics).

Raffiani next served, from 1981 to 1983, as chief of the Logistics Management Division in the Office of the Program Manager, M1 Abrams Tank. He then became project manager for the M1A1 Abrams Tank from 1983 to 1987. He was selected to command a Division Support Command, but this assignment was deferred during this critical stage of the M1A1's production and fielding.

Before he could assume command he was promoted to brigadier general.

Raffiani then took command of the Armament Research, Development, and Engineering Center at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. ARDEC was the Army's largest research and development organization, with 6,000 personnel and an annual budget of \$1.7 billion. He next served, from 1989 to 1990, as deputy commanding general for Procurement and Readiness at the U.S. Army Tank - Automotive Command at Warren, Mich., managing a host of programs involving major combat systems.

From 1990 to 1992, Raffiani served as assistant deputy for Program Assessment and International Cooperation in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development, and Acquisition. In his final assignment, from 1992 to 1994, he commanded TACOM. He established the National Automotive Center, a collaborative effort between the Army and the U.S. automotive industry, developed close working relations with program managers, and oversaw the absorption of ARDEC into TACOM to create the US Army Tank - Automotive and Armament Command.

Raffiani retired in 1994 after 33 years of dedicated service.

Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker II

Command Sgt. Maj. Tyler Walker II, born May 2, 1953, at Montgomery Air Force Base, Ala., first served in the Marine Corps from 1971 to 1973 as a lance corporal in the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He then joined the Army in 1974, serving in the 108th Quartermaster Company, 46th Engineer Battalion, Fort Rucker, Ala. In 1975, he was assigned to Company B, 501st Supply and Transportation Battalion, 1st Armored Division, in Germany.

In 1977, Walker returned to the United States to serve in the 632nd Maintenance Company, 24th Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga. He was chosen for special duty as cadre of the installation's first Correctional Custody Facility. In 1980, he was selected to attend the Drill Sergeant Academy, after which he served as drill sergeant in the 3rd Battalion, 4th Training Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He was recognized as Drill Sergeant of the Cycle twice in a one-year period.

In 1983, Walker returned to Germany as maintenance control supervisor of Company B, 708th Maintenance Battalion, 8th Infantry Division in Baumholder. He returned to the United States in 1986 to serve as maintenance control supervisor in the 183rd Maintenance Company, Fort Carson, Colo. He next served in Korea, from 1987 to 1988, as first sergeant of Company C, 702nd Main Support Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, the most forward deployed maintenance company in the division.

Walker then returned to Fort Stewart to serve as first sergeant of Company C, 724th Support Battalion (Main), 24th Infantry Division. When the division deployed for operations Desert Shield and Storm, he assumed the duties of command sergeant major for the 1,200-Soldier battalion. Walker then attended the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy from 1991 to 1992 followed by an assignment as first sergeant of Company C, 25th Forward Support Battalion (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

In 1993, Walker returned to Korea as Command Sergeant Major of the 702d Main Support Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. He then returned to the United States in 1994 to serve as command sergeant major of Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz. He was recognized for his community support programs, creating the Juvenile All Weekend Supervisor Program, which assisted more than 1,000 young people in the community.

Walker then served, from 1997 to 1999, as command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command at APG, and following a reorganization within the U.S. Army Materiel Command, as command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command at Arlington, Va., from 1999 to 2000.

Culminating his career, he served as command sergeant major of AMC at Fort Belvoir, Va. Walker served as the senior noncommissioned officer and principle advisor to three AMC commanders. He mentored sergeants major in 285 locations and saw to the welfare of the command's 1,500 Soldiers and 50,000 civilian employees.

Walker, II, retired in 2005 after 34 years of distinguished service, 12 of them as a command sergeant major.

(Editor's note: The Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame was established in 1969 to recognize and memorialize individuals who made a positive, significant contribution to the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps. Its members are honored in a permanent display in the Ordnance Museum at APG.)

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CYS2 holds essay contest for military children

Story by
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APG News

Child, Youth and School Services, or CYS2, held an essay contest for military children in celebration of April's Month of the Military Child to compete for Orioles baseball tickets.

Children were asked to answer the question, "What does being a military child mean to you?" in 500 words or less.

Contestants were to address the special opportunities and challenges that they face as a military child.

Essays were judged by Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez; Regina Dannenfels, director of CYS2; and Michael Lupachino, director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

More than 30 children participated in the contest. A winner was chosen from the Edgewood Area Youth Center and the Aberdeen Area Youth Center.

Carolyn Mason, 9, won from the Aberdeen Area Youth Center. "I think it is awesome. I am looking forward to going to the baseball game. My mom and I were talking about going to a game this season and then I won these tickets," she said of winning. Mason said that it is hard to not see her father everyday, and she is looking forward to when her father will be reunited with her family. Mason added that her family will be moving to Germany in December. She said that although she will miss her friends, she is excited to live in another country and wants to learn German.

"I will be able to tell my friends Auf Wiedersehen [good bye]," she said.

"I am extremely proud of her," said her mother, Tennille Mason. "I feel like she did a wonderful job expressing life as a military child. I know it is hard for her with her father away, but she does so much around the house to help me out."

Mason continued that Carolyn is very proud that her father is in the Army.

"Her father is a Warrant Officer 1," she said. "She likes to talk about what her father does in the Army, and she loves tanks."

Brianna Lloyd, 8, who won from the Edgewood Area Youth Center, said that she is also happy to have won.

"This is the first time I have won an essay contest," she said. "I am proud of what my dad does in the Army, and I feel like he can protect my family because of his training."

Lloyd continued by saying that when her father was deployed, she helped her mother around the house by helping take care of her younger siblings.

"She is so proud to be able to win the tickets for her family," Brianna's mother Amy Lloyd said. "She keeps saying, 'I won us tickets.'"

"She helps me out a lot around the house, even when her father is home, and I am happy that she won," Lloyd said. "This will be a good opportunity to get out of the house and have fun together."

Chuck Rose, an FMWR workforce preparation specialist, and retired military, said that military children deserve to have a month dedicated to them, because they face special challenges. This year's theme is "Everyday Heroes."

Rose, who contacted the Orioles for the contest prize, said both families will attend the Baltimore Orioles game on May 25, during the team's Military Recognition Day, and that there is a possibility that both children will read their essays at the game.

Rose said that he is grateful to all who participated.

"Thank you to all the children who participated in the contest," he said. "I think that military children, with what they go through, and what they do, are great examples to other children."

What does it mean to YOU to be a military child?

My name is Carolyn Mason and I'm an Army brat. My father is deployed in Korea. Here I am stuck in Maryland! It's hard (I mean really hard!) without him here. My father visited two times in the two years he's been away. We talk on the phone and send each other e-mail's. We have a daily routine that works different from the one we used when he was here. We're moving to Germany in December. I'm glad we get to see each other, but not the fact we're moving away from my friends.

Carolyn Mason, 9 years old



My name is Brianna Lloyd. My dad is in the Army. Once my dad was away for a long time. I really missed him. I had to come home and help my Mom take care of the baby and help clean the house. I had to do a lot of things like help make dinner and do the dishes, feed the dog, set the table. That's my story when my Dad was gone for a long time.

Brianna Lloyd, 8 years old

APG D.A.R.E. dancers perform at annual training



From left, Bria Fisher, 10, Courtney McConico, 7, Lauren Pomroy, 10, Danielle Eubanks, 10, and Taylor Johnson, 10, perform a routine at the annual Maryland D.A.R.E. In-Service Training, held in Ocean City April 7. The children who performed the dance routine are involved in APG's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Dance Program and were invited to perform by the Maryland D.A.R.E. coordinator Ann Thacker.

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Fifteen children from the Aberdeen Area Youth Center performed a dance routine at the annual Maryland D.A.R.E. In-Service Training held in Ocean City April 7.

The children who performed the dance routine are involved in APG's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Dance Program, or D.A.R.E. Dance Program.

The D.A.R.E. Dance Program, part of D.A.R.E. P.L.U.S. (D.A.R.E.'s after-school program series, Play and Learn under Supervision), was established to bring children a free and positive

alternative to drugs and gang violence through a fun, healthy and expressive art form, dance.

In this venture students have the opportunity to learn many styles of dance including African dance, ballet, hip-hop, jazz, modern, tap and more by professional adult and professional track teen dance companies.

This was the first time that the D.A.R.E. dancers performed outside of APG.

The D.A.R.E. Dance program came to APG in 2007, and has performed three times for parents and friends at the AA Youth Center. Nicole Martinnell, from ClancyWorks Dance Company, served as the dance

instructor, and taught the children the routine that they performed at the training.

Ann Thacker, regional D.A.R.E. coordinator, invited the dancers to perform at the training so that others might consider implementing a similar program in their district.

"This program is another way of getting kids involved, some who wouldn't participate in regular sports activities," Mike "Big Mike" Farlow, community policing and D.A.R.E. officer told the audience, while introducing the group.

Farlow continued stating that the goals of the program incorporate D.A.R.E. themes such as:

participating in positive alternatives to drugs and gang violence, the building of self-esteem, teamwork, resisting negative peer pressure and focusing on positive health and attitude.

At the training the children performed a variety of dance styles including hip-hop and jazz routines for the audience.

After the performance, several children said that they felt excited to have the chance to take their routine to Ocean City and perform for D.A.R.E. officers.

"I think everybody put effort into learning the dance routine, and I think everybody did their best while performing. We practiced a lot so we were confident in our performance," remarked Antoinette Barnes, 11.

Diego Robinson, 9, admitted that he was nervous in the beginning but then "got into it" later in the performance.

D'Asia Hughes, 8, said that she enjoyed performing in front of other people because she felt the group was well prepared.

"I thought it was fantastic," Hughes added.

Dorris Tisdale, a parent of Erykah and Aaliyah who are in the D.A.R.E. Dance program, accompanied the group on the trip, said that her children love participating in D.A.R.E. Dance.

"Erykah at first did not want to do it, but I encouraged her

to get involved, as she is not on any sports teams," Tisdale said. "Now she really enjoys it, she practices the routines at home, and I can see that she is more confident. I like the D.A.R.E. program because it reinforces what I already tell them at home, about staying away from drugs and gangs. It tells them to be a leader, not always a follower."

Norma Warwick, the director of AA Youth Center, who accompanied the group, said that she felt that the children positively represented APG through the entire trip.

"I am proud of the children; they have been really working hard," she said.

Warwick added that the children will be learning a new routine in May.

D.A.R.E. Dancers who performed in Ocean City

- Antionnette Barnes
- Lynette Brown
- Danielle Eubanks
- Bria Fisher
- D'Asia Hughes-Spears
- Jordan Johnson
- Taylor Johnson
- Makayla Lewis
- Carolyn Mason
- Courtney McConico
- Richanda McNeil
- Lauren Pomroy
- Diego Robinson
- Aaliyah Tisdale
- Erykah Tisdale

ACS helps Families through Hearts Apart Support Group

Next Hearts Apart meeting May 6 discusses AER scholarships

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The Hearts Apart Support Group is just another way to stay connected in the community and learn what Aberdeen Proving Ground's Army Community Service has to offer the Family. The ACS Hearts Apart support group meets the first Wednesday of every month, 6 to 7 p.m., in building 2754, Rodman Road.

As part of the ongoing commitment to support the Army Family Covenant, ACS Hearts Apart Support Program seeks to empower Families (military and Department of Defense civilians) with information to help prepare the Families for the separation during deployments and TDYs. Participants formulate programs and activities that might be of interest to them, and ACS provides the logistical and professional support to help accomplish these events. ACS offers a compre-

hensive array of programs and services dedicated to maintaining the readiness of the Total Army Family and military community by fostering self-reliance, stability and resilience.

ACS is scheduled to have a staff member at each monthly meeting so participants can learn about what free services and resources it offers to the installation.

For the month of May, Margaret Fissel, Army Emergency Relief officer, will speak about AER scholarships provided to eligible spouses wishing to broaden their educational skills by attending college at no cost to them.

Military spouses and dependent children can be awarded scholarships through the 'AER MG James Ursano Scholarship Program,' if they qualify and meet eligibility requirements.

Scholarship summary

Dependent Children Scholarship Program

The MG James Ursano Scholarship Program is for dependent children of Soldiers on federal active duty, retired, or deceased while in active or retired status. The 2009-2010 application is no longer available as the March 2 deadline has passed. The application for AER's 2010-2011 MG James Ursano Scholarship Program will be available on the AER Web site December 2009.

Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program

The SSEAP is a need-based education assistance program designed to provide spouses of active duty and retired Army Soldiers, and widows(ers) of Army Soldiers who died either on active duty or in a retired status and residing in the

United States, with financial assistance in pursuing educational goals. The purpose of the program is to assist spouses/widows(ers) in gaining the education required to allow them to qualify for increased occupational opportunities.

AER Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program

OSEAP is for spouses of active duty Soldiers assigned and living in overseas commands only (Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico are not accepted for OSEAP). The spouse must also reside with the Soldier at the assigned command. "Active duty" military personnel are not eligible. This scholarship is for first undergraduate degrees only. Assistance is not for any type of graduate degree level courses.

For more information, contact Phyllis Ethridge, ACS Relocation Readiness Program specialist, 410-278-2464/7572.