

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Feb. 18, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Nominate civilian, military women for 'green' movement

Women's History Month will be observed in March. The environmentally-focused theme for 2009 is "Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet."

One goal is to recognize the varied roles and leadership of APG's civilian and military women in the environmental or 'green' movement.

Nominations should be submitted by Feb. 19. Examples of work may include leadership in any environmentally-focused area (i.e. preservation of natural or cultural resources, cleanup of environmental contamination, energy consumption, pest management, recycling, carpooling, pollution prevention, etc.).

The submission of a digital photograph of the nominee is requested.

Honorees' accomplishments will be showcased in a Powerpoint slideshow at a March 4 program.

There is no limit to the number of honorees submitted from each organization.

For more information, call J. Diane Siler, APG Federal Women's Program manager, 410-436-2681.

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.

Reduced holiday gate hours for holiday weekend

There will be reduced gate operations at Aberdeen Proving Ground for the Presidents Day holiday.

On Friday, Feb. 13, the Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area will close at 10 p.m. and the Wise Road gate in the Edgewood Area will close at 8 p.m.

The Harford Gate and the Wise Road Gate will reopen at 4 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The Maryland Gate in the Aberdeen Area and the Magnolia Road Gate (Route 152) in the Edgewood Area will be open throughout the holiday weekend.

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BRAC Job Fair draws large crowd

Story and photos by
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More than 2,500 people attended the Base Realignment and Closure Job Fair and Information session Feb. 7 held at the Harford Community College Chesapeake Center.

This was the second job fair held by the U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Command Life Cycle Management Command and Army Team Command, Control, Communications and Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR), the Susquehanna Workforce Network and the Harford County Office of Economic Development.

Recruitment was for government positions at Aberdeen Proving Ground including such positions as computer scientist, contract specialist, engineer, logistics manager, management analyst, program analyst and program manager.

This year, the job fair had a required orientation session for attendees, which explained Army



Mike Green, a Central Resume Processing Center human resources technician, standing, helps, from left to right, Linetta Daughton and Tyeshia and Lareasia Johnson, from Cecil County, work on their resumes at the BRAC Job Fair and Information Session held Feb. 7 at Harford Community College's Chesapeake Center. In the background job seekers wait to receive help using the Resume Builder, designed to assist users in entering their resume into the Army's Centralized Resumix System.

Team C4ISR, the type of jobs that need to be filled, application procedures and information to make the attendees' visit most productive. Other information sessions were also held throughout the day so that

attendees could become more familiar with the missions and work environment of the jobs that they were seeking.

"I feel like this piece was a very good addition," said Bruce England, the Susque-

hanna Workforce Network's executive director. "It was intended to cut down on the amount of time that attendees would need to spend at each booth, since some of their questions would already be answered during

these sessions. These sessions are especially helpful this year since the turnout was so large."

This was the second BRAC job fair held at Harford Community College.

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Army addresses rising suicide rate, highest in four years

Story by
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Army News Service

The number of suicides in the Army has risen again, for the fourth year in a row, and the problem is being addressed with an Army-wide "stand-down" and chain-teaching program.

The Army experienced 128 confirmed suicides in 2008, up from 115 in 2007, said Army leaders during a media roundtable Jan. 29. An additional 15 deaths are being investigated as suspected suicides, though Army experts say experience has shown that as many as 90 percent of suspected suicides are eventually classified as confirmed.

"The numbers represent tragedies that have taken place across our Army," said Secretary of the Army Pete Geren, adding that the Army is doing all it can to address the problem. "Every suicide is a tragedy we take personally in the Army."

The secretary said if the Army is to succeed in counteracting the rising trend in suicides in the service, all components of the Army - including the active duty, Reserve and National Guard components - must work together and also work with other organizations such as the Veteran's Administration.

APG Soldier salutes Maryland veteran

Story by
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APG News

A Maryland veteran who never misses an opportunity to thank Soldiers for their service recently received thanks in a big way for his, courtesy of an Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldier.

Col. William Rice is the director of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the Edgewood Area's U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. While eating dinner with his son Brian at a McDonald's restaurant in Havre de Grace, Rice was approached by Leo McHale, a World War II Navy Reserve veteran from Walkersville, Md., who was passing through the area that day. Noticing Rice, who was still in uniform, McHale made his way over to him and thanked him for his service.

"I told him that it was my pleasure to do my part and thanked him for his kind words," Rice said.

Before departing, McHale gave Rice his business card and gave a \$5 MacDonald's gift card to Brian.

"What a nice gesture," Rice said. "I kept his card

in my wallet thinking that I would e-mail him to tell him thanks but my work keeps me intensely busy so I wouldn't think of sending him a message until I would put my CAC card in my wallet at the end of the workday.

"One day I got an e-mail reminding Soldiers that the Freedom Team Salute was still going on, and I immediately thought of Mister McHale," Rice said.

He submitted McHale's name for a Freedom Team Salute package and included a note telling McHale how much he had touched him and his son.

He said McHale taught a valuable lesson to his son that hopefully he will pass on to his children.

"Brian saw that his dad's work is important and serves a greater good beyond just providing for the family," Rice said. "The encounter also included a lesson in kindness, in freely expressing your gratitude to someone you never met before, that our nation is great enough to be preserved against tyranny at all costs and that the people of our nation realize that as well."

After receiving his Free-

dom Team Salute, Rice said McHale contacted him to thank him.

"We had a good talk," he said, adding that although many people don't voice their appreciation as McHale did, he's certain that, "they are standing strong behind us in large numbers."

"The American people know the truth. Our enemy is real and lethal," Rice said. "For that, they are appreciative that an American Soldier is on guard while they work, play and sleep in safety. In turn, it's nice to know when they notice."

Chiarelli has directed an Army "stand-down" to address the problem, between Feb. 15 and March 15. During that time, commanders will take time to direct the problem "head on," the general said, adding that the service is prepositioning materials for commanders to use when talking

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ACS wants to hear from you

ACS

Army Community Service is conducting a survey to gain a sense of how the military community is supporting its members.

"Everyone's participation in this survey will be appreciated," said Celestine Beckett, director, ACS. "The only way to get a true picture of how the Aberdeen Proving Ground community feels about what ACS provides is by the public telling us."

The survey will collect information about customer's use and satisfaction with ACS service programs.

"ACS program managers will use the survey information to monitor their delivery of services to Soldiers and Families, and respond better to identified issues that are important," she said.

The survey is anonymous, however survey questions will ask for background information. This will be used during the analysis stage.

"There are many programs and services offered here at APG, and it is important for the program managers to know which groups of people are using which services," Beckett said.

The survey can be taken at www.myarmylifetoo.com/survey_Aberdeen until March 6.

Congressional staffers visit APG

RDECOM

Community and installation leadership met with congressional staffers last week to collaborate on the issues facing Aberdeen Proving Ground transformation.

Staffers representing Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, Senator Benjamin Cardin, Congressman C. A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger, Congressman Roscoe Bartlett and Congressman Frank Kratovil participated in the annual event Feb. 2 at the CACI building to increase their awareness of activities and projects for APG 2012.

The event was hosted by the Army Alliance, Inc., a non-profit civic organization formed in 2001 to support APG programs and infrastructure by promoting a clear, coherent image of APG as a national asset.

Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, detailed the status of APG 2012, an initiative which will transform the installation to support the Army's future research, development, test and evaluation work so it can sustain the world-class support provided to the nation's Warfighters.

The transformation of APG will focus on quality of life, facilities and infrastructure, services, and human capital in order to accommodate the existing post population and the influx of people expected due to BRAC.

Over the next few years, APG will undergo its most significant growth since World War II. As a result of the BRAC Commission's recommendations, the organizations moving to APG will allow the Army to pursue the transformational and BRAC objectives of consolidating research, development, test and evaluation on fewer installations to achieve efficiency and synergy.

Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, also briefed congressional staffers about the status of ongoing projects and upcoming needs of APG and Harford County as they collaboratively prepare for personnel coming into the area.

Izzo told the participants he looks forward to working with the congressional delegation and the local communities surrounding APG as the implementation of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure and APG 2012 progress.

Harford County Executive David Craig talked

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Commentary: What I learned about the Army



By
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Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Our Army is the center of gravity for the U.S. military—and this center includes the Guard and Reserves. It is the best and most combat-hardened Army that the nation has ever known—indeed, the world has ever known. And we must do all we can to make sure it stays that way.

Let me take you through some of the things I have learned about our Army, which we all serve. Some of these things might surprise you, most probably will not, but I thought you might be interested in how this Sailor has come to see it.

The first thing I learned about the Army is ‘hooah.’ There are 1,000 or 10,000 or 100,000 different ways to say hooah. But I learned that it is more than just a battle cry; it is a way of life. It says that you will never quit, never surrender, never leave your buddy. It says that you are proud of the hardships you have endured because there is deep meaning in every one of them.

Go stand atop one of those hills

in the Korengal Valley in Afghanistan, where I was last February and July with paratroopers assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. Look around at the utter desolation of the place and the spartan conditions that these young people are living in. You cannot help but come back a little thick in the throat.

I awarded a Silver Star to a young officer there, Capt. Greg Ambrosia, who placed himself in the line of fire to direct his men to safety. I pinned on some Bronze Stars, Commendation Medals and Purple Hearts as well.

These troops had been out there 14 months and seen a lot of tough fighting. They lost a lot of good Soldiers. We often forget the impact of war on those who were alongside our fallen.

That loss impacts them for the rest of their lives.

When those Soldiers yelled “Hooah!” after the ceremony, I understood that it was not because they were proud of their new medals; it was because they were proud of the difference they knew they were making together, as a team—as an Army.

The second thing I have learned is that our Army has become a world-class counterinsurgency force in an extraordinarily short time.

In Iraq, I walked down the streets of Sadr City, and visited an outpost in Mosul. These were places where, just a few weeks before, we could not have visited at all. Al Qaeda is clearly on the run in Iraq, and the surge and Anbar Awakening and even Muqtada al Sadr’s ceasefire all helped to make that happen. But what really turned it around was the counterinsurgency tactics that our troops embraced and perfected.

Think about it: As late as the winter of 2007, when President Bush announced the surge, attacks were averaging nearly 180 a day, the highest level since major combat operations ended. A new national intelligence estimate predicted that Iraqi leaders would be hard pressed to reconcile over the next year and a half. But look where we are now. Our commitment to counterinsurgency warfare worked.

That meant sharing risk with the Iraqis, which in turn meant a whole lot of courage on the part of our Soldiers. Yet they prevailed because they learned, adapted, and most of all believed.

Third, I learned that it is irresponsible to neglect the continual improvement of our conventional capabilities.

I was struck during one of my first visits as chairman to an Army base—Fort Sill—by how few young artillery officers had earned their basic qualifications because they had so often deployed outside their skill set. Now, as the Chief of Naval Operations who deployed upwards of 12,000 Sailors to work on the ground in the U.S. Central Command theater, I understand the benefit for people to develop themselves.

We need more balance in the way we think, train and resource ourselves. Very real threats still exist from regional powers who possess robust conventional and, in some cases, nuclear capabilities. We must restore some of the more conventional and expeditionary expertise that we will require in the uncertain years ahead.

It is difficult to modernize while fighting a war. But there is also an argument that a combat footing generates the energy and

sense of urgency that allow us to meet the pace of change. The essential truth is that we are at war—and it is a war that is moving at lightning speed.

And that brings me to my fourth observation: our peacetime processes are not adapted to a wartime reality. We simply have not kept pace with the demands that this war requires of our wounded, fallen and their Families. Some wounded service members are waiting too long to receive disability ratings and transition out of the military, leaving them and their Families in limbo.

Indeed, service members tell me that their most precious resource is time. They want their lives back. They want to move on.

I know that we have launched a pilot program with the Department of Veterans Affairs designed to streamline the transition process, but we are still not moving quickly enough. And I hope that we are able to expand it as rapidly as possible.

Recent studies suggest that as many as 20 percent of today’s troops may suffer from post-traumatic stress brought on by combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Many are understandably wary of the stigma attached to mental health issues—a problem we can alleviate by making everyone undergo screening, so no one has to raise his or her hand.

I recently had the chance to visit the VA hospital in Palo Alto, Calif., and talked with about 30 mostly active duty PTS patients from every service. It bothered me to see what they had to go through just to get help—essentially bottoming out, like they were in an alcohol or a drug rehabilitation program.

The Families of the fallen and the wounded never lost the American dream.

They still want to work; they want to send their kids to school; they want to get an education; they want to own a piece of the rock.

Indeed, they have earned it. And it is up to us to ensure that they get the chance.

Finally, I have learned that the Army, above all, is a learning organization. From rapid development and adaptation of doctrine, to command organization, to movement of brigade combat teams and modular headquarters, to the way people are promoted, the Army is constantly changing and adapting to meet the challenges of the day.

We are seeing people succeed, grow and lead. We are seeing people unafraid to challenge assumptions or old ways.

Our midgrade noncommissioned officers and young captains love what they do. They have led in combat. They are remarkably resilient, and they do us all proud.

Junior officers and enlisted men and women need to know that it is right to question the direction of their service and seniors. In fact, they should be rewarded for it. That sort of feedback is healthy, and it foments the kind of change we need.

As Gen. George Marshall once quipped, “Soldiers are intelligent. Give them the bare tree; let them supply the leaves.”

I have certainly seen the forest for the trees here, and have learned a lot about the Army.

Most importantly, I have learned from the Army.

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Army News

February focus: African-American citizenship

Story by
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The national theme of this year’s African-American History Month observance running through February is “Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas.”

In keeping with this theme, the Equal Employment Opportunity Web site for the Department of the Army headquarters features a quiz “Paving the Way to the Presidency.”

EEO Officer Beatrice Bernfeld said employees can test their knowledge of African Americans within the electoral system by taking the quiz at <https://secureweb.hqda.pentagon.mil/eoo/main/Index.asp>.

In addition to citizenship, the Department of Defense will emphasize quality education during the month-long observance, according to Jay D. Aronowitz, the acting deputy assistant secretary of the Army for EEO and Civil Rights.

In a memorandum to Army commands, Aronowitz said the DoD theme for African-American History month supports Presidential Executive Order 13256, aimed at advancing equal opportunity in higher education. The special DoD theme for the month is “Reaching Out to Youth: A Strategy for Excellence.”

A DoD outreach event is scheduled to take place Feb. 25 and 26 at Alabama Agriculture and Mechanical University in Normal, Ala. As part of the ceremonies, DoD will present African-American History Month Recognition Awards to selected service members.

The awards will be presented by the DoD of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity to service members who have supported the Global War on Terrorism between February 2006 and January of this year. Nominees must demonstrate role-model qualities and the core values of their service, according to Aronowitz. His memorandum states per diem and travel costs must be paid by the recipients’ units. Award nominations must be submitted through each unit’s chain of command and submitted to the Army’s G-1 EO office.

A Feb. 5 ceremony at the Pentagon rededicated and relocated a Buffalo Soldier replica statue and a Frederick Remington Buffalo Soldier mural. The original exhibit was dedicated July 25, 1992, at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. A replica was dedicated at the Pentagon Aug. 14, 1992, by then Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Gordon Sullivan and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The relocation of the exhibit will move it to

corridor 1 on the E ring, near the Pentagon’s mall entrance.

The EEO Directorate for Army headquarters is sponsoring a special Pentagon tour Feb. 19 focusing on African-American contributions to the Army, both by civilians and Soldiers. The morning tour will feature the “African Americans in the Defense of Our Nation” corridor display located in the Pentagon’s second floor A-Ring, near corridor 7.

In addition, Dr. Christopher Koontz, of the Center of Military History, will present “Fighting for Liberty: The Unsung Heroes of the 24th Infantry Regiment” in World War II 11:30 a.m., Feb. 24, in the Taylor Building’s Stripes Conference Room in the Crystal City area of Arlington, Va.

Reservations for the tour and the lunch presentation can be made at <http://eooa.hqda.pentagon.mil/>.

One of the features of the Library of Congress African-American History Month Web site is the Veterans History Project which lays out the stories of African-American war veterans.

The roots of African-American History Month stem back to Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson. He founded the “Association for the Study of Negro Life and History,”

which began a week-long observance honoring Black History in February 1926.

By the time of Woodson’s death in 1950, the History Week had become

a significant observance. Mayors of cities nationwide issued proclamations. The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation’s bicentennial, with

a proclamation by President Gerald R. Ford. Since then each American president has issued proclamations for the month-long observance.

Black History Month

QUEST FOR BLACK CITIZENSHIP IN THE AMERICAS

We are the change that we seek

**Food Tasting
Exhibits
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DATE: 12 February
TIME: 1130
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APG Outdoor Journal

Commentary: More on APG's wild kingdom

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I know you're probably getting tired of hearing me say it, but Aberdeen Proving Ground is truly blessed with an abundance of wildlife, and without a doubt one of the most fascinating critters we have around these parts is the otter.

Sleek and full of energy, they're definitely one of my all-time favorites to watch. Streamlined, with short stubby legs, otters average somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 pounds or so and measure between three to three and a half feet long. Able to stay submerged for up to eight minutes and capable of diving to depths of 40 feet, to my way of thinking they're the Michael Phelps of APG's wild kingdom.

It's been my experience over the years that they are very inquisitive animals and not overly frightened by us humans; I've actually had them swim right up to the side of the boat and give me a casual, inquiring look before finally swimming off.

They're tough critters and once they've reached their full body size, there's not much out there in the way of predators that will tangle with them.

I remember one time a couple of years ago when I was downrange on a cold winter morning checking a bald eagle's nest near the



Photo by JOE ONDEK

mouth of Cooper's Creek and happened to notice one nonchalantly making it's way across the frozen expanse of the Bush River, heading for the Aberdeen side. He, and I'm just guessing it was a he because of it's size (the males being larger than the females), didn't seem to be in any hurry at all, just sort of moseying along, if you know what I mean. Anyway, as I was watching him through my binoculars, a couple of young bald eagles flew over and spotted the otter, supposing I guess that they'd found themselves an easy meal stranded out on the ice. Well sir, all of a sudden they swooped down with their talons spread wide and made a pass or two on the otter, rolling him

over one time. To my surprise, the otter just stopped and stood up on its back haunches, seemingly oblivious to their attack mode, daring the eagles to "come on down." He wasn't in the least bit intimidated by their antics. It was kinda comical to tell you the truth; it was as if he was encouraging them. Anyway, after awhile, I suppose the eagles realized that the otter was more than they had bargained for and left, while he continued to leisurely make his way across the ice.

The otter diet includes aquatic stuff like fish, crawfish, clams, frogs and crabs. They live to a ripe old age of 8 to 9 years in the wild; and about double that if they are in a zoo or being held in captivity.

Once on the verge of being listed as endangered or threatened in the mid-western and eastern United States, otter populations have now pretty much stabilized, primarily due to aggressive conservation and reintroduction efforts. Because of an International Agreement called the CITES ACT of 1973, which imposes strict protective measures against overharvesting, the otter now appears to be well on the road to a full recovery.

Here at APG, because of our proximity to the Chesapeake Bay and our vast wetlands, the otter is thriving and coming along just fine.

And to think, I get paid to look after them...heck, life don't get much better than that.

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, per-

sonal 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 March 3. 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 repre-

sentative while they are at APG, call 410-306-2358.

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

APG honors five retirees in January

Story by
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APG News

Despite the icy weather, friends and Family came to show their support to four Soldiers and one civilian who were honored for their service to the Army during a retirement ceremony at Top of the Bay Jan. 28.

The honorees included Sgt. Maj. Chancey L. Alderman III, 1st Sgt. Scott Lubag, Master Sgt. Arthur B. Garcia and Sgt. 1st Class Brian Lee Lacy of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, and Dennis Emel, the division chief of the Maintenance Shops who retired with more than 130 years of combined service time.

Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, commander, U.S. Army Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, hosted the event and presented awards to the honorees. He was assisted by RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin.

The U.S. Army Material Command's Brass Quintet, led by Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy P. Davis, provided music for the event and opened the ceremony with the national anthem.

Izzo welcomed attendees and said that he was honored to be able to speak at the ceremony, was grateful for the retiree's service and was proud to be an American.

"To the retirees, it is a pleasure for me to have the opportunity to say thanks for what you've done, which was no small task," Izzo said. "Thank you for serving our great nation.

"We represent a light of hope for the rest of the people around the world who are not as fortunate," Izzo said. "Some of the worst days that we have as Americans cannot compare to some of the people who are repressed, and what they go through. We have to be thankful for



Sgt. Maj. Chancey Alderman III

what we have, and I am just happy to be a part of it."

Izzo also thanked the spouses for giving support to the retirees throughout their career.

"It is a team effort, that fills you up," he said.

Izzo said that the retirees have made a difference by being role models for the next generation.

"Whether you know it or not by wearing those stripes and being where you are in your job, you have made a difference because people watch you, and you have encouraged people to do the right thing," he said.

Izzo said that time passes quickly, and encouraged all attendees to pursue a path in life that makes them happy.

"You need to do what you need to do to fulfill every day," Izzo said. "I get joy and self-satisfaction about being a part of something larger. Since I have been in the Army, I've learned that there is no greater honor than a Soldier to honor another Soldier, and I have fulfilled that today.

"[Retirees], thank you for all that you do. We are still the greatest country in the universe, represented by the flag, the stars and the stripes," he said.

Sgt. Maj. Chancey Alderman III

Alderman was awarded the Legion of Merit and the



1st Sgt. Scott Lubag

Department of the Army and Presidential certificates of appreciation. His wife Vikki, received the DA Certificate of Appreciation signed by Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army chief of staff.

Alderman is a native of St. Mary's, Ga. He graduated from Camden County High School and enlisted in the Army in 1982. He completed Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., where he was awarded the Military Occupational Specialty of 63b (light wheel vehicle power generation mechanic.) He concludes his 26 and a half-year career as the tactical support equipment department sergeant major, 61st Ordnance Brigade, OMMS.

Alderman's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and he is a recipient of the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe.

Alderman said that although he plans on working for the U.S. government in a different capacity, he anticipates that he will now have more free time to spend with his wife and his three children, Gabriel, Morgan and Keiona.

Alderman added that after working for the government he is planning to move to Jacksonville, Fla.

"I enjoyed serving in the



Sgt. 1st Class Brian Lee Lacy

military, but I am excited to close this chapter of my life and open another door," he said.

1st Sgt. Scott Lubag

Lubag was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement and Presidential Certificate of Appreciation. His wife Rachael received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

Lubag was born in Connecticut within a military family. Although he has moved frequently in his life, he claims Tennessee as his state of residence.

After Lubag graduated from Pearl City High School in Pearl City, Hawaii, he attended boot camp at the United States Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego, Calif. He received his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., as a 63S, heavy wheeled vehicle mechanic. He ends his military career working for Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 61st Ordnance Brigade, OMMS.

During Lubag's 23 years of service he received many awards and decorations including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service, Commendation and the Army Achievement medals.

Lubag said that he plans on working for the feder-



Master Sgt. Arthur Garcia

al government undertaking acquisition logistics.

"I am definitely excited, with a small degree of apprehension, since I have been in the military for so long. It will be a change of pace for me," he said. "Serving in the military allowed me to have opportunities that I wouldn't otherwise have, like living overseas."

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Lee Lacy

Lacy was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement and the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation; his wife Katie received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

Lacy was born in Cheyenne, Wyo. He graduated from Rural Special High School in Fox, Ark. Lacy enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1989 and has served five tours overseas, three in Iraq, and one each in Korea and Germany. He has held numerous stateside assignments, and culminates his 20-year career as an instructor with the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 61st Ordnance Brigade, OMMS.

During Lacy's 20-year career he received awards and decorations that include the Army Commendation Medal with and the Army Achievement Medal.

Lacy said that he enjoys auctioneering in his spare



Dennis Emel

time, and spending time with his wife and three children, William, Timothy and Rebekah.

His plans are to get a job at APG and work with an auction broker selling real estate.

"My military career went by fast," he said. "In my career I think that I touched some lives, and some people have touched my life."

Master Sgt. Arthur Garcia

Garcia was awarded the Legion of Merit, the DA Certificate of Retirement and the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation. His wife Cheryl received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

Garcia was born in Chicago, Ill. After he graduated from Natchitoches Central High School in Louisiana he enlisted in the Army in 1984. He has served four tours overseas, in Desert Shield/Desert Storm, two tours in Korea, and one tour during Operation Iraqi Freedom III. He has also served in numerous stateside assignments, culminating his 25-year career as sergeant major, Wheel and Track Automotive Department, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, OMMS.

Throughout Garcia's 25-year career he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Army

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Health Notes

Commentary: Great American Spit Out is time to quit!

Story by
BRAD TAFT
U.S. Army Center for Health
Promotion and Preventive
Medicine

February 19 is the Great American Spit Out (GASpO), a day for those who chew tobacco to try going without their nicotine habit or even breaking it for good.

Tobacco addiction is tough. Tobacco takes your cash and your health. Think of what it would be like if you didn't have to buy chew. You could do some fun things like rent movies, eat out with your Family or friends, or go on a vacation with the hundreds of dollars you spend every year on chew.

What about your health? Do you have red spots in your mouth where you hold the chew? Those spots can turn into cancer. Mouth cancer is always ugly and sometimes deadly. What about your breath? Okay, I won't ask.

Having a chew used to be cool, and you liked it. But now, tobacco is your enemy. You started chewing tobacco because it made you feel good and you could dip whenever and wherever you wanted to without anyone knowing. But now, you realize that you get edgy when

you don't have a dip. If you don't have a chew in your mouth, what used to be easy is difficult. That's nicotine addiction.

According to the Department of Defense 2005 Survey of Health-Related Behaviors Among Active-Duty Military Personnel, the use of chewing tobacco is much higher among Army males (21 percent) than among civilian males (4.5 percent). The use is highest for enlisted personnel of rank E1-E3 (27 percent).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a chew of smokeless tobacco delivers as much nicotine as two to three cigarettes and contains 28 cancer-causing agents.

Recent TRICARE data show that chewers have nearly twice the chance of developing oral cancer compared to those who don't chew.

Your dentist can tell you the whole story of what chewing tobacco does to your mouth. And you won't like what you hear.

Boredom, trying to fit in with your buddies and wanting to perk up during long duty hours are all reasons you may have started chewing. Now it's time for you to think about fighting tobacco addiction.

Check out the informa-

tion on the following Web sites. Fight the fight. You are stronger than addiction to chewing tobacco.

Be strong — Army Strong!

Guides for quitting smokeless tobacco use are available from:

- National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/OralHealth/Topics/SpitTobacco/SpitTobaccoAGuideforQuitting.htm>.

- American Cancer Society, http://www.cancer.org/docroot/PED/content/PED_10_13X_Quitting_Smokeless_Tobacco.asp.

(Editor's note: Author is a registered nurse at USACHPPM.)



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TRICARE attacks smokeless tobacco use

Great American Spit out is Feb. 19

U.S. DoD Military Health System

Myth: Smokeless tobacco products are a safe alternative to tobacco smoking.

Fact: Mouth cancer, cancer of the pancreas and tooth loss are only a few of the serious conditions connected to the use of smokeless tobacco.

The Department of Defense and TRICARE are deploying on-line weapons in their arsenals to promote the "Great American Spit Out, or "GASpO," on Feb. 19, and "Through With Chew Week," Feb. 15 through 21.

Military installations are also invited to participate in the attack on smokeless, but far from harmless, spit or chewing tobacco, often simply referred to as "dip."

Campaign headquarters is located at DoD's tobacco cessation Web site, <http://www.ucanquit2.org>, online headquarters of the multi-year campaign, "Quit Tobacco — Make Everyone Proud." Military installations can now register their GASpO event at <http://www.ucanquit2.org/facts/gaspo> to promote it to the military community and those in the local area of their participation in the Great American Spit Out.

The award-winning **Ucanquit2.org** Web site provides high-tech and inter-

active tools to help service members follow through with their plans to quit. In the new My QuitSpace area of the site registered users can create a blog, either public or private, to document their journey or share their experiences. They may also download a customizable quit plan and quit calendar, adding personalized information, goals, tips and dates.

Many service members trying to quit tobacco have questions. In response to this need, the Web site introduced an Ask the Expert feature for GASpO. Capt. Larry N. Williams, U.S. Navy Tobacco Clinical Cessation Champion, will be the guest expert throughout the month of February.

Williams will answer questions from smokeless (or smoked) tobacco users and those who support their intention to quit, including health promotion and health care professionals on military installations.

Service members and others are encouraged to visit the Web site and submit questions about smokeless tobacco usage, health risks, quit strategies and more. Williams' responses will be posted on a daily basis.

Visitors at <http://www.ucanquite.org> can also take part in the discussion boards, read a new online article debunking the myths

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Community Notes

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 13 BASKET BINGO

A basket bingo will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen, to benefit the Aberdeen High School prom. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games begin at 7 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 Brenda Con-

jour, 410-273-7332.

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 14 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.

FLYING IN FEBRUARY

Participants will continue the seasonal moni-

toring 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.

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.

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.

DISCOVERY WALK

Join a naturalist on a nature walk to discover what creeps, crawls and flies around Leight Park. This free program begins at 10:30 a.m. for all ages. No registration is required.

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

MEET A CRITTER

Check out one of the live critters up close while discovering what makes that animal special. This free program begins at 2 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.

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

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

More 2009 summer programs for high school students

- MIT announces its free MITES Program, Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science, a challenging six-week summer program that prepares promising rising seniors for careers in engineering and science. If selected, all educational, housing, meals and activity costs are covered. Student must pay for their own transportation to and from MIT.

To apply, visit <http://mit.edu/mites>

Deadline was Feb. 2.

- Princeton University announces its Summer Journalism

Program for low-income sophomores or juniors with at least a 3.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) who have an interest in journalism. The cost is free including travel costs to and from Princeton. Go to <http://www.princeton.edu/sjp>. Deadline was Jan. 23.

(Note: APG News received this information too late to meet deadlines for MIT and Princeton.)

- The National Center for Health Marketing's Global Health Odyssey Museum is offering the 2009 CDC Disease Detective Camp. DDC is a free academic day camp for students who will be high school juniors and seniors during the 2009-2010 school year. Campers

will take on the roles of disease detectives and learn how CDC safeguards the nation's health. The camp will be offered twice: June 22 to 26 and July 13 to 17. For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/gcc/exhibit/camp.htm>.

Deadline is April 20.

- University of Maryland, College Park: Women in Engineering, E2@UMD, July 12 through 18 or July 19 through 25; rising juniors and seniors. Visit <http://www.wie.umd.edu/precollege> or call 301-405-3283.

- CITY YEAR, WASHINGTON D.C. (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 a living stipend (\$200 per week), health care coverage, free metro pass and a \$4,725 educational scholarship. For more info, visit <http://www.cityyear/>, e-mail: cmurphy@cityyear, or call Amanda Seligman, 202-776-7780. Recruitment open houses will be held once a month at their headquarters, 918 U Street, NW, 2nd floor, Washington, D.C. 20001.

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

Salute

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Md., in 2004, and he was recognized for his efforts by Congressman Roscoe Bartlett during a Congressional speech in 2006.

He also organizes the Fort Detrick "Take a Soldier to Lunch" program held each Armed Forces Week.

McHale served in the Navy Reserve as an elec-

tricians' first mate from 1944 to 1946. He retired as a packaging engineer in 1999 and has been serving his community and veterans ever since.

He said that after meeting Rice in early January he received the Freedom Team Salute package Jan. 28.

"I never heard of it before and because I got one because of him makes it even more amazing," he said. "Just talking to him inspired me to do more than I already do."

McHale said he was scheduled for heart surgery on Sept. 11, 2001, but it was postponed due to the terrorist attacks.

"I was so frustrated because there was nothing I could do so I found another outlet," he said. "Ever since then I look for ways to thank all our men and women who serve America."

Freedom Team Salute

The U.S. Army Freedom Team Salute Program allows all Soldiers to recognize their parents, spouse and employers (of National Guard and Reserve Soldiers) with a commendation thanking them for the value they bring to the Army Family. The program also allows anyone to recognize a veteran for his or her service to the nation, regardless of where or when they served or for how long. Additionally, anyone can recognize an Army supporter who has significantly contributed to supporting U.S. Army Soldiers and the Army mission.

For more information, to request materials for an event or to honor someone, contact Freedom Team Salute online at www.freedomteamsalute.com or e-mail: info@FreedomTeamSalute.com.

Quit

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surrounding smokeless tobacco, and play games, such as Texas Hold 'em, which deals out informative and motivational messages along with the cards.

Ucanquit2.org arms service members with the tools they need to win the battle against tobacco. It also enables them to get "quit" support from family and friends, no matter where they live, as well as professional counseling. Through Live Chat, a unique online service, users get immediate real-time help from trained tobacco cessation coaches from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. EST.

TRICARE also has a special Web page geared to quit tobacco efforts at <http://www.tricare.mil/tobaccofree>.

POST SHORTS

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. 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. 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.

Kirk closes for holiday

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed Feb. 16 for the Presidents' Day holiday. The clinic will reopen Feb. 17.

Patients should plan accordingly for any medication needs.

For evenings, weekends and federal holidays, for routine medical assistance, call Staff Duty, 410-278-1725 who will coordinate with the Medical Officer of the Day and initiate a referral, if needed.

Without authorization, patients may be responsible for copayments for care provided at other facilities.

Since there is no Emergency Room at KUSAHC, call 911 with any true emergency situations.

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. program.

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 dining 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 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.

RecruitMilitary Career Fair Feb. 26

RecruitMilitary, in conjunction with the President's National Hire Veterans Committee, DOL, the American Legion and the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network will hold a free hiring event for veterans, personnel who are transitioning from active duty, Reserves, Guard and military spouses, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 26, at the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel, located on 999 Ninth Street NW.

Meet with representatives from government contractors, private industry, law enforcement, education, transportation and more from local, state and national organizations.

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

For more information or to

register as a job-seeker, visit www.recruitmilitary.com

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.

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 9th Annual Anniversary Dining Out on 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.

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

Visit

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about the need to expand the local transportation infrastructure such as rail extensions, road and highway renovations and improved bus and train service.

"It was a very productive meeting. It is good to establish personal relationships - especially if it can enhance our joint goal to support the safety of our Warfighters," Craig said.

Frank Mezzanotte, Leah Skica, Eric Cromwell and Donna Clem of the Harford County Public School System spoke about the successes of the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Program at Joppatowne High School and the Science and Math Academy at Aberdeen High School, as well as the desire to allow more students to take advantage of these programs.

Staffers were also taken on a windshield tour of Phase I of the Army Team C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance) complex currently under construction.

When complete, this \$477 million project will provide approximately 1.5 million square feet of state-of-the-art office and specialized laboratory space for nearly 5,000 employees.



FAMILY, MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

APG U14 team wins indoor soccer championship U13 team places second

Youth Sports

The APG Under-14 soccer team defeated MSU 3-1 to win the 2009 division championship in the Maryland Sports Arena indoor soccer league Jan. 13.

Coach Bill Kegley said the team lost its only game of the season to the same MSU team earlier in the season, 7-4 and that coming into the game APG had a record of 6-1 and MSU, 5-2.

"If MSU had beaten APG in this final game it would have been the champions by virtue of a head-to-head tie breaker," Kegley said.

He said the majority of the team is comprised of the same kids who won the fall outdoor ESSL league.

According to Kegley, the team won the final game due to goalie Brandon Inwood who had 14 saves, Brandon "Hat Trick" Hilliard who scored all three of the teams' goals and a gutsy performance by the entire defense lead by Michael Boyko, Jake Kilmon and Blaise Curtis.

"Brandon Hilliard and Dallas Layman led the team in scoring all season," he said. "Layman put the team in position to win it all with a buzzer-beater goal versus Fallston in week five. Hilliard scored more than twenty goals using his quickness and ball skills to shed defenses and Paul Whiteman's strong wing play led to many scoring chances and goals for the team. The versatility of the team was lead by Noah Krach, Alex Kennedy, Kevin Kappauf and David Robinson who played both defense and offense the entire season and did not disappoint playing any position they were asked to."

Kegley said that he and coach Dave Layman extended their appreciation to the parents who supported the team all season.

The Under-13 APG Arsenal had a successful indoor season in its own right by placing second in the U13 league at Maryland Sports Arena with a 6-2 record, Kegley said.

"The two losses came from the

MSU club team. Most of the team came off a second-place finish in the fall ESSL league as well," he said.

Team high scorers included Brandon Hilliard, 21; Martin Palacios, 9; Ian Gage, 8; Brandon Klepetka, 7; Natalie Hooper, 5; and John Meissner, 4.

"The stellar defense was led by Martin Palacios, John Baldauf, Matthew Merchant and Stephen Lyons who at times played against kids that were bigger but did not have the speed or heart that the APG defense displayed," Kegley said. "Alex Kennedy was the jack of all trades who played everywhere on the field - offense, defense and goalie, and the outside wing play of Indiana Jones set up goals for Hilliard all season. As goalie, besides his many saves, Kevin Kappauf set the offense up by delivering the ball on the attack with his cannon arm."

Kegley extended his thanks to coach Fred Merchant and all of the parents who cheered the team all season.

Activities/Events

2009 All Army Chess Championships

All Army Chess Championships will be held April 4 through 10, at Fort Myer, Arlington, Va. All players must be U.S. Army active duty personnel for 90 days or more and a United States Chess Federation rated member. Twelve players will be selected and funded by FMWR.

All players must apply online or download the application and fax to 703-681-7249, DSN 761-7249 or 703-681-1616, DSN 761-1616. No on-site registration.

The deadline for an individual registration is March 2.

For more information or to download online, visit www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/chess/.

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 today

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.

Skii 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.

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

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 Amateur 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 non-military; and \$20 for ring-side 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.

Children, Youth and School Services Sports Program

Register for softball, baseball, tee ball, flag football, cheerleading, Start Smart Basketball, golf and tennis.

All youths participating in a team sport must have a current sports physical. Registration will be held through Feb. 26 at Central Registration in the Aberdeen Area, building 2752 Rodman Road, 410-278-7571/7479 and in the Edgewood Area, building E-1902. Call John Lee, 410-436-7131. Walk-in registration will be held weekdays, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., building 2752.

Refund policies include only medical and PCS. For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com or call Youth Sports information, 410-436-2297.



Youth baseball and tee ball (Aberdeen Area only)

Register early - teams and spaces are limited. Boys and girls ages 5 through 12 as of April 30 may register. Cost of registration is \$45 per child for baseball. Boys and girls ages 5 and 6 may register for tee ball. Cost of registration is \$35. Practice will start week of April 1. Games are held during the weekdays.



Cheerleading

Girls ages 5 to 14 as of April 1 can sign up. Practice begins the week of April 1. Cheerleading squads will cheer for flag football teams. Practices are held weekdays after 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 per child and does not include shoes and socks.



Start Smart Basketball

This program is for boys and girls ages 3 to 5 who want to play basketball and be coached by their mom or dad. Start Smart Basketball will be held Wednesdays, March 16 through April 20. Parent participation is required. Cost is \$40 per child. Each child will receive a T-shirt, basketball and medals.



Softball

Girls ages 8 to 10, 11 to 12 and 13 to 18 as of Jan. 1 can register for softball. Cost is \$45 per child. Practice begins the third week of March, games begin mid April.

Interested in being an umpire or a coach? The program will play in the Eastern Harford County league.



Flag football

Boys and girls, ages 6 to 8, 9 to 11 and 12 to 14 as of April 1, can sign up. Flag football practices begin the week of April 1, games begin May 2. Games will be held every Saturday at the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Youth centers. The fee is \$45 for the season. Coaches and referees will be needed to make this program a success.



Junior Golf and Tennis programs

Boys and girls ages 7 through 17 can register for the summer Junior Golf and Tennis programs beginning May 4. Golf and tennis will be held in the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas and begins the week of June 15.

Volunteer coaches are needed.

SKIES Unlimited

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

Private 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 develop 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.

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 Reserve 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.



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.

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>.

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. 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.

Week of Feb. 16

Special #1: Double bacon cheeseburger with potato chips, cookie and soda for \$7.25.
Special #2: Crab cake platter with french fries, coleslaw, cookie and soda for \$9.95.

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



Retirees

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Achievement Medal and is the recipient of the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe.

Garcia said he was "a little nervous" about retiring because it will mean adjusting to a new routine, but is looking forward to being able to have more time to relax and spend time with his wife, two children, and three grandchildren.

Garcia said that if possible he would like to work as an instructor in the WATD, or move to Texas to join

the civilian sector there.

Dennis Emel

Emel was awarded the DA Commander's Award for Civilian Service and DA Certificate of Retirement and Appreciation. His wife Cynthia received the APG Certificate of Appreciation.

Emel was born in Bellefonte, Pa. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1972, until he was honorably discharged.

After he left the Navy he began his civilian career working in the Commissary Warehouse. While working there he also attended Harford Community College. He then took a posi-

tion in the Supply Division of the Material Test Directorate, now the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center and then went on to the Facilities Engineering Directorate, which is now known as the Directorate of Installation Operations, U.S. Army Garrison APG, as a plumber apprentice in 1982.

Emel was involved in two reductions-in-force and became a pipeshop supervisor in Edgewood in 1991.

Emel concludes his career by retiring as the division chief of the Maintenance Shops at both Aberdeen and Edgewood areas after 36 years of service.

Throughout his career he has received numerous awards and letters of appreciation.

Besides having a busy career, Emel has also served the community by officiating high school football as well as youth football in Harford County for 22 years with the Northeast Officials Association.

"I am happy and relieved about my retirement," Emel said. "I want to travel with my wife, and we are looking at places to move. My wife and I want to move to a small town and enjoy a slower pace of life."

Suicide

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with Soldiers.

The general also said the Army would follow the stand-down with a chain-teaching program - an Army method used to ensure every individual Soldier has been exposed to new material - during the 120-day period after March 15.

"The second thing that is absolutely critical is to reach out to Soldiers and tell them it is not wrong to reach out for help," Chiarelli said. "We have to change our culture."

In the past, he said, it has been a culture in all the military services, that accessing mental health resources was detrimental to a service member's career.

"That is something we

have got to turn around," he said. "We are committed to doing that. And that is all leaders - review what they have done in the past, what has helped us in the past - and continue to do those. At the same time, to reach out to their Soldiers and make sure there is no stigma."

The Army's stand-down will include training to help Soldiers recognize suicidal behavior in their fellow Soldiers, as well as teach them techniques to intervene.

While Geren has said the Army is unsure exactly why the numbers of suicides have risen over the last four years, Chiarelli said stress was probably a factor.

"There is no doubt in my mind that stress is a factor in this trend we are seeing," Chiarelli said. He also added that about a third of the suicides were amongst those deployed, a third were amongst those

who had returned from deployment and a third were amongst those who have had no history of deployment.

Army leaders also said that traditionally it has been both relationship and financial problems that have contributed to Soldier suicides - and that increased deployment lengths then may contribute to suicides by adding additional stress on Families and relationships.

Geren said when tour lengths were increased to 15 months, the Army worked to alleviate some of the stress that would be created between Soldiers and their Families by adding additional funding to Army Family programs.

"That's when we started trying to hire additional mental health workers, when we started putting additional resources into family support - trying to

reduce stress on the Families and the stress on the Soldier who is worrying about the Family back home," Geren said. "You saw a tremendous reallocation of resources within the Army budget."

Geren said the Army has changed the Family support budget from \$700 million to nearly \$1.5 billion.

"We saw the stress, we recognized it, and we started putting resources to that challenge," he said. "I can tell you, senior leadership knew - we could feel the pressure - and we started moving resources to address those issues."

In October, Army senior leaders signed a memorandum of agreement with the National Institute of Mental Health to conduct a study to get to the root causes of why Soldiers commit suicide.

Under the MOA, the NIMH will conduct

Adventures in driving decision making

Panic on the highway!

Installation Safety Office

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

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

Situation #20

You are driving on a two-lane highway going the speed limit and have begun passing another car. You are alongside of the car when you come to a curve in the road and ahead you see a no passing zone. There is no visible oncoming traffic. What should you do?

A. Accelerate and steer hard right to pass.

B. Medium brake, allow the car on the right to pull ahead and you return to the right lane.

passing lines are there to remind and warn us.

You are in, it is not smart to pass on a curve, and the no passing zone, do not push it. Go to Answer B.

ing the tells us: Watch out! Whenever you get into a passing zone, do not push it. Go to Answer B.

Answer A. Yeah, this is what you wanted to do,

research for the Army that will evaluate the many factors that contribute to suicide. The results of the study will be used by the Army to develop strategies to prevent suicides.

The study is expected

to last five years, during which time the NIMH may interview Soldiers, their Families and their parents. The study will include the active duty force in addition to the National Guard and Army Reserve.

Job Fair

From front page

England said that this year the number of attendees had increased by about 1,000. He said that several factors may have contributed to the fair's large turnout.

"Economic conditions have definitely played a factor, but I also think that many people are beginning to understand the significance of BRAC," he said. "Our office has been working to increase the knowledge of BRAC in the community since 2005. We have three workforce centers in this region, and we have held information sessions to help people with their resumes. These sessions have been very popular. In fact, we might have to increase the sessions to keep up with the demand."

"APG has always been a part of this community, but I think we are seeing an increase in interaction, because people are becoming more aware of the opportunities," he said. "BRAC presents great economic opportunity for Harford County."

England said that more jobs available to APG will allow more Harford County residents to work closer to home.

"A large number of Harford County residents are commuters from long distances and are looking for a closer commute, especially with rising gas costs," he said.

England added that not only was the fair well attended by Harford County residents, but also by people from all over Maryland and nearby states.

"People were registered from thirteen states, and the District of Columbia, the furthest state being Florida," he said.

Denise Carnaggio, deputy director for Harford County Office of Economic Development, said that she "couldn't be more pleased" by the organization of the fair.

"This fair is a team effort," Carnaggio said. "The success of this fair is attributed to all organizations working together. I think the fair ran smoothly, even in the morning when



Photo by RACHEL PONDER
Bruce England, executive director of the Susquehanna Workforce Network, talks to Helga Sanford-Crane, a job seeker from Elkton.

we had the largest amount of people."

Carnaggio added that she thinks that one of the reasons the fair had such a large turnout is that it was held on a Saturday, as opposed to a weekday.

"We were a little unsure if we were going to be able to get people to participate on a Saturday. We even had to ask for additional staff and resources to accommodate the number of attendees, but they really came through and were very helpful," she said.

Debbie Delvin, the CECOM LCMC G-1, said that she was very impressed with the turnout.

"I think the turnout and the job fair itself was tremendous, far beyond our expectations," Delvin said. "I think the economic conditions have definitely affected the turnout, and also the fact that people are becoming more aware of BRAC as we advertise the available positions."

Delvin said that 350 positions advertised at the job fair will be filled by this summer.

She recommended that job seekers keep in mind that over the next two to three years the number of available positions will increase, so even if they are not offered a job this year, they might be offered a job at a later date.

"I received great feedback from job seekers today, and we will use

some of these recommendations for the next job fair," Delvin said.

Helga Sanford-Crane, a job seeker from Elkton, Md., said that she felt that the job fair helped her become more familiar with applying for a government job.

"I think it is really nice that they have organized this job fair for us. I feel like the turnout today is pretty indicative of the times," she said. "A lot of people are out looking for jobs, it is sobering. When I was talking to people in line I met some well-qualified and professional people that are looking for a more stable source of income."

Sanford-Crane said that now that her children have entered college she is looking for a higher paying job.

"Currently I have been substitute teaching," she said. "I used to get calls to teach every day, but now the calls are few and far between because more people have turned to substitute teaching as a source of income."

Sanford-Crane said that she has an information technology background, but it has been several years since she has worked in her field.

"I was on the 'mommy track' meaning that I took time off for my career to raise my children," she said. "Now that my children

are in college I would like a steady source of income to help pay for their education. Tuition is very expensive, but I want them to have that opportunity."

Sanford-Crane said that she was considering applying for an internship for a technical writer position, so she can get her skills up to date and get on-the-job training.

Linetta Daughton and Tyeashia and Lareasia Johnson, from Cecil County, came together to the job fair and said that they were all looking for a job that will provide a steady income.

"I work for a company that makes joint supplements," Tyeashia said. "Business has been slow due to the economy, which has caused me to explore other options. Today I am applying for an entry-level job in logistics."

Daughton added that they were not aware of the process involved in applying for a government job.

"I felt that the staff was very helpful in answering our questions," Daughton said.

Some military service members were also in attendance, looking for a government job.

"I have a Family, and I want to be able to spend more time with them," said Sgt. John Reals from the Edgewood Area of APG. He added that he was trying to look for an opportu-

nity to get his 'foot in the door' and was willing to learn a new job skill.

"Our Family has a lot of expenses, and I want to provide for them," he said.

Kari Jackson, who is a Human Resources specialist for the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at APG, said that she helped people from all different backgrounds and experience levels.

"I met with many qualified people," she said. "Some were looking for a better job opportunity, and unfortunately some had recently been laid off."

Jackson said 21 CPAC staff members were at the fair to help attendees with their resumes.

"My advice for job seekers would be to check the [Army Civilian Personnel Online] Web site frequently, as there are new job opportunities being posted every day," she said.

Judy Patishnock, a security specialist, CECOM G-2, said that she answered questions throughout the day regarding security clearances.

"People get confused because on the Web site it says that you must have a security clearance for the job, so they assume that they need the clearance before being offered the job," she said. "The security process starts once the job has been offered and the person accepts that position."

Patishnock said that job seekers should be forthcoming with information.

"Be honest when disclosing information," she said. "Your total history will be taken into account."

William Brown, a job seeker from Dover, Del., who was talking to Patishnock, said that he was looking for a job in electronics. "From what I have seen, this job fair was excellent; it really gave us some hope," he said.

Job seekers can search for announcements on the Civilian Personnel On-line Web site: <http://www.cpol.army.mil/>.

education and experience and then check the eligibility requirements under 'who may apply.'

Gary Martin, Executive Deputy to the Commander of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM), said that he considers the job fair successful.

"The job fair provided the RDECOM labs with a significant opportunity to hire some well-qualified people with both strong academic backgrounds and with good job experiences. Each lab walked away with candidates considered to be 'must haves,'" he said.

Martin added that RDECOM took back 150 resumes of people qualified for job vacancies.

"One of the lessons learned from the job fair was that we should have pushed harder, a month and a half out to maximize the number of positions available for us to recruit," he said. "Next time, we will come loaded with more opportunities and more recruiters."

"The job fair gave us a great perspective and awareness of some very talented folks in this area," Martin said. "But all the organizations on Aberdeen Proving Ground must work together to show progress from these recruiting events. It's a team sport."

Participating organizations

U.S. Army Command and Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) Team's Logistics and Readiness Center(LRC), Software Engineering Center (SEC), Communications-Electronics Contracting Center, Communications-Electronics Research, Development, and Engineering Center (CERDEC), Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T), and Program Executive Officer, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO IEWS).

Plus APG's CPAC, Army Evaluation Center (AEC), U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM), and the Susquehanna Workforce Network.