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## Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for May 20, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



### APG invites the public to the Army Birthday Ball June 12

The public is invited to the Army Birthday Ball, 6 p.m., June 12 at Top of the Bay on Aberdeen Proving Ground. Tickets cost \$45 per person and will include an evening of dinner, dancing, celebration and fun. Dress is mess dress for military, black tie for civilians, formal wear for ladies. No tickets will be available at the door. See ad on page 17.

For more information or to RSVP online, visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/Store/armyball.html>.

### FMWR hosts Travel Fair May 20

FMWR will host a Travel Fair 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3300.

For more information, see Activities/Events on page 9.

### AMC Band performs tribute concert to Year of the NCO

Aberdeen Proving Ground will host a musical performance by the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band, "Esprit de Corps: A Tribute to the Noncommissioned Officer," 7 p.m., May 15, at the Post Theater in celebration of the Year of the NCO.

The concert, which will be both entertaining and educational, is free and open to all and will serve as a kick-off to Armed Forces Day activities on May 16. (See article on front page and brochure on pages 5 and 6.)

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## First APG BRAC project complete

Story by **SYREETA GROSS**  
Garrison Transformation Office

Aberdeen Proving Ground leaders and Soldiers joined local officials and neighbors at the new MD Route 715 entrance facility May 8 commemorating the completion of the Maryland Boulevard Gate.

The first APG base realignment and closure project took 16 months to complete beginning in May 2008.

The improved gate was designed by Jacobs Engineering and constructed by Fachina Construction with the Baltimore District of the Army Corps of Engineers overseeing the venture.

The project moved the new gate approximately 3,200 feet from the existing gate. The new gate has five vehicle inspection lanes for DoD ID card holders and a separate commercial vehicle inspection

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Photo by SEAN KIEF, GARRISON PHOTOGRAPHER

Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and Deputy Installation Commander Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, left backseat with Col. Peter Mueller, commander, Baltimore District Corps of Engineers, and the APG NCO of the Year Sgt. Elizabeth Thompson, front passenger, from 1st Area Medical Laboratory, are the first to pass through the newly renovated Maryland Boulevard Gate May 8 after the APG Police Officer of the Year Jeffrey Grey, standing at the booth, performed a symbolic ID check. Not shown is the driver Sgt. Geraldine Bradley Bean.

## APG celebrates Armed Forces Day this Saturday

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Friends and neighbors in the Harford, Cecil and Baltimore County communities are invited to join in an Armed Forces Day celebration at Aberdeen Proving Ground this Saturday, May 16. Opening ceremonies begin 9 a.m. on Fanshaw Field.

Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, will welcome the community and remark on the installation's commitment to bringing back community involvement.

"One of objectives of Armed Forces Day is to celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of our fallen service members," said Rick De Oliveira, garrison antiterrorism officer. "This Armed Forces Day will also help us to build stronger ties with our community and to showcase some of the Army innovations in armored vehicles, rotary wing aircraft and combat feeding."

The APG Armed Forces Day celebration is free and open to the public. A valid driv-

ers' license or photo ID is required for entry to the installation using the MD Route 715 Gate entrance.

Along with the commanding general's remarks, highlights of the opening ceremonies include a re-signing of the Army Family Covenant; a Pageant of Army uniforms by the Noncommissioned Officer Academy; a flyover by aircraft from the Maryland National Guard's 29th Aviation Brigade; patriotic songs from the Chapel Hill Elementary School choir, the Chapel Hill Sensations; and music from the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band.

A special Armed Forces Day guest will be Sy Liebergot, who was the senior flight controller during the crisis on the Apollo 13 mission after an oxygen tank exploded. Liebergot will host an exhibit, chat with visitors and sign copies of his book, "Apollo EECOM: A Journey of a Lifetime."

After the opening ceremonies, guests can take in some of the latest innovations in Warfighter technology.

Army equipment on display will include

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## DES issues tough reminder to community: Click It or Ticket!

DES

For anyone who complains about getting a ticket for not buckling up when driving or riding in a motor vehicle, here's a crash course in reality from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- 41,059 people were killed on America's roadways in 2007.
- More than 14,000 passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2007 were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the fatal crash.
- In 2007, nearly 2.5 million people were injured in crashes.
- Motor vehicle crashes cost the U.S. economy an estimated \$230.6 billion every year.

While those may sound like just statistics, emergency responders in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Emergency Services know from personal experience that those numbers represent actual mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles and friends right here in Harford County. Somewhere around the country, each and every day, law enforcement has to tell too many Families about losses that may have been prevented had a loved one only worn a seat belt.

This goes to the heart of the emergency responder's mission to protect the public. That is why DES has joined with thousands of other state and local law enforcement and highway safety agencies nationwide to announce support for the 2009 national Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement mobilization, which this year runs May 18 through 31.

The good news is APG DES law enforce-

ment personnel have seen unprecedented numbers of motorists buckling up over the past several years.

Seat belts can be credited with saving more than 15,000 lives in 2007 alone.

Thanks in part to high-visibility enforcement campaigns like Click It or Ticket, this has led to an all-time high observed national seat belt usage rate of 83 percent in 2008—a 25 percent increase over the past 14 years.

"But the tragic reality is that in our community there is still a percentage of the public convinced that they don't need seat belts," said DES police detective Mike Farlow. "People often ask me, 'Aren't there more serious criminals on the street other than those who simply are not buckling up?' They're not hurting anyone but themselves."

See BUCKLE UP, page 16



## MD Route 715 gate opens Monday

The newly renovated Maryland Boulevard (MD Route 715) Gate will officially open on Monday, May 18. Drivers should not stop at the current checkpoint location because no officers will be positioned there to check ID cards.

Motorists/visitors requesting access to the installation via this gate must be cognizant of new traffic patterns, signage and an overall change to the environment. However, the location of the new gate entrance, Visitor Center, commercial vehicle/inspection area

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

## Gunpowder Neck Marina certified as Clean Marina Partner

Story by **RAY WEAVER**  
DNR

The Gunpowder Neck Marina, located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, became the 110th certified Maryland Clean Marina. Together with 24 smaller facilities designated as Clean Marina Partners, Maryland now boasts 134 certified facilities.

Gunpowder Neck Marina is operated by the Army's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation for post personnel and their Families. The boat club operates a fuel dock, pump out station and a travel lift. Members can do minor work to their boats on site and enjoy the clubhouse and playgrounds.

To meet the Clean Marina criteria Outdoor Recreation manager Wayne Doyel and marina manager Roy Piepenbring had to work with several other units on the post including the Compliance Division and the Emergency Response Team to ensure clear communication and understanding of required permits and plans.

Additionally, the marina strictly controls work allowed by boat owners in the yard and continually works to educate boaters on pollution prevention practices. The staff has employed filter fabrics and other means to filter water used in pressure-washing boats before they are allowed to return to the river.

"We have wanted this designation

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# APG celebrates The Year of the NCO



## 'Best of the best:' 20th Support Command (CBRNE) selects NCO, Soldier of the Year

Story by  
**QUENTIN MELSON**  
20th Support Command (CBRNE)

Two 20th Support Command (CBRNE) Soldiers proved they were the "best of the best" and named the command's Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year after a grueling five-day competition at Aberdeen Proving Ground, April 20 through 24.

The winners have two striking similarities – both are explosive ordnance disposal technicians and assigned to the same unit.

The 2009 CBRNE Soldier of the Year is Spc. Elijah Sedig from the 38th EOD Detachment, Fort Stewart, Ga.; the 2009 CBRNE NCO of the Year is Sgt. Aaron Reyes, an EOD tech from the same unit.

Three NCOs and three Soldiers competed in eight events during the rigorous competition which was designed to test endurance, intellect and judgment. Their performance was evaluated while performing Army warrior tasks.

"We sponsored the event to pick the best Soldiers in the command," said Sgt. Maj. Tony Marshall, the command's senior operations sergeant. "We tested them with a written essay, a twelve-mile road march, day and night land navigation courses, weapons qualification, an Army Physical Fitness Test, warrior tasks and a competition board."

"I am happy to have won," Sedig said. "I hope that I can inspire other Soldiers. Everybody should try to be the best Soldier that they can be."

One of the competition's toughest tests was the competition board.

"The board can be tough if you have never been to one before," Sedig said. "It's hard work studying for hours and hours for the board, but it's rewarding. If you study really hard and give it all you've got, the board members notice and you will score high."

Each Soldier had to be successful in preliminary events at their unit, their battalion and at brigade-level commands before competing in the CBRNE Command competition. The Soldiers selected had already proven themselves among the top Soldiers in the command. The hard part was competing against the "best of the best" to win.

Before the competition began, Reyes had confidently explained why he was selected for the competition.

"I was chosen because my command felt that I had the best chance of winning," he said. "I look forward to participating in all of the events, but I am especially looking forward to the road march."

After winning the road march competition and capturing the NCO of the Year crown, Reyes was philosophical about his accomplishments.



Spc. Elijah Sedig, 38th Explosives Ordnance Detachment, Fort Stewart, Ga., operates a radio during the Warrior Tasks portion of the 20th Support Command NCO and Soldier of the Year competition.



Sgt. Aaron Reyes, 38th EOD Detachment, Fort Stewart, Ga., knocks out a few sit-ups during the Army Physical Fitness Test given to all competitors. Staff Sgt. Tashika Prue, left, counts the repetitions while fellow competitor Spc. Elijah Sedig holds Reyes' feet.

"The road march was tough," he said, "and everybody that competed was great. The good thing about the road march event was that everybody finished. That's how it should be."

Reyes was gracious about winning and going on to the next level – the U.S. Army Forces Command NCO of the

Year competition.

"Winning is definitely a step in the right direction," he said, "and I hope to represent the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) well. However, the thing I am most proud of is that one of my Soldiers who I train and work with everyday won the Soldier of the Year competition. I am really excited about that."

Whether they won or not, all the Soldiers who participated were continuing the Army's long tradition of excellence.

"We found out who the most tactically and technically proficient Soldiers were," said 1st Sgt. Tamiko Bogad, a board member from the command's headquarters element.

"The Soldiers who were selected had to meet and exceed the standards. It was

a good and friendly competition for them to realize their full potential," she said. "Everybody completed all of the events -- that doesn't happen all of the time. We challenged Soldiers to do things that they never thought that they could do, and that is what the Army is all about."

Sedig and Reyes will represent both their unit and the CBRNE Command at the FORSCOM competition at Fort McPherson, Ga., in June.

Other Soldiers in the competition were Sgts. Blake Erb, 7th Chemical Company, Fort Polk, La., and Casey Graffam, 172nd Chemical Company, Fort Riley, Kan.; Spc. Matthew Woolfolk, 663rd EOD Detachment, Fort Carson, Colo.; and Cpl. John Carroll, 7th Chemical Company, Fort Polk, La.

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## ROK commander visits CBRNE Soldiers



Photo by ROGER TEEL  
 Staff Sgt. Donald Pearl, right, explosive ordnance disposal technician, 22d Chemical Battalion (TE), demonstrates EOD equipment and answers questions for Gen. Sung Chool Lee, deputy commander, Combined Forces Command - Korea, during the general's visit to the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) headquarters on Aberdeen Proving Ground May 4. The general's translator, 1st Lt. Inbok Rhee, center and Lt. Col. Matt Mings, commander, 22d Chemical Battalion (TE) look on. Lee's visit was prompted by the 20th Support Command's performance during Operation Key Resolve 2009 in Korea where the command headquartered the Joint Task Force for the Elimination of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

# Holocaust survivor shares her story during Days of Remembrance ceremony



Marion Blumenthal Lazan, a Holocaust survivor, shares her story during the Days of Remembrance ceremony held at the Post Theater May 5. In the background Rabbi Gila Ruskin from the Temple Adas Shalom, and Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, listen as she recounts her experiences.

Story and photo by  
**RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

Local schools joined members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community in remembering the victims of the Holocaust during the Days of Remembrance observance at the Post Theater May 7.

Hosted by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, attendees included students from Aberdeen Middle School, Bel Air Middle School, Havre de Grace Middle School, Havre de Grace High School, James Run Christian Academy and Trinity Lutheran School. The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Equal Opportunity Office and members of the APG Garrison assisted with planning the event.

Dr. Ellen C. Haas, Human Research and Engineering Directorate, ARL, served as the mistress of ceremonies, and Rabbi Gila Ruskin, from the Temple Adas Shalom, gave the invocation.

“God, we ask your blessing here for our Soldiers and others who ensure that these persecutions and injustices do not continue here or abroad,” she said. “Today we will light a candle to purge the darkness, making our future a brighter place for all humanity.”

Chelsea Bridges, from Havre de Grace High School sang the national anthem before Ruskin led six students in a candle lighting ceremony.

“Remember that you are the ones who are going to carry us into the future. Light up our world, and remember that we are counting on you,” she said.

Each student lit a candle to represent the six million Jews who were killed during the Holocaust.

Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander,

extended a special welcome to the program’s guest speakers, Holocaust survivor Marion Blumenthal Lazan, and her husband, Nathaniel Lazan.

Weissman said that Congress established the Days of Remembrance to educate Americans about the history of the Holocaust and to annually commemorate its victims. This year’s theme is “Never Again: What You Do Matters.”

Weissman added that the story of the Holocaust needs to be told to future generations so that it does not happen again.

“The story of the Holocaust sounds unbelievable, but it is real, and we need to remember it vividly,” he said. “We need to remember the suffering of the Holocaust victims to prevent this tragedy from happening again.”

Weissman said that we all need to be aware of our responsibilities as citizens and responsibilities to our fellow human beings.

“The Holocaust is a story of what human beings are capable of doing to other human beings when democratic values have been destroyed and replaced by intolerance, hate and violence,” he continued. “It is our responsibility to learn from history and teach our children that there is always a right choice and a wrong choice, and that what you do matters.”

Lazan said that she wrote her memoir, “Four Perfect Pebbles,” to tell the story of her experiences during the Holocaust.

Lazan said that she was a girl living in Germany in the 1930s when life for Jews became increasingly difficult, as they were facing many restrictions.

“We were only allowed to shop during specific hours, and non-Jews were not allowed to shop at Jewish businesses or even associate with Jewish people,” she said. “We were not allowed to go to places

of recreation like swimming pools or attend public school, and we had a curfew.”

Lazan said that her Family made plans to immigrate to America when she was 4 years old.

Lazan said that the Kristallnacht, also known as the Night of Broken Glass, took place throughout Nazi Germany Nov. 9 to 10, 1938, when the Nazis coordinated an attack on the Jewish people and their property in Germany and German-controlled lands as part of Hitler’s anti-Semitic policy. “This was the beginning of the Holocaust,” she said.

Lazan said that the government fined the Jewish people for the damage that was caused that night.

Lazan said that following Hitler’s rise to power, the Blumenthal Family, her father, mother, her brother and herself, were trapped in Nazi Germany. They managed to eventually get to Holland, but soon thereafter it was occupied by Nazis.

Lazan said that for the next six and a half years, the Blumenthals were forced to live in refuge, transit, and prison camps that included Westerbork in Holland and Bergen-Belsen in Germany.

“We lived in poor conditions. We lived in cramped living quarters, in triple bunk beds with two people sharing each one,” she said.

Lazan said that the German winters were very cold, and they only they had a thin blanket for warmth.

Lazan said that her Family was lucky in that they were able to share a bed with each other.

“Can you imagine two adult strangers sharing a bed under such strange conditions?” she asked.

Lazan said that they received little food, and many suffered from malnutrition and

lived in poor hygiene conditions.

“We had no privacy,” she said. “We had no toilet paper and there was little water and soap in which to wash. Never once were we able to brush our teeth.”

Lazan said that the poor hygiene conditions led to constant filth and a horrible smell, and lice was always a problem.

“You can read about the horrible conditions and see them in television and in movies, but you can’t imagine the smell, it is indescribable” she said.

Lazan said that once a month they were able to take a shower.

“We were never sure when they turned on the shower, what would come out, water or gas,” She said, referring to the gas chambers.

Lazan said that she would play make believe games to pass the time. One game was to find four pebbles, which represented the four members of her Family.

“I had decided that if I found four perfect identical pebbles then the four members of my Family would survive,” she said. “This gave me something to hold onto, this gave me hope. There was nothing.”

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# ARMY FAMILY COVENANT

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## Bring Your Child to Work Day a huge success



Children of ARL employees at Aberdeen Proving Ground had a lesson in structural engineering when they were given 20 minutes to construct the tallest tower they possibly could using only spaghetti and marshmallows.

Story by  
**PAUL SCHMIDT**  
ARL

More than 250 children participated in the U.S. Army Research Laboratory's annual Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day April 23.

For more than 16 years, individuals, Families, organizations and workplaces have joined in the event, which expands opportunities and transforms the lives of millions of children both nationally and internationally.

According to the Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Foundation, the experience is designed to be more than a career day: the program goes beyond the average "shadowing" of an adult.

Exposing girls and boys to

what a parent or mentor does during their work day is important, but showing them the value of their education, helping them discover the power and possibilities associated with a balanced work and Family life and providing them an opportunity to share how they envision the future and begin steps toward their end goals in a hands-on and interactive environment are all key to their achieving success.

This year, children of ARL and Adelphi Laboratory Center employees were exposed not only to the daily routine their parents go through after leaving home, but also a view of ARL technology.

Demonstrations involving flexible displays, small robot-

ic technology, the machine shop and Soldier equipment were the highlights of the day.

Additionally, the children were afforded an opportunity to explore science in the National Science Center's Mobile Discovery Van and to see what a future Soldier might look like at the Future Force Warrior exhibit in the Zahl Laboratory.

"It's important for our future generations to be exposed to all the exciting work that our scientists and engineers are doing for the nation," said Dawn Golab administrative officer for the associate director for laboratory operations. "It's just great seeing children exploring what's being developed today and noticing them thinking about what could be."



Staff Sgt. Jimmie Smith, left, looks on as U.S. Army Research Laboratory employee, Fred Towner, helps his daughter Elizabeth put on a combat vest.

The planning of this year's event at ALC began in January when Golab, started pulling together the program of events and lining up all the volunteers that made the event a success.

"The most important part of this year's event was the dedication of our volunteers," Golab said. "Without their service to this program each year, we would not be able to accomplish nearly as much or have things run so smoothly."

Laboratory Operations hosted similar exhibits and demonstrations for the children of ARL employees at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

According to Ruth Forrest and Sheryl Coleman of Laboratory Operations, 62 children participated in the event at APG.

WMRD had an Army Strong display where WMRD military personnel talked about the

Army and its equipment, and demonstrated Meals Ready to Eat.

SLAD employees spoke about engineering and structures as part of the Tower of Power. This involved children constructing towers from spaghetti and marshmallows.

The high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle was the center of attention for HRED employees children who were provided information about the vehicle and were afforded an opportunity to interact with it.

Environmental hazards were spotlighted by Laboratory Operations employees who demonstrated a spill and allowed children to participate and learn what is involved in cleaning it up.

The national date for the Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work program is typically on the fourth Thursday in April.

# Army destroys 60 percent of U.S. chemical weapons

CMA

U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency officials announced April 28 the destruction of 60 percent of the U.S. declared stockpile under the Chemical Weapons Convention. This milestone was achieved April 25. CMA reached the 50 percent milestone in December 2007 and is poised to destroy its two-millionth munition in the coming months.

"We have increased our efficiency at destroying the nation's chemical weapons stockpile while maintaining the highest safety and environmental compliance standards," said Conrad Whyne, CMA director. "This accomplishment is the result of a true team effort between our storage and destruction staff consisting of both government and contractor personnel, and I commend the dedication of the members of our highly skilled work force."

"It took eight years to destroy the first ten percent of agent, including agent destroyed before the CWC entered into force. Back then, the Johnston Atoll Chemical Agent Disposal System was our first operating facility, and we were still mastering operations," said Col. Robert Billington, CMA project manager for Chemical Stockpile Elimination. "Since then, we have systematically applied the lessons learned from JACADS and our other operating sites to continually improve our efficiency."

Another big success of CMA's chemical demilitarization program is safety.

"We have worked hard to instill a safety culture throughout the program," said Greg St. Pierre, CMA director of Risk Management. "Over time, our work force has reduced our Recordable Injury Rate or RIR—the rate of injuries per two-hundred-thousand man-hours worked which we report to OSHA—from more than 4.0 at JACADS to 0.62, our March 2009 rate. By contrast, the construction industry RIR is 6.3. Industries with a lower injury rate are finance, data processing and libraries."

In reaching the 60 percent destruction mark, CMA has also reduced the overall continued storage risk from the nation's stockpiled chemical weapons by 94 percent. Much of this reduction is due to CMA's complete destruction of VX and GB nerve agents at its chemical demilitarization sites,

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## History of Armed Forces Day

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department – the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, too.

In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said "it is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace." In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of February 27, 1950, Mr. Truman stated:

*Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense.*

The theme of the first Armed Forces Day was "Teamed for Defense." It was chosen as a means of expressing the unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government. Although this was the theme for the day, there were several other purposes for holding Armed Forces Day. It was a type of "educational program for civilians," one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to the civilian population they were protecting. And it was a day to honor and acknowledge the people of the Armed Forces of the United States.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington, D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets, and veterans marched past the President and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded for the German citizens at Templehof Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day "under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types." In the harbors across the country were the famed mothballed "battlewagons" of World War II, the *Missouri*, the *New Jersey*, the *North Carolina*, and the *Iowa*, all open for public inspection. Precision flying teams dominated the skies as tracking radar were exhibited on the ground. All across the country, the American people joined together to honor the Armed Forces.

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND • ARMED FORCES DAY

Saturday, May 16 • 9:00 a.m.

Fanshaw Field

Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

## Community invited to APG Armed Forces Day May 16

Additional Armed Forces Day activities at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Fanshaw Field include an Army equipment display of a Stryker Vehicle, a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle, and a Buffalo Surrogate Mine Protected Clearance Vehicle; a thermal weapon sights demonstration, a mine detecting set demonstration, Army robotics, combat feeding, and an opportunity to play America's Army Training Game. Sy Liebergot, the senior flight controller during the crisis on the

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commemorate. celebrate. pageantry. support. community.

*We invite you to share in this day.*

Sequence of Events

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
0730	Armed Forces Day Run - 10K.....	Athletic Field
0800-0845	Welcome Breakfast ..... (Gold Star Families) (Invitation Only)	Fanshaw Field
0900-1000	Opening Ceremony..... Remarks: MG Izzo Family Covenant Re-signing Pageantry of Uniforms Soldier 20/30 Air Display	Fanshaw Field
1000-1500	AFD Activities ..... Organizational Displays/Vendors Other activities for visitors	Fanshaw Field

For more information, contact the APG Public Affairs Office, at 410.278.1147 or visit [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil).



Designed by MEG MCKINLEY, SOLARI CREATIVE, INC./RDECOM

Apollo 13 mission after an oxygen tank exploded, will host an exhibit, chat with visitors and sign copies of his book, "Apollo EECOM: A Journey of a Lifetime." The Washington Area Collectors/Blue and Gray Military Vehicle Trust will display Korean War and World War II era vehicles as well as others. Families can spend the day enjoying the bounce house, climbing wall, face painting, balloon art, and visiting the Really Strange Museum. Music will be provided by local band, Release, throughout the day. The band specializes in classic, popular and country favorites.



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## Corps of Engineers rep briefs Aberdeen engineers on C4ISR projects

Story by **ANDRICKA THOMAS**  
CECOM LCMC (Forward) Public Affairs

A resident engineer from the Philadelphia District Corps of Engineers was the guest speaker at the monthly Society of American Military Engineers meeting April 15 at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Top of the Bay.

The SAME promotes and facilitates engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers and related professionals. SAME members, many representing contracting and engineering companies in the region, attended the luncheon to hear more about present and upcoming contracting projects at APG.

Capt. BJ Kraemer, with the Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) Philadelphia District Corps of Engineers, campus Phase 2 project, gave an overview of both phases of the C4ISR campus construction project at APG. He reported that Phase 1 of the project is ahead of schedule and the contract for construction of Phase 2 of the campus was expected to be awarded April 21.

The Army Team C4ISR campus will be home to approximately 7,400 personnel (including contractor personnel) expected to either relocate from Fort Monmouth to APG or be hired at APG as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law implementation.

"It's an exciting time here at Aberdeen," Kraemer said. "There's nothing like being part of such huge development that will change the landscape forever."

Kraemer said the Corps of Engineers realizes the vast amount of work to be done at APG and has made provisions to complete the work on time.

"The Corps has split up the projects on APG because there are so many," he said. "The Philadelphia District is in charge of the C4ISR construction projects and the Baltimore District supports all other BRAC construction. Although we are sharing the workload, we are one Corps getting the work done for the Army."

Kraemer explained that the projects on APG will be a mix of new construction and renovation projects of existing buildings on the post. The C4ISR construction is essentially all new buildings.

He will speak at the next SAME meeting when the Chesapeake, Baltimore, New Jersey and Philadelphia Chapters will meet at Top of the Bay, May 20.

Staying connected is a way private industry can be informed about what's going on at APG, said Bob Lindner, acting president for the Chesapeake Chapter, SAME.

## CMA

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achieved in December 2008. The storage risk continues to decrease with every new destruction milestone CMA achieves.

Destruction of chemical weapons is complete at Newport, Ind.; Aberdeen, Md.; and Johnston Island. Operations continue at CMA's remaining destruction sites in Tooele, Utah; Umatilla, Ore.; Anniston, Ala.; and Pine Bluff, Ark. These sites are now destroying or preparing to destroy blister agent. CMA continues to safely store chemical agent munitions near Richmond, Ky., and at Pueblo, Colo.

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



# Army Safety Center reminds drivers to 'share the roads'

USACRSC

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center has joined the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and other state and national organizations in May to remind motorists and motorcyclists to be extra alert during Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

Across the nation, motorcycle fatalities have steadily increased over the past decade. In fiscal 2008, the Army lost more Soldiers in motorcycle accidents than any other previous year going back to 1986. Since the beginning of fiscal 2009, there have been 13 motorcycle-related Soldier fatalities, and peak riding season is still a few weeks away.

"May is really the beginning of the traditional riding season because, with the weather improving, more and more motorcyclists are hitting the roads," said Walter Beckman, Safety Center driving task force program manager. "With that in mind, drivers of all vehicles need to be extra attentive and make sure they are sharing the road."

Beckman said motorists' and motorcyclists' responsibilities on the road include making sure they follow the rules, remain-

ing visible to all drivers and never driving while impaired. Motorcyclists' responsibilities also include always wearing a Department of Transportation-compliant helmet and other protective gear.

"Motorcyclists are much more vulnerable than passenger vehicle occupants in the event of a crash," Beckman said. "Research shows that motorcyclists are about thirty seven times more likely than a passenger car occupant to die in a traffic crash so remember to slow down and ride within your capability."

As the Army heads into June, last year's deadliest month for Soldier motorcycle riders, NHTSA recommends several tips for drivers to help keep motorcyclists safe on the roads:

- Remember, the motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the rights and privileges of any other motor vehicle on the roadway. Always allow a motorcyclist the full lane width—never try to share a lane;
- Always make a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections;
- Always signal intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic;

- Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle—motorcycle signals are often not self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before proceeding;

- Allow more following distance, three or four seconds, when behind a motorcycle, so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. And don't tailgate. In dry conditions, motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars.

Beckman said motorcyclists can increase their safety by:

- Wearing protective clothing including long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, full-fingered gloves or mittens made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material, motorcycle jackets and pants

constructed of abrasion-resistant materials and a DOT-approved helmet;

- Combining hand and turn signals to draw more attention to themselves;
- Positioning themselves in the lane where they will be most visible to other drivers;
- No drinking and riding.

"By encouraging safe riding and cooperation between all motorists and motorcyclists, we can reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation's highways," Beckman said. "All drivers need to slow down—life is too short not to take the time to enjoy it. Enjoy this riding season and live to ride for the next one."

To learn more about motorcycle safety awareness, visit <https://safety.army.mil>.

## Pool safety makes a splash in 2009

Story by  
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Installation Safety Office

The swimming pools on APG officially open May 23, Memorial Day weekend.

Prior to opening, the pools must comply with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act of 2007. This law, developed by the Consumer Product Safety Commission requires all public pools and spas to install anti-entrapment drain covers.

The act came about in June 2002 when former Secretary of State James Baker III's 7-year old granddaughter was pulled to the floor of a hot tub drain. Her mother attempted to save her, but it took the strength of two men who actually had to break the drain so that little Virginia Graeme Baker's body could be released from the suction. She was rushed to the hospital, but was pronounced dead on arrival. Her mother crusaded to make pool and spa safety her top priority. On Dec. 19, 2007, more

than three years after the tragic accident and dedication and activism from her mother, Congress approved the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Act.

According to CPSC, facilities required to meet this standard include private member facilities such as homeowner associations, co-housing, co-ops and condominiums.

Pools that operate year-round are required to have the new safety equipment in place by December 2008. Pools that operate on a seasonal schedule are required to be in compliance with the act prior to the start of their 2009 pool season. CPSC states that private home pools and spas are excluded.

Public swimming pools may not open until new anti-entrapment drain covers that prevent body entrapment and hair entanglement have been installed.

The pools on APG are no exception. Stacey Belcher, Directorate of Public Works Engineering and Construction Branch contract performance specialist,

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### Adventures in driving decision making

## Panic on the highway!

*Installation Safety Office*

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

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

**Situation #33**

It's a sunny day and you're driving along a four-lane city street in the left lane. There is traffic on both sides of your vehicle. You notice that the "check engine" light has been flickering but doesn't stay on. Suddenly the engine in your vehicle coughs, the car jerks forward, and comes to a dead stop in the lane you're traveling. What should you do?

A. Activate flashers, get out, raise hood, get away from roadway and wait for help.

B. Activate flasher, get out, raise hood, go to side of road and walk for help.

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**ANSWER A.** This is not that big a deal, so to "activate flashers, get out, raise hood, get away from roadway and wait for help" is not the best thing to do in this circumstance. Here you have help within sight, so you can go for it. Now, if help isn't in sight you're better off to wait. Read Answer B.

**ANSWER B.** Sure, this just makes sense to "activate flashers, get out, raise hood, go to side of road and walk for help". It is the wisest thing to do in this circumstance because you are so close to help, but if you were not, you'd be better off to wait. It is wise to get out immediately. It's much too dangerous to stay in the car. Someone can plow into your rear end at any time. Also, it is wise to raise the hood. This tells other drivers that you're in trouble. Then get away from the car, far enough so if there should be trouble with your car, you won't be where it can reach you. Set flares if you can safely do so.

## AFD

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a Stryker Vehicle, a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle, and a Buffalo Surrogate Mine Protected Clearance Vehicle.

Army technology will be showcased by several commands.

The U.S. Army Natick Soldier Systems Center will present Future Soldier 2030, a technology demonstration of the potentially futuristic Soldier and equipment; a thermal weapons sights demonstration in a night visions trailer will be presented by the U.S. Army Communications - Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center's Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate, and the U.S. Army Communications-Electronic Command, LCMC will present an AN/PSS-14 Mine Detecting Set demonstration.

Other displays include Combat Feeding, Army Robotics and a demonstration of the America's Army Training Game.

### Family entertainment

Families can spend the rest of the day enjoying the entertainment options

provided by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. A bounce house, a climbing wall, face painting, balloon art and the Really Strange Museum are just some of the featured entertainment.

Food and beverage vendors also will be on hand.

### Armed Forces Day 10K Run

Starting off the day will be the annual Armed Forces Day 10K Run, hosted by FMWR, which starts 7:30 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3300.

Charm City Run of Bel Air is sponsoring the run. The race is open to the public, military or civilian. Entry forms can be found on the Charm City Run Web site, <http://www.charmcityrun.com>. Non-military ID holders should pre-register on the Charm City Run Web site.

The AFD 10K Run fee is \$30 through May 15 and \$35 race day. There is a \$5 discount for active duty military and privates (E-1) through private first class (E-3) are free. Military grades E-1 through E-3 may register with their unit.

Runners will receive an Armed Forces Day 10K Run T-shirt and water will be provided on the course and at the end of the run.

The race is expected to end by 9 a.m. Award presentations will follow.

Military runners should contact their unit first sergeant.

For more information about the run, contact Ralph Cuomo, APG Sports director, 410-278-3868 or e-mail [ralph.cuomo@conus.army.mil](mailto:ralph.cuomo@conus.army.mil).

## Pools

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said, "When Olympic and Bayside pools open on May 23 and Shore pool on June 23, all will be equipped with new anti-entrapment drain covers."

The purpose of the act is to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by:

- Requiring the use of proper devices, such as anti-entrapment drain covers and fences/barriers;
- Educating the public about drowning prevention;
- Establishing a federal swimming pool and spa drain cover standard; and
- Ensuring public pools are equipped with proper safety devices.

With all the mandated safety requirements in place for APG pools, there are still elements of risks associated with swimming in public pools. The risks only increase if adults and children do not follow the rules.

Patrons are required to understand the importance of obeying all posted rules and orders from the lifeguards.

The American Red Cross states that drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death in children ages 1 to 4. The number of emergency room treated pool injuries numbers are in the thousands every year involving children younger than 5. Experts say it is never too young to begin swimming lessons.

It is important to take the time to follow these simple, yet important rules before enjoying the thrills of splashing into the water with Family and friends.

- Always obey lifeguards.
- Swimming lessons do not make a person drown-proof.
- Flotation devices are not substitutes for supervision.
- Avoid pushing, shoving and playing rough in or around the pool.
- Never bully in or around the pool.
- Never run on the deck of the pool. Falling or knocking someone else down on the deck or in the water is a danger.
- Before diving or sliding into the pool, check to be sure that other swimmers are out of the way.
- Use the diving board for its intended purpose – never try stunts from diving boards.
- Never dive from any location except the diving board.
- Never leave a child unsupervised.
- Be considerate of younger children.
- Only eat in designated areas and throw all trash into trash cans.
- Use a sunscreen with a SPF of at least 15. Apply the first application before getting into the water and then apply additional lotion every 30 to 60 minutes for maximum protection against sunburn.





# FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## Financial readiness class provides resources to APG community

Story by  
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APG News

During a time when many people are trying to save money and reduce their debt, the Army Community Service financial readiness program is hosting free monthly seminars on financial readiness for the Aberdeen Proving Ground community.

Angie Barnett, the president of Greater Maryland's Better Business Bureau, was the guest speaker for the workshop held on April 29. She talked to attendees about knowing the difference between credit counseling, debt settlement, credit repair and bankruptcy.

Barnett told attendees how to avoid the so-called "miracle cures" for financial woes, how a consumer's financial uncertainty makes them prey to financial scams and a consumer's rights if a debt collector calls.

Barnett said that they can visit the BBB Web site, [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org), to check to see

if a business has BBB accreditation. BBB accredited businesses must meet certain standards to qualify for accredited business status and remain an accredited business.

The Web site also has up-to-date news on avoiding financial scams, money saving tips, credit card information, and information about job hunting.

Second Lt. John Theobald, from the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion, said that he felt that the program provided important information to Soldiers and their Families, and he found the Web site very helpful.

"I thought it was an excellent briefing," he said. "Making bad financial decisions is a common problem among Soldiers. They are often not informed about making wise financial decisions and sign up for credit cards with high interest rates, and then have trouble paying their debt. The Web site also gives information to help users avoid getting taken for credit card scams."

Theobald added that material was handed out at the meeting that will be

helpful for reference material in the future.

"This information is something every leader can give to Soldiers so they can avoid making poor financial decisions," he said.

The Kiplinger-BBB Personal Finance Guide for military Families can be found on the Web site, which contains practical, easy-to-understand information about being financially prepared for deployment, buying a home, minimizing taxes, holding down insurance costs and avoiding financial schemes that too often target military Families. Links are also found on the Web site that are specifically for Soldiers and their Families.

According to the BBB's Web site, the BBB is a participant in the Department of Defense's Financial Readiness Campaign.

The BBB Army Line, in partnership with the Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, encourages Soldiers (including Reservists and

National Guard), retirees, and their Family members to use the free consumer services and materials offered by BBB, including links to helpful resources.

Visit the site at [www.bbb.org/us/Military/Army](http://www.bbb.org/us/Military/Army).

Arcelio Alleyne, financial program manager for ACS, said that he felt that the program was helpful to attendees and that the program was well attended adding that ACS will hold a financial readiness workshop every month.

"We realize that with the economy people are experiencing financial stress, this is why we [ACS] wanted to increase our partnership with local financial institutions to ease some of the economic concerns," he said.

On May 19 there will be a presentation on credit reports and credit scores by James Harris, director of Education for Consumer Credit Counseling, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the ACS building 2754.

For more information, call Alleyne, 410-278-2450.

### Activities/Events

#### Amateur Boxing Night June 20

Better than the 'Thrilla in Manila.' See the 16th Ordnance Battalion and the 16th Ordnance Battalion hit the ring June 20 at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3330. Doors open 6 p.m., the event begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 for active duty military; \$10 for nonmilitary; and \$20 for ringside seats. Children under 6 are admitted free.

This event is open to the public. Purchase tickets at FMWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or Stark Recreation Center, building E4140, 410-436-2713.

#### Runners wanted for Army 10-Miler

FMWR will sponsor an active duty team to complete in the Army 10-Miler Race Oct. 4 in Washington, D.C. A team captain and runners are needed to represent APG in this event.

Team will consist of eight permanent party active duty personnel assigned to APG.

For information contact Ralph Cuomo, 410-278-3868 or Donna Coyne, 410-278-3929.

#### Job vs. Career classes for teens

Army Community Service will hold Job vs. Career Classes for teens ages 13

through 18, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., June 24 and July 29, at ACS, building 2754.

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

Topics include:

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

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

#### 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., June 1 through 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 schedule

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 (June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2).

For more information, call, 410-278-2464/410-278-7572.

#### Annual Travel Fair slated for May 20

By plane, train, boat or automobile – choose a travel destination at the annual Travel Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 20, at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3300.

Representatives from Great Wolf Lodge, the National Aquarium, Six Flags, the Maryland Zoo, Kings Dominion, Spirit Cruises, Broadway Across America and more will be available to speak directly with visitors to the Travel Fair.

Door prizes include a 32-inch HD Flat Screen TV, hotel stays, bus trips for two, theme park tickets, gift certificates and more. Fire 4 Effect, an all new Army brass band, and a jazz combo will provide live entertainment. Wine tasting by Paradox Vineyard, light refreshments, snacks and promotional give-a-ways also will be provided.

For more information, visit FMWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail [APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil).

#### Orioles game specials

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

- Toronto Blue Jays, 7:05 p.m., July 10
- Texas Rangers, 7:05 p.m., Sept. 4
- Tampa Bay Rays, 7:05 p.m., Sept. 14
- Toronto Blue Jays, 7:05 p.m., Oct. 2

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail [APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil).

### SKIES Unlimited

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

#### SAT preparation classes offered

Child, Youth and School Services will hold Scholastic Aptitude Test preparation classes, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., July 20 through 24, at CYSS Administrative Offices, building 2752 Rodman Road for students in grades 9 through 12.

Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.

Students can be a step ahead for the SAT. Classes will assist students in sharpening the verbal skills needed for being successful when taking the SAT. The class also prepares students for the SAT math exam, covering basic math skills including algebra and geometry. Problem solving, reasoning and test-taking techniques will also be covered.

Classes cost \$175 per student and includes textbook.

To register or to make an appointment, call the Central Registration Office, 410-278-7571/7479, building 2752.

#### Driver's Ed

Driver's Ed classes will be held Monday thru Thursday, 2:30 to 5:45 p.m. or 6 to 9:15 p.m. Classes will be held June 1 thru 16. Cost is \$315 per student.

Classes will be held June 22 thru July 7; July 13 thru 28; and Aug. 3 thru 18 (there is no class on federal holidays), Monday thru Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; 2:30 to 5:45 p.m.; or 6 to 9:15 p.m.

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

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

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

#### Baby Signs play class

SKIES Unlimited invites parents and children to join Baby Signs, a sing, say and play class, 6 to 7 p.m., May 18, at the Aberdeen Area Child Development

Center Gross Motor Room. Meet a certified Baby Signs instructor and enjoy a demonstration of Baby Signs play class. Learn new signs with songs, interactive play activities and find out more about the Baby Signs program.

Open to all DoD ID card holders and their Family members.

#### Ice skating lessons

SKIES Unlimited offers a comprehensive group lesson program ice skating lessons for ages 4 through 18. Classes will be held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, May 26 through June 30 and July 2 through Aug. 11 at Ice World in Abingdon.

Ice World's philosophy is to provide top notch, professional instruction for beginner through advanced skaters in a relaxed and fun environment. Learn to Skate is based on the fundamentals of the United States Figure Skating Association and is necessary for those wishing to proceed on to ice hockey or freestyle.

Each session includes six weeks of professional instruction; each session is 30 minutes long with 30 minute practice weekly free skate rentals. Class sizes are limited and are grouped by age and ability. Three free passes to public sessions are included.

Ice skating classes cost \$110 per student. There will be no make-up classes or refunds.

#### Free babysitting course

Become a certified babysitter after taking the free 4-H/Army Child and Youth Services babysitting class for ages 13 to 18.

The class will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 16 at the AA Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522. The objectives are to familiarize participants with the responsibilities of babysitting.

Class is open to all DoD ID card holders.

For more information, to register or for an appointment, call the Central Registration Office, 410-278-7571/7479.

#### Infant/Child First Aid, CPR Class

An Infant/Child First Aid and CPR class will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for ages 13 and older, June 18, building 2752, Child and Youth Services administration building. The class costs \$5 per person.

#### 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.

Cost is \$60 per student for eight weeks.

#### Drawing, sketching

Drawing and sketching classes will be held 10 to 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, June 22 through July 30, for ages 10 to 15 at Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

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

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

Class costs \$120 per student for eight weeks.

#### Introduction to water colors

SKIES Unlimited offers an Introduction to Water Colors, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays, June 24 through July 29, for ages 8 through 13 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Cost is \$60 per student for eight weeks.

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

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

### Looking for a job?

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

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

## May bowling specials

- In May, bowl one game and get the second game free from 1 to 5 p.m. Shoe rental is not included.
- On May 21 and 28, bowling costs \$12 for one hour after 5 p.m.
- Cosmic bowling special on May 23; bowling costs \$16 for one hour.
- Cosmic bowling, pizza and soda special on May 16 and 30; one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza and a pitcher of soda for \$32.

The APG Bowling Center will close 10 p.m., May 23, and will be closed through May 25 for Memorial Day.

Beginning June 1, the Bowling Center hours will be 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

#### Week of May 11

Special #1: Pepperoni pizza sub with french fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

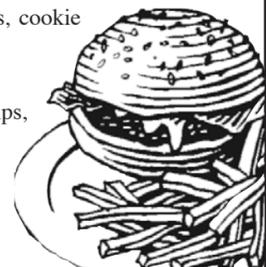
Special #2: Chicken tender sub with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.95.

#### Week of May 18

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

Special #2: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$3.95.

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



# Community Notes

## FRIDAY

### MAY 15 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Relay for Life of South Harford County will be held 10 p.m. at Patterson Mill High School cafeteria, Patterson Mill Road, Bel Air. Doors open 9:15 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 each for 12 games. No smoking is allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

### ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY IVY BALL

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will hold its 11th Annual Ivy Ball, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood. Tickets cost \$50 per person and will include continuous music and door prizes. This major fundraiser will benefit the scholarship fund and community service programs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-569-3274.

### RIDE YOUR BIKE TO WORK DAY

Harford County will sponsor the seventh Ride Your Bike to Work Day Rally, 7 to 9 a.m. at 220 South Main Street, Bel Air. The rally will feature a bike parade with bicycle rickshaws through Bel Air and offers several grand prizes including free bicycles courtesy of Contes Bikes and Chesapeake Cycle and Sport. Other prizes include gift certificates for area restaurants and golf at Mountain Branch Golf Course, Ironbirds tickets, plus numerous prizes and giveaways. All registrants will

receive an official Bike To Work Day T-shirt. Light refreshments and entertainment will be available.

Events include the winners of the Annual Briefcase Challenge competition – participants from large, medium and small companies competing within their company's size.

For more information or to register for Bike To Work Day, visit [www.harford-countymd.gov](http://www.harford-countymd.gov).

### SATURDAY MAY 16 TEXAS HOLD'EM

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135 located on 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, invites the public to a Texas hold'em event, noon to 11 p.m. Register at noon for the first game which begins at 1 p.m., and register at 5 p.m. for the second game that starts at 6 p.m. with a \$50 buy in; first-come, first-served. Shrimp salad sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, meatball sandwiches and a cash bar will be available.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

### CRITTER DINNERTIME

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat and learn more about them. 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.

### 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, by conducting 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.

### CHILDREN'S GARDENING III - PIZZA AND POSIES

Gardens feed stomachs and souls. Plant a pizza and a flower "pinwheel" and learn how dirt makes lunch. This program will be held noon to 1 p.m. for ages 5 to 10. The cost is \$5 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.

### MIGRATORY BIRD MINI- FESTIVAL

Join people around the world in celebrating migratory birds and learning about their conservation through games, crafts, bird walks, and pontoon boat bird cruises for the whole Family. This event will be held 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$5 per family; the pontoon boat ride costs \$2 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.

### PREAKNESS CRUISE

The Chesapeake Conservancy, Inc.

will offer a The Preakness Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Celebrate Maryland horse racing with finger foods and traditional race day drinks. Tickets cost \$40 per person. Reservations are required. Passenger must be over 21 to attend. Reservations are required.

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

### SUNDAY MAY 17 A COMEDY IN ONE ACT

The Vernon Sewell Ensemble of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street will present the hilarious one act comedy play "The Slabtown District Convention" at 4 p.m. The play will celebrate the choir's 29th anniversary.

For more information, call 410-939-2267.

### BUGGIN' OUT

Let's go find some bugs. Hike around the Discovery Trail, turn over logs and rocks and even dig in the ground. Participants will get dirty, so dress appropriately. This free program will be held 10:30 a.m. to noon for ages 5 to adult. Ages 5 to 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

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## Post Shorts

### www.dodtechipedia.mil connects colleagues

Connect with colleagues, share new ideas and learn about emerging technical challenges or contribute solutions. The conversation is already under way on <https://www.dodtechipedia.mil>, the new science and technology wiki for the Department of Defense. With more than 5,900 new users and 730 technology pages, all that is missing are contributions. Everyone can work together to create a resource that is up-to-date and valuable to the DoDTechipedia community.

Joining the wiki is easy. DoD employees, DoD contractors, federal government employees or federal government contractors currently registered with DTIC have immediate access using their CAC or their DTIC userid and password. If individuals are not DTIC registered users and have a CAC, a link to a quick registration is available on the login page of DoDTechipedia at <https://www.dodtechipedia.mil>. Individuals who do not have a CAC, must register through DTIC registration at <https://register.dtic.mil/DTIC>.

For more information, e-mail [dodtechipedia@dtic.mil](mailto:dodtechipedia@dtic.mil).

### Director of CERDEC to speak at AUSA meeting

The director of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, Gary W. Blohm, will be the guest speaker at the Aberdeen Chapter of the Association of the United States Army meeting to be held 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., May 19, at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, in Edgewood. The cost is \$18 (cash or check only) and will include lunch. Meetings are open to non-members as well as members. RSVP and include rank and title. To register, e-mail Youlanda Coleman at [youlanda.a.coleman@us.army.mil](mailto:youlanda.a.coleman@us.army.mil).

### HHC hosts Blood Drive May 21

The APG Garrison Headquarters and Headquarters Company will sponsor an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive, noon to 5 p.m., May 21. Pass the word through the units and organizations to help spread awareness about the blood drive, especially during these times when the nation and armed forces blood banks are critically low.

For more information, call Maj. Matt Petraitis, 410-278-2104; for appointments, visit the Armed Services Blood Program Web site, [www.militarylife-force.com](http://www.militarylife-force.com); walk-ins welcome.

### Asian-Pacific Specialty Meal May 19

The Asian-Pacific Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m., May 19.

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

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

The menu includes: egg drop soup, vegetable egg rolls, Filipino style pork ribs, sesame chicken, Korean style beef (bulgogi), coconut fried shrimp, steamed rice, fried rice, stir fry vegetables, steamed broccoli, Cucumber with yogurt (khira raita), Asian style green bean salad, assorted salad bar, hot rolls brushed with honey, assorted breads, coconut bread pudding, walnut cookies, soft serve yogurt with assorted toppings and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

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

### Puppet show, light dinner at Main Post Chapel

Everyone is invited to a free, light dinner and scriptural puppet show, 6 p.m., May 17 at the Main Post Chapel. Scriptural stories will be dramatized by a variety of puppets and mime.

For more information, call 410-278-2516 or e-mail Sandra Hohmann, [sathe29@aol.com](mailto:sathe29@aol.com).



## TRAFFIC ALERT

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and entrance to the Ruggles Golf Course and will be clearly marked. Motorists/visitors must be observant and follow directions. Entry control requirements remain unchanged.

Government and RAPIDgate ID cardholders with vehicles that do not require inspection should proceed straight ahead on Maryland Boulevard to the new canopy ID booths to gain entrance to APG. Visitors and commercial vehicles must follow the signed route, exiting to the right, and proceeding to the new Visitor's Center and commercial vehicle canopy and checkpoint.

### Permanent road closure in effect

In preparation for the Maryland Boulevard Gate opening next week, Reilly Road between Bush River Road and the new boundary fence will be permanently closed.

Concurrent with the closure, all Maryland Fire Rescue Institute access and all access to the golf course wells and irrigation storage pond will be via the Golf Course Road and then across by the golf course maintenance area to Reilly Road.

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

### Office Eagle holds Customer Appreciation Day

Aberdeen Area Office Eagle will hold a Customer Appreciation Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 27. Join the Office Eagle for a casino themed celebration that includes refreshments, games,

giveaways and more.

The Office Eagle store is located at 320 Johnson Road, building 320.

For more information, call Barry Council, 410-297-4950, or e-mail [bcouncil@bism.org](mailto:bcouncil@bism.org).

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## CWF announces upcoming trips, events

### May 16

#### CWF hosts trip to NYC

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City May 16. The cost is \$45 per person for round trip charter bus. Departure time is 6 a.m.

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

### July 11

#### CWF night at Ripken Stadium and Crab Feast

Join CWF for a great night of Ironbirds baseball and fireworks from the Party Deck at Aberdeen's Ripken Stadium.

The cost per person is \$43 or \$49 per person including beer, a complimentary Ironbirds baseball cap, all-you-can-eat Bo Brooks Crabs, hot dogs, hamburgers and corn on the cob. Reservation deadline is June 11.

### Aug. 8

#### Trip to Kings Dominion

Come and enjoy one of the East Coast's best amusement parks. Kings Dominion offers 13 roller coasters including the new hair-raising "Dominant" and 20 acres of water-filled fun. The price will include round trip charter bus transportation and entry into the park. Bus leaves APG at 8 a.m. Price to be determined.

### Oct. 17

#### Maryland Renaissance Festival

Travel by motor coach back in time to an era of chivalry, bawdiness, and good fun. Tickets cost \$52 for adults and \$45 for children ages 7 to 15. Cost includes roundtrip transportation and entry into the festival. More than 130 craft shops and over 42 food and drink outlets, providing a feast of foods rarely seen at other festivals. Enjoy the costumes, entertainment, including a Jousting Tournament by the Knights of the Round Table.

### Nov. 6-9

#### Las Vegas Baby

Cost includes three nights in Las Vegas, driving tour of the Las Vegas strip on the way to the hotel; a guided land tour to the Hoover Dam/Lake Mead; Optional flight over Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam – Land in Canyon for a picnic and champagne toast (Tour per person is \$325 which includes state and local taxes.); complimentary DVD of your travel as a group, copy of the Visitor's Guide with all the shows, coupons, travel insurance and more. Cost of the trip is \$925 for double occupancy or \$1,215 for single occupancy. A deposit of \$100

per person will hold a reservation.

### Nov. 21

#### Scrapbooking crop

Seasoned scrapbookers or anyone who has always wanted to try scrapbooking is welcome to attend the "Crop Till You Drop," session, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Top of the Bay. Cost of the event is \$25 per person and includes lunch and door prizes. Vendors will have items for sale for all scrapbooking needs. Optional classes may be offered. A massage therapist will also be available to help make it a stress-free day.

### Nov. 28

#### "Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular

A favorite among many, starring the famous Rockettes, this trips costs \$150 per person and includes show tickets and roundtrip bus transportation. There will plenty of time to shop, sightsee and have lunch before the show.

### Dec. 5-7

#### Christmas in Williamsburg, Va.

Travel by deluxe motor coach to historic Williamsburg, Va. Cost includes two nights lodging at the Governor's Inn, dinner show at the Boxwood Inn, a two-day pass to Colonial Williamsburg, Grand Illumination celebration and more. Cost is \$549 per person for double, triple or quad occupancy or \$649 for single occupancy. A deposit of \$25 is due by Sept. 3. Final payment is due Oct. 7.

### Dec. 12

#### "Holly Jolly Christmas" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater

Follow Mr. and Mrs. Claus as they hit the road in search of holiday cheer. Enjoy Broadway-style numbers with pizzazz, heart-warming standards, Santa's rockin' side, a nativity and traditional carols. Cost is \$85 per person and includes roundtrip charter bus from Aberdeen, ticket to the show, dinner, tax and gratuity.

### Dec. 19

#### Happy holidays ice skating

Join the Civilian Welfare Fund for ice skating, 5:45 to 7:45 p.m., at Ice World in Abingdon. This event is free to APG military, civilians, contractors, retirees and their families. CWF has a limited number of tickets available, so make reservations in advance. Skate rentals are not included.

For more information or to make reservations, call Patti Harkins at the Civilian Welfare Fund Office, 410-273-2075, 410-808-9170 or e-mail [patti.harkins@us.army.mil](mailto:patti.harkins@us.army.mil).

# Testing of unmanned systems presents challenges to military, test command headquartered at APG

Story by  
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Developmental Test Command

The U.S. Army traditionally has acquired weapon systems through a process that can take years, but the ongoing fight in Afghanistan and Iraq has shortened the time frame considerably. Robotic systems that can save lives on the battlefield are getting into Soldiers' hands more rapidly than ever before, and the U.S. Army's Developmental Test Command is transforming its business practices to support that effort, according to James Johnson, DTC's executive director.

Test and evaluation to support rapid fielding of both manned and unmanned systems have been streamlined in recent years, Johnson said.

"By that, I mean we are not doing everything we would in a normal test program," he added. "In a traditional program, we would test in a hot, cold and tropical environment, and maybe do a lot of other environmental testing. For some of the rapid acquisition programs, we have left out testing in the cold, for instance, and left out the tropics. So we know fairly well how systems are going to behave in Iraq or Afghanistan. But, if the Army moved to a different theater of operations, we couldn't tell for certain how well that equipment would do there."

Developing test reports for acquisition program managers and Army evaluators also has become a speedier process, Johnson explained. Instead of issuing a "pass/fail" report for many of the systems the Army needs, the Army Test and Evaluation Command provides reports on their capabilities and limitations, he said. The command also deploys testers to the theater of operations to help assess how systems perform there, Johnson said.

"Because we are not getting to do as much testing as we would necessarily like on this end, we are sort of catching up to the equipment out in the field," he said. "We're seeing how the equipment is operating, and we're providing expert advice to the Soldiers who are operating that equipment. That is quite different."

Rapid acquisition is not the only issue DTC is working to address. Keeping costs down for test customers is a key objective of the command, Johnson said, noting that DTC is constantly tackling the challenge of reducing costs to customers.

"We've always got to have a reasonable cost, do testing on time and provide a quality product to the customer," he said. "When you get into these newer commodity areas like unmanned ground systems and [unmanned] aerial systems, that adds to the challenge because we have to learn a new technology, maybe something we've never tested before. Then we're trying to do all of that in a period when budgets are tight. Shrinking budgets are always on our mind, and we're trying to figure out how we can cut our costs and be more efficient in order to answer budget challenges."

DTC has the instrumentation and facilities needed to tackle the challenges associated with testing the new unmanned systems, but its test procedures must evolve to be appropriate for them, both on the ground and in the air, Johnson said.

"For those new commodities, procedures are being developed, and it comes down to safety concerns," he said. "For example, we talk about unmanned aerial vehicles operating in the same airspace as manned [aerial] vehicles, and we haven't yet come to grips fully with how we can operate in the same airspace. That's something we're working on with the FAA [Federal Aviation Administration]. Right now, it is driving a lot of tests out to our western ranges, where there is a lot of airspace and not a concern with them running into a manned aircraft."

The operation of unmanned ground vehicles on DTC ranges also poses procedural challenges for testers, he added.

"If you remotely operate a large vehicle like a HMMWV [high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle], for example, and the vehicle goes out of control because the remote operator loses contact with it, it could run over and kill somebody. So procedurally we're taking a look at how we test those kinds of things. Then, when we go even a step further, where we've got an unmanned system with missiles or guns, there are safety issues we've got to work out, and that's not just how we're going to test those systems. DTC is charged with completing safety confirmations and safety releases for Soldiers . . . so we've got to think through that and have safety mechanisms in place so the Soldier is not going to get into a difficult situation and get injured or killed when operating these systems."

Another significant challenge testers are facing is the operational tempo that goes with rapid-acquisition programs,



Photo courtesy of REDSTONE TECHNICAL TEST CENTER

An unmanned ground vehicle launches a tube-launched, optically-tracked, wire-guided missile.

Johnson explained.

"It is not unusual to go to many of our ranges and see two, sometimes even three, shifts, and possibly working six days a week because there is just so much pressure to get that equipment over to the Soldier as quickly as possible," he said. "If we've got some magic bullet, something that will save lives, we've got to turn that around as quickly as we possibly can. That raises issues of burning people out over time, so we're trying to watch out for that. You can drive somebody so hard they will try to find a job elsewhere because the work hours are just so much."

Johnson said DTC must do what it can to attract and retain workers with the expertise needed to support its customers. As Army organizations undergo relocations under the Base Realignment and Closure process, they seek to hire employees with the kinds of skills testers and evaluators possess, potentially drawing them away from DTC, he explained.

"There is a competition for people because you've got a lot of jobs moving in, but not necessarily the bodies that go with those jobs," Johnson said. "So we're keeping our eye on that because our people are going to be the logical people they hire, offering promotions and that kind of thing. In the test and evaluation world, as in any other business, we're only as good as the people we've got, and we can lose our expertise and suddenly not offer that great service to the customer anymore."

DTC's test customers for robotic systems include the Army's Rapid Equipping Force as well as the Defense Department's Robotic Systems Joint Project Office and the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization. They all are involved in the acquisition of various robotic systems intended to enhance war-fighting capabilities and prevent casualties from roadside bombs and other threats. The RSJPO is aligned to support, field and sustain ground robots along three primary mission areas — maneuver, maneuver support and sustainment, said Jeffrey Jaczkowski, one of the people working the acquisition of unmanned systems at the Program Executive Office, Ground Combat Systems, in Warren, Mich.

Some of the most urgently needed and fielded systems are Soldier-portable unmanned ground vehicles. Among these are the PackBot, TALON and MARCbot and their variants, relatively small robotic systems whose payload and configurations depend on the mission they are used for, Jaczkowski said. Systems such as these are "tele-operated," meaning an operator can control them while looking at video feedback for command and control decisions and local situational awareness. The payloads that can be mounted onto system platforms depend on their mission; in the future some may include weapons, he added.

In the sustainment category, the Marine Corps is developing a tele-operated front-end loader that resembles a Bobcat, Jaczkowski said. The Defense Department also is looking to field a system called the Saratoga, designed with sensors to detect chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats, he added.

The Future Combat System's Multifunction Utility/Logistics Equipment Vehicle is another unmanned platform that will require both developmental and operational testing. The MULE transport variants are designed to carry equipment and supplies in support of dismounted maneuver elements. Other MULE variants include the Armed Robotic Vehicle

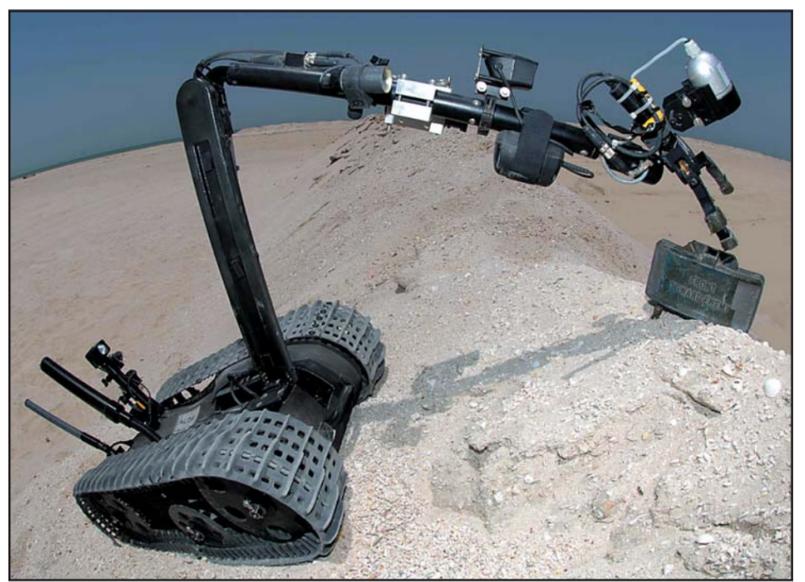


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The retractable arm of the TALON enables the safe removal of explosive ordnance such as improvised explosive devices.

Light, Assault, and the countermine platform, the ARV-L (assault), which will be armed to support dismounted infantry in the close assault mission.

"For the robots that we have fielded, the mission application includes surveillance and extended standoff from the Soldier operator to around the corner, into a building, structure, cave tunnel or dwelling," Jaczkowski said. "That basically allows the Soldier or Marine about a kilometer of standoff to go do some surveillance or interrogation. The systems that we have in that area are MARCbot and xBot. Both of those are Soldier-portable systems. The MARCbot is a wheeled platform that is relatively inexpensive, and the xBot is a PackBot variant primarily used for reconnaissance. TALON as well as Packbot variants are used to enhance route clearance missions. On the larger side, we've got something called an MV-4. It is a program-of-record system used for area clearance."

The 5 ton MV-4 is a remotely operated tracked vehicle using a flail and hammer to dig up and destroy, or activate, mines. Its small dimensions and low track-ground pressure allow the machine to pass over difficult terrain, including steep slopes.

"That is approaching Milestone C, but we have contingency systems in use for both Iraq and Afghanistan," Jaczkowski said. Milestone C signifies that a system has gone through system development and demonstration and is ready to enter the production phase of acquisition.

Both Jaczkowski and James Van Coillie, chief of the Product Assurance/Test and Configuration Management Division within the RSJPO, said DTC has done a good job of facilitating the fielding of unmanned systems through expeditious testing. They see DTC as a reliable partner in the acquisition process, and very supportive of fast-track acquisitions, Van Coillie said.

"When we get operational needs statements and joint operational needs statements that are funded through a REF or a JIEDDO initiative, it is a very fast acquisition process to meet some very streamlined schedules," Van Coillie explained. "We work together with DTC and ATEC, coordinating the appropriate tests in order to evaluate these platforms for users and certify that they are safe and that we acknowledge any kind of limitations they have. The capabilities and limitations document highlights any types of dangers associated with these platforms. This actually works pretty well, but because we deal with COTS (commercial off-the-shelf) items and fast-track programs for meeting contin-

gencies, it makes our relationship with DTC and ATEC kind of unique.

"We are challenged to perform all necessary tests in order to determine the system's capabilities and limitations, and meet the Soldier's needs for urgent fieldings. One of the issues we've got right now that is slowing down our schedule involves the COTS trailer," Van Coillie said. "We've got to make sure the system is adaptable in the environment in which it's going to be used, but not have to go through all this environmental type testing. Basically, we are aware, and the Soldiers are aware, that this COTS trailer is a temporary measure until we get the long-term solution, the final government-approved trailer."

The development of military robotic systems is moving from platforms that are tele-operated to those that have autonomous capabilities, meaning they can sense their environment, adapt to it and respond without a command from an operator, Jaczkowski said. Properly testing such systems will require a close collaboration between the acquisition community and testers, he said. Redundant controls will be added to ensure system safety during testing, he added.

"The test methodologies that we use for tele-operated systems are going to be quite different from those methodologies that we will need for autonomous or semi-autonomous systems," Jaczkowski said. "We need to be able to do things like an operational test, and the test environment is going to be similar to the environment that these systems are going to be used in. We'll add initial safety systems that would not be on a final product. We have redundant radios. We have an emergency-stop radio and a safety operator. There are challenges to work through that I see in the future, especially with FCS coming. The test community and the PMs need to start thinking about how we are going to test and get through this together."

Because the Defense Department still has a long way to go in developing the capabilities of robotic systems, DTC will continue to adapt to support the testing that future unmanned systems will require, Johnson said.

"DoD has not tapped into all the capabilities that these unmanned systems can bring to bear," he said. "That just brings it back to DTC and how we've got to make sure we're progressing along with those unmanned systems, in our expertise, in our capabilities and in our instrumentation, so that as unmanned systems become more and more prevalent, we're going after that business. It's an exciting time to be involved in that kind of commodity."

# Community and APG: Partners in Education

## ARL volunteers encouraging students' participation in science, engineering



Several students operate the robots they built during the "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Robotics Competition."

Story by  
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ARL

U.S. Army Research Laboratory volunteers are helping to give a number of high school students the opportunity to work with robotics technology and may help them get college scholarships in preparation for careers in science and engineering.

ARL currently sponsors five teams of high school students who participate in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition, a not-for-profit program established to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology.

FIRST stages competitive games played by remote-controlled robots. The robots are designed and built during a six-week period from a common set of basic parts by teams of high school students and engineer-mentors who volunteer their

time to work with the students.

Each school year, teams are formed in the fall and sports-like competitions take place in March and April. Referees oversee the competition and judges present awards to teams for design, technology, sportsmanship, community service and commitment to FIRST. Regional competitions lead to an annual international championship event at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Ga. FIRST also works with universities and companies to establish scholarship programs for the participants. FIRST began in 1989 with 28 teams. It has almost 1,700 teams today.

ARL has been participating as a sponsor for the FIRST Robotics Competition for the past five years as part of the laboratory's Outreach Program, according to Leonard Huskey, associate director for Corporate Programs. Currently, ARL sponsors teams from Aberdeen High School, Eleanor Roosevelt High

School in Greenbelt, Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, Dundalk High School in Baltimore and Menchville High School in Newport News, Va., and there may be more teams in the future, Huskey said. However, none of the teams would be possible without the services of the mentors who volunteer large amounts of their time to work with the student teams.

"We have good people who care about students and getting more of them into science and engineering," Huskey pointed out.

Matt Wilbur, Mechanics Division, Vehicle Technology Directorate, served as a mentor for a FIRST Robotics Competition team in Hampton, Va., for a year, then started a team at Menchville High School. Also mentoring the team are co-workers Yolanda Hinton and Chester Langston.

"I do this because I believe that FIRST has developed the

best way to get kids interested in science and technology. If you turn engineering and creative thinking into a sports event, the students become engaged very quickly," Wilbur explained.

Drew Wilkerson, Unmanned Vehicle Technologies Division, has been working with the FIRST program for about five years and mentors a team at the Science and Math Academy at Aberdeen High School. That team also sponsors the Halls Cross Elementary School FIRST Lego League, and there are plans to establish another team at Aberdeen Middle School in 2010.

Other ARL mentors include Mike Zoltoski, Weapons and Materials Research Directorate, and fellow VTD workers Harris Edge, Jim Spangler and Chad Kessens. Others involved with the programs include Miles Pekala, Dr. Mary Anne Fields, Raymond Von Whalde and Gary Haas.

"I feel this is one of the most valuable things I've ever done within the Army Outreach Program," Wilkerson said. He pointed out that his team has now started mentoring other teams giving the students a sense of self worth. "As they give freely of their time as mentors to the FIRST teams, they see the value of their contributions to their community through selfless service. This is a core Army value."

David Baran, Computational and Information Sciences Directorate, has been mentoring a team at Dunbar High School in Baltimore, for the past three years.

"My involvement started from a summer program at ARL where several of the students from Dunbar were brought into the lab for four weeks in order to gain some real-world work experience and get a better understanding of what is involved in being an engineer," he said.

Baran said he volunteers for

the program because he feels it's a good way to get students engaged in science and technology.

"I can see the impact it has on the students as they sharpen not only their science and math skills, but also their decision making and time management abilities," he added.

The program is demanding of the mentors, but it is also demanding of the students. The mentors make it clear to the student team members from the beginning that they will be expected to work long hours during the robot build season while still maintaining all of their school work.

However, the mentors agreed that the program is a rewarding experience for the students because students gain the benefit of the mentors' time, experience and expertise as well as the opportunity for scholarship aid for college. In addition, some get actual work experience at ARL through the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program. Wilkerson said that mentors also benefit greatly from the experience.

"As in any good relationship, I feel I get far more out of it than the students do," Wilkerson said.

Wilbur commented on how satisfying it is to volunteer and experience the 'ah-ha' moments with the students.

"Many marvel at the hours that the mentors put in but you almost need to experience it to understand. Designing and building the robots is great fun, and the mentors get a rare opportunity to re-discover engineering through the eyes of the students. It's really neat when a concept sinks in and a student's eyes light up because they finally understand. It's a great way for them to build self-confidence as they begin to understand things that they thought were unreachable for them."

## HCPS students receive Judith Resnik award during annual luncheon

Story by  
**RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

Several young women from Harford County public high schools received the Judith Resnik Award for excelling in math and science during the 23rd annual Harford County American Association of University Women, or AAUW, Educational Foundation luncheon held at Harford Community College April 25.

One eleventh grade female student from 12 different Harford County high schools received the award. These 12 students not only stood out by earning high grades in their math and science classes, but also were actively involved in extra-curricular and community programs. A few students even had special ties to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Shirley Moore, the luncheon chair, welcomed the audience and congratulated the students on receiving the award commenting that their hard work and dedication to their studies had contributed to their success.

She told the audience the history and reason for the award luncheon.

"The Resnik Award was named after U.S. astronaut Judith Resnik, Ph.D., and an AAUW member, and was the recipient of a 1975 Educational Foundation American Fellowship, enabling her to complete her doctoral studies in electrical engineering at the University of Maryland," Moore said. "Resnik was the second American woman in space but she died in the Space Shuttle Challenger explosion in 1986.

"AAUW was founded to break through barriers and to encourage educational and professional pursuits of women," she said.

Each award recipient was introduced by their chapter sponsor and then given the award while mentioning their individual achievements, noting that many of them were involved in academic clubs that cultivated their love of science and math.

Retired Brig. Gen. Rebecca Halstead, executive director for leadership development for the Praevus Group, and

former commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, was the luncheon's guest speaker. One of the 104 women to enter the second class of the United States Military Academy that included women in 1977, Halstead became the first female from the USMA to be promoted to general officer rank, and the first female chief of Ordnance for the Army.

Halstead told the audience that those who received the awards have great potential.

"You have already made great contributions," she said. "You are well-rounded, participating in many activities demonstrating academic as well as music and athletic talent and volunteering. You are already accomplished. What you are already doing is making a difference in your community, and to change our world."

Halstead noted that there were many people in attendance showing support for the students, including Family members, friends, teachers, counselors and community leaders.

"Their presence alone says that youth are important to our future, what you are already doing is making a difference," Halstead said. "You are already seizing opportunities to change other people's lives, not to mention your own."

Halstead challenged the audience to keep setting goals, and to keep setting the bar high, while at the same time maintaining integrity.

"Talent is a gift, but character is a choice," Halstead said. "All of these young ladies have great talent, what you do with it, how it shapes your character, is what is really important.

"A true judge of character is who you are when no one is watching, which is a tough rule to follow, especially on I-95," she joked.

Halstead concluded that part of success is perseverance, not giving up, keeping a positive attitude and seeking knowledge.

"Knowledge is not just in school, it is the person sitting next to you, on your life journey. Knowledge is all around you. I

personally believe that the day you stop learning is the day you stop living."

### APG award recipients

A few of the award recipients had special ties to APG in the form of mentorships or parents who work on post.

Alexandra "Sasha" Wrobel, from Fallston High School, said that she had a full-time paid internship at APG, working at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine during the summer after her sophomore year.

"I researched the effect of toxic industrial chemicals on people," Wrobel said. "I think I would like to study medicine in the future, so it was good exposure to that field. I would like to work there again this summer if the funding is still there."

Heather Cook, a junior from Havre de Grace, said that she attended the Gains in Education and Mathematics and Science program, or GEMS, last summer at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. This program allows students an opportunity to participate in a paid internship over the summer in an Army laboratory learning the real life application of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Cook said she is thinking about continuing her studies in chemical engineering.

"[Working at ARL] was an enjoyable experience that gave me experience working in a real science lab," she said.

Erin Nicole Benton, a Harford Technical High School student who was rec-

ognized for her project that benefitted patients in a local hospital, was excited about hearing her news.

"I am surprised that I won this award," she added.

Her father, Don Benton, who works for the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency on APG, said that he was very proud of her.

"She is always working hard and looking forward to the future," he said.

Another student, Chelsea Gaviola, from Aberdeen High School Science and Math Academy, said that she will be working with a mentor, Dr. Douglas CeraSolli at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, during her senior year, while she works on her capstone project.

"I am really looking forward to working with him during my senior year," Gaviola said.

Harford County representatives in attendance included Harford County Councilman Richard Slutzky, Harford County Director of Government and Community Relations Roxanne Lynch, and Pat Skebeck, superintendent of Harford County Public Schools, and others who were present to show their support for the mathematics and science scholars.

For more information about AAUW or to join the Harford County branch, contact Sheila Allen, sallen@harford.edu or call 410-836-9935.

Award Recipient	High School
Avanti Patel	Aberdeen High School
Chelsea Gaviola	Aberdeen Science and Math Academy
Melisa Marie Navin	Bel Air High School
Heather Lee	C. Milton Wright High School
Chantel Harrison	Edgewood High School
Alexandra Theresa Wrobel	Fallston High School
Erin Nicole Benton	Harford Technical High School
Heather Cook	Havre de Grace High School
Yu Jin Kim	John Carroll School
Nicholle Murphy	Joppatowne High School
Jessica Boegner	North Harford High School
Stephanie Zalesak	Patterson Mill High School

# Chapel News

## APG Post chapel hails senior NCOs

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

The morning message titled, "Follow the Leader," fit right in with the theme of the day as members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Protestant Service hailed the installation's senior noncommissioned officers during its monthly themed Sunday service May 3.

To honor 2009 being designated the Year of the NCO, the service was dedicated to the installation's command sergeants major, sergeants major and first sergeants. Chaplain (Maj.) Young Kim, deputy Garrison chaplain and pastor of the Protestant Service, opened the program with a presentation of commemorative plaques to the NCOs in attendance assisted by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Travis Ashley, 61st Ordnance Brigade.

The NCOs in attendance included Installation Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez; Sgt. Maj. Osvaldo Ponzon,

U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine; Sgt. Maj. Juanita Krueger, 1st Area Medical Laboratory, and 1st Sgt. Tamiko Bogad, 20th Support Command.

The NCOs served as ushers, collected the offering and assisted ushers during the communion portion of the service. In addition, Rodriguez delivered the scripture reading from the book of John.

During the pastoral prayer requests, Marin asked that everyone remember not only those in uniform serving in harm's way, but the Department of Defense civilians supporting them.

"They are doing all they can to support the men and women who protect our freedom," Marin said.

Kim offered a special prayer for present and future NCOs.

"We thank you for their great leadership and sacrifices and ask that you continue to provide support for their Families," Kim said.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Scott Weichl, CHPPM, stayed with the book of John for the morning message.

First commenting on the heavy rains that morning, Weichl said he observed a Soldier arriving soaked to the skin and that he thought to himself that in that Soldier's place he might have stayed home that morning.

He compared leadership to the biblical shepherds, and said that shepherds could not be lazy about tending their flocks and that the life of the shepherd was one of total commitment to the sheep.

"It is the shepherd's relationship with the sheep, not the sheep's relationship with the shepherd that keeps them safe," he said.

"The true shepherd cares about the sheep. That's why it's so important to remember on this Command Sergeant Major Sunday that these are the leaders who are leading our young folks — the kind of young people who will walk to church in the pouring rain. That says something not only about our Soldiers, it says a lot about our leaders."

Having recently returned from Afghanistan, Marin said the recognition NCOs are receiving in the Year of the NCO is appre-

### Ecumenical Youth of the Chapel cookout

All chapel youths — Protestant, Gospel and Catholic — are invited to a cookout, 4 to 6:30 p.m., June 13, at the APG Main Post Chapel Fellowship Hall. There will be games, mixers and prayer for all youths in grades 6 through 12 and youth leaders. Bring friends. Planning will be held for summer activities including games, outreach, excursions, food and fun.

For more information, call 410-278-2516.

ciated and that he spent much of his time there talking with Soldiers serving multiple deployments in harms way and sharing their concerns about their Families.

"We have to pray for them and, as leaders, remind others that our Soldiers are out there twenty-four hours a day, serving our nation and protecting our freedom," Marin said.

## Buckle up

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"To the contrary, the people who choose to disobey the law by not wearing their seat belts are taking a chance with not only their lives, but the emotional and financial health of their Families, friends and our community," Farlow said.

Death may be the ultimate consequence for not wearing a seat belt, but even for those who escape a fatal crash, the economic costs of injuries caused by motor vehicle crashes are staggering.

"When you take into consideration that every year motor

vehicle crashes cost our country an estimated \$230.6 billion, that is more than eight hundred dollars per person per year.

"Yes, this is a national problem, but law enforcement and first responders see the local faces at too many crash scenes. So, it begins right here on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"Law enforcement will be out in force to show our dedication to solving this problem. We want one-hundred percent of motorists to buckle up. Buckling up costs you nothing, but the costs of not buckling up may be a ticket, or worse — your life. Treat this as a tough and potentially life-saving reminder: Click It or Ticket," Farlow emphasized.

## Marina

From front page

for a long time," Doyel said. "Although it took us some time, we're glad we stuck with it and earned this award. It only makes sense to transfer environmental management to our recreational facilities, where personnel and their Families come to relax and enjoy themselves."

Operators of marinas, boatyards and yacht clubs of any size are encouraged to learn more about the voluntary Clean Marina Initiative devel-

oped with both government and industry input. Marina operators can visit <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/boating/clean-marina/>, send an e-mail to [dmorrow@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:dmorrow@dnr.state.md.us) or call 410-260-8773.

Recreational boaters can also join efforts to protect Maryland's waterways. Boaters are encouraged to visit the Clean Marina Web page to learn how they can prevent pollution and to sign the "Maryland Clean Boater Pledge."

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is the state agency responsible for providing natural and living resource-related

services to citizens and visitors. DNR manages more than 449,000 acres of public lands and 17,000 miles of waterways, along with Maryland's forests, fisheries and wildlife for maximum environmental, economic and quality of life benefits.

A national leader in land conservation, DNR-managed parks and natural, historic and cultural resources attract 12 million visitors annually. DNR is the lead agency in Maryland's effort to restore the Chesapeake Bay, the state's number one environmental priority. Learn more at [www.DNR.Maryland.gov](http://www.DNR.Maryland.gov).

## BRAC

From front page

facility with two lanes. A new visitors' center was added, as well as canopies and an improved barrier security system.

The conclusion of the \$23 million Route 715 Gate improvements marks the completion of not only the first BRAC project at APG, but the first BRAC project completed in Maryland.

Janet Dettwiler, director of the Garrison Directorate of Human Resources, moderated the ceremony.

Garrison Commander Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman thanked the project team for completing the gate with minimal interference to the APG workforce; the gate remained open throughout the duration of construction.

He also pointed out the benefits of the project.

"This gate not only accommodates the additional personnel moving to APG because of BRAC, the state of the art technology and designs ensure the force protection and security of our workforce and facilities," Weissman said. "The new visitor control center will be more effective and efficient. Golfers playing at Ruggles Golf Course no longer have to spend time signing in at the visitor's center."

Weissman reminded the group that the new security access point is an important component to the APG 2012 vision which goes beyond BRAC. The APG 2012 vision focuses on facilities, infrastructure, quality of life, services and human capital.

Col. Peter Mueller, commander of the Baltimore District Army Corps of Engineers, also commended the work of the construction and design contractors, as well as the entire project team.

He acknowledged that the Maryland Boulevard Gate project is small in scope

compared to the other BRAC projects at APG but it is significant by being the first project fulfilled.

"First impressions are lasting impressions," Mueller commented, and he said he is excited about the upcoming BRAC projects because the success of the gate project reflects the success of happenings inside of the gate.

Harford County Executive David Craig provided remarks at the event stating that it is exciting for county officials and residents to see the "first visible signs of BRAC." He also acknowledged a Certificate of Special Recognition from U.S. Representative Dutch Ruppersberger.

Instead of a traditional ribbon cutting, Weismann, Mueller and the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Sgt. Elizabeth Thompson were driven in a high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle through the new gate by Sgt. Geraldine Bradley Bean. The APG Police Officer of the Year Officer Jeffrey Grey

performed the symbolic identification check.

The group then toured the new facilities. Samuel Seay provided the tour of the visitors' center and demonstrated the new computerized visitor check-in system.

According to Seay, the visitors' center processes 500 to 600 a week. It has special features such as a waiting area and display cases, even incorporating retired Police Capt. Wayne Smith's silhouette on a plaque with the words of the Army Civilian Corps Creed.

The Directorate of Emergency Services, which includes the DoD police officers who staff the gates, worked closely with the contractors and the Corp of Engineers to ensure the facilities are sufficient for the officers to perform their jobs.

"I'm looking forward to being able to move the increasing traffic at the gates in an efficient and safe manner for all people including the officers who work at the gates every day," commented Robert Krauer, director of DES.

## Holocaust

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ing to occupy our time, so I was lucky to have such an active imagination."

Lazan said that many people suffered and died from Typhus, including her father.

"When I think about those years, it is as if I am recalling a bad dream," she said. "We saw things that we never should have seen, especially at that age."

Lazan said that she was 11 when they were able to leave the camps. They lived in Holland until they were able to come to America to live.

"We arrived in Hoboken, New Jersey, on April 23, 1943, exactly three years to the day of our liberation," she said. Lazan's Family received help from a Jewish relief organization, who helped them find a home in Peoria, Ill.

Lazan said that although she was behind in her education, she studied very hard and was able to graduate high school eighth in her class of 267 students. Lazan added that she married her husband, Nathaniel, soon after high school, and they have had a happy life together.

Lazan said she wrote the book, "Four Perfect Pebbles," so that her story would reach many people.

"I am so glad that the story is in book form so that it can be passed to future generations," she said.

Lazan concluded her presentation by asking the audience to share her story with others.

"In a few short years we [survivors] will not be here to share our story with you," she said. "You are the very last generation to hear the story first hand. Please share this story, and in the future, share it with your children and your grandchildren. When we are not here, it is you who will have to bear witness, we must tell the story so that it will not happen again."

She emphasized that it is important that everyone does everything in their power to not have it happen again.

"We can begin with respect and tolerance towards one another, in our workplace, at our school, and in our community. Let us respect our differences and reach out to one another," she said.

After Lazan's presentation, Weissman thanked her for sharing her story, and announced that William Childers, a quality specialist from SAIC, won the Days of Remembrance essay and display contest.

"When you have racism and hatred in your heart, you get damaged," Childers said when he accepted his award. "What you do and do not do matters, because you have to live with yourself. When you get older your memories will be a comfort to you if you did your best."

After the ceremony, several people commented that they felt that the presentation was inspi-

ration and educational.

"It is a unique experience to hear a first-hand account from a Holocaust survivor, and it is something I am going to remember and tell others about it," said Sarah Scott, an 8th grader from Havre de Grace who participated in the candle lighting ceremony. "I think that it is great that she can be so open about her experience during the Holocaust, and I hope more people can learn of her story. She seemed like a positive person despite the horrible things that she went through. I think that

her story is very inspirational."

Katie Hall, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, invited Marion Lazan to be this year's guest speaker.

"During our first conversation, I realized that she was a special person and that she was very passionate about sharing her story, especially with children." Hall went on to say that spending time with Lazan has been something she will never forget. "She's an exceptional role model for all of us."

Sheryl Coleman from ARL, has

coordinated this event for many years said that she looks forward to the ceremony every year.

"This is a part of my job that doesn't feel like work," Coleman said. "It's an honor for me to not only help plan this ceremony but to also have the privilege of hearing these Holocaust survivors share their painful memories. Their lives are truly an inspiration."

To learn more about Lazan's story, visit [www.fourperfectpebbles.com](http://www.fourperfectpebbles.com)

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
FEDERAL WAGE SYSTEM WAGE SURVEY**

**WAGE AREA:** Baltimore, Maryland  
**TIME AND DATE OF HEARING:** May 28, 2009, 9-11 a.m.  
**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED DURING:** September 2009  
**LOCATION OF HEARING:** Building 305, Room 211  
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center  
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5001

**PURPOSE:** A hearing will be held to permit the presentation of recommendations and supporting evidence by local organizations and individuals concerning the area definition as well as the industries, establishments, and jobs to be surveyed. Any recommendations and supporting evidence must be presented in writing to the Local Wage Survey Committee at or before the hearing. The Local Wage Survey Committee is not authorized to hear or to act upon job classification complaints. Any group representatives or individuals desiring to appear at the hearing should contact the Local Wage Survey Committee for an appointment at the following address:

CHAIRMAN: Donna Skinner  
PHONE: 410-306-0296  
ADDRESS: Civilian Personnel Advisory Center  
ATTN: PECP-NER-G (Skinner)  
305 Longs Corner Road,  
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5001

**The survey will include establishments in the following industries:** Manufacturing, Transportation, Communications, Public Utilities and Wholesale Trade.

**Firms must have at least 50 employees and be willing to participate.**

**GRADES AND TITLES OF REQUIRED SURVEY JOBS:**

1 Janitor (Light)	5 Warehouse Worker	7 Truck Driver (Heavy)	10 Automotive Mechanic	11 Electronics Mechanic
2 Janitor (Heavy)	5 Forklift Operator	8 Machine Tool Operator II	10 Sheet Metal Mechanic	13 Toolmaker
3 Material Handler	5 Material Handling	9 Machine Tool Operator I	10 Pipefitter	
2 Maintenance Laborer	Equipment Operator	9 Carpenter	10 Welder	
4 Packer	6 Truck Driver (Medium)	10 Electrician	10 Machinist	

The wage area is defined by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) as follows:

**SURVEY AREA**  
Maryland: Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard counties

**AREA OF APPLICATION: SURVEY AREA**

**Each Local Activity must post this notice on its bulletin board for at least 10 work days prior to the scheduled date of the hearing. (OPM Operating Manual, Federal Wage System Subchapter S5-6c.)**

# Preventing substance abuse on APG

## More than 70 graduate APG D.A.R.E. program



D.A.R.E. kids welcome Daren the Lion to the D.A.R.E. graduation program at Top of the Bay April 22.

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

The Directorate of Emergency Services marked another milestone April 22, as more than 70 Aberdeen Proving Ground youths graduated from its D.A.R.E. program during a ceremony at Top of the Bay.

Mike "Big Mike" Farlow, DES investigator and community policing officer, led the program and welcomed children, parents and volunteers. Guests included DES Director Robert Krauer; Patrick Spicer, general counsel Harford County Public Schools; Claude Nelson, state DARE officer; Ann Thacker state DARE coordi-

nator; and Jareta Coyle, director of the APG Army Substance Abuse Program.

"Tonight we will graduate about seventy-five students, give out awards and most importantly, we're gonna have cake and meet a special guest, Daren the Lion," Farlow said to enthusiastic screams from the children.

He introduced Krauer as "a longtime supporter of the program."

Krauer commended the graduates, parents and D.A.R.E. volunteers.

"This program is as good as it gets because we all know children are our future," Krauer said. "Congratulations. I'm proud of all of you, and I look forward to



Daren the Lion looks on as Lauren Pomroy, 10, second from left, accepts the first-place essay award from Child, Youth and School Services' Angie Chronister and Pam Evelyn and Mike "Big Mike" Farlow, APG Police investigator and community policing officer.

shaking your hands."

Spicer told the graduates they "have a lot to be proud of."

"This is a tribute not only to you, but to the parents and police officers who try to encourage [children] to stay off drugs," he said. "This is a big step. You learned from others, and we learned from you."

A slideshow presentation of photos taken during the D.A.R.E. activities and learning exercises conducted over the past few weeks at the Child Development Center and Youth Center followed, and the children laughed and pointed as they saw themselves taking part in workbook projects, participating in D.A.R.E. detective activities or being read to by Big Mike or Daren the Lion. At the end of the presentation, Big Mike said a lot of work went into the presentation.

The award presentations featured special awards, presented by Krauer, to volunteers and sponsors who included Pam "Miss Pam" Evelyn, Child, Youth and School Services pro-

gram assistant, and Angie "Miss Angie" Chronister, CYSS program lead who assisted in the D.A.R.E. Dance program. Coyle received an award for ASAP sponsorship of the program.

"Without her generosity we would not have a program," Krauer said.

Special awards went to essay winner, Lauren Pomroy, 10, Spirit award winner Alex Williams, 10, and poster contest winners, sisters Danielle Eubanks, 10 and sisters Aaliyah and Erykah Tisdale, 10.

The Tisdale poster featured a list of reasons not to smoke or drink. Erykah Tisdale said the project, which lists alcohol's effects on the body took about a week to complete.

"We enjoyed the D.A.R.E. classes and learning what not to do to keep from harming your body," she said, "and we were willing to do this to help others."

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a drug abuse and violence prevention program that uses police officers to present information to children

in the classroom environment providing resistance skills and building resiliency. D.A.R.E. is a community based program that links law enforcement, schools and parents in a partnership for children.

The D.A.R.E. program was started by a group of Los Angeles police officers and schoolteachers who were concerned about children taking drugs that would destroy their lives. The police officers and schoolteachers joined forces and launched D.A.R.E. to teach children about the dangers of drugs and violence, and how to protect themselves from it.

The intent is to steer them away from the dangers of drugs and violence and to help them make smart choices, like playing sports and starting hobbies instead.

The D.A.R.E. program was begun in 1983 and now is taught in all 50 states in the U.S., as well as in 53 countries. The D.A.R.E. program reaches 50 million children around the world each year.

## Avoiding the mix: Alcohol and graduation season

APG ASAP

Graduation is a time to celebrate, but without mixing alcohol.

"Often people do not realize that the same alcohol and other drug dangers and concerns associated with prom season also occur during graduation season," said Cindy Scott, Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Substance Abuse Program prevention coordinator.

Research shows that parents and other respected adults do make a difference. Talking with the graduate about alcohol now could prevent serious problems later.

"But before the graduates party, take the time to talk with them about alcohol and other drugs to include prescription and over-the-counter medicines—it just may save a life," Scott said. "A teenager's brain is still developing and it is very sensitive to alcohol's effects on judgment and decision-making. Tell the graduate to play it safe and party right at graduation. If graduates drink too much, it can mean trips to the emergency room, arrests, and sexual assaults. They could put themselves and their friends in real danger."

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism has put together the following information to assist parents and other adults with this important conversation.

Alcohol can be tricky: If graduates drink, they may temporarily feel elated and happy, but they should not be fooled. Ask them to consider these risks:

- Their inhibitions and memory soon become affected—so they may say and do things that they will regret and possibly will not remember doing at all.
- Their decision-making skills are also affected. They may become restless and aggressive. They may be more at risk for getting an alcohol-related traffic crash, having into fights, trashing a house, or making unwise decisions about sex.
- Their physical control may be reduced resulting in loss of balance, slurred speech, and blurred/vision. Normal activities—even crossing a busy intersection—can become truly dangerous.

**Alcohol poisoning:** Too much alcohol becomes a deadly weapon. Before the celebrations begin, take a few minutes to talk with your graduate about the dangers of alcohol poisoning. They need to understand if they drink enough, they can eventually get sleepy and pass out. Reflexes like gagging and breathing can become suppressed, which means they could vomit and choke to death or just stop breathing. They may even be at risk for alcohol poisoning.

Alcohol suppresses nerves that control involuntary actions such as breathing and the gag reflex, which prevents choking. Even if someone survives an alcohol overdose, he or she can suffer irreversible brain damage. Rapid binge drinking (which often happens on a bet or a dare) is especially dangerous because the victim can drink a fatal dose before losing consciousness.

A person's blood alcohol concentration can continue to rise even while he or she is passed out. Even after someone stops drinking, alcohol in the stomach and intestines continues to enter the blood-stream and circulate throughout the body. A person who appears to be sleeping it off may be in real danger.

**Signs of alcohol poisoning:** Critical signs of alcohol poisoning include mental confusion, stupor, coma, or the person cannot be roused; vomiting; seizures; slow (fewer than eight breaths per minute) or irregular (10 seconds or more between breaths) breathing; and hypothermia (low body temperature), bluish skin color, and paleness. Know the danger signals. If you suspect someone has alcohol poisoning, don't wait for all the critical signs to be present. If you suspect an alcohol overdose, call 911 immediately for help.

"This important advice from NIAAA can provide parents and other adults with factual information for use during this necessary conversation with graduates," Scott said. "While the focus of this article is on graduation, this critical

conversation between parents and other respected adults must be repeated often. Being armed with facts and not being afraid to use them is how we can win this fight, for America's youth against sub-

stance abuse."

For more information, contact Scott, 410-278-4013, or e-mail Cynthia.Scott1@us.army.mil, or go to [www.niaaa.nih.gov](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov).

# ARMY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

**JUNE 12, 2009 6 P.M.**

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