

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Feb. 4 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



RAB meeting at new location tonight

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 29, at a new location: Vitali's Restaurant & Banquets, 1709 Edgewood Road and Route 24 in Edgewood.

The topic will be an update on the O-Field Study Area.

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

Wanted: Story ideas on Year of NCO

In order 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.

New KUSAHC policies

The Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic has expanded its hours to be more convenient to patients. KUSAHC is now open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to include Thursday training time and the lunch hour.

KUSAHC's child care policy has been modified to accommodate patients who have to bring their child with them to their appointment. Children under the age of 12 are not permitted to be left unattended in the waiting area.

KUSAHC encourages patients to make child care arrangements before their appointment and provides vouchers for the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center.

AFAP conference postponed

The installation's annual Army Family Action Program conference, which was originally scheduled for Jan. 27 through 29, has been postponed to a date that is yet to be determined.

Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and

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New AMC commander visits RDECOM

Story by
JOSEPH FERRARE
RDECOM

Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody visited several sites here Jan. 22 to get her first detailed briefings and hands-on experience with existing and emerging technologies since assuming command of the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

Installation and U. S. Army Research Development and Engineering Commander Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo hosted the visit, during which Dunwoody visited the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, the U. S. Army Research Laboratory, the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center and the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency.

Garrison Commander Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman briefed the Army's first female four-star general on the APG 2012 transformation. The importance of that transformation is **See RDECOM, page 11**



Photos by LARRY SHANK, ARL
Michael Maher, center, chief of the Materials Applications Branch, Weapons & Materials Research Directorate, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, shows Gen. Ann Dunwoody, commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command, far right, an advanced materials design during Dunwoody's Jan. 22 visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Also pictured are, from left, Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, John Miller, director of ARL and Jill Smith, director of WMRD, ARL.

Welcome to the NCO Corps

Story by
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Fort Lee Public Affairs

"Now you're an NCO - a part of the backbone of the Army. Never forget where you came from."

Those words, from guest speaker Command Sgt. Maj. Nathan J. Hunt III, served as a reminder to a group of recently-promoted sergeants who were welcomed as members of the Army Noncommissioned Officer Corps during the NCO Induction Ceremony held Jan. 14 at Fort Lee's Regimental Club.

In all, 16 new sergeants from within the U.S. Army Garrison and Medical Department Activity were participants in the ceremony, which honored their achievement, but more importantly, served to convey the importance of noncommissioned officer leadership and the traditions that it holds sacred.

Hunt, the top enlisted Soldier assigned to the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School, said earning chevrons should never be taken lightly.

"Crossing over to the noncommissioned officer is very significant," he said after the ceremony. "Being a noncommissioned officer in today's Army means that there are many challenges, requirements ... a lot of responsibility, and it needs to be acknowledged."

When Army NCOs are promoted to corporal or sergeant, they step into another realm. They are acknowledged leaders and many become the authority at the first level of a Soldier's chain of command.

When the junior NCO becomes a supervisor of personnel, their chief responsibility becomes what's commonly known as 'taking care of Soldiers' or being responsi-

ble for Soldiers' health and welfare.

"They go from being followers to leaders and from looking for examples to being examples," said Command Sgt. Maj. June Seay, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Lee command sergeant major and host of the event.

The ceremony, meant to symbolize the most important transition in a Soldier's journey, was marked with solemnity and dignity. Faint lighting gave the club's main ballroom a glow as the events unfolded.

The inductees, mostly 20-somethings, sat in the front row, postures erect and hands firmly placed in their laps. They listened to a brief history of the NCO Corps, Hunt's personal testimony of what it means to be an NCO, and witnessed the lighting of the NCO spirits. Lastly, they raised their right hands and recited the Charge of the Noncommissioned Officer.

Inductee Sgt. Ryan Martinette, a Soldier assigned to MEDDAC, said the ceremony was an occasion worthy of remembrance.

"The ceremony is a special way to keep traditions alive in the NCO Corps that aren't required," he said. "There's a lot of heritage in the NCO Corps, and it's important to maintain that heritage and know where you came from. That way you know where you're going."

Martinette also said the ceremony is more than just symbolism.

"The formal induction into the Corps is more than just status and position," Martinette said. "It's really an opportunity for you as an NCO to appreciate the gravity of what you're doing. The junior NCOs, the sergeants and staff sergeants, have an integral role in leading, guiding, and mentoring junior Soldiers to become positive and productive adults."

USACRC/Safety Center launches new Web site

U.S. Army Combat Readiness/
Safety Center

In order to better serve Army leaders, Soldiers, Families and civilians, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center has completed a comprehensive redesign of its current Web site and launched a new Web site Jan. 15.

The Web site has a new look and feel, making it easier for users to find information and tools necessary to help keep our Army safe.

In addition to the new layout and improved main menu, the site features an in-depth contact and feedback page designed to provide users a quick link to program managers and to gain user feedback for site improvements. Also, in one click, users can bookmark a new page, or send the link to a friend or colleague.

Changes to the Web page were made based on direct customer feedback and sev-



eral user focus groups. Soldiers and leaders will find the tools they most often use right up front rather than having to make several clicks to find them.

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center supports our Army by collecting, analyzing and disseminating actionable information to assist Leaders, Soldiers, Families and civilians in preserving and protecting our Army's combat resources.

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center new web address is <https://safety.army.mil>. The new Web site can also be previewed from the current USACRC/Safety Center Web site.

APG Tax Center offers free tax preparation to military, Family members

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House for the 2009 Tax Assistance Program at the Tax Center's new location, building 30, downstairs in Top of the Bay.

Commanders or their designees were invited to preview the facility and talk with the Tax Center staff members.

Lt. Col Bobby Davis, Staff Judge Advocate for Aberdeen Proving Ground, welcomed attendees and introduced the guest speaker, Col. Andrew Nelson, deputy garrison commander for Transformation.

Nelson said that after celebrating the New Year, people begin to think about preparing their taxes which can be a cause of anxiety, especially for young adults who are working their first job and are not familiar with the process. He added that having a Tax Center which provides free assistance, located on post, lessens this anxiety and is a great benefit to anyone who can take advantage of the program.

"I am pleased to see that there is a good, strong, program in place for Soldiers to come and get their taxes prepared at no cost to them," Nelson said.

He added that the free service will save Soldiers a significant amount of money, which is especially important during a recession.

"When you go to a vendor off post to get your taxes prepared it usually costs two hundred dollars or more," Nelson said. "The money that you pay a tax preparer takes away from the money that you would receive from a tax return. Many people count on money they receive from their tax returns to pay bills."

Nelson concluded his speech by saying that he is pleased to meet the civilian personnel that have been assigned to work at the Tax Center on a full-time basis. Each tax preparer is trained in federal and Maryland state income tax return preparation, and they have passed an Internal Revenue Service examination which certifies them for the Volunteer Return Preparation Program.

"They will provide good, quality service to the Soldiers and their Families," Nelson said. "Those that are eligible for the service should come right away

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Complete the pass on Super Bowl Sunday Give your keys to a designated driver before the game begins

APG ASAP

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Substance Abuse Program wants to remind all of those who plan on using alcohol on Super Bowl Sunday to act responsibly by designating a sober driver before the big game begins.

"We're working to remind all fans to play it safe on Super Bowl Sunday," said Cindy Scott, ASAP Prevention coordinator. "We want everyone to remember that wherever you are watching the Super Bowl, if you plan on consuming alcohol, pass your keys to a sober, designated driver before the big game begins. Don't get penalized for impaired driving."

Super Bowl Sunday has become one of America's biggest and most entertaining national sporting events as friends and Families gather to watch the big game each year and to enjoy all of the festivities surrounding it. Yet, it is also one of the year's most dangerous days on the nation's roadways, due to impaired driving related traffic crashes.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, impaired drivers caused 50 percent of

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ARMY FAMILY COVENANT

SOLDIERS ★ FAMILIES ★ ARMY CIVILIANS



FRG supports the total Army Family

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Leaders of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company 29th Combat Action Brigade Family Readiness Group gathered at the National Guard Armory at Aberdeen Proving Ground on Jan. 10 for the first Family Support Brunch of the year, for training and to discuss goals for the new year.

The group, which meets quarterly, opened with a welcome by Mary Austin, Brigade FRG Advisor, HHC 29th CAB FRG Lead. She introduced Katherine Jenkins, Maryland Family Readiness Assistant, who works for the Maryland National Guard, and instructs volunteers on their roles, regulations, fundraising and military points of contact.

"She makes sure the program is going smoothly," Austin said. "And she makes the volunteers independent so they don't have to rely too much on the state."

Jenkins opened her presentation by saying that whether new to FRGs, or an FRG leader for years, it is important to receive training as an FRG leader.

She said that training is essential to ensure that FRGs stay current and change with the times, which will increase the effectiveness of the groups.

"Having a strong FRG is important, now more than ever, because of the increased demands that are put on Soldiers," Jenkins said.

She added that FRGs are crucial to the Army because they help Families meet the challenges of military life and a strong FRG works to help Families during all phases of the deployment cycle.

During normal duty, an FRG forms a strong network of Families and military personnel. An established network helps Families prepare for mobilization or deployment.

Having an effective FRG helps give service members peace of mind providing their Families with an established support system, even when they are deployed. Having this peace of mind reduces the stress level of the Soldier, and helps them keep their mind on their mission.

"An FRG is a command sponsored organization of Soldiers, civilians, employees, Family members and volunteers who belong to a unit," Jenkins said. "The purpose of an FRG is to provide a resource to make Families more self-sufficient," Jenkins said.

She added that giving Families the resources to help themselves will give FRG leaders more time in their personal and Family lives. It is important for FRG leaders to not over commit themselves or put unnecessary stress on themselves.

"If you are not taking care of yourself, you are not taking care of your Family which goes against the FRG mission," Jenkins said.

She added that one common misconception about FRG is that only Army spouses are involved in FRGs.

"A Family can be non-traditional," Jenkins said. The FRG encompasses the total Army Family. Anyone interested in the military and its members can join an FRG including children, parents, boyfriends and girlfriends, friends and relatives. Retired service members from all branches of the military, members of the community, who want to help military personnel, and service members themselves, both married and single, can also join."

Jenkins said that a strong FRG will support a diverse membership, will be operational in all

phases of the deployment cycle, and will support individual Soldiers and their Families during times of both calm and crisis.

She added that in order for the FRG to carry out its mission it is essential to establish a communication network, like having a telephone tree, frequent newsletters and an updated e-mail distribution list that will allow FRG leaders to disseminate information.

She also recommended FRGs should consider holding classes and workshops. Army Community Service has programs and services that can provide training to educate family members on a variety of subjects. Also FRGs should speak with their members to better identify needed classes, workshops, and other issues.

Jenkins added that it is essential for the success of the FRG to communicate frequently with the unit commander.

"If you continue to have a strong FRG you will have people that want to be involved in all stages of the deployment cycle," she said.

After Jenkins' presentation Austin provided updates on the HHC 29th CAB FRG.

She announced that the FRG

raised more than \$300 as a result of the recent gift wrapping fundraiser held during the holiday season. She said the money will be used to support FRG functions.

Austin then opened the meeting for discussion.

"There are three C's for successful FRGs, communication, collaboration and connection," Austin said.

Cheryl Masevicius, lead for Headquarters Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit, said she has been volunteering for the FRG since the mid 1980's and feels that they provide an important resource to military Families.

"It is really important to have a way to connect," Masevicius said. "Military Families need to know where they can go for correct information, what to do during an emergency and have a way to connect, especially when a Family member is deployed."

For more information about FRGs visit www.armyfrg.org and www.marriedtothearmy.com.

Editors note: The Army Family Covenant banner signifies that this article relates to the Army Family Covenant. This banner will be used in every APG News issue to feature an AFC story.

Commentary: Balancing work, Family

APG Army Substance Abuse Program staff

Everyone must allocate 24 hours a day to the activities of life. How well we balance responsibilities with doing things we truly enjoy directly affects our quality of life. It also helps manage stress.

Are you satisfied with your balance of time between work and family?

If you answered "no," you are not alone. Achieving balance with work and Family is an ongoing process of juggling responsibilities at work and the needs of Family members. These needs change over time. The key to success is stepping back and periodically analyzing how things are going. You can then decide if changes are needed. The result will be enjoying your life more and being in harmony with the things you value most.

Take the Work and Family Balance quiz to see if you could use some re-evaluation of work and Family balance. If you answer "no" to any question, you may benefit from some of the steps that follow.

Work and Family balance quiz

- Do you successfully allocate time in your day to the things you want to do with your Family?
- Can you participate in meaningful activities with Family without feeling anxious or talking about work?
- Do you participate in Family activities without the gnawing feeling of so much work being left undone?

Nine steps toward balance with work, Family

1. Work and Family balance is a conscious decision. Work and Family don't "balance" automatically. Achiev-



ing balance is an ongoing process. Understanding this can reduce frustration and help you act to gain control.

2. Write Down Family Goals. Family needs change over time. Opportunities to build a tree house for the kids or participate in a new Family pastime don't last forever. Decide what is important and write it down. Assign a date, and make these goals "absolutely-will-happens."

3. Stick to Your Values. Sometimes it can be tough to make a choice between a Family and a work activity. Knowing where you stand on your values can make tough choices easier.

4. Recognize that imbalance is sometimes inevitable. It is important to recognize that jobs and responsibilities are important and that they sometimes take priority.

5. Revisit your schedule. When your work schedule changes, new opportunities may become available to participate in Family activities. Claim the high ground!

6. Recognize the benefits of bal-

ance. Balancing work and Family has pay-offs for children, home relationships, and everyone's future happiness. Recognizing this can help you keep balance in mind.

7. Manage distractions and procrastination. Working long hours causes stress that sometimes finds relief naturally through workplace distractions and procrastination. If you are at the office for 12 hours, do you really work only 10? If you are searching for more Family time, it might be found here.

8. Discuss expectations and responsibilities. When one Family member is taking on too many responsibilities at home, resentments can build. Periodically discussing the perceptions of others can provide the awareness you need to consider opportunities and choices for work and Family balance.

9. Organize your work better. Improving your delegation and time-management skills can buy you time needed for Family life. Learning how to put work down, say "no," and let go of workplace worries are skills that are learned through practice.

Help is available

Despite these suggestions, improving balance of work and Family may be a lot easier said than done. The APG ASAP Employee Assistance Program can help you find sources for defining priorities, acquiring assertiveness skills, making tough decisions, or even identifying Family goals that you want to pursue so you can look back and say, "I did it."

For more information, call APG ASAP EAP specialist Bill Sanchious, 410-278-5319.

Tax

From front page

and take advantage of this service."

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, Julia Garland, who is the Tax Center onsite supervisor, and retired military, said that she is happy that she can help provide this free service for Soldiers.

"We are here to help everyone that we can," Garland said. "We tried to make the center a friendly, enjoyable environment."

Garland said that last year the program prepared more than 2,100 federal and state returns and saved customers more than \$192,000 in preparation and refund fees.

Garland added that the Tax Center operates on a first-come, first-served basis.

"I recommend those who are planning to come to the Tax Center to call ahead of time to check on the wait," Garland said. "The wait time will vary from day to day."

She added that the Tax

Center can serve up to six people at a time, and that an individual's tax return preparation can take from 30 minutes to an hour and a half.

Sandi Williams, installation tax coordinator, has coordinated the program for the last nine tax seasons. Williams said that 2008 was the first year that the Tax Center staff consisted of temporarily hired civilian employees, instead of active duty volunteers.

"I feel like last year's season went very smoothly, I am very happy with the program," Williams

said. "I want to thank the Ordnance Center and Schools, Colonels Bobby Towery and Dan Reilly for their generous funding for the past two years. Without it we wouldn't be able to hire such a talented group of tax preparers. I would also like to thank the Directorate of Installation Operations for workstation setups; the Directorate of Information Management for finalizing user access for personnel and computer/software setup for each tax preparer and Mike Graziano, APG

web master, who places our Client Questionnaire on the APG homepage; and the Public Affairs Office and APG News for support in promoting our program."

Williams added that she also would like to thank the Maryland State Comptroller's Office for providing hands-on training and the necessary instruction booklets and forms and providing assistance throughout the tax season.

The Tax Center Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday

through Friday.

Prior to arriving at the Tax Center, customers should access, download and complete the agreement and questionnaire located on the APG homepage at www.apg.army.mil. The Tax Center officially closes April 15. For more information call 410-278-7048.

For more information regarding the Tax Center, including information needed for appointments, refer to the Jan. 15 addition of *APG News*, www.apgnews.apg.army.mil.

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APG Outdoor Journal

Commentary: It ain't all been fun and games

By
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"We got skunks here on the proving ground?"

Up until then I hadn't been paying much attention to the banter coming from the bunch of duck hunters who had just come in from the bushes. I was more interested in the cup of coffee I'd just poured than I was in their exploits. However, when I heard the word skunk, my antennas went up.

"I ain't sure, but I think I saw one today when we were out on Maxwell Point," I heard one of them tell another.

Now don't get me wrong, I know I'm a wildlife officer, and I'm supposed to love and protect the critters, and I do, but there's some critters I love a lot more than I do others.

Me and Mr. Pepe' Le Pew go back a long way, and I'm here to tell you, it ain't been all fun and games. If somebody were to point at me and say that skunks weren't very high on my list of priorities, I'd have to hang my head and plead guilty.

It's not that I have anything against them personally; it's just that whenever me and skunks get together, more often than not I'm the one that comes out on the short end of the stick. My buns are still smartin' over my last encounter.

To back up just a bit, my problems with skunks started several years ago when I was down in southern West Virginia and got sprayed in the face by one of them. Ever since then, I've been plagued by what I call the SIN Syndrome, and for those of you who aren't familiar with that debilitat-



Photo by JOE ONDEK

ing condition, that's short for Skunk Induced Nausea.

Anyway, back to my latest run-in with 'em.

Not long ago, somebody, who was either just plain mean, or talking on their cell-phone when they should have been paying attention to their driving, ran over one down in front of the Berger Building at Edgewood Area, squashing it flatter than a Dundalk oyster fritter. Well, as you might guess, it wasn't long before my telephone started ringing off the hook, with the folks down in the Berger Building complaining loudly about the aroma that was seeping in through the cracks and crevices, "We need some relief!"

So, being the dedicated federal employee that I am, I hopped in the car and drove over to have a look-see. Believe it or not, the aroma was so intense that the air around the skunk was turning a hazy blue.

All it took was one good whiff, and I began sweating like a politician on election day, recalling in minute detail the previous encoun-

ter, and the absolute embarrassment of having to strip down buck-naked in my front yard before my wife would entertain the idea of letting me in the house.

Well sir, it didn't take me but a second or two to conclude that skunk removal wasn't included in my job description.

When I got back to the office, the phone was still ringing, and by the time I got around to answering it for the fifth time, I was getting a little bit annoyed, pointedly suggesting to the caller, whose name I didn't quite catch, that it wasn't in my job description, and that if he wanted it removed, perhaps he should get in touch with the Help Desk and put in a work order.

Well sir, that didn't go over very well at all. In fact, the caller got so mad, you'd a' thought I'd poked him in the eye with a stick or something. Come to find out, he was a bird colonel, and not only that, he just happened to be the command chief of staff.

Now I didn't catch every word he said, but the gist

of it was, the general was more than a little aggravated by all the irate phone calls, and if I wanted to keep on being the game warden at Edgewood, "that &%%\$# skunk better disappear, and soon!!!!"

Well, seeing as how I'm still being employed as the game warden down here at Edgewood Area, I suppose you can probably figure out the rest of the story on your own.

It seems that the colonel was a whole lot more knowledgeable about what was in my job description than I was, explaining it in much more detail than the fine folks up at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center office did when I got hired on.

That's why, to this very day, my ears perk up when I hear somebody mention skunks.

So, to all you fine folks out there driving to work here every morning, yes, we do indeed have 'em here on the proving ground, so please, put your cell phones away while you're driving and pay attention to the road.

Chapel News

Chapel service applauds Dental Clinic

Story by
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APG News

The Aberdeen Area Chapel Protestant service recognized the Soldiers of Aberdeen Proving Ground's Dental Activity, DENTAC, during its monthly themed-Sunday service Jan. 11.

Chaplain (Maj.) Young Kim, pastor, said that the Dental Clinic team members, led by Col. Colleen C. Shull, read scriptures and served as ushers and he and congregation president, Dr. Eugene Edgerton presented the commander with a plaque honoring the unit's service to the nation. In addition, each Soldier received a leather-bound bible

with an embroidered U.S. Army emblem. "The congregation was excited and delighted to have the opportunity to share their worship with the clinic Soldiers," Kim said. "They received them with warmth and shared a special luncheon with them after the service."

Moms and Child's Playgroup

A "Moms and Child's Playgroup" will meet 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., every Tuesday, beginning Feb. 10, at the Chapel. There will be planned activities for all.

For more information, call Sue Fletcher, 443-502-5445.



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 correct response is printed upside down.

Situation #18

Imagine you are driving up a hill on a two lane road and the person behind you pulls out to pass. He gets just next to you as you come to the top of the hill and you see a car coming right at him in the opposite lane. He won't make it if you don't do something. What should you do?

A. Floor accelerator so he can move in behind you.

B. Medium brake and steer right to let him get ahead.

Answer A. No, please don't do this. If you "floor accelerator so he can move in behind you," don't forget that by passing you he is already going faster than you are, and if you start racing him, you're asking for trouble. Granted, he wasn't very smart to start passing on a hill, but this isn't the time to teach him a lesson. You've got to be the one to do the thinking and it'll be less of a problem for him to get ahead of you than behind. So, "medium brake and steer right to let him get ahead" is the thing to do. Of course, if he reduces his speed before you do, then accelerate and give him room to move in behind. Answer B is the best choice.

Answer B. Excellent choice! You did you the right thing to "medium brake and steer right to let him get ahead." The car passing you is already going faster than you are so with your medium braking, he'll be able to get ahead with no trouble. Of course, if he should slow down before you start to brake, it's a different story. Then accelerate and give him room to get behind.

Community Notes

THURSDAY

JANUARY 29 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

The 2009 American Cancer Society Relay For Life of South Harford Kick-Off Party will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Abingdon Library, located on 2510 South Tollgate Road, Abingdon. Visit www.relayforlife.org/southharford for all May 15, Relay For Life of South Harford information.

For more information, call Kelly Scott, 410-933-4174, e-mail kelly.scott1@can-cer.org.

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 1 HEALING HERBS – HEALING MARSHMALLOW CREAM

Explore the medicinal and therapeutic values of herbs and wild plants. Take home a product made from the highlighted plant. The program will be held 1 to 2 p.m. for ages 14 through adult. Cost is \$4 per person. Registration is required.

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.

LUCKY GARDEN

When short cold days are depressing, look to the luck of the green in the windowsill. This program will be held 3 to 4 p.m. for all ages. Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$3.50 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.

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 5 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

The 2009 American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Havre de Grace Kick-Off Rally will be held 6 to 8 p.m. at the Havre de Grace Activities Center, Lewis Lane.

For more information, e-mail debleado@comcast.net.

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 in order 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.

**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.

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 8 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.

**NATURETALES
– 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.

(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 2: Feb. 2 – May 15

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

deputy installation commander said this year the installation's AFAP conference will closely coincide with the Department of the Army's AFAP conference.

Gunpowder Toastmasters meet

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 federal holidays meeting dates are Feb. 2 and 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.

Hearts Apart Waiting Families Support Group - Army Family Covenant Event

The Hearts Apart Support Group will hold a special Valentine's Day celebration, Feb. 4, 6 to 7 p.m., building 2754, Rodman Road, Aberdeen Area. Light refreshments will be served and free child care provided in the ACS Harold Moyer Play Room for those in need of this service. A special guest speaker will provide literary information and goodie bags. The Hearts Apart Support Group meets the first Wednesday of every month, 6 to 7 p.m.

For more information, call Phyllis Ethridge, ACS

Relocation Readiness Program, 410-278-2464/7572.

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 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.

Chapel holds Sweetheart Banquet

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

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 will

be 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Tax Center will close April 15.

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.

NCO Academy holds 9th Annual Dining Out

The Noncommissioned Officer Academy will hold its 8th Annual Anniversary Dining Out March 6 at Top of the Bay. The evening will honor past NCOA commanders 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.

WACVA meeting

Freestate Chapter 70 of the Women's Army Corp Veterans Association will not meet in January. The next meeting will be 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.

BRAC Job Fair

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 in order to attend.

For more information, call 410-939-4240.

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/>.

Black History Month Specialty Meal Feb. 17

The Black History Month Special Meal will be held in the Aberdeen 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, col-

lard 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.

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

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 E1902, 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. Reg-

istration 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.

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 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 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 will compete on bowling teams, 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Mondays and 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.

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

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 mem-

bers. 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 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.

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.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

Week of Jan. 19

Special #1: Crab cake platter with french fries, coleslaw, cookie and soda for \$9.95.
Special #2: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and soda for \$3.75.

Week of Jan. 26

Special #1: Cheese steak wrap, potato chips, cookie and soda for \$4.75.
Special #2: Two hot dogs, french fries, cookie and soda for \$4.95.

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



LEAVE DONATIONS

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM

630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Carolyn Russell, 410-306-0078, fax 410-306-0100, or e-mail carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Donald Adamson
Neoma Amberman
Stacey Belcher
Debra Bonsall (daughter has brain tumor)
Jeanie Bowman
Sandra Boyd (neck injury)
Georgia Braun
Alberta Brown
Janine Byrnes
Michelle Brooks
Donna Butler

Donna Cianelli
Angela Claybourn
Frank Costa
Kenneth Cox
Joyce Clark
John Daigle
Carol DeVoid
Liesollette Dorsey
Meg Downey
Wayne Erb
Rita Fowler
Gregory Fox

Miriam Garcia
Allen Gregory
Sharon Hardesty
Jerome Hesch
Linda Hindman
Sinclair Joe
Beverly King (caring for husband)
Janet Kipp
Glenn Kresge
Randolph
Larracuento

Kimberly Long
Joy Meadows
Richard McKay
Nicole McKew
Frantz Midy
Karen Milton
Deborah Moore
Marie D. Nowak
Dorothy Nowak
Cindy Orwig
Alice Parks-Culp
Rosina Poole

Judith Ratledge
Reta Reynolds
Gloria Scott
Donna Sexton
Melvin Showell
Willie Stevenson
Lavonne Telsee
Gale Thompson
Elizabeth Usmari
Mark Walker
Joyce Woods
Barbara Zenker

SCHOOL LIAISON

Scholarships due by Feb. 28

Applying for scholarships can save a significant amount of money, which is especially important during uncertain economic times.

Listed below are just a few scholarship opportunities that are due in February.

Check future issues of the *APG News* for a comprehensive list of scholarships. Students can also visit fast-web.com to receive a list of scholarships they can apply for that will be sent via e-mail and tips on applying for scholarships.

Simon Youth Foundation Community Scholarship Program

Sponsor: Simon Youth Foundation

Amount: Students can receive up to \$1,500

Eligibility:

- High school seniors attending school and living in proximity of a Simon Property Mall or Community/Lifestyle Center.

- Planning to enroll no later than fall 2009 in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school.

- Employees or family members of employees of Simon Property Group and affiliated partners are not eligible for this program.

- Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of financial need, academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, and an outside appraisal.

Deadlines: Applications must be postmarked by Jan. 31.

Applications and information: www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/simonyouth/

Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouses Scholarship

Sponsor: National Military Family Association

Amount: Ranges from \$500 to \$1,000

Eligibility: Any uniformed service spouse-active duty, retired, National Guard or survivor.

- Scholarship used to obtain professional certification or to attend post secondary or graduate school.

- Important note: Applicants have 25 minutes to complete the online application process. It is recommended that applicants write answers ahead of time, then copy and paste them in the appropriate box. If they exceed the 25 minute limit, the application will time out, the already submitted information will be lost, and they will have to start over.

How to apply: visit <http://www.nmfa.org>. Applications will only be accepted online.

Deadline: Feb. 1

Best Buy @ 15 Scholarship program

Best Buy is giving back to the community by giving 1,000 students grades 9 to 12 living in the United States or Puerto Rico who plan to enter a full-time or under-

graduate course of study upon high school graduation a scholarship worth \$1,500.

For more information, and to apply visit www.best-buy.com/scholarships.

Deadline: Feb. 15

The USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships

USA Funds sponsored scholarships, are open to financially needy students who are high school seniors, undergraduates, or graduate students. Applicants must be United States citizens or legal residents enrolled at least half time as an undergraduate, or full time as a graduate student, in an accredited institution and not in default on a student loan. Details regarding the 2009 program are available at www.usafunds.org. Applications are available at www.scholarshipamerica.org/usafunds.

Deadline: Feb. 16

The Defense Commissary Agency's 2009 Scholarships for Military Children Program

The program is a way for commissaries to get involved with the community and demonstrate support and respect for the contributions of military Families.

Amount: minimum of \$1,500 awarded per commissary (more than one scholarship may be awarded at some commissaries)

Eligibility:

- Unmarried children under the age of 23 of military active duty, retired, and guard and reserve service members, or survivors of service members who have died while on active duty, or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired military pay.

- Applicants must submit an essay answering the following: "What would you place in a time capsule to help people opening the capsule in the next century understand military life today? Explain your choices."

- Once the essay and the application are completed the applicant must print out and hand-carry or mail it to their local commissary. Applicants may only apply to one commissary.

How to apply: Scholarships are available in commissaries worldwide or online through a link at <http://www.commissaries.com> and directly at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Deadline: Feb. 18 (close of business day)

The UPromise Scholarship Program

Open to UPromise members or children of UPromise members who are high school seniors or college undergraduates, and who will be enrolled in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school during the 2009-2010 school year. Applicants must be United States citizens or legal residents, have a family adjusted gross income of \$65,000 or less, and have a minimum

cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent).

Deadline: Feb. 28

Applications and information: UPromise.com.

The Art of Being a Military Child

The Military Child Education Collation seeks to promote the arts by featuring the great works of military children. Each year children are asked to submit work that can be utilized in the MCEC's publications, conferences, and other activities. Included in the request for work from military-connected children, kindergarten through high school, are artwork, film, and writing (essays, poetry, and short stories). Artwork in the visual arts is featured at the MCEC's national conference each year. It is utilized in the On The Move magazine, the annual calendar, the conference program and other MCEC publications.

Visit: <http://www.militarychild.org/child-student/arts/> for more details.

Deadlines: All submissions should be postmarked no later than Feb. 27.

Harford County Public Schools, College Savings Plans of Maryland present Parent Information Nights

Harford County Public Schools and the College Savings Plans of Maryland will present Parent Information Nights. The Maryland Prepaid College Trust allows parents to lock in tomorrow's tuition at today's costs and offers the security of a Maryland Legislative Guarantee. Plans are affordable, flexible and offer great state and federal tax benefits.

Parent Information Nights will be held 7 p.m. at the following locations:

- Feb. 11, Southampton Middle School, 1200 Moores Mill Road, Bel Air

- Feb. 12, Havre de Grace Middle School, 401 Lewis Lane, Havre de Grace

- Feb. 18, Center for Educational Opportunity, 253 Paradise Road, Aberdeen

- Feb. 25, Patterson Mill Middle School, 85 Patterson Mill Road, Bel Air

- March 4, North Harford Middle School, 112 Pylesville Road, Pylesville

- March 11, Magnolia Middle School, 299 Fort Hoyle Road, Joppa

- March 18, Fallston Middle School, 2303 Carrs Mill Road, Fallston

- March 25, Edgewood Middle School, 2311 Willoughby Beach Road, Edgewood

If schools are closed or evening activities are cancelled, Parent Information Night will be cancelled for that date. Visit www.hcps.org for weather-related school cancellations.

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

APG closing announcements

If the installation is closed, is experiencing a delay in opening or if liberal leave is in effect due to weather or other emergency situations, check for postings on the local television and radio stations, WAPG-TV Channel 21 (on Aberdeen Proving Ground) or call 410-278-SNOW (7669).

A recorded telephone

message will contain updated information and should begin at about 5 a.m.

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For general information, call the APG Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147.

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WBAL	AM 1090	Baltimore
WIYY	FM 97.9	Baltimore
WPOC	FM 93.1	Baltimore
WDEL	AM 1150	Wilmington, Del.
WSTW	FM 93.7	Wilmington, Del.
WSBA	AM 910	York, Pa.
WARM	FM 103.3	York, Pa.
WROZ	FM 101.3	Lancaster, Pa.
WBAL-TV	Channel 11	Baltimore
WMAR-TV	Channel 2	Baltimore
WBFF-TV	Channel 45	Baltimore
WJZ-TV	Channel 13	Baltimore

RDECOM

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AMC and the future of Army technology was a major theme of the visit.

"APG will grow and continue to be one of the premier research, development and testing installations in the Army," said Izzo. "So General Dunwoody was obviously very interested in our vision for APG 2012. She came away with an excellent grasp of the contributions RDECOM and APG make to the Army and our Soldiers."

The day-long visit spanned the full spectrum of those contributions, going from the basic research done at ARL to the analysis AMSAA does that continues after the systems have been fielded.

Dunwoody began at AMSAA, where Director Dr. William F. Crain gave Dunwoody an overview of how his team uses operations research methods and state-of-the-art systems analysis to contribute to the logistics and research and development efforts Dunwoody leads as AMC chief.

At ARL Dunwoody met some of the people who do the fundamental research that underlies the Army's technology.

"During General Dunwoody's visit, I was able to tour her through two of our materials labs," said Michael Maher, chief of ARL's Materials Applications Branch, Weap-

ons & Materials Research Directorate.

"She was able to see how the latest material technologies are being incorporated into ARL's armor and coating developments that included lightweight helmets as well as transparent and ceramic armors that are not only lighter than the existing solutions but provide more protection for the Warfighter."

The technologies and the teams behind them made an impact on Dunwoody.

"I was very impressed with the many capabilities the RDECOM workforce brings to AMC's support of the Warfighter," said Dunwoody. "Their dedicated scientists and engineers are on point for so many of the leading innovations designed to ensure our Soldiers remain the safest, most effective and best-equipped Army in the world."

Praise like that had a big impact on the ARL team, Maher said.

"It was great honor to be able to host General Dunwoody. For her to take the time to see the technologies that we are developing and recognize how they are being used to help the Warfighter was a tremendous morale boost to our workforce."

Izzo said ARL's example applies across the installation.

"It is always valuable for our leadership to see first-hand how our scientists, engineers and other installation team members are contributing world-class support to the Warfighter."



Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON, ECBC
Edgewood Chemical Biological Center Technical Director Rick Decker explains how the Buffalo Mine Protected Clearance Vehicle supports combat units to Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command and Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. The demonstration was held during Dunwoody's Jan. 22 tour of the center's facilities, during which she was briefed on ECBC's support of the Warfighter.

Driving

From front page

all traffic fatalities during the Super Bowl weekend last year with blood alcohol levels of 0.08 percent and above.

But serious crashes – and deaths – can be prevented. Designating a sober driver before the Super Bowl party begins and making sure friends don't drive drunk are just two of several, simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving.

"As a Super Bowl host, you're like the head coach for the day. Make sure every player on your roster has a smart game plan before the party even begins," Scott said.

Nationally, more than 17,000 people die in impaired

driving-related highway crashes annually. Every 30 minutes, nearly 50 times a day, someone in America dies in an impaired driving-related crash. Hundreds of thousands more are injured each year.

"Driving impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is simply not worth the risk because the consequences are serious and real," Scott said. "Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be really significant. It is not the way you want to spend your Super Bowl Sunday."

"Fans don't let fans drive drunk," she said.

For more information call Scott, 410-278-4013 or e-mail her at Cynthia.Scott1@conus.army.mil.

Commentary: Waiting for Obama

By
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APG News

For me, January 17, 2009 will always be remembered as a day of profound discovery. The temperature hovered in the low 20s most of that day as I waited nearly five hours to see then President-elect Barack Obama's Whistle-Stop Train roll through the Edgewood Train Station. My sister, Eva Mims, her husband Ira and our good friend BethAnn Cameron were among the first hundred or so people to line up at the police barricades that were set up across from Clarence's Restaurant near the station on Edgewood Road. At 10:30 a.m., with the train due to arrive around 2:30 p.m., the line was long and growing. People either walked from wherever they found a place to park or rode shuttle buses from the Edgewood High School parking lot on Wiloughby Beach Road.

Local police and deputies, state troopers and Secret Service agents formed a secure perimeter around the more than 1,500 who showed up that day. The security screening tents opened around 12:30 p.m. and after passing through the metal detectors, we scurried to the barricades lining the platform in search of a good location. The crowd was about three-deep at first but within the hour it was easily eight or nine, and maybe even ten deep. As I looked around and took it all in I was awed by the diversity of the crowd. Children, teens, twenty and thirty-somethings, middle-agers, seniors, African Americans, Caucasians, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans and more – were huddled together on that platform.

It seemed everyone, regardless of whether they had voted for Obama or not, wanted to share in the history of this day.

Through the long wait the hardest thing to endure was, of course, the cold. Standing there, trying not to think about my feet, I was reminded of my years as a Soldier. I already knew what it meant to push your body to the limit through difficult times for the sake of the mission. I'd waded through chest-deep, bone-chilling January waters while navigating a map-reading course in Fort Stewart, Ga.; I'd gone on night maneuvers through the excruciatingly cold snows and winds of Hohenfels, Germany; and I'd endured the unforgiving sands of Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm. But until that day I'd never placed myself in such an unforgiving environment by choice.

Even when dressed ade-

"It was a very diverse crowd with an air of excitement and anticipation I've never experienced."

- Staff Sgt. Eddy Nubine, U.S. Army Materiel Command Band

quately, the cold eventually gets to your feet no matter what you put on them. Foot stomping was the order of the day throughout that crowd as strangers chatted and joked with each other to take their minds off the weather. Unlike adults, however, children have no inhibitions about airing their discomfort and eventually several began crying and complaining to their parents.

Several parents near where we stood simply assured their children that the wait wouldn't be much longer and reminded them of the importance of the day.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance and we're not gonna miss it," I heard one mother say to her sniffling son.

The assurance that they would one day be proud to tell others that they had been there when the Obama train passed through didn't do much to comfort the little ones but I don't recall seeing any of them leave.

So, like during any uncomfortable situation, we found things to laugh about, mostly at ourselves, as we shivered there.

Several of us kept busy tracking the train's movements by way of cell phone calls to and from friends and relatives. My other sister, Denise, who watched the train's progress from home called us every 30 minutes or so.

"The train just left Wilmington, Delaware," she said during an early update. We shouted the news to those nearby as did others who were receiving like updates at the same time. The time moved slowly despite this and more than once I had to stop myself from rolling back my coat sleeve to check my watch, which seemed to have frozen along with my feet. I was determined, however, to stay put and come away with a good photo of our new president as a keepsake for my grandchildren.

As the train neared, personnel wearing Presidential Inauguration Committee badges passed flags out to the crowd.

"Five minutes," one of them informed us.

A collective shiver of anticipation grew to a low rumble and then a mighty roar as the train, blowing its whistle to announce its approach, pulled into the platform.

I'd seen many cheering and flag-waving crowds on television but this was the first time I was a part of

one. I don't even remember raising my arms but before I knew it I was cheering and waving along with everyone else. The noise reached a crescendo as the blue car on the rear of the train came into view and just like that, there was Obama, with that smile we've all come to know, along with Vice-President-elect Joe Biden waving back to us. It was a moment frozen in time. Still clutching the moment in my mind I hurriedly centered my camera and snapped what I knew would be the only good shot I would get. They were right in front of us, just a few yards away, really, yet I wasn't certain if the shot was good. Was Obama's hand in front of Biden's face? Did I catch him blinking with his eyes half shut? These thoughts tortured me until I downloaded the photos later that evening. It came out perfect. Good enough to grace the cover of the next issue of the APG News. The train never stopped moving and we watched and waved as it pulled away. We had been warmed by the shouting and the flag-waving but as soon as the train was out of sight it was cold again. Was it worth it, some might ask. To that I give an emphatic, "Yes!"

Even more profound than seeing our next president was sharing in that moment with so many others.

Everyone, it seemed, grasped for words to describe the experience.

APG-ers share the excitement

A group of Soldier musicians from the Aberdeen Proving Ground U.S. Army Materiel Command band showed up with their instruments and serenaded the crowd during the long wait for the Obama train.

Staff Sgt. Eddy Nubine, the saxophone player who led the group, said they were there in an unofficial capacity as volunteers. He said they had to arrive early, about 8:30 a.m., for screening by Secret Service agents and they stayed throughout, even after their instruments froze from the cold and they had to stop playing. Nubine said several people thanked them for helping take their minds off the weather.

"We were proud and honored to be in the position we were in," he said. "Not many would have volunteered to do that. It was a very diverse crowd

with an air of excitement and anticipation I've never experienced," he added.

Nubine and his wife also attended the Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C. three days later. He said they watched the swearing-in ceremony on a jumbotron in the National Mall and they could see the capitol from where they stood.

"It actually eclipsed Saturday [Jan. 17]," he said. "People were cold but they weren't leaving. Everyone related to each other and we got caught up in the excitement all over again."

Band members entertaining the Edgewood crowd with Nubine included Sgt. Samuel Yoo on keyboard; Staff Sgt. Stephen Edgerton on bass; Sgt. Travis Guidry on drums and Spc. Kalrissian Cooper on trombone.

Others said they too came away from the Edgewood event with shared feelings of "unity."

As the crowd moved out of the station local TV and newspaper reporters grabbed folks for interviews. BethAnn shared her thoughts with a WJZ-TV reporter which aired on Channel 13 later that evening. A health educator with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, BethAnn said that she was elated by the "unifying experience."

"There were so many different people coming together," she said. "It was wholesome, healthy and uplifting. It meant that

we can be one people. I believe Obama is a catalyst to bring us back to the way we used to be in the Old Testament – one people, united."

Carolyn Price, a management analyst with Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, was at the train station that day to tell people about the buses she and three other Aberdeen friends had leased for people needing transportation to the inauguration. Price said that although temperatures were frigid on both days she had no regrets and that she was most impressed by not only the volume of travelers and the distances from which they traveled but by their variety.

"There were young, old, black, white, Hispanic, everybody," she said. "On the buses we had people from places like Florida, Alabama and Los Angeles from every background coming together. It was a true melting pot."

"I'm very glad I went," she said. "It was very cold but it didn't seem to matter. You could feel the excitement and the energy. I felt like I was a part of history and I went because I knew I would never have that moment again."

While my brother-in-law Ira waited for the shuttle bus to take him back to the Edgewood High School parking lot, Eva and I linked arms and walked on the blocks of ice that had become our feet back to the New Destiny Evangelistic church parking lot on Trimble Road where we

had parked. It seemed like a much longer walk than the one I remembered a few hours earlier. But then, we had been buoyed by an anticipation that sustained us throughout the day. And now, every tiny bit of discomfort we had ignored for hours was vying for our attention. Upon reaching the car, while waiting for the precious heat to thaw our bodies, we reflected on the day's events and as we often do, agreed that although we suffered through, we'd known ahead of time that it would be no picnic and that we had no regrets.

"I can't even find the words to describe the feeling out there," Eva said. "It was surreal; something you hear about or read about but never expect to experience. I guess you could say that with all the noise it wasn't peaceful, but it was peace filled."

I could not have agreed more. Every time, since that day that I've run across someone who was out there they pretty much say the same thing. We were proud to be out there, proud that such a historic event had "put Edgewood, Maryland and Harford County on the map" as many people repeated over and over that day. And those of us who were there will always remember the feelings of harmony and, yes, camaraderie. I knew those feelings well as a Soldier and it was as hard to describe then as it is now.

I guess you just had to be there.

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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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January's Well-Being meeting highlighted upcoming post activities

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Aberdeen Proving Ground representatives announced upcoming post activities as well as important information relating to the APG community at the Well-Being Action Council meeting held at the Edgewood Area Chapel on Jan. 15.

Col. Jeffrey Weissman, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, opened the meeting, saying that he was happy that there were no accidents over the holidays.

He then turned the meeting over to Michael Lupacchino, director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Commissary

Anne Morrison, produce manager for the commissary, announced that applications for the military scholarship are available at the commissary, and the deadline is Feb. 18. Morrison

added that this is a final date. The date will not be moved even if there is inclement weather.

"Advise students to not wait until the last minute to turn in their applications." She said. See page 9 of this issue of the APG News for more details on this scholarship.

DENTAL

Sgt. Julissan Torres, represented the U.S. Army Dental Clinic. She urged that Soldiers be proactive about their dental care, encouraging all active permanent party to be class one.

She added that for active duty, not taking care of their dental health can result in being dentally non-deployable.

Check your current dental classification on Army Knowledge Online or with your unit representative.

Call the Aberdeen Area Dental Clinic at 410-278-1795 or the Edgewood Area Dental Clinic at 410-436-3481.

KUSAHC

Col. James N. Nold, commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, said that KUSAHC provides several healthy living classes each month on topics such as tobacco cessation, over-the-counter medication etc. Go to KUSAHC's public health page for more information. <http://mtfs.narmc.amedd.army.mil/kusahc/kusahcnews.html>

Nold announced that the new policies in place at KUSAHC have improved the access for patients to the clinic.

The pharmacy and clinic are now open during lunch, although there will be reduced staffing during those hours.

KUSAHC is now open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, to include Thursday's training time.

He also said that there is a new policy in place that they will not turn patients away who have children with them, adding

that patients are still encouraged to arrange for Child Care at the Youth Development Center, at a reduced cost, or to make other arrangements.

"We are trying to make things as simple as we can. We have a lot of barriers to getting health care," Nold said. "I talk to my staff regularly about breaking those barriers down. If you can identify a barrier that I can break down for you I will work my hardest to do that."

DES

Robert Krauer, director of Emergency Services reminded attendees that deer strikes are still prevalent on the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area, due to APG's large deer population. Deer strikes can cause major vehicle damage.

Krauer added deer are especially active just before dawn and dusk, so please be careful.

Krauer also asked to use extra caution due to the increased

amount of construction traffic, as it is picking up.

He said the increase in traffic has led to more rear end collisions caused by motorists not paying attention to the change in traffic flow.

"There has been a lot of damage done to cars, but so far no serious injuries. Traffic is only going to increase and roadways are going to get slippery during bad weather so take precautions," he said.

Krauer said he has been notified that people are not obeying traffic barriers, specifically in areas that have been blocked off so that Soldiers can conduct their physical fitness training.

"Those barriers are a traffic control device and they are no different than a police officer prohibiting you to not drive past that point, Krauer said. "Folks need to stop driving past those barriers. It is very dangerous to

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Army Corps of Engineers leader tours C4ISR campus



Maj. Gen. Merdith Temple, deputy commander for Civil and Emergency Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, second from left, is briefed by Baltimore and Philadelphia USACE personnel inside a building on the C4ISR campus during a tour of the site Jan. 22. From left, engineer John Fink briefs Temple as program managers Nate Barcomb and Gary Schilling listen in.

Story and photo by
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The deputy commanding general for Civil and Emergency Operations of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, (COE), viewed ongoing construction at the growing C4ISR campus during a visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground Jan. 22.

Maj. Gen. Merdith W.B. (Bo) Temple was the guest speaker at the Society of American Engineers Chesapeake Post luncheon at Top of the Bay prior to the tour.

Robert Lindner, senior water resources planner for Weston Solutions and chapter advisor and retired Lt. Col. Thomas Friendak, chapter director, hosted the event.

Focusing on "Army Civil Works Infrastructure for the 21st

Century," Temple talked about the COE mission and its support of the Global War on Terror.

He said that along with military programs the ACoE mission includes homeland security, research and development, real estate, interagency support and civil works.

"We deliver enduring, comprehensive, sustainable and integrated solutions to the nation's water resources and related challenges through collaboration with stake holders," Temple said.

He said that major projects in the \$20 million FY09 budget include the categories of navigation in the New York/New Jersey harbors and Chickamauga, Ga. Locks; management of the New Orleans flood zones and aquatic Ecosystem restoration of the Upper Mississippi.

COE employment opportuni-

ties are likely to increase due to the Economic Stimulus Package proposed by the President Barack Obama administration, Temple said.

"We were approached by the transition team of President Obama early on," Temple said, adding that the bill went through the House Appropriations Committee Jan. 19.

"The House Bill had \$4.5 billion distributed among construction, operations and maintenance, Mississippi River tributaries and regulatory accounts," he said. "The emphasis is on 'shovel ready' projects available for contracting in short order."

He said that business opportunities will abound in architecture, engineering and environmental planning/restoration. Regarding private sector partnerships, Temple said opportunities also are

available.

"We aren't going to get it done without you," he said.

He encouraged those interested in "doing business with the corps" to register as federal contractors on the Central Contracting Registration Web site at <http://www.ccr.gov> or in FedBizOps at <http://www.usace.army.mil/CECT>.

Lindner thanked Temple for his remarks and informed him that \$50 will be donated in his name to the chapter's scholarship fund.

He said the post is regaining momentum after three years of inactivity.

"The post has been inactive for the past three years and we've had several people volunteer to help stand it up," Lindner said. "One significant thing we do is mentor students so we're happy to provide this scholarship donation in the general's name."

Representatives of the Philadelphia and Baltimore COE conducted the tour of the C4ISR campus led by Capt. B.J. Kraemer, C4ISR resident engineer Phase II. Representatives from the COE Philadelphia District included Nate Barcomb, program manager; Bob Strange, senior construction manager and Mansur H. Cheema, C4ISR resident engineer. Gary Schilling represented the Baltimore district. Temple paid particular attention to the prefabricated panels that make up the exterior of the buildings. Constructed of concrete, each panel contains two windows made of tempered, blast resistant glass. Representatives said that although only one panel at a time can be transported on a flat-bed truck, and that it takes about two weeks to complete the side of one building, it is worth the time and effort.

"The greatest advantage is speed and quality," said Cheema. "This will last, it is durable and it is built to Army standards."

Temple thanked the engineers for the tour and commended the corps and its contractors involved.

"A lot of equipment, a lot of skills and a lot of knowledge go into a project like this but ultimately it's the people who get it done," Temple said.

Maj. Gen. Merdith W. B. (Bo) Temple

Temple manages the Army's \$9 billion annual Civil Works Program. He is responsible for the federal emergency flood fighting effort, recovery operations and emergency engineering and public works support in the event of natural or manmade disasters. He serves as the President of the U.S. Section of the International Navigation Association (PIANC), President of the Corps' Coastal Engineering Research Board and executive director of the Inland Waterways User Board.

He is the former commander of the Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division and the Theater Engineer for the Combined Task Force Seven in Baghdad, Iraq.

Temple holds a bachelor's and masters' degrees in civil engineering from the Virginia Military Institute and Texas A&M University. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College and he is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Well-Being

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not stop. The PT routes are well established, well documented and they are not negotiable."

Krauer announced that the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program or D.A.R.E. program starts Feb. 5 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center and will be held every Thursday after-school for nine weeks on Thursdays, concluding in an April 23 graduation.

FMWR

Lupacchino turned the meeting over to Chris Lockhart, the director of Marketing for FMWR who announced upcoming events.

The Texas Hold em' Tournament will take place 1 p.m. Feb. 28, at Top of the Bay. Registration is \$35 which includes buffet, soda, snacks, and cash bar.

Register for the event on APG's FMWR Web site, www.apgmwr.com.

Outdoor Recreation is hosting three trips to Ski Roundtop for \$65, which includes transportation, ski rentals, and lift ticket. Dates are Feb. 21 and 28. Call 410-278-4011/4907 for more details.

There will be a talent show Feb. 21. Tryouts will be Feb. 7 at the post theater.

Newcomers' orientations are scheduled for Feb. 11 and May 13 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, from 1 to 3 p.m.

There will be a "Crop 'Till You Drop Scrapbooking Day," Feb. 21 at the Top of the Bay. The cost of \$25 per person, and includes lunch and door prizes. Vendors will have items for sale. Call 410-273-2075 for more information.

Amateur Boxing will take place on March 7, in

the Hoyle Gymnasium. The 16th Ordnance Battalion will compete against the 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

Information on all these events can be found on www.apgmwr.com or call 410-278-3904.

Lupacchino said that the Southside Grill, located in the Edgewood Area, had a grand opening on Jan. 14. He added that he has received positive feedback on the restaurant.

"We had over 450 people attend the opening and participation continues to grow," Lupacchino said. "We ask that you continue to support that food operation. If you have any questions or comments address it on the Web site through an ICE (Interactive Customer Evaluation) comment."

Lupacchino said the Hoyle Gym renovations are continuing. "It is an older building and we are trying to do what we can internally," he said. "In the summer the gym will have air conditioning."

He added that the Bowling Center has also undergone renovations, and when all the renovations are completed, there will be a party area. He asked attendees to look for a grand re-opening in February.

ACS

Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service, announced that the installation's annual Army Family Action Program conference and was originally scheduled for Jan. 27 through 29 has been postponed and the new dates have not yet been determined.

Weissman said the installation's AFAP conference will closely coincide with the Department of the Army's AFAP conference.

Aida Rivera, ACS Family Advocacy Program Manager and Installation Sexual Assault Response

Coordinator, announced that the Department of Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services will be visiting APG from Feb. 24 to 26. They will be here to assess the extent of the establishment and implementation of DoD policy and procedures and designated resources for responding to sexual assault on the installation, and to assess if DoD sexual assault prevention and response policies and procedures are working as intended. The visit will include several focus groups and interviews with troops and first responders. All commands will be called upon to provide troops for these sessions.

School liaison

Eileen Campbell, APG school liaison, said that Education Week, leader in education journals, ranked Maryland State Department of Education as number one. The ranking was determined through an Education Week policy survey of the states, information from U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Bureau of the Census and the American Federation of Teachers.

"Scoring the highest in Transitions and Alignment, this speaks well for the programs that assist our military and civilian families moving here from Ft. Monmouth and other installations," she said.

Campbell said that Pat Skebeck will replace Jacquelyn Haas as interim Harford County Public Schools superintendent

She has served almost 30 years in the field of education, and the last 11 as executive director of Elementary Education.

"Significantly, she has compassion for military families, with her son-in-law in the Army," Campbell said.

Campbell added that the Child Youth & Schools Services Summer Camp Waiting List release date is Feb. 17.

"The 10 week program will fill up quickly, as it is very popular," Campbell said.

Safety Office

Jenelle Ferguson represented the Safety Office. She reminded attendees to always wear reflective gear when walking, even during the cold weather. She asked that attendees and their children also use caution around ice. "Anyone can become a victim of falling through the ice because they try to judge the strength of the ice by its appearance and how cold it has been," she said. "Looking at the surface is not a good way to gauge ice thickness, water close to the shore freezes faster than deeper areas. So people are often fooled when they find that the ice supports them at the edge, only to discover it gets thinner the further out they venture."

Chapel

Gerri Merkel, director of religious education, made a few announcements. There will be a Sweethearts Banquet at the chapel Feb. 7. National Prayer Luncheon is scheduled for Feb. 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay. Vacation Bible School will be held June 15 through 19. The Protestant Women of the Chapel is hosting non-denominational bible studies every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Child Care is provided. For more on religious education activities and events contact the Main Post Chapel, 410-278-4333.

Open Forum

Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez addressed some issues. He said that he had received some com-

plaints that lights were out all over the installation.

"We have received new lights and will be working on replacing the lights," he said.

He reminded everyone that movies at the Post Theater are free and that anyone can attend. "Please support the theater," he said. "We don't want to have to shut it down due to lack of support."

Movies are shown Saturdays at 7 and Sundays at 2 p.m.

To find out what movies are playing, call the movie hotline that is updated weekly, 410-278-8000.

Rodriguez promoted the use of ICE comments to provide feedback encouraging the use of the link on the APG Web site.

"These comments go to the directors of organizations and to Col. Weissman, so please leave specific information when leaving a comment and make sure to include names and incident and contact numbers," he said. "We take the comments that you make seriously."

He also asked attendees to leave an ICE comment when they receive good service on APG, so that the person or organization can be recognized.

"The ICE comment system is another pair of eyes for us," Rodriguez said. "This installation is pretty big, so it is a way that leadership can be aware of what is happening on post."

Rodriguez added that B.O.S.S. is offering 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," Rodriguez said.

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.

Rodriguez reminded attendees that the APG News can be found online, to find out what is happening on post. Current and past articles can be found online at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil.

"There is a lot of great information in that paper, please utilize it," Rodriguez said.

Weissman thanked APG for their generosity during the holiday drives. He said that the generosity of APG individuals was remarkable, especially during a slow economy.

"A lot of folks have stepped up, not just the military, but civilians and contractors to make all of these drives fantastic," he said. "The annual Combined Federal Campaign was very successful, surpassing the original goal of raising \$400,000 by raising \$459,000 dollars. That is really amazing and says a lot about this community as a whole."

Weissman said the number of homes to be renovated has increased from 312 to 372.

"That is great news for our Soldiers and our Families," Weissman said. "There will be an upcoming Town Hall meeting regarding housing that will provide the community with information."

The next Well-Being Action council meeting will take place on Feb. 19 at 9:30 a.m.