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## Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for July 30, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



### Hired!

A new Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program for teens ages 15 to 18, Hired!, is an apprentice program that lets teens explore positions in FMWR facilities, like the Bowling Center, golf course, community club, Outdoor Recreation, Library, Marketing Office, and more.

The program gives guidance on preparing a resume, teaches interview techniques and provides work experience in their chosen field. Teens will receive a stipend for their work at the end of the term. For details, contact Jay McKinney, Jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil or call 410-278-3250.

### Teens: Got money?

A free financial class, which will teach teens ages 11 to 15 and 16 to 18 how to earn and save money will be held on Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Aug. 17 for four weeks at the Child, Youth and School Services Conference Room, building 2752, with snacks provided.

This class is part of a new FMWR program called The Edge, which is designed to highlight opportunities for children and youths, in grades 1 through 12, to Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel in FMWR partner facilities.

To attend, sign-up at the See **SHORTS**, page 5

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## CHPPM welcomes new commander

### Surgeon general, new CHPPM commander laud CHPPM preventive medicine efforts

Story by  
**LYN KUKRAL**  
U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

Brigadier General Timothy K. Adams took command of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine in a ceremony at Fanshaw Field, Aberdeen Proving Ground, July 7.

Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, the Army surgeon general and commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command, passed the CHPPM colors to Adams from outgoing commander Col. Thomas M. Logan, who moves to the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, D.C., where he will serve as executive officer.

Schoomaker recognized CHPPM's contributions to Army Medicine and its disease and environmental health surveillance efforts in deployed locations.

"You are leading the effort in promoting wellness and preventive medicine in our patient population, which is exactly the path that ... the entire nation needs to take," said Schoomaker, the Army's top doctor. "And the scientists and specialists of CHPPM are [among] the heaviest deployed personnel in the Army—they operate in the remotest parts of the world inspecting, collecting samples, educating, analyzing and report-



Photo by BEN BUNGER, CHPPM VISUAL INFORMATION DIVISION  
Brigadier General Timothy K. Adams accepts command responsibility for the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine from Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, Army surgeon general and commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command.

ing—all in an effort to keep military service men and women safe and healthy."

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine's incoming commander echoed Schoomaker's thoughts.

"I know you to be a very

professional, well respected and hardworking organization," Adams said. "I could not have asked to be entrusted with a better group of conscientious professionals."

Both speakers mentioned Schoomaker's recent deci-

sion to form an Army public health command as part of an overall Medical Command reorganization.

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine would be part of the new command, which when instituted will strengthen the Army's health promotion and disease and injury prevention programs.

The public health command is not expected to be fully operational for several years.

As USACHPPM commander, Adams has authority over an organization with worldwide presence, its headquarters located at APG and its five subordinate commands at Landstuhl, Germany; Camp Zama, Japan; Fort George G. Meade, Md.; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and Fort Lewis, Wash. The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine is a major subordinate command of the U.S. Army Medical Command.

The center focuses on occupational and environmental health, prevention of disease and injury, and on communities or populations—Soldiers, their Family members and Army civilians, for example—rather than on individual patient care. Its almost 1,200 military and civilian personnel are experts in more than 50 scientific and technical disciplines.

## 'Dream team' of researchers to study Army suicides

Story by  
**GRAFTON PRITCHARTT**  
Army News Service

A ground-breaking study of behavioral health in the Army may soon provide answers on what causes suicide and what programs can best prevent it.

A media roundtable at the Pentagon July 16 provided an update on a five-year, \$50-million study of suicide and behavioral health among military personnel, launched in October 2008, in partnership with the National Institute on Mental Health.

"We are working at all levels currently to do everything we can to reverse this

trend, and we are excited about this partnership - this collaboration - with the National Institute of Mental Health, the Uniformed Services University [of the Health Sciences], and Harvard, Columbia and University of Michigan," said Army Secretary Pete Geren.

While the Army is now implementing many initiatives and programs to reduce suicide, Geren stated that the Army does not know which ones are most effective.

"We hope at the end of this study, we'll be able to make a better connection between 'this worked, this didn't work,'" Geren said.

Dr. Thomas Insel, director of NIMH, presented what he described as his "dream team" of researchers. The project director is Dr. Robert Ursano, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.

The research team also includes Dr. Ronald Kessler, professor of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School; Dr. Steven Heeringa, director of the Statistical Design Group at the University of Michigan; and Dr. John Mann, vice chair for Research at the New York State Psychiatric

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## Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility achieves safety milestone

### 1,000,000 safe work hours without a recordable injury

United States Army Chemical Materials Agency officials announced that the Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility achieved a safety milestone at 12:01 a.m. July 15 when it surpassed 1 million safe work hours without a recordable injury.

"Safety, while destroying the chemical weapons, is our main priority," said CMA Director Conrad F. Whyne. "I am pleased that the work force at the PBCDF demonstrates CMA's commitment to safety in their day-to-day destruction operations as shown by their achieving this nearly-unpar-

alleled safety milestone."

"This is a tremendous accomplishment and demonstrates the outstanding caliber of employees working on the project," said Mark Greer, PBCDF site project manager.

"Our employees have clearly demonstrated that safety is the most important part of what we do every day," said David Reber, Washington Defense Group project general manager at PBCDF. "This type of accomplishment only happens with the very best of teams as they constantly ensure their focus is on keeping safety first in everything they do. The PBCDF employees

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## 'Browns of Comedy' coming to APG this Saturday

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Army Entertainment presents an evening of classic comedy when the show, 'Get Down With the Browns of Comedy,' makes a stop at Aberdeen Proving Ground this Saturday, July 25 at the Post Theater.

The show, which contains adult content, is open to the public. Doors open

7 p.m. and the show starts 8 p.m.

Tickets cost \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. There will be refreshments, including a cash bar for patrons age 21 and older.

Tickets can be purchased at the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Leisure Travel Office, building 3326, 410-278-4011; or at the Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140 in the Edge-

wood Area, 410-436-2713.

The traveling showcase of stand-up comedians is led by Steve Brown of Black Entertainment Television's Comic View and HBO's Def Comedy Jam and who starred in Tyler Perry's hit movie, 'Madea's Family Reunion.'

Brown headlines an all star cast of stand up comics, all named Brown and all

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## DES Police Academy graduates 37

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

A commencement ceremony for the largest class ever to graduate from the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Academy took place at the Ball Conference Center June 26.

The East Region Department of the Army Civilian Police Academy is operated by APG's Directorate of Emergency Services Training Division.

The academy's commander, Capt. Dawn M. Fishcher, hosted the ceremony which

included the ceremonial pinning of badges on the graduates by Family members and friends and remarks by DES Director Robert Krauer.

Noting that the class participated in the Torch Run for the Special Olympics of Maryland, Krauer said the class demonstrated the law enforcement commitment to community.

"We sometimes lose sight that police officers do more than just arrest criminals," Krauer said. "They find ways to serve their communities."

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## Drivers need to be alert for many changes in traffic patterns

DPW  
Things have been going too smoothly since the first few days of the Maryland Boulevard gate opening, so it is time to mess with traffic again.

To allow for completion of the new Combat Drive extension, there will be significant temporary traffic changes that will impact not only the morning and afternoon commutes but will also have impacts throughout the day.

The following traffic changes will be in effect until the new Combat Drive opening occurs:

On or about July 30, eastbound Boothby Hill Avenue will be closed to through traffic at Maryland Boulevard. The section of Boothby Hill between Maryland Boulevard and Combat Drive will be open only for access to the C4ISR PHASE I campus traffic via the southern portion of Combat Drive. All other inbound through traffic will be detoured via Aberdeen Boulevard.

In addition, westbound Boothby Hill Avenue will be temporarily closed between Darlington Street and Combat Drive and all westbound or outbound Boothby Hill traffic will be detoured onto Darlington Street.

These closures will remain in effect until the new Combat Drive extension and its

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For more information, DPW/DIO contact Jerry Norris, Directorate of Installation Operations Public Works, 410-306-1159.



# APG celebrates The Year of the NCO



## Internet forum helps NCOs share information

Story by  
**STEVE ROCHETTE**  
Army News Service

Noncommissioned officers are communicating about issues ranging from combat operations to physical fitness - all on one Internet forum developed by the Army.

The forum, called NCO Net, is meant to make it easier for NCOs to share information, ideas and best practices among other NCOs.

"NCO Net bridges the knowledge gap by allowing Soldiers to pass down institutional knowledge," said forum manager Joseph Pearson during a May 28 conference call with military bloggers.

NCO Net is part of a larger program called the Battle Command Knowledge System, which was developed in 2004 to foster collaboration between Soldiers.

"I can't understate the importance of NCO Net and knowledge sharing platforms," said Col. Charles Burnett, director of the BCKS. "It allows a Soldier to expand his collective base of peers to



hundreds or thousands."

The forum's popularity has steadily increased since 2004. There are currently more than 38,000 registered members on NCO Net and 130,000 on BCKS.

"The members we have want to give back and contribute," said Pearson, a retired sergeant major. "One of our obstacles is some NCOs assume their peers already have access to the informa-

tion, but that's not always the case."

Pearson said the objective is to create a community of members of both junior and senior enlisted Soldiers.

"We are all mentors and subject matter experts in some area," explained Pearson. "So we want to draw in those individuals so they can share their experiences with younger NCOs."

Members pose questions, post news and engage in dialog about any issue that affects the lives of NCOs.

Topics range from combat operations to the proper way to fill out paperwork.

One of the forum facilitators, Colin Caspers, a staff sergeant in the Army Reserve, said his involvement with NCO Net has been beneficial for his own development.

"It has certainly helped me grow as an NCO," Caspers said. "Training time can be limited for Guardsmen and Reservists so there can be a steep learning curve and the forum can help."

Caspers added that one of the advantages of NCO Net is the freedom to ask a question on any topic.

"Don't be afraid to ask a question if

you're short on information," Caspers said. "Reach out to NCOs who have been downrange, including junior enlisted who have combat experience."

Pearson said senior NCOs can leverage the forum to communicate about current issues, such as Year of the NCO initiatives. He added that the forum encourages participation from retirees and other individuals with a connection to Soldier-related issues.

"You don't need to be an NCO to join," Pearson said. "The only requirement is members bring something to the table with issues that affect the lives of NCOs."

Pearson expects knowledge sharing platforms like NCO Net to increase in importance in the future.

"I see this as the next level of after action reviews for the Army because it reaches across the entire force and is available twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week," Pearson said.

Anyone with an AKO login is eligible to join the forum. To join, visit the AKO Web site link on the right side of the page and follow registration instructions.

## Police

From front page

He said the 37 graduates came from all around the country - class members hailed from 12 different states including the District of Columbia and Maryland - and that they represent "an incredible amount of experience."

He said there are three kinds of people: sheep, wolves and sheep dogs, and that the police are the sheep dogs because they do the job others won't do.

He encouraged the graduates to serve with integrity and to always "do the right thing."

"Every one of you is an ambassador to your installation and organization," he said. "Integrity is doing the right thing when no one is watching. Congratulations to you all."

Fischer added her congratulations to the graduates and thanked her cadre and adjunct instructors, who included police detectives and tactical officers, APG firefighters and legal personnel from the Staff Judge Advocate Office.

"I want to recognize and thank the academy instructors, officers Mike Mitchell, Eric Semke, Cal Rolfes and Martin Cade," Fischer said. "This academy is a success due to your dedication, enthusiasm and professionalism, and you've done another fantastic job despite the many challenges."

She also thanked Krauer and former APG Garrison Commander, Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, for their support.

Fischer told the graduates that they performed "admirably" during the 9-week course.

"As police officers, you form the first line of defense," she said. "Your job is to protect and serve. Never forget that. Wear your uniform and badge with honor and pride."

"Don't be brought down by the criminals you deal with," she added. "Be uplifted by the people that you protect, assist and defend. As you leave today to return to your homes and official duties, be true to your profession and honorable in everything you do. Above all, be safe, and at the end of your shift, go home to your family and loved ones."

Officer Salvatore Russomanno, U.S. Coast Guard, N.Y. was named the class Distinguished Honor Graduate and Officer Christine E. Reitz, Fort Eustis, Va., was named the Academic Honor Graduate. Both said they appreciated the training they received.

"I met good people here from all walks of life," Russomanno said. "I learned a lot and I'll take back with me every thing they taught me."

Reitz, who served in the Army as an



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON  
Capt. Dawn M. Fischer, commander of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Academy, right, swears in the police officers of Class 3-09 during the graduation ceremony at the Ball Conference Center June 26.

MP for eight years, said the course was, "a huge reminder of things you may have forgotten about."

"It was definitely very challenging, an eye-opener," she said. "I'm taking away good friends and fresh ideas."

Graduate Kenneth L. Jacobs, a 26-year veteran police officer with the Maryland Transportation Authority Police and former security officer in the Edgewood Area, said he appreciated the spirit of his fellow classmates as well as the academy instructors.

"This was definitely a first for me," he said. "They challenged us physically and academically, but everyone worked together to overcome issues no matter what they were. I made new friends and I became a better police officer."

### Leadership and Achievement Awards for APG Police Academy Class 3-09:

**Leadership Award**  
Bryan Rorke, class leader; Phillip A. Vass Jr., 1st squad leader; George Manning IV, 2nd squad leader; Leonard Moses Jr., 3rd squad leader; and Robin Wei Con Tse, 4th squad leader.

### Top Gun Award (Weapons Qualification)

Leonard Moses Jr. and Robin Wei Con Tse, 299 of 300

### Physical Fitness Award

Salvatore Russomanno  
**Academic Honor Graduate (Overall academic score of 96.82)**

Christine Reitz  
**Distinguished Honor Graduate (Highest combined scores: Academic, Physical Fitness, Weapons Qualification)**

### Graduates of APG Police Academy Class 3-09

Thomas P. Antonino, Fort Hamilton, N.Y.; Jose O. Ayala-Guevara, Adelphi Army Laboratory, Va.; Garry D. Best, APG; Paul N. Bevard I, Fort A.P. Hill, Va.; Johnnie Boyd Sr., Fort McPherson, Ga.; Robert E. Boyd, Adelphi Army Laboratory, Va.; Winston Bradford, Fort McPherson, Ga.; Erica C. Calderon, Fort A.P. Hill, Va.; Francisco E. Castano, U.S. Coast Guard, Conn.; Derrick Coleman, Walter Reed

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## Safety Center adds two Web-based tools for deployed Soldiers

USACR/Safety Center

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center has launched two new Web applications to better assist leaders and Soldiers in mitigating risk while forward deployed to areas with limited Internet connectivity and/or access to unsecured networks.

The Safety Center's homepage is now available in a "lite" capacity, meaning the page only has the elements that are necessary to help users find the information they are looking for and forgoes the flare of the standard homepage. This will allow Soldiers in remote locations with limited Internet connectivity to access the tools and resources they need by reducing download times.

"Every new tool, program or application is an opportunity for us to bring the elements of composite risk management closer to our Soldiers," said Brig. Gen. Bill Wolf, director for Army Safety and commanding general of the USACR/Safety Center. "Identifying, assessing and mitigating the risk involved in combat operations is paramount in reducing the chance of a Soldier being injured or killed in an accident."

In addition to the new lite site, the Safety Center has also made its Ground Risk Assessment Tool, or GRAT, avail-

able on the Secret Internet Protocol Network (SIPRNET) allowing units to incorporate safety into their mission planning on the secure network.

GRAT is an interactive Web-based tool that allows users to produce a Composite Risk Management worksheet by using statistics and information from units Army-wide. The interactive worksheet provides users with a selection of potential accident hazards and controls for various ground operations.

"We are continually modifying and adapting our tools and programs, as well as looking for new opportunities, to best assist our Soldiers both deployed and at home in mitigating risk," added Wolf. "We want to arm our Soldiers with as much information as possible to help them make better, more informed decisions about their safety and the safety of others, ultimately protecting our Army's greatest combat resource."

More information about the Safety Center or these tools can be found on Web site, <https://safety.army.mil>.

The Web address for the lite site is <https://safety.army.mil/lite>.

GRAT-S can be assessed by visiting <http://safety.army.smil.mil/grat-s> from the SIPRNET.



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## Panic on the highway!

Installation Safety Office

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

Test your driving expertise in the following situation and then from the options provided, select the best answer. The answers are printed upside down.

### Situation #44

(This one is a little complicated, so read carefully).

You are driving on a two-lane straight highway going 60 mph. There is no one ahead of you, but, approaching you in the opposing traffic lane are three cars at least 250 feet away. The third car in line coming toward you pulls out to pass the other two cars. He's now in your lane, but still about 250 feet away. What he doesn't realize is that the lead car ahead of him is a small sports car that he didn't see. He now has two cars to pass when he thought there was only one. But, he is now committed to passing and is coming straight toward you even faster. To complicate matters, you've got a high curbing on the right side of your lane that would be an obstacle as a potential escape route. What should you do?

A. Brake hard and turn hard right into the curb to go over.

B. Brake moderately, veer and squeeze right as far as possible.

**ANSWER A.** No, "Brake hard and turn hard right into the curb to go over" would be too risky. If this had been a low curb, you probably could have gotten over it. If you had been able to keep control of your car, you would have been all right, but chances are you'd get hung up on the curb and be in a worse position. The other answer, to brake moderately, veer and squeeze right as far as possible is much less risky. The drivers in the second car and the sports car will see what's happening and move to their right. Chances are the passing car will drive down the middle.

**ANSWER B.** You got it! Yes, you want to "brake moderately, veer and squeeze right as far as possible." It's risky, but not as risky as that strip of concrete curbing. The drivers in second car and the sports car will see what's happening and they'll probably move to their right. That'll make room for the passing car to drive down the middle. You did well!

# Community Notes

## THURSDAY

### JULY 23 CREATURES OF THE BAY

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will hold a Creatures of the Bay Cruise, 10 to 11:30 a.m., for children ages 6 to 14, on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. See first-hand some of the animals living in the bay, find and identify the tiniest creature. Terrapins, oysters, crabs, oh my! Tickets cost \$10 per person. Reservations are required.

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

### HAVRE DE GRACE ENTREPRENEUR TOUR

The City of Havre de Grace's Office of Economic Development, in partnership with Havre de Grace Main Street, Inc., the Small Business Development Center and local real estate brokers will host an Entrepreneur Tour 10 a.m. to noon and 6 to 8 p.m., 137 N. Washington Street in downtown Havre de Grace. The tour will highlight the resources the City of Havre de Grace has to offer new businesses and existing businesses looking to relocate or expand to a second location.

Informational presentations include Financing Opportunities; Understanding the Permit Process; Strategies for Writing Effective Business Plans; Tax Credit Programs available for Artists and other Arts and Entertainment benefits; and the many Benefits of Tourism. Space is limited. Registration is required.

For more information or to register, call Meghan McDonough, 410-939-1800.

### SUNSET CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Sunset Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$12 for children ages 10 and under. The ship will cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area for a relaxing sail and sunset. Reservations are required.

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

## FRIDAY JULY 24 DAY ON THE BAY

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservan-

cy, Inc. will offer a Day on the Bay, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Enjoy the day sailing to Charlestown, Md., bird watching, sightseeing then lunch at the Wellwood Club and return. Tickets cost \$55 for adults, \$28 for children ages 10 and under. Credit cards will be accepted. Reservations are required. For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

### MARYLAND WINE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Maryland Wine Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older). The ship will take a 90-minute cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area offering wine from a local vineyard, cheese, fruit, beer and sodas. Reservations are required.

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

### FOURTH FRIDAY FAMILY CAMPFIRES - BATS

Come on out to the Pontoon Pier for a campfire program. This program will be held 8 to 10 p.m. for all ages. The cost is \$2 per person or \$8 per Family (limit 5 per Family) and includes marshmallows. Bring a chair and s'mores fixings. 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.

## SATURDAY

### JULY 25 CHILDREN'S GARDENING II - POTATO PARTY

Have fun growing food and flowers here and at home. Enjoy crafts, games, and science disguised as fun, while learning about seeds, life cycles, and growing food and flowers in a watershed-friendly way. This program will be held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 5 to 10. The cost is \$5 and 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.

### RAINBOW HIKE

Come hike and find the colors of the rainbow in the natural world. Also look for clues and solve a mystery

while hiking. This free program will be held 2 to 3:30 p.m. for Families. 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.

### HAVANA NIGHT CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Havana Night Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Enjoy Cuban appetizers along with Cuba's national drink the Mojito, beer, sodas and light refreshments. Cost is \$40 per person. Reservations are required.

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

## SUNDAY

### JULY 26 INVASINATORS

Become a part of the volunteer team of invasive plant removers and native plant restorers. Learn why non-native invasive plants are a threat to the ecosystem, how to identify problem plants and removal and restoration strategies. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves and work gloves for field work in the reserve each meeting date. Participants receive an Invasinators T-shirt. This free program will be held 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. 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.

### MEET A CRITTER

Check out one of the live critters up close and discover what makes that animal special. This free program for all ages begins at 12:30 p.m. No registration required.

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

### ROOTS, SHOOTS, STEMS AND LEAVES

Learn about the parts of a plant by creating a yummy salad snack. Come hungry and ready to play some games. This program will be held 2 to 3 p.m. for Families. The cost is \$3 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.

## MONDAY

### JULY 27 TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy will take children on a Teddy Bear's Picnic aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis, 11 a.m. to 12:30 P.M. Children can bring their favorite bear or doll for a cruise and picnic. Parents are welcome. Tickets cost \$10 per person (children only). For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

### STORYTIME CRUISE

Children ages 3 to 8 will enjoy a sail with children's stories on a storytime cruise, 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$10 per person. Reservations are required. For more information, for reserva-

tions or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

## WEDNESDAY

### JULY 29 AFTERNOON TEA

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer an Afternoon Tea Cruise, 2 to 3:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$35 per person. Dainty sandwiches, scones, savory desserts and specialty teas will be served. Space is limited. Reservations are required.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 410-939-4078.

### MARYLAND WINE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Maryland Wine Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older). The ship will take a 90-minute cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area offering wine from a local vineyard, cheese, fruit, beer and sodas. Reservations are required.

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

## THURSDAY

### JULY 30 KARAOKE/LADIES NIGHT

Thirsty Thursdays is back at Charlton-Miller Veterans of Foreign War Post 6054 located at 206 Spesuttia Road, Perryman. Show off those singing skills at Karaoke Night, 7 p.m. No cover charge. Happy hour is 5 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call 410-272-3444.

### SUNSET CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Sunset Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$12 for children ages 10 and under. The ship will cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area for a relaxing sail and sunset. Reservations are required.

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

## FRIDAY

### JULY 31 'SOUL SOUNDS'

Come listen to poetry, jazz and comedy at the Bliss Coffee & Wine Bar, 1402 Handlir Drive, Bel Air, 8 p.m. as Jamal Mack presents "Soul Sounds."

Some proceeds will go to non-profit sponsors, Tamika & Friends, an advocate group that raises awareness about cervical cancer and its link to the human papillomavirus, and Words to Live By, an advocate group for the fight against domestic violence.

Advance tickets cost \$20; \$25 at the door, or purchase online at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/73318](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/73318). Vendor space is available by e-mailing [LORRAINE@WomensChallenge.net](mailto:LORRAINE@WomensChallenge.net) or calling 410-688-0232.

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

## Post Shorts

CYSS Central Registration, building 2752.

For more information, contact Chuck Rose, 410-278-1399 or [chuck.rose1@us.army.mil](mailto:chuck.rose1@us.army.mil). Free transportation to and from the Aberdeen Youth Center will be provided.

### Trying out for the U.S. Army parachute Team, the Golden Knights

Soldiers interested in trying out for the elite parachute team are encouraged to submit applications immediately; deadline for submission is July 24. Try-outs begin Sept. 8 at Fort Bragg, N.C.

To be selected to the team, a Soldier must be on active duty status, have completed 100 free-fall parachute jumps and have a good military and civilian record. Those requesting a jump waiver should contact the operations section, officials said.

Soldiers submitting their packets for selection will attend a rigorous six-week assessment and selection program of training. Those who successfully complete the six-week training program will be knighted in a special ceremony as an official member of the Golden Knights.

For more information or applications, visit [www.usarec.army.mil/hq/goldenknights](http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/goldenknights).

### ACS to celebrate 44th Birthday July 29

Army Community Service will celebrate its 44th birthday with a picnic, face

painting, balloon animals, cake, food, fun and festivities, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 29, at Maryland Boulevard Park. Free tickets are available at the Aberdeen Area ACS, building 2754.

For more information, call 410-278-4372.

### VA Maryland Health Care System Open House and Information Fair

The Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System will host an Open House and Information Fair, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 22, in the Outpatient Clinic at the Perry Point VA Medical Center, building 361.

Veterans and their Family members are invited to learn about VA health care eligibility and enrollment, available health care services, compensation and pension benefits, pharmacy services and burial benefits.

Information will also be available about VA programs and services to support veterans struggling due to a job loss or financial setback. Representatives will also be available to provide information and assistance to veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Veterans interested in enrolling for VA health care should bring a copy of their discharge paperwork (Form DD214) and a photo ID to assist in the enrollment process.

For more information or for directions to the center, call the VA Maryland Health Care System's Community Outreach Office, 1-800-949-1003, extension 5407.

### New hours for Perry Point VA Urgent Care Clinic

Effective Aug. 1, the Urgent Care Clinic at the Perry Point VA Medical Center will be open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday (except for federal holidays). The hours of operation are being changed due to the decreasing demand for urgent outpatient care services during evening and weekend hours at the medical center.

All veterans who receive their care at the Perry Point VA Medical Center are reminded that they can receive medical advice or ask questions about their medications after normal business hours by calling the Telephone Care Line for the VA Maryland Health Care System at 1-800-865-2441.

Veterans can also schedule a same day appointment at the Perry Point VA Medical Center by calling the Telephone Care Line Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1-800-865-2441.

### Annual Green Dragon Ball Aug. 1

The Annual National Capital Region Joint CBRNE Green Dragon Ball will celebrate the 91st anniversary of the Chemical Corps, 6 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 1 at Top of the Bay.

Brig. Gen. Thomas W. Spoehr, director of Integration, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8 in Washington will host the ball.

This year's theme is "Full Spectrum CBRN Operations." The guest speaker will be retired Gen. Barry R. McCaf-

frey, Adjunct Professor of International Affairs at the U.S. Military Academy and a national security and terrorism analyst for NBC News. Holly Phipps from the Maryland Conservatory Choir will perform the national anthem. Entertainment will be provided by Matt Suter performing the music of Frank Sinatra; the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Hazardous Materiel Jazz Combo will encourage guests to "trip-the-light-fantastic;" and attendees will be able to dance the night away to Tom Gavin's DJ Delights.

For more information, visit [www.ecbc.army.mil/greendragonball/savethedate.html](http://www.ecbc.army.mil/greendragonball/savethedate.html).

### CPR Classes

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services offer CPR classes on APG. Two classes will be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month.

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

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held at the Post Theater July 15 and Nov. 18. Class size will be limited to 30 participants and will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. Pre-registration is required.

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

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## Traffic

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intersection with Maryland Boulevard is completed and opened in early to mid-September.

Once Combat Drive is reopened, the Boothby Hill Avenue intersection with Maryland Boulevard along with the section of Boothby Hill Avenue between Maryland Boulevard and Combat Drive will be demolished.

During the morning commute, Maryland Boulevard will have two lanes open for inbound traffic. After 8 a.m., one inbound lane will be closed

from just prior to new Combat Drive intersection to Susquehanna Avenue and all inbound traffic will be maintained in a single lane. The specific lane that is closed will depend upon the construction needs for the day, but in general, the intent is to close the right inbound lane. The single inbound lane will be maintained through the afternoon commute until 6 p.m. Through traffic will use Aberdeen Boulevard. Susquehanna Avenue and Darlington Street will be restricted to local traffic only.

Traffic management for outbound Maryland Boulevard will be more complex.

For the duration of this work,

the left outbound lane of Maryland Boulevard will be closed and a single lane of traffic will be maintained in the right lane from Aberdeen Boulevard to just west of Darlington Street. From 3 to 6 p.m., Maryland Boulevard outbound traffic will be detoured around Deer Creek Loop and will rejoin outbound Maryland Boulevard at the Bush River/Deer Creek Loop/Maryland Boulevard traffic light adjacent to the new gate facility.

Outbound traffic from Susquehanna Avenue onto outbound or west bound Maryland Boulevard will be channeled into the right outbound lane of Maryland Boulevard and will be restricted to the right lane

past the Darlington Street intersection. Outbound traffic from Darlington Street onto outbound or west bound Maryland Boulevard will be channeled into the left outbound lane of Maryland Boulevard. Right turning traffic from these intersections will be minimally affected.

To prevent traffic conflicts, left turns from Maryland Boulevard onto Susquehanna Avenue or Darlington Street will be prohibited from 3 to 6 p.m., and eastbound traffic on Deer Creek Loop will be detoured to Aberdeen Boulevard via Rodman Road.

For the onset of these detours, flagmen will control traffic on inbound Maryland Boulevard,

outbound Susquehanna Avenue and Darlington Street traffic.

The traffic signal for the Susquehanna Avenue and Maryland Boulevard is being expedited and should be completed and in service by Aug. 10.

Traffic signs and controls will be placed to guide motorists through the varying traffic patterns.

All CAC card holders will receive a map of the traffic routing via e-mail and posted on Channel 21. Hand out maps will be made available to the construction workforce.

As always everyone's careful attention to the changing traffic conditions, patience and courtesy are requested.



# Veterans' Voices

## VA to offer health care to previously ineligible veterans

Story by  
**R. DAVID EDWARD**  
VA Maryland Health Care System

The Department of Veterans Affairs re-opened enrollment in its health care system to about 265,000 veterans throughout the country whose incomes exceed current limits.

"We're pleased to be able to offer what has been called 'the best care anywhere' to many more new veterans," said Dennis H. Smith, director of the VA Maryland Health Care System. "We'll be able to provide these newly enrolled veterans with the kind of timely, high quality health care veterans who already use our system are accustomed to."

The change affects veterans whose incomes exceed the current VA means test and geographic means test income thresholds by 10 percent or less. Congress provided funds in VA's fiscal

year 2009 budget to support the new enrollment.

In 1996, Congress established a priority-based enrollment system for VA and a uniform package of medical benefits for all enrollees. The legislation opened enrollment in VA's health care system to all eligible veterans and required that each year the Secretary of Veterans Affairs assess veterans' demand for services and determine if the necessary resources are available to provide timely, quality care to all enrollees.

Enrollment for the lowest priority of the eight groups—veterans who are not being compensated for a military-related disability and who have incomes above a set threshold—was suspended on Jan. 18, 2003, although veterans in that priority group who were already enrolled for care were permitted to remain enrolled.

VA originally suspended enrollment for Priority 8 veterans because it was

unable to provide all enrolled veterans with timely access to its health care due to a tremendous growth in the number of veterans then seeking enrollment. VA now plans to reopen enrollment for a portion of these veterans without compromising the Department's ability to provide high quality health care services to all enrolled veterans who are eligible for care.

Veterans who applied for VA health care enrollment on or after Jan. 1, 2009, and were denied enrollment because their income exceeded the VA income thresholds will be automatically reconsidered and will not need to reapply. Veterans who are found to be eligible under this new rule will receive a letter from the VA Health Eligibility Center notifying them of their eligibility for enrollment and welcoming them to the VA health care system.

Veterans who applied for VA health care before Jan. 1, 2009, and were denied

enrollment because their income was too high will need to re-apply to take advantage of the relaxed income restrictions. These veterans are urged to contact the Enrollment Center for the VA Maryland Health Care System, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 1-800-463-6295, ext. 7324 to re-apply for VA health care.

Veterans can also apply for VA health care or receive additional information about the relaxation of Priority Group 8 enrollment restrictions by visiting the VA health eligibility Web site, [www.va.gov/healtheligibility](http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility).

"The new regulations for expanding VA enrollment [took effect in] June," Smith said. "I encourage all veterans to take advantage of this opportunity and enroll for VA health care by contacting our Enrollment Center at 1-800-463-6295, ext. 7324."

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## Safety

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clearly are among the very best."

The safety milestone set at PBCDF is the first time any chemical demilitarization site has ever accomplished 1 million hours without a recordable injury.

On June 17, PBCDF also achieved another safety milestone when it reached 2 million hours without an injury requiring days away from work.

PBCDF employs more than 700 workers and subcontractors who continuously focus on safety for themselves and their co-workers.

The Washington Defense Group of URS Corporation is the systems contractor that operates PBCDF for the U.S. Army. The facility uses state-of-the-art incineration technology to safely destroy the approximately 3,850 tons of chemical agents stockpiled at the Pine Bluff Arsenal.

CMA has completed destruction of the chemical weapons at Newport, Ind.; Aberdeen, Md., and Johnston Island.

Final chemical agent destruction operations are under way at CMA's four remaining destruction sites: Anniston, Ala., Pine Bluff, Ark., Umatilla, Ore., and Tooele, Utah.

CMA's destruction sites should complete operations in time to meet the 2012 Chemical Weapons Convention treaty deadline.

CMA continues to safely store chemical agent munitions near Richmond, Ky., and at Pueblo, Colo.

For more information about CMA, visit <http://www.cma.army.mil>.

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# AICD purchase request cutoff dates for 2009

RDECOM

The Aberdeen Installation Contracting Division--formerly known as the APG DOC under the Army Contracting Agency and is now positioned as a division under the RDECOM Contracting Center--has established the division's fiscal year 2009 cutoff dates for submission of purchase requests.

Early customer support in identifying and submitting PRs by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the AICD to meet customer needs. Between Aug. 15 and Sept. 30, the AICD receives more than 2,500 PRs for FY-end award. Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end.

The AICD encourages customer activities to coordinate their projected FY-end requirements with the AICD during the third quarter in order to discuss acquisition methods and identify those documents, reviews and approvals required to accompany the procurement package.

Incomplete procurement packages will not be accepted by the AICD during September and any "SAF" (Subject to Availability of Funds) actions will be accepted only by an AICD branch chief. All PRs must be submitted to the AICD electronically.

APG activities should consider maximizing use of their Government Purchase Cards to execute small dollar transactions for authorized items rather than submitting a PR to the AICD.

The following schedule has been established for the submission of PRs for FY 09 and maintenance for FY10. These cutoff dates are not only for the PR, but includes all supporting documentation and approvals.

- Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 – July 1\*
- Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 for services; \$3,000 for supplies; \$2,000 for construction and \$100,000 – Aug. 1
- Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million – July 1
- Commercial Items under \$100,000 – Aug. 15
- Services Over \$100,000 – July 1
- Delivery Orders and Task Orders Under Existing Contracts – Aug. 1
- GSA Schedule Procurements – Aug. 1
- Short-of-Award over \$2,500 – June 15\*\*
- Maintenance for FY 2010 – July 1 (FY 10 Contract Modifications and



Options for Existing Maintenance Contracts)

\* *There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.*

\*\**Customers submitting "short-of-award" PRs, especially for services requirements, must seriously consider whether funding will materialize. A substantial amount of effort is expended to prepare these pending actions and they must be prioritized after PRs that are funded and PRs that are subject to the availability of funds.*

The above lead times can be affected by various factors, a few of which include: competition requirements, to include fair opportunity for services task orders over \$100,000 when using Federal Supply Schedules; acquisition plan and/or strategy reviews and approvals; obtaining sole, limited source, brand name or urgency approvals – the justification and approval process; the review process accomplished by the Small Business advisor to ensure all socio-economic programs will be appropriately addressed; front-end PR entry, and PD2 (PD2 is the DoD contracting automated system used at APG).

#### Other requirements affecting lead times:

When placing sole source orders over micro-purchase thresholds (FAR 2.101: \$3,000 for supplies; \$2,500 for services subject to Service Contract Act; \$2,000 for construction subject to Davis-Bacon Act) under Federal Supply Schedules, a justification and approval must be prepared and approved by a contracting officer.

When purchasing supplies or services over the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$100,000) using non-DoD contract vehicles (which includes placing orders with GSA), proposed actions must be reviewed and approved considering:

If the action is in the Best Interest of the Government – satisfying customer requirements, schedule, cost effectiveness (taking into account, discounts and

fees) and contract administration including oversight.

Other factors which must be addressed: determining that tasks or supplies ordered are within the scope of the contract; ensuring funding is used in accordance with appropriation limitations; providing unique terms, conditions and requirements for incorporation into an order or contract to comply with all applicable DoD-unique statutes, regulations, directives and other requirements (e.g., all clothing, shoes and other items specified under the Berry Amendment, procured with DoD funding, is of domestic origin); and collecting data on the use of assisted acquisitions for analysis.

All service requirements must be approved for purchase prior to submittal to the AICD IAW established agency procedures as directed by the Secretary of the Army memo, Army Policy for Civilian Hiring and Initiation/Continuation of Contracts for Service Personnel, Feb. 23, 2006. Go to <http://www.asamra.army.mil/insourcing/> to obtain approval forms and view associated regulations.

**Information Technology:** Desktop and Notebook Computer Purchases. To maximize cost savings, all Army desktops and notebooks 'shall' be ordered through the Consolidated Buy program utilizing the Army Desktop and Mobile Computing Agreements. For policy memo issued by the Army's Chief Information Officer on July 22, 2005, Buying Schedule, Specs and Pricing, Submittal Instructions, Request Preparation, Exceptions, and Frequently Asked Questions, visit the Consolidated Buy page at: [https://ascp.monmouth.army.mil/scp/cb/cb\\_index.jsp](https://ascp.monmouth.army.mil/scp/cb/cb_index.jsp). Requests for these items must be submitted to the Directorate of Information Management. For standard requests, DOIM will approve the request and forward it to the AICD for processing. For non-standard requests, DOIM will review and validate the request and then forward it to AICD.

For more information, contact the Chief, Technology Team, 410-278-0883.

## Military Home Front launches site for transitioning youths

Story by  
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APG News

The Department of the Army has launched a new Web site for military youths and Families. Military Youth on the Move, located at <http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/myom> replaces the former Military Teens on the Move.

The site uses resources that reach out to youths with creative ways to cope with issues that arise in the face of a move, such as transitioning to a new school, saying goodbye to friends and getting involved in a new community.

Each page contains age-specific advice on a given topic, answers to common questions and helpful links for additional information and guidance.

The Web site is divided into three target audiences: elementary school, middle school and high school. Users simply click on their age group to get started. Once inside the site, users can search different topics that pertain to military youth in particular and youths in general.

For example, within the elementary school section, youths can find helpful information about topics as general as bullying and divorce and as specific as how to keep in touch with friends or start over in a new school or location after a military move.

Middle school youths can learn how to apply the knowledge they gained from a precious move, and high school teens can find topics tailored to their needs such as preparing for life after high school, opening a bank account and writing a resume.

Because moving can have a significant impact on youths, parents are

The contracting officer is responsible and this office's policy is to determine the best method of procuring any supply or service based upon regulation, urgency, delivery, socio-economic concern and competition which provides the best value at a reasonable price.

Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require approval by the chiefs of the Branches. The AICD will do as much as possible to assist customers in satisfying their requirements after the cutoff dates. However, the division has a limited capability to process late requirements.

#### Individual contacts:

• Renee Hodge (Acting), Installation Contracting Branch: [jacqueline.renee.hodge@us.army.mil](mailto:jacqueline.renee.hodge@us.army.mil), 410-278-0881

• Facilities Team: For repair, alteration, construction, sale and removal of excess real property, services for base operations functions (including, but not limited to, utilities privatization, custodial, refuse, underground utilities locating, etc.), equipment-in-place and facilities, contact Kandi McDonald, [Kandi.mcdonald@us.army.mil](mailto:Kandi.mcdonald@us.army.mil), 410-278-2372.

• Technology Team: For information technology equipment and services; word processing equipment; software; general, specialized and test equipment; instrumentation; supplies; and IT maintenance, contact Scot Plank, [Scot.Plank@us.army.mil](mailto:Scot.Plank@us.army.mil), 410-278-0886.

• Renee Hodge, Mission Contracting Branch: [jacqueline.renee.hodge@us.army.mil](mailto:jacqueline.renee.hodge@us.army.mil), 410-278-0881

For the purchase of base support and services for core customers; equipment-in-place; range testing of vehicles, equipment, ammunition; lease, rental and maintenance of equipment; full food services; and environmental services.

• AEC Team: For the purchase of all services covering cleanup work in support of the U.S. Army Environmental Command's mission, contact Alison Gannon, [Alison.gannon@us.army.mil](mailto:Alison.gannon@us.army.mil), 410-436-1661.

For assistance, go to <https://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/contracting.cfm> and click on "Customer Corner." It includes guides, templates, formats and helpful Web sites.

Purchase requests awarded "subject to the availability of funds" must be funded as soon as funds become available. The work must start and the contractors must be paid – this is not accomplished until the funds are certified.

#### Preparation of PRs

When preparing PRs in PRWEB:

Do not use any dashes or spaces in the PR number.

When preparing attachments for any electronic document to be used by contracting, submitters must use Normal, Times New Roman, 10. The contracting writing system used by Contracting cannot format correctly if a font other than Normal, Times New Roman, 10 is used or if any special characters are used in the document.

Do not use page breaks, section breaks, column brakes or special characters such as trademark signs, tm, ®, <, etc., in any document that will be used in a purchase order or contract.

encouraged to join their children in exploring the site.

Military Youth on the Move seeks to help make transitions as smooth as possible by giving youths a safe place to go for information and advice.

For more information, visit the Military Youth on the Move Web site at <http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/myom/>.

#### Schools liaison can help too

Another option for military parents on the move would be to contact the Aberdeen Proving Ground school liaison, Eileen Campbell, who can make connec-

tions for youths. Campbell can provide resources, lend books and cite information on school curriculum.

"As a school liaison, I'm here to help all Families that have a permanent change of station also have a 'Positive Change of School,'" Campbell said. "Families are welcome to stop by my office, located next to the Army Community Service building off Rodman Road, anytime."

For more information, visit Campbell in building 2752, call 410-278-2857 or e-mail [eileen.campbell@us.army.mil](mailto:eileen.campbell@us.army.mil).

#### FEW accepting nominations for annual scholarship

FEW

The Maryland Tri-County chapter of Federally Employed Women presents an annual \$300 scholarship called the 2008 Dottie Dorman Working Woman's Scholarship to a deserving woman to pay for or offset college expenses incurred in pursuit of her continuing education.

To qualify a nominee must:

- Be a female employee in Baltimore, Cecil or Harford counties.
- Currently be pursuing college-level education studies.
- Prepare a short essay (not to exceed one typewritten page) summarizing educational plans and explaining how this scholarship will be used. Indicate in the essay whether currently receiving federal aid for education, whether involved in a reduction in force, and what the promotion potential is in applicant's current federal position.
- Provide the name; home and work addresses; home and work telephone numbers; e-mail addresses; name and telephone number of current supervisor (to confirm federal employment); and name of nominee's educational institution.
- Submit application to the Maryland Tri-County FEW Scholarship, c/o Suzanne Schultz, 952 Chesapeake Drive, Havre de Grace, MD 21078 no later than Aug. 17.

The winner will be announced during the APG Women's Equality Day observance and awards ceremony, 1 p.m., Aug. 25, at the Ball Conference Center, Aberdeen Area.

For more information, call Suzanne Schultz, 410-278-9514 or Melissa Smith, 410-642-2411, x5129.

# Conference gives Spectrum concerns visibility

Story by  
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CERDEC

Just because something is invisible doesn't mean it's not important. Much like oxygen or gravity, spectrum, or the available range of frequencies for use in radio communications, proved this point true as U.S. Warfighters face the challenges of communicating in complex operational environments.

More than 75 spectrum experts in the Department of Defense community came together to discuss this topic at the first-ever Spectrum Conference held at Fort Monmouth's Gibbs Hall, June 18 and 19. The conference was hosted by the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center.

Alan Scime, the branch chief of CERDEC's Spectrum Analysis and Management Branch, worked with his organization to plan the conference.

"There's a real need in our community here at Fort Monmouth to understand how important spectrum is in trying to serve the Warfighter's needs," Scime said. "It's because spectrum's not visible like a highway or a water supply or a gasoline supply that many people just assume it's there and ready for use. When in fact when you put a lot of radios in one area they contend with each other for communications and spectrum's gotten even more crowded with jammers in the arena now."

Although Scime has met with spectrum experts across the DoD separately, he wanted to bring all the key people in the spectrum community together to foster a greater understanding of spectrum utilization issues, like spectrum availability, supportability, spectrum certification, the assignment process and various technical programs underway to mitigate significant spectral issues.

"There's a bigger emphasis on spectrum in the Army specifically but across DoD completely. DoD would like to make sure that all the services have some kind of common strategy for communications," Scime said.

The challenge of managing spectrum to ease communications in the battlefield is not necessarily a new one; however it has recently come to the forefront of Army communications. With the inundation of commercial wireless products and the variety of communication devices used by fielded military personnel,



Photo by RUSS MESEROLL, VISUAL INFORMATION  
On day two of the conference, Alan Scime, branch chief of CERDEC's Spectrum Analysis and Management Branch, joins conference attendees on their tour of a Space and Terrestrial Communications Directorate laboratory.

spectrum has high demand, with finite supply, which was the primary topic of discussion for the attendees and the speakers, who came from places like the Army Spectrum Management Office, the Joint Spectrum Center and the Signal Center.

Guest speaker, Alan Rosner, gave a presentation about the Global Electromagnetic Spectrum Information System, a project that seeks to bring interoperability among the various tools and capabilities being used in a given environment. Rosner believes the available spectrum and increasing demand for it are cause for concern.

"Largely, it's an issue of supply and demand. The available resources are more and more constrained because there's a lot of demand from the commercial sector to gain access to more spectrum resources," Rosner said.

For Rosner, who is the chief of the Defense Spectrum Organization's GEM-SIS Systems Engineering Branch, the dialogue generated at the conference was important in exchanging information and working together to identify and solve spectrum concerns.

"It's all about dialogue; if you don't have the dialogue, the information

doesn't get exchanged," Rosner said. "There are all too often cases where there are things we don't end up knowing because we don't have the opportunity to participate in something like this or we haven't heard the point of view."

David Pierce, deputy director of the Army Spectrum Management Office, presented a "big picture" view of spectrum utilization and agreed that the conference was beneficial in looking at the work of his colleagues.

"I think it's important to bring together the key players because quite often we kind of get into our own little world as we do our work. And, what we sometimes don't get an opportunity to understand, we may want to understand but we don't have the opportunity to understand why something such as spectrum may be important to what I'm trying to do for the Soldier. Conferences like this bring together all the pieces of that puzzle," Pierce said.

The discussion that was generated was done so in a forum format but with a spin. Rather than a typical question and answer session after each presentation, the audience joined speakers in answering questions after their presentations.

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# New Child Development Home now open

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To keep up with the growing demand for childcare on Aberdeen Proving Ground, parents who work and live here now have a new option for child care. Child, Youth & School Services opened a new Child Development Home for hourly child care for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old, located in the Aberdeen Area at 3809E Pride Court.

The home, which opened July 13, is for all military, Department of Defense civilians and contractors assigned to APG.

The home had an open house on July 9 and 10 for parents and children to see the facility and to talk to child care providers, Tiffany Sanders a program lead, and Lisanne Blake, a training and curriculum specialist.

Blake said that the home will follow the Creative Curriculum, a comprehensive early childhood educational system that has been shown to promote the cognitive, language, social/emotional and physical development of young children. This program is credited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Blake said that the children will do a variety of activities that are both fun and educational.

The home has an assortment of toys that children can play with, and a playground a short walk from the home.

Jennifer Ford, mother to Janelle Ford, who is 17 months old, said that she plans to take her daughter to the home twice a week so that she can learn new things by playing with other children.

"My daughter will enjoy coming to play with other kids and different toys," she said. "Plus it gives me a little break."

Rachel Hane, mother to Johnathan, 3, and William, 2, said that she is happy that the home is in a convenient location.



William Hane, 2, left, and Johnathan Hane, 3, play with a toy cash register during the Child Development Home open house July 9 and 10. The Child Development Home is located in the Aberdeen Area at 3809 E Pride Court.

"I live in the neighborhood, so we can walk to the home," she said. "I plan to take my children here on days that I need to study." Hane is currently pursuing a degree in early childhood education.

Angie Cumming, mother to Evie, 3, and Grant, 20 months, said that she is glad that they have a child development home on post because she feels like her son will feel more at ease with the small group setting.

"My son has separation anxiety, and I feel like he will feel less intimidated in a smaller group," she said.

Sanders, who will be taking care of the children full-

time, along with an assistant, said that the limit of the number of children who can stay in the home is eight, with no more than two children under the age of two at one time.

In order for children to stay at the Child Development Home they must be registered in the CYSS hourly program. To register, contact Central Registration, 410-278-7571/7479. Registration is free.

The hourly fee is \$4 per child. Discounts are available for children of Soldiers deployed in the Global War on Terrorism through the Army Family Covenant.

"This is a very reasonable

price for childcare," Blake said.

All reservations and payments will be made at the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center, building 2485, in person or by phone at 410-278-5748.

Operating hours for the home are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A healthy breakfast snack, lunch and an afternoon snack will be provided under the guidelines of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Childcare is available up to 25 hours a week. Reservations can be made the day of, up to 1 week in advance or through a monthly calendar. Calendar

reservations may be made 7 days prior to the beginning of the month.

"Off-post the average cost for childcare is eight dollars an hour."

Blake added that more CYSS facilities will be built in the future, as the number of people who work on APG will grow due to base realignment and closure.

"We couldn't have done it without the support of the Army Family Covenant," Blake said. "It was instrumental in providing all the supplies and equipment necessary for the Child Development Home."



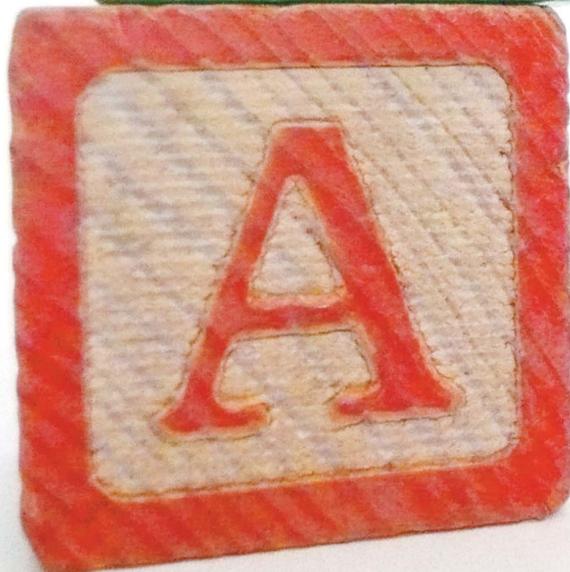
Evie Cumming, 3, right, and her brother Grant, 20 months old, discover new toys to play with at the Child Development Home.



Rachel Hane, right, reads "Green Eggs and Ham" to her sons Johnathan, left, and William, center, in the play area of the Child Development Home. A variety of books are available for children to read at the home.



William and his brother Johnathan play with a toy tool box, one of the many sets of toys available for children to play with at the home.



Pictured clockwise is a room where children can read and play with educational toys; the nursery for infants; and a room where children can do arts and crafts projects.

# ChalleNGe cadets learn to fly

Story and photo by  
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A group of cadets from the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy earned their flight wings earlier this year through an aviation program supported by several volunteer pilots.

The Silver Wings Program teaches youths the principles and fundamentals of aviation and aerodynamics and follows that up with a 30-minute flight in a single-engine airplane, according to Maryland National Guard Col. Richard J. Knauer Jr., ChalleNGe special projects officer.

Knauer led a group of 30 cadets to Martin State Airport in April where after three weekends of classroom instruction they got to take to the air in privately-owned aircraft with volunteer pilots.

Knauer said their training included learning about airplanes and the principles of flight, charting maps, touring a medivac facility and training on flight simulators.

"The academy selects participants based on their interest, aptitude and demeanor," Knauer said. "Two to four cadets will go up with a pilot in single engine high and low-wing Cessnas."

The pilots included Chuck Rishell, Neil Link, Jim Cooke, and retired MDNG Brig. Gen. Vernon Servier.

Rishell said he takes the youths about 20 miles out over the Bay and the Eastern Shore and at one point during the flight the youth in the co-pilot seat is given control of the aircraft.

"They did great," Rishell said. "They were all excited and eager to learn."

Link, a former flight simulator instructor in the Army and former airline pilot, said he has been volunteering with Silver Wings for 10 years.

"I let them know I dropped out of high school too," Link said. "I went back and got my GED, and eventually I was train-



Retired Maryland National Guard Brig. Gen. Vernon Sevier, center, observes as Freestate ChalleNGe cadets Tiffany Hudson, 18, front seat, and Remy Carson, 16, rear, perform pre-flight safety checks in Sevier's high-wing Cessna during the final day of training in the Silver Wings Program at Martin State Airport in April.

ing officers I used to work for. If I can do it, they can too."

Cooke, who has volunteered since 1996, said he appreciates the youth's enthusiasm.

"I always let them get the feel of the plane," he said. "We hope they pursue aviation as a career, and we're willing to do anything we can to interest them in aviation."

Servier said that of the 33 ChalleNGe programs in the United States and Puerto Rico, Maryland is the only one with a Silver Wings program.

"Thanks to the generosity of my fellow pilots, we're able to expose these kids to aviation," he said. "We want them to know there are so many opportunities, from logistics to flight attendant, and we're proud to be able to give them the opportunity to get a general look at the aviation industry and to

experience flight."

Also in attendance was Clevin Weekes, a pilot/engineer and member of the Organization of Black Airline Pilots. Weekes said the organization regularly supports youth aviation programs and that he drove up from Virginia to talk with the youths.

"We like to share our knowledge about opportunities in aviation," Weekes said. "We want them to know that while they're young, now is the time to get that education and convert their disadvantages to advantages."

"They seem very enthusiastic," he added after speaking with the cadets. "I think having the practical experience has motivated them, and they appreciate the opportunity they've been given."

Several cadets said they

enjoyed the experience.

Joshua Tinker, a 17-year-old from Lanham, Md., said he "just wanted the experience."

"It felt pretty good to be in control," Tinker said, adding that he plans to go to college and study Criminal Justice.

Stefan Przewlocki, 16, of Severna Park, said he was interested in air traffic control.

"I've always been interested in airplanes. My dad was a pilot," he said. "I enjoyed the view, and the landing went smoother than I thought it would."

"It was exciting," added Chad Botha, 18, of Montgomery County. "I've been on big planes before but with one of these you have control. It felt great."

## Silver Wings Program

The Freestate ChalleNGe

Academy Silver Wings program was instituted in April 1996 as a unique and innovative hands-on and classroom aviation program in which the principles and fundamentals of aviation and aerodynamics are taught on four consecutive weekends.

Practical exercises, quizzes and flight simulators are major components of the program.

Each cadet participates in an assisted 30 minute flight in a single engine airplane at the end of each program. At the conclusion of the flight, each cadet is awarded the coveted Silver Wing badge that is proudly worn on the cadet uniform for the remainder of the class cycle.

To date, more than 680 cadets have successfully completed the ChalleNGe Silver Wing program.



# Making the big move

Story by  
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Change affects people in different ways, but one thing is guaranteed, change will happen. The CECOM Life Cycle Management Command and Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance is transitioning to Aberdeen Proving Ground as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law, mandated by Congress.

As part of the BRAC implementation, Army Team C4ISR has begun the inevitable transition to APG in order to meet the September 15, 2011, deadline to transfer its mission activities to Maryland. The CECOM LCMC (Forward) team is assembled and hard at work with Col. Augustus Owens, deputy commander, CECOM LCMC (Forward), there to lead the effort.

"My job is to take care of the workforce and make sure our Army Team C4ISR team members experience a smooth transition as they relocate to the area," Owens said. "We want our advanced party to feel welcomed and appreciated as they serve as pioneers for the organization, and set the stage for the rest of the team to join us here."

As of today, there are 700 'boots on the ground' at APG, and this summer an additional 528 employees from Fort Monmouth are expected to join them. By the end of December 2009, approximately 1,400 Army Team C4ISR personnel are expected to be working at APG.

"I am enjoying the culture here," Owens said. "We have a pretty close knit community."

He said people who have relocated to APG have been helpful to one another in sharing experiences and networking.

"We sponsor monthly 'meet and greets' where Army Team C4ISR personnel meet after work to chat and get to know each other. Since many people are new to the area, it's a great way to introduce the workforce and form relationships."

*Four Army Team C4ISR employees who have made the move from Fort Monmouth to APG share their experiences navigating their way through the decision to move and negotiating their transitions.*

## Linda Chapurtinov:

"I jumped at the chance to start a new adventure," said Linda Chapurtinov, logistics specialist with CECOM Life Cycle Management Command G4. She reported to her new position at APG August 2008 and hasn't looked back.

"I was excited to go into the unknown," Chapurtinov said. "I like a challenge."

Chapurtinov was afforded the opportunity to learn a new discipline in her new position, so not only was she moving to a new state, but stepping into a new job as well.

A former member of the Women's

Army Corps, Chapurtinov and her husband, Peter, are proud parents of two children, both of whom serve in the military. Now that her husband is retired, she said she had some flexibility in her choice to move.

"Change is a constant in life," according to Chapurtinov, "Why not embrace it?"

Chapurtinov used to work in the Fort Meade area in Maryland, so she was somewhat familiar with the Baltimore area.

"In comparison to New Jersey, this area is quite affordable," she said. She sold her home in Howell, N.J., and chose to purchase a home in Cecil County, Md.

"I love Cecil County," she said. "I did a lot of research before I moved." She said visiting the area was helpful in determining where she wanted to live. Chapurtinov made multiple visits before deciding where she and her husband would settle.

"You have to visit and see what the areas are like for yourself," she said. "Once I visited, the unknown wasn't so unknown."

Chapurtinov said speaking with co-workers who had already made the move was helpful. She recommends that co-workers who are contemplating the move should contact the G1.

"G1 was great. Someone was always on the other end of the phone ready and willing to answer any questions I had," she said. "I had no problems with transportation; the entire process went smoothly."

## Her advice

"Examine your needs before you move. Ask yourself if the move is right for you. Be open to change and tap into your resources. There are people here who don't mind sharing their experiences so others may benefit. Take the time to research the different areas for specific school information and other things that interest you. Visit; it will help you get comfortable with the new area. If the move is right for your Family, you'll know it," she said.

## Christopher Newton

"Jersey Boys' don't move around too much," said Christopher Newton, human resources specialist, CECOM LCMC. "We may travel the world, but we always return," he said with a smile as he thought back to his recent trip to Europe.

A graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University in North Jersey, Newton, 25, decided to step outside his comfort zone and move to APG.

Newton was born and raised in New Jersey, but felt that this move was an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

"I believe in taking the road less traveled," Newton said. "Out of change comes new opportunities."

He admits he had some nervousness about the physical aspect of moving, as this was his first big move since college.

"I was impressed with the logistics

of the move," he said. "They took good care of my possessions."

Newton reported to his new APG position in January of 2009 and said that his paperwork went smoothly. He recommends filing any claims as early as possible to allow time for processing.

An avid traveler, Newton enjoys the small town feel of North East, Md.

"It wasn't an area I originally thought I would move to, but I like the small town feel and the accessibility to live, eat and play on the water," Newton said. He said he enjoys watching the boaters on the Chesapeake and Susquehanna and the fact that he is just a couple of hours drive from home. He describes the North East area as quaint.

"Believe it or not, New Jersey isn't all that different from Maryland," he said. "I found that Red Bank is quite similar to the Mount Washington area of Baltimore. There's something here for everyone."

## His advice

"Try to connect with advanced party movers. I would really like to see the movers post their experiences onto the Army Team C4ISR Knowledge Center or our blog. I think reading lessons learned will be helpful for people in transition from Jersey. I also recommend that people take advantage of the bus trips to Maryland. They helped me a lot in deciding where I wanted to live."

## Al Perrella

"I grew up about five minutes away from Fort Monmouth," said Al Perrella, health physicist, CECOM LCMC Directorate for Safety. For Perrella, his attachment to Fort Monmouth goes back about 15 years, when he started in May of 1993. But when he found out his job was moving, he chose to look forward and secure his Family's future. Perrella and his wife have one son.

"I wanted to get my son settled in a community before he started school," Perrella said. He purchased a home in Bel Air, Md., just minutes away from APG. "The schools are good in this area," he said. "The toughest thing about this move was leaving our Families and the beach."

"We're adjusting to not having Family close by," Perrella said, "but it is only a two-and-a-half-hour drive back home so we know we can visit anytime." Perrella, a self-proclaimed "beach boy," said he does miss the accessibility to the beach. "Here, it's [the beach] a few hours away, so I can't go as frequently as I'd like to. But there are plenty of other things to do in this area," he said. Perrella said the area is strategically placed, so Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Delaware and Philadelphia are all about an hour away.

"I've been to the cities around here [Baltimore and Washington, D.C.] quite a few times since I moved here," said Perrella who moved to the area in August of 2008. "We love our house, because we are away from the 'hustle and bustle,' but can find action and city life when we choose to."

"It's always scary to pick up your Family and move away from what you are used to," he said. "But if you do some research and visit a few times before moving, the transition will go much smoother. It made us more comfortable with the decision to move."

## His advice

"Talk to the local residents and do your research. It's your life, your move and your Family. Don't solely depend on the information distributed; take a look into it yourself. Visit the area," Perrella said. "My move went smoothly, and the movers were great. Thankfully, I had no problems. I have found that this area is not that different from Monmouth County, and I'm discovering the charm this city has to offer."

## Joey Beteta

"For me, this is my career so it wasn't a matter of if I was moving, it was a matter of when," said Joey Beteta, logistics management specialist, CECOM LCMC Logistics and Readiness Center. "If my job is moving, my first priority is taking care of my Family, which means, I go where my job goes." Beteta and his wife, Mindy, have two children ages, 12 and three-and-a-half.

Beteta is no stranger to relocation, as he spent five years in the military. His wife, however, is a New Jersey native, and has strong ties to Family and Jersey life.

"But she is up for the challenge," said Beteta with a smile.

He said he and his Family took several trips to the APG area to house hunt. He settled in Aberdeen in a new housing development, easily accessible to the Aberdeen Area.

"We walked into the model home for this development and knew right away this was the place for our Family," he said about his newly purchased home. He closed on his house May 1.

"You must visit," Beteta said. "Seeing the area, and driving around makes a world of difference. Don't always believe what you hear, come down for yourself, explore the area and then decide what is right for you and your Family."

Beteta advises movers to take advantage of the bus trips and the government-sponsored six-day house hunting trips.

The G1 will be able to provide more information about the relocation benefit packages for movers, according to Beteta.

## His advice

"Take advantage of the bus trips. Visiting the area really helped us decide where we wanted to live," Beteta said. "Check out the entire area. There are many places to live that are accessible to APG. Moving early was great because I was able to take advantage of the housing market before the masses migrate to the area. If you have a Family, include them in the process and think of it as a Family adventure. Change can be good," Beteta said.



# Foot blisters take the fun out of marching

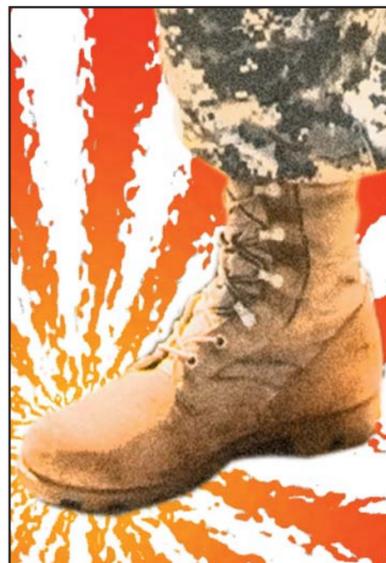
Story by  
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Foot blisters can cause extreme discomfort and reduce concentration. They can prevent Soldiers from completing marches, lead to days of limited activity or even affect a Soldier's ability to respond to threats. In the field, poorly managed blisters can lead to more serious health problems such as infection.

A blister is a raised spot on the skin filled with liquid. Foot blisters can occur when slight movements of the foot in a shoe or boot produce friction between the skin and sock. This friction is made worse by the moisture produced by sweating.

The best way to avoid blisters is to wear synthetic-blend socks (some synthetics are polyester, acrylic and nylon) versus cotton socks. Synthetic-blend socks help to pull water away from and reduce friction on the skin. These socks also help reduce blisters that can occur during physical training.

The Joint Services Physical Training Injury Prevention Work Group recommends wearing a thin pair of synthetic-



blend socks as a liner under boot socks. Boot socks made of wool and polyester blend also help pull water away from the skin and reduce friction.

If socks have large toe seams, wear the socks inside out to prevent blisters on the tops of toes. Changing wet socks for dry

socks also helps to reduce foot blisters.

Protecting or "shielding" areas of the foot with a high potential for blister formation is another preventive approach. To protect areas prone to blisters, apply a piece of moleskin cut slightly larger than areas of intense friction or sensitive skin. Alternatives to moleskin are the "liquid" bandages which dry to form a tough protective covering on the skin.

For a small blister or "hot spot," take the following self-care steps:

- Don't pop blisters—your own skin is the best protection for healing.
- Place a small moleskin "doughnut" around the blister to protect it from further irritation.

For large, painful blisters, take the following self-care steps:

- Wash your hands and clean the blister area with soap and water.
- Heat the tip of a clean, sharp pin over a flame until it glows red and allow it to cool, or wipe it with rubbing alcohol.
- Puncture a small hole at the edge of the blister.
- Drain fluid with a gentle pressure,

but leave the "roof" of the blister intact.

- Apply an antibiotic ointment to the blister and cover with a clean dressing such as a band-aid.
- Apply moleskin over the dressing to keep the dressing in place and protect the blister from further irritation.
- Clean the area and replace the bandage dressing daily.

Go to sick call if any of the following occur:

- Fluid or pus oozes out of the blister.
- There is redness around the blister.
- Blisters are so bad you can't wear shoes or boots.
- Pain is so bad you cannot perform your duties.
- Blisters are not getting better with self care.

For more information on blister prevention and treatment, check these sources:

- Soldier Health Maintenance Manual, <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/documents/TG/TECHGUID/TG272.PDF>, page 64.
- The Mayo Clinic, blister first aid, <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/first-aid-blisters/WL00008>.



# FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## Activities/Events

### Adult and child golf teams at Exton

#### Exton

A 9-hole Scramble will take place with a 5 p.m. start, July 30, for an adult and one child, age 7 through 17. Entry fee costs \$30 and includes range balls, cart, hot dog, potato chips, soda and prizes.

Register in the Pro Shop at Exton or call 410-436-2213.

For more information, e-mail ruben.ferguson@us.army.mil.

#### Hired!

Hired!, a new Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program for teens ages 15 to 18, is an apprentice program where teens can explore positions in FMWR facilities, like the Bowling Center, Golf Course, Community Club, Outdoor Recreation, Library, Marketing Office, and more.

The program will give teens guidance on preparing a resume, and teach them interview techniques as well as give them work experience in their chosen field. Children will receive a stipend for their work at the end of the term.

For more details, contact Jay McKinney, at Jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil or call 410-278-3250.

#### Teens: Got money?

A free financial class, which will teach teens age 11 to 15 and 16 to 18 how to earn and save money, will be held on Mondays starting Aug. 17 for four weeks at the Child, Youth and School Services Conference Room, building 2752, from

3 to 4:30 p.m. with snacks provided.

This class is part of a new Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program called The Edge which is designed to highlight opportunities for children and youth, in grades 1 through 12, to Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel in FMWR partner facilities.

To attend, sign-up at the CYSS Central Registration, building 2752.

For more information, contact Chuck Rose, 410-278-1399 or chuck.rose1@us.army.mil. Free transportation to and from the Aberdeen Youth Center will be provided.

### APG presents Get Down with the Browns of Comedy

Steve Brown will host "Get Down with the Browns of Comedy" and include performances by Pat, Benji and Cocoa Brown, 8 p.m., July 25, at the Post Theater. Doors open 7 p.m.

The Browns are not related but they are headlining comedians on tour. The "Meet the Browns of Comedy" tour brings together an entertainingly diverse group of comedians that will bring audiences to their knees with tireless laughter.

Tickets cost \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. This event is open to the public. Must be 18 years and older to attend.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-278-4011, FMWR Leisure Travel Office, building 3326, or call 410-436-2713, Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140.

### Hearts Apart Support Group meets Aug. 5

Hearts Apart Support Group is one way to stay connected in the community and learn what Army Community Service has to offer the Family. Family members from all branches of service, DoD civilians and contractors may participate in Hearts Apart Support Group meetings held in the APG Army Community Service building 2754, Rodman Road 6 to 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month (Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2).

Phyllis Ethridge, ACS relocation readiness program specialist, will discuss how to be an effective sponsor at the July 1 meeting.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Ethridge, 410-278-2464/7572.

### Walt Disney World Salutes the Military

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

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

Ticket prices expire Dec. 23.

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

### Job vs. Career classes for teens

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

Topics include:

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

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

### Orioles game specials

Purchase tickets for Orioles baseball. All game seats are located in Section 40 behind home plate. Tickets cost \$48 each; limited quantities available.

- Texas Rangers, 7:05 p.m., Sept. 4
  - Tampa Bay Rays, 7:05 p.m., Sept. 14
  - Toronto Blue Jays, 7:05 p.m., Oct. 2
- For more information or to purchase tickets, visit AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

## 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.

### Self Defense Boot Camp

Self Defense Boot Camp will be taught by U.S.K.B.A. Fighter Kyo Sa Nim Sean Williams.

Students will be taught techniques from karate, kickboxing, judo and aikido. Techniques include blocking and hand techniques; karate kicks and footwork; kickboxing; throws and joint manipulation; judo and aikido.

Self Defense Boot Camp will be held for ages 6 through 13 at the Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522, 7 to 8 p.m., July 27 through 30. Cost is \$35 per student.

Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited so register early.

### American Kickboxing

SKIES Unlimited offers American Kickboxing, taught by instructor U.S.K.B.A. Fighter Kyo Sa Nim Sean Williams.

American Kickboxing is also called Full-Contact Kickboxing. It differs from Muay Thai or Thai Boxing in that kicks to legs, elbow, and knee strikes are not

allowed in competition.

Kickboxing promotes body toning, increase flexibility, and increase concentration levels, positive self-confidence level and self-discipline. Kickboxing Enhances martial art ability, fighting ability, and self-defense ability with strength and power.

American Kickboxing classes will be held for ages 10 through 18 at the Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522, 7 to 8 p.m., Aug. 17 through 20. Cost is \$35 per student.

Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited so register early.

### Introduction to 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.

Introduction to Tae Kwon Do classes will be held for ages 6 through 13 at Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Aug. 17 through 20. Cost is \$45 per student. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited so register early.

Classes will be taught by instructor U.S.K.B.A. Fighter Kyo Sa Nim Sean Williams.

### Driver's Ed

Driver's Ed classes will be held; Aug. 3 thru 18 (there is no class on federal holidays), Monday thru Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; 2:30 to 5:45 p.m.; or 6 to 9:15 p.m. Cost is \$315 per student.

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

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

The last day to register for the class

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

### Drawing, sketching

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

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

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

Class costs \$120 per student for eight weeks.

### Introduction to water colors

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

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

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## Comedy

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unrelated, who include CoCoo Brown, Benji Brown and Pat Brown.

Military stops for the Browns of Comedy nationwide tour include Fort Belvoir, Va., Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Gordon, Ga. For more information, visit [www.brownscomedy.com](http://www.brownscomedy.com).

### CoCoo Brown

A veteran of BET's 'One Mic Stand' CoCoo Brown has guest starred on such TV shows as 'ER,' 'The Young and the Restless,' and 'Las Vegas,' and in the films "Lakeview Terrace" with Samuel L. Jackson, "American Carol" with Kelsey Grammar, and "Hittin' the Bricks" with Dr. Dre. She also worked on the TV proj-

ect "Unwanted Advice," an off-the-chain version of "Candid Camera."

### Benji Brown

Benji has opened in major venues with headliners such as Rickey Smiley, Sommore of the Queens of Comedy, Tommy Davidson, Mike Epps, and Finesse Mitchell. Along with stints on Def Comedy Jam and Comic View, he appeared on Jamie Foxx's 'Lafapalooza' and in P. Diddy's 'Bad Boys of Comedy.' He also co-starred in the 2005 Bud Light Super Bowl commercial with Cedric the Entertainer.

### Pat Brown

Brown not only performs comedy, she has written for BET, comedian Rickey Smiley, Sommore of the Queens of Comedy, and countless others and she recently completed her first feature role in the independent film, 'Somebodies.'

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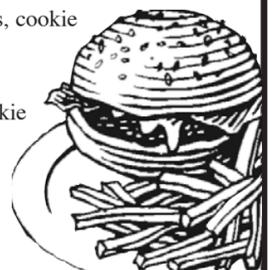
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# Sports



On her way to winning the second bout of the night, Desiree Delrosa, Company A 16th, left, lands a hard right on the jaw of her opponent, Doris Guerra, Company B 143rd.

## 16th repeats victory over 143rd to win Amateur Boxing Tournament, 9-6

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

A heated rivalry grew even hotter as the 16th Ordnance Battalion defeated the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, taking 9 of 15 bouts to win the Amateur Boxing Tournament at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Athletic Center June 20.

Hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the evening started out with the singing of the national anthem by Samuel Razo, a former winner of the APG and Department of the Army Youth Talent Search, and the posting of the colors by non-commissioned officers of the 61st Ordnance Brigade color guard.

Coaches Frederick Keeling, 143rd and Paul Harris, 16th, expressed pride in their fighters, all of whom underwent about two months of training.

"All of them were great and the last one was outstanding," Keeling said. "They all gave an outstanding effort. I told them not to quit and none of them quit on me."

Harris said he was proud of his troops for "sticking with their training."

"They were an altogether awesome group," he said. "They all did a wonderful job, and I'm proud of them."

Two fighters who earned their coaches praise were James Willis, Company C 16th and Ashley Cruse, Company A 16th, both of whom won their bouts by technical knockout or TKO.

Willis stopped his opponent, Sergio Rodriguez, Company C 143rd, with just 53 seconds left in the first round when the referee called the fight after two

knockdowns and two standing 8 counts.

"I just waited to see what he had, and then I just kept going at him," Willis said. The 19-year-old Queens, N.Y., native will return to his Army Reserve unit after finishing Advanced Individual Training.

Cruse, a lanky 20-year old with the California National Guard, defeated Brittany Hiatt, Company B 143rd. Despite an early standing 8 count, Hiatt stayed in but soon after a set of flurries to the head from Cruse bloodied her nose, the fight was stopped. Cruse said she's always been into sports.

"My grandfather was a boxer. This was my first time in the ring but I'd love to do it again," she said.

Additional coaches included Robert Taylor from the 16th and Bryan Ferguson, Randy Waits, Reginald Reid and Jim Blacket from the 143rd.

Emergency medical technicians from the Directorate of Emergency Services and Dr. Matthew Kight of Franklin Square Hospital provided medical support.

The referees were Wayne Smith and Michelle Hall of Thunder enterprises. Hall is the only professional female referee within the Maryland, Delaware and D.C. metro areas.

Judges included Charles Heinsohn, Charles Austin, Dawn Lewis, Christopher Johnson, Michael Hairston, George Lucas, Cesar Corujo and Bryan Ferguson.

Ralph Cuomo and Rosita Stewart, FMWR, served as jury members and Donna Coyne was the time keeper.

Ring girls were Francine Hitch and Chelsea Piper.



Referee Wayne Smith counts down as Clyde Kirnon of Company A 143rd struggles to his feet after a knock down by Company C 16th's Clint Joseph, right, who went on to win by a TKO.



Shannon Gray, Company C 143rd, left, and Hesus Bassnight, Company A 16th, right, size each other up to start the 10th bout which Bassnight won by decision.



Coach Paul Harris, holding trophy, left, and members of the 16th Ordnance Battalion Boxing Team pose with their medals after defeating the 143rd Ordnance Battalion in the Amateur Boxing Tournament at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Athletic Center June 20.

### Amateur Boxing Tournament results

- Genita Brown, Company A 16th, defeated Constance Bacon, Company B 143rd, decision
- **Desirae Delrosa, Company A 16th, defeated Doris Guerra, Company B 143rd, decision**
- Howard Williams, Company C 16th, defeated Alejandro Savcedo, Company B 143rd, decision
- **Marquis Cumberbach, Company A 16th, defeated Michael Ryan, Company B 143rd, decision**
- Jordan Kol, Company B 143rd, defeated Dante Henry, Company B 16th, TKO
- **James Willis, Company C 16th, defeated Sergio Rodriguez, Company C 143rd, TKO**
- Devin Gardner, Company B 143rd, defeated Wilson Rosario, Company A 16th, decision
- **Ashley Cruse, Company A 16th, defeated Brittany Hiatt, Company B 143rd, TKO**
- Sherrell Gillispie, Company A 16th, defeated Rosana Lamboy, Company B 143rd, decision
- **Hesus Bassnight, Company A 16th, defeated Shannon Gray, Company C 143rd, decision**
- Zecharial Edwards, Company A 143rd, defeated Derrick Webb, Company B 16th, decision
- **Clint Joseph, Company C 16th, defeated Clyde Kirnon, Company A 143rd, KO**
- Edens Pierre-Louis, Company A 143rd, defeated Demaria Walton, Company B 16th, decision
- **Morris Evans, Company A 143rd, defeated Maurice Adams, Company C 16th, decision**
- Eric Gilley, Company B 143rd, defeated Arthur Philippe, Company C 16th, KO

# New leadership takes reins of 22d Chemical Battalion

Story and photos by  
**ROGER TEEL**

20th Support Command (CBRNE)

The command of one of Aberdeen Proving Ground's oldest – and newest – chemical organizations changed hands July 16.

At a mid-morning ceremony -- punctuated by the pomp and music of the 34th U.S. Army Band (National Guard) of Fairfield, Iowa -- Lt. Col. Chadwick Bauld assumed command of the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort). The organization's colors were passed from the outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Matthew Mingus, to Bauld by Col. Eric Brigham, commander of the 48th Chemical Brigade.

Brigham cited the unit's achievements under Mingus' watch, saying, "Growing an organization is difficult, and you did it in a flawless manner."

He noted the unit's chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high yield explosives-focused training across North America, including at the Defense Research and Development Center in Canada, the Center for National Response in West Virginia, and additional training events at several Army installations, at the United Nations General Assembly in New York City and at the U.S. Military Academy.

"Under Mingus' leadership," Brigham said, "the battalion has always had teams on call in support of U.S. Special Operations Command, plus other elements on prepared to deploy orders to the Central Command area of responsibility. They have also supported many emergency response missions across the United States."

"This unit has had a Soldier in the fight – every day – in Afghanistan or Iraq, since 9/11," he added.

"A sign of a great unit," Brigham continued, "is their reenlistment numbers. This battalion has met or exceeded its reenlistment missions and won the brigade small battalion reenlistment award for the last two years. Soldiers want to stay in the Army when they feel they are making a contribution, and they can trust their leaders. Good job!"

Mingus, a self-proclaimed "Army brat," delivered emotion-



Lieutenant Colonel Chadwick Bauld, left accepts the 22d Chemical Battalion colors from Col. Eric Brigham, commander, 48th Chemical Brigade, during change of command ceremonies July 16 on McBride Field at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Former battalion commander Lt. Col. Matthew Mingus, right, and Command Sgt. Maj. Raymund Dimatulac, left, look on.

ally-charged comments as he said goodbye to his command.

"It was the best two years of my career," he said. "I had great subordinates who took care of me. They did it all. I did absolutely nothing. I never was equal to the honor of being their commander."

Mingus, of Enterprise, Ala., will return to his home state as an instructor at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base.

Married to the former Anne Lynn Collier of Enterprise, the Mingus's have two children - Matthew Collier and Matthew Charles.

Bauld comes to the 22d

Chemical Battalion (TE) having previously served as battalion executive officer from 2004 through 2005, followed by a stint as operations officer from 2005 to 2007. He then deployed to Combined Joint Task Force Troy in Baghdad, Iraq, initially as plans officer then as chief of staff. Upon his return, Bauld was chief of Operations, 20th Support Command (CBRNE) from September 2008 until his assumption of command.

"To the Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers of the 22d Chemical Battalion," Bauld said to his new command, "I have but one topic to reiterate to you today and throughout my

tenure – this is OUR battalion, OUR Family. We are professionals and technical experts. Everything we do – individually and collectively – is a reflection on this great organization. We will succeed together."

A West Point graduate and devoted Pittsburgh Steelers fan, Bauld is married to the former Sabrina Jones of Verona, Italy. They have five children: Alex, Madison, Jackson, Dasher and Sophia.

The 22d Chemical Battalion's lineage indicates it was one of the first chemical elements stationed at the former Edgewood Arsenal. Initially organized Nov. 26, 1917, as Company C,

30th Engineers in the National Army at Washington, D.C., the unit was redesignated July 13, 1918, as Company C, 1st Gas Regiment, and on Feb. 3, 1920, became Company C, 1st Gas Regiment and restationed at Edgewood Arsenal.

After inactivation after Vietnam in July 1966, the unit was assigned to the 3rd Armored Division in September 1979 and activated in Germany. It was inactivated in August 1992 in Germany. The organization served as a technical escort unit (TEU) until February 2004, when it was redesignated as the 22d Chemical Battalion (TE) and activated Oct. 16, 2004, at APG.

## Suicide

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Institute and scientific director of the Kreitchman PET Center at Columbia University.

The idea of the study is to eventually understand pre-existing behaviors and factors that make Soldiers vulnerable to suicide, in addition to forming "actionable" results.

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Chiarelli described the Army's efforts to prevent suicide and promote wellness as "Assess, educate, train and intervene early," and provided an update on the Army Campaign Plan for Health Promotion, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention published in April 2009.

Although the suicide rate among Soldiers has traditional-

ly been lower than among their civilian peers, last year the two rates became nearly the same.

There were no confirmed Soldier suicides in June, although 11 deaths are still under investigation. Geren noted that while the number of Army suicides has dropped since March 2009, it was too early to tell what factors, if any, could be credited.

"We're not here to tell you we think we have turned the corner; next month could be another tragic month. We are putting tremendous effort into this and perhaps the intervention that we have taught has helped avoid a suicide forever or it may have postponed it; we don't know," Geren said.

The Army required that every Soldier complete interactive suicide-prevention training earlier this year, followed by suicide-prevention chain teaching that units

had until July 15 to complete.

"Although suicide can impact anyone, we're finding that male Soldiers, in combat-arms occupational specialties, between ages eighteen and twenty seven are more vulnerable," said Brig. Gen. Colleen McGuire, director of the Army's Suicide Prevention Task Force, in a released statement.

Kessler described the work ahead as both an experiment and a study, because the demographics of the Army population will change over the next five years, and the Army is simultaneously implementing a range of programs to mitigate risk and improve Soldier resiliency.

Similar to the famous 1948 Framingham Heart Study of cardiovascular disease, the researchers plan to collect data from about 500,000 Soldiers over time, with approximate-

ly half of that number drawn from the ranks of the Army's 80,000 new recruits each year. The researchers will continue to study these Soldiers through the early stages of their career in hopes of determining which individuals are more predisposed to suicide and other mental health issues.

"Eventually, we want to see what we could have learned the first week they were in the Army that could predict how they would have responded when they got into a complicated situation," Kessler said.

Researchers will collect blood and saliva samples, hold psychological exams, and conduct interviews with families and unit leaders. They will also analyze archival data on Soldiers who have committed suicide, new cases of suicide, and surveys.

One critical aspect of the

study is privacy. The researchers will use on-site data collection during training studies and confidential survey techniques. Soldiers will be asked to participate. The Army will not be testing recruits prior to enlistment.

"We will maximize the research utility, but protect the identity of the individual Soldier and their family," Heeringa said.

Updated results of the study will be released roughly every six months, beginning in November 2009.

In conclusion, Geren stated, "This is a matter of the highest urgency for the United States Army. We are doing everything we know to do now [to reduce the number of suicides], and as a result of this effort, in six months we'll be better, a year from now we'll be better, and five years from now we'll be better."

## Spectrum

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Because some of the audience focused on the procedural workings, or doctrine, of spectrum while others urged the importance of implementing new tools into theater, there were a lot of differing opinions.

"Probably the most controversial topic was the tension between making a good plan in advance and then having to insert technology that uses spectrum on the fly," Scrimme said. "Doctrine says 'here's the proper way to do everything' and there's the 'I need to do this now and I don't have time to go through all the 'may I' stuff in order to get it done.' The pitch from the jammer community was 'why don't you just get out of my way and let me go directly to the theater manager and say can you support me for this so that I can field.'"

When looking at spectrum, the topic of jammers is often of interest due to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Because many insurgents in Iraq use radio transmitters to trigger improvised explosive devices, spectrum experts are working to develop devices to jam those radio transmissions. The concern of other technology developers is the potential radio interference IED-jammers may cause.

"The community responsible for building the jammers would like to react to the threat immediately and push that right into theater. But, the process says that they really have to kind of go through the whole thing and look and say 'alright when this goes in what's it going to displace and how much trouble are we going to have?' So there's real tension between this kind of planned exercise and something that's more like a swat team of spectrum stuff coming in that has to taken and fit into

the architecture," Scrimme said.

One speaker spoke of a project that's been formed to ease both areas of concern and help spectrum managers in uniform better identify the spectrum in an operational environment and deconflict IED defeat jammers is the Coalition Joint Spectrum Management Planning Tool, which is software that creates spectrum maps of operational environments, taking into account topography and mission requirements. Depending on the unit in a given environment, what kinds of radios and vehicles they have, the software user maps out the routes he expects the vehicles to take and a standard plan of potential spectrum usage.

Matt Cullen, a guest speaker at the conference and the chief of the Frequency Spectrum Proponency Office, originated the concept and wrote the requirements for CJSMP. As the project manager, CERDEC has been working with Cullen

on CJSMP and is responsible for setting the requirements, setting the priorities, making sure that the deliveries are made on schedule and that the project is a success.

Cullen was formerly a military spectrum manager and believes CJSMP is a significant, first-of-its-kind project.

"CJSMP was designed specifically as a primary goal to deconflict IED defeat jammers from communications. It's been a long time coming. It has the potential to make a huge difference there. If you start talking about IED defeat jammers and deconflicting the frequencies for them, those are meaningful words to the audience you're speaking to," Cullen said. "It's not about making the job easier, it's a hard job. It's about giving them a tool that's tailored specifically for the needs that they have in an operational environment."

For Scrimme, his first time organizing a conference of

this type with this large of an audience, the feedback and response from the crowd was very positive.

"Reactions were overwhelmingly favorable," Scrimme said. "Because the spectrum arena is so complicated, as simple as it may seem since it's invisible, the only way we're going to solve the problems for the Army is to, as a community, recognize what the constraints are."

Scrimme's colleague, John Bojarski, senior project leader for CERDEC's Antennas and Spectrum Analysis Division, aided in the conference planning. Bojarski was also pleased with the favorable reaction from the crowd and anticipates a future conference.

"Since spectrum management and related spectrum issues are constantly evolving and changing, there is little doubt that we would be planning for another conference next year," Bojarski said. "Nothing definite yet but I think that you can count on it."

# 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion changes command

Story and photo by  
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The 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion (Technical Intelligence) welcomed its incoming commander and paid tribute to the departing commander at a change of command ceremony at Fanshaw Field July 11.

Lieutenant Colonel Troy Heskett assumed the title of battalion commander from the outgoing battalion commander, Lt. Col. Avery Penn who served 29 months.

Sergeant Holly Gilmore gave welcoming remarks and acted as the narrator for the ceremony. The host of the program was Col. Lisa Price, commander, National Ground Intelligence Center.

Gilmore gave a brief history of the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion stating that the function of battlefield technical intelligence began after American Forces suffered considerable technological surprises at the hands of German forces in North America during World War II. Avoiding technological surprise remains a core goal of the 203rd Military Battalion. As the nature of warfare becomes more complex with advances of technology, the essential value of TECHINT contribution to the current intelligence picture also increases.

"Currently the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion has a detachment deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom," Gilmore said. "As the nature of warfare becomes more complex with advances in technology, the 203rd Military Battalion remains committed to the task of mastering this challenge."

The battalion Chaplain (1st Lt.) Mark Lans, gave the invocation, asking for continued blessing for Penn and Heskett.

At the beginning of the ceremony Penn's wife Isabella Maria Da Silva-Ortega was presented with a bouquet of open red roses to symbolize the growth and flourishing during her service as the battalion's first lady. A bouquet of closed red roses was given to Heskett's wife, Andrea, symbolizing the blossoming that will continue during her husband's command.

Gilmore said that the passing of the unit colors from the old commander to the new commander points out the ever changing nature of the Army, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

"The transfer of the battalion colors this morning is significant in many ways. The history, traditions and accomplishments of the battalion are embodied in these colors," she said.

During Price's remarks, she said that Penn was a unique individual and officer who will be missed, that he made great contributions to the intelligence community and thanked him for his service.

"He has successfully overseen the organization and has done a tremendous job in running the battalion's daily operations," she said. "Lieutenant Colonel Penn shouldered enormous responsibility for quality intelligence support for a country at war."

Price said that she is looking forward to working with Heskett. She added that Heskett has extensive experience that has prepared him for the job.

"The challenges will be great but you can overcome them with creativity and hard work," Price said. "I know that you will stay focused on the task and succeed."

"The three biggest tasks I have for you are take care of the battalion, take care of the mission and take care of the Family," she said.

Price concluded by thanking the 203rd for their work.

"The Warfighters on the ground are eternally grateful for the work you do," she said. "You are the best at what you do, don't change," she said.

During Penn's remarks he said that he enjoyed being battalion commander.

"I am extremely proud that I have been given this opportunity to command a battalion with such an illustrious lineage," Penn said. "You are the only technical intelligence battalion in the Army's inventory. You are the leader of battlefield exploitation. You do a very lot with very little, and I am very proud of that."

Penn said that during his tenure the 203rd battalion has trained and deployed more than 400 Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen to the weapons intelligence mission out in the battlefield in Iraq for four different rotations, and a month ago Soldiers volunteered and redeployed back to Iraq during a fifth rotation.

"I am very proud of the day to day individuals who keep the lineage and good name and reputation of the lineage of the 203rd alive. It has been a great honor and a privilege [being your battalion commander]," he said. "More importantly I am also proud that you are the only intelligence battalion within the Department of Defense that conducts a joint level exercise twice a year that brings together diverse partners."

Penn concluded by wishing his successor, Heskett, the best of luck in the future.

During Heskett's remarks he thanked Penn for his service, and said that he is grateful for the opportunity to serve as battalion commander for the 203rd.

"Thank you for this opportunity, I am honored," he said.

## Lt. Col. Troy Heskett

Heskett was born in Leesburg, Va. He graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1986 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. Heskett served as a rifle platoon leader, mortar platoon leader, anti-armor platoon leader, and assistant S-2 in the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky.

In 1991, he deployed with the battalion for Operations Desert Shield and Storm.

From 1992 to 1993, Heskett served as the S-2 of the 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment at Vilseck, Germany. From 1993 to 1996 he served as the G-2 training officer, Collection Management & Dissemination; chief, Analysis and Control Element of the 3rd Infantry Division at Wuerzburg, Germany. Heskett then served as a production manager for the National Ground Intelligence Center at Charlottesville, Va.

Upon leaving active duty in 1997,



Colonel Lisa Price, National Ground Intelligence Center commander, right, hands the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion (Technical Intelligence) colors to incoming Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Troy Heskett during a change of command ceremony at Fanshaw Field July 11.

Heskett transitioned to the U.S. Army Reserve as a drilling individual mobilization augmentee assigned to the Army Imagery Requirements Office as a departmental requirements officer.

He was mobilized in support of Operation Noble Eagle in 2003 and remained in the AIRO until 2008 when he transferred to EUCOM J2 Joint Reserve Intelligence Support Element, Army Reserve Element Detachment 8. Heskett served as the deputy detachment commander and the requirements manager.

Heskett's military education includes

the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Military Intelligence Officer's Transition Course, the Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course, and the Combined Arms and Services Staff School. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Arts in History from the Virginia Military Institute, 1988.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Airborne Badge and Air Assault Badge.

# McCormick takes helm of Joint Project Manager NBC-CA as Burke retires

Story by  
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Colonel Daniel J. McCormick became the Joint Project Manager for Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Contamination Avoidance during a Change of Charter ceremony at Edgewood Chemical Biological Center July 9. He replaced Col. Kyle T. Burke, who retired after a 25-year Army career.

Brigadier General Jess A. Scarbrough, the Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, welcomed the new leader.

"Today, Colonel McCormick is taking on a very important responsibility. Based on his training and experience, he assumes command of JPM NBC-CA, and I wish him the best of luck in his new venture," Scarbrough said.

Joint Program Manager NBC-CA is responsible for the development, production, integration, testing and fielding of NBC detection, obscuration and reconnaissance systems. Joint Project Manager NBC-CA's recent deliveries of products to Warfighters include the Joint Chemical Agent Detector, the Joint Service Lightweight Chemical Agent Detector, the Joint Chemical Biological Radiological Water Monitor and the Stryker Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicle. McCormick, who in a previous assignment was the Joint Product Manager, Reconnaissance and Platform Integration for the JPEO-CBD in the Edgewood Area, said he is prepared to lead the program.

"My priorities are the Warfighters and the people who develop products to protect them," said McCormick, speak-



Colonel Daniel McCormick speaks during a Change of Charter ceremony, held at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, July 9. McCormick became the Joint Project Manager, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Contamination Avoidance. Seated are Brig. Gen. Jess A. Scarbrough, left, the Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, and retiring former commander Col. Kyle T. Burke.

ing to an audience that included Family members; retired Army Maj. Gen. Stephen Reeves, the former Joint Program Executive Officer; retired Army Brig. Gen. Stanley Lillie and Richard Decker, the technical director, ECBC.

"The list of accomplishments here is tremendous," McCormick said. "I got the benefit of stepping away for a while and coming back. I saw huge leaps, and it is nice to come in and take command of that."

The Keeseville, N.Y., native thanked Burke for his efforts as the JPM NBC-CA and punctuated his short speech with

a movie quote: "I'm back."

Prior to his new assignment, McCormick was deputy director, Program Manager Future Combat System (Brigade Combat Team), Combined Test Organization. He has held numerous command and staff positions during his career, including deputy, Plans Programs and Resources Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; director, Product Integration for the Missile Defense Agency and Department of the Army System Coordinator for the Tube-Launched, Optically Tracked, Wire-Guided System Fire and Forget and

the Line of Sight Anti-Tank Missile System, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, all in Washington, DC.

McCormick earned a bachelor's degree in business from Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Fla.; a master's of business administration from George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.; and a master's in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College, Newport, R.I. He has also attended the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced courses and the Command and General Staff College.

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