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Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Feb. 11, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



Wanted: Stories about NCOs

To showcase the year of the noncommissioned officer, the APG News is looking for story ideas to publish. Anyone with a suggestion should call the editor, Debi Horne, 410-278-1150.

BRAC Job Fair Saturday

CECOM LCMC and Army Team C4ISR will hold a BRAC Job Fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 7, at the Harford Community College Chesapeake Center, 401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air.

Recruitment will be for government positions at Aberdeen Proving Ground including but not limited to budget analyst, computer scientist, contract specialist, engineer, logistics manager, management analyst, operations research analyst and accountant, program analyst and program manager.

Registration at www.swnetwork.org is required to attend.

For more information, call 410-939-4240.

WACVA meeting this Saturday

Freestate Chapter 70 of the Women's Army Corp Veterans Association will meet 11 a.m., Feb. 7, at the Aberdeen Senior Center on Franklin Street. Community service events and fundraisers for 2009 will be discussed.

Meetings and membership in the chapter are open to women who have served or are serving in the armed forces – Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard.

For more information, contact Judy Fortier, 1st vice-president, 410-272-4115.

Chapel holds Sweetheart Banquet Feb. 7

The Post Chapel will hold a Valentine's Sweetheart Banquet 6 p.m., Feb. 7, at the Clarion in Aberdeen. A signup sheet is located in the Welcome Center of the Main Post Chapel.

Child Care arrangements should be made by
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APG POLAR BEARS TAKE THE PLUNGE



Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Polar Bears splash their way into the icy waters of the Chesapeake Bay during the 2009 Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis Jan. 24.
Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

More than 400 peanut butter products recalled

Installation Safety Office

As a precautionary measure, the Food and Drug Administration has expanded its recall of food products containing peanuts because of their potential Salmonella contamination.

Salmonella is a bacterial infection that causes fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps.

Peanut butter is not normally thought of as a high-risk food for salmonella. The bacteria, a frequent source of food poisoning, is normally killed off during the roasting process. However, in this case the common denominator is that all of the recent salmonella-tainted products have contained peanut paste or peanut butter made at a Peanut Corporation of America plant in Blakely, Ga. Its peanut paste is used by others to make dozens of goodies,

from energy bars to cakes to dog biscuits.

Most persons infected with salmonella develop diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps 12 to 72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts four to seven days, and most persons recover without treatment. However, in some persons, the diarrhea may be so severe that the patient needs to

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Veterans services available on APG

Directorate of Human Resources

The Directorate of Human Resources, Military Personnel Office, located in building 4305, continues to maintain agreements with the state of Maryland and the Department of Veterans Affairs to support all separating/retiring Soldiers and Veterans.

Like many organizations, turnover of staff has occurred in both of these organizations.

"We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused," said Janet Dettwiler, director of Human Resources, "however, the Military Personnel Office will continue to assist veterans as necessary."

The Maryland Job Service Office will continue daily service with its unmanned Resource Center located in room 137. There are state-owned computers available with access to job banks and many pamphlets and flyers from perspective employers.

The monthly Transition Assistance Program Workshop will continue with no

interruption.

Until a full-time service representative is hired, personal service will be limited to Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 136. Veterans can call 410-306-2354 and leave a message or call the main office in Bel Air at 410-836-4630 for further assistance.

The Department of Veterans Affairs will continue to support the monthly Transition Assistance Program Workshop as well as the twice monthly service visit. These visits will be the first and second Tuesday of each month.

The next visit is Feb. 10. A veterans' representative will be in the office, located in room 133, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments may be made in person or by calling 410-306-2322/2320. Walk-ins are welcome.

To speak to the representative while they are at APG, call 410-306-2358.

"Thank you for your patience as change occurs," Dettwiler said.

ARL showcases armor research advancements

Story by SARAH MAXWELL
ARL

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory hosted dozens of visitors Jan. 22 and 23 at Aberdeen Proving Ground as part of a larger Future Combat Systems tour held to highlight the military's modernization efforts.

About 60 people, including journalists, Congressional staff, general officers and others, learned how ARL contributes to FCS and the Warfighter after getting briefed on armor and material development along with laboratory and site visits.

"What we're doing here is not only transforming the Army, but it's transforming the industry," said Dr. Ernie Chin, branch chief in

the Materials Division of ARL's Weapons and Materials Research Directorate. Chin showed the groups the advancements the Composite Materials Lab is making in cutting-edge science that protects Soldiers in combat.

ARL develops technologically advanced armor to keep Soldiers protected on the battlefield while still being light enough to meet performance goals of FCS and other Army programs, said Dr. Chris Hoppel, force protection research manager.

The laboratory already accomplished producing a first generation, or "B-1," armor that was then sent on for further development, Hoppel said.

"We gave the FCS program the B-1 ceramics and saw a successful transition with that first generation," Hoppel said. "We're now developing the next two generations."

The work being done at ARL and other research organizations is not only an integral part of moving the Army's technologies forward, it also gives the technologies developed scientific legitimacy, said Lt. Gen. Michael Vane, deputy commanding general, Futures and director of the Army Capabilities Integration Center.

"We are the Army's experts in armor research," said Dr. Carl Krauthauser, ARL research physicist who

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TRAFFIC ALERT

MD Route 22 gate construction to begin soon

DIO

Work on the Harford Boulevard (MD Route 22) Gate is expected to start on or about Feb. 16.

The first phase of work will close the inbound right lane, its associated guard booth, the gatehouse and the inspection canopy. The two left inbound lanes will be maintained for traffic during this phase. Outbound traffic will see intermittent minimal impacts during the construction.

Unfortunately, this work, in conjunction with the ongoing work at the Maryland Boulevard Gate, may aggravate traffic conditions for the Aberdeen Area morning commute.

Contractor personnel who possess RAPIDgate identification cards and operate vehicles that do not require inspection are encouraged to use the Aberdeen Boulevard Gate.

As a reminder, the Aberdeen Gate is only open for contractor employees with RAPIDgate identification. Government identification card holders must use either Maryland or Harford Boulevard gates.

Patience and understanding is requested during this period. Driving defensively helps keep everyone safe.

Maryland Boulevard lanes to shift

As part of the ongoing Maryland 715 Gate construction, the current active traffic lanes in the vicinity of the new identification canopy and gate house will be temporarily shifted to allow the construction of curbing along the center median of the road.

Temporary traffic controls will be used to guide traffic through the area, and concrete barriers will be installed between the inbound traffic lane and the work area for worker safety.

Drivers should reduce speed and be especially vigilant while traveling through the lane shift area.

The work is tentatively scheduled to start during the week of Feb. 16 and last for approximately two weeks. However, since both the start and duration are heavily weather dependent, these dates may shift.

For more information, contact Jerry Norris, Directorate of Public Works, 410-306-1159.

RDECOM commander to speak at AUSA meeting

USAGAPG PAO

Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo will be the guest speaker at the Aberdeen Chapter of the Association of the United States Army meeting, 11:30 a.m., Feb. 17, at the Clarion Hotel, 908 Hospitality Way in Aberdeen.

Izzo is the commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

RDECOM is an Army focal point for developing and accelerating innovative technology and sound engineering solutions that provide U.S. forces with decisive and dominant capability where they need it, when they need it. The command is unparalleled in technical capability and innovation to provide the best technology today and in the future.

AUSA chapter meetings are open to non-members as well as members. The cost, \$18 cash or check, includes lunch. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, contact Chrissy at cmb@orsacorp.com.

Legally Speaking

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/Staff_Judge/index.html

Understanding the military justice system

OSJA
Maintaining good order and discipline is a core responsibility of all military commanders.

Commanders have a broad range of tools at their disposal to maintain discipline to include counseling, reprimand, corrective training, withholding of pass privileges, non-judicial punishment (Article 15), administrative separation from the service and trial by court-martial.

A court-martial is a military criminal trial and is the most serious disciplinary tool available to commanders. The Uniform Code of Military Justice (U.C.M.J.) sets forth the procedures for, and enumerates the offenses which are punishable by, courts-martial. Many of the offenses are the same as one would find in any state criminal code, such as larceny, forgery, assault and homicide. Others are military specific offenses such as disrespect toward a superior commissioned officer, maltreatment of a subordinate, misbehavior before the enemy and absence without leave, or AWOL.

One important concept to understand is that there are actually three distinct types of courts-martial: summary, special and general.

A summary court-martial can be ordered by a battalion level commander who appoints an officer in the command to conduct the trial, make a determination of innocence or guilt and assess an appropriate sentence in the case of a guilty finding. The accused is not entitled to a military defense counsel, and the government does not appoint a prosecuting attorney. Rather, the summary court martial officer

conducts the questioning of witnesses, though the accused may ask his own questions as well. Because there are only limited due process protections (i.e. no right to counsel, no legally trained judge), the accused may not be tried by a summary court-martial without his consent. Although a range of punishments are available, confinement is capped at 30 days and only authorized for service members in the grade of E-4 and below.

A special court-martial is an intermediate level proceeding. There are actually several types of special courts-martial, the details of which would take too much time to describe here. However, in almost every case, the proceeding will be run by a military judge, the accused will be represented by a defense attorney and the government will be represented by a prosecuting attorney or trial counsel. The accused may elect to have his case decided by a panel of military officers, a military judge, or if the accused is enlisted, a mixed panel of officers and enlisted Soldiers. The maximum sentence of confinement authorized is one year.

A general court-martial is the most serious type of proceeding and can only be ordered by a general officer who has been designated a general court-martial convening authority by the Secretary of the Army.

On Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo is the sole general court-martial convening authority.

As in a special court-martial, the accused can request trial by a panel or military judge and is

entitled to be represented by counsel. At a general court-martial, there is no specific limitation on the amount of confinement authorized based solely on the type of court-martial. Rather, the maximum punishment is whatever is specified in the U.C.M.J. for each offenses charged. For example, the maximum confinement authorized for the charge of false official statement is five-years confinement. Consequently, if a Soldier is found guilty of this offense at a general court-martial, the maximum period of confinement a Soldier could be sentenced to is five years. In contrast, a Soldier found guilty of the same offense at a special court-martial could not be sentenced to more than one-year confinement.

Because of the greater jeopardy a service member faces at a general court-martial, there are additional due process rights. Before any case can be referred to a general court-martial, the government must first conduct a thorough and impartial pre-trial investigation into all proposed charges. This is the military equivalent of a grand jury proceeding. The accused is entitled to legal representation and is given an opportunity to cross examine prosecution witnesses and present evidence on their behalf. The investigating officer must make a recommendation as to the proper disposition of the case, and the investigating officer also recommends whether charges should be amended or dismissed based upon the evidence presented, or that the case be referred to a lesser type of court-martial or an alternative disposition of the case.

More serious types of

courts-martial subject the accused to greater punishment but also provide more due process protections. They also require

more time and effort on the part of the government in prosecuting. Accordingly, commanders, in consultation with the military jus-

tice division, must balance these factors in determining the appropriate level of court-martial in a given case.

Trial Results

(Editor's Note: As a new feature of the monthly "Legally Speaking" column, the results of courts-martial held here on Aberdeen Proving Ground will be published.)

Two OC&S instructors found guilty of fraternization with trainees

Two noncommissioned officers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools were recently demoted as the result of punishment from separate courts-martial.

On Jan. 6, Sgt. 1st Class Bernard Penix, assigned to the 143rd Ordnance Battalion as a platoon sergeant and instructor, was punished at a general court-martial after pleading guilty to violating Article 92 which prohibits fraternization of instructors and permanent party personnel with students.

Penix was also found guilty of Article 107 for making a false official statement to a law enforcement official investigating allegations of fraternization made against him. Additionally, he was found guilty of a violation of Article 90 for willful disobedience of a superior commissioned officer after he failed to cease contact with the victim in this case as directed by his commanding officer.

Col. Grant C. Jaquith, the military judge presiding over the Penix case, sentenced Penix, who has 22 years of military service, to a reduction in rank from sergeant first class to specialist and confinement for one month. However, pursuant to the terms of his offer to plead guilty, his rank cannot be reduced below the rank of sergeant (E-5).

Three weeks prior, Staff Sgt. Ace Robinson, who was also assigned to the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 61st Ordnance Brigade in the Edgewood Area, was convicted at a special court-martial of Article 92 violating the lawful regulation which prohibits fraternization of instructors and permanent party personnel with students assigned to

OC&S for training. Robinson, an 8-year Army veteran, was found guilty by a panel, or jury, made up of senior commissioned and NCOs on Dec. 16, 2008. In addition to reduction in rank from staff sergeant to specialist, Robinson was sentenced to restriction to his battalion area for 45 days and given an oral reprimand.

Trainees get jail time for stealing from classmates

Two OC&S Soldiers were found guilty in separate courts-martial for their roles in the theft of various properties belonging to their fellow Soldiers.

On Jan. 13, Pvt. David R. Veal plead to and was found guilty on four specifications of larceny (theft) and one specification of providing a false official statement at a special court-martial. In addition to one month of confinement, a panel of senior commissioned and NCOs sentenced Veal to two months of hard labor without confinement and forfeiture of \$933 pay per month for three months.

The items that Veal admitted to stealing included two laptop computers, a wireless Internet card and an Apple iPod.

On Jan. 15, Pfc. Emilio L. Sees plead guilty to two specifications of larceny at a special court-martial.

After finding Sees guilty, the military judge sentenced him to confinement for two months, reduction in rank to private (E-1), hard labor without confinement for two months and forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for four months.

Sees admitted to stealing a laptop computer and a wireless Internet satellite card.

Additionally, Sees stole a second laptop computer and satellite card with help from Veal.

Gambling in the federal workplace - all bets off

OSJA
Even though this year's Super-bowl is over, March Madness is just around the corner. So now is a good time to review the rules on gambling in the federal workplace.

Department of Defense personnel are prohibited from gambling while "on duty" or "while on federal property" unless an exception applies, states JER DoD 5500.7-R, paragraph 2-302. This includes both federal and civilian personnel. http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/ethics_regulation/jer1-6.doc

The rules

"A DoD employee shall not participate while on federally owned or leased property or while on duty (for military members, this means, in this context, present for duty) for the federal government in any gambling activity prohibited by Title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 735.201." JER 2-302. http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/ethics_regulation/.

All executive branch employees, are prohibited from participating "in any gambling activity,

including operating a gambling device, conducting a lottery or pool, participating in a game for money or property, or selling or purchasing a numbers slip or ticket" while on government owned or leased property or on duty for the government. (5 C.F.R. 735.201) http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/ethics_regulation/.

What is gambling?

There are three elements that would cause an activity to be considered gambling:

- 1) it's an activity requiring the payment or wagering of something of value,
- 2) it involves an element of "chance" or randomness, and
- 3) its goal is to win a reward or prize. http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/2006_Advisories/ADV_0612.htm. Events that do not include "all" three of these elements are not gambling.

The examples

Beware the office pool. Gambling allegations were made against a DoD employee who was operating a "fantasy football league" in his workplace.

The participants each paid \$20 to participate. The funds were used for a luncheon at the end of the season and trophies were purchased for the winners. Is this gambling?

Yes. The General Counsel ruled that the activities constituted gambling in the workplace in violation of paragraph 2-302 of DoD 5500.7-R, Joint Ethics Regulation. All three elements were met. The participant paid \$20 (value). The game involved chance (the results of several football games) and its goal was to win a prize (trophy). The participants were on duty and in the Federal workplace.

Another example states that allegations were made regarding Air National Guard members running a "fantasy football league" on their government computers. Each member of the league contributed \$10 to play, with the winner buying all of the other participants' pizza at the end of the season. The winner actually spent more on the pizza than the amount of the winnings. The activities associated with the game were conducted on break and lunch times. Was it consid-

ered to be gambling?

Yes, but why? First, there was the \$10 cost to play. Second, the game involved chance, the outcome of several sporting events. And third, there was a prize. It did not matter that the prize winning pot of money did not cover the cost of the pizza. Finally, although the participants were gambling on their "lunch breaks" when they were off duty they were still in the "federal workplace" working on their government computers. Remember Section 2-302 of DoD 5500.7-R, Joint Ethics Regulation, prohibits gambling by DoD personnel while on duty "or" while on federal property. In addition, it was a misuse of government resources to carry out such an activity on computers that are government property.

This one is interesting. Tipped off by a coworker, investigators discovered that a painter at the Department of the Interior was running a full-fledged gambling operation on government premises. While on official duty, the painter received betting slips from other employees and made payoffs. The painter's sub-

sequent threatening phone call to the tipster earned him an additional charge of conduct unbecoming a federal employee.

All persons entering in or on federal property are prohibited from participating in games for money or other personal property, operating gambling devices, conducting a lottery or pool, or selling or purchasing numbers tickets. See 41 C.F.R. § 102-74.395. Gambling may be prohibited by federal government building and grounds regulations. (JER 2-302c) http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/ethics_regulation/jer1-6.doc.

The key in this example is that the employee was "on duty." A local motorcycle dealer sponsored a "motorcycle poker" event across public lands. The off-road bikes followed a pre-set route, stopping along the way to pick up playing cards. The one with the best poker hand at the end won a new motorcycle. The on-duty government employee was to follow the contestants, making sure that nobody had fallen off their bike or gotten lost. Surprisingly, he won the whole contest.

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APG Outdoor Journal

Commentary: Piebald deer on APG? What's that?

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Had a fella call me the other day, all excited about a deer he'd seen while he was working down range.

"Looked kinda weird to me," he said. "There was a lot of white on it and it reminded me of a goat. You reckon its got the EHD or something? It was all splotchy looking."

"No," I replied, trying to calm him down some. "Sounds to me like a piebald deer."

"Say what?" he responded. "A pie what? You funnin' me, or something?"

"No," I said, laughing, "I ain't funnin' you. They're called piebald deer...P-I-E-B-A-L-D, and we see 'em around here every now and then. It's sort of a genetic thing."

"A what? Genetic; never heard of such a thing! Is it contagious?"

"No," I replied, trying to explain. "It's just one of those things that happens sometimes; kinda like Mother Nature getting her wires crossed. Ain't nothing to worry about."

"Okay," he said. "Well, just thought I'd report it. I thought maybe we was having some kind of an outbreak or something. You never know these days, what with global warming and all."

After he hung up, I sat there laughing, wondering where he called home.

About piebald deer

Piebald deer, and I don't have a clue as to why they're called that unless it's a derivative from something else, are something of an abnormality in the



Photo by BILL ARMSTRONG

whitetail deer population, occurring maybe once in every 2,000 to 3,000 deer.

We'll see one or two of them every year here on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Some people mistakenly refer to them as being albino but in actuality, they aren't albino at all. True albinos are all white, with red eyes and grayish hooves.

The way I understand it, the trait that causes the piebald characteristic is a genetic mutation that seems to affect both the male and female deer equally, with some in the scientific community saying that it's an indicator of an over-population in the deer herd.

It's been my experience over the years that piebald deer have a dwarf-like appearance with shorter legs and something of a "bowing" feature in their muzzle. That's the reason some people say they

resemble a goat.

In essence, it's nothing to worry about, they are something of a novelty here at APG and, to me, kinda interesting to see every now and then.

Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show

February...yuck! If you ask me, there oughta be a law against February. No football games on the TV, for all intents and purpos-

es hunting season is over with, the fish ain't biting, and there ain't nothing to do 'cept sit and stare out the window, or maybe get dragged off to the mall by the wife, who says 'Penny's is having a sale on shoe-laces.' What's an outdoor guy supposed to do, huh? Well, if you're like me and are coming down with a case of "cabin-fever," here's a suggestion.

Commencing Feb. 7 and running through Feb. 15, the Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show will be at the State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, Pa. To my way of thinking, it's got to be the "grand-daddy" of all hunting and fishing shows in this part of the country. If they ain't

got what you're looking for up there, you don't need it!

Most days the show opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 7 p.m., except on Sunday when it opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m.

I've found it's best to get there in the morning right when it opens, that way the crowds aren't so bad, and it seems to me the last couple of days or so are the best days to go; the dealers seem easier to dick-er with.

So there you have it, if you're really into hunting and fishing, and if you've got a couple of extra nickels to rub together, believe me, this is just what the doctor ordered when it comes to getting rid of "cabin-fever."

Community Notes

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6 AND 7 AN INTRODUCTION TO WINTER BIRD PHYSIOLOGY, ECOLOGY

This course will provide a brief introduction to the world of winter birds and how they cope with changes in habitat and food choices. Students will get a close look at birds and obtain a greater appreciation of their unique adaptations including a background on how species develop and diversify.

This program will be held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday and 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday for ages 12 to adult. Cost is \$20 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7 BRAC JOB FAIR

CECOM LCMC and Army Team C4ISR will hold a BRAC Job Fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Harford Community College Chesapeake Center, 401

Thomas Run Road, Bel Air.

Recruitment will be for government positions at Aberdeen Proving Ground including but not limited to budget analyst, computer scientist, contract specialist, engineer, logistics manager, management analyst, operations research analyst and accountant, program analyst and program manager.

Registration at www.swnetwork.org is required to attend. For more information, call 410-939-4240.

WHOSE FEET ARE THOSE?

Want a unique wreath for Valentines Day? How about using feet? Learn about animal tracks and make an unusual wreath to take home. The group will also go outside and look for tracks in the snow, weather permitting.

The program will be held 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 7 through 10. Registration is required. Cost is \$5 per person.

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

QUARTER AUCTION

The Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Edgewood Service Unit 17 located on 415 Edgewood Road will sponsor a quarter auction at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Pre-sale costs \$3 for a paddle; second paddle is free. Cost at the door is \$3 for a paddle and the second paddle costs \$2. A bake sale, snacks and food will be available for purchase. Bid items include tools, Tupperware, Home Interiors, Longaberger Baskets, Cookie Lee and more.

For more information, call Keith, 410-937-3421 or e-mail ksandlass@comcast.net.

BASKET BINGO

The Good Shepherd Catholic School, located at 810 Aiken Avenue, Perryville, will hold basket bingo at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. and early bird cash games begin at 6:45 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 for a 20 game packet. Extra packets cost \$5 each.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Bring a non-perishable food item for a free ticket for a special drawing.

For more information or tickets, call Good Shepherd School, 410-642-

6265 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8 ALL DAY BINGO

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit of Susquehanna Post 135 located on 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will hold All Day Bingo, 12:30 p.m. Doors open 11 a.m., early bird games begin at 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person and includes

50 games (all paper cards), meal and free coffee. A 50/50 raffle will be held for early birds. No one under 18 years of age is allowed in the Bingo Hall. No smoking is allowed.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

SUNDAY BINGO AT THE LEGION

Join fellow dobbers every Sunday for Bingo at the American Legion Edgewood Service Post 17, 415 Edgewood Road, Edgewood. Doors open 5 p.m.; games now begin at 6 p.m. New games, new program, progressive jackpot is back, and more. For more information, contact Carol, 443-506-6561, countrycamper@mrs.com.

VARIETY QUARTER AUCTION

A Variety Quarter Auction for handmade or homemade collectibles will be held at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall, 201 Mt. Royal Avenue, Aberdeen, to benefit St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women's Retreat.

Doors open at 2 p.m. and the auction begins at 3 p.m. Paddles cost \$2 each, maximum of two per person. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Bring a non-perishable food item for a free ticket for a special drawing. Vendors needed.

For more information, contact Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

NATURE TALES – OPOSSUM

Story time with a nature twist. Come listen to some stories, learn new songs and move like the animals. This free program will be held at 3 p.m. for all ages. No registration required.

For more information or for directions to the center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11 WEDNESDAY WEE WONDERS IN WINTER

Join a naturalist and her wee one to explore our wintry world through stories, songs, live animals and outdoor exploration. This free program will be held 10 to 11 a.m. for ages up to 4. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14 KICK-A-THON FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL®

IMPACT Martial Arts' Kick-a-thon for St. Jude will kick off 10:30 a.m. at 24 West Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen. The event will raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®, the premier center for the research and treatment of childhood cancer and other deadly diseases.

The volunteer-based event will feature a kick-a-thon where each student does as many kicks as they can in a one minute time frame.

Prior to the event, students should ask friends and Family for a pledge per kick, or a flat donation. Local businesses or residents are encouraged to come out and support IMPACT Martial Arts' Kick-a-thon.

For more information, visit Web site, www.impacttsd.com or call 410-777-8830.

FLYING IN FEBRUARY

Participants will continue the seasonal monitoring of bald eagles at Conowingo Dam. This free program will be held 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 8 to adult. Ages 8 to 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

AMPHIBIAN MONITORING WORKSHOP

Attend this workshop to become a volunteer monitor with the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program in spring 2009. Wayne Hildebrand, Maryland calling amphibian coordinator, will conduct training on identifying Maryland frogs by their calls and familiarize participants with the NAAMP protocol and data collection. Attendance at this workshop is required to be a volunteer monitor, but no experience is necessary; training and equipment is provided. This program will be held 10 a.m. to noon for ages 12 to adult. Ages 12 to 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or for directions to the center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15 BREAKFAST AT THE LEGION

Come have breakfast 9 a.m. to noon at the American Legion Edgewood Service Post 17, 415 Edgewood Road, Edgewood. Cost is \$7 but children under 6 are free.

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

Registration open for UMUC Spring 2009

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

Online Session 3: Feb. 14 – May 15

Online Session 4: Feb. 28 – May 15

At Aberdeen Proving Ground, UMUC will offer MRKT 310 on Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and IFSM 303 on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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

Information about UMUC is also available online at www.umuc.edu.

POST SHORTS

calling Joyce Wood at the chapel, 410-278-4333, by Jan. 23.

National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans

The VA Maryland Health Care System invites citizens of all ages to join them in honoring veterans and learning more about VA's volunteer program during National Salute to Veterans Week, Feb. 8 through 14. Participate in "Visit a Vet for Valentine's Day" and schedule a visit by contacting the Voluntary Service Office at one of the following VA facilities in Maryland:

- Baltimore VA Medical Center, 410-605-7100
- Baltimore VA Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center, 410-605-7000, ext. 5877
- Perry Point VA Medical Center, 410-642-2411, Ext. 1039

Blue Cross/Shield visits APG

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit APG Feb. 10. The representative will be available 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in building 305, room 211 and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in building E-4520, Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, Edgewood Area, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

B.O.S.S. offers Valentine candy grams

Show appreciation to loved ones by purchasing Valentine candy grams, which include a balloon, card and candy and will be sold at the Aberdeen Area PX and the Edgewood Area Shoppette by the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

Deliveries will be made on the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas on Valentine's Day and another date, to be determined.

Customers can also purchase candy grams that they can deliver themselves to surprise their loved ones off post.

Proceeds from the candy grams will go to benefit the B.O.S.S.

For more information call 410-436-2713.

Black History Month Specialty Meal Feb. 17

The Black History Month Special Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area din-

ing facility, E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

All military personnel, Family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$4.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and Family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$3.65 applies to spouses and other Family members of enlisted personnel in the ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu includes hearty beef vegetable soup, barbecued spareribs, fried chicken, southern fried catfish, baked chicken, simmered ham hocks, steamed rice, baked macaroni and cheese, sweet potato casserole, collard greens, corn bread, assorted salad bar, potato salad, cole slaw, assorted breads, peach cobbler, pecan pie, soft serve ice cream and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information, call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green, 410-306-1393/1398.

Gunpowder Toastmasters meet Feb. 17

Make a resolution to conquer the fear of public speaking by learning to speak with confidence. Toastmasters clubs seek to help members improve communication, leadership, evaluation and public speaking skills in a fun and friendly environment. Meetings are open to everyone.

The Gunpowder Toastmasters meet 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. Due to the federal holiday this month, the meeting date is Feb. 17.

Meetings are held in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility building E-4516, small seminar room, on the Edgewood

Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information, contact Adam Freeland, 410-652-8026 or Carmen Lane, 410-436-8969.

CPR Classes

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services offer CPR classes on APG.

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

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Feb. 18, April 15, Aug. 26, Oct. 21 and Dec. 16.

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held at the Post Theater Jan. 21, March 18, May 20, July 15 and Nov. 18.

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

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

OC&S presents 36th Annual Gospel Night Feb. 22

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools will celebrate the 36th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night, 4 p.m., Feb. 22, at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater. Admission is free and open to the public.

National Prayer Luncheon Feb. 20

Aberdeen Proving Ground will host its annual National Prayer Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Feb. 20, at the Top of the Bay.

Guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley, commanding general, U.S. Army Accessions Command/Deputy Commanding General, Initial Military Training, Fort Monroe, Va.

Tickets cost \$5 for enlisted grades up to E-5 and \$8 for enlisted grades E-6 and

Black History Month lunch time movies

The APG Black Employment Program presents free lunch time movies 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326 and at the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140.

Aberdeen Area

- Feb. 5, Amazing Grace
- Feb. 10, Black History: WWII, the Beginning of Change
- Feb. 12, Catch a Fire
- Feb. 17, Black History: The Civil Rights Movement
- Feb. 19, The Great Debaters
- Feb. 24, Pride
- Feb. 26, Black History: An Historical Overview

Edgewood Area

- Feb. 5, Black Achievement in America: Settling the New World and Founding the USA/Emergence of the Black Hero
- Feb. 10, The Family That Preys
- Feb. 17, Black Achievement in America: The Fight for Freedom/Blacks Enter the Gilded Age
- Feb. 19, Pride
- Feb. 24, Black History: WWII, The Beginning of Change
- Feb. 26, Black History Sports and Science

For more information, call or e-mail Bridget Smith, 410-278-0892, Bridget.N.Rogers@us.army.mil or Shariese Demby, 410-436-6923, Shariese.Demby@us.army.mil.

above and civilians.

Tickets may be purchased from Command Sergeants Major/Sergeants Major or from the Aberdeen Proving Ground Main Post Chapel, building 2485, room 33.

RSVP no later than Feb. 6 to Joyce.lee.wood@conus.army.mil or call the Chaplain's Office, 410-278-4333.

Tax Center open to public

The Installation Tax Assistance Program, directed by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division provides free tax preparation and electronic filing for qualifying active duty service members, retirees and Family members.

Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Tax Center will close April 15.

NCO Academy holds 9th Annual Dining Out

The Noncommissioned Officer Academy will hold its 8th Annual Anniversary Dining Out March 20 at Top of the Bay. The evening will honor past NCOA

commandants from 1987 to present.

Tickets cost \$40. Call to make a reservation by March 3.

For more information or to RSVP, call Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Day, 410-278-9129 or e-mail dennis.day4@conus.army.mil.

Army announces 2009/2010 SSCF Program opportunities

On Jan. 12, the U.S. Army Human Resources Command announced a "Call for Applications" for the 2009/2010 Senior Service College Fellowship Program. The window for applications is open through April 30.

Complete program information and application requirements can be found at the Acquisition Management Branch

page at the HRC Web site, www.hrc.army.mil, or see the online edition of the *APG News* Jan. 15 issue at <http://apgnews.apg.army.mil/>.

Child care for military Families

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

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

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



FAMILY, MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus tickets on sale

Ladies and gentlemen, come see the greatest show on earth. Tickets are available for shows March 25 through April 5 at the 1st Mariner Arena in Baltimore for \$19.50 for ages 2 and older. The last day to purchase tickets is March 13.

Free VIP tickets to the Motor Trend International Auto Show

Interested in seeing what's new from the automotive industry? Free opening day VIP tickets are available.

Maryland Automobile Dealers Association invites Soldiers, civilians and their

families from Aberdeen Proving Ground to enjoy a day at the Auto Show at the Baltimore Convention Center located on One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, on Feb. 12.

For more information or to get free tickets, visit www.autoshowtickets.com.

Ski with FMWR

FMWR offers trips to Ski Roundtop: Feb. 21 and 28.

Each trip costs \$65 per person and includes all day lift tickets, transportation to and from APG, tuned and fitted skis or snowboard with boots, poles, and bibs (if requested). Also includes beginner group instructions from FMWR staff

for those who want it. No meals or food included. The bus will depart 6 a.m. and return 6 p.m.

Register and be fitted for equipment by Feb. 13 and 20.

For more information, call 410-278-4124.

Scrapbooking Crop

Get those Christmas pictures ready. Seasoned scrapbookers or anyone who has always wanted to try scrapbooking is welcome to attend the "Crop Till You Drop" session, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 21, at Top of the Bay. Cost of the event is \$25 per person and includes lunch and door prizes. Vendors will have items for sale for all scrapbooking needs. Optional classes may be offered.

A massage therapist will also be available to help make it a stress-free day.

For more information or for reservations, call 410-273-2075, or e-mail Patti Harkins, patti.harkins@us.army.mil.

Texas Hold-em Tournament

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a Texas Hold'em Tournament, 1 p.m., Feb. 28, at Top of the Bay. The event is open to all DoD cardholders, military, civilian, contractors, retirees, Family members and guests over 18 years of age.

Entry fee costs \$35 and includes buffet, soda, snacks and cash bar. Registration deadline is Feb. 20.

Volunteer dealers are needed. Volunteers will be trained by tournament personnel. Those interested should e-mail Louise Glose, louise.glose@us.army.mil or Teri Hall, teri.s.hall@us.army.mil.

For more information or to register, call 410-278-2552/3062 or visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/Store/texasholdem.html>.

Talent Show auditions

Auditions for the APG Talent Show will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Post Theater.

The Talent Show is open to the public; anyone who can sing, dance or play an instrument can audition. Individuals must be 18 or older to participate, individuals or groups.

The APG Talent Show will take place Feb. 21, at the Post Theater, 7 p.m. Doors open 6 p.m.

Tickets cost \$5 for active duty military and \$7 for non-military.

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

Amateur Boxing Night

The 16th and 143rd Ordnance battalions face off again in the 2009 Ama-

teur Boxing Night March 7 at the Edgewood Area Hoyle Gymnasium, building E-4210. Doors open 5 p.m., the event begins at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 for active duty military; \$10 for nonmilitary; and \$20 for ringside seats. Children under 6 are admitted free.

This event is open to the public.

Purchase tickets at FMWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210, 410-436-3375/7134.

Purchase Hippodrome Theater tickets online

To purchase advanced tickets for shows at the Hippodrome Theater, visit www.BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com/groupsales and enter the password "105MWRAPGMD" for available discounted tickets.

Tickets are offered for a limited time. Check the Web site frequently for prices, show times/dates, seat availability and offer expiration.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907, or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

ACS hosts meeting of Family Information Network

Army Community Service hosts a Family Information Network meeting 6 to 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in building 2754. The next meeting is Feb. 10. This support group is designed to assist military members who have Family members with special needs. Its goals are to provide

a supportive network as well as assist with community resources.

For more information, call 410-278-2420.

Youth Sports Bowling League

The Youth Sports Bowling League is open to all boys and girls ages 6 through 16 (age determining date is Jan. 1).

The bowling program builds character while promoting integrity, hard work, quality Family time and good sportsmanship.

Youths compete on bowling teams, 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Mondays. Bowling began Jan. 12.

Cost to join is \$45 for six weeks.

Volunteer coaches are needed to make the program a success. To volunteer, call 410-306-2297.

Register at Central Registration, building 2752, Rodman Road or call 410-278-7571.

MWR daily bus trips to Atlantic City

Roll the bones on daily trips to Atlantic City, N.J. FMWR Leisure Travel Services offers daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino. Cost of the trip is \$45 per person with \$25 back in cash and a \$5 buffet coupon.

Only for ages 21 and over. The bus will leave Vitali's Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood 9 a.m. and return 9 p.m.

For more information, contact FMWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail apgr-usag-mwr-leisuretravel@conus.army.mil.

Deadlines for sports applications announced

All military and DoD civilians are invited to sign up for APG intramural sports events.

Application deadlines are:

Civilian

- Bench Press Competition Feb. 12
- Racquetball Tournament Feb. 17
- Volleyball March 27
- 3 on 3 Basketball April 3
- Dead Lift Competition April 17.

Special notes for civilians: Cost per team is \$200 for basketball, volleyball, softball and flag football. There is a four team minimum for a league or tournament to take place. The 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament has a \$20 team fee.

Military

- Bench Press Competition Feb. 12
- Racquetball Tournament Feb 17
- AIT Bowling March 22
- Volleyball Mar 27
- 3 on 3 Basketball April 3
- Dead Lift Competition April 17

For more information, call 410-278-3929 or visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/sportscalendar2009.ppt#256,1,Slide 1>.

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.

SKIES Unlimited

Free movies at Post Theater

FMWR hosts free movies at the Post Theater, 7 p.m., Saturdays and 2 p.m., Sundays.

Movies are open to active duty, National Guard and Reserves personnel and their Family members, retirees, DoD civilians, and APG contractors. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult regardless of the movie rating.

For more information or movie schedule, call the Movie Hotline, 410-278-8000 or check the APG FMWR Web site, <http://www.apgmwr.com/events.html#movies>.

Snack Bar will be open for all performances.



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

Private guitar lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held 3:30 to 7 p.m., Fridays, Feb. 20 through March 13, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

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

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

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

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.

Classes will be held at the Child, Youth and School Center, building 2522, Monday and Wednesday; Feb. 29 through March 18 and March 30 through April 22, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. (ages 6 to 12). Cost is \$65 per student for a one-month session or \$150 per student

for a three-month session.

Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants.

Class size is limited so register early.

Infant/Child First Aid, CPR Class

An Infant/Child First Aid and CPR class will be held 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., for ages 13 and older, April 13, building 2752, Child and Youth Services administration building. The class costs \$5 per person.

Brazilian Jujitsu

A Brazilian jujitsu program will be held at the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, building 4505, Suite C. Sessions will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 17 through March 19.

Beginner classes will be held 6 to 6:45 p.m., ages 7 to 18.

Through the practice of jujitsu and kickboxing, students will learn the best form of self-defense, how to defend themselves against bigger, stronger and faster opponents and devel-

op leadership and teamwork skills. All students will advance their skills no matter their gender, size or natural ability.

Cost is \$85 per student. Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members. Each session requires a minimum of six students registered. Registration ends one week prior to the start of class.

Private Voice Lessons

Ages 7 through 18 can register for private voice lessons, 3:30 to 7 p.m., Fridays, Feb. 20 through March 13, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

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

Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.

New arrivals required to attend Newcomers' Orientation

All newly arriving Soldiers and civilian employees are required to attend the APG Newcomers' Orientation, 1 to 3 p.m., Feb. 11 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Sponsors are encouraged to bring their Family members, and all members of the APG community are welcome to attend.

More than 50 APG community activities and organization representatives will welcome arrivals with handouts and literature and will answer questions regarding their programs.

Each unit/activity is requested to report the number of attending personnel to Phyllis Ethridge, Army Community Service, building 2754, 410-278-9669/7572, fax 410-278-9685 or e-mail Phyllis.ethridge@us.army.mil.

School Age/Middle School Services Summer Program taking applications

The Aberdeen and Edgewood areas' summer programs will run for 10 weeks, June 15 through Aug. 21, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The program is open to all qualifying children who have completed first through eighth grades. Parents can sign up for the weeks that fit their schedule.

Tuition fees are based on total Family income.

Waiting list applications may be picked up daily beginning 7:30 a.m. Feb. 17 at the Edgewood Area Youth Services, building E-1902, the Outreach Services, building 2752 or faxed to 410-278-4658.

Waiting list applications will not be

distributed or accepted at the Aberdeen Youth Services.

Registration will be held Saturday, April 25, at the Edgewood Youth Services and Saturday, April 18, at the Aberdeen Youth Services for all sponsors who have been offered openings by the Central Registration office. Registration packets, an up-to-date physical and Family income information must be completed prior to the registration appointment.

A \$20 non-refundable deposit is required per child at the time of registration for each week that a parent selects.

For more information, call the Outreach Services Office, 410-278-7571/7479.

February bowling specials

Throughout February, every game of bowling will cost \$1.75 with \$1.50 shoe rental, 1 to 5 p.m.. Rent a lane for \$12 per hour, shoe rental is included.

On Feb. 14, the Valentine's Day Package costs \$32 and includes bowling for one hour, one whole cheese pizza (topping extra) and a pitcher of soda.

On Feb. 16, the President's Day Package includes bowl one game and get a second game free. Shoe rental costs \$2 per pair or rent the lane for \$12 which includes shoe rental.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

Week of Feb. 2

Special #1: Grand daddy burger with potato chips, cookie and soda for \$7.75.

Special #2: Chicken salad sub with potato chips, cookie and soda for \$4.95.

Week of Feb. 9

Special #1: Chicken tender wrap with potato chips, cookie and soda for \$6.96.

Special #2: Turkey club sandwich with potato chips, cookie and soda for \$6.95.

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



APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS NOW; PAY LESS LATER

DEADLINES APPROACHING

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

With the cost of college rising every year, students and their parents are looking for ways to lower the cost of tuition. Applying for scholarships can save a significant amount of money, and not only helps pay for tuition but books and other living expenses too. Also, keep in mind that the money earned through scholarships can decrease the amount of debt accrued in student loans after graduation.

Scholarships not only help with monetary needs, but they can enhance a student's education and strengthen a resume, that later can help in the job selection process.

Listed below are some scholarship opportunities that students can apply for, and many more can be found searching the Internet. For example, students can visit fastweb.com to receive a list of scholarships that they can apply for that will be sent via e-mail and tips on applying for scholarships.

"When applying for scholarships, students should make sure they follow all the directions carefully. They should make a copy of everything they apply for and type all applications so that they can be easily read," said Eileen Campbell, Aberdeen Proving Ground's school liaison.

"Scholarship boards tend to ask the same type of questions, so it will save time if students carefully save their work," she said. "They should take time to list all extra-curricular activities and awards, to be notable."

Campbell also recommended that students earn a scholarship by playing sports. Visit www.campuschamps.com for student-athlete information on how to "find a school, reach out to college coaches, apply for admission, get student aid, improve your game, and increase your chances to succeed, both on the field and in the classroom." The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, a collegiate sports organization for smaller schools, offers information for student athletes on its Web site. To learn eligibility and financial assistant rules and find NAAIA schools, visit <http://www.naia.org/local/collegebound.html>. www.fastweb.com can be used as a search for sports scholarships.

Another way to get free money is to apply through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA establishes whether or not someone is eligible for grant money. Students need to find out when their FAFSA deadline is for their individual college because it can vary from government deadlines.

Parents and students should also attend meetings and events that provide scholarship information.

C. Milton Wright High School will host College Night, 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 23, in the school's gymnasium. This free event is open to all high school students and parents in Harford County. The snow date is Tuesday, Feb. 24. More than 80 prestigious colleges, universities, technical and military schools from the Mid-Atlantic region will be participating in the event. College Night will enable Harford County high school students and their parents to meet directly with college admissions representatives to learn about academic studies, campus life, the admission process and tuition.

"College Night has been extremely successful and is recognized as the premier event for high school students and parents in the county," Campbell said.

See page 14 for a list of other college nights.

ThanksUSA Scholarship Program

ThanksUSA is a charitable effort to thank the men and women of the U.S. armed forces.

Amount: \$3,000

Eligibility:

- Children, age 24 and under (as of May 15 deadline), and spouses of active duty U.S. military service members.

COMMENTARY: WHY COLLEGE?

By
EILEEN CAMPBELL
APG School Liaison

Do you feel like a fish out of water? Are you continually hearing, "When will you get off that couch/computer and go get a job?"

Still, nothing seems right, and you just don't know where to begin. Check out the Oregon Web site GEARUP, or "Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, at http://gearup.ous.edu/why_college.php.

You can find out if college would be right for you and what you really want to do.

Remember the Game of Life boardgame? In it, a player finished college they could increase their income 10-fold, purchase a car and afford kids. Basically, the player was on a roll.

Sure, you could go to work now and with a little on-the-job training, your job prospects would be in retail, customer service, food preparation, clerical, health assistance, janitorial, bookkeeping, child care, landscaping labor, housekeeping or security (according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics). Does this sound like your future?

Going to college has many benefits including:

- Better paying jobs
- More opportunities or career choices
- Experiencing a wider range of people and cultures
- Less chance of unemployment (See the graph on this and weekly pay averages at all educational levels: <http://www.bls.gov/emp/emptab7.htm>.)

These are all extrinsic motivations, yet college pays back the individual in ways that can't be measured. This 'rite of passage' includes:

- managing a budget
- taking part-time work for spending money and books
- teaching organizational skills and prioritizing
- living away from parents (a rare option these days) redefines your value system
- living independently builds self-confidence, so essential for developing relationships in life (like marriage)
- developing leadership skills through clubs, sports, political or social organizations
- taking more time to grow up

Still, is it all worth the cost? Some say paying for college is like buying a car every year, and sometimes it takes more than a decade to pay it back. One must really weigh the gains/costs.

- Applicants must plan to enroll full time in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, vocational school or technical school.

- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent on their academic record.

How to apply: Applications will be open April 1 through May 15. Applicants can register for a scholarship notification at <https://www.thanksusa.org/main/secure/scholarship-remind-er.html>.

Deadline: May 15

For more information: Visit <http://www.thanksusa.org/main/index.html>.

Army Emergency Relief Scholarships

Sponsor: AER is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to provide financial assistance to Army Soldiers and their dependents in time of valid emergency need. They provide the Dependent Children Scholarship Program, the Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program and the Stateside Spouse Scholarship Assistance Program.

Amount: Varied

Eligibility: Family members of Army Soldiers

How to apply: Applications can be found at www.aerhq.org.

The Francis Scott Key Chapter of the International Test and Evaluation Association Scholarship

Sponsor: The Francis Scott Key Chapter of the International Test and Evaluation Association chartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Amount: Up to \$1,500

Eligibility:

- Harford and Cecil County high school seniors who plan to pursue a degree in any of the physical sciences, engineering or mathematics.

- Must provide a copy of valid transcript.
- Criteria will be based on academic performance, with

- An emphasis on science and math courses, and participation in science and math related extracurricular school activities. Employment in science and math related industries will also be considered.

To apply: Contact Brandy Jones, 443-866-3029 or e-mail b.jones1507@clearviewcatv.net and ask for an application.

Deadline: April 10

The Oregon 'Gear Up' Web site, might help you with its:

- Self assessment for career and college planning
- Career Key to help one choose a college major, training program and career planning
- Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 Edition by the U.S. Department of Labor. This handbook is a nationally recognized source of career information, designed to provide valuable assistance to individuals making decisions about their future work lives.

If you still aren't sure, check out Harford or Cecil Community colleges. They are the best value for your money, and many of their programs transfer to four-year colleges. Now, no more couch potatoes.

Unemployment rate in 2007	Education attained	Median weekly earnings in 2007
1.4%	Doctoral degree	\$1,497
1.3	Professional degree	1,427
1.8	Master's degree	1,165
2.2	Bachelor's degree	987
3	Associate degree	740
3.8	Some college, no degree	683
4.4	High-school graduate	604
7.1	Less than a high school diploma	428

Note: Data are 2007 annual averages for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

BLS has some data on the employment status of the civilian non-institutional population 25 years and over by educational attainment, sex, race, and Hispanic origin online.

The Bureau of the Census also has some data on the educational attainment online.

Army Aviation Association of America Scholarship

Sponsor: The AAAA Foundation, Inc.

Amount: \$1,000 to \$10,000, given out as one-, two- or four-year scholarships. Interest-free loans of up to \$4,000 (1,000 a year) are also available.

Eligibility:

- One-year membership by May 1 of previous year is required for scholarship to be awarded in upcoming year.
- AAAA members; spouses, unmarried children and unmarried grandchildren of current or deceased members.

- The applicant must be attending an accredited college or university or selected for fall entry as an undergraduate or graduate.

- Applicants who will attend a service academy are ineligible for a grant or a loan.

To apply: Scholarships are not available online. Request by e-mail: aaaa@quad-a.org, phone 203-268-2450 or fax 203-268-5870.

For more information go to www.quad-a.org/scholarship.htm

Deadline: May 1.

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships to deserving sons and daughters of current or former U.S. Marines in their pursuit of higher education. The foundation also provides a very limited number of scholarships to children of Navy Corpsmen who serve or have served with Marines.

Amount: ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,500. The Foundation's "Heroes Tribute Scholarships" (of up to \$30,000 over four years) are given to the children of Marines and the children of Navy corpsmen serving with the Marines whose parents were killed in the ongoing Global War on Terror.

Eligibility: A son or daughter of a current or former U.S. Marine. (See application for eligibility requirements.)

Deadline:

March 1: For high school seniors graduating in 2009 and all others who will begin their first semester of post-high school study (e.g., college freshmen or first semester of trade school)

April 15: for all other applicants (anyone entering their second or subsequent year of post-high-school education, whether or not they previously applied for this scholarships).

Information and applications: Visit www.mcsf.com.

Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund

Amount: Ranges from \$500 to \$2,500; five winners will receive an additional \$5,000 for the National Treasury Employees Union Scholarship.

Eligibility:

- Current civilian federal and postal employees with at least three years of federal service and their Family members (children and spouses).

- Applicants are first eligible to apply during their senior year in high school.
- Employee applicants may only be part-time students; Family members may be full-time.

- Must be enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited post secondary school in a course of study that will lead to a two-year, four-year or graduate degree.
- Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 grade scale.

How to apply: Visit www.feea.org/scholarships.html

Deadline: Postmarked no later than March 27

(Scholarships for FEEA partner programs are also found at www.feea.org/scholarships.html.)

Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant Program

The Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant program is for students who plan on working in child care, human services, teaching, nursing, physical and occupational therapy and public service upon graduation.

Amounts: Maryland community college: \$2,000 per year for full-time student; \$1,000 for part-time student.

Maryland four-year institutions: \$4,000 per year full-time student; \$2,000 per year for part-time student.

Eligibility: Students (who are dependents) and their parents must be Maryland residents.

How to apply: Applications for the 2009-2010 academic year will be available online in late March.

For more information: Visit http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialAid/ProgramDescriptions/Prog_WSSAG.asp

Deadline: July 1

The F. Edward Hébert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program

Sponsor: U.S. Army

Amount: Full tuition for medical school, monthly stipend of \$1,900 or more. Monthly books, equipment and most academic fees will be covered.

Eligibility:

- Available for students pursuing advanced degrees in medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, psychiatric nursing,

optometry or psychology.

- Be a U.S. citizen with a baccalaureate degree from an accredited school.
- Depending upon student's specialty, be enrolled in or have a letter of acceptance or intent from an accredited graduate program located in the United States or Puerto Rico.

- Maintain full-time student status during the entire length of the program.
- Qualify as a commissioned officer in the United States Army Reserve.

How to Apply: Call 1-800-710-ARMY, or visit www.healthcare.goarmy.com.

Military Intelligence Corps Association Scholarship

Sponsor: MICA is the professional association of the U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Corps.

Amount: In increments of \$500 and \$1,000

Eligibility:

- Must be a current member of MICA or a Family member.
- Applicants must be pursuing their first undergraduate (associate's or bachelor's) degree or a technical certification.
- Applicants already possessing an undergraduate degree or seeking a graduate degree are not eligible.
- Previous MICA Scholarship recipients may compete for subsequent scholarships.

How to apply: Visit www.micorps.org.

Deadline: To be determined. According to the MICA Web site, "The 2009 Scholarship guidelines should be available on or about the middle of February 2009."

The Maria Ines Ortiz Memorial Scholarship Fund

Amount: Varied

Eligibility:

Qualified applicants of the Maria Ines Ortiz Memorial Scholarship Fund will be high school seniors who have been accepted to a college or university or current college freshmen, sophomores or juniors. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8 out of 4.0 or equivalent; and must have declared the intention to earn a degree in nursing. Applicants maintaining a grade point average of at least 2.8 each semester and enrolled in a nursing program may apply for continuing support. Scholarships will be awarded for tuition and fees and course-related expenses such as books, supplies and equipment.

Sponsor: Community Foundation of Harford County

How to apply:

E-mail Linda Koser at info@cfharfordcounty.org; write: CFHC, P.O. Box 612, 124 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014; or visit the CFHC Web site, www.cfharfordcounty.org.

Henry J. Reilly Scholarship

Sponsor: The Reserve Officers Association

Amount: \$500

Eligibility:

- Members of ROA, ROAL, their children, or grandchildren who wish to attend or who are now attending accredited U.S. colleges or universities.
- Scholarship is open to high school seniors, college students and graduate students.

- ROA membership is open to any officer (active, reserve, National Guard, retired or former) of the seven uniformed services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration.

Visit www.roa.org for more details.

Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program

Amount: Varied

Eligibility:

- Must be a Maryland resident to apply, with the exception of a spouse, son or daughter of a Maryland state or local public safety employee killed in the line of duty.
- Must enroll at a two- or four-year

college or university, as a full-time or part-time, degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate student or attend a private career school.

- Must be the son or daughter of a member of the U.S. armed forces who died as a result of military service or who suffered a service connected 100 percent permanent disability as result of military service; a veteran who suffers a service-connected disability of 25 percent or greater as a result of military service, and has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans' educational benefits; the son, daughter, or surviving spouse of a victim of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks who died as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania; a POW/MIA of the Vietnam Conflict or his/her son or daughter; the son, daughter or surviving spouse (who has not remarried) of a state or local public safety employee or volunteer who died in the line of duty or who was 100 percent disabled in the line of duty; or a state or local public safety employee or volunteer who was 100 percent disabled in the line of duty.

- The public safety employee or volunteer must have been a resident of Maryland at the time of death or when declared 100 percent disabled.

Deadline: July 15

How to apply: Visit http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialaid/ProgramDescriptions/Prog_conroy.asp.

Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts scholarship program

Amount: Varied

Eligibility:

- United States armed forces personnel who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts, and their sons, daughters, or spouses who are current high school seniors, and full-time and part-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled in an eligible accredited Maryland postsecondary institution.

Applicants must be residents of Maryland, must be accepted for admission or enrolled in a regular undergraduate program at an eligible Maryland institution, or be accepted for admission or enrolled in a two-year terminal certificate program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program at an eligible Maryland institution. Students must be enrolled as either a full-time (12+ credits per semester) or part-time (6-11 credits per semester) undergraduate student

For more information and to apply: http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financial-aid/ProgramDescriptions/Prog_vaic.asp

Deadline: Complete and file the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship application and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid by March 1.

KFC Colonel's Scholars Program

Sponsor: KFC

Amount: Awards can be up to \$5,000 a year. The scholar could receive up to \$20,000 over four years to help complete a bachelor's degree.

Eligibility

An individual must:

- Graduate from high school this academic year (between Dec. 1, 2008 and Aug. 31)
- Earn a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.75
- Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at a public, in-state college or university (start date no later than Sept. 30, 2009)
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Demonstrate financial need

Scholars may begin their college career

by entering into either a two- or four-year accredited in-state college/university, as long as they stay on track to complete a bachelor's degree program.

Deadline: Feb. 10

How to apply: www.kfcscholars.org

Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program

Sponsor: Kohl's department stores

Amount: \$50 Kohl's Gift Card on the store-level, \$1,000 on the regional level and \$5,000 on the national level. In addition, Kohl's will contribute \$1,000 to a non-profit organization on behalf of each national winner.

Eligibility:

- Must be nominated by someone age 21 years or older, as of March 15.
- Nominees must be between the ages of 6 and 18 and not yet a high school graduate as of March 15.
- Nominees must be legal U.S. residents of a state in which a Kohl's store is located.
- Dependents of Kohl's employees are ineligible for nomination. Kohl's associates may nominate non-related children.
- Scholarship redemption is subject to recipient submitting verification of enrollment in an undergraduate program at an accredited two- or four-year college.
- In the event a recipient does not graduate from high school or does not enroll in a qualifying institution within two years after high school graduation, the scholarship will be forfeited.
- Nominations should describe how the nominee has performed community service within the last 12 months.

Deadline: March 15

How to apply: Visit <https://www.kohlscorporation.com>.

The Sallie Mae Fund Unmet Needs Scholarship Program

Sponsor: Sallie Mae. The Sallie Mae Fund provides scholarships to help meet last-dollar need of low-income students.

Amount: Awards range from \$1,000 to \$3,800.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Have a Family adjusted gross income of \$30,000 or less
- Demonstrate unmet financial need of at least \$1,000 after the financial aid award package has been determined and have a GPA of 2.5 and above on a 4.0 scale.
- Recipients must enroll at the undergraduate level on a full-time basis accredited Title IV eligible institution in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Deadline: May 31

Applications and information: The program will open April 1, and application information will be posted at www.salliemae.org.

(Editor's note: Other scholarships and college preparation resources are found on the Sallie Mae site.)

Google Scholarship Program

Sponsor: Google

Amount: Up to \$10,000

Suggestion saves money, increases production

Story by
ANTHONY J. RICCHIAZZI
Tobyhanna Army Depot

Everyone knows that necessity is the mother of invention.

The necessity of reworking radios for the Warfighter sparked a suggestion that increased production and will save the taxpayer more than \$235,000 per year.

Nick Lipcavage and John Nicosia realized they can repair a component of the Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System, known as SINGGARS, that was coded non-repairable. Both are electronics mechanics in the Tactical Communications Division, Communications Systems Directorate. They earned a \$4,378.62 Army Ideas for Excellence Program suggestion award.

"In 2006, we received a large work order for the AN/ARC-201 airborne SINGGARS, and we just started to repair the Band Pass Filter component of the radio out of the need to get product out the door rather than wait for new filters," Lipcavage said.

The ARC-201 SINGGARS is used primarily in helicopters. The components filter out unwanted frequencies and at the time cost more than \$2,000 each, although Nicosia said the price has come down slightly.

They said there was a learning curve, including research to find out if parts of the component could be procured, but now they are repairing the filter regularly.

"We repair them in batches so they are ready for new workload," Lipcavage said. "Once radios come in, we swap out the filters, which saves further time."

Nicosia noted that before the repair program was initiated, they could wait two weeks or more for new filters.

"Once the filter is repaired, we test it against a new filter using a spectrum analyzer and signal generator," he said. "If the filter passes, we test it again in a mock

up ARC-201 SINGGARS."

Once radios are repaired and tested, they are stored until needed.

Lipcavage and Nicosia were the only technicians working on the ARC-201 when they made the suggestion in 2007, but now they work with two technicians and a student in the Student Career Experience Program.

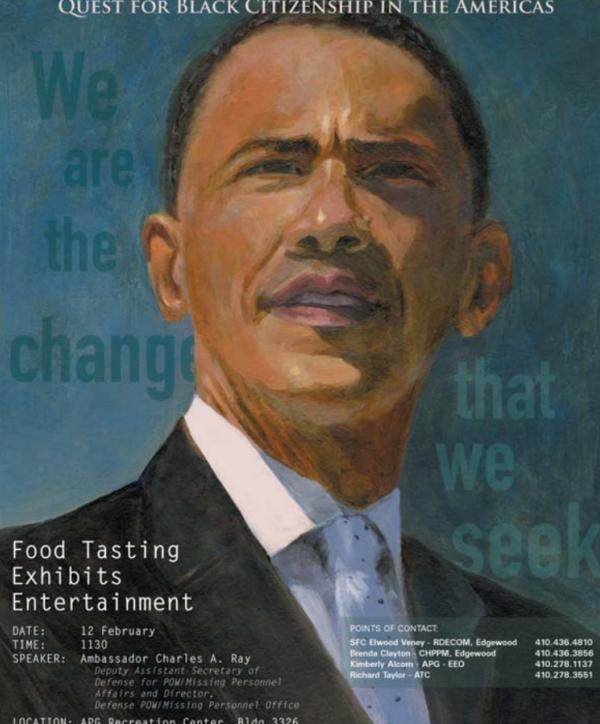
Tobyhanna Army Depot is the largest full-service Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance, or C4ISR, maintenance and logistics support facility in the Department of Defense. Employees repair, overhaul and fabricate electronics systems and components from tactical field radios to the ground terminals for the defense satellite communications network.

Tobyhanna's missions support all branches of the Armed Forces. The depot is the Army Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for Communications-Electronics, Avionics, and Missile Guidance and Control Systems and the Air Force Technology Repair Center for ground communications and electronics.

About 5,700 personnel are employed at Tobyhanna, which is located in the Pocono Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania.

Tobyhanna Army Depot is part of the U.S. Army CECOM Life Cycle Management Command. Headquartered at Fort Monmouth, N.J. The command's mission is to research, develop, acquire, field and sustain communications, command, control, computer, intelligence, electronic warfare and sensors capabilities for the armed forces.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs and Director, Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office

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LOCATION: APG Recreation Center, Bldg 3326



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Pentagon Channel for February 2009

The Pentagon Channel will feature the following programs on Channel 21 during the month of February. These programs are subject to change each week and will be updated accordingly.

MONDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.
Freedom Journal Iraq, 10:30 a.m.
The Grill Sergeants, 12 p.m.
Battleground, 3p.m., 11 p.m.
Around the Services, 7:30 p.m.
Recon, 8 p.m.
Battleground, 11 p.m.

TUESDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.
Freedom Journal Iraq, 10:30 a.m.
Around the Services, 12:30 p.m.
Battleground, 3 p.m., 11 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 4 p.m.
The Grill Sergeants, 6:30 p.m.
Recon, 8 p.m.
Battleground, 11 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.
Tour of Duty, 10 a.m.
Freedom Journal Iraq, 10:30 a.m.
Freedom Watch Afghanistan, 1 p.m.
The Grill Sergeants, 2 p.m.
Recon, 4:30 p.m.
Around the Services, 7:30 p.m.
The Grill Sergeants, 10 p.m.
Battleground, 11 p.m.

THURSDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.
Army Newswatch, 10 a.m.
Freedom Watch Afghanistan, 1 p.m.
Battleground, 3 p.m.
Freedom Journal Iraq, 5 p.m.
Around the Services, 7:30 p.m.
Recon, 8 p.m.
Battleground, 11 p.m.

FRIDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.
Freedom Journal Iraq, 10:30 a.m.
The Grill Sergeants, 12 p.m.
Around the Services, 12:30 p.m.
EXchange on Air, 2 p.m.
Battleground, 3 p.m.
Freedom Journal Iraq, 6:30 p.m.
The Grill Sergeants, 8:30 p.m.
Battleground, 11 p.m.

SATURDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.
Army Newswatch, 9 a.m.
Recon, 11 a.m.

Around the Services, 1 p.m.
Battleground, 3 p.m.
Freedom Journal Iraq, 5 p.m.
The Grill Sergeants, 6:30 p.m.
Tour of Duty, 8:30 p.m.
Recon, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.
Battleground, 7 a.m.
Around the Services, 10 a.m.
The Grill Sergeants, 12:30 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 2 p.m.
Recon, 4 p.m.
The Grill Sergeants, 5:30 p.m.
Army Newswatch, 6:30 p.m.
Battleground, 9:30 p.m.
This Week in the Pentagon, 10 p.m.

- Army Newswatch: Bi-weekly report on the men and women of the Army.
- Battleground: Features historic films from WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.
- Fit for Duty: Takes viewers through a high-energy 30-minute workout led by service members.
- Freedom Journal Iraq: Focuses on military missions, operations and U.S. military forces in Iraq.
- RECON: Provides an in-depth look on a variety of topics from real world operations, missions, military events/history and other subjects highlighting the accomplishments of U.S. military men and women.
- Freedom Watch Afghanistan: Presents the latest from Operation Enduring Freedom in a daily newscast showing the activities of American troops in country.
- The Grill Sergeants: Serving up meals military style! A Pentagon Channel original program.
- Around the Services: Features military news from top Defense officials and the Military Services from around the world.
- This Week in the Pentagon: An update on news coming out of the Pentagon.

Armor

From front page

showed the visitors the “mock-ups” of the vehicles tested with armor in development.

The advancements are also leading to new ways the armor is applied to the vehicles it's protecting. While most vehicles in theater are built with fixed armor already in place, ARL is working with FCS to help find a way to make it

more flexible and lighter by designing replaceable armor, said Krauthauser.

With the scientific advancements ARL is contributing to the FCS and other programs, all Soldiers will continue to see the improvements to the force.

“Future Combat Systems is not just for fifteen BCTs [brigade combat teams], it's for the whole Army,” Vane said. “[ARL] helps get our capabilities over the finish line and to the units.”

Gambling

From page 2

He did not get to keep the bike because he won the prize while carrying out his official duty.

While section 2635.203 (b)(5) of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Executive Branch Employees allows Federal employees to keep prizes in contests that are open to the public and not related to the employee's official duties, in this case, the employee won while performing official duties.

(Examples cited are from the Encyclopedia of Ethical Failure at http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/dod_oge/Encyclopedia_of_Ethical_Failures_2006_Full_Version.doc#_Toc138655133.)

Special considerations (military)

Gambling in Family housing or the barracks. Private wagers among DoD employees, if based on a personal relationship and transacted entirely within assigned federal govern-

ment living quarters and within the limitations of local laws are allowed. (JER 2-302a(3)) However, bear in mind that commanders can always narrow the rule to prohibit gambling in the barracks. http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/ethics_regulation/jer1-6.doc.

Gambling with a subordinate. A noncommissioned or petty officer may not gamble with an enlisted person of less than noncommissioned or petty officer rank. Article 134 - (Gambling with subordinate).

The maximum punishment is confinement for three months and forfeiture of two-thirds pay per month for three months. Gambling by an officer with an enlisted person may be a violation of Article Conduct Unbecoming an Officer or Fraternalization. (JER 2-302b) http://www.dod.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/ethics_regulation/jer1-6.doc.

For more information, contact the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 410-278-1107.

This article only highlights common situations and does not cover every possible scenario.

ECBC seeks mentors for Student Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program

ECBC

Knowing that Albert Einstein was mentored by a medical student during his youth proves that even history's greatest minds have needed mentorship, and some of them work every day to help make the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center the premier national resource for chemical and biological defense.

Since its people are the center's most valuable resource, organizers of the annual Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program, or SEAP, are looking for mentors to help nurture future scientists and engineers.

Serving as a mentor for SEAP, which takes place this summer from June 22 through Aug. 14, is

both simple and rewarding, according to past participants.

"I think most mentors will feel a sense of pride knowing that they've helped guide a young person academically and professionally," said Monica R. Hall, a chemist in the Research and Technology Directorate serving her second year as a mentor. "Mentoring even improves the mentor."

SEAP students collaborate with their mentors on a project that provides them an opportunity to work in a research environment while learning how their work can benefit both the Army and the civilian communities.

Last year SEAP enabled 12 of more than 400 participants to work at ECBC,

a number organizers say will increase as involvement from the workforce grows.

"The more mentors we have available, the more students we will be able to bring into the program," said Barbara Hawk, the center's SEAP manager. "We are hopeful this year we will see an increase in staff participation so that we can continue to bring high-achieving students to ECBC who are eager to learn about science and engineering."

For those interested in shaping a 21st century "Einstein" the only requirement is having unclassified work for their mentee.

The program also offers the flexibility of co-mentoring with a colleague or mentoring up to two students.

"This experience as a mentor gives me a sense of accomplishment to know that I am contributing to the success of a student," said mentor William Argiropoulos. "I find it rewarding when I immediately see the growth of a mentee and their will to continue to succeed."

During the apprenticeship, students attend lectures, tours and demonstrations aimed at educating them on various research techniques and the significance of the center's work on behalf of the Warfighter, the nation and the world.

For Christopher Belcastro, a 2008 SEAP student, the highlight of his eight weeks at ECBC was presenting a final report during a closing ceremony

held in conjunction with students and interns from the Army's Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense.

"During the apprenticeship and final reports, I learned what a career in engineering was all about, and after this program I am looking forward to a career in the engineering field," Belcastro said. "SEAP was the most exciting and educational opportunity I have ever experienced."

Still, other students see the program as an opportunity to explore their future careers through the relationships they build with their ECBC mentors.

"I learned a lot of valuable lessons during my apprenticeship at ECBC," said student Robyn Hicks. "I realized that I want to

pursue a career in mechanical engineering as a result of the helpful influence of my mentors."

SEAP is funded through an educational grant from U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and sponsored by The George Washington University and therefore no cost to the mentor's project.

"The brilliant minds of the future are among those mentored at ECBC," Hawk said. "It is more important than ever that we nurture the development of our future workforce through mentorship."

Employees interested in becoming mentors are asked to contact Heather Field at 410-436-5745 or via e-mail, at heather.field@us.army.mil.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

College nights in HCPS

The College Savings Plans of Maryland now offers more options from the State of Maryland to help make it easier than ever to save for college.

The Maryland Prepaid College Trust allows parents to lock in tomorrow's tuition at today's cost and offers the security of a Maryland Legislative Guarantee.

The Maryland College Investment Plan offers 13 different investment portfolios managed by T. Rowe Price. Both plans are affordable, flexible and offer great state and federal tax benefits.

To find out more, plan to attend any of the Parent Information Nights, presented by Harford County Public Schools and the College Savings Plans of Maryland. All presentations are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, call toll free 1-888-4MD-GRAD, or visit Web site www.collegesavingsmd.org.

- Feb. 11 – Southampton Middle School
- Feb. 12 – Havre de Grace Middle School
- Feb. 18 – Center for Education Opportunity, 253 Paradise Road, Aberdeen
- Feb. 25 – Patterson Mill Middle School
- March 4 – North Harford Middle School

School

- March 11 – Magnolia Middle School
- March 18 – Fallston Middle School
- March 25 – Edgewood Middle School

Fifth Annual College Night Feb. 23

The Sixth Annual College Night will be held 6 to 8 p.m., Feb. 23, at C. Milton Wright High School, located on 1301 N. Fountain Green Road, Bel Air. Snow date is Feb. 24. College night is free to all Harford County public school students and parents. More than 80 colleges, universities, technical schools and military from the Mid-Atlantic region will be available.

For more information, call 410-638-4110.

Third Annual Harford County High School Chess Tournament

The Third Annual Harford County High School Chess Tournament will take place 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 6, in the Aberdeen High School Media Center. The chess tournament will feature

40-minute games, as well as individual and team championships with trophies awarded to the top players and teams. The tournament is open to any high school student in Harford County.

For more information or to register, call William Wardle, 410-273-5500 or e-mail william.wardle@hcps.org.

GEMS accepting student applications

Registration for the summer 2009 Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science program at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory is now open for students currently in grades 6 through 10. Students currently in grades 11 and 12 will be considered for the program only if they have not previously participated in GEMS.

The GEMS program gives a diverse group of middle and high school students the opportunity to do hands-on experiments with scientists and mathematicians in a government laboratory. The goals of the program are to motivate students in their study of math and science and to inspire them to consider careers in those fields.

The program is limited to 112 students (28 per week). Registration for the APG

program will close March 15.

Visit <http://www.usaeop.com/programs/GEMS/ARL.html> to find more about the program and to apply.

The GEMS program is only one of many U.S. Army Educational Outreach Programs; information on other programs can be found at <http://usaeop.com>.

For more information, contact Krissy Turner, 410-306-0696, or e-mail krissy.turner@us.army.mil.

Career Opportunity and Information Fair

The Office of School Counseling for Harford County Public Schools in partnership with the Office of Advising, Career and Transfer Services at Harford Community College, will host the Tenth Annual Career Opportunity and Information Fair, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., March 31, in the Student Center at HCC.

This career awareness program for high school and community college students and parents will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from local educational, business and military communities.

For more information, call 410-588-5245.

For more information on any APG school related topic, contact Eileen Campbell, 410-278-2857 or e-mail eileen.campbell@us.army.mil.

College

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• Complete and submit application by the deadline

Deadline: March 10

How to apply: <http://www.military-child.org/SpaceCamp.asp>
(Editor's note: more scholarships with February deadlines can be found in Jan. 29 edition of APG News, page 9, at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil)

Other financial aid available

The Film School

The Film School offers an intense three-week session, two times a year for writers, directors, actors and those with a story to tell.

Amount: 50 percent off tuition

Eligibility:

• The Film School is offering tuition scholarships to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom veterans and active duty military personnel.

• Applicants should state that they are OIF/OEF in their cover letter with their application.

For more information: Visit www.thefilmschool.com.

George Washington University Science & Engineering Apprenticeship Program

This program places academically talented high school students with interest in science and math in the Department of

Defense laboratories for an eight-week period over the summer. This is an invaluable experience in the world of scientific research, with hands-on exposure to scientific and engineering practices not available in the high school environment.

Daily transportation is the student's responsibility

Program runs from June 22 to Aug. 14

Amount: \$2,000 (paid apprenticeship)

Eligibility:

- At least 16 years old sophomore or junior
- Minimum GPA 3.0
- Have a teacher recommendation to the program director for consideration

How to apply: Visit www.usaeop.com

Deadline: Feb. 27

Princeton University Summer Journalism Program

The program's goal is to diversify college and professional newsrooms by encouraging outstanding students from low-income backgrounds to pursue careers in journalism.

Amount: Program is free, including transportation costs.

Eligibility:

- Must currently be a junior in high school
- Must have at least an unweighted 3.5 grade point average (out of 4.0)
- Must have an interest in journalism
- The combined income of custodial parents(s)/ guardians(s) plus child support payments, if any, must not exceed \$45,000.

How to apply: Visit www.princeton.edu/sjp

Deadline: Feb. 20

Boys State Program

Sponsor: The American Legion sponsors this week-long summer leadership program. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs.

Amount: Free tuition

Eligibility:

• High school juniors are selected by local American Legion posts to attend the program. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion post, a local business or another community-based organization.

• Must be a male who has successfully completed their junior year in high school and not have entered their senior year of high school.

• Any boy who has previously attended a Boys State is not eligible.

• Program will be held at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md., from June 21 through 27.

Applications may be obtained through high school class counselors or by downloading an application at <http://www.mdlegion.org/boysstate.htm>.

The Coca-Cola Pre-College Leadership Program

Sponsor: The Leadership Center at Morehouse College

There are two programs, one for male students completing their sophomore or junior year, the other for male students completing their senior year. The curriculum focuses on personal and interpersonal leadership skills. The program runs from June 20 to 26.

Amount: Cost is \$400

Eligibility:

• Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

To apply: Visit www.morehouse.edu

Deadline: Feb. 20.

National Space Club Scholars Internship Program

Sponsor: NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

Eligibility:

• Open to students who will be 16 years old and have completed the 10th grade by June.

• Have demonstrated high academic success

• Have an interest in space science or engineering as a career.

• Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

How to apply: Visit www.education.gsfc.nasa.gov

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Deadline: Application must be post-marked by Feb. 17.

Exploring Engineering at the University of Maryland

Sponsor: University of Maryland. This program is a one-week summer program for high school women, juniors or seniors, who are considering engineering as a possible major and career. Students will live on campus for one week and attend workshops, team challenges and seminars with professional engineers.

Amount: Cost is \$550 per student. This fee covers all expenses except transportation to and from the University of Maryland and spending money. If additional grants are secured, this fee will decrease. Full and partial scholarships are available based on financial need. The fee is due upon acceptance to the program.

Eligibility:

• High School juniors and seniors who are considering engineering as a possible major and career.

• Teacher recommendation and official high school transcript, along with biographical information and personal statement are required.

For more information and to apply: Visit www.wie.umd.edu, or call 301-405-3283.

Deadline: Application review begins April 6.

University of Maryland Young Scholars Program

This program targets rising juniors and seniors who have a strong academic record and a desire to excel to experience college life while earning three academic credits.

Fourteen courses are offered for three weeks from July 12 to 31. Visit <http://www.jsp.umd/>.

City Year

Sponsor: Americorps

Graduating seniors who are not sure what they want to do after high school should consider applying for a paid community service position with City Year, Washington, D.C., a group of 17- to 24-year olds committed to full-time service for 10 months in the Washington, D.C. community. Benefits include: living stipend of \$200 per week, health care coverage, free metro pass and \$4,725 educational scholarship.

For more information visit: www.city-year.org

HELPFUL WEB SITES

- www.princetonreview.com/college/finance/ - information on scholarships and financial aid
- www.scholarshipquesthelper.com - information and tips on applying for scholarships and more
- www.studentaid.ed.gov - information about planning for life after high school
- www.MDgo4it.org - Maryland Higher Education Commission
- www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation - to check accreditation of schools
- www.finaid.org/military/ - information on military financial aid
- www.milspouse.org/Educ/Fund/MilFScholar/ - helpful list of military scholarships
- http://essayinfo.com/essays/scholarship_essay.php - Tips for writing personal essays
- www.fastweb.com/fastweb/resources/articles/index/100037 - Tips from fastweb.com
- www.fastweb.com/fastweb/resources/articles/index/101142 - Common essay questions