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## Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Aug. 5 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



### New hours for APG Post Offices

Effective Aug. 22, hours for the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area U.S. Post Offices will change.

The AA Post Office hours will be 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; 2:30 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

The Gunpowder Falls Post Office hours will be 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Lap swimming at APG pools for military

The Olympic Swimming Pool, building 3325 and the Bayside Swimming Pool, building E-4655 will be open 6:30 to 8 a.m., Monday through Friday for lap swimming and PT for active duty military only. Lap swimming will be available Aug. 3 through Sept. 4.

### National Night Out

A block party, hosted by the Directorate of Emergency Services in honor of the National Night Out Against Crime will take place at the McGruff House in Patriot Village, Aberdeen Area, 5 to 8 p.m., Aug. 4. The event will feature displays about crime prevention from DES and other community organizations. The event will also feature food and fun activities for the whole family. A free movie, Bolt, will be shown outdoors at nightfall. All are invited to attend.

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# Country's Brooks & Dunn to headline APG concert

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Country music's top recording duo Brooks & Dunn will bring their award-winning sound to Aberdeen Proving Ground Aug. 15, headlining an Army Entertainment concert featuring special guests Pat Green and husband-and-wife duo Joey+Rory.

Advance tickets cost \$35 and \$40 the day of the show. Gates open 4 p.m., and the show starts 7 p.m. To purchase tickets in person, visit the Leisure Travel Office, building 3326, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday thru Friday, 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday or call 410-278-4621; the Edgewood Recreation Center, building E-4140, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday thru Friday, 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; or visit the Ruggles or Exton golf courses (walk-in only).

Non-ID card holders can purchase tickets through TICKETMASTER at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### Installation entry requirement

Entry to the installation requires a photo ID for fans age 16 and older. Drivers must present a valid driver's license. Those with no photo ID will be

refused entry and no refunds will be given.

The Route 22 and 715 gates will open for fans at 4 p.m. Follow signs to designated parking areas.

Alcohol, cameras, recording devices, coolers, and pets are not permitted. Food or drinks purchased outside the venue also are not permitted. Any and all types of weapons are strictly prohibited. Lawn chairs and blankets are allowed for seating. All persons and their possessions, including vehicles, are subject to inspection by APG police.

The event is rain or shine, and no refunds will be given.

### Motorcycle requirements

Motorcycle operators must have a valid state license with a motorcycle endorsement.

Drivers and passengers are required to wear the following personal protective equipment and clothing while operating or riding on APG:

**Garment visibility.** A highly colored reflective vest (yellow, orange or green) will be worn at all times, day or night, over clothing. A reflective belt is required around backpacks in addition to the reflective vest.

**Helmets.** Helmets must be certified to meet Department of Transportation standards and

## DUSA advisors talk Civilian Talent Management with APG senior civilians

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
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Career advisors from the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army visited Aberdeen Proving Ground July 14 to 16 to provide an overview of the Army's Civilian Talent Management Program – a new central management talent pool for senior civilians – affecting GS-15 or NSPS upper pay-band 3 equivalents.

Jennifer Bennett and Troy

Perry, career advisors with the DUSA Civilian Senior Leadership Development Office, briefed APG GS-15s and answered questions about the program.

They explained that Civilian Talent Management, CTM, aligns the senior civilian management at the GS-15 level with that of colonels, generals and the Senior Executive Service – providing an enterprise view of leadership positions and the available talent.

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## Army Team C4ISR personnel first to settle at Eagle Point

Story and photo by  
**ANDRICKA THOMAS**  
CECOM LCMC (Forward)

In the midst of rumbling construction sounds, Eagle Point, a temporary relocatable worksite on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, received its first occupants July 20.

Select Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance personnel moved into the first section of the temporary worksite.

## Army lab to change commanders

Story by  
**ROGER TEEL**  
20th Support Command (CBRNE)

Command of the U.S. Army's 1st Area Medical Laboratory will change hands July 31 in ceremonies on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Colonel Peggy Carter will relinquish command to Col. Beau Freund 9:30 a.m., Friday, at McBride Field. A reception for the new commander and his family will follow at the Edgewood Area Conference Center.

"Colonel Carter is an impeccable Army officer who was

always with her Soldiers, looking for ways to make a difference," said Col. Thomas Cartledge, chief of staff for 20th Support Command (CBRNE). "She was instrumental during our training exercise in the Republic of Korea earlier this year, educating others – especially our international allies – about what we do."

Carter's next assignment will be as director of the Department of Defense Food Analysis and Diagnostic Laboratory at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

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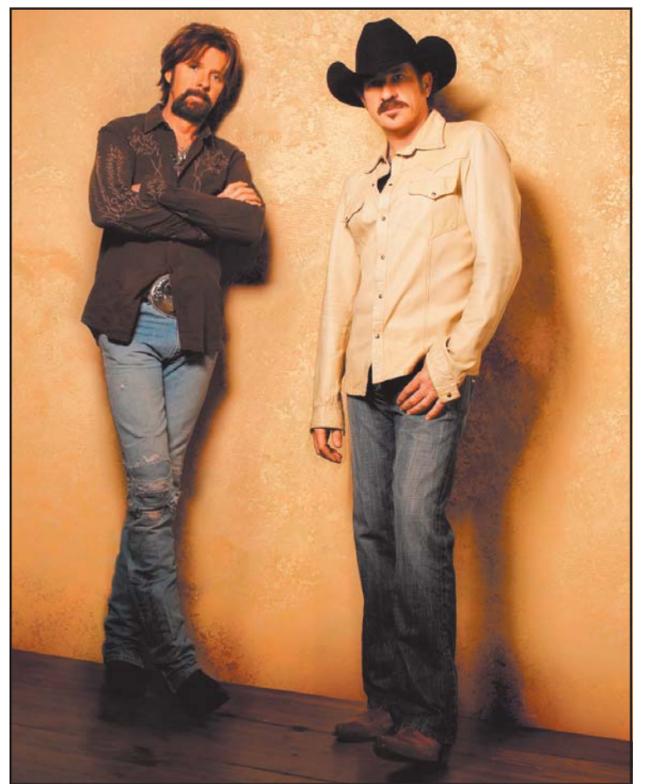


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properly fastened under the chin. Novelty or replica-type helmets are not authorized.

**Goggles and face shields.** Impact or shatter-resistant goggles, wraparound glasses or full face shield properly attached to

the helmet must meet or exceed ANSI Safety Code Z87.1 for impact and shatter resistance. A windshield alone is not proper eye protection.

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## Edgewood Area lane closures begin tomorrow

On Friday, July 31, Ricketts Point Road, in the Edgewood Area, will begin intermittent lane closures at the intersection of Ricketts Point Road and Beech Point Road. The lane closures will end on Saturday, Aug. 8.

The road will not be closed completely. By 3 p.m. daily, Ricketts Point Road will have both lanes opened.

The lane closures are in support of the Installation Infrastructure Modernization Program [I3MP] work that is continuing in the Edgewood Area.

For more information, contact Linda Hogan, DOIM, 410-278-5357.

## Weekend work at main intersection

This Saturday, Aug. 1, Daisy Construction and Benfield Electric will complete the traffic control signal replacement at the intersection of Maryland and Aberdeen boulevards. The work is scheduled to start at 6 a.m. and continue until completion.

The intersection will remain open to traffic during the construction with flaggers performing traffic control; however, for their convenience, it is recommended that drivers use alternate routes to avoid the construction area.

## Ongoing traffic changes

DPW

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 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

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



# APG celebrates The Year of the NCO



## APG NCO provides expertise mentoring Soldiers

Story by  
**RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

With the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer well underway, NCOs across the country are being recognized for the many critical tasks they perform everyday that are essential to the Army's mission.

Sergeant First Class Fredrick Jenkins, an NCO who works at the Joint Project Manager for Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Contamination Avoidance, has many responsibilities. Not only is he the NCO in Charge, but he serves as a security, facility and operations manager.

The JPM NBC CA, located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, is responsible for the development, production, integration, testing and fielding of NBC detection, obscuration and reconnaissance systems. The JPM NBC CA, which is under the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, ensures that the system developments, integration efforts and services focus on the Joint Warfighter's needs within cost, schedule, performance and risk.

Jenkins said that he is proud of the work being completed in his department, a mostly civilian department, with 182 civilians, 12 Soldiers, and two NCOs.

Jenkins serves as a subject matter expert for the fielding and netting of new chemical and radiation equipment. Contractors come to the JPM NBC CA with equipment to sell, and his department tests the equipment to see if the equipment is feasible for the Warfighter.

Jenkins said that what he enjoys most about his job is being able to serve the Soldiers by sharing his expertise.

"Since I am a Warfighter, I am able to provide input on a piece of equipment from the Warfighter's perspective," he said. "I feel more comfortable knowing it is a Soldier testing the equipment who



knows what the Warfighter needs."

Jenkins said that he also frequently attends at conferences, like the Association of the United States Army conference, where he showcases the latest equipment used by the Soldiers to civilians.

Lieutenant Colonel Rodney Faust, Jenkin's supervisor, said that Jenkins shoulders much of the responsibility at his organization.

"He is an outstanding NCO, and he is a quick learner who takes on many responsibilities," Faust said. "He is very good at taking the initiative and getting things done accurately before anyone has to tell him to do it. He is one of the best NCOs who have worked for me."

### On being an NCO

Jenkins said that he joined the Army in 1990 because he wanted to serve his country and wanted better opportunities for himself.

"Throughout my career I have enjoyed the camaraderie, or esprit de corps that comes along with being a Soldier," he said.

During his career, Jenkins has moved multiple times and has served in Desert Storm and Desert Shield, and operations overseas in Germany and Korea.

Jenkins said that he felt honored when

he became an NCO, because it gave him an opportunity to move into a supervisory role, and what he enjoys most about being an NCO is the leadership role, because it gives him a chance to mentor younger Soldiers.

Jenkins added that he felt that he made the biggest impact and had the greatest responsibility when he served as a drill sergeant at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., at the Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear School.

"I am proud that I have had a chance to be a mentor, to teach young Soldiers basic military skills," he said. "I helped turn civilians into Soldiers, I taught them how to defend and protect."

Jenkins said that being a drill sergeant requires long hours as they basically live with the new Soldiers, but the rewards outweigh the demands.

Jenkins added that it is a great honor and responsibility to train new Soldiers, many who have little military experience. Adequate instruction in basic training is vital because Soldiers may be heading off to the front lines once they have received basic training, he said.

Drill instructors also provide guidance beyond military instruction; they provide counsel to young Soldiers, many who are on their own for the first time in their life.

Jenkins said that he will always look on that time fondly, and considers graduating from drill sergeant school one of his highest achievements.

"My greatest award [of my military career] was receiving the drill sergeant patch," he said.

Jenkins added that he feels a sense of pride when he hears that a Soldier who he has trained is doing well and succeeding in the Army.

Jenkins also served in other leadership capacities, as a division chemical instructor, for a two-week NBC course

and a squad leader in the 12th Chemical Company.

Jenkins said he is proud that the Army is recognizing NCOs this year, because they are the backbone of the Army, providing guidance and leadership to young Soldiers, the future of the Army.

"My advice to future NCOs is to know your Soldiers and know your job," Jenkins said. "Take pride in knowing your job and knowing it well."

Jenkins added that respect is an important quality for NCOs.

"Respect yourself. If you don't then no one else will respect you," he said.

Jenkins said that effective communication is also an important factor in the success of an NCO.

"You need to be able to listen to other people, and be flexible," he said.

Jenkins added that it is also important to be helpful, and be willing to find answers.

"If you don't know an answer to a question, say that you will find out and get back to them," he said.

### On physical fitness

Jenkins said that physical fitness is important to all Soldiers.

"Physical fitness is important, it helps you be mentally prepared to do your job," he said.

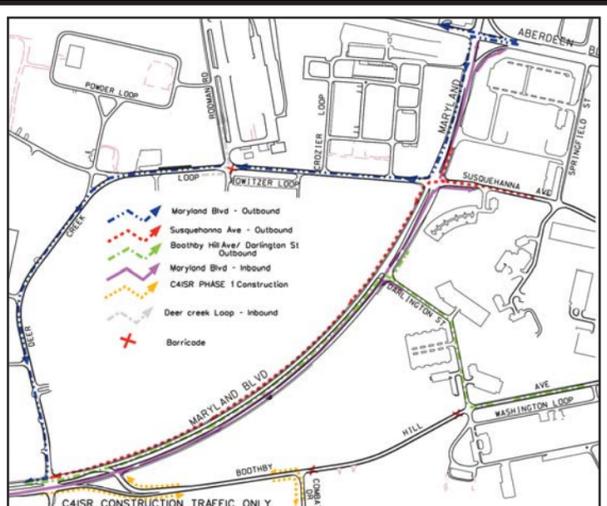
Jenkins said that he likes to remain physically fit by going to the gym.

### Future plans

Jenkins, who will officially retire next year, said that he is looking forward to the next phase of his life to have a chance to give back to his community in a different way.

Jenkins has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, and would like to work as either a juvenile corrections officer or a counselor.

"I want to make a difference in young people's lives, and I think that my time in the military will help," he said.



Afternoon rush hour traffic pattern

## Traffic

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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.

## NCO Creed

No one is more professional than I. I am a noncommissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a noncommissioned officer, I realize that I am a member of a time honored corps, which is known as "The Backbone of the Army." I am proud of the Corps of NCOs and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the military service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind -- accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient. I am aware of my role as an NCO. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers. I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, Noncommissioned Officers, leaders!

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# C4ISR

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convenient as possible,” said Master Sgt. Walter M. Farrell, senior enlisted advisor, CECOM LCMC (Forward).

There will be 70 units at the park complex, accommodating 30 managerial office spaces and 470 L-shaped cubicle workstations in an open bay space, according to Sam Cubberly, APG Garrison Transformation Office.

“I moved in three days ago [July 20] and it’s no different than any other office I’ve worked in; it’s nice,” said Manuel Soto, CECOM LCMC Logistics and Readiness Center. Soto is brand new to the APG community. He relocated to APG from Fort Monmouth as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law implementation.

Once construction on all sections of Eagle Point is complete, the new worksite will provide workspace for about 600 Army Team C4ISR personnel. With approximately 700 Army Team



Photo by ANDRICKA THOMAS  
Approximately 600 Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance personnel will occupy a temporary worksite at Eagle Point in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. There will be 70 units at the park complex, accommodating 30 managerial office spaces and 470 L-shaped cubicle workstations in an open bay space.

C4ISR employees already working at December.

APG. Owens expects an additional 700 The worksite will include standard office amenities including the necessary

computer wiring support, bathrooms, break rooms, plumbing, electricity and video-teleconference capability, according to Owens. In addition to having new furniture, the break room is equipped with five refrigerators and two microwaves for employee use. A mobile diner has been contracted to visit Eagle Point three times a day at 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 2:15 p.m., to make snacks and meals conveniently available for purchase on the worksite.

“I want our employees to have some level of stability during this time of transition,” Owens said. “These workspaces will be equipped with all the standard office amenities one would expect. We just ask our team members for patience as we are getting the site suited for duty. Next year, many of the personnel will be moving into the four hundred seventy-seven million dollar state-of-the-art Army Team C4ISR campus facility in Aberdeen. We want our workforce to have everything they need to accomplish the mission while they wait to move into our new facility in the [Aberdeen Area].”

## CECOM LCMC interns lunch and learn



Photo by ANDRICKA THOMAS, CECOM LCMC (FORWARD)

Colonel Augustus L. Owens, left, deputy commander for CECOM Life Cycle Management Command (Forward), addresses CECOM LCMC interns during a lunch at the Edgewood Area Dining Facility at Aberdeen Proving Ground July 23. Owens invited the interns to voice concerns and issues they may have as they settle into their new positions at APG. He also took this opportunity to welcome the interns to APG and expressed his appreciation and enthusiasm to have them on board. Owens explained the significant role interns play in an organization that is reinventing itself and referred to them as the future leaders of CECOM LCMC.

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# APG quilters donate 37 quilts to Wounded Warriors



More than 30 colorful quilts created for donation to Wounded Warriors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center are displayed at the Edgewood Area Chapel during the quilt blessing hosted by Quilts For Heroes.

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

Quilts for Heroes, a nonprofit organization of quilters who meet in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, continued their support of America's Wounded Warriors with a donation of 37 quilts to Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

As is customary, prior to each donation, the quilts were blessed during a gathering at the Edgewood Area Chapel July 13.

Carol Hansen, the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center employee who founded the organization, said that when WRAMC Chaplain John Kallerson who usually performs the blessing deployed to Iraq, APG chaplains were happy to step in.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeff Züst, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command chaplain, performed the blessing. Züst was accompanied by Chaplain (Capt.) Jonathan Morse, 22d Chemical Battalion.

"Chaplain Jeff Züst graciously agreed to come in and bless our next delivery of quilts that they might bring comfort and

convey our deep appreciation to our Soldiers and their Family members for their sacrifices," Hansen said.

Members gathered in the chapel's fellowship hall for a light meal prior to the blessing and some continued to work on quilts that would be included in the delivery.

The quilts were displayed on folding chairs and each included a matching pillow case.

Hansen said a Quilts for Heroes label with the group's address is sewn onto each quilt and that they often receive thanks for their gift.

"We are occasionally lucky to hear from the Soldiers who receive the quilts, and we keep a scrapbook of their cards, letters and photographs," Hansen said.

Züst said he was impressed with the wide array of designs of which no two were alike. They included a quilt with handwritten messages of thanks from members of the community that were collected during the APG Armed Forces Day celebration in May.

"You can see the work that went into them," Züst said.

"All the patterns are unique and colorful."

He added that while visiting Soldiers recovering from their wounds he noticed many of them had quilts.

The group formed a circle around the quilts as Züst offered the blessing.

"It's important to pray over these because God really does incredible things for people," he said.

He offered thanks for the quilters and their good works.

"Thank you for how your spirit moved them to get these projects done," he said. "You know the desire that went into every stitch, and we pray that your healing spirit and comfort are in them. Bless the work that went into them and the work they will do in the future."

"Thank you," he told the quilters, "for everything you do for our Warriors."

Members commented that they enjoy the group, which welcomes novice as well as advanced quilters.

Barbara Knapp, an ECBC retiree, said this is her second year with the group.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeff Züst, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, left rear, and Carol Hansen, founder of Quilts for Heroes, right rear, look through the group's scrapbook as quilters from right, Damon Smith, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center; Brenda Aleman, U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command Contracting Center, and Ruth Dorminy, work on quilts during the quilt blessing at the Edgewood Area Chapel July 13.

"I learned about it during an Organization Day event, and I've been with them ever since," Knapp said. "It's been fun. I'm fairly new to quilting and everyone is great to work with and eager to help. It's a great group to become involved with."

Laverne Ogieste, RDECOM, said she likes the positive energy of the group.

"I believe that everybody gives off a positive spirit that blends itself into the fabric itself," Ogieste said. "That's what motivated me to join. I believe in turning a negative situation into something positive, and I pray that that positive energy goes into each quilt and aids in their healing."

"Whatever we make, it has

to be worthy of our Warriors," Hansen added. "What they are doing is special so what we do for them should be just as special."

The quilts were presented to the WRAMC Family Services Office July 17.

Membership in Quilts for Heroes is open to anyone. The group meets 7 p.m. each Monday at the Edgewood Area Chapel. Attendance at meetings is not required to be a member.

Other members in attendance for the quilt blessing included Brenda Aleman, RDECOM; Damon Smith and Kim Miranda, ECBC; and civilians Dottie Kreutzer, Cathy Swisko, Anne Hottle and Ruth Dorminy.



## POST SHORTS

**Thrift Store holds \$3 bag sale in August**

The APG Thrift Store will hold a \$3 bag sale in August for items in the sale room. Many items will be moved from the front of the store to make room for newer stock. For more information, call 410-272-8572 during store hours.

**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 APG. 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. McCaffrey, 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).

**Briefing on Acquisition Corps Aug. 5**

The Acquisition Management Branch chief will conduct an Acquisition Corps briefing 9 a.m., Aug. 5, in the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Conference Center, building E-4810.

This information session, led by Branch Chief Lt. Col. Wayne Epps, is open to all civilian and military members of the acquisition workforce.

Acquisition Corps officers who want a desk-side record-review with a branch manager or more information, must call or e-mail John King, RDECOM G-1, 410-436-4141 or [john.king12@us.army.mil](mailto:john.king12@us.army.mil) by July 30.

**Blue Cross/Shield visits APG Aug. 11**

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

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

**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](mailto:Jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil) or call 410-278-3250. (See page 13.)

**CWF goes to Kings Dominion**

Come and enjoy one of the East Coast's best amusement parks. Kings Dominion offers 13 roller coasters including the new hair-raising "Dominator" and 20 acres of water-filled fun.

Cost is \$69 per person and includes round trip charter bus transportation and entry into the park. Bus leaves APG at 8 a.m.

For more information, call Patti Harkins, Civilian Welfare Fund, 410-273-2075, e-mail [patti.harkins@us.army.mil](mailto:patti.harkins@us.army.mil).

**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 CYS Services 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. (See page 13.)

**DOL Customer Appreciation Specialty Meal Aug. 18**

The Directorate of Logistics Customer Appreciation Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Aug. 18.

During this event all military personnel, Family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

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

The menu includes New England clam chowder, prime rib with au jus, fried shrimp, lemon baked fish, teriyaki chicken, seasoned freedom fries, mashed garlic red potatoes, steamed broccoli, lightly buttered corn, brown

gravy, cole slaw, zesty rotini salad, assorted salad bar, homemade biscuits, southern style corn bread, assorted breads, strawberry shortcake, apple pie, chocolate cake, soft serve ice cream with assorted toppings and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

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

**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.

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

# Community Notes

## THURSDAY

### JULY 30

#### KARAOKE/LADIES NIGHT

Thirsty Thursdays is back at Charlton-Miller Veterans of Foreign War Post 6054 located at 206 Spesutia 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 or calling 410-688-0232.

#### NIFTY KNOTS & WHATNOTS

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer Nifty Knots and Whatnots for children only, 10 to 11:30 a.m., aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Hoist the sails, learn the ropes and make a knot board.

Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations are required.

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

#### MARGARITAVILLE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Margaritaville Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older). Set sail with island tunes and light refreshments. Margaritas, beer and soda included. Reservations are required.

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

## SATURDAY

### AUGUST 1

#### FLOATN-FISH

Bring the kids out to float on the Bush River and learn some fishing basics. Discover how fun fishing can be. All equipment will be supplied. (Adults must have a license if they plan to fish.) This program will be held 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 7 to adult. Adults are \$6 and children 7 to 13 are \$4, and registration is required.

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

#### CRAB FEAST

Charlton-Miller Veterans of Foreign War Post 6054 located at 206 Spesutia Road, Perryman, will hold its Annual Crab Feast, noon to 5 p.m. The menu will include steamed crabs, barbecued chicken, Italian sausage with green peppers and onions, corn on the cob, assorted salads, baked beans, crab soup and draft beer. Tickets cost \$40 per person in advance, \$45 at the door and \$20 for children ages 12 and under. The public is welcome to attend.

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## SUNDAY

### AUGUST 2

#### ALL DAY BINGO

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

includes 50 games (all paper cards), meal and free coffee. A 50/50 raffle will be held for early birds.

No one under 18 years of age is allowed in the Bingo Hall. No smoking is allowed.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

#### NATURETALES - WEATHER

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

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

## MONDAY

### AUGUST 3

#### GUNPOWDER TOASTMASTER'S CLUB MEETING

Learn to speak confidently and effectively. Toastmaster's mission is to help people improve their communication, leadership, evaluation, and public-speaking skills in a fun, friendly and supportive environment.

The Gunpowder Toastmaster's Club meets the first and third Monday every month (except federal holidays) in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility in building E-4516 Seminar Room, 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

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

## MONDAY THROUGH

### WEDNESDAY

#### AUGUST 3 THROUGH 5 BAY ADVENTURE

Children ages 11 through 15 will spend a special three-day, two-night trip aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Children will come together learning valuable sailing, communications, teambuilding and environmental education as they travel the Bay. The Skipjack Martha Lewis will leave 9 a.m., Aug. 3 and return Aug. 5. Cost is \$100 per person (scholarships available). Reservations are required.

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

## WEDNESDAY

### AUGUST 5

#### 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

### AUGUST 6

#### 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

### AUGUST 7

#### BASKET BINGO

The Harford County Association of REALTORS® will hold Basket Bingo at the American Legion Hall Post 39 located on 500 Hickory Avenue, Bel Air. Doors open at 6 p.m. with Early Bird game at 6:15 p.m. Bingo starts 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 each in advance, \$15 at the door. Only 250 tickets will be sold. There will be free pizza, a cash bar and food and drinks will be available for purchase.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit SARC (Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc.).

For more information or to purchase tickets, call The Harford County Association of REALTORS®, 410-569-0750, e-mail [info@HarfordRealtors.com](mailto:info@HarfordRealtors.com).

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

# July's Well-Being meeting focuses on upcoming BRAC projects, events

Story by  
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APG News

Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community met at the Edgewood Area Post Chapel July 16 to discuss upcoming events.

Col. Orlando Ortiz, garrison and deputy installation commander, announced that he and Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades are looking forward to working for the APG community.

"We are happy to do everything we can to support everyone on the installation to the best of our abilities," he said.

He then turned the meeting over to Michael Lupacchino, the director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Lupacchino said that Well-Being meetings are open to the entire community on the third Thursday of each month, typically held in the Aberdeen Area chapel, and quarterly in the Edgewood Area in January, April, July and October. Leaders of the community address quality of life issues, and the meetings are open to questions.

## PX

Debbie Armendariz, representing the Army and Air Force Exchange, said that the store is getting ready for back to school and will soon post school lists.

## Commissary

Anne Morrison said that on Aug. 15 the Commissary will close at 3 p.m. to clear the parking lot for the Brooks and Dunn concert.

## KUSAHC

The new deputy commander for administration for Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Maj. Arthur Mathisen, talked about school physicals.

"Now is time to get your children to come to the clinic in preparation for school physicals," he said.

He said to call 410-278-1928 to make an appointment, or inquire at the Pediatric Clinic. Parents must bring their child's immunization records and any forms for camp/school/sports to the appointment.

He said he wanted to remind everyone that KUSAHC does not have an emergency room.

"Should you need a medical appointment that is not urgent but you need a referral, patients can call the staff duty officer at 410-278-1725," Mathisen said. "The staff duty officer can coordinate with the medical officer of the day to initiate a referral after duty hours."

He said that Walter Reed U.S. Army Medical Center is now managing the KUSAHC Web site, <http://kusahc.narmc.amedd.army.mil/default.asp/>.

## DPW

Dave Carter, acting director of Directorate of Public Works, stated that the new director, Tom Kuchar, reported July 20.

Carter said that contract work is finished in Patriot and Bayside villages. He said that the Operations Division is doing some touch up work that was not in the contract but that is now coming to a close. Work has also been done on houses on Plumb Point Loop.

He said that the Route 22 Gate will soon be closed for construction and will reopen at the end of October/early November time frame. He said to look for announcements in the *APG News* for specific dates.



## DES

Robert Krauer, director of Emergency Services, said that he does not anticipate any problems getting people through the Route 715 Gate when the Route 22 Gate closes for construction because the Route 715 Gate now has more lanes to accommodate traffic.

"BRAC [base realignment and closure] is good. We are going to have great gates when this is done," he said.

Krauer said that the main gate in the Edgewood Area, Route 24, will reopen around the first of October.

He also stated the speed limit on Maryland Boulevard, before the gate, will be changed with a slight increase in speed.

The annual National Night Out Against Crime program will begin 9 a.m., Aug. 4, at the Edgewood Area Youth Center with a bicycle rodeo. Army Community Service will also be participating. On the Aberdeen Area there will be a block party from 5 to 8 p.m. at the McGruff House in Patriot Village. A free Family movie, Bolt, will be shown outdoors at nightfall. Krauer said that all are invited to come out and bring their Families.

"We had a great time last year, and we expect to have a good time again this year," he said.

## FMWR

Matt Aughey said that Aug. 15 is the Brooks and Dunn concert held at the Aberdeen Area.

"It is going to be a great night, and we are expecting a large crowd," he said. "Bring your Family and your friends."

Tickets will be sold in both recreation centers and golf courses, online and through FMWR and Ticketmaster.

Aughey said that during the summer there are golf specials at the driving range and food specials at the clubhouse.

"Check out our Web site and FMWR *InDemand* for specials," he said.

Aughey said that there is a new house open for hourly care to keep up with the growing demand for childcare on APG. Child, Youth & School Services opened a new Child Development Home for hourly childcare for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old, located in the Aberdeen Area at 3809E Pride Court. For more information call the Child Development Center, 410-278-5748, or see the July 23 issue of *APG News*.

Lupacchino said that the Bowling Center is operating on summer hours, which means that it is not currently open on Sundays. He said that FMWR is looking to possibly open the center on Sundays in August to see if peo-

ple are interested in using it during the summer. He added that if participation is high then the Bowling Center might be open on Sundays during the summer next year.

Carter added that the Shore Pool will not open this summer due to a structural problem, and getting it ready for next year. The Olympic Pool and the Bayside Pool will be resurfaced.

Lupacchino concluded his remarks by telling attendees to check [www.apg.mwr.com](http://www.apg.mwr.com) for the most up-to-date information on upcoming events.

## Staff reports

Syreeta Gross, BRAC Transformation Office, announced that there are several upcoming groundbreakings in September: Sept. 1 will be the U.S. Army Research Laboratory Vehicle Test Facility; Sept. 10, the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command site, and on Sept. 15, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense.

"Stay on the lookout for traffic updates, and pay close attention to signage around the installation," she said.

## Chapel

Gerri Merkel, director of Religious Education, said that there is ongoing registration for religious education programming.

The chapel will host a back to school night on Aug. 29 that will be held in the Aberdeen Chapel. Look for more information in the upcoming *APG News*.

## Safety Office

Jenelle Ferguson from the Installation Safety Office, said that if there are any issues with the playgrounds, contact her office.

She said that there have been a few calls about the crosswalks. She asked attendees to please watch out for pedestrians, and for pedestrians to use caution and common sense when using the crosswalks.

## CYSS

Chuck Rose announced a free financial class, Teens Got Money?, that will teach teens ages 11 to 15 and 16 to 18 how to earn and save money.

Rose introduced Jay McKinney, who will be working with Rose for the Youth Hired! Apprenticeship Program for teens ages 15 to 18. The program offers teens opportunities to work in positions in FMWR facilities. See *APG News* article on page 13.

During the concluding remarks, Rhoades said that he is glad to be at APG. He asked attendees to continue to use extra caution and to be careful while driving, as there are many construction projects going on at APG due to BRAC. Rhoades asked for continued patience during the transformation of APG.

Rhoades said that he reviews all ICE comments and asked attendees to continue to use the ICE comment system. He urged attendees to fill out all the necessary information including their name and contact information, in case he needs to follow up with extra information. Rhoades said that using the ICE system correctly will help improve the programs and facilities on APG.

"I am engaging with garrison leadership on ways to make APG better," he said.

Ortiz said that he is glad to be here and is always receptive to feedback.

"We avail ourselves to you because our mission is you," he said.

The next Well-Being Meeting will be held 9:30 a.m., Aug. 20 at the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel.

# 1st AML

## From front page

Carter advanced the expeditionary lab concept—a smaller and more mobile laboratory package—by demonstrating its capabilities and equipment in Korea during Exercise Key Resolve/Foal Eagle in March 2009.

During the past two years, her unit has supported the 18th Medical Command, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, the Department of Homeland Security, the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense,

the Environmental Protection Agency and the 20th SUPCOM (CBRNE) during exercises Ulchi Focus Lens, Flexible Response, Ogoe Focus, Liberty Focus, and at an interagency field evaluation at the Idaho National Laboratory.

Originally from St. Louis, Mo., Carter and her husband, Col. Tony Carter, have three children - Jantel, Derrick and Roy.

No stranger to APG, Freud was executive officer for the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory in 1995, and in 1999 he commanded the Chemical Biological Rapid Response Team and the aviation detachment of the Soldier, Biological, Chemical Command, which is now the U.S. Army Research, Development and

Engineering Command.

In September 2006, Freund took command of the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine in Natick, Mass., until June 2008 when he reported to the Senior Service College at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. He completed his studies in June, earning a master's degree in national policy and strategic studies.

Freund has specialized in medical NBC defense and the impact of environmental extremes on Soldier performance.

Born and raised in Montana, Freund is married to the former Susan E. Kelly, also of Montana. They have three children - Madison, Christopher and Adam.

The 1st AML was activated at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on March 20, 1942. As one of 19 medical field laboratories activated during World War II, the unit served as an epidemiological and sanitary laboratory performing studies in the control and prevention of disease. It also supplemented lab facilities of other medical units.

The 1st AML participated in seven

World War II, five Korean War, and five Vietnam War campaigns and has received three Meritorious Unit Commendations.

Currently, three squads of the 1st AML are on APG, and one squad is at Fort Detrick, Md., adjacent to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Disease. The 1st AML is a subordinate command of the 44th Medical Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., and was attached to the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) for ADCON [administrative control] and Title 10 support in October 2008.

The 1st AML is one of two Army units that perform analytical laboratory testing for chemical, biologic and radiologic agents in the field using sophisticated scientific instruments. The unit can perform health hazard and threat agent surveillance, identification and characterization in support of operational and force health protection risk assessments. This provides commanders with critical information to make informed decisions about force health protection and weapons of mass destruction missions.

# Chapel News

## Commentary: Taking refuge in the Lord

By

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APG Chapel Ministry

World events are unfolding rapidly in such a way as to cause me, as well as most everyone else that I know, to rethink, relearn and retool. This, I believe, is a good thing!

I would like to share with you something that I learned long ago (1975) during difficult times while in the Navy as a 24-year-old, 2nd class petty officer (E-5). I have later come to realize that this lesson—born in adversity—was clearly understood by many others in the Bible. This lesson is a time-tested method of trusting in the Lord during life's most difficult times. Interested? Here are a few examples to reveal this lesson.

King David's experience—No one in the vast army of Ancient Israel would step forward to fight the Philistine champion, giant Goliath; however, one young shepherd boy, untrained in the ways of war, stepped up and boldly faced this colossal challenge—the future king, David. David and his sling prevailed—the story is legendary. David went on to be the standard by which God compared all of the kings throughout the history of Israel. What was his secret?

Fortunately for us, David gives us insight into his soul—in Psalm 27. David reveals his secret by writing, "The Lord is the stronghold [refuge] of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? When evil men

advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. For in the day of trouble he [almighty God] will keep me safe in his dwelling [refuge]. . . ."

The lesson is revealed: David saw himself surrounded by the presence of God. David saw this enveloping presence as a stronghold, able to protect him from the harm of an evil world. David deliberately, by faith, climbed into his Lord's presence as one would climb into a safe dwelling place—a refuge.

My own experiences—On several occasions, while in the midst of impending harm, I called out to the Lord God to surround me and protect me. On two separate occasions people threatened me with knives angrily held to my gut.

When confronted, I walked into the knife—against the threat, saying, "You can't harm me unless you go through

my Lord first." In each case the knives were thrown to the ground, and the threat retreated in haste. I actually believed that these threats had to go through my Lord first. If the Lord allows it—then so be it!

Once, when I was in the Navy in the middle of the Atlantic, I was confronted by a gang of eight sailors who found me all alone late one night. These men hated me because I wrote them up for not working and for disobeying my orders to do so. The leader called my name as he stood with his arms across his chest and his seven threatening companions arranged in a semi-circle behind him—their show of force. I silently called upon my Lord and marched up to the leader and stood with my face inches from his and said, "You throw the first punch."

He stood there facing me for what seemed like an eternity—he then turned and walked off. He was defeated. The gang disintegrated and walked off without saying a word. This bully of a leader was never the same after that evening—for

he met my God—not me. This encounter was never about me. I asked God's presence to surround me and protect me as He did with David. I believed God would do the same for me—and He did!

A refuge is simply a place in which the frail hide from harmful forces much larger than themselves. In the Army a refuge can be a fort, a tank or an up-armored HMMWV [high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle]. The purpose of the refuge is that 'it' is to absorb the brutal attack while those seeking safety inside remain unharmed. David, the great warrior king, called upon something even greater than any of these when he declared, "The Lord is the stronghold [refuge] of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"

How will you face danger and difficult times—with a defeating fear or a real God-centered faith? God is willing to make his presence known in the same way expressed in these examples to anyone who will trust in him to protect them. Will you trust him to be your 'refuge?'

### Arise and Shine Forth 2009 Women's Conference

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Gospel Service Women of Grace Ministry will present Arise and Shine Forth 2009 Women's Conference, Aug. 7 and 8 at the APG Post Chapel, building 2485.

Special guest speakers include First Lady Lavonne Telsee of True Joy Ministries, Aberdeen, and Cheryl Torain, Cheryl Torain's Ministries, Baltimore.

Bring a girlfriend. Child care will be provided. Proper ID is needed to enter APG. Walk-in registration is welcome.

For more information, call 410-273-7052.

## Softball update

The following intramural softball results were received from the APG Sports Office. For information about statistics Rosita Stewart, APG Sports Office, 410-278-7934 or e-mail: rosita.c.stewart@conus.

### Military League

#### RED DIVISION

##### Results

##### July 8

- USMC, 34; MRICD, 2
- USAF, 33; 22d Chem, 9
- 203rd MI, 11; USAF, 9

##### July 13

- USMC, 1; HHC 143rd, 0
- USAF, 19; 203rd MI, 3
- MRICD, 14; 22d Chem, 7

##### July 15

- USAF, 19; MRICD, 7
- 22d Chem, 17; USMC, 1
- 203rd MI, 15; HHC 1143rd, 4

#### BLUE DIVISION

##### July 8

- JPED, 15; Survive, 1
- HHC 16th, 13; CHPPM, 7
- LG CAL, 18; AMSAA, 1

##### July 13

- HHC 16th, 8; AEC, 7
- AMSAA, 12; JPED, 11
- LG CAL, 18; SURVIVE, 1

##### July 15

- CHPPM, 14; JPED, 8
- AEC, 16; AMSAA, 4
- HHC 16th, 20; SURVIVE, 0

### Civilian League

##### July 7

- Individuals, 14; Chemical Imbalance, 6
- Unbalanced Forces, 12; Bio Dogs, 5
- FOP116, 17; ECBC, 1

##### July 9

- Individuals, 24; Chemical Imbalance, 16
- WHAM, 20; ECBC, 8
- FOP116, 20; Chemical Imbalance, 5



# FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## Activities/Events

### 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, Department of Defense 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 Aug. 5 meeting.

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

### Adult, child golf teams scramble at Exton today

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.

### The Face of FMWR

FMWR Marketing is looking for the face of FMWR. All ages, backgrounds, ranks and status; civilian and active duty, singles and Families: photos are needed for the 2010 FMWR Directory.

If you are interested in posing for a few pictures, contact FMWR Marketing at MWR.Marketing@conus.army.mil.

### ACS Financial Readiness Program

Army Community Service will hold a free Financial Readiness Program, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Aug. 17, at ACS, building 2754. Guest speaker will be Allie Malle, a personal financial counselor who will present "Should I use my VA Benefit when buying a home?"

For more information or to RSVP by Aug. 14, call Arcelio V. Alleyne, 410-278-2450/7572.

### 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.

### Partial closure of Hoyle Fitness Center

Parts of the Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210, will be closed for a few weeks so that all of the hardwood floors in the facility can be refinished.

Areas that will be closed include the issue room, basketball court, racquetball courts, weight area (behind the issue room), nautilus room, cardio room, boxing area, men's new locker rooms, ladies locker room and the sauna.

Patrons can enter the Hoyle Gymnasium on the east side (parking lot side) of the building about 50 feet to the right of the current entrance. The south side of

the facility will remain operational during this work.

The hours of operation will remain the same, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

### 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.

### Ski Roundtop Mountain Adventures

Ski Roundtop is not just for winter fun. Located at 925 Roundtop Road, Lewisberry, Pa., Ski Roundtop offers summer fun adventures that include the Vertical Trek, Sky Ride, Bumper Boats and more.

The Vertical Trek, Sky Ride and bumper boats are open Wednesday through Sunday through Aug. 23; Beginning Aug. 29, activities are open weekends only, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Vertical Trek takes 2.5 hours to complete; it begins with a chairlift ride to the top of the mountain, then participants descend more than 600 vertical feet using a series of zip lines (up to 300 feet in length), rappelling, rope bridges, tarzan swings, cargo nets and scenic walks.

Reservations are strongly recommended. The Vertical Trek is for ages 10 and up. All participants must weigh between 70 and 250 lbs. Tickets cost \$44 each.

For more information or to make reservations, call 717-432-9631, ext. 3723.

Adventure Packages are also available for adults ages 11 through 64 at \$34 per person and for children ages 5 through 10, at \$24 per person and include admission for one OGO ball ride, summer tubing, treehouse zips, the woods, bumper boats and sky rides.

There is a 250-pound weight limit to ride in the OGO ball.

For more information about Ski Roundtop Mountain Adventures, visit [www.skiroundtop.com/rma.htm](http://www.skiroundtop.com/rma.htm).

### FMWR daily bus trips to Atlantic City

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

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

For more information, contact FMWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail [apgr-usag-mwr-lesuretravel@conus.army.mil](mailto:apgr-usag-mwr-lesuretravel@conus.army.mil).

## ACS classes

**RESUME WRITING** will be conducted 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 14, in the Army Community Service classroom, building 2754 Rodman Road.

This workshop will provide information on how to create an effective resume and offer advice and instruction to ensure major selling points are highlighted and captured. Refine content, layout and structure of the resume for that professional edge. Attendees should bring a copy of current resume.

**RESUME WRITING** will be conducted 1 to 3 p.m., Aug. 19, in the ACS classroom, building 2754 Rodman Road.

The ACS Employment Readiness program in partnership with Kelly Employment Services will offer a resume writing class. Learn how to market personal job skills and keep the resume from ending up lost in the pile. To enroll in this free class, call Marilyn Howard, ACS employment program manager, 410-278-9669.

**INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER**, for adults 18 and older, will be held on Tuesday's, 6 to 9 p.m., Aug. 25 through Sept. 15.

This hands-on class is designed for those with little or no background in computer. Learn the basics skills needed to operate a computer. Student must attend all sessions to receive a certifi-

cate from Harford Community College. Must register in the ACS Employment office. Seating is limited

**INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES** will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 27, in the ACS classroom, building 2754 Rodman Road

This class will help participants to make a positive impression in the interview, answer questions effectively, ask questions that show interest, how to follow up after the interview in order to stay in the running for the job. For more information call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669 / 7572.

### 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.

## Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund applications extended to Aug. 14

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund application deadline has been extended to Aug. 14. Children of military personnel who have sacrificed life or limb should consider applying immediately.

To be eligible for a Freedom Alliance Scholarship, an applicant must be the dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman or Marine who has been killed or permanently disabled (100 percent VA disability rating) as a result of an operational mission or training accident, or who is currently classified as a Prisoner of War or Missing in Action. They must also be a high school senior, high school graduate, or registered as a full-time undergraduate student and under the age of 26.

Spotlights on past recipients and more information on the history of the fund can be found at [www.FreedomAlliance.org](http://www.FreedomAlliance.org).

For more information or to complete an application, visit [www.fascholarship.com](http://www.fascholarship.com) or call 1-800-475-6620.



Connecting Families, Schools & Communities

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

## Concert

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must be mounted on handlebars or faring and headlight must be turned on at all times.

Sturdy footwear. Leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes must be worn. No high-top tennis shoes of any kind can be substituted for over-the-ankle shoes.

Clothing. Operators and passengers must wear long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers such as blue jeans or leather suit. Operators must wear full-finger gloves designed for use on a motorcycle.

### Brooks & Dunn

Kix Brooks began performing and writing songs at age 12 in his hometown of Shreveport, La. He performed in clubs and other venues throughout high school and college. Eventually he landed in Nashville, Tn., where he joined Tree Publishing Company and had songs cut by artists such as the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, John Conlee and Highway 101.

Ronnie Dunn was born in Coleman, Texas, to a hard living, truck driving, country music singing father and a conservative church going mother.

Dunn navigated a winding road that led him from west Texas to New Mexico, Arkansas and Oklahoma and through 13 schools in 12 years.

"Music was about the only constant in life", Dunn said.

In 1990, Dunn moved from Tulsa, Okla., to Nashville and was introduced by Arista Records label head, Tim Dubois, to Kix Brooks. They formed a partnership that resulted in the highest selling duo in the history of country music. Brooks & Dunn have sold more than 30 million records, have had 23 #1 hits, and have won more than 80 major industry awards. They currently hold the record for number of awards won at both the Academy of Country Music (20) and the Country Music Association (26) awards surpassing the legendary Merle Haggard in 2005, and they have been named "Entertainers of the Year" four times.

Since their initial pairing, Brooks & Dunn has been at the top of country music singles charts 23 times with songs like Brand New Man, Boot Scootin' Boogie, You're Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone, My Maria, Only In America, and Red Dirt Road. With their exceedingly popular tours and more than 30 million records sold Brooks & Dunn continues to dominate the music industry.

## Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

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

## Bowling specials

### July bowling specials

• Throughout the month of July bowl for \$1.25 each game, 1 to 3 p.m. Shoe rental costs \$2.

• Family Fun Day is July 31: From 5 to 9 p.m., bowling costs \$1.75 per game per person plus \$1 for shoes.

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday thru Thursday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday; and 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday. The Bowling Center is closed on Sundays.

### August bowling specials

• Bowl for \$1.25 per game, 1 to 3 p.m. Shoe rental costs \$2.

• Buy a combo meal from the snack bar and receive a free game of bowling. Shoe rental not included.

• Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, 3 to 9 p.m., receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza and one pitcher of soda for \$32.

• Summer Blow Out Fridays, Aug. 7, 14 and 21: Bowl for \$.75 per game per person plus \$2 for shoes.

• Cosmic End of the Summer Special: 1 to 5 p.m., Aug. 28, bowl \$.50 a game plus for \$2 Shoes. All games are free, 5 to 10 p.m. but does not include shoe rental.

Fall and winter leagues are now forming. Adult leagues are forming Monday through Friday evenings. To join the Saturday Youth League, sign up 10 a.m., Aug. 29 at the Bowling Center. The Bowling Center also has lunch leagues, a nice time to take a break from the office and have some fun. Employees from Fort Monmouth, N.J., would like to get a league going on Tuesday night.

For more information, call the APG Bowling Center, 410-278-4041.

## APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday thru Thursday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday; and 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday; the Bowling Center is closed on Sundays.

### Week of July 27

Special #1: Italian sausage with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.25.

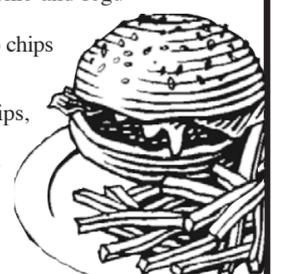
Special #2: Double bowler cheeseburger with potato chips

### Week of Aug. 3

Special #1: Grilled ham and cheese with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.25.

Special #2: Pork barbecue with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.95.

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



# FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION



## CYS Services offers apprentice program

# hired!

Story by  
**RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground youths looking for a chance to make money, gain valuable work experience and a competitive edge, need to look no further than the Youth HIRED! Apprentice Program.

The Youth HIRED! Apprentice Program is a new program available through the Child, Youth, and School Services division of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at APG that provides 15- to 18-year old students whose Families work on APG as service members, civilian employees or contactors, an opportunity to gain real-world career experience and get paid a stipend while working in a variety of positions at FMWR facilities.

The program took a year and a half to conceptualize and approve at the FMWR command-level and was introduced on installations in Europe in April, and to selected stateside installations in May.

Jay McKinney, a youth workforce preparation specialist with APG's CYSS office, said that the program offers more than just a job, it offers valuable experience for teens.

"Many teens are unsure of what career they want to pursue," McKinney said. "This program gives them a chance to explore their options."

Some of the career options include: education, child and/or youth development, marketing or graphic design, library and information science, food and beverage management, pet care

services, recreation and tourism management, physical education, information technology, sports studies and sports management.

McKinney added that working in an apprenticeship might also reaffirm a teen's decision to pursue a particular career path. For example a teen who does an apprenticeship at the Child Development Center and enjoys it might decide to study early childhood education in college.

"This program gives the teens valuable work experience," McKinney said. "Jobs that give teens valuable work experience can be hard to find off post, especially during a slow economy."

The program is available at selected installations throughout the continental United States and abroad.

Students interested in the program must be enrolled in high school, have a 2.0 grade-point average and be registered with CYS Services.

Each student must submit an application with the Youth HIRED! Apprentice Program and undergo an interview with a CYS Services staff member who will then place the student in a position based on his or her interests.

Teens in the Youth HIRED!

Program will be assigned an FMWR mentor who has completed all required local CYS Services background checks.

The mentor will assist the apprentice in setting realistic learning objectives while providing relevant learning opportunities and will work closely with the teen throughout the apprenticeship.

Possible apprenticeship positions may include marketing assistants with the CYS Services marketing and advertising department, positions at the fitness centers, bowling center, golf course, outdoor recreation, post lodging, library, child development centers and more.

Students enrolled in the apprenticeship program will be required to complete 15 hours of work per week in a 12-week period, at the end of which students will be eligible to receive a \$500 stipend.

Students may participate in the program twice a year and can participate in the program every year while they are between the ages of 15 and 18.

During the summer, apprentices are allowed to serve two terms at one time during the summer, meaning they would participate

30 hours in a seven-day period.

There is also a potential for the stipend to increase depending on the number of times the student enrolls in the program.

Additional requirements for the students include participating in other career preparation enrichment activities such as workshops and classes where students will learn how to fill out a financial aid form and scholarship applications. Students will also be expected to keep a journal of their experiences.

Teens will be required to participate in six of these activities, but they will count towards a student's 15-hours of work.

"Teens will receive experience that will make them competitive in future job opportunities and college applications," McKinney said. "Students will develop work and life skills, like customer service, and resume writing, that will be applicable to any job they might pursue in the future."

Apprenticeships are transferable to other installations as long as the HIRED! Apprentice Program is available at that installation.

For more details, e-mail Jay. a.mckinney@us.army.mil, or call 410-278-3250.

## FMWR offers new skill building programs for youth

Story by  
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The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Child Youth and School Services is offering a new program for children and teens to have fun by learning new skills using FMWR facilities.

This program, called The EDGE!, provides opportunities for children and youth, ages 6 to 10, 11 to 15, 16 to 18 to Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel in FMWR partner facilities.

The program is open to youths whose Families work on Aberdeen Proving Ground as service members, civilian employees or contactors.

The EDGE! contains four broad, interest area-specific packages:

- The Art EDGE!
- The Adventure EDGE!
- The Life EDGE!
- The Fit EDGE!

Each package will be a four-week class that will teach youths special skills. For example, a Fit EDGE! package might offer bowling, golf, yoga or strength training. An Art EDGE! might offer dance, scrapbooking, fashion design and drama.

There will be at least two EDGE! packages offered at APG per month.

Chuck Rose, an FMWR partnership

# the edge

specialist with APG's CYS Services office who is the lead for the program, said that he has been conducting surveys at the youth centers to determine what classes to offer.

"This program is for the youth and teens so we want to plan classes that they will enjoy," Rose said. "The EDGE! will allow teens and children to try out new interests and perhaps encourage them to pursue a lifelong hobby."

Rose continued saying that there are many benefits to getting youths involved in afterschool group activities. Some benefits include increased learning, fitness, self esteem and relaxation. Involvement in after school activities also has been shown to improve social skills, and decreases the chance that the youth will engage in dangerous behaviors, he said.

Rose said that The EDGE! program acts as a precursor to other FMWR pro-

grams, like SKIES and CYS Services sports.

"Youths can try out a package, and if they decide they like it, we can let them know of other programs offered through FMWR that will let them pursue their hobby," he said.

Rose said that one of the goals of The EDGE! program is to involve youths and Families who are not currently using FMWR facilities.

"We want to encourage youths who are not currently enrolled in FMWR programs to see what we have to offer by participating in this program," he said. "Those who are already participating in FMWR programs are certainly encouraged to participate as well, and tell their friends about our program."

The EDGE! is a free program for teens. School age children (1st through 5th graders) will be charged the school

age child care rate, which is \$5 per hour.

Rose added that military Family members receive 15 hours of free programs each month, which can be applied to The EDGE! program.

Rose said that although The EDGE! is not a vocational program, the program is designed to get youths to think and start planning for the future by helping them build life skills.

The first package being offered at APG is a Life EDGE! This free class is called "Teens-Got Money?" and will provide instruction to teens ages 11 through 15 and 16 through 18 on how to save and earn money, and future career interests. The class will be held on Mondays, 3 to 4:30 p.m., beginning Aug. 17 for four weeks at the CYS Services conference room, building 2752, with snacks provided.

All packages will require youth to sign-up at the CYS Services Central Registration, building 2752.

For more information about the program, or becoming an Edge! instructor, contact Rose, 410-278-1399 or chuck.rose1@us.army.mil

Free transportation from the Aberdeen Youth Center will be provided.



# SKIES Unlimited

Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID card holders. For an appointment, e-mail [stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil](mailto: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., through July 30. Cost is \$35 per student.

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

### Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG presents Tiny Tigers

Instructor Kyo Sa Nim Sean A. Williams will teach this program.

Children ages 3 to 5 (parent participation required) can join the Tiny Tigers Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Tae Kwon Do builds confidence and self-esteem in young students.

Classes will be held at the Child, Youth and School Center, building 2522,

Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 to 6 p.m., Sept. 14 through Oct. 7. Cost is \$40 per parent/child pairing.

Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited to 12 parent and child pairings so register early.

### Private piano lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 thru 18, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays or Fridays, Sept. 8 thru Oct. 13. Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want to sign-up for when they register their child. Students are responsible for purchasing the required books for the course recommended by the instructor.

### Dance Programs for grades pre-k through 8

**Pre-K**  
Pre-ballet and creative movement will be offered, 6:30 to 7 p.m., Sept. 17 through April 25, Thursdays, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Pre-K registrants need birth certificates to verify age.

Class price is \$70 per student.

### Kindergarten and first grade

Ballet and pre-tap will be held 7 to 7:45 p.m. at the AA Youth Center. Cost is \$85 per student.

### Second and third grades

Ballet, tap and jazz will be held from Sept. 14 through April 25, Mondays, at the AA Youth Center for students in the second and third grades. Classes will be held 7 p.m. (Exact class time depends on number of students that sign up).

Class costs \$70 per student for each separate discipline.

### Fourth and fifth grades

Ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop and point will be held 6:30 p.m., from Sept. 15 through April 25, Tuesdays, at the AA Youth Center. Exact class time depends on the number of students that sign up. Students must audition.

Class costs \$70 per student for each separate discipline.

### Sixth through eighth grades

Ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop and point will be held 6:30 p.m., Sept. 18 through April 25, Thursdays, at the AA Youth Center. Exact class time depends on number of students that sign up. Students must audition.

Class costs \$70 per student for each separate discipline.

This is a tentative schedule. Classes may be added or deleted according to attendance. Sign students up for what disciplines they want to take.

A minimum of five students are needed for class to be held. No more than 12 students per class. Students must be registered by Sept. 8.

### 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. Kickbox-

ing 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.

# Maryland police attend training at APG

Story by  
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APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Department and the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute hosted police from across Maryland for training called "Current Trends IV: More than Locks and Lights" at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center July 7 and 8.

The training gave police officers a chance to receive up-to-date information on current trends and problems that are affecting their community and a chance to discuss and share current issues.

Some of the topics discussed were domestic violence, prison gang behavior, prescription and over the counter drugs, homeland security and terrorism and financial exploitation.

Mike Farlow, APG community police officer, said that APG is happy to host the annual police training on post and that his team is always looking for ways to serve the community.

"The APG Police continually strive to take a proactive approach concerning the safety and well-being of the community we serve," Farlow said.

## Domestic violence

Private First Class Bonita Linkins, a community resource officer who works for the Howard County Police Department, talked about her experience as a domestic violence survivor. Linkins said that she wanted to share her experience with other police officers who frequently get called to handle domestic disputes. Linkins said she wanted to provide a victim's perspective of why she stayed in an emotional, verbal and physically abusive relationship.

"I became someone with a bad secret in life, domestic violence," she said.

Linkins said that she stayed in the abusive relationship for 13 years but that she kept it a secret because she didn't want to seem weak.

"It was a pride thing," she said.

Linkins said that while she was with her ex-husband she decided to become a police officer to make a better living for her children.

She said that she excelled in police academy training, even earning a leadership award. She said that she felt that if she told her secret she would be eliminated from the academy.

"I received a leadership award when all hell was breaking loose at home," she said.

Linkins added that because of her military background and police training people saw her as a strong, confident woman and someone that people could come to with their problems. She said she did not want to admit that she too had a problem.

Linkins said that after she had the courage to leave her partner she decided to end her silence and share her story with others. For more information on her story, visit her Web site at [www.ydidistay.com](http://www.ydidistay.com).

## Prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse

Officer George Stephens, a recruitment officer who works for Montgomery County, talked to police officers about prescription and over-the-counter

drug abuse.

He said that the use of marijuana, alcohol, cocaine and heroin is down among teens, while prescription drug abuse like Ritalin, Valium, OxyContin and over-the-counter cough syrup, is on the rise.

He said that some parents are in denial about drug use with their kids. They think that it can't be their kid. Stephens said that most teens view hard drug users, like Methamphetamine addicts, as "losers," but OTC and prescription drug abuse does not have a stigma attached.

The drugs are readily available, and because these medicines are sold in a store, many children and teens feel that they cannot be dangerous, he said. Abusers of OTC and prescription drugs can easily overdose or take a deadly combination of pills, so it shouldn't be taken lightly.

He said that one very popular drug right now is dextromethorphan, a common active ingredient in cough syrup. Common slang terms for this drug are Dex, DXM, Robo, Skittles, Syrup, Triple-C and Tussin. When following medicine label directions, the ingredient dextromethorphan produces few side effects and has a long, safe history. When abused in large amounts, it can produce a "high" feeling, or an out-of-body sensation, as well as a number of dangerous side effects, he said. Common effects include confusion, dizziness, double or blurred vision, slurred speech, loss of physical coordination, abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting, rapid heartbeat, drowsiness, numbness of fingers and toes and disorientation.

Side effects can be worsened if used with other medications, alcohol or illegal drugs. Brain damage can also result from abusing these drugs. Neurotoxicity occurs when the brain is exposed to natural or artificial toxic substances, like dextromethorphan.

Prescription drugs can also be easy for teens and children to obtain. Prescription drugs that are abused or used for nonmedical reasons can alter brain activity and lead to dependence.

According to [www.addictions.org](http://www.addictions.org), the most commonly abused prescription drugs fall into three categories: opioids, central nervous system stimulants and central nervous system depressants. Opioids are commonly prescribed for pain relief, stimulants for narcolepsy and Attention Deficit Disorder, and depressants for anxiety and sleep disorders. Long-term use of opioids or central nervous system depressants can lead to physical dependence and addiction. Taken in high doses, stimulants can lead to compulsive use, paranoia, dangerously high body temperatures, and irregular heartbeat. Prescription drug abusers can obtain pills at home or through extended Family or friends. With the rise of text messaging through phones, they can easily communicate with each other about parties, called "pharm" parties, where pills are mixed together in a bowl, to make what they call a "trail mix."

"These parties are attractive to some teens and children because there is the thrill of the

unknown," he said. Stephens recommended that parents safeguard prescription drugs by locking them in a cabinet. Stephens added that many parents lock liquor in a cabinet, and that these drugs should be treated the same way.

He also suggested that parents carefully keep track of how many pills are in a bottle or packet, and keep track of refills. He recommended that parents should control the medication and monitor dosages and refills if the child or teen is prescribed a drug or medication. He said that educating children and teens about drug use can be an effective way to prevent drug abuse. He said that children who learn about the risks of drugs from parents are up to half as likely to use. Teens are still influenced by their parents and grandparents.

It is important to keep the lines of communication open so that children and teens feel comfortable talking with their parents.

Also, parents should be aware of what children and teens are looking at online. There are some Web sites that promote OTC and prescription drug abuse and recommend combinations of drugs that could be very harmful, if not deadly.

For more information about OTC and prescription drugs go to: [www.dare.com](http://www.dare.com), [www.theantidrug.com](http://www.theantidrug.com), and [www.pride.org/slangdrugterms.htm](http://www.pride.org/slangdrugterms.htm)

## Financial exploitation

Bruce Lohr, a community crime prevention specialist, presented financial exploitation, which is fraud and other schemes designed to take money.

Lohr said that people are more likely to be scammed during difficult economic times because more people are looking for extra money, and "get rich quick" schemes sound appealing.

Lohr added that scams can happen to anyone, but the elderly are most targeted since they are perceived to be more trusting and polite.

"A good rule to follow, if it sounds too good to be true it probably is," he said. Con artists will try to gain your assets by gaining your trust. "They will use phrases that sound appealing, such as, 'cash only,' 'last chance,' 'special offer,' 'today only' and 'only available to a select few.'"

Lohr said some people do not want to appear rude or are more susceptible to pressure. He said to not give in to pressure on the spot or believe that you'll receive special treatment.

## Telemarketing

Lohr said that telemarketing fraud is common, scamming people of \$40 billion per year. Telemarketers will call with deals of vacations magazines, etc., or solicit for phony charities. Lohr told attendees to verify they are legitimate by asking for their phone number, tax exempt status, and written materials and tell them that you will call them back.

"Never give out personal information during an unsolicited call," Lohr said.

## Fraud at the door

Lohr said that another common scam is fraud at the door, which can take the form of a "friendly" home repair person that shows up unsolicited at the door, who in reality has little or no home repair experience.

"These people might start the work and never finish," he said, "or cause damage to the home."

Lohr said that the best way to go about home repairs is to obtain estimates from a reputable repair person and to hire someone who is referred to by friends, family or neighbors.

Phony inspectors can also come to the door unannounced, telling the resident that they are checking a problem.

"Verify all people at your door," he said. "Keep strangers outside, don't invite them in."

Lohr said to obtain info on a reputable repair person or business, check with the local jurisdiction's consumer affairs division, Better Business Bureau, as well as the Maryland Attorney General's Office, Maryland Home Improvement Commission in regards to contractors, and friends, family and neighbors.

## Internet scams

Lohr said that people frequently fall for e-mail scams because there is usually an element of surprise, in the form of a "pop up" or an unsolicited e-mail. He said that the best way to avoid being scammed online is to avoid e-mails asking for personal information, avoid opening unsolicited or unknown e-mails, check online privacy policies when going online, use anti-virus, spyware, and keep

protections updated.

"It is important to keep in mind, you never know who you are communicating with on the computer," Lohr said. "People aren't always who they say they are."

## Medical scams

Lohr said to beware of scams through false products, discounts and false claims.

Verify products through trusted and reputable doctors," Lohr said. "It could cost you your life."

## Fraud through the mail

Some examples of fraud through the mail include:

Debt consolidation, magazine subscriptions, fake contests, insurance, get rich quick schemes, phony investments and vacation packages that have hidden fees.

## Prevention tips

Lohr said that there are several prevention tips to keep in mind that will help keep finances safe:

- Become familiar with the resources in the community that help people
- Establish a relationship with a bank
- Put financial instructions in writing, and be specific
- Keep accurate and up to date financial instructions
- Avoid using joint accounts except with a spouse
- If using a joint account, set up so two signatures are required on checks or withdrawals over a certain amount.
- Never give out ATM information
- Be careful when using ATM cards
- Be aware of work at home schemes
- Never draw money out of an ATM and give it to strangers.
- Never rearrange finances without consulting a reputable professional
- Don't pay for anything on the grounds that it has been ordered by a deceased relative

Lohr said that there are resources that will help consumers if they feel that they have become a victim of financial exploitation such as the local police, the Maryland Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division and the Federal Trade Commission.

(Editor's note: Some information for this article was taken from [www.drugfree.org](http://www.drugfree.org).)

## APG participates in Crime Night at Ripken Stadium



Photo by RACHEL PONDER. APG News

Daren the Lion says hello to Eric Farrell, 8, during Crime Prevention Night, July 22, at a Ripken Stadium Ironbirds game. Daren is a mascot from the Aberdeen Proving Ground Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program, which teaches children to say no to drugs and other illegal and risky behavior. "The purpose of Crime Prevention Night is to provide information to the community about crime prevention and to show the public that we are here to support them," said Mike Farlow, Aberdeen Proving Ground community police officer, who helped organize an APG presence at the community event.

## AAFES NEWS

### Military Star® Card gas discount to increase by 60 percent

AAFES

Army & Air Force Exchange Service gas stations worldwide are helping take the pain out of the pump by increasing discounts for drivers using a Military Star® Card.

Beginning Aug. 8, pumps currently programmed to reflect a discount of three cents a gallon for drivers who pay with a Military Star® Card will jump to five cents a gallon.

In addition to the everyday nickel discount, AAFES will periodically be offering increased savings opportunities at specified times throughout

the year. The first of these promotions, from Aug. 21 through 23, will provide a 20 cents per gallon discount, up to 20 gallons, for drivers paying with a Military Star® Card.

"The savings opportunities are going to be unprecedented," said AAFES' Chief Operating Officer Mike Howard. "I'm excited about the exclusive gas savings we're going to offer Military Star® cardholders in the coming months."

Authorized exchange shoppers can learn more about the benefits available to Military Star® cardholders at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).



# Community and APG: Partners in Education

## ECBC offers outlook on future careers to Cecil County STEM students

As a part of the ongoing effort to encourage students to pursue careers in science and engineering, the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center hosted a tour for 9th- and 10th-graders enrolled in Cecil County Public School's Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics Academy Summer Camp June 23.

With an eye on career exploration, the 25 students were given a glimpse of the Center's Advanced Design and Manufacturing facility, Mobile Laboratories and Kits and the Protection Factor Testing Facility during a tour led by Dr. James Baker, ECBC assistant technical director.

"This was an excellent opportunity for young students who would otherwise have no idea that these career opportunities exist," said Andy Borzok, a physics teacher with the STEM Academy.

Part of the tour was led by Nick Merrill, a senior mechanical engineering major at the University of Maryland, who is hoping to turn his four years as an intern at ECBC into a full-time career upon graduation. Merrill's experience has taken him from intern to tour guide and allows him to show students touring the center that the work being done at ECBC is challenging and fun. Merrill guided the students through the ADM facility's rapid prototyping area and gave them an inside look at how concepts born at ECBC become vital solutions that protect the Warfighter abroad as well as emergency responders defending the homeland.

The excursion to ECBC was organized as a part of a week-long, two-track summer camp that offers students the option to investigate STEM- or ecology-focused careers with hands-on exploration.

Although schools are closed for the summer, the camp is an extension of the STEM Academy, a rigorous and highly competitive program for Cecil County students studying mathemat-



Photo by MARY DOAK, ECBC  
Lisa Smagala, right, an industrial engineer at the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, demonstrates the Iraqi Light Armored Vehicle surrogate to Ethan Hart, a 10th-grader at Perryville High School, during a tour coordinated through the STEM Academy Summer Camp in Cecil County June 23.

ics, science and engineering with a focus on lab work and real world experience. School officials recently created STEM Academies within each of the county's five high schools, extending an enrollment opportunity to every student.

The students were impressed to discover that the center's clients span the federal government to include other service components of the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the FBI, the U.S. Food and Drug

Administration and the Department of Homeland Security, to name a few.

"The STEM Academy's summer camp has allowed me to see many job opportunities," said Ethan Hart, a 10th-grader at Perryville High School. "Coming here to the excellent facilities at ECBC has given me an interesting view for a future career."

"The professionals at ECBC did a great job of exposing the students to the potential opportunities within the fields of science, technology, engineer-

ing and math, which is exactly what the objective was for this one week STEM summer camp," said Kathy Kunda, coordinator of the Business and Education Partnership Advisory Council, Cecil County Public Schools.

Other ECBC participants included Mark Schlein, Leroy Stitz, Kari Carter, Nicole McKew and Paul Demond.

For more information on future educational outreach opportunities at ECBC, contact Mary Doak, mary.doak@us.army.mil.

## Ticks

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Tick checks involve closely examining clothing and skin for ticks, with special attention to the ears, in and around the hair, under the arms, behind the knees, around the waist and between the legs.

When an attached tick is found, it's critical to detach it properly using tweezers because incorrect removal can make infection more likely.

For tick removal instructions, visit <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/ento/TickEduc/Tickremoval.pdf>, or The Lyme Disease Foundation: [www.lyme.org/ticks/removal.html](http://www.lyme.org/ticks/removal.html).

### Protecting against tick bites

- Avoid tick-infested areas. Many local health departments, parks and cooperative extension services have information about the areas most infested with ticks. If in a tick-infested area, walk in the center of the trails to avoid contact with vegetation.

- Wear light-colored clothing, which makes it easier to see ticks that are crawling on clothing. Tuck pant legs into socks so that ticks cannot crawl up inside of the pants legs. Some ticks can crawl down into shoes and are small enough to crawl through most socks, but they will usually travel up rather than down.

### Perform daily tick checks

Check the body for ticks after being outdoors. Conduct a body check upon return from potentially tick-infested areas by searching the entire body for ticks. Use a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of the body and remove any tick found. (See the "Safely remove ticks" box for instructions on removing ticks). Check these parts of the body and child's body for ticks:

- Under the arms
- In and around the ears
- Inside the belly button
- Back of the knees
- In and around the hair
- Between the legs
- Around the waist

Check children for ticks, especially in the hair, when returning from potentially tick-infested areas. Remove any tick found on the child's body.

Ticks may be carried into the house on clothing and pets. Check clothing and pets for ticks. Both should be examined carefully, and any ticks that are found should be removed. Placing clothes into a dryer on high heat effectively kills ticks.

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## Safely remove ticks

Early tick removal may reduce the risk of infection of some tick-borne diseases.

Use fine-tipped tweezers and protect bare hands with a tissue or gloves to avoid contact with tick fluids.

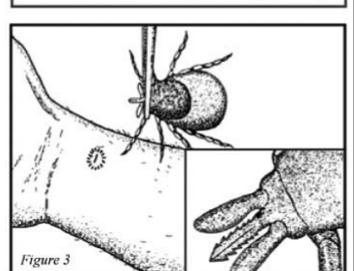
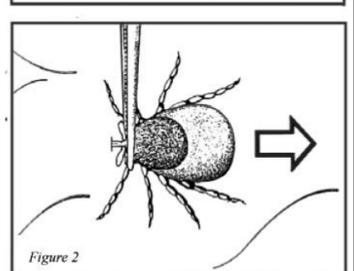
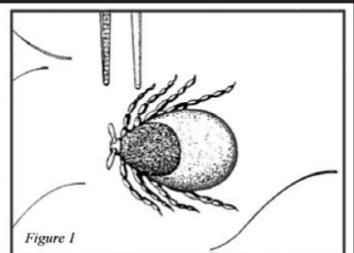
Grab the tick close to the skin. Do not twist or jerk the tick, as this may cause the mouthparts to break off and remain in the skin.

Gently pull straight up until all parts of the tick are removed.

After removing the tick, wash hands with soap and water (or waterless alcohol-based hand rubs when soap is not available). Clean the tick bite with an antiseptic such as iodine scrub, rubbing alcohol, or water containing detergents.

Save the tick in a jar or plastic bag.

Watch for signs of illness such as rash or fever, and see a health care provider if these develop. If any illness symptoms develop the tick can be analyzed for diseases.



<http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/ento/TickEduc/Tickremoval.pdf>

## Civilian

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Bennett said the alignment translates into an equivalent pay grade, opportunities for assignment in multiple commands, educational enhancement and greater visibility of job vacancies through its Talent Pool.

She said that enrollment in CTM is voluntary and that the Army is encouraging the program because it expects to face mobility and retention challenges at the civilian level as a result of base realignment and closure over the next few years.

She said that most listeners responded positively although some expressed concerns with mobility in regard to the geographic mobility portion of the presentation.

"We explained that management mobility includes functional and command mobility as well," she said. "The

program is about career development. Employees identify the specific position they are interested in. We need to know their preferences to develop senior leaders."

### What is Civilian Talent Management?

Civilian Talent Management is an initiative designed to fuse the Army's current and projected civilian leadership requirements with the individual employee's desires for reassignment and career growth. Currently, the Army has only limited visibility of its senior civilian workforce and the positions that they occupy.

### What are the first steps of the program?

The first major step to the central management of senior civilians is talent pool registrations. Because the number of eligible members of the talent pool is more than 11,000, registration is being phased per location/command. Career advisors will

visit the eligible population in 25 central locations, offering program presentations and answering questions. The drive continues through early October.

### Why is this important to the Army?

Developing and managing the civilian corps is beneficial to employees, commanders and the Army as a whole. The expected outcomes for employees are greater visibility of opportunities, increased support of professional goals and potential, and improved knowledge transfer between transitioning personnel. Commanders receive timely vacancy forecasting and knowledge transfer, a reduction of lost productivity that accompanies vacancies, and improved succession planning. In addition, the Army optimizes its talent exchange, acquires greater visibility of vacancies and available talent pool, and gains senior leaders with a broad perspective who operate well in complex environments.

### How will the Civilian Talent Management Program work?

The Civilian Talent Management Office will collaborate with Army organizations to determine existing or projected vacancies, anticipate succession planning and develop slates of registered members of the talent pool for leaders to consider.

### What are the next steps?

The initial focus of the CTMO is on 383 positions identified by Army senior leaders as Army Enterprise Positions. The Army defines AEPs as those leading strategic thought, providing long-term planning and execution

For more information, Department of the Army civilians can sign onto AKO to access the Civilian Senior Leader Development Office Web site, <https://www.csldo.army.mil>.

The CTM interim policy is also posted on the Web site.