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Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for July 1, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



RAB meeting at Vitali's Restaurant tonight

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., June 25, at Vitali's Restaurant and Banquets, 1709 Edgewood Road and Route 24 in Edgewood.

The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Other Edgewood Areas Study Area.

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

Shore Pool announces delayed opening

The opening of the Shore Pool, building 2031, will be delayed until further notice due to maintenance issues. The Olympic and Bayside pools are open as advertised. For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com/recreation/odr/swimming.html.

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Army Ball delivers evening of splendor

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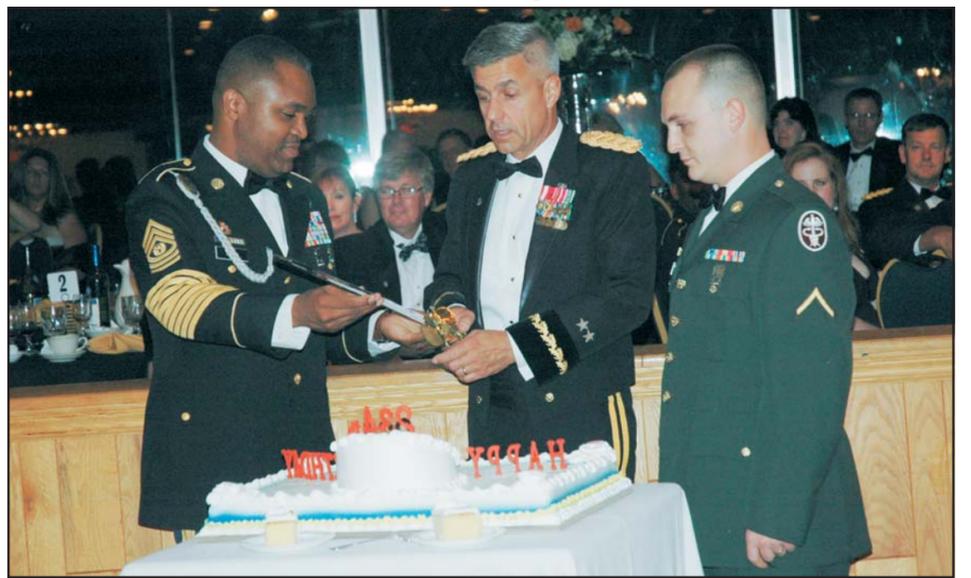
Radiant ball gowns mixed with crisp dress uniforms as Soldiers and their partners filled the ballroom floor in celebration of the Army's 234th birthday during the Army Birthday Ball at Top of the Bay June 12.

Col. John R. Surdu, chief of staff of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, served as master of ceremonies for the event that began with a receiving line in Top of the Bay's Regimental Room where Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, commander of APG and RDECOM, and RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin welcomed guests to the celebration.

"As your master of ceremonies for this evening's celebration, I can promise an evening of great entertainment and Army tradition," Surdu said.

The evening featured the posting and retiring of colors by the 143rd Ordnance Battalion color guard, led by Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Campanella and a pageant of military uniforms modeled by members of the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Academy, led by Staff Sgt. James Crews, small group leader.

A solemn invocation that



Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, center, leads the traditional cake-cutting celebrating the Army's 234th birthday with RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector G. Marin, left, and the youngest Soldier present, Pvt. Andrew Joseph Hitt from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, during the Army Birthday Ball at Top of the Bay June 12.

asked for a moment of silent tribute to those serving in harms way by Installation Chaplain (Col.) Ruben Colon opened the ceremony.

Colon offered thanks for their "example of bravery," prayer for the Families of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and strength for Army leaders.

"We pray for all the leader-

ship throughout the Army that you continue to guide them as they inspire, mentor and care for its Soldiers during this time of war," Colon prayed.

Bridgette Smith sang the national anthem.

In his remarks, Izzo noted that two Gold Star Families were in attendance and thanked the Aberdeen Chapter of the Associ-

ation of the United States Army, which purchased tickets for 100 Soldiers and their guests.

"I appreciate all you do for our Soldiers at Aberdeen Proving Ground," Izzo said.

He commented on the trials still facing the Army in Iraq and Afghanistan and asked guests to note an insert in the program

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Defense Travel System to modify reservation process

Story by **SGT 1ST CLASS MICHAEL J. CARDEN**
American Forces Press Service

Minor changes are scheduled to take place within the Defense Department's travel reservation system later this summer to support the Transportation Security Administration's new pre-flight screening program, a DoD official said June 10.

Under the current format, when travelers arrange flight, hotel and rental car reservations online at the Defense Travel System Web site, the only personal information the

site processes through to the vendors is the traveler's first name, last name and middle initial. But after the system and Web site modifications take effect, the traveler's date of birth and gender will be included to comply with the TSA's Secure Flight Program, said Pam Mitchell, director of the Defense Travel Management Office.

Defense travelers will be prompted by a pop-up screen from the DTS Web site to add the information, as well as to enter their name as it appears on their government-issued identification card. The change will be minimally inconvenient to the traveler,

as the information will be entered only once then saved to their profile, Mitchell said.

The program is an outcome of the 9/11 Commission, and it basically streamlines the process of identifying potential passengers deemed a match on the FBI-generated watch list screened by the airlines, said Paul Leyh, the program's director.

Before the program officially began last month, the various airlines each had their own screening processes, which were inconsistent and inconvenient for many travelers, Leyh said. It's not uncommon for

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APG recognizes volunteer individuals, organizations

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground thanked the individuals who devote their personal time and talents to the installation along with the organizations that support them during the Volunteer and Agency Recognition Ceremony at Top of the Bay June 4.

Nominations for Volunteer of the Year are submitted each year in five categories - Military, Retiree, Civilian, Family Member and Youth - and a committee selects first and second place winners.

Two of five first-place winners and one second-place

winner came from the same organization - the 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-Yield Explosives). And, for the first time, the committee awarded first place to each nominee in the youth category.

Army Community Service coordinates the program under the direction of Michael Lupacchino, director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Celestine Beckett, director of ACS, hosted the ceremony.

Beckett said the annual recognition began in 1974.

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Corps of Engineers announces assignment of G.A.T.E. EUL to St. John Properties

Story by **DAVID RUDERMAN**
Baltimore District CoE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Enhanced Use Leasing office announced the assignment by Opus East, LLC, of Rockville, Md., of the Government and Technology Enterprise Enhanced Use Leasing project at Aberdeen Proving Ground to St. John Properties, Inc., of Baltimore June 19.

The assignment of the EUL lease to develop the approximately 413-acre site at APG was approved by the U.S. Department of the Army.

The Baltimore District Enhanced Use Leasing program facilitates the construction and management of diverse projects on Army installations by private developers that are congruent with the command mission. In return for private development and management services, the partnering installation receives a

stream of in-kind compensation to support its sustainment, repair and maintenance operations.

Opus East LLC signed lease documents to develop the property Nov. 28, 2007, and ground was broken on the GATE EUL Dec. 17, 2007. Opus had constructed and rented the first of two site-specific leases on the property before assigning the EUL to St. John.

"We consider the assignment of the GATE EUL to St. John to be a positive step forward that will ensure the uninterrupted build-out of this critical element of Aberdeen Proving Ground's growth," said EUL Program Director Bob Penn. "We understand the affect that business cycles and fluctuations have on all spheres of the nation's economy, but we are confident the GATE EUL will proceed without major impediment, and that St. John Properties will execute the mission envisioned by the Army and the garrison."

Annual Housing Survey extended

Aberdeen Proving Ground Family housing residents received a Department of the Army Resident Survey in the mail.

This annual survey provides residents the opportunity to tell the Housing Office how well it is meeting their current on-post housing needs. The survey will also provide a baseline for future comparisons as the Housing Division transitions to Picerne Military Housing. The information residents provide will help guide APG in planning future improvements to housing facilities and services. Answers are strictly confidential and residents are urged to offer honest responses. This is an opportunity to help make a difference.

Responses will be accepted until June 30.

For more information, call the Housing Office, 410-306-2009 or 410-278-2443.



Significant impacts expected from upcoming traffic changes

The next few weeks will be very busy on the traffic front, and there will be several changes that will have significant impacts on daily commuting and traffic flow.

On or about June 29, Airbase Loop will be permanently closed between Aviation Arms Road and Bush River Road. Traffic that has historically used this route to and from down range areas will be required to use Colleran Road and Gate 13. Phillips Airfield and airbase ranges will still be allowed access via Gate 25 and Bush River Road. This closure is to allow construction of the new Automotive Technology Evaluation Facility.

On or about July 6, the active right entrance lane at the Maryland Route 22 Gate (Harford Boulevard) will be changed at the gate. The active right lane will be moved all the way to the right and will use the newly constructed right entrance lane. The left inbound lane will not be affected by this change. The change will allow the gate contractor to work on the intermediate lanes and booths.

Later in July, Boothby Hill Avenue will be permanently closed between Maryland Boulevard and Combat Drive. Darlington Street, Susquehanna Avenue and Aberdeen Boulevard will be alternate traffic routes. This closure is to allow completion of the new Combat Drive which is scheduled to be opened for traffic in late August.

As noted earlier, some of these closures will cause major changes to customary commuter routes.

Patience, understanding and especially attention to safety are requested as progress is made toward a new expanded and enhanced Aberdeen Proving Ground to support the country.

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



APG celebrates The Year of the NCO



1st AML senior NCO embodies spirit of the year



Sgt. Maj. Juanita Krueger, right, observes 1st Area Medical Lab Soldiers during recent training.

Story and photo by
QUENTIN MELSON
20th Support Command (CBRNE)

"No one is more professional than I."

The first line of the U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer Creed makes it clear that professionalism is paramount to being an NCO. Every NCO memorizes the creed when they become an NCO, and tries to live the creed throughout their career.

Elite, perhaps, among this group of professionals is Sgt. Maj. Juanita Krueger, senior enlisted advisor for 1st Area Medical Laboratory, 20th Support Command (CBRNE).

Krueger's Soldiers praise her professionalism.

"Being a female in the Army is hard," said Sgt. Elizabeth Thompson, preventative medicine specialist. "There are so many bad examples. It's refreshing to see a female who is a great NCO."

Thompson was recently named the Aberdeen Proving

Ground NCO of the Year. She cited Krueger for helping her prepare for the boards, saying her performance is a direct reflection of Krueger's leadership.

"Maybe one day I can be like her," she said.

"She makes me want to better myself," Thompson continued. "She's been in so many situations a Soldier can be in -- a junior NCO, a mother with a husband deploying. She knows what it's like being an enlisted Soldier."

"She expects the best out of all of us. She is fair and understanding, like all leaders should be," Thompson added. "I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient."

Krueger has worked in the Army medical field more than 20 years. Few Soldiers attain the level of technical and tactical proficiency she has in medical laboratory technology.

She said her love for laboratory science came from watching a television show as a youngster.

"There was a show about a forensic pathologist called 'Quincy, ME,'" Krueger said. "It inspired me to become a forensic pathologist."

"I joined the Army as a lab tech in order to become a forensic pathologist," she continued. "My career never went that way, but I've gained a lot of experience working in many different labs."

"Working in a lab is my niche," she said. "This is important work. I teach my Soldiers that they're working on the test results of daughters and sons, brothers and sisters. The results mean something. Patients and their Families need to know the test results are valid and accurate."

"The medical lab is the backbone of a hospital," Krueger said. "When you go into the emergency room, the doctor can say this and that, but until we confirm it in the lab, the doctor doesn't know. He has an idea, but he doesn't know until he gets the results back from the lab."

The Creed continues, *"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."*

"Krueger not only mentors NCOs, she consciously works to support the NCO culture," said Col. Margaret Carter, 1st AML commander.

"She might be talking with a Soldier about a problem. She will listen and give specific advice about that Soldier's situation, but then go on to make a general statement about how NCOs should behave or what they should be thinking," Carter explained. "The Soldier not only goes away with some good individual advice, but also knows they are part of the NCO Corps, with a greater understanding of the Corps' culture."

Carter talked about Krueger's counseling skills.

"The thing I treasure about Sergeant Major Krueger is the

way she mentors Soldiers," she said. "She makes sure they not only understand what's going on around them, but that they must also take actions on the spot to make things right. Every time they step up to an important action, they develop better judgment and confidence."

"It's hard to estimate how much time and trouble it saves our unit when NCOs make good judgments and prevent accidents, to take care of Soldiers and act on behalf of our team," Carter added.

Krueger said the NCO-officer relationship is critical to success.

"NCO's are the 'backbone of the Army' because we make it happen," she said. "We do make it happen. Officers are going to implement policies and procedures and whatever, and we [NCOs] are going to execute. No matter where you look, no matter what you look at, NCOs are behind the scenes making it happen."

"I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers and subordinates alike," states the Creed.

Krueger has been loyal to her fellow Soldiers and has been a devoted wife to her husband and mother to her two children.

"Without my Family's support, this couldn't happen," she said of her commitment to Army life. "It's hard if you don't have Family support to go home to. You have to be right with them as well as with your Soldiers at work."

"If someone were to ask 'What comes first, your Family or the Army?' that would be difficult to answer. I love both my Family and the Army. Unless there is an emergency at home, the Army will come first," Krueger said.

"I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, Noncommissioned Officers, leaders."

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Commentary: Celebrating a proud Army

By
MAJ GEN PAUL S. IZZO
Commander, APG, RDECOM

On June 14, 1775, in Philadelphia, a group of Continental Congressmen worked by candlelight to lay out the provisions to form an Army. The result was a simple order for the Colonial States to provide men and arms to continue an uphill fight against England. That resolution authorized the formation of 10 rifle companies, the formal beginnings of the United States Army.

There was no ceremony to mark our Army's birth. The announcement of our new Army was secretly sent out by Soldiers on horseback to inform each state. The act of forming an Army, an elemental part in forming a country, would have resulted in all involved being executed for treason against the king of England had they been captured. From those humble beginnings, America has created the world's greatest Army.

This month, we recognize and celebrate our Army that for 234 years has defended our nation's values. Ideals are one thing, but the ability to implement



them and sustain them is quite another. The Continental Congress knew this and formed our Army a year before the Declaration of Independence was ever written. Our Army, therefore, has been on guard to defend America's ideals with honor, pride, and courage since their very inception.

This means that June 14 stands as a special birthday for every Sol-

dier and for every civilian employee throughout our illustrious history. While the Army's technology, firepower and complexity would startle and surprise Soldiers of generations past, in the most important of ways they would see in the Army of 2009 a kindred spirit that is a lasting legacy of their own creation. The love of country, the love of freedom and the willingness to sacrifice has been passed from generation to generation successfully. In this way, the Soldiers, civilian employees and Families of Aberdeen Proving Ground sustain the tradition and identity started by our founding patriots.

Aberdeen Proving Ground itself has played a long and important role in the history of the Army for more than 92 years. Clearly, the mission and functions of APG have evolved as the needs of the Army have evolved through those years. Yet, each generation of APG has added to the pages of that storied history because each generation of our Soldiers, civilian employees and Families has understood the sacrifice necessary in our never-ending struggle

to preserve our freedom. Our nation's strength is found in average Americans like you who sacrifice to build a better future for tomorrow.

No more poignant examples of that dedication and sacrifice can be found at APG than those of the Families of three members of our community lost while performing their duties this year... Mark A. Henry, Joseph Gray and Grat Blackburn. And, we keep in our prayers Douglas Mauzy and his Family as he struggles to recover from injuries.

A birthday is a time to celebrate, but also a time to reflect on the past and create hope for the future.

Today's Army is strong and capable, in part, due to the support provided by the expertise found on APG. Employees of a transformed APG 2012 will soon have the chance to add their dedication, their expertise and their accomplishments to the Army's 21st century history as the nation's premier research, development, engineering and testing center for the Warfighter. Our Soldiers and our nation will deserve no less from us.

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Sp. Joshua Geren, 2009 U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Soldier of the Year fields questions from the Selection Board, which included, from left, Sgt. 1st Class Amin Henriquez, Master Sgt. Ralph Brewer, Sgt. Maj. Timothy Witherspoon and Sgts. 1st Class Silvio Pico and Eric Scheidt.

CERDEC specialist named RDECOM Soldier of Year

Story by
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Around 7:30 in the morning on May 20 Sp. Joshua Geren returned from a grueling workout of sit-ups, push-ups and running.

Drenched in sweat, the signs of strenuous physical exertion clearly visible, Geren had just completed part one of the competition for the prestigious title of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Soldier of the Year.

"I could have done better. It was not up to the standards that I set for myself," Geren said of his performance in the Physical Fitness Test.

The dissatisfaction Geren registered with his performance - even in the face of the glowing feedback from the sergeants major judging the competition - was indicative of Geren's unswerving drive toward excellence, according to his leadership. This drive, it would seem, ultimately helped earned him the distinction of Soldier of the Year.

"When he found out he was going to be doing this it wasn't, 'Okay, I'll do what I can;' he was going to put his best foot forward to represent RDECOM and CERDEC well. So it wasn't just 'Oh well, I've got to go do this;' it was, 'I'm going to do the best job I can do,'" said Sgt. 1st Class Eric Scheidt, Communications-Electronics, Research, Development and Engineering Center senior enlisted advisor and member of the board judging the competition.

"It is a very significant title and a lot of hard work has gone into achieving it," said an excited Geren, who was also required to write an essay on patriotism and field questions from the Selection Board on topics ranging from what he thought of President Obama's tax incentive to how to treat a wounded Soldier.

The 39-year-old Oklahoma native joined the military in the fall of 2002 after working as a territory manager for a disposable medical equipment company.

"I grew up around the military and had always entertained the thought of joining. Then the war kicked off, and I really wanted to join," Geren said.

He was stationed in Afghanistan throughout 2004 and 2005 and Iraq during 2006 and 2007.

In December of 2008, Geren began working as a satellite communicator

and operator in the Space and Terrestrial Command Directorate of CERDEC. Observing the hardworking nature of Geren, Satellite Communications Operations Chief Joshua Gresham advocated his nomination for Soldier of the Year.

"Specialist Geren has been a go-getter since his arrival in December. His motivation, eagerness to learn and willingness to jump in and lend a hand has easily made him stand out from his peers," Gresham said. "When the opportunity to select a Soldier to compete for Soldier of the Year presented itself, all the NCOs [noncommissioned officers] of the Satellite Equipment Labs easily pointed to Specialist Geren."

With tuition assistance from the Army, Geren is finishing a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Oklahoma. Next, he hopes to acquire a master's degree.

A husband and father of three children, Geren believes that the military has improved his personal growth and helped him be a good Family man.

"I have been in the Army for six years now and have completed two combat tours in the infantry. During that time, I had some unique experiences that changed me. I would hope that I have grown not just as a person, but even more so as a husband and a father to my wife and children," Geren said.

Ultimately, he hopes to be promoted to sergeant, a goal he now feels closer to reaching after his participation in the competition.

"At all times, we are striving to be the best we can be. There are all sorts of opportunities that the Army offers to enable you to make an impression and advance," Geren said.

He said he doesn't only have ambitions for himself, however; he nurtures a profound love for his country and wants it to remain, in his words, "the greatest nation the world has ever known."

"To Soldiers, love of country is a part of everyday life. They wear the flag, serve under it and are willing to go anywhere in the world to fight for it and if needed, die for it," Geren wrote in the essay portion of the competition.

Geren is scheduled to participate at the next level for U.S. Army Material Command Soldier of the Year July 19 through 23 at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

"I will be giving it everything I have, one hundred and ten percent," he said. "I am looking forward to the challenge."



Sp. Joshua Geren, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, runs toward the finish line in the physical fitness component of the Soldier of the Year competition.



Sergeants major see progress of campus construction



Michael Vetter, left, director G4, Logistics and Engineering, CECOM Life Cycle Management Command, escorts Command Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Johnson, CECOM LCMC and a group of sergeants major through the Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance construction site at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The tour was part of a CECOM LCMC and Army Team C4ISR sergeants major conference. Joseph Cocco, command facilities engineer, G4, leads the group.

Story and photo by
ANDRICKA THOMAS
CECOM LCMC (Forward)

As the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law implementation continues to gain momentum, the CECOM Life Cycle Management Command recently showcased the progress of BRAC projects at Aberdeen Proving Ground to a group of Army senior enlisted Signal Corps Regiment and U.S. Army Materiel Command Soldiers.

Command Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Johnson, CECOM LCMC, hosted a CECOM LCMC and Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Sergeants Major Conference June 9 to 11

at Fort Monmouth, N.J. The conference showcased the different systems and technologies Army Team C4ISR develops, fields and sustains in support of the Warfighter. The conference included a bus trip tour to APG, a BRAC progress update and a hard-hat tour of the C4ISR construction site where a \$477 million, 1.5 million square foot state-of-the-art facility is being built.

"I think this is going to be a phenomenal facility and prototype for the Army as well as our sister services to model themselves after in regards to infrastructure and technology as we continue moving forward into the twenty-first century," said Sgt. Maj. Kelvin L. Spencer, Tobyhanna Army Depot, who

attended the conference.

Michael Vetter, director G4, Logistics and Engineering, CECOM LCMC, escorted the group through the construction site that will hold approximately 5,000 personnel. At 61 percent complete, the Army Team C4ISR Phase One project has been a great project to work on, Vetter said. He said there are about 900 people currently working on the site and expects a total of 1,200 people to be working on the Phase One site as the summer progresses.

As the group walked through the concrete and steel hallways of the building, Vetter painted a picture of what the workspaces will look like once the interior is complete.

"Management offices will line the interior of the building, while the workforce will get the benefit of the windows and natural light on the perimeter of the building," he said. He explained where the elevators, garden and break areas would be located as well.

Prior to the hard-hat tour, Col. Augustus L. Owens, deputy commander, CECOM LCMC (Forward), briefed the group on the mission of taking care of the C4ISR workforce as they make the transition to APG.

"We are taking care of civilians here on the ground," Owens said.

He explained that for many relocating civilians, this is the first move during their careers. "We want to make their [C4ISR civilians] transitions as smooth as possible." He said that implementing a sponsorship program geared toward

civilians is one of the ways he intends to help make the transition smoother.

Changing the CECOM LCMC organizational culture is part of the transition to APG. Due to space availability, Owens and other CECOM LCMC leaders have encouraged telecommuting as a work schedule option for relocating civilians on a case-by-case basis.

"We don't want anyone relocating from Fort Monmouth, or anywhere else, to not make the move because of space," Owens said. "Telecommuting is an option, and we are working to make the necessary technological capabilities available for those personnel to be mobile. If you have PCS [permanent change of station] orders, we will find you someplace to work."

With 442 personnel on the ground, the momentum is gaining as an additional 500 personnel are expected to report to APG this summer.

Col. Andrew Nelson, APG deputy Garrison commander for Transformation, summarized the changes happening at APG, both BRAC-related and unrelated.

"Change is happening at APG; there is no doubt about that," Nelson said. "I think IMCOM [the Installation Management Command] recognized the need to get the APG Garrison postured to support and prepare for the part it will play in the Army's transformation."

The APG Garrison has been identified to receive more than \$44 million in Recovery Act funds, Nelson said. He reported that the entire information technology backbone infrastructure is being replaced with state-of-the-art capabilities as just one of the many changes happening on post to support its expected influx of personnel and missions.

"We've developed partnerships with the local, county and state governments to coordinate the planning effort needed to ensure the surrounding community is prepared to provide housing, school accommodations, school busing, health care facilities, water and transportation considerations to support the people expected to relocate to the area," Nelson said.

With the thousands of jobs relocating to APG, recruitment and personnel requirements were addressed during the briefing. Retired Command Sgt. Maj. John P. Pollard, regional manager's division chief, CECOM LCMC Software Engineering Center Field Support Directorate, spoke about his transition into the civilian workforce. He encouraged the senior enlisted leaders to take care of their Soldiers in transition.

"Let your transitioning Soldiers know about the opportunities within your organization," Pollard said. "Retired Soldiers are a great asset to the CECOM LCMC mission."

At the end of the day, the group returned to Fort Monmouth to attend the remainder of the conference.

Improved battery technology sitting unordered in Army inventory

Story by
EDRIC THOMPSON
CERDEC

Soldiers are carrying unnecessary weight into battle because many units do not realize that newer, lighter batteries with more capacity are sitting unordered in the Army supply channel.

As part of its awareness campaign, the U.S. Army Power Division of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center featured the improved capabilities of its disposable and rechargeable batteries to command sergeants major from across the Communications-Electronics Command Life Cycle Management Command June 11.

The BA-5390 disposable and the BB-2590 rechargeable batteries are used in 71 pieces of equipment for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance systems; some of these include the SINCGARS and SATCOM/HF radios, the M-22 Automatic Chemical Agent Detector Alarm sensor, the Ruggedized Handheld Computer Toughbook and the Javelin CLU.

“We’ve found that many units are still ordering the older technology because they aren’t aware of the improved capabilities of the newer models,” said Rafael A. Casanova, team leader, Battery Support Team. “In many cases, those ordering the batteries look at the lowest price by the national stock number; however, they don’t realize that the newer technology is a better buy in the long run even though it may cost a little more per unit. We want supply personnel to know their options and the benefits of each battery so they can properly factor mission, price and the technical characteristics of the needed power source.”

The 3-pound BA-5390 disposable battery (NSN 6135-01-517-6060) has 60 percent more capacity than the 2.25-pound BA-5590, a battery many units are still ordering. Casanova said the BA-5390 will reduce the Soldier’s overall weight despite the .75-pound difference.

“It would take seven BA-5590 disposable batteries to support a SINCGARS ASIP Radio during a seven-day mission,” Casanova said. “However, the same mission could be accomplished with three BA-5390 disposable batteries, thus reducing the Soldier’s weight by 6.7 pounds and reducing the overall cost by sixty percent.”

The BB-2590 rechargeable battery (NSN 6140-01-490-4316) weighs .7 pounds less than the frequently ordered BB-390 and has 70 percent more capacity. Similarly, it would take five BB-390 rechargeable batteries to support the SINCGARS ASIP radio during a seven-day mission, but only three BB-2590 rechargeable batteries, thus reducing weight by 6.1 pounds and overall cost by 46 cents per use.

Both batteries include a state of charge indicator which allows Soldiers to see how much capacity is left.

Soldiers conducting missions in mountainous terrains, such as Afghanistan, will need to rely on batteries to power equipment and won’t always have the luxury of daily resupply said Command Sgt. Maj. Hector G. Marin of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

“The bottom line is that our Soldiers need to be lighter and have reliable, longer-lasting power sources,” Marin said. “Technology is constantly evolving, so we can’t be content with ‘good;’ we should always want to make it better. That’s why we must get this battery technology into the hands of our Warfighters.”

As part of CERDEC Army Power’s



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Rafael Casanova, right, of U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center Army Power’s Battery Support team, discusses the latest advancements in battery technology with Dr. Thomas H. Killion, deputy assistant secretary for Research and Technology/chief scientist for the U.S. Army.



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campaign to inform units throughout the Army, the batteries have been featured in U.S. Army RDECOM displays at events such as the Association of the United States Army Convention, the Defense Manufacturing Conference, the Sergeant Major of the Army Conference and the recent CECOM LCMC Command Sergeants Major Conference.

“Several of the command sergeants major said they would have used these batteries had they just known. That’s why we’re doing this,” Casanova said. “As scientists and engineers, we don’t normally conduct awareness campaigns, but this is important. The batteries are in the inventory, just waiting to make the Soldier’s life easier.”

For information on batteries and other Army Power capabilities, visit the CERDEC Army Power Division Web site, www.cerdec.army.mil/c2d/armypower.

Chapel News

Commentary: 'Gone in Sixty Seconds'

By
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143rd Ordnance Battalion

I recently saw an exciting movie starring Nicholas Cage titled "Gone in Sixty Seconds." It's a movie about stealing cars, not Hondas and Volkswagens, but very expensive exotic cars.

I wondered for a moment, how much cars like those finely tuned Italian racing machines cost. How long does a person have to save their pennies to buy a car like that? I wondered how expensive cars like that really are to own.

If I considered parts and maintenance, not to mention that crazy sports-car auto insurance, the cost would be daunting.

And then, in keeping with the spirit of the movie, I wondered, what if that treasured, one-of-a-kind Maserati Barchetta Corsa was suddenly stolen, gone in 60 seconds?

Luckily for most of us, our lives aren't tied up in tremendously expensive and impractical race cars. We are, however, deeply invested in other transitory things. Our careers form a significant part of our security and identity, but careers don't last forever, and sometimes they don't last as long as we had planned.

The Psalmist wrote, "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man." [Psalm 118:8 NIV]

Let's face it, the things we work so hard for and by which we define ourselves are transitory and fragile. In the end they are all but certain to fail us.

Two years ago, a good friend of mine, a young man in his early 30's suddenly came down with an aggressive cancer. Thanks be to God he has come through it and is healthy, but he could have certainly lost his life.

Soldiers deploy to dangerous places, children grow up and leave home, marriages sometimes fail, best friends

move away. These are the realities of life in a fallen world. Fortunately, there is hope and a solid foundation to stand upon. That hope is our faith.

The one thing that will never be gone in 60 seconds is our relationship with God. Houses and cars are nice, Families are important and our health is priceless, but our real security is found when we base our hope and our identity upon our relationship with God our savior.

Jesus said,
"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." [Matt 7:24-27, NIV]

The tendency of our culture is to amass goods, build strong Families, and keep our blood pressure under control. These things promise a good and comfortable life and we should pursue them.

Still we need to know that in this life, the rain really does come down, the wind really does beat against the house, and when they do, our faith must be where we find our strength and the true sense of who we are as people.

If we will be truly secure, in ourselves, in this life, and yes, in the next life as well, we need to nurture and cultivate our faith and friendship with God.

As the Hebrew Proverb says, "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." [Proverbs 18:24 NIV]

ARMY FAMILY COVENANT

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Maryland Army National Guard Sgt. Joseph Beale, Company C 2/224th Aviation, and his daughter Sara, 5, absorb the moment of their reunion at the Gen. Warren Hodges Armory during the unit's return from Iraq Oct. 26.

Daddy's home: Policy OKs Soldiers' paternity leave

Story by
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Army News Service

When Capt. Rodney Jackson's wife Demetra had their first daughter two years ago, he had to use part of his annual leave in order to spend time with his Family.

However, this year, a new Army policy has allowed him the chance to spend time with the couple's newest addition without dipping into his leave.

New dads can now make use of the Army's new paternity leave policy, which allows 10 days of non-chargeable leave after the birth of a child. The policy went into effect in March.

"The Army got this right," Jackson said. "It's definitely a worthwhile policy and I think a lot of people are going to benefit from it."

The leave policy affects married active duty Soldiers, including activated guard and reserve Soldiers, whose spouses gave birth after October 2008. Although the leave must be taken consecutively, new fathers have 45 days to use it.

The 45-day time limit worked especially well for Jackson, who was attending the Adjutant General Captain's Career Course. Because he could only

miss so many hours of class, he was able to make up for the time lost once the classes were completed.

"One thing about it that I do like is you can (use leave) up to forty-five days," he said.

Jackson said the policy shows Families that the Army recognizes how important the father's role is in the days following the birth of a child.

"Even though [the wife] is at home, she still needs to heal," he said. "The husband needs to actually play a role in that. They need our help."

And although he is happy to help out, Jackson said he appreciates the distinction between paternity leave and having to take annual leave.

"That's not really a Family vacation," he said. "You're changing diapers, you're trying to get the baby adjusted to the home."

His wife said the policy is especially helpful for new moms, like her, who have other small children in the home.

Jackson said the paternity leave is a welcome addition to the maternity leave the Army already had in place.

"Now that it's given to the men as well, it's important, because we play a role too," he said.

Civilian honored for saving life

Story by
RITA MACLARY
U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Contracting Center

An engineering technician from the U.S. Army Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Support Center-Aberdeen was recognized on June 15 for his skills and response without hesitation in saving a life.

Bryon Young, executive director, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Contracting Center, presented the Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service to Ronald C. Hudgins, a TMDE supervisory engineering technician, in the presence of TMDE and AICD personnel.

"Mister Hudgins, it is an individual such as you who inspires others and makes us proud to be a part of the Army Family. Thank for your service and assistance," Young said.

Hudgins and other members of his group and members of the Aberdeen Installation Contracting Division RDECOMCC, were attending Suicide Prevention Training on March 10 at the Post Chapel when an employee from AICD collapsed.

The award justification stated that Hudgins, a former CPR instructor, ran to her assistance, and although she was a complete stranger, asked if anyone knew her name and began speaking calmly, encouraging her to respond.

"When she did not respond, I realized she was not breathing," Hudgins said. "I placed a jacket under her head and began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and CPR while a coworker placed a call to 911 providing location and condition information."

CPR was provided until the arrival of the emergency response personnel and ambulance and then that team took over.

The employee was taken to Harford Memorial Hospital and later transferred to St. Josephs Hospital in Baltimore and is now at home with her Family undergoing treatment and therapy.

All members of TMDE are trained in CPR as required by their work environment.

The members of the RDECOMCC AICD were so grateful that he was at the training and was able to provide his expertise to the situation, according to Young.



Health Notes

Accessing medical care barriers

MEDCOM

The Army Surgeon General recognizes that access to care is not where it should be at all military treatment facilities and is taking aggressive steps to improve access and ensure that beneficiaries' have access to quality care.

Access is when beneficiaries have the "The right provider, at the right time, in the right venue."

Several factors have contributed to what military healthcare providers across the services acknowledge are barriers to efficient and effective Access To Care. Most notable is the high number of war wounded and injured since hostilities began more than six years ago. This situation is amplified by a military healthcare system that was already understaffed and ill-equipped for the volume of war related injuries. Furthermore, the U.S. Army Medical Command's already stretched

system was further stressed by a growing beneficiary population of active duty and reserve component military Family members and retirees and their Family members. To date, beneficiaries enrolled to Army MTFs total more than 1.6 million.

The most immediate shortfall for primary care providers is at 12 Army installations and The Army Surgeon General has provided the funding for those MTFs to hire the provider and support staff.

Ensuring Army MTFs' capabilities are aligned with the number of beneficiaries they are charged to provide care for is the critical factor to improving access. The number of beneficiaries enrolled to an MTF must not exceed the MTF's capacity. Over-enrollment at an MTF results in frustration for both the beneficiaries and the healthcare team.

The second component is ensuring Primary Care Manag-

ers are available for clinic to meet the demand of the enrolled population. The military makes a commitment to provide healthcare within DoD established access standards when beneficiaries chose to enroll to the MTF.

There are key areas in the medical system identified as friction points and they must be addressed. They are: phone service, online appointments and follow-up appointments.

The MEDCOM policy is to have 90 percent of appointment calls in the appointment call center's queue answered within 90 seconds, have 80 percent of all primary care appointments on TRICARE on-line for internet booking, and to provide follow-up appointments during the healthcare visit or place beneficiaries on an automated appointment scheduling list.

Army MTFs will optimize usage of the TRICARE contract. The Assistant Secretary of

Defense for Health Affairs has published a policy that requires military treatment facilities to "offer the beneficiary a timely referral to obtain treatment in the TRICARE private sector network" if the MTF is unable to provide access to care within established standards.

The U.S. Army Medical Command also recognizes how important it is for patients to understand the various ways to obtain care and the processes involved, including how to obtain appointments by phone, via the Internet (TRICARE On-Line), and more. It will standardize Access To Care information on all MTF Web sites and in beneficiary information handouts provided during enrollment.

Finally, MEDCOM is establishing a methodology for accounting for all beneficiary requests for access to primary care. Knowing who is requesting care, but not given an

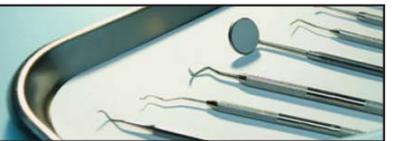
appointment at the MTF immediately is just as important as knowing who did receive care. This detailed accounting will enable the MTF to make appropriate adjustments in enrollment and clinic schedules.

While there are many areas under current review that will enhance access to care, The Army Surgeon General and his MTF commanders are working very hard to identify all Access To Care barriers and fix them; fully realizing that some will have relatively simple solutions, while others are more complex and will require more time.

These efforts will result in markedly improved access and provide MTF commanders with the tools for maintaining situational awareness so that they may make the appropriate adjustments to provide care at the MTF or give the beneficiary the choice of receiving care in TRICARE civilian network.



DENTAC Health Notes



Electronic health records will include dental

U.S. DoD Military Health System

The Military Health System is leading the charge with the groundbreaking implementation of a dental component to AHLTA, the military's electronic health record, and service members are reaping the benefits.

For the first time in the history of the MHS, AHLTA-Dental consolidates the uniformed services' dental records into a single, secure electronic resource, creating worldwide access to

a service member's integrated medical and dental record.

"AHLTA-Dental ushers in a new era for medical readiness," said Charles Campbell, MHS chief information officer. "With such extensive capabilities, AHLTA-Dental improves the sharing of patient information, allowing clinicians easy access to patient information anytime. It creates opportunities to reinforce health promotion and disease prevention

activities."

Starting in the mid-Atlantic region, the staffs at 377 dental clinics will train on and implement AHLTA-Dental by the end 2010. The Defense Health Information Management System's Deployment Operations team is working closely with service representatives to ensure all military treatment facilities are ready and prepared for a successful launch at each site.

Approximately 11,500 personnel are slated to complete two interactive Web-based lessons to prepare for on-site training. The on-site training includes eight hours in the classroom, followed by up to six hours of on-the-job training.

The MHS is a unique partnership of medical educators, medical researchers, healthcare providers and all support personnel worldwide. This DoD enterprise consists of the Office

of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; the medical departments of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard and Joint Chiefs of Staff; the Combatant Command surgeons; and TRICARE providers including private sector healthcare providers, hospitals and pharmacies.

For information about TRICARE's dental options, go to www.tricare dental program.com.

POST SHORTS

AMC Band to perform at local events

Aberdeen Festival Park

The U.S. Army Materiel Command Concert Band will hold a free concert, 7 to 8 p.m., June 30, at Aberdeen Festival Park, on the corner of Howard and Franklin Streets, Aberdeen. The concert is part of the Aberdeen Summer Concerts series 2009. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. In the event of inclement weather, performances will be held at Aberdeen Middle School in the Multi-Purpose Room.

The AMC Band will perform 7:30 p.m., July 3, at the 14th Annual Salute to Cecil County Veterans, North East Town Park, North East, Md.

The AMC Marching Band will perform in the Havre de Grace Independence Day Celebration parade, 2 p.m., July 5, on Union Avenue

For more information, call Karen Tegges, 410-939-6767.

Partial closure of Hoyle Fitness Center

Parts of the Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210, has closed for approximately three weeks so the hardwood floors in the facility can be refinished.

Areas affected 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.

Post Office holiday hours

The Aberdeen Area Post Office hours on July 3 are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Edgewood Area Post Office will be closed.

KUSAHC closes for July 4, training holiday

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed July 3 for the Independence Day holiday and July 6 for the training holiday. It will re-open July 7.

Patients are asked to plan accordingly for medication pickup and medical needs.

For medical assistance during non-duty hours, call the Staff Duty Officer 410-278-1725. A referral is not neces-

sary if patient receives care in an Emergency Department.

Planning for retirement

The Directorate of Human Resources provides retirement services to all military members assigned or attached to Aberdeen Proving Ground. An important part of these services is the Transition Assistance Program.

This three-day training session incorporates lecture, practical exercise and guest speaker methodology, with materials provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Veteran's Employment Training Service and National Training Institute.

This program replaces the former ACAP training, and is mandatory for Active Component service members, and is strongly encouraged for eligible family members. Classes are offered monthly and are held at the APG Area in the Soldier Processing Room, building 4305. To register, visit the DHR Web site, www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/human-resources/dhrindex.html and select the "TAP Training Registration" tab located under "Retirement Services."

For more information contact the DHR, Janet L. Dettwiler, 410-306-2301.

Soldiers on orders to Korea get new instructions

Soldiers on orders for Korea need to know about the new Army Instructions on tour lengths and options for bringing Family members.

Soldiers must hand-carry the following documents:

- USFK 350-2 Theater-Specific Required Training Certificate PCS Orders
- Leave Form (Department of the Army Form 31) medical and dental records (unless the servicing MTF sends them via certified mail)
- Military personnel file with record of emergency data, SGLV Form 8268-E, and security clearance (Department of the Army Form 873)
- Promotion Packet for those in promotable status Approved
- MOS/medical/dental retention board proceedings or medical evaluation board proceedings.

Before arriving in Korea, Soldiers must complete mandatory USFK training requirements and present a valid training certificate during in-processing.

Incoming Soldiers also must log on to the Soldier Management System and complete the Newcomer Needs Assessment Checklist at least 90 days before their report date.

The complete "Assignment Instructions to Korea" can be found on Army Knowledge Online at: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/17098169>

Notice of possible noise conditions

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground plans to conduct several large detonations which are likely to generate sound and/or vibration outside the installation boundaries.

The detonations are scheduled through June 26.

If weather conditions are not favorable, firing will be rescheduled.

Questions should be directed to 410-278-1147 or 800-688-8705.

KUSAHC closes for Organizational Day

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will close 11 a.m., July 17 for Organization Day and re-open July 20.

Patients are asked to plan accordingly for medication pickup and medical needs.

CPR Classes

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

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

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

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

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

BOSS Barbecue Bash

What better way to spend the day than going to a BBQ instead of work? Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will hold a Barbecue Bash, noon to 4 p.m., June 26, at Fanshaw Field in the Aberdeen Area. All barracks Soldiers are invited to attend – free admission, free food, music, games, prizes and gift certificates. Attendees must contact a BOSS representative to sign up.

For more information, call Spc. Rios, acting BOSS president, 410-436-4335.

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



Adventures in driving decision making

Panic on the highway!

Installation Safety Office

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

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

Situation #38

You're driving in the center lane of a divided six-lane highway. You are rapidly approaching the car ahead when you discover that your accelerator is stuck. What should you do?

A. Turn off ignition, brake, signal and steer to safe spot.

B. Jab at throttle pedal to jar it loose.

ANSWER A. Yes, "turn off ignition, brake, signal and steer to safe spot" is the safest decision. With you overtaking the car ahead, it just wouldn't be smart to jab at the accelerator. If you had been traveling the same speed, you might safely give it a try and see if it would jar the accelerator loose, but not in this circumstance...

ANSWER B. "Jab at throttle pedal to jar it loose" is what we all want to do, right? Well, it's the wrong answer in this situation. You might have tried this if you had been moving the same speed or slower than the cars around you, but under this circumstance, where you are overtaking the car ahead, it's too big a risk.

Community Notes

FRIDAY

JUNE 26 FREE HIV TESTING

In observance of 2009 National HIV Testing Day, the Harford County Health Department will offer anonymous, no-cost HIV testing on a "walk-in" basis, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Health Services Division office located on the third floor of 1 North Main Street, Bel Air. National HIV Testing Day is designed to increase awareness among all populations and to encourage everyone to be tested.

There will be free refreshments, door prizes and many other giveaways. Call 410-638-3060 to schedule an appointment if anyone is unable to get tested on this day.

For more information, call the Harford County Health Department Division of Health Services, 410-638-3060 or visit www.harfordcountyhealth.com, or call 410-612-1781.

SATURDAY

JUNE 27 CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW

American Legion Riders of the American Legion Edgewood Service Post 17, 415 Edgewood Road, Edgewood, will sponsor their Second Annual Car and Cycle Show. Register from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pre-registration costs \$10 per person, \$12 on the day of the show. Listen to 50's, 60's and 70's music, noon to 5 p.m. Trophies will be awarded. No alcohol allowed to be brought on premises. Food for purchase includes pit beef, hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecue ribs; beer and sodas available for purchase in beer garden. Dash plates will be given to first 50 paid entries. For more information, call Keith, 410-612-0202, or e-mail ksandlass@comcast.net.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY

JUNE 27-JULY 5 KUTZTOWN FOLK FESTIVAL

The Kutztown Folk Festival is located at the Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 North White Oak Street, Kutztown, Pa. The festival is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., June 27 to July 5. Events include more than 200 of America's finest craftsmen and folk artists, food, quilts, entertainment, kids fun and much more. Cost of daily admission is \$12 for adults; \$11 for senior citizens ages 55 and older; children ages 12 and under are free; and an all week pass costs \$20 per person. For more information or to request a free brochure, call 888-674-6136 or visit www.kutztownfestival.com.

WEDNESDAY

JULY 1 WEDNESDAY WEE WONDERS

Join the center's naturalist and her wee one for a critter encounter and hike. This free program will be held 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 0 to 4. Registration is required.

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

FRIDAY

JULY 3 FIRST FRIDAY - MILITARY APPRECIATION FRIDAY

The town of Havre de Grace will hold Military Appreciation Day, 5 to 9 p.m. Havre de Grace Main Street invites everyone to join them for their next First Friday. Get out the stars and stripes and wear red, white and blue. There will be live music, a beer garden, face painting, a special interest car show, shops and restaurants will have specials and stay open late, antique military vehicles on display and more.

For more information, call 410-939-1811 or visit http://campaign.constantcontact.com/render?v=001NuulU28ZalZxq3-Ugx41oIQBwhGRemXXqMSyU_1ZjmRdtzoguPuxd4bwD9tlrQZh4Yzq-lkwpM7uaZkrBTsCJIBviFG_icZB-9J0Q6xdky_zbscLkA9FSJfLpyZ3yq6l-8hOMtRu1_uBQY%3D.

SUNDAY

JULY 5 DISCOVERY WALK

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

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

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 11:30 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.

NATURE TALES - AMPHIBIANS

Story time with a nature twist! Come listen to some stories, learn new songs and move like the animals. This free program will be held 2 p.m. for all ages. No registration required.

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

FRIDAY

JULY 10 PATRIOTIC SALUTE DAY

All veterans and active duty service members are invited to attend "Patriotic Salute Day," a special feature of the 11th annual Mason Dixon Fair. The Mason-Dixon Fairgrounds are located on 6988 Delta Road in Delta, Pa., on the MD-PA Line, Route 165 and Route 74. Admission is free all day to veterans and active service members with military, VFW or American Legion ID. All veterans, active service members and senior citizens are invited to attend a special early show by the Re-Creation, a song and dance troop, and enjoy fair exhibits and cash Bingo, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, visit www.masondixonfair.com.

SATURDAY

JULY 11 WHITETAILED DEER SURVEY

Harford County seems to be experiencing explosive population growth, and not just with humans. Come help to determine if the deer population of Leight Park is a healthy size. Get the scoop on poop and conduct pellet (deer scat) counts out on the trails to determine how many deer call the Park home. This program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 16 to adult. Registration is required.

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

CRITTER DINNERTIME

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat and learn more about these fascinating creatures. This free program begins at 1:30 p.m. for all ages. No registration required.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Search out and map the location of grass (submerged aquatic vegetation) beds in Otter Point Creek, while learning about their many benefits to aquatic ecosystems. This program will be held noon to 2:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

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

MILITARY ALL-STAR GAME BENEFITS PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING

The Southern Maryland Blue Crabs will host a Military All-Star Game, 6:35 p.m., at the Regency Furniture Stadium located on 11765 St. Linus Drive, Waldorf, Md. Gates open 5:30 p.m.

The U.S. Military All-Stars will take on the Latin American All-Stars. Proceeds from the exhibition game will benefit Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing which benefits wounded warriors.

Tickets cost \$8 per person. Tickets are free for active duty military personnel and their Family members with valid identification.

For more information on Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, visit www.ProjectHealingWaters.org.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs, 301-638-9788, or visit www.SOMDBlueCrabs.com or www.USMilitaryAllStars.us.

BASKET AND PURSE BINGO

Basket and Purse Bingo to benefit the Men's Auxiliary of VFW Post 8185 will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 22, Port Deposit. Doors open 6 p.m., bingo begins 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 per person, extra packets cost \$5 each. Food, drink, baked goods will be available. No smoking is allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 or e-mail missanne1047@zoominternet.net.

SATURDAY

JULY 11 AND 18 GET YOUR BEARINGS

Don't get lost in the woods - even when the GPS unit doesn't get a signal - with map and compass skills. Two-day class includes map skills, then field orienteering. Each participant receives a compass to take home. This program will be held 3 to 4 p.m., July 11 and 2:30 to 4 p.m., July 18 for ages 12 to 15. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

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

SUNDAY

JULY 12 HEALING HERBS - LAVENDER FIZZING BATH BOMBS

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

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

EARTH FRIENDLY CLEANERS

Make non-toxic household cleaners to replace that shelf full of environmentally harmful cleaning products. This program will be held 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 12 to adult. The cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required.

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

FRIDAY

JULY 17 FRIDAY FLOATING FEASTS

Unwind from a week of work and camp with dinner on the water - the Water Strider Pontoon Boat that is, with Family or friends. Meet at the Estuary Center - all trips will depart from the Otter Point Marina due to low tides. This program will be held 6 to 8 p.m. for ages 30 lbs. to adult. The cost is \$10 per person or \$35 per Family (limit 5 per Family). Registration is required.

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

SATURDAY

JULY 18 LOWTIDE EXPLORATIONS

Cool off walking along the beautiful shoreline of Otter Point Creek. This free program will be held 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for all ages. Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

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

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

Former APG commander dies at age 64

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Former Garrison Commander Retired Col. Wilson "Bill" R. Rutherford III, 64, died on Saturday, June 20, at the Perry Point Veterans Affairs Medical Center after a long illness.

Born Jan. 11, 1945, in Baltimore to Wilson R. Rutherford Jr. and Ella Virginia Rutherford, he graduated from Syracuse University in 1966 where he was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He received a master's in business from the University of Pittsburgh in 1973, and graduated from the National War College in 1986.

On Dec. 7, 1968, he married the former Carolyn Morrison Lacy of Richmond, Va.

Rutherford was a long-time resident of Harford County, retiring there after 27 years of dedicated military service. Following military retirement, Rutherford worked for Gov. William Schaefer as director of the Maryland International Division of the Department of Business and Economic Development, and later for Harford County as director of Procurement and as military liaison to the Office of Economic Development.

He served in the U. S. Army until 1992, and was the garrison commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground from 1988 to 1990. Subsequently, he served as the G4 for the U.S. Army VII Corps during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, where he oversaw all logistical operations for the Corps.

For his heroic action in Vietnam, Rutherford received a Silver Star. Other awards and decorations include three Legion of Merits, Purple Heart, four Meritorious Service Medals as well as the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross, Combat Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and the Vietnamese Ranger Badge during his distinguished military career.

His life work also included various civic activities, including the Governor's Task Force for Economic Development, the Harford County Economic Development Advisory Board, the VII Corps Desert Storm Veteran's Association, a Trustee at the APG Ordnance Museum and a founding member of the Higher Education and Applied Technology Center and the Army Alliance.

Survivors include his wife of 41

years, Carolyn; two children, Maj. Wilson "Trey" Roller Rutherford IV of Fayetteville, N.C., and wife Caitlin, and Megan McCarron Rutherford of Chicago, Ill.; one grandchild, Wilson Roller Rutherford V; a sister, Charlene Rutherford Kriz of Middletown, Va., and husband Scott; and an aunt, Mildred Sanders of Parkville, Md. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Beverly Rutherford Mellot.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Barry D. Decker served twice under Rutherford - the first time with the 172nd Infantry Brigade in Alaska and then at APG as the garrison command sergeant major when Rutherford was the garrison commander.

Decker said that Rutherford cared deeply for the Soldiers, noncommissioned officers, officers, retirees, Department of the Army civilians and Families under his command.

"He was the only commander that I had ever served under that got me to the improved state of physical training to run ten kilometers routinely on battalion PT runs," Decker recalled. "The temperatures had to be below thirty degrees

before these outside runs were cancelled in the early mornings and we had PT in the gymnasium. I will always remember him for that and for the cold winters that our unit spent on sixty-nine-day field exercises in the Alaskan wilderness during BRIM FROST Exercises. At APG he routinely allowed the Ordnance battalions to run PT in the late afternoons which caused some traffic delays for civilians entering and exiting the installation. He felt that PT runs were necessary to build physical endurance and made for better Soldiers and leaders."

Decker said that during his tour as garrison commander, Rutherford was instrumental in the upgrade of the enlisted barracks Phases II and III, modernization of the installation dining facilities, upgrades to Family housing, construction and commissioning of the Vibration Test Facility of the then Combat Systems Test Activity, and construction of the Chemical and Biological Defense Laboratory in the Edgewood Area. He was an active supporter of the local chapter of the Association of the United States Army and frequently attended the AUSA conventions in Washington, D.C.

"We would transport the installation's outstanding Soldiers and NCOs to activities with the Chief of Staff and Sergeant Major of the Army, The 3rd Infantry Division's Old Guard at Fort Meyer, Virginia and to the U.S. Army Soldiers Home as well as to official ceremonies," Decker said. "He was a professional officer, Soldier, and friend, and I will miss him."

Rutherford will be especially remembered for his honorable service to country and selfless acts of heroism in time of war. His ability to bridge relationships between APG and Harford County made a lasting impact on both the county and the garrison.

He was a dedicated father and most loving husband.

A memorial service will be held at the APG Main Post Chapel Monday, 11 a.m., June 29, with reception immediately following at Top of the Bay. A private burial is planned at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the Rutherford Family requests that memorial contributions be made in his name to the Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 AC Skinner Pkwy, Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256 or <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/content/view/474/971/>.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Zellman's Funeral Home, 123 S. Washington Street, Havre de Grace, MD 21078, 410-939-2882.



Army bases to honor late Guthrie on June 30

ArmyTimes online

The national flag will be flown at half-staff on Army stateside installations June 30 to honor the memory of retired Gen. John R. Guthrie, who died in Washington on May 25.

Guthrie, 87, served as the four-star commander of the U.S. Army Materiel and Readiness Command from 1977 to 1981. The organization was renamed the U.S. Army Materiel Command in 1984.

Guthrie was commissioned through the Princeton University Army ROTC program in 1942 and served as an assistant military attaché in London during World War II.

A field artillery officer, Guthrie subsequently served in the Korean War, and during the mid-1950s served as the staff project officer for the launching of the nation's first Earth satellite.

Guthrie returned in the mid-1960s to Korea, where he was assistant commander of the 2nd Infantry Division, and in the mid-1970s became commander of X Corps and U.S. Army Japan.

Guthrie was promoted to full general in 1977 upon assuming command of the U.S. Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command.

He was married to Rebecca Jeffers Guthrie, who died in 2005.

Funeral services are scheduled for 9 a.m., June 30, at the Memorial Chapel, Fort Belvoir, Va.

APG youths get motivational tips from Greater Baltimore Junior Miss



Photo by RENEE MAIN, EAYC
 Kristi Snyder, Greater Baltimore Junior Miss 2010 and a Be Your Best Self program spokesperson, listens to feedback from youths and parents during the Be Your Best Self observance at the Edgewood Area Youth Center May 8.

Story by
YVONNE JOHNSON
 APG News

Children and youths at the Edgewood Area Youth Center received encouraging words and self-improvement tips during a visit from the 2010 Greater Baltimore Junior Miss Kristi Snyder as part of the Be Your Best Self program May 8.

A junior at John Carroll High School in Bel Air, Snyder won the honor in March during the Greater Baltimore Junior Miss Scholarship Program competition. Her duty for the year-long crown includes visiting and motivating young people in school and youth groups around the region.

Snyder said her goal was to encourage listeners to stay on

track and keep thinking positive.

“I told them to be involved, ambitious, responsible, healthy and studious,” she said, adding that her love of children makes it easier for her to connect to young listeners. She said the BJM program focuses on bringing out a person’s best qualities.

“It’s a good program that promotes what I think every person should try to live up to anyway,” she said.

A question and answer session followed Snyder’s talk, and she said the young listeners responded well.

“They asked great questions and were very expressive, just an awesome group of kids,” she said.

Snyder said that after high school she plans to pursue a medical degree.

“I’d like to go into the medical field, pharmacology or pediatrics,” she said adding that she’s leaning toward pediatrics and the joy of helping young patients. “I’d love to take their fear away,” she said.

Some of the children who sat in on Snyder’s talk said they would remember her suggestions.

“She said ‘be a leader, not a follower, and to say something nice to your mom before she goes to bed,’” recalled 3rd grader Sidney Alston-Hicks.

“Be yourself and don’t let other people tell you what to do,” added 5th grader Tae Vaughn Buie. “Be a

leader and not a follower.”

Renee Main, EAYC facility manager, said Snyder was “very impressive.”

“She did a wonderful job presenting the Be Your Best Self program, and she set a good example of a youth with goals for the future,” Main said. “It’s refreshing to see that type of energy put to good use and not put into rebellious and inappropriate actions.”

2010 Greater Baltimore Junior Miss

A junior at John Carroll High School, Kristi Snyder is an aspiring pediatrician/pharmacologist. She is captain of the school’s tap dance team; secretary of the Thespian Society; she plays violin in the orchestra, sings in the chorus and is an active member of the Spanish Honor Society and National Honor Society.

She has received numerous honors and awards for her scholastic achievements and has qualified as a Maryland Distinguished Scholar.

She volunteers at Brightview Senior Living and Lorien Assisted Living in Bel Air, at the Harford Family House in Aberdeen and at her school.

Her interests and hobbies include horseback riding, reading, photography, traveling, cooking, caring for animals and spending time with family and friends.

Snyder competes at the state finals this month in Westminster, and the winner from there will go on to the National competition in Alabama.

America’s Junior Miss Be Your Best Self program

According to the Baltimore Junior Miss Web site at www.baltimorejuniormiss.org, the America’s Junior Miss BYBS program is an outreach program that encourages self-esteem, literacy and all-around excellence in young people.

“It allows Junior Misses to reach out to young people and encourage them to make a commitment to doing their best in academics, physical fitness, morality, character and social and civic participation. Junior Misses deliver helpful messages emphasizing the importance of setting goals and striving to achieve them.”

The ‘Be Your Best Self Promise’

I want to help improve the world and that begins with me.

I promise to do the following things:

- Be healthy – Be physically fit and drug free
- Be involved – Serve my community
- Be studious – Stay in school
- Be ambitious – Set and achieve goals
- Be responsible – Live by moral and ethical principles

Ball

From front page

that highlighted the accomplishments of one ‘American Hero’ Silver Star recipient Capt. Gregory Ambrosia, for actions taken while engaging the enemy in Afghanistan in 2007.

To honor Ambrosia and Soldiers like him, a set of pewter dog tags were provided at each table setting for guests, Izzo said.

“Think about and remember all the years and all the sacrifices of our Soldiers,” Izzo said.

The ceremony included traditional toasts and the cutting of the Army Birthday cake by Izzo, Marin and the evening’s youngest Soldier.

In addition, Surdu drew guest’s attention to the Table of Remembrance near the ballroom floor.

“This table is set in remembrance of all who paid the supreme price for the freedoms we all share,” Surdu said, “those Killed In Action, Missing in Action and Prisoners of War who have yet to return.”

The table, symbolizing the frailty of POWs, held the traditional white tablecloth for purity of intentions; a single rose for Families; a yellow ribbon for MIAs and POWs; a slice of lemon, “to remind us of their bitter fate;” salt for the Families’ tears; an inverted glass for “those who are not in attendance” and an empty chair as a reminder that “they are not here.”

“Remember all of you who served with them and call them comrades; who depended upon their might and aid and

relied upon them, for surely they have not forgotten you,” Surdu said. “We will always remember them.”

Surdu closed the formal part of the program with special thanks for organizations that supported the event as well as Top of the Bay staff and the RDECOM and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation planning teams.

As music filled the room and guests moved to the dance floor, several commented on the festivities.

“This was a wonderful, patriotic event,” said Bill Securro, chairman of the Harford County Chamber of Commerce as he escorted his wife Kay.

Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez, APG Garrison, added his thanks to AUSA.

“If you look around there’s about two-hundred Soldiers,” Rodriguez said. “It was

so nice of AUSA to donate one-hundred tickets. We’re very grateful for their support of our Soldiers and their Families.”

The narrator for the uniform pageant, Sgt. Thomas Benton, a BNCOC student from Fort McPherson, Ga., said he was particularly proud of his fellow Soldiers.

“I think it went extremely well. They had a great turnout and the pageant could not have gone better,” he said.

Maj. Greg Billings, U.S. Air Force Reserve and a lawyer with the 20th Support Command (CBRNE), said he attended in his dress uniform as a show of camaraderie. He and his fiancée Pauline Thorndike said they enjoyed the pageantry of the event.

“It was wonderful from start to finish and we were delighted to be here,” he said.

DES Police Academy carries SOMD Torch during annual run

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
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For the sixth consecutive year the Directorate of Emergency Services Police Academy participated in the annual Torch Run for the Special Olympics of Maryland June 2.

Thirty-six academy students, the largest group yet, participated in the run that began after deputies from the Harford County Sheriff's Office from Havre de Grace passed the torch to them in front of the Ryan's Furniture store on Route 40 in Aberdeen.

Academy Commander Capt. Dawn Fischer led the runners aided by four instructors – police officers Martin Cade, Cal Rolfes, Eric Semke and senior instructor Mike Mitchell.

Fischer said the students, all Department of Defense police officers, were from federal agencies all over the country, including Puerto Rico and Alaska. Eight will remain at APG while the rest will return to their units.

"It's a very diverse group," Fischer said. "We have one runner who at age sixty-two still runs in marathons and another who survived an IED explosion in Iraq. And, we have five females, the most ever in one class."

The academy lasts 9 weeks and the current class graduates June 26, Fischer said. She added her thanks to Mike Farlow, DES detective and community policing officer who organizes the run each year.

As the group waited to rendezvous with the Havre de Grace runners, Lt. John Newnan, of the Howard County Police Department and state law enforcement coordinator for the Torch Run, thanked the group for their participation. He said that 98 groups around the state participate in the run and in the Polar Bear Plunge every year to support the Special Olympics in addition to groups in 46 countries around the world.

"No other profession is as united as one as law enforcement," Newnan said. "We are



Police officers from the Directorate of Emergency Services Police Academy carry the "Flame of Hope" torch toward the city of Aberdeen, June 2, during the Special Olympics of Maryland Torch Run on Route 40. Harford County Sheriff deputies in vehicles and on motorcycles escorted the runners.

so pleased that you are out here every year to show your support. You are our future."

Harford County Sheriff deputies in vehicles and on motorcycles escorted the runners and controlled traffic as the group ran down Route 40 to the Aberdeen Police Department where they were greeted by police chief Randy Rudy. The runners expressed enthusiasm for their venture.

"I loved it," said James Jacobs a 62-year-old police officer from Fort Bragg, N.C. "I do a lot of walking and my goal was to make this two-mile run," he said. "The group support was outstanding. They gave me good encouragement and kept me motivated."

Police officer Vincent Petersen, a St. Croix, Virgin Islands, native with the Augusta, Ga., Police Department, called cadence for a portion of the run. An Army retiree, Petersen, age 60, still runs marathons.

"It was a good run but not long enough," Petersen said, adding that he appreciated the purpose as well as his comrades.

"Giving back to the community is so important and this really made our tour here," he said. "This class is very diverse. We're from different places, in different age groups, and we've

been together for forty days. I've made new friends for life.

"And I like how this post operates," he added. "They look out for their officers, and the instructors are very knowledgeable."

Police Officers Ashley Culbert from Fort Lewis, Wash., and Erica Calderon of Fort A.P.

Hill, Va., said they liked running in formation better than running on their own.

"It motivates you to run with your peers around you," Culbert said. "It's not every day you participate in something so meaningful."

Calderon, who has an Autis-

tic 5-year-old son, said she was already familiar with the Special Olympics and she appreciated the support of her classmates.

"I like running anyway, and I love this class," she said. "They're so supportive. We have a great time together and the instructors are awesome."

Harford County Sheriff encourages police participation in Torch Run

For the past four years, police officers from the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Academy have participated in the annual Torch Run for the Special Olympics of Maryland; taking the torch at the Aberdeen/Havre de Grace border and running in platoon formation to pass it to the City of Aberdeen police department which then passes it on to Baltimore County.

Every year the group is escorted by deputies from the Harford County Sheriff's Office which is led by Sheriff L. Jesse Bane, who may be the county's biggest supporter of SOMD.

Bane called his support "kind of a personal thing." He has a brother with cerebral palsy, and he said that as a child he and his Family would attend the Special Olympics and watch his brother win ribbons and awards.

"It kind of made him a hero in our Family," Bane said. "No one else in our Family had ribbons. Without the Special Olympics, I'm not sure my brother would have been able to enjoy life to the extent that he has."

He said that if not for complications during his birth, he's certain his brother might have been an athlete.

"I had three brothers and three sisters and we

lived out in the country and played together all the time," he said.

"When we played baseball, my brother could hit and throw with one hand."

He called the Special Olympics games an inspiring experience.

"When you go out there and see all those kids so enthusiastic just to be a part of it you realize that all of them are winners," he said. "Once you experience that – when you see how meaningful it is – you don't want to miss it."

Bane said he takes pride in what law enforcement agencies around the county – including APG's Directorate of Emergency Services police officers – do to support Maryland's special Olympians.

"I'm very proud to be a part of one of the biggest sponsors of Special Olympics of Maryland," he said. "It's another feather in our cap to show that we're not just enforcing the law but supporting our communities. We don't want to let those kids down."

"My reward is the greater satisfaction to see what law enforcement in Harford County is doing to support the Special Olympics of Maryland," Bane said.



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Programs join forces to put Soldiers first

Story by
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When Aberdeen Proving Ground Alcohol and Drug Control officer and director of the APG Army Substance Abuse Program Jareta Coyle looked around for ways to impact Soldiers' lives in a positive way, she turned to Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation for help.

With the shared mission of encouraging positive recreational outlets and activities for service members, Coyle, applied for Global War on Terrorism monies, much of which is earmarked to combat substance abuse, and received \$91,000.

"As a former addiction counselor, it's been my philosophy that it's the Soldier's duty to

the Army to learn how to have fun because people who have fun don't have substance abuse problems," Coyle said. "We're happy to work with the sports program to provide what's fun."

"Unfortunately, people medicate their boredom and loneliness with substance abuse and that's what the Army Substance Abuse Program is fighting. Through recreational activities such as hobbies, fitness classes, ceramics, intramural sports, chapel and other activities, there's no excuse to be lonely or bored at APG," she added.

Ralph Cuomo, FMWR sports director, said the effort began when Coyle contacted the sports office with extra monies three years ago.

"The ASAP monies have

brought T-shirts for everyone participating in the Armed Forces Day run for the last three years," Cuomo said. "We can't force the Soldiers to participate if they have to pay so ASAP paid the entry fee, and we made it part of the Physical Training program and it caught on."

He added that FMWR received \$58,000 of the ASAP money and the rest went to other items not related to recreation.

With the funds that were made available last year, the sports office purchased paintball equipment for holiday tournaments. The indoor set includes a gym-sized net enclosure, inflatable bunkers, paintball guns and helmets, protective vests and thousands of rubber balls – not actual paint-filled balls because the set

is for indoor use. The first two tournaments were held during the Labor Day and Veterans Day holidays, and dozens of Soldiers, Marines and Airmen who would otherwise have been sitting in the barracks or the recreation center participated, Cuomo said.

"All equipment was purchased with ASAP money," he added.

Thanks to a list of needs given to Coyle when the money was made available in January, even more events are in the works. The sports office has purchased a self-contained paintball arena for outdoor use; later this month they will take Soldiers on a whitewater rafting trip in Pennsylvania; and a July Fourth trip to Hershey Park is planned during the Soldier's

four-day break. It's also paid for our boxing and talent show awards," Cuomo said.

Coyle said that when she requested funding for the list of events, she asked for \$94,000 and was pleasantly surprised to receive \$91,000.

"FMWR comes up with the ideas, and I come up with the money," she said. "This benefits all service members who serve here and supplements FMWR programs already in the works. As far as I know, we are the only ASAP in the Army to form a coalition with FMWR to initiate programs to fight substance abuse. We don't know how long it will last in the present economy, but the paintball equipment and other activities are here to stay."

Activities/Events

Partial closure of Hoyle Fitness Center

Parts of the Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210, will be closed for approximately three weeks beginning June 22 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 will 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.

2009 Army Arts and Crafts Contest

The Army Arts and Crafts Contest is an annual, juried competition of two- and three-dimensional artwork held in separate groups for novice and accomplished artists and artisans. All authorized patrons of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation are eligible to enter.

Rules for submission of entries, as

New Child Development Home opens in Edgewood Area

FMWR

The Child Care Development Center will open a new Child Development Home at 3809E Pride Court July 13. There will be an Open House 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 9 and 10. Refreshments will be served.

The home will provide hourly care for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A healthy breakfast snack, lunch and an afternoon snack will be provided under the guidelines of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

All military, Department of Defense civilians and contractors assigned to APG are eligible for child care and must be registered in the Child, Youth and School Services hourly program.

Child care will be available up to 25 hours a week. Reservations can be made the day of, up to one week in advance or through a monthly calendar. Calendar reservations may be made seven days prior to the beginning of the month.

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

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

For more information or to register, call Central Registration, 410-278-7571/7479. Registration is free.

well as entry forms can be downloaded from <https://artscrafts.fmwrc.army.mil>, or at the Arts and Crafts Centers.

Entries must be submitted to Arts and Crafts Center, building 2407, 410-278-4207 no later than 4 p.m., June 30.

CYSS Youth Soccer registration

Youths ages 4 through 14 can register for boys and girls soccer teams. Walk-in registration will be held 7:30 to 10 a.m., through June 29; appointments are needed for registration 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call Aberdeen Area Central Registration, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479, or call John Lee, 410-436-

7131, Edgewood Area Youth Center, building E-1902.

Age groups include 4 to 5; 6 to 7; 8 to 9; 10 to 11; and 13 to 14 (age as of July 31, 2009). Games will be held Saturdays and practices held weeknights. Practices begin the week of July 27.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Hearts Apart Support Group meets July 1

Hearts Apart Support Group is one way to stay connected in the community and learn what Army Community

Service has to offer the Family. Family members from all branches of service, DoD civilians and contractors may participate in Hearts Apart Support Group meetings held in the APG Army Community Service building 2754, Rodman Road 6 to 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month (July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2).

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

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

SKIES Unlimited

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

Aerobic Cardio Dance

There's still time to lose a few pounds before that summer vacation.

Lunchtime aerobics will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, July 8 to Aug. 27. Cost of the program is \$52 per person.

For more information, call 410-278-3868.

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.

Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do

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., July 6 through Aug. 12. Cost is \$40 per

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

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

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.

American Kickboxing

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

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

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

strength and power.

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

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

Toddler Art

Calling all young Picassos. Toddler Art lessons will be given 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Wednesdays, June 24 through July 29, for ages 2 through 4 at Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

Hands-on creativity is the theme as children explore paint, clay, color, texture and shapes. Dress little ones in old clothes or smock and be prepared for a messy good time. Parent participation required.

June bowling specials

- In June, bowl 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, for \$1.25 per game plus \$2 for shoe rental or rent the lane for \$10 per hour, with shoe rental included.

- Buy a combo meal from the snack bar, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and get a free game. Shoe rental is not included.

- From 5 p.m. to closing, bowling costs \$2 per game plus \$2 for shoe rental or rent the lane for \$12 per hour, with shoe rental included.

- Cosmic Soldier specials on June 27 include one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza special and a pitcher of soda for \$32. Receive four free bowling passes when purchasing this special, to be used at a later date.

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Bowling party packages are available.

Youth bowling leagues are now forming. The league will bowl every Friday evening, July 10 through Aug. 21. For more information or to register, call the Bowling Center, 410-278-4041.

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.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

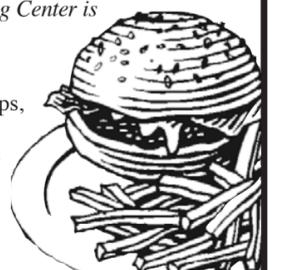
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Week of June 22

Special #1: Regular ham and cheese with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.75.

Special #2: Pork bbq 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.



Racquetball champ named



Photo by JOHN DENSMORE, APG VISUAL INFORMATION
Pedro Rodriguez, left, accepts the championship medal from Donna Coyne of the APG Sports Office after winning the intramural racquetball championship at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center June 4. Rodriguez, the APG Garrison Command Sergeant Major, retires later this month.

Ready Army: Hurricane season is here, now is the time to prepare

Story by
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APG News

The 2009 Hurricane season began June 1 and lasts through Nov. 30.

Forecasters at Colorado State University have predicted that 12 named tropical storms will form in the Atlantic Basin, which includes the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, with six developing into hurricanes and two becoming major hurricanes with winds faster than 110 mph. Federal, state and local emergency managers agree that now is the time to prepare.

The first tropical depression of the season, Tropical Depression 1, formed off the Atlantic coast May 28 as the nation observed Hurricane Preparedness Week May 24 through 30. The disturbance dissipated in the North Atlantic.

The following information about Hurricane Preparedness was compiled from the Assistant Chief of Staff for Information Management's Ready Army Web site and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Hurricane Center.

Ready Army means prepare, plan and stay informed

The Ready Army Web site at www.ascim.army.mil/readyarmy encourages Soldiers and their Families to prepare for disasters ahead of time, make and practice a Family emergency plan and stay informed about threats, hazards or events that can trigger emergency situations. Most of what is addressed in Family emergency plans or kits can be useful regardless of the hazard.

Get a kit, make a plan, be informed

Ready Army is the Army Emergency Management Program's proactive communication campaign to increase the resilience of the Army community by creating a culture of preparedness for our Soldiers, civilians, contractors and their Families to save lives and strengthen the nation.

Get a kit

To prepare for an emergency, assemble one or more emergency kits that include enough supplies to meet the Family's essential needs (food, clothing, shelter, medical aid) for at least three days. Keep a kit prepared at home and consider having kits in the car and at work. These kits can be useful whether evacuating or sheltering-in-place.

Suggested basic items:

- Water: at least one gallon per person per day for three days
- Food: nonperishable food for at least three days; consider items that do not require cooking and that will stay fresh such as energy bars, freeze dried, dehydrated and canned foods
- Formula and diapers for infants
- Pet foods, water, documents and other supplies
- Manual can opener
- Flashlight, NOAA battery-powered weather radio, battery-powered cell phone charger and extra batteries of hand-crank powered devices
- First aid kit with dust masks, rated to at least N95, disinfectant and garbage bags
- Sanitation supplies such as moist towelettes, disinfectant and garbage bags
- Important documents in watertight packaging
- Family emergency plan, local maps, command reporting information



Make a plan

Make and practice a Family emergency plan. Consider the range of potential emergencies and all the places you and your Family might be. Some emergencies require different responses than others but a Family communications procedure will be helpful in any case.

When making a plan, consider the five W's:

Who

Gather input from all Family members to consider all possibilities and make them more likely to remember important steps when an emergency happens. Choose a contact person, a Family member or friend living somewhere else whom everyone can contact if an emergency strikes when you are separated.

What

Plan for all hazards that could affect your Family, considering potential hazards and weather patterns in your region. Think through each possible emergency situation and determine how your Family should respond.

Where

Think about all the places you and your Family may be throughout the day, such as home, office, school and in transit. Establish meeting places and discuss situations to use them.

When

Because emergencies can happen at any time, make your Family emergency plan immediately. Review the plan annually and whenever there are major changes in your Family situation schedule or activities.

Why

Emergencies can be scary. By establishing and practicing a Family emergency plan, you and your Family are more likely to find each other quickly and help one another get through the emergency situation safely and with less worry.

Practice your plan

Making an emergency plan is just the first step; you should practice it at least twice a year. Describe to Family members a hypothetical event and tell them to follow the Family emergency plan. Practice gathering your emergency kit and important documents, communicating with one another and meeting at a designated place. Afterward, discuss the actions you took and how the plan would change in a different type of emergency.

Be informed

Emergency situations come in many forms. Give consideration to hazards likely to affect your local area, such

as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes or severe winter weather. Hazards such as power outages or disease outbreaks can happen at any time. Keep in mind that most of what you address in your Family emergency plan or put in your emergency kits will be useful regardless of the hazard.

Notification and emergency actions

You should understand the local mass warning systems and when notified be prepared to evacuate, move to a shelter or designated safe haven or shelter-in-place.

Hurricane preparedness

www.nhc.noaa.gov

History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. It is important to learn about vulnerabilities to this hazard and actions that can be taken to reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster.

Each year, averages of 11 tropical storms develop over the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico. Many of these remain over the ocean and never impact the U.S. coastline. Six of these storms become hurricanes. In an average 3-year period, roughly five hurricanes strike the U.S. coastline anywhere from Texas to Maine. Of these, two are typically "major" or "intense" hurricanes – Category 3 or higher.

Hurricanes are categorized according to the strength of their winds using the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale. A Category 1 storm has the lowest wind speeds, while a Category 5 hurricane has the strongest. These are relative terms, because lower category storms can sometimes inflict greater damage than higher category storms, depending on where they strike and the particular hazards they bring. In fact, tropical storms can also produce significant damage and loss of life, mainly due to flooding.

Hurricane hazards

Hurricane hazards come in the forms of storm surge, high winds, tornadoes, and flooding. It is important for Families to have a plan that includes all of these hazards. Look carefully at the safety actions associated with each type of hurricane hazard and prepare a Family disaster plan accordingly.

Estimated hurricane damages by strength

In general, wind speed, precipitation, duration, and other factors can be

expected to inflict certain amounts of damage to the environment and structures according to the strength of the hurricane.

Category 1 Hurricane, winds 74 to 95 mph

- No real damage to buildings.
- Damage to unanchored mobile homes.
- Some damage to poorly constructed signs.
- Some coastal flooding and minor pier damage.

Examples: Irene 1999 and Allison 1995.

Category 2 Hurricane, winds 96 to 110 mph:

- Some damage to building roofs, doors and windows. Considerable damage to mobile homes.
- Flooding damages piers and small craft in unprotected moorings may break their moorings.
- Some trees blown down.

Examples: Bonnie 1998, Georges 1998 and Gloria 1985.

Category 3 Hurricane, winds 111 to 130 mph

- Some structural damage to small residences and utility buildings.
- Large trees blown down.
- Mobile homes and poorly built signs destroyed.

Flooding near the coast destroys smaller structures with larger structures damaged by floating debris.

Terrain may be flooded well inland.
Examples: Keith 2000, Fran 1996, Opal 1995, Alicia 1983 and Betsy 1965.

Category 4 Hurricane, winds 131 to 155 mph

- More extensive curtain wall failures with some complete roof structure failure on small residences.
- Major erosion of beach areas.
- Terrain may be flooded well inland.

Examples: Hugo 1989 and Donna 1960

Category 5 Hurricane, winds 156 mph and higher

- Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings.
- Some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away.
- Flooding causes major damage to lower floors of all structures near the shoreline.
- Massive evacuation of residential areas may be required.

Examples: Andrew 1992, Camille 1969 and Labor Day 1935.

2009 hurricane names

When the winds from these storms reach 39 mph the cyclones are given names. Meteorologists use a 6-year rotating list of Atlantic storm names—alternating between male and female hurricane names. Atlantic cyclone names are retired usually when hurricanes result in substantial damage or death or for other special circumstances.

The names assigned for the Atlantic 2009 hurricane season are Ana, Bill, Claudette, Danny, Erika, Fred, Grace, Henri, Ida, Joaquin, Kate, Larry, Mindy, Nicholas, Odette, Peter, Rose, Sam, Teresa, Victor and Wanda.

The names assigned for the 2009 Pacific hurricane season are Andres, Blanca, Carlos, Dolores, Enrique, Felicia, Guillermo, Hilda, Ignacio, Jimena, Kevin, Linda, Marty, Nora, Olaf, Patricia, Rick, Sandra, Terry, Vivian, Waldo, Xina, York and Zelda.

Commentary: Commissaries ask customers 'What's in your closet?'

By
MILLIE SLAMIN
DeCA

You can plan for a summer outing, but you can't plan for a natural or man-made disaster. This month, the Defense Commissary Agency wants to help you plan for both.

"Our focus is on delivering a premier commissary benefit to our armed services community," said DeCA Director and CEO Philip E. Sakowitz Jr., "and we do that by ensuring our customers have what they need, whether it is for a backyard barbecue or an emergency."

Beginning in June, and continuing throughout the summer months, commissaries are stepping up efforts to promote disaster preparedness through DeCA's "What's in Your Closet" campaign.

This initiative prompts customers to check their medicine and kitchen cabinets, garages, and wherever else they may keep their "survival kits," and purchase items that are missing.

"Our 'What's in Your Closet' disaster preparedness campaign is just one of the many ways in which we enhance our customers' quality of life," Sakowitz said. "It also serves to reassure our

troops, whether they are at home or in the field, that we are not only providing their Families with the finest service possible, we are also taking the very best care of them."

During the campaign, commissaries will run their "Summer Water Program," and offer "Summer Club Packs" that include disaster preparedness items like nonperishable foods, toiletry items, flashlights and batteries.

Sakowitz noted that commissary patrons throughout the United States and overseas experience a myriad of climate changes throughout the year that sometimes cause disasters, most typically occurring at the onset of summer.

"It is now hurricane season for some of our customers, while others will experience lightning storms, floods, tornadoes or earthquakes," he remarked. "Then, too, there are the regions where dry summers bring grass and forest fires. Because shifts in weather conditions can bring about a natural disaster, it's important for us to heighten preparedness awareness and provide customers with items that will sustain them during a crisis."

To avoid the risk of not having all items on hand, DeCA recommends

that customers check their emergency preparedness status and use their commissary benefit to stock up on emergency provisions at savings of 30 percent or more.

"With the help of our suppliers, we keep our shelves fully stocked with products that can sustain customers who are coping with a disaster," said Charlie Dowlen, promotions manager for DeCA's sales directorate. "We are fortunate to have suppliers who will expedite the delivery of large quantities of critically needed items that will sustain those who have gone through a crisis."

DeCA recommends customers have the following items in their "closet":

- **Water** – at least one gallon, daily, per person for three to seven days
- **Nonperishable foods** – canned meats, fruits, vegetables, dried fruits, nuts, raisins, cereal, crackers, cookies, energy bars, granola, peanut butter, and foods for infants and the elderly
- **Paper goods** – writing paper, paper plates, paper towels, toilet paper
- **Cooking items** – pots, pans, baking sheet, cooking utensils, charcoal, a grill and a manual can opener.
- **First-aid kit** – including bandages,

medicines and prescription drugs

- **Cleaning materials** – bleach, sanitizing spray, and hand and laundry soap
- **Specialty foods** – diet and low-calorie foods and drinks
- **Toiletries** – personal hygiene items and moisture wipes
- **Pet care items** – food, water, muzzle, leash, carrier, medications, medical records, and identification and immunization tags
- **Lighting accessories** – flashlight, batteries, candles and matches

"Our stores are stocked and ready with emergency-essential items, and motivated staffs are standing by to provide exceptional customer service," Sakowitz said. "So don't wait until disaster strikes. Visit your commissary today, and you will see that – it's worth the trip."

For more information about how to best prepare for emergencies and natural or man-made disasters, visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency Web site, www.fema.gov; the Department of Homeland Security Web site, www.dhs.gov; and the American Red Cross Web site, www.redcross.org.

Volunteers

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"Tonight highlights the work of APG volunteers who work to improve our community and help APG grow," she said.

All nominees received APG certificates of appreciation; first and second-place winners received plaques trophies and Savings Bonds, \$150 and \$125 respectively.

Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, said that everyone benefits from the work of dedicated volunteers.

"During my years in the Army, I have seen first-hand the devotion of the Army's volunteers as they support Soldiers and communities," Weissman said.

Volunteers serve in the post chapels, youth centers, the health clinic, the Military and Civilian Spouses Club, the Audi Murphy Club, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, the BOSS program, Family Readiness Groups, thrift shops, at scout camps, with Outdoor Recreation and Army Community Service and in local schools, Weissman said.

"Their dedicated service improves our quality of life, transforming military installations into some of the strongest communities in our nation," he said.

Noting that he has been at APG nearly one year, Gary Martin, executive deputy to the commander, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, added that the spirit of volunteering at APG is as strong as he's ever seen and that the impact of volunteering will benefit the APG Transformation.

"It [volunteering] is what makes the military community different," Martin said. "It is people caring for people because they want to. On behalf of the commanding general, I thank you all for what you do for all of us."

First-place winners in the five categories were Staff Sgt. Reginald Reid, Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, Military; Kyla Sikorski, 20th Support Command, Family Member; Caron Jackson, 20th Support Command, Civilian; and Maj. Mike Layman, Retiree; and Terez (A.J.) Badger Jr., Shakelia Brown, Lisa Henson and Jacob Peters in the Youth category.

In addition, Weissman presented APG Garrison Certificates of Achievement to the following organizations for service to the installation and the community during the past year: the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense; Materiel Systems Analysis Activity and the Aberdeen Test Center. Specifically, the U.S. Army Research Laboratory and Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine for serving as mentors to the youths of the Aberdeen High School Science and Math Academy; the Directorate of Emergency Services/Community Policing and Crime Prevention for its commitment to and support of initiatives such as D.A.R.E., National Night Out, House Watch, Special Olympics of Maryland, Click It Or Ticket and gang awareness and crime prevention classes; the Directorate of Public Works/Logistics Property Book – for supporting APG units, staff sections and offices by moving furniture, turning in overdue file boxes and excess property and supporting DPW housing by clearing billets and exchanging appliances; and the Maryland National Guard Freestate Challenge Academy for reclaim-



Staff Sgt. Reginald Reid
Military Volunteer of the Year



Kyla Sikorski
Family Member Volunteer of the Year



Caron Jackson
Civilian Volunteer of the Year



Retired Maj. Mike Layman
Retiree Volunteer of the Year



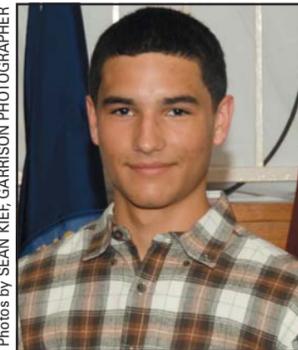
Terez (A.J.) Badger Jr.
Youth Volunteer of the Year



Lisa Henson
Youth Volunteer of the Year



Shakeila Brown
Youth Volunteer of the Year



Jacob Peters
Youth Volunteer of the Year

ing 2,627 high school dropouts to become productive members of society over the past 15 years and contributing hundreds of hours in community service projects to APG and the surrounding community.

Beckett and the evening's first-place winners presented Weissman with a check for \$210,924, symbolizing the monies volunteers saved the installation over the past year.

"This check doesn't begin to show the value we get from volunteerism," Weissman said. "There are hundreds out there making a difference. Please continue to do the great work you do for our communities."

Beckett thanked Marilyn Howard, ACS program manager, Army Volunteer Corps; the Top of the Bay staff and the Directorate of Installation Management's Mike Miller, sound technician, for their support of the program.

Nominees and winners said they were honored to be recognized.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Sam Garcia, former command sergeant major of Edgewood Arsenal and a nominee in the Retiree category for his support of the Edgewood Area Catholic Service and chapel activities, said he volunteers because he likes to.

"I've been with them since 1970, and I volunteer because I like to," he said. "This is not necessary because I'm gonna do it anyway. But it is a wonderful feeling. And, it adds to the joy of being here."

Stella Bouldin, the civilian runner-up, is a retired sergeant first class and the wife of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kelvin Bouldin of 20th Support Command (CBRNE).

She was nominated for her service with the Alpha's Glory pregnancy center in Aberdeen and with the Mountain Christian Church Women and Children's groups.

"I was excited just by the nomination," Bouldin said, noting that several people had already asked her about volunteer opportunities. "I feel that I have this talent for caring about others and I use it," she said. "So many children out there can benefit from caring volunteers."

Volunteer of the Year nominees and second-place winners included:

- Military**
Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jack Peters, second place
Chief Warrant Officer 4 Travis Ashley
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Cameron Harbison

Retiree
Don Bauerle, second place
Command Sgt. Maj. Sam Garcia

Master Sgt. Epreval Weeks
Jerry Nook
Dave G. Foster

Civilian
Stella Bouldin, second place
Sandy Nook
Jean Colopietro
David Byers
Larry Alejo
Diane Frankenfield
Charles Trunk

Family Member
Elizabeth Blakeley, second place
Barbara Davies
Shauna Anderson
Dawn Kilmon
Librada Peters
Arlene Baptiste
Claudette Stanley
Ivana Olaciregui

Staff Sgt. Reginald Reid
Military Volunteer of the Year

Reid is a squad leader with Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion and an instructor in the WTAD. He was nominated by his unit for his service in helping to coordinate Relay for Life events, instilling pride and mentoring Soldiers during various FMWR events and coaching basketball, football, boxing and volleyball in an effort to keep young Soldiers' attention on productive behavior.

"Your unselfish volunteer service has been exemplary," the certificate read in part. "Your untiring efforts have resulted in a stronger, more united community."

Reid said he was "very surprised" to be awarded for something that "comes natural to noncommissioned officers."

"I do it for the students," he said. "Some of them have nothing to do, so I volunteer my time to help them stay busy and keep them out of trouble."

Kyla Sikorski
Family Member Volunteer of the Year

Sikorski was nominated for her work with the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) Headquarters and Headquarters Company Family Readiness Group and church services. Her husband Capt. Timothy Sikorski nominated her and Stella Bouldin the second-place winner in the same category, for her work with community outreach programs and church ministry services.

Sikorski's unselfish service to the command's Family readiness group and her service with the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Edgewood "has touched and enriched the lives of our Soldiers, Family mem-

bers and many others," her certificate read in part.

As the FRG special events coordinator, Sikorski coordinates holiday events and fundraisers for the FRG. In her church, she started a prayer shawl knitting program and also is the volunteer coordinator for the nursery.

She said she is just one of many behind the scenes who help make things happen.

"I'm very honored and extremely surprised by this honor," Sikorski said.

Caron Jackson
Civilian Volunteer of the Year

A 20th Support Command (CBRNE) management analyst, Jackson, was nominated for her "unselfish service to the Troop 512 "Venture Crew," a co-ed group of Boy and Girl Scouts who take part in confidence and team-building adventures. Jackson said she's been involved with the program since 1996 when her daughter was a Girl Scout and enjoyed it so much she stayed with it as a volunteer after her daughter was grown.

"It's for those who choose to do high-adventure activities," she said, adding that the variety is endless.

"One year we hiked thirty or forty miles and went sailing and canoeing in one weekend," she said. "This past weekend we rode bicycles, went to the beach and had old-time photos done at the state park in Delaware."

She said that it's rewarding just watching the youths experience and grow with each new adventure.

"It's a great way to stay active, and I enjoy it," she said.

Retired Maj. Mike Layman
Retiree Volunteer of the Year

Layman was nominated for his "dedication and support of the youth of the APG community," as well as for his participation in the APG Youth Sports program, with the Aberdeen Area Chapel Protestant Service, the Aberdeen Federal Credit Union and in the Aberdeen Lions Club.

Layman has coached youth soccer for 21 years and volunteers as an usher and in other capacities with the chapel.

He said there was only one person to thank for the honor.

"All power comes from God," he said. "Like the colonel [Weissman] said, 'a lot of us do it without recognition.' It's nice to be recognized but I give all credit to God."

Terez (A.J.) Badger Jr.
Youth Volunteer of the Year

Known as A.J. to his friends, Badger was nominated for his "joyful and unself-

ish service through his gift of music." He plays the violin during worship service and other events for the Aberdeen Area Protestant Service. The son of retired Maj. Terez Badger Sr., A.J. is a 19-year-old senior at Perryville High School who will attend Bowie State University as an English major in the fall. He said he felt "very well" about being recognized.

"I love that I was able to get this gift from God and share it with others," he said, "and I love my church Family as a group and individually. They've been a part of my life since we came back to the states, and I'm grateful to them. Most of all I love playing music."

Lisa Henson
Youth Volunteer of the Year

Henson, a 15-year-old Joppatowne High School sophomore, has been with the APG Gospel Service nearly 7 years. Like her friend and co-Youth of the Year Shakeila Brown, Henson was nominated for her "service to the chapel community" as a volunteer during Children's Church, with the youth choir, during the Vacation Bible School, Hallelujah Harvest and with Habitat for Humanity and during nursing home visits.

"She's always been responsible and has a strong work ethic," said Yolanda Henson, Lisa's mother.

Lisa said she just likes to help people, physically or mentally.

"I just like to see people happy and to let them know that someone cares about them. Even if it's doing nothing more than holding their hand," she said. "I appreciate this [award] but I don't have to get an award for doing what's right."

Shakeila Brown
Youth Volunteer of the Year

Brown was nominated for her "service to the chapel community" as a volunteer during Children's Church, with the youth choir, during the Vacation Bible School, Hallelujah Harvest, with Habitat for Humanity and during nursing home visits. She and Lisa Henson are best friends and often work together.

Jacob Peters
Youth Volunteer of the Year

Peters was nominated for the "joy with which he serves the Catholic congregation and for his participation in community outreach programs. Peters is the assistant religious education teacher, an altar server, Ecumenical Vacation Bible School assistant, serves on the Evangelization committee and visits local veteran's homes.

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DTS

From front page

a passenger's information to be identified as a match on one airline's list but cleared through another's, he added.

"From carrier to carrier, because the process is different, it's inconsistent across all carriers," he said. "Throughout the world there are hundreds of car-

riers, and it could be kind of a crap shoot for people. But with Secure Flight, it's going to be the same process for that person regardless of the carrier."

With the Secure Flight Program, the TSA eventually will become the sole pre-screening agency for all airline passengers. The program officially started in May with several domestic airlines, but within 18 months, every airline – international and domestic – that travels within, to, from and over the United States will be phased into the program, he said.

This will improve the safety of more than 2.5 million people, Leyh added. Also, travelers who've been misidentified as a close-enough match on the watch list can apply for a redress number through TSA to prevent future inconveniences. If cleared, the redress number also will be added to their profile in DTS.

"With nearly every commercial airline participating, watch list matching is going to be more effective, which is going to allow us to clear more peo-

ple and focus on those potential travelers that are considered as a close enough match," he said.

The program will virtually go unnoticed by the passengers, officials said, as no changes to the airline check-in or security checkpoint procedures are involved. Once defense travelers make the initial modifications to their profile on the DTS Web site, officials added, the program's changes will not affect them unless their information matches the watch list.