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## Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for May 27 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



### Reduced holiday gate hours for holiday weekend

There will be reduced gate operations at Aberdeen Proving Ground for the Memorial Day holiday.

On May 22, the Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area will close at 10 p.m. and the Wise Road Gate in the Edgewood Area will close at 8 p.m.

The Harford Gate and the Wise Road Gate will reopen at 4 a.m., May 26.

The Maryland Gate (Route 715) in the Aberdeen Area and the Magnolia Road Gate (Route 152) in the Edgewood Area will be open throughout the holiday weekend.

### DES changes hours at gates

Effective May 26, the operational hours of the Wise Road Gate will be temporarily extended to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Wise Road Gate is closed on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

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# One last look

Photo by SEAN KIEF, GARRISON PHOTOGRAPHER

A combined color guard of Soldiers, Marines and Airmen, representing the branches served by the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, stands at attention as Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and chief of Ordnance, right, and OC&S Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. A. Daniel Eubanks roll up the Ordnance colors during the Color Casing Ceremony at Ordnance Circle May 8. See article on page 18.



## C4ISR 'Phase Two' program expected to begin this month

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

Change is evident at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The installation is buzzing with sounds of cranes and forklifts preparing to accommodate relocating employees as a result of implementation of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law.

The Army recently awarded a \$102,015,000 contract to James G. Davis Construction Corp., to build the Command and Control and Communications Network Transport-East facility at APG. This is the first of five construction contracts to be awarded to build the Army Team Command,



Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance "Phase Two" campus program facilities.

The C4ISR construction projects were divided into two phases to encourage a competitive bidding process among contractors, said Michael Vetter, CECOM Life Cycle Management Command, director (G4), Logistics & Engineering.

The "Phase Two" program has been divided into five con-

struction contracts, each one accounting for each building to be constructed or renovated.

This allows small businesses the best opportunity to participate in the bidding process, Vetter said.

"C2CNT-East is the first of four new buildings to be constructed as part of the 'Phase Two' program," Vetter said. A fifth building will be renovated and improved under one of the construction contracts.

Ground was broken on the

"Phase One" Army Team C4ISR campus project March 17, 2008, and is nearly 50 percent complete, according to Vetter.

The "Phase Two" program will consist of the following buildings: C2CNT-East, Consolidated North, Building 5100 Power and Cooling, a Joint Satellite Engineering Center Compound, and a Command and Control Integration Facility.

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## DPW promotes post cooling policy

Story by **ED STAATS**  
DPW

Warm weather has arrived. Unfortunately, as the temperatures rise so do the electric bills. Each summer Americans use more energy than at any other time of year to keep their homes or businesses cool and comfortable.

At Aberdeen Proving Ground air conditioning the installation's facilities comprises the largest portion of electrical consumption. To keep consumption under control, APG operates its air conditioning systems in accordance with Army Regulation 11-27. Accordingly, occupied general office space cooling is to be maintained in a range of 76 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

Cooling is not authorized until the out-

side temperature has reached 81 degrees Fahrenheit before 3 p.m. for three consecutive workdays and the Directorate of Public Works has determined that heat will not be needed again before the fall. The director of DPW in conjunction with the garrison commander will make the final determination as to the appropriate time to start the heating and cooling seasons.

For uniform fairness, the Heating and Air Conditioning Policy is applied to all, including Family housing, small building systems and facilities with window air conditioning units.

By taking some simple actions, everyone living and working at APG can help minimize any discomfort. Keep the blinds closed to reduce solar heat gain. While

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## ACS hosts appreciation festivities for military spouses on APG

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

As part of the Department of the Army's annual 'thank you' to the supportive wives and husbands of its Soldiers, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Community Service hosted Spouse Appreciation Day festivities in its headquarters at building 2754 May 6.

Celestine Beckett, ACS director, and the ACS staff and volunteers welcomed the dozens of APG spouses who dropped by for cake, punch and networking with other spouses.

Beckett said the event lets spouses know that the sacrifices they make are appreciated and informs them about ACS and Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs and services.

In the lobby, which was gaily decorated with balloons, banners and posters, visitors were greeted by Marilyn Howard, ACS employment assistance manager, ACS volunteer Kenya Proctor and ACS Family Advocacy Program and Volunteer Joyce Harris, who distributed gift bags and raffle tickets

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## Joey+Rory to open Brooks & Dunn concert

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

One of the newest duos in country music, Joey+Rory, will open the Army Concert Tour featuring Brooks & Dunn and Pat Green Aug. 15, according to the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Tickets to the show cost \$35, \$40 day of show. Gates open 4 p.m. and the show begins 7 p.m. Government ID card holders can order tickets at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com). Non-ID card holders can order through TicketMaster at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Tickets can be purchased at the following location on post: Leisure Travel Office,

building 3326, 410-278-4621; Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E4140, 410-436-2713/3595; or at Ruggles or Exton Golf courses.

The concert is open to the public and a valid photo ID is needed for entry to APG. This is a rain-or-shine event with no refunds.

For more information, visit the FMWR Web site, [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com)

### Joey+Rory

Joey+Rory are nothing if not authentic. "The Life Of A Song" might be listened to as a soundtrack to their simple country lifestyle. The couple resides in an 1870s farmhouse in tiny Hardison Mill Tenn., where

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## Army announces details of 2010 budget

Story by **LT. COL. MARTY DOWNIE**  
Army News Service

The Army announced May 7 the details of its proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010, which is \$142.1 billion. In addition, the Army requests \$83.1 billion in FY 2010 to support ongoing Overseas Contingency Operations.

The request represents a growth of \$2 billion from the FY 2009 enacted budget of \$140.1 billion. The proposal will fully fund the All-Volunteer Force at accelerated Grow-the-Army levels: 547,400 for the active component, 358,200 for the Army National Guard and 205,000 for the U.S. Army Reserve.

The budget request demonstrates the Army's commitment to Soldiers and Families by funding \$1.7 billion in Family programs, completing the construction of Warrior in Transition complexes included in the Army Medical Action Plan, and privatizing more than 2,000 houses through the Residential Communities Initiative.

"The Army's commitment to our Soldiers, their Families and to our civilian workforce is realized in this budget request, at a time when their commitment and service to our nation has never been more important to our future," said Army Secretary Pete Geren.

Although stressed by nearly eight years of war, the Army is a combat - seasoned, resilient, professional force - the best in the world. But the continuous years of combat have pushed the Army out of balance, straining its ability to sustain the All-Volunteer Force and maintain strategic depth. The proposed budget enables the Army to move toward achieving balance with a goal of improving the ratio of deployment to home-station dwell time for all components, and allowing Soldiers and Families the opportunity to reset and train for a full range of missions.

"This budget request keeps us on track to achieve balance by 2011. With Congress' support, we will be able to do that as we continuously adapt to the demands of an ever-changing security environment. We are committed to applying the

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# APG celebrates The Year of the NCO



## Looking back...a Chemical Corps sergeant major reflects on his life as a Soldier



Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Parker Jr., turns to look at his Family at the start of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) Change of Responsibility ceremony April 17. To his left are incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Raymund Dimatulac and battalion commander Lt. Col. Matthew Mingus.

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

When 30-year Army veteran Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Parker Jr., retires from active duty this month, he will say he has no regrets.

"No regrets at all," Parker said during a recent interview.

Parker's final Army assignment was as senior enlisted advisor, 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), Aberdeen Proving Ground. He said he took the assignment to be near his parents, Roger Sr., and Delores Parker of Annapolis, Md.

Parker passed the 22nd Chemical Battalion sword of responsibility for the last time to Command Sgt. Maj. Raymund Dimatulac April 17. Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Matthew Mingus officiated the change of responsibility ceremony.

Parker said the Army has been a guiding light, a force that took hold of him at an Annapolis recruiting station in May 1979.

"I wanted to go into the Air Force, and was waiting for the Air Force recruiter after I took my test. My scores were pretty good, too," Parker, 49, recalled with more than a hint of pride. "The Air Force guy said he'd be right back, and then the Army guy walked by..."

"What are you doing here?" he asked. His name was Wilson. He walked away, then came back and asked, "Is Roger Parker your father?"

"I said, 'Yes sir,' and he started telling me what the Army had to offer. Then he said, 'You the boy [who] played all that basketball? Is that you?'"

Parker was a star player on his Annapolis high school basketball team.

"I said, 'Yes sir.'"

"He said, 'Well, why don't you come on back?' I didn't know where the Air Force guy was, so I went with him and we started talking. Come to find out I went to school with his daughter. Then he brought out his books and a video of Soldiers jumping out of airplanes.

"What you gotta do to do that?" Parker asked, looking at photos of airborne Soldiers.

"Well, you gotta come in and go to airborne school. And we need signal guys," Wilson said. "I looked at your scores and you qualify."

"So I came in as a signal guy and went to airborne school along the way," Parker said.

He converted to the Army Chemical Corps and became a Green Dragon (as members of the Corps are called) at the end of his first hitch.

"I was ready to get out -- one week

from getting my clearing papers -- when my wife told me she was pregnant with our second child. So I couldn't get out. I went to reenlist and they said they had the BEAR (Bonus, Extension and Retraining) program for the Chemical Corps.

"So as I'm coming into the Chemical Corps, the Corps is being revamped," Parker continued. "I graduate [as honor grad] from Chemical School and I'm all fat, dumb and happy. I go to Korea to the 4th Chemical Company -- the first ever chemical E-5 (sergeant) in that company in July 1983. It was just me and all these privates."

While in Korea, Parker found the unit basketball team didn't have a place to practice.

"The company was just starting to get built up at Camp Casey and we had to share the gym -- it was crazy!" Parker said. "My team couldn't get in to practice, so I went to my captain, a smart guy, a West Pointer, and he was tight with the engineer guy. And we took this flat piece of land we had next to the club -- and we had a plan.

"Back then we worked five and a half days. We put the word out that everybody needed to be there at zero six hundred hours Saturday with picks and shovels, and we built our own basketball court. The engineer guy made everything right, brought in the bulldozer and set the poles and poured the concrete," Parker explained, pride in the accomplishment.

"Now, when I talk to people coming from Korea they say, 'Yeah, sergeant major, it's still there. People still play on it.'"

"We practiced on that court, and we won the post championship. We even beat the post team, and it was because we had a court to practice on," he said.

Parker also takes credit for his unit's nickname.

"I came up with that -- Silent Death -- while reading a Heavy Metal magazine. The 4th Chemical Company still uses it to this day," he said.

Parker said he holds all leaders, particularly sergeants major, in high esteem. His first brush with one during basic training formed his desire to become one.

"The drill sergeant was the highest I knew at basic training. He put us in parade rest in the chow line, going to the PX, wherever we went -- one of the things we never should've gotten away from. Anyway, we knew the first sergeant was God because the drill sergeant would 'snap and pop' when the first sergeant came by. We always saw the drill sergeants and senior drill, and we knew

the senior drill was a bad dude, but when the first sergeant came by they'd both pop to parade rest.

"When the command sergeant major came by they like to broke their necks snapping to parade rest," Parker said, smiling his biggest smile.

"Well, we [recruits] didn't know. We'd only been in the Army three weeks. And the drill sergeant came back and said, 'You know who that is?'"

"No drill sergeant! we yelled because we all sounded off back then.

"That is the man who sits next to God -- that is a command sergeant major!"

"Right then and there I said, 'That's what I'm gonna do. Yep, that's what I'm gonna be,'" Parker continued, chuckling.

"My friends just fell out. They thought that was so funny. 'What?' they all said. 'You're not even an E-2 yet!'"

"But I made it. And now when I get a letter or e-mail from those same friends, they tell me, 'You said you were gonna do it, and you did.'"

Parker reflected on the commitment required to reach the highest enlisted rung.

"When you get to twenty [years in service], you know you're kind of done. But I always wanted to be a sergeant major. I wanted to be one. And I kept going," Parker said.

Keeping his memories alive by talking about them, Parker has many stories and just as many friends. However, as he prepared to put military life behind him, Parker reminisced carefully.

"You ask other sergeants major when they retire and they always say they're gonna miss 'The Power.' Don't get me wrong. If I go to the commander and say this guy needs to be gone, he's gone. And that's power. But I'm not gonna miss that," he said. "I'm gonna miss the ability to pick up the phone and take care of the Soldier. That's what I'm gonna miss because that's what I love most about my job," Parker said.

"We had a sharp, sharp, SHARP Soldier who came down on levy for recruiting duty, and she didn't want to be a recruiter. I called up Assignments and they said, 'Sergeant major, we're short. Either she goes or she gets out.'"

"Why would they do that?" Parker asked, questioning the impersonal nature of the Army Personnel System. "She was a distinguished honor graduate, had been in the Army four years and was a staff sergeant. Why would we put her out?"

"They said, 'We can't do anything for her.'"

Parker became philosophical as he continued.

"My theory has always been if you put a Soldier in a job that they don't like, they're just gonna do a job. But if you put a Soldier in a job that they like, they're gonna do a BIG JOB. They're gonna go above and beyond, not because you told them, but because they like the job and they look forward to coming to work every day.

"So I remembered my friend Dave, the recruiting sergeant major, and I gave him a call. Dave's an old country boy from Tennessee" Parker said.

"He answered the phone and said 'Hey! Roger! What's going on down there?'"

"So I told him what was going on and Dave said, 'Well, I don't know if I want somebody in there who don't want to be there. Let me call you back.'"

"An hour later the Soldier got an AKO message telling her she was off orders," Parker said. "She was then drafted by the Regimental Sergeant Major to go to Redstone Arsenal and teach at the Chemical School.

"She was good at it. She was passionate about her job. And we would have lost all that experience -- she had been deployed twice -- if she had gone off to recruiting.

"We took care of that Soldier. She wrote me a couple weeks ago and thanked me again, telling me things are going great. And that's always been my reward -- not the stuff you wear on your chest -- but taking care of Soldiers and their Families."

Parker said today's Army is losing a lot of good people.

"We [lose] good Soldiers just because of burnout," he said. "We had a Soldier who made sergeant first class in eight years and his wife was a warrant officer. He went to Iraq and his wife had a baby. He came back and she had finished with her recovery and then she deployed to Iraq.

"So while she's gone, the unit he was in went away, and he moved to another unit. So she gets back in May and he moves out in June, back to Iraq.

"He came back after the second tour and his wife had just made W-2 [warrant officer 2] and was getting ready to go back to Iraq. Anyway, it was just too much for them and they both got out.

"Look at the experience we lost with this guy -- airborne, air assault, Ranger school, a good chemical Soldier who had already been a drill sergeant. This guy was a sergeant major just waiting to happen! This kid was rolling...and we lose him," Parker said with a shrug. "So I see it as a major issue with Soldiers I work with," he said.

Parker said he's always tried to keep the lines of communication open.

"When I talk to first termers, I always ask what they expect from their unit and what they expect from me. When I was a young Soldier, we didn't have a two-way conversation with the command sergeant major," he said.

"I ask what they expect from me because I'm gonna tell them what I expect from them. So they tell me -- they expect me to be on time; to be approachable; to set the example for the unit. They don't expect the sergeant major to be getting a DUI or running around on his wife."

"You know," Parker said, "Soldiers will tell you! When you open that door, that flood comes right out.

"And I say to them, 'Okay, that's the same thing I expect of you.' So now we have a common ground, and once you have that, they'll start talking to you," he said.

"The same thing you expect of me I expect of you -- loyalty to your unit, to be physically fit. If you're hurt, I expect you to go to sick call, and if the doctor tells you not to run for two or three months, I expect you to not run. That's what I expect Soldiers to do."

"When I was young, the doc told me not to run, but I had to figure it out the hard way. I had fractured my ankle and I ran on it too early and split it and had to have surgery. All I had to do was stay off it for two months like the doctor told me and it would've healed itself.

Parker's wife, Traci, is from Coverdale, Del. She retired in 2007 as a first sergeant in the medical corps after 22 years. They will retire to the Charlotte, N.C., region.

Parker's youngest daughter, 22, just finished her degree and will soon enter the Air Force to become a nurse. Though she'll be a commissioned officer, Parker says he won't salute her.

"I won't salute anybody whose school I paid for, who I taught how to tie their shoes, or anybody whose butt I used to wipe -- and she fits all three!"

"I've been doing this for a long time. I think I've given everything I can give to the Army," Parker said with only a hint of pensiveness. "It's time to do something else. I believe I could do three more years, but I don't have it in me. My body just won't stand it, and you can't do it drinking coffee watching them run down the road. Not when you want to be leading from the front."

So, no regrets?  
"Well, only sometimes, when my leg hurts," Parker said.

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# Officials encourage vigilance during Memorial Day weekend celebrations

U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

Memorial Day weekend is a sacred time for many in the armed services, serving as an opportunity to salute Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation and to remember those service members and civilians currently serving in harm's way. The holiday weekend also offers some well deserved "down time" for busy service members to reflect and relax.

This weekend, members of the Army Family will assemble at beaches, parks and in homes to remember the nation's most precious resources and celebrate the unofficial start of summer. These gatherings will be great opportunities for

Soldiers and their Families to create lasting summer memories but, without proper planning, Memorial Day weekend festivities can quickly turn tragic.

Last year, the Army logged four fatal and eight non-fatal off-duty accidents from May 23 to 26. Two Soldiers were killed in motorcycle accidents, one Soldier was killed while operating an ATV in a state park and one Soldier was killed while attempting to rescue distressed swimmers in the Florida Gulf. Five of the accidents involved motorcycles, one involved a bicycle, one accident involved an ATV, and the final accident involved broken glass at the Soldier's quarters.

These losses are too great for an Army at war, according to Brig. Gen. Wil-

liam T. Wolf, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center commanding general. Wolf said, this year, he is counting on battle buddies to help keep Soldiers safe throughout the holiday weekend.

"In combat, a Soldier's battle buddy is frequently the first line of defense when it comes to affecting a Soldier's decision making process or reaction to a particular situation," he said. "I am encouraging leaders, Soldiers and Family members to be a battle buddy this weekend to help ensure a great start to a fun, safe summer season."

Whether traveling, camping, swimming, biking or barbecuing, the USACR/Safety Center stands ready to assist Army civilians, Soldiers and their Family members in properly preparing for

safe summer activities. Information and safety tips relating many summer fun activities can be found on the USACR/Safety Center's Web site, <https://safety.army.mil>. Clicking on the Safe Summer 2009 icon at the bottom of the page will open a vast set of resources aimed at providing ever member of the Army Family tips and tools to make every summer activity fun and not fatal.

"To all of those Soldiers and civilians serving our country today in harm's way, know that we are deeply grateful to you and to your Families," Wolf said. "Thank you for your contributions, dedication and service to the Army and the United States of America. May God bless all of you."

## Notice to mariners in APG Bay waters

ATC

Mariners are advised that the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center will conduct operational testing of their armored, amphibious Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle scheduled to begin May 26.

Each EFV test consists of several hours of low speed transition and high water speed runs on-water operation, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, through mid-June 2009.

The operational area includes: entering the water at Days Point in the Gunpowder River, proceeding out to the

mouth of the Gunpowder River and then back north into the river to the vicinity of Oliver Point.

The vehicle will be performing low speed maneuvers east of Oliver Point inside the APG reservation boundaries.

The EFV will exit the water on the north side of Maxwell Point.

The EFV will also be doing high water speed runs parallel to the main shipping channel from Pooles Island to Turkey Point just outside the APG reservation.

The EFV will be accompanied by

safety patrols and maintenance support boats to provide escort and towing service, if necessary.

Testing activity will be curtailed and the area cleared to accommodate any shipping traffic.

Interested mariners may contact the on-site test personnel at 410-320-3373, or the ATC's B Tower Operator at 410-278-2250/3971 or on marine band radio Channel 68 VHF (call sign '800') or the DNR boat on marine band radio Channel 68 VHF. Chart number is 12274.

**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 #34**

You're on an interstate traveling 55 mph in the right lane in heavy traffic. It's a nice warm day and you had the windows down before you entered the interstate. On the dashboard in front of you are some important papers you have to work with today. Just as you start to roll up the windows, the wind blows the papers to the side and out of the window. What should you do?

A. Forget it.

B. Medium brake, signal and ease to park in nearest emergency stopping place to recover.

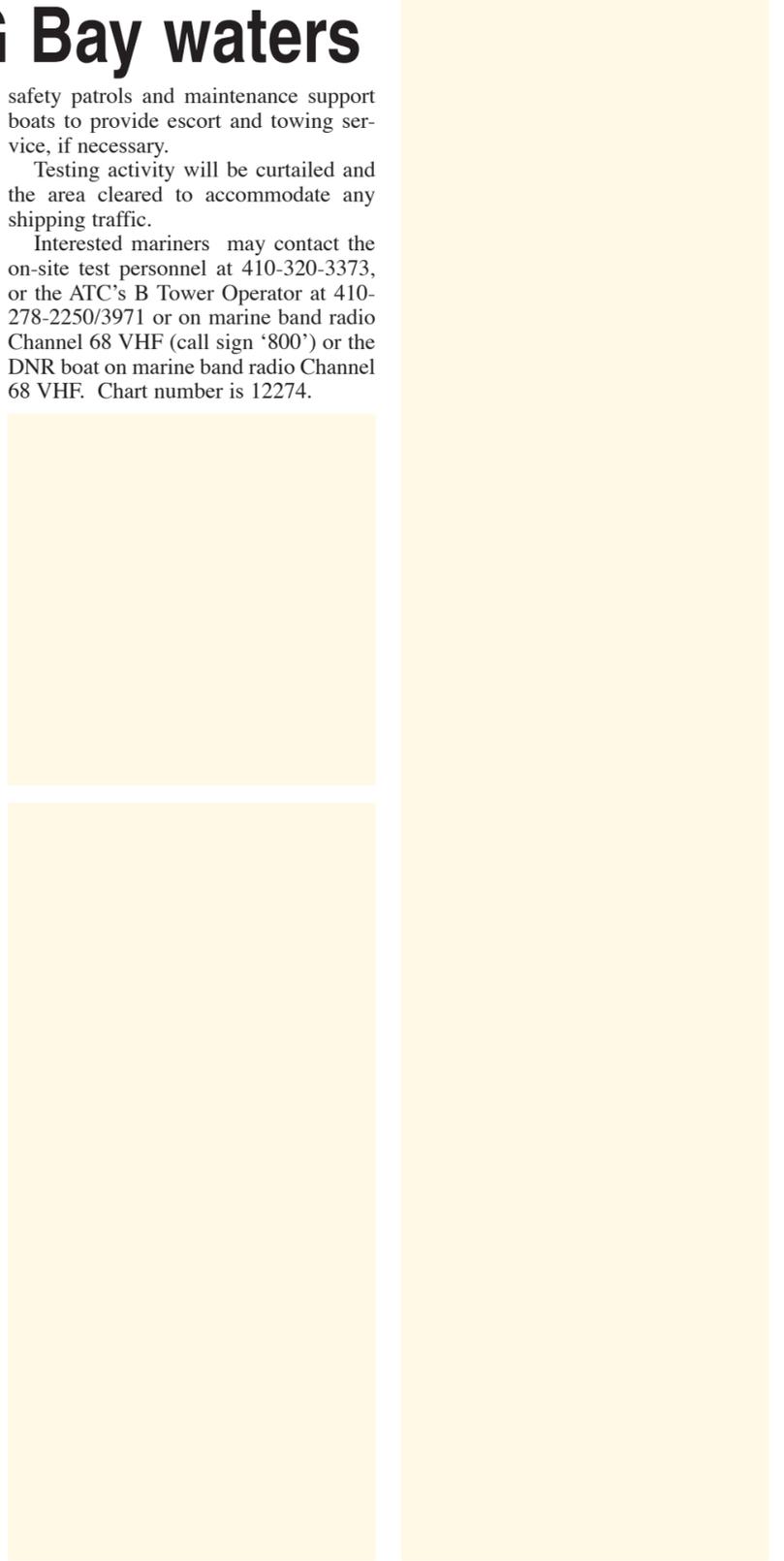
C. Medium brake, signal to move right, take next off ramp and call Highway Patrol for assistance.

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**ANSWER A.** Yeah, you could probably "forget it," if the papers were something you could easily replace or do without. If it isn't important for you to recover the papers, then it isn't an emergency situation.

**ANSWER B.** To "medium brake, signal, and ease to park in nearest emergency stopping place to recover," is not the wisest thing to do. Yeah, you could kick yourself for leaving the papers on the dashboard in the first place, but you'd be even less smart to park, get out of your car and go walking along the highway to retrieve them. The Highway Patrol has the authority and equipment to do this. Call them for assistance but not before you read Answer C below.

**ANSWER C.** Yes, this is the thing to do: "medium brake, signal to move right, take next off ramp, and call highway patrol for assistance." As you probably know, your first mistake was to put the papers on the dashboard where the wind could blow them away, but you're not making the mistake of parking and walking along the highway. If you must recover the papers, the only thing to do is get off the freeway and go to the nearest telephone to call for help. The Highway Patrol has the authority and equipment to help you.



# APG employees recognized for excellence

USAG PAO

Aberdeen Proving Ground employees who won Gold, Silver and Bronze Federal Executive Board awards were honored at a luncheon at Martin's West in Baltimore May 1.

The federal employees and military service members who were honored are considered the best of the best.

See article in an upcoming APG News highlighting APG's Gold winners.



## 2009 EXCELLENCE IN FEDERAL CAREER AWARD WINNERS

### Outstanding supervisor - GS-13 and above

#### Gold

- Peter F. Annunziato, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center

#### Silver

- Cynthia L. Kane, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command
- Karl Kappra, U.S. Army Research Laboratory
- Jane G. Krolewski, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity
- Tsung-Ming Shih, U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense

#### Bronze

- Susan Grill, Program Manager Future Combat Systems Combined Test Organization
- Janet Kim, U.S. Army Environmental Command
- Craig Miser, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center
- Rainier V. Ramos, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine
- Francis G. Regan, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School

### Outstanding supervisor - Grade 12 and below

#### Silver

- John W. Jacobs, ATC
- Sgt. 1st Class James E. Radebaugh, Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion

#### Bronze

- Deborah D. Stevens, DTC

### Outstanding supervisor - trades and crafts

#### Gold

- Chief Warrant Officer 5 Ralph E. Williams, OMMS

#### Silver

- Andrew R. Cefaloni, ATC

### Outstanding professional (non-supervisory) Technical Scientific and Program Support

#### Gold

- Keith Hauret, CHPPM

#### Silver

- Derek Erdley, FCSTO
- Dr. Parimal Patel, ARL
- Dr. Vipin K. Rastogi, ECBC
- Robert M. Roche, AMSAA
- Scott W. Walton, ATC

#### Bronze

- Scott M. Farley, AEC
- Patricia F. Hampton, OMMS
- Corey J. Hilmas, MRICD
- Michael J. Welsh, DTC

### Outstanding professional (Administrative Management and Specialist)

#### Gold

- Angela Blankenbiller, ATC

#### Silver

- JoAnn L. Ely, DTC
- Eric L. Grove, AMSAA
- Cathleen Perry, U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground
- Kevin Shao, AEC
- Rosemarie Miyoko Ugalde, CHPPM

#### Bronze

- 1st Sgt. Scott J. Gilbert, Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion
- Mary T. Oliver, ARL
- Andricka Thomas, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command

### Outstanding Para-professional (non-supervisory) Technical, Scientific and Program Support

#### Gold

- Elizabeth N. Richardson, ATC

#### Silver

- Jeffrey R. Blood, DTC
- Christopher Phillips, MRICD
- Lalena Wallace, ECBC
- Sandra Williams, USAGAPG

#### Bronze

- George W. Bryant, OMMS
- Gary Carhart, ARL

### Outstanding Para-professional (non-supervisory) Administrative/Management Analyst

#### Gold

- Georgiann J. Mangione, DTC

#### Bronze

- Tamika D. Atkins, U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency
- Sandra D. Woodward, OMMS

### Outstanding Administrative Assistant/Management Assistant

#### Silver

- Toni Christopher, CHPPM
- Mary Beth Hennemuth, ARL
- Jose N. Osorio, OMMS
- Jill M. Sohl, CMA

#### Bronze

- Carol P. Barham, AMSAA
- Eunice Hamrick, ATC

### Outstanding Administrative Work Group or Team

#### Bronze

- Command Administrative Support Group, DTC
- Safety and Environmental Office Support Group, 61st Ordnance Brigade

### Outstanding Trades and Crafts (non-supervisory)

#### Silver

- Nelson Dukes, ATC

#### Bronze

- William T. Tidwell, U.S. Army Ordnance Museum

### Workforce Diversity/Equal Employment Opportunity Service

#### Silver

- Neslie A. Etheridge, RDECOM

#### Bronze

- Teresa Kines, ARL
- Adriene W. Pilcher, AMSAA

### Heroism-Individual Heroic Act

#### Gold

- Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Moffat, MRICD

#### Bronze

- Alex P. Williams, DTC

### Volunteer Service - Individual Award

#### Gold

- Jean Wright, DTC

#### Silver

- David Hopkins, ARL
- LaDonna Sparks, OMMS

#### Bronze

- Veronica E. Brown, ATC
- Tony X. Harris, AMSAA

### Volunteer Service - Group Award

#### Gold

- Student Partnership and Mentoring Group, 61st Ordnance Brigade

#### Silver

- Holiday Families Committee, AMSAA

### Distinguished Public Service Career

#### Silver

- Margaret Filbert, MRICD
- Norman R. Harrington, DTC

#### Bronze

- Ralph P.L. Adler, ARL
- Michael P. Kennedy, RDECOM
- Carol A. Nye, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools

### Rookie Employee of the Year - Administrative/Management Analyst

#### Silver

- Kimberly A. Wilson, RDECOM

#### Bronze

- Joon Ho Park, ATC

### Rookie Employee of the Year - Technical, Scientific and Program Support

#### Gold

- Jennifer Gottfried, ARL

#### Silver

- Adam J. Fournier, ATC
- Albert J. Ruff, MRICD
- Sean P. Yaw, U.S. Army Evaluation Center

#### Bronze

- Claire Allen, AMSAA
- Laura Lynn Paugh, AEC
- Andrew J. Sutsko, DTC



# ARMY FAMILY COVENANT

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## Yellow Ribbon Room -- 'A home of their own'

### Families of deployed CBRNE Soldiers have a place to connect



Photos by MAJ JOSEPH SCROCCA

Liz Blakely, Family Readiness Group lead coordinator, left, and Lisa Snow, a FRG advisor and wife of 20th SUPCOM (CBRNE) commander Brig. Gen. Jeffrey J. Snow, cut the yellow ribbon at the grand opening of the CBRNE Yellow Ribbon Room April 21.

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

After months of planning, building and interior decorating, the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) Yellow Ribbon Room finally opened for business on April 21 in the command headquarters in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Family Readiness Centers have been a fixture for deploying units during the wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan, but the CBRNE Yellow Ribbon Room is different from others. Unlike most FRCs around the country that are dedicated to entire installations, the CBRNE Command's Yellow Ribbon Room is especially for the Families of Soldiers who are countering CBRNE threats and defeating all types of improvised explosive devices in Iraq and Afghanistan everyday to keep the their fellow Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines and the citizens of Iraq and Afghanistan safe.

"While most larger installations now have a Family readiness center used by all units on the installation, members of the 20th SUPCOM (CBRNE) felt the need

to design a Yellow Ribbon Room to provide a specified place for Family members who may need more direct support," said Sharon Chapman, the organization's Family readiness support assistant. "Members of the 20th SUPCOM felt the need for a place that would also provide a designated working space for their FRG volunteers. The FRG staff at the 20th SUPCOM (CBRNE) now has a place to maintain rosters, work on the FRG newsletter and even make morale calls to the Families of deployed Soldiers."

Having the CBRNE Yellow Ribbon room is important to the Families of the unit and meaningful to the Command, she added.

"The CBRNE Yellow Ribbon Room is an important part of the command's commitment to readiness and support of the Soldiers and Families," Chapman said. "When our Soldiers and Families have a designated area to e-mail, webcam, and stay in touch with loved ones, it provides stronger Family bonds between moms, dads, sisters and brothers. It allows those that do not have Internet services at home a place to connect. It's

a room to get referral services and find out what is happening around the APG community. It's a place for our volunteers to connect and work on newsletters and make morale calls. It's a room that's about providing better support services, connections and communications."

The entire FRG staff was on hand at the grand opening of the CBRNE Yellow Ribbon Room.

"Finally getting the CBRNE Yellow Room open is a great thing," said Lisa Snow, an FRG advisor and wife of 20th SUPCOM commander Brig. Gen. Jeffrey J. Snow. "It has really been a long time coming. Everybody has worked really hard for this."

The mood of the FRG staff was mostly hopeful at the grand opening.

"I hope that members can use the room to contact Family members who may be deployed," said Liz Blakely, FRG lead coordinator. "I hope that the Family members who have deployed Family members use the room [so they] can relax."

Family Readiness Group staffers will be on hand to offer assistance for linking services offered to Families. Among these staffers, the Family readiness support assistant plays a crucial role in supporting the CBRNE Yellow Ribbon Room.

"The FRSA is here to provide the Families resources, community referrals and assist the command with various needs during the deployment cycle to support the Families," Chapman said.

The CBRNE Yellow Ribbon Room has state-of-the-art equipment available.

"The CBRNE Yellow Ribbon Room is equipped with all of the latest technology to help Family members of deployed service members keep in touch," Chapman said. "There are two computers with Internet service and webcams that Soldiers and Family members can use, at no cost to them, to remain in contact with their deployed Soldiers. The computers also come equipped with webcams that are set up as a kiosk, so no CAC cards are needed. The Yellow Ribbon Room also has a TV, DVD player, fax machine, printer, VCR and many

other resource materials and support information for the Families."

The CBRNE Yellow Ribbon Room also accommodates the children of deployed Soldiers.

"Since most of the Families and FRG volunteers have children who will be using the Yellow Ribbon Room, there is a video library and activities for the children who come in with their mom or dad," Chapman said. "The children's videos are there to help children understand deployments better."

"The 20th SUPCOM (CBRNE) has a deep commitment in making sure the Families are provided the support they need and look forward to all the interaction the Yellow Ribbon Room will bring to the Families of the 20th SUPCOM (CBRNE)," she said.

# Chapel News

## CBRNE Soldiers, Families developing Strong Bonds

Story by  
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20th Support Command (CBRNE)

Any Soldier who has had “boots on the ground” in Iraq or Afghanistan has experienced stress. Traumatic experiences like being under attack, handling human remains or knowing someone seriously injured or killed are common.

All Soldiers need to know that they are not alone. The program conducted by the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) Unit Ministry Team is designed to help Soldiers and their Families cope with pre-deployment and post-deployment stress.

The Strong Bonds Program provides Soldiers just back from deployment or those getting ready to deploy time to rest, relax and prepare for transition. A skills-based relationship building program, Strong Bonds is led by Army chaplains. It is a commitment to the preservation and restoration of Army Families.

“The Strong Bonds Program was enacted by Congress some years ago,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert K. Glasgow, 20th Support Command (CBRNE) chaplain. “It’s a fully funded retreat opportunity for single Soldiers and Soldiers with spouses and Families to go away on weekends to prepare for deployment or to help the reunion process when they return.”

Although Strong Bonds is run by the chaplaincy it is not a religious program.

“People think it’s some type of religious program,” Glasgow said, “but it’s not. We use the structure of a retreat, but this is not a religious retreat. The materials we use are developed by trained authors -- high-speed stuff -- and the training we offer is empirically tested, based on research studies that have also been empirically tested.

“We offer eleven different programs,” Glasgow continued. “After a Soldier attends one retreat, he or she can come to another and it won’t be the same.”

The program connects Soldiers and their loved ones to community health and support resources. Glasgow is experienced in conducting the retreats.

“I’ve done three so far,” he said. “The retreat this year was at the Willow Valley Resort Conference Center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania -- a world class facility. They have three indoor swimming pools, a gym and a couple of tennis courts.”

The five-day retreat has a lot of built in relaxation time, but attendees are also required to participate in training. Classes include: Family Wellness Training,

Active Relationships, Habits of Healthy Marriages, Couples Communication and a class on Deployment.

“We are required to do a certain amount of training, but we want to give participants free time to be a couple and spend time with their children,” Glasgow said. “However, the retreat is education based. We go through a workbook that explains ways that couples come together in a relationship, ways that cause them to bond in a relationship. We walk them through and we follow them from day-to-day and week-to-week. It’s also fun.”

Soldiers who participated in the program found it informative.

“I would definitely recommend the retreat to Families who have a Soldier returning from deployment,” said Sgt. 1st Class Kristian Penafiel, a light wheel vehicle mechanic with the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort.) Penafiel recently returned from deployment and took advantage of the retreat in Lancaster.

“I was deployed to Iraq and didn’t hear anything about the retreats until I came to this unit. The retreat was a way to expand my spiritual side and my personal side. I learned techniques that I will be able to implement within my Family.

“Most of the time, I forget to place my Family first,” Penafiel said. “This retreat brought me and my Family together, and I learned how to treat my spouse and kids. I will go any time they have another retreat. And, I liked that they provided day care for Families.”

Day care is provided free for participating Soldiers with Families.

The 20th SUPCOM Unit Ministry Team is currently organizing a Single Soldiers Strong Bonds Program at Ocean City, Md., where Soldiers will explore the facets of living a healthy single life.

“This Strong Bonds training is designed to help Soldiers establish relationship goals and provide essential skills to help singles make a good choice when picking a partner for life,” said Master Sgt. Marva M. Rogers, of the 20 SUPCOM (CBRNE) Unit Ministry Team.

“They will learn to examine priorities, manage mate choosing patterns and evaluate a relationship’s potential for long-term success. It is also a time for relaxation, recreation, fellowship and fun. Everything is free - rooms, food and transportation,” she said.

For more information about upcoming Strong Bonds events, contact Rogers, 410-436-3362.

## Commentary: Honoring this day

By  
**CHAPLAIN (COL)  
RUBEN D. COLON JR.**  
Senior Chaplain, APG

Out of World War II came a story of a mother who had wandered through the woods for three days with her two children trying to survive on roots and leaves. On the third day, she heard some Soldiers approaching and quickly hid herself and the children behind some bushes.

The American sergeant in charge prodded the bushes to see what was stirring behind them. When he saw the starving woman and children he immediately gave them a loaf of brown bread.

The mother took it eagerly, broke it into pieces and gave one piece to each of the children.

“She has kept none for herself,” the sergeant said.

Another Soldier asked, “Because she is not hungry?”

“No, because she is a mother,” the sergeant replied.

During Military Appreciation Week we honor the sacrifices of our Soldiers and their Families.

We are bound as a community in and outside of the gates of Aberdeen Proving Ground to acknowledge the trials and hardships that our service men and women have made to keep us free from the tyranny we see played out daily around the world.

The whole community surrounding APG, first responders, teachers, social workers, clergy and military are all like that mother who recognizes the privileged to sacrifice for her own and for those youngsters who will recognize that commitment and pass it on to others.

We sometimes think that religion is about believing ‘stuff,’ and that if we believe the right ‘stuff,’ then we are safe. Instead our faith seems to be about awareness, about having our eyes opened to the real world and responding compassionately.

On Military Appreciation Day, we celebrate the fact that God, who is the creator of the heavens and the earth, is a God who is continuously offering the spiritual provisions through those who protect us.

Read the words of the scripture, “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you took me in.” (Matthew 25:35) These are words with a powerful message. Our knowledge of this message, is vitally important as we act to share and care for others, especially with those who are numbered among the least of us – the poor, the hungry, the destitute.

God is exalted and is present in every person we meet in the same way the Jesus of Christians knew that God was present in each of us.

Since the founding of the nation, our military has been entrusted with those Judeo/Christian values that have represented the dignity of all good Americans. Our military has represented us well around the world to the least of those who no one would ever care for. We are fortunate to have a military that reflects that which is good in principle and at the very heart of what we are all about as Americans.

As a community and a nation we endear ourselves to all who have served, who are serving, and will serve this great nation, and trust in the mercy of an almighty God who gives us the grace to honor them this day.

## Vacation Bible School begins June 15

Children ages 5 through grades 6 from the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas are invited to Vacation Bible School.

VBS is for children of military and Department of Defense civilian Families, 6 to 8:45 p.m., June 15 through 19 at the Main Post Chapel.

The theme is: “ROME: Paul and the Underground Church.”

Child care will be available for all adult volunteers. It is important for adult and teen volunteers (grades 8

and older), to attend training, 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 1 at Main Post Chapel.

Register by June 1 for planning purposes.

For more information or for registration forms, visit the entrances of the chapels or contact Sandra Hohmann, [sathe29@aol.com](mailto:sathe29@aol.com); Olivia Wheaton, [wheatonhead@yahoo.com](mailto:wheatonhead@yahoo.com) or Gerri Merkel, [gerri.merkel@conus.army.mil](mailto:gerri.merkel@conus.army.mil) or call 410-278-2516.

# ACWA mission supports the defense of America

Story by  
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During World War I, U.S. troops were exposed to chemical weapons on the battlefield. Since that time, both on the battlefield and in terrorist situations, chemicals have been employed to inflict casualties. One of the smallest tenants at Aberdeen Proving Ground is working to eliminate the possibility that U.S. Warfighters could be exposed to that hazard in the future.

The U.S. Army Element, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program, known as ACWA, contributes to the United States' defense by managing the oversight and support of complex facilities at Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colo., and Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky., designed to safely destroy thousands of rockets and projectiles containing nerve and mustard agents.

While the Army Element serves as a separate reporting activity under the U.S. Army Materiel Command, the program manager reports directly to the Department of Defense under the umbrella of the DoD's Chemical Demilitarization Program. The CDP also includes the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, another Edgewood Area tenant.

"ACWA is a fascinating organization to be a part of, and working here is one of the most unique job experiences one might encounter here at APG," said Program Manager Kevin J. Flamm. "You're helping to make history—and leaving a legacy where there will no longer be any chemical weapons stockpiles in the United States."

Among the program's key recent accomplishments is Operation Swift Solution, a joint Army project with other APG team members including the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center and CMA, as well as Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky., agencies. The



Photo courtesy of ACWA  
Workers prepare waste for disposal in support of Operation Swift Solution, a project that involved three APG organizations--U.S. Army Element, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center and the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency--and successfully eliminated three steel ton containers storing GB nerve agent at Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky. mission involved destroying three corroding steel ton containers holding a mixture of GB nerve agent (sarin) and other chemicals.

Under the ACWA initiative, an ECBC

unit deployed to Kentucky with a transportable neutralization system and eliminated all risks associated with the containers over a five-month period.

In the mean time, construction is well

under way at the Blue Grass Army Depot on the full-scale neutralization facility that will destroy the entire chemical weapons stockpile stored there.

As for the Pueblo site, in February 2009 the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant was recognized as a star worksite through the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Voluntary Protection Program. The outstanding safety achievement is the first for a chemical demilitarization facility while in the construction phase.

"The VPP recognition sets a benchmark of excellence for this project," said Gary Anderson, ACWA's site project manager at the Pueblo facility.

OSHA cited the Pueblo plant for excellence in three areas: its hazard evaluation system, its medical program and its contractor management program.

Visit to see how employees and community members feel about this national safety award on [www.youtube.com/usaeacwa](http://www.youtube.com/usaeacwa).

To learn more about the overall ACWA program, visit [www.pmacwa.army.mil](http://www.pmacwa.army.mil).

## Spouse

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for potted flowers from the commissary and gift certificates from AAFES. Guests received red, yellow or white silk roses and browsed through the dozens of flyers and pamphlets available on tables in the hallway and conference room that detailed ACS and DFMWR programs and services as well as books offering advice on relationships and social programs.

In the day room, volunteers from American Legion Auxiliaries sliced cake and poured punch for guests, led by Rusty Beeg, state president for the American Legion Auxiliary. Beeg said auxiliary volunteers visit military installations around the state to assist in Family programs and activities.

"We're reaching out to all installations to see where we can be of help in special programming for our service members and their Families," Beeg said.

Her volunteers included Gail Hanulik and Lori Chatham of Unit 47 in Havre de Grace and Colleen Bach from Unit 195 in Baltimore.

Guests agreed that they appreciated being appreciated.

"Every time I come here, I win something," said Gerry Wiley, an education technician with the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, after winning a potted flower.

The wife of a retired chief warrant officer, Wiley said she tries to attend every Spouse Appreciation Day.

"It's important to have this day," she said. "We get to share stories and exchange information. Even though my husband is retired, we're still part of the Army Family."

One Soldier in attendance, Sgt. 1st Class Cory Fant of the 61st Ordnance Brigade, said he attended for his wife.

"She's working but she told me to be here so I'm just following orders," he said, adding that he understands the significance of holding a spouse appreciation event.

"My wife didn't understand military life at first; it was a culture shock for her," Fant said. "But she made the adjustment and now she's used to everything. She handles my deployments, raises our two daughters and even helps others trying to make the adjustment. She drives on and I'd have a hard time doing my job without that level of support."

As they gathered pamphlets from the information table, spouses Shanell Henry and Jody Wojciechowski, industrial engineers and coworkers at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, said it was their first time attending.

Wojciechowski said she was gathering information because she doesn't have time to visit as often as she'd like.

"I think it's really a good idea," she said. "There's a lot of good information here."

"This is awesome," Henry added. "I'll be sure to enquire about some of these programs and make it a point to come back next year."



# Prom night rules: Communication, rules can create a safer prom night



APG ASAP Office and Installation Safety Office

Prom night can be one of the most wonderful times in a high school student's life; it can also be one of the most stressful...for everyone involved.

Teenage driving and the excesses of prom night can be difficult to discuss, yet is too important to be avoided.

Insurance studies show that reckless driving and teen fatalities go hand in hand. With all the safety features, such as seatbelts and airbags that come standard in cars, teen driver death rates remain disproportionately high compared to the rest of the population.

No parent wants to get that phone call or knock on the door at night telling them that their child has died in an accident. Whether their child was the driver or passenger, it rarely matters: a young life has ended.

Data from The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reflect a few "sobering" facts.

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading

cause of death for American teenagers.

- Two thirds of those killed were not buckled up.
- Sixty-five percent of teen passenger deaths occur when another teenager is driving. Two out of three teenagers killed in motor vehicle crashes are males.
- In 2001, 26 percent of fatally injured teen drivers (16 to 20 years old) had high blood alcohol concentrations (0.08 percent or more), even though all were under the minimum legal drinking age and not legally permitted to purchase alcohol.

"With proms and graduation just around the corner, now is the perfect time to talk to teen drivers about life-threatening risks: driving irresponsibly, improper driving practices, exceeding the posted speed limit or just plain driving at an unsafe speed," said Jenelle L. Ferguson, APG Installation Safety Office.

Most common driving errors of teenagers are:

- Distraction caused by passengers
- Drivers influenced by peers to risk-taking behaviors
- Teen drivers overestimate their driving ability – excessive speed, can't handle the road
- A need to show-off behind the wheel for passengers
- Alcohol and other drug use impact attention and decision-making

"Prior planning and discussions are every bit as important as actual prom night rules," said Cindy Scott, prevention coordinator for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Substance Abuse Program. "These prom safety tips can help you create a safer and more worry-free event," Scott said.

## Plan ahead

Participate in the teenager's prom preparations. It can serve as an opportunity to start discussing prom details, such as whether there will be a post-prom party, who will be driving, and so on.

Before the prom, set aside time to talk

with the teenager about the prom and about safety. Talking to the teen ahead of time helps avoid conflicts on prom night.

Discuss limits and guidelines; clarify the rules for the evening.

Speak with the teen about expected behavior around alcohol and drugs. Parents should state their views clearly. Remind the teen that underage drinking is illegal, and that possession of drugs is illegal. Include prescription and over-the-counter medicines as well as inhalants. All of these drugs are abused by some teenagers.

Be sure the teenager has safe transportation for the entire evening. It's best if all of these arrangements are ironed out ahead of time.

Stress that under no circumstances should the teen get into a car with a driver who has been drinking or using drugs. Discuss what they will do if the driver has been drinking or using drugs.

Revisit past discussions about sex and risky behaviors. The prom is a good time to talk again with the teenager about risky behaviors like drinking, taking drugs, sex and unsupervised parties. Remind the teen to call home for help.

Talk with the teen about peer pressure. Many teenagers view the prom as a night without boundaries -- a perception that can lead to unsafe behavior. Remind the teen that it's important to say no to his friends if he feels what they are doing is wrong.

Parents should know the teen's date or the friends the teen will be with for the evening. Invite the friends over beforehand. Taking pictures is a good way to share in the teenager's excitement.

Consider holding a post-prom party at home. Ask the teen how they would feel about hosting a party. Or offer to get together with a group of parents and host a party jointly.

Have a discussion with the teen about prom expenses and who will pay for what. It's best to work out the details

well ahead of time about who will pay for clothing, shoes, flowers, dining out, limousine rental or cab fees.

## On prom night

On the night of the prom, review the specifics of where the teen will be for the entire evening. If the teen plans on attending a party before or after the prom, get the address and phone numbers of the Families hosting the parties. Parents may want to contact them to say hello, confirm the particulars of the party and offer assistance.

Remind the teen to call home if there is any change in plans. This includes even small changes, such as picking up an additional friend on the way to the post prom party.

Text a "Safe Prom" message to the teenager's cell phone.

If the teen plans on sleeping at a friend's house, contact the friend's parents to confirm the arrangements. Some parents may want the teenager to call home once they arrive at their friend's house.

Be available on prom night. Let the teen know that if they run into trouble their parents will pick them up, regardless of the time. If parents cannot be available, try to find a friend or relative who can provide transportation if needed. If this is not an option, urge the teen to call a cab, and be sure the teen has cab fare.

Try to stay awake until the teen returns home from the prom. This way, parents will be available in case there's a change in plans, or in case the teen needs last minute transportation.

"Prom night should be a night to remember, not a night to regret. Together, we can empower our children to make safe and healthy choices," Scott said.

For more information, contact Scott, 410-278-4013, or e-mail Cynthia. Scott1@us.army.mil or Ferguson, 410-306-1088 or e-mail janelle.l.ferguson@us.army.mil.

# Community Notes

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

## MAY 21, 22 & 23 MILITARY FLEA MARKET STARTS TODAY

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Proving Ground Museum will host the 36th Annual East Coast Military Vehicle Rally and Military Flea Market today thru Saturday at Ripken Stadium, Route 22 at Exit 85 in Aberdeen. Buy, swap, sell and trade military memorabilia including clothing, tents, electronics, vehicles, insignia, books, tools, edged weapons, repair parts and more. This is a must-see, Family event for veteran organizations, scouts, re-enactors, military history buffs and collectors which benefits the museum. For more information call 1-800-730-6621 or visit the Web site, [www.Militaryvehicle-show.com](http://www.Militaryvehicle-show.com) or Ecr-info@militaryvehicleshow.com.

THURSDAY

## MAY 21 KARAOKE/LADIES NIGHT

Thirsty Thursdays is back at Charlton-Miller Veterans of Foreign War Post 6054 located at 206 Spesutia Road, Perryman. Come on out and show off those singing skills at Karaoke Night, 7 p.m. No cover charge. Happy Hour is 5 to 9 p.m. For more information or directions, call 410-272-3444.

FRIDAY

## MAY 22 HARFORD COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S UNION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Harford County Deputy Sheriff's Union will hold its 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

and Bull Roast Dinner and Dance to benefit the Harford County Sheriff's Benevolent Fund at Mountain Branch Golf Course, 1827 Mountain Road, Joppa. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. A foursome fee costs \$480. A donation of \$120 includes best ball tournament; beer, soda and snacks during round on two carts and at turn; dogs on the carts; door prizes; hole in one giveaway; longest drive prize; all you can eat and drink dinner and dance and more. For more information, visit [www.hcdsu.org](http://www.hcdsu.org).

## MARGARITAVILLE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Margaritaville Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older). Set sail with island tunes and light refreshments. Margaritas, beer and soda included. Reservations are required. For more information or for reservations, call 410-939-4078.

SUNDAY

## MAY 23 NATURALIST JOURNALING CLUB

Create a unique journal to add to to monthly during subsequent field studies. This program will be held 3 to 4:30 p.m. for all ages. Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. 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.

## "I SPY... SPRING"

With clues found on the trail, play the "I Spy" game. Everyone will win a prize. This program will be held 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 12. The cost is \$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.

## BASKET BINGO

VFW Post 8185 located at 520 Susquehanna River Road, Port Deposit, will hold Basket Bingo, 7 p.m. Doors open 5:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 per person for all paper cards. Food, beverages, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. Proceeds will benefit VFW Post 8185 Men's Auxiliary. No smoking allowed.

For more information, call the VFW at 410-642-9297 or call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338.

SUNDAY

## MAY 24 WAY BACK WHEN ON OTTER POINT CREEK PONTOON BOAT TRIP

Take a Memorial Day tour of the Otter Point Creek shoreline and remember the people

and happenings of the recent past. This program will be held 9 to 10:30 a.m. for children weighing 30 lbs. to adult (due to safety vest weight restrictions). Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 13 and under. 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.

## DISCOVERY WALK

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

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

## CLOUD WATCHER-WEATHER WATCHER III

Learn about different cloud formations. Create a cloud key to use while looking to the skies.

This program will be held 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. Ages 8 to 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$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.

MONDAY

## MAY 25 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

The American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, located at 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will hold a Memorial Day service 11 a.m. The club and bar will be closed during the ceremony. Refreshments will be served following the service. For more information, call 410-642-2771.

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

**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
2 Material Handler	5 Material Handling	9 Machine Tool Operator I	10 Pipefitter	
3 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.)*

## Post Shorts

### HHC hosts Blood Drive today

The APG Garrison Headquarters and Headquarters Company will sponsor an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive, noon to 5 p.m., today.

For more information, call Maj. Matt Petratis, 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.

### MCSS announces new store hours

Effective June 1, the APG Military Clothing Sales Store's new hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and closed on Sunday.

For more information, call Jennifer Hubbard, APG MCSS store manager, 410-272-1312.

### Kirk closes for holiday

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed May 25 for the Memorial Day holiday. The clinic will reopen May 26.

Patients should plan accordingly for any medication needs.

For evenings, weekends and federal holidays, for routine medical assistance, call Staff Duty, 410-278-1725. The Staff Duty Officer will coordinate with the Medical Officer of the Day and initiate a referral, if needed.

Without authorization, patients may be responsible for copayments for care provided at other facilities.

Since there is no Emergency Room at KUSAHC, call 911 with any true emergency situations.

### www.dodtechipedia.mil connects colleagues

The conversation is already under way on <https://www.dodtechipedia.mil>, the new science and technology wiki for the Department of Defense. Connect with colleagues, share new ideas and learn about emerging technical challenges or contribute solutions. 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 DoD-Techipedia community.

Joining the wiki is easy. DoD employees, DoD contractors, federal government employees or federal government contractors currently registered with DTIC have immediate

### Last day to register for CWF trip to France May 29

Join the Civilian Welfare Fund for the trip of a lifetime to Paris and other French highlights Oct. 2 through 10. See the Normandy Beaches, Caen, Mont St. Michel-Blois, Brittany, Chateaux Country and more.

The trip costs \$3,599 per person based on double occupancy, \$3,499 triple occupancy, \$4,299 single occupancy and includes round trip airfare, breakfast daily, four dinners, transfers, taxes and insurance.

Last day to register is May 29. For more information, call Patti Harkins, 410-273-2075 or e-mail [patti.harkins@us.army.mil](mailto:patti.harkins@us.army.mil).

access using their CAC or their DTIC User ID 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).

### CPR Classes

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

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

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

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held at the Post Theater May 20, July 15 and Nov. 18. Class size will be limited to 30 participants and will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. Pre-registration is required.

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

### Office Eagle holds Customer Appreciation Day

The 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 celebra-

### APG SCHOOL LIAISON

#### Nordstrom Scholarship

Each year, Nordstrom awards college scholarships to deserving high school students across the country.

Annually, 40 students are awarded a \$10,000 scholarship, which is paid over four years to the college of his or her choice.

#### Requirements:

- high school junior
- un-weighted GPA at least 2.7.
- made substantial contribution to the community
- involved in school activities
- demonstrates financial need
- provides personal statement and essay

Regional selection committees are comprised of local volunteers who interview the finalists in person. Once the recipients are selected, [representatives from] Nordstrom make a surprise visit to the student's classroom to share the news. With their friends and Family watching, the students are informed that they have won a Nordstrom scholarship. This program directly supports education in some of the communities where Nordstrom's does business.

For more information about applying for a Nordstrom scholarship, contact Ellen Greene, corporate scholarship coordinator, 206-373-4550 or e-mail [nord-scholar@nordstrom.com](mailto:nord-scholar@nordstrom.com)

**How to apply:** applications are available in the Customer Service department of selected Nordstrom stores and in participating high school guidance counselor offices.

**Deadline:** June 1

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

tion that includes refreshments, games, giveaways and more.

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

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

### RAB meeting at Richlin Ballroom

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., May 28, at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road in Edgewood.

The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Canal Creek Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line, 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

### 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.

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

### AER Annual Fund Campaign continues

It's not too late to contribute to the 2009 Army Emergency Relief Annual Fund Campaign.

This is the only time each year Soldiers are asked to help their own organization and their fellow Soldiers.

Contributions remain important to allow AER to fulfill its mission of helping Soldiers in time of distress and misfortune. Contributions may be by allotment, cash, or check and will be accepted through May 28 by the AER Campaign Coordinator Maj. Mathieu Petratis, 410-278-3000. Time may be short but there is still time to contribute. Remember—AER is Soldiers helping Soldiers.

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



# FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## Activities/Events

### Bunco at Top of the Bay

Win door prizes at Bunco, 7 p.m., May 21 at Top of the Bay Chesapeake/Mezzanine. Cost to play is \$5 per person.

### Amateur Boxing Night June 20

Better than the 'Thrilla in Manila.' See the 16th Ordnance Battalion and the 143rd 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 meets June 3

Hearts Apart Support Group is one way to stay connected in the community and learn what Army Community Service has to offer the Family. Family

members from all branches of service, DoD civilians and contractors may participate in Hearts Apart Support Group meetings held in the APG Army Community Service building 2754, Rodman Road 6 to 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month (June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2).

For the month of June, Marilyn Howard, ACS Family Member Employment program manager, will speak on the topic of "Employment Opportunities at APG" and "How to Conduct an Effective Job Search." There will also be a demonstration on how to search employment Web sites, how to look-up contracting positions located on APG and the "buzz" words for resume writing. The briefing and training will be held in the ACS Job Information Center.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Phyllis Ethridge, ACS Relocation Readiness Program specialist, 410-278-2464/7572.

### ACS provides Operation R.E.A.D.Y. Training for Families

The Army Community Service Mobilization/Deployment Program provides Operation R.E.A.D.Y. training specifically to provide support, guidance, assistance and training in all aspects of Family support issues and services.

Classes will be held 6 to 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

- June 16, Trauma in the Unit
- July 21, Financial Planning for Deployment
- Spouse Battlemind Training

For more information, call the Mobilization/Deployment Office, 410-278-2453/7572.

### 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.

### Walt Disney World Salutes the Military

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

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

Ticket prices expire Dec. 23. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-278-4011/4907 or visit the AA Recreation Center, building 3326.

## 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.

### 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.

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.

### Ice skating lessons

SKIES Unlimited offers comprehen-

sive 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 and 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.

## Concert

### From front page

Joey helps run a nearby Family restaurant called Marcy Jo's Mealhouse.

Perfectly in their element, Joey+Rory sing of scuffed cowboy boots ("Boots"), dusty rodeo arenas ("Rodeo"), and cherished vinyl records ("Sweet Emmylou"). They beg the listener to sing or dance along (the brash and buoyant "Cheater Cheater") before hushing the room with the lovely austerity of "Heart of the Wood." Even the Lynyrd Skynyrd classic "Free Bird" is putty reinvented in the hands of this pair, as adventurous as they are respectful of country music's roots.

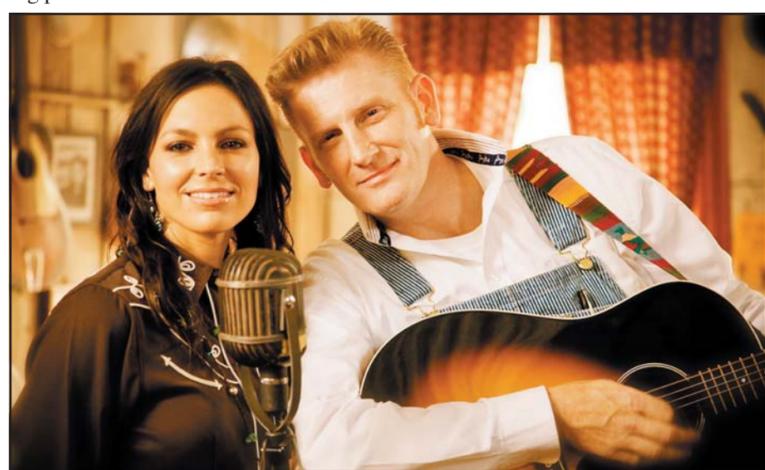
The pair only started performing as a duo for the audition of CMT's hit series Can You Duet in early 2008. The pairing proved to be a hit with thousands of

fans as well as Naomi Judd, one of the show's judges and Joey+Rory's most fervent supporter.

Together, the couple contributed their songwriting talents to seven of the album's 12 tracks, including the lead single, "Cheater Cheater."

Already an established songwriter and founding partner of Nashville publishing company Giantslayer Music, Rory has three #1 hits to his credit (Blake Shelton's "Some Beach," Clay Walker's "The Chain of Love" and Collin Raye's "Someone You Used To Know"), and has had cuts by Kenny Chesney, Randy Travis, Terri Clark, Mark Wills, Reba McEntire, Waylon Jennings, Lorrie Morgan, Buck Owens, John Michael Montgomery and Charlie Pride, among others.

Joey, who performs lead vocals for the duo, is also a veteran recording artist who was previously signed to Sony Records. Her debut album and single has not been released.



<http://www.joeyandrory.com>

## 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 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 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.

#### Week of May 25

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

Special #2: Grilled ham and cheese with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.45.

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





# Health Notes

## Take an active role in your health care

Story by **PATRICIA OPONG-BROWN**  
TRICARE Management Activity

Today's patients can and should take an active role in their medical care. During Patient Safety Month, TRICARE especially wants to encourage beneficiaries to do just that.

Patients who make an extra effort to communicate with their health care providers, as part of a team approach, can help build trust and improve their provider-patient relationship.

The TEAM UP program is a Department of Defense initiative implemented at Madigan Army Medical Center at Fort Lewis, Wash. It encourages use of a checklist, which is available on the TRICARE patient safety program Web site, <http://dodpatientsafety.usuhs.mil/teamup>.

"TEAM UP allows beneficiaries to be more active participants in promoting safe, quality healthcare," said Heidi

King, acting director, DoD Patient Safety Program.

The following TEAM UP checklist will help beneficiaries communicate more effectively with their primary care managers.

### Team together

- Choose to be an active member of your care team.
- Invite persons close to you to be members.
- Follow the TEAM UP steps.

### Educate yourself

- Ask members of your care team to repeat their names and explain their roles.
- Know the plan for treatment and your role in it.
- Write it all down.

### Ask questions

- Situation: What is going on with my care now?

- Background: What information do I need to understand the situation?

- Assessment: What are the options to consider?

- Recommendations: What is going to be done?

### Manage your medications

- Provide a list of medications (prescriptions, over-the-counter and herbal remedies).
- Write down what medications are prescribed and why.
- Read each medication label carefully
- Alert the care team if a medication label does not match what was prescribed.

### Understanding changes in the game plan

- Listen to how the game plan has changed.
- Ask Questions.

- Repeat the new game plan back to the care team.

### Provide your perspective

- Share all your feelings with your care team
- Raise concerns immediately.
- Repeat the concern and include why it makes you uncomfortable and how it may be a safety issue.

"It is important when something doesn't seem right that you speak up immediately to the nurse or doctor who's taking care of you," said Army Col. John Kugler, director of the TRICARE office of the chief medical officer and practicing physician at DeWitt Health Care Network, Fort Belvoir, Va.

For more information about playing a more active role in personal health care, beneficiaries should talk with their PCM or visit the patient safety program Web site, <http://dodpatientsafety.usuhs.mil/teamup>.

## Patient safety a top priority at KUSAHC

Story by **DEBORAH DODSWORTH**  
KUSAHC

At Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, patient safety is a top priority.

"The cornerstone to keeping our patients safe is good communications with the medical staff," said KUSAHC commander Lt. Col. James M. Nold. "The staff at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic use a variety of measures to ensure patient safety."

A requirement of the National Patient Safety Goal standard is to ask patients at every encounter--whether it's with a physician, having lab work done, or

picking up medication--to give the staff their full name and date of birth.

"This step, while it may seem unimportant, is vital to keeping patients safe," Nold said. "When the staff member and the patient confirm demographic information, it prevents mistakes from happening."

Along with that practice, medication reviews by KUSAHC physicians during the office visit enable the doctor to check for any possible drug interactions.

"In our busy lifestyles, it is not unusual to leave the doctor's office realizing we forgot to ask something about our

medical care," he said.

Another tool used at KUSAHC is a "Doctor Checklist" form for patients.

"This quick reference [provided by Health-Net, facilitator for TRICARE] lists common questions in a format that will help our patients make the most of their visit with their doctor," Nold added. The form can be found on [www.healthnetfederalservices.com](http://www.healthnetfederalservices.com). Patients can print the form and bring it with them to their doctor appointment.

Additionally, while the pharmacist prepares the patient's medications, a clinical screening will alert for any med-

ication contradictions.

It is also helpful that the patient has all medical information from any outside services forwarded to their doctor.

"Coordinating all medical information and open communication between patient and KUSAHC medical staff enables us to meet the patients' medical needs," Nold said.

Patients with any safety concerns may contact Connie Monsson, patient safety officer, 410-278-1986 or the patient advocate, 410-278-1724.

(Editor's note: Author is the KUSAHC patient advocate.)

## DoD promotes military participation in World No Tobacco Day

DoD

The last Monday in May is Memorial Day, a day set aside to honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to their country. Living freedom to the fullest by reducing unnecessary health risks is one way to honor the memories of those who've died.

Just around the corner from Memorial Day is World No Tobacco Day, or WNTD, on May 31, sponsored by the World Health Organization. This year, for the first time, the Department of Defense is endorsing the observance of WNTD by encouraging military personnel to participate. The effort is part of the DoD's multiyear tobacco cessation campaign, Quit Tobacco—Make Everyone Proud.

"On Memorial Day, when we reflect on the sacrifices our fallen heroes made so that we can live free, it seems that World No Tobacco Day comes at a perfect time," said Capt. David Arday, a physician and U.S.

Public Health Service officer and chairman of the DoD Alcohol and Tobacco Advisory Committee. "Freedom from tobacco addiction is not a sacrifice; it's a way to live our lives to honor those who gave us our freedom. This is a great opportunity for servicemen and women to connect to others on their installation, across the country and around the globe in a worldwide event to take a public stand and make a personal commitment in the fight against tobacco."

Health promotions staff members at installations are encouraging their patients and clients to sign the online pledge at [www.ucanquit2.org/facts/WNTD](http://www.ucanquit2.org/facts/WNTD) and accept the challenge to become tobacco free on WNTD. There are free promotional and informational items available to order or download online to help stage events, plus specially designed e-cards visitors can send to encourage friends and Family to give up tobacco. Military personnel also can use the e-card to announce their intention to quit.

The campaign headquarters at [www.ucanquit2.org](http://www.ucanquit2.org) offers the latest high-tech ways to connect with others on the road to becoming tobacco free. The site has launched a Twitter page at [www.twitter.com/ucanquit2](http://www.twitter.com/ucanquit2), and anyone who signs up can follow the site's activities and news, including tobacco and other related health information.

Visitors can take advantage of other social networking opportunities, such as being a friend at MySpace, tuning in to the videos and making comments at the YouTube page and becoming a fan of the campaign's Facebook page. On Facebook, there's a new feature that allows users to announce to others they've quit and to congratulate friends and Family who've made the commitment to quit tobacco.

For those who want their own private area to concentrate on tobacco cessation, the campaign Web site offers users "My Quit Space," where they can create a customized quit plan and calendar. Blogging options include starting a pri-

vate blog or publishing it for others to read and make comments.

The site has gone mobile, which is perfect for the enlisted community. Users can point their mobile browsers to <http://m.ucanquit2.org>, the new mobile ucanquit2 Web site, to find cessation programs across America to help them quit tobacco and access important tobacco cessation news.

Getting support from others is an important weapon in winning the battle against tobacco, which is recognized as an obstacle to optimal readiness and performance for the armed services.

"Committing to participate in World No Tobacco Day on May 31 is a one-day test run for what could be the beginning of a tobacco-free lifestyle for service men and women," Arday said.

For more information, visit TRICARE's special Web page geared to quit tobacco efforts, [www.tricare.mil/tobaccofree](http://www.tricare.mil/tobaccofree).

## Pandemic flu planning checklist for individuals, Families

CDC

There is no time like the present to prepare for an influenza pandemic. Everyone should know both the magnitude of what can happen during a pandemic outbreak and what actions can be taken to help lessen the impact of an influenza pandemic on a Family.

This checklist will help with gathering the information and resources needed in case of a flu pandemic.

### Planning for a pandemic

Store a two-week supply of water and food. During a pandemic, if you cannot get to a store, or if stores are out of supplies, it will be important to have extra supplies on hand. This can be useful in other types of emergencies, such as power outages and disasters.

Periodically check regular prescription drugs to ensure a continuous supply in the home.

Have nonprescription drugs and other health supplies on hand, including pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines, fluids with electrolytes and vitamins.

Talk with Family members and loved ones about how they would be cared for if they get sick, or what will be needed to care for them in the home.

Volunteer with local groups to prepare and assist with emergency response.

Get involved in the community as it works to prepare for an influenza pandemic.

### Limiting the spread of germs, preventing infection

Teach children to wash hands frequently with soap and water and model the current behavior.

Teach children to cover coughs and

sneezes with tissues and be sure to model that behavior.

Teach children to stay away from others as much as possible if they are sick.

Stay home from work and school if sick.

### Items to have on hand for an extended stay at home

#### Examples of food and non-perishables include:

- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fish, fruits, vegetables, beans and soups
- Protein or fruit bars
- Dry cereal or granola
- Peanut butter or nuts
- Dried fruit
- Crackers
- Canned juices
- Bottled water
- Canned or jarred baby food and formula
- Pet food
- Other nonperishable foods

#### Examples of medical, health and emergency supplies:

- Prescribed medical supplies such as glucose and blood-pressure monitoring equipment
- Soap and water or alcohol-based (60-95 percent) hand wash
- Medicines for fever, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen
- Thermometer
- Anti-diarrheal medication
- Vitamins
- Fluids with electrolytes
- Cleansing agent/soap
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Portable radio
- Manual can opener
- Garbage bags
- Tissues, toilet paper and disposable diapers

## New Web page guides TRICARE beneficiaries to behavioral health resources

U.S. DoD Military Health System

A new Web page for TRICARE beneficiaries takes the brainwork out of seeking help.

May is Mental Health Month, and at [www.tricare.mil/mentalhealth](http://www.tricare.mil/mentalhealth), TRICARE is committed to providing beneficiaries with the most up-to-date information about available behavioral health resources.

The Web page supports two Department of Defense initiatives: promoting awareness about post-traumatic stress disorder treatment and assisting returning service members by providing expand-

ed counseling services. It also provides information for Family members dealing with deployment stress, moves and separation situations.

When beneficiaries are looking for help, [www.tricare.mil/mentalhealth](http://www.tricare.mil/mentalhealth) is the starting place to find information about common concerns, resources and how TRICARE's behavioral health benefits work.

Service members and Family members can access behavioral health information including recent news articles, self-assessment programs and behavioral health flyers and brochures.

## LEAVE DONATIONS

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Carolyn Russell, 410-278-5327, fax 410-272-9176, or e-mail [carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil](mailto:carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil).

### Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Neoma Amberman	Marilyn Grebe	Marie D. Nowak
Debra Bonsall (daughter has brain tumor)	Erin Griffin	Dorothy Nowak
Jeanie Bowman	Linda Hindman	Cindy Orwig
Georgia Braun	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Mary Pettitway
Alberta Brown	Kari Jackson	Judith Ratledge
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# ORDNANCE BIDS FAREWELL



## OC&S holds final anniversary ball at APG

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The final Ordnance Week held at Aberdeen Proving Ground culminated with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 197th Anniversary Ball at Top of the Bay May 8.

It was the final anniversary ball held at APG for OC&S headquarters which will move to its new home at Fort Lee, Va., later this year, the result of Base Realignment and Closure law. This year marked 92 years that OC&S has been headquartered at APG.

The event featured a display highlighting the history of the Ordnance Corps which has a proud tradition, dating back to the days of the American Revolution, whose purpose is to support the development, production, acquisition and sustainment of weapons systems and munitions, and to provide explosive ordnance disposal, during peace and war, and to provide superior combat power to current and future forces of the U.S. Army.

Photos of past OC&S events were available for guests to take as keepsakes.

Also on display was a painting by Don Stivers commemorating the Casing of the Ordnance School Colors May 8 in front of the OC&S building.

The evening also celebrated the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer.

The evening began with a social hour in the upper mezzanine then moved to the main ballroom after the Call to Mess.

The first sergeants of the



Photo by SEAN KEIF, GARRISON PHOTOGRAPHER  
From left, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Arthur Dahl IV, Regimental Chief Warrant Officer; retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Robert J. Wurm, Honorary Warrant Officer of the Regiment; retired Gen. Leon Salomon, former commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command; Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, chief of Ordnance; retired Command Sgt. Maj. Steven McWilliams the Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment, and Regimental Command Sergeant Major Daniel Eubanks use sabres to cut the ceremonial cake commemorating the 197th anniversary of Ordnance.

NCO Academy provided the evening's color guard.

First Sgt. Anthony Dorsy, ANCOC, branch chief, led the posting and retiring of the colors.

Master of Ceremonies and OC&S Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff Col. David W. Spence quoted from an anonymous source during the posting of the colors: "Wherever I go, my colors speak of freedom for all people. I was conceived to represent an ideal, one whose message has been carried over two centuries. I wave in silent tribute to the good that

mankind has shown. I am liberty, the flag of the United States of America.

Chaplain (Capt.) Kurt O'Donnell, 16th Ordnance Battalion, gave the invocation, asking a blessing for the Soldiers and Families who were represented, and those who were deployed.

"We pray for of the safety of those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan," he prayed.

During the opening of the program, several toasts were made.

Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Green, NCO Academy Commandant, made a toast to the fallen Soldiers.

Spence drew the guests' attention to the Table of Remembrance at the front of the ballroom.

"This table set before you represents our fallen comrades," Spence said. "This table is our way of remembering and honoring those who are missing from our midst, they are commonly called prisoners of war, missing in action and killed in action. We call them brothers."

Chief of Ordnance Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar then gave welcoming remarks.

"APG will always be a part of the Ordnance Corps," he said.

Collyar said that there was

an impressive group of attendees at the ball, noting that 20 active and retired general officers and a significant number of command sergeants major and chief warrant officers were in attendance, as well as many OC&S Hall of Fame inductees. "This is the most impressive group I have ever seen," he said.

Collyar asked attendees to not forget the relationships formed with the Ordnance Corps, adding that it is important that organizations on APG continue the relationships formed with local schools

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## Two OC&S leaders hailed during Retirement Retreat Ceremony

Story by  
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APG News

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools bid farewell to two respected leaders during a Retirement Retreat Ceremony at Ordnance Circle May 12.

Col. Michael T. McBride, OC&S deputy commander and chief of staff, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald L. Bray of the 16th Ordnance Battalion formally ended their military careers that totaled 60 years during the event that culminated with an 11-gun Howitzer salute and retreat ceremony in their honor.

Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, commander of OC&S and chief of Ordnance, presided over the ceremony and presented awards.

McBride was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from President Barack Obama and the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement from Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. He also was presented with a sword signed by Maj. Gen. James Chambers, commander, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee, Va., and a U.S. flag that was flown over the 61st Ordnance Brigade headquarters.

His wife Ruth received a DA Certificate of Appreciation from Gen. Casey and the Commander's Award for Public Service from Collyar.

Bray was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation



Photo by SEAN KEIF, GARRISON PHOTOGRAPHER  
Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and Chief of Ordnance, left, presents a flag that flew over the 61st Ordnance Brigade headquarters to Col. Michael T. McBride, center, as Ruth McBride looks on during the Retirement Retreat Ceremony honoring McBride and Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald L. Bray at Ordnance Circle May 12.

ciation from President Barack Obama and the DA Certificate of Retirement from Gen. Casey. He also was presented with a U.S. flag from the 61st Ordnance Brigade.

Noting the numerous ceremonies that took place during the previous Ordnance Week, Collyar said that none were "more important than today's farewell." He said that McBride and Bray served

you both for a job well done. It has been an honor and privilege serving with you."

McBride thanked Collyar and said he was honored to serve with him, OC&S Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Eubanks and OC&S Regimental Chief Warrant Officer 5 Arthur G. Dahl IV.

"We made a remarkable regimental team," he said.

He said that although he was proud to serve he was looking forward to moving on.

"My career has been about the opportunity to work with smart, dedicated, selfless people," he said, adding that he was proud to share the field with Bray who he has known for 20 years.

"I am grateful to end my career here at Aberdeen Proving Ground where I cut my teeth as a young ordnance officer," he said. "I am proud of my wife and proud of my boys, Tyler and Aeden, for enduring far too many separations. The decision to retire is made much easier by the smiles on your faces as we prepare for the next chapter of our adventures."

"God bless you all for coming. It's been a great ride. I ask you all to keep those deployed into harm's way in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you and go Ordnance," he concluded.

McBride's retirement plans include moving to New Jersey and taking a position with Homeland Defense.

Bray thanked the command "for this outstanding retirement ceremony."

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## Fletcher assumes command of 143rd Ordnance Battalion

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The Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's 143rd Ordnance Battalion welcomed a new leader while celebrating the career of its retiring commander during a Change of Command Retirement Ceremony at McBride Parade Field May 12.

During the dual ceremony, Lt. Col. Steven W. Fletcher assumed command of the battalion from Lt. Col. Mary McPeak who retired after a 20-year career.

Col. Dan J. Reilly, commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade and OMMS, oversaw the transition in leadership that included the traditional passing of the unit guidon and the singing of the national anthem by McPeak's son, Samuel.

Guests included Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, chief of Ordnance and commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, and former chief of Ordnance, retired Brig. Gen. Rebecca Halstead.

The U.S. Army Materiel Command Band, led by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Frederick Ellwein, provided the ceremo-

ny's music and Chaplain (Capt.) Chad Davis offered the invocation. Davis wished the McPeak Family, "a long and happy life," and asked for "vision and guidance" for the Fletchers.

"We ask that you give them a blessed chapter in their lives here at the 143rd Ordnance Battalion," he said.

After the passing of the guidon, McPeak was awarded the Legion of Merit and presented a Certificate of Appreciation from President Barack Obama and a Certificate of Retirement from Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr.

Reilly commended McPeak for accomplishments during her tenure that included the training of more than 6,000 combat Warriors.

He called the 143rd, "a fighting battalion" noting that it won every combative tournament during his time as brigade commander.

"Mary brought compassion to this battalion and to the [61st Ordnance] brigade," Reilly said. "She is truly an advocate for Soldiers, and they respond to her leadership by excelling at every endeavor."

She has commanded brilliantly and left a legacy of excellence."

He welcomed the Fletchers as "a great Army Family," noting that Fletcher will lead the battalion through its relocation to the new home of ordnance at Fort Lee, Va.

"He comes with a wealth of operational experience," Reilly said of Fletcher. "I could not have asked for a finer commander to take this battalion through its final chapter in history."

In a final farewell to her troops, McPeak said she focused on seeing that her Soldiers were professionally trained and praised her unit commanders and first sergeants.

"As we celebrate the Year of the NCO, I celebrate today's NCOs who see to our mission, day in and day out," she said.

Of her career, she said, "It has been an exciting and emotional journey at many levels."

She extended a final thank you to former commanders Collyar and Halstead, "for the opportunity to make a difference;" to Reilly for his "patience and

mentorship;" and to her husband, Lt. Col. Bruce McPeak, 20th Support Command, Family and friends for their support.

"Thank you for making today and the last twenty years remarkable," she said.

Fletcher commended the battalion's Soldiers who stood in formation on the field and said that he and his wife Sue were "deeply honored to have this wonderful opportunity."

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity that lies ahead in taking care of our Soldiers and civilians," he said.

Fletcher assumes command after serving as the OC&S operations officer for the past eight months. With nearly 20 years of service, he said he is excited by the challenge of leading the battalion through its transition.

"Achieving battalion command is the highlight of my career so far," he said. "Our Soldiers, civilians and their Families can expect leadership, training, mentoring and coaching for the next generation of Soldiers to the U.S. Army. I look forward to the next several years of graduating quality Soldiers."

# OC&S hosts symbolic ending to an era



U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel A. Eubanks, left, and Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, commander of OC&S and chief of Ordnance, center, case the OC&S colors held by Sgt. 1st Class Mundrickus Kelly, right, during the organization's Color Casing Ceremony at Ordnance Circle May 8.

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The flags and guidons of the Headquarters, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School and Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School floated on an agreeable breeze as the Army's largest corps presented a symbolic end to its 92-year stay at Aberdeen Proving Ground during its School Colors Casing ceremony at Ordnance Circle May 8.

With a host of former ordnance officers, warrant officers and noncommissioned officers in attendance, the Soldiers, Marines and Airmen of OMMS and OMEMS stood in respectful formation as Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, OC&S commander and chief of Ordnance, and OC&S Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel A. Eubanks cased the colors that will be unfurled at the Corp's new home in Fort Lee, Va., later this summer.

Along with local, state and county politicians and public servants, guests included the 2009 OC&S Hall of Fame inductees who were honored during a ceremony at the Ordnance Museum earlier in the week.

The ceremony included an 11-gun Howitzer salute to Collyar by the OMMS Salute Battery led by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eric Pelt and Staff Sgt. Eric Banks and music by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Band.

Reviewing the Ordnance Corps' 197-year history, Collyar said the Corps will remain strong as it begins its new chapter at Fort Lee.

"As we move to a new chapter, it's important that we celebrate this opportunity to survive as a Corps," he said. "We take pride in the fact that all we are really doing is moving."

Commenting on the Corp's proud history, which includes its beginnings during the American Revolution and "Service to the Line, on time," during every military conflict since, Collyar asked listeners to remember the ordnance Soldiers lost along the way.

"Sadly, since [9-11] we've had one-hundred eighty-nine ordnance Soldiers make the ultimate sacrifice," he said.

He thanked the installation for its support and the community for the partnerships it formed with ordnance Soldiers and asked that the spirit of unity continue.

"I ask that you provide the same support to CECOM, who will be taking our place here," he said, "and that you continue the partnership for the new organizations that you provided to us for ninety-two years."

"I appreciate the sacrifices everyone here has made," he added. "Let us continue our service to the line on time forever."

As former ordnance Warriors gathered on the headquarters building steps for final group photos, several commented on the day's meaning.

Eubanks said the ceremony was "closure to a great week," and that it represented an emotional closing to the past with anticipation for a bright future for ordnance Soldiers.

"Our students will have a new home of their own and the traditions we stand



Staff Sgt. Thomas Stowers leads the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Band from Fort Monroe, Va., onto Ordnance Circle. The band filled in for the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band which was on temporary duty that day.



The OC&S Salute Battery fires Howitzers in an 11-gun salute.

for will not be forgotten," Eubanks said. "We plan to go down there and lead the way in the logistics community."

He commended Lt. Col. Steven W. Fletcher and Sgts. Major Jerry L. McIntyre and Edward T. Brooks "for all the work they put in for Ordnance Week."

"Their hard work and dedication made our final Ordnance Week at APG one we can remember with pride," he said.

Former chief of ordnance, Maj. Gen. Vincent Boles, deputy G-4 at the Pentagon, said the event was "bittersweet."

"I have a lot of memories wrapped up in this place, but at the same time, if you go to Fort Lee, you'll see that there's an exciting future awaiting the Soldiers of the Ordnance Corps," he said. "There's a whole new campus for a whole new era."

Retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harold DeBerry, former OC&S Regimental warrant officer, called the upcoming move "exciting."

"I visited the campus [at Fort Lee] and saw how things will be much better for the Soldiers," he said. "This is not a closing, just a movement and the start of a new chapter in Ordnance Corps history."

"Today marks a transition in time," said retired Col. John T. Wright, former APG Garrison commander. "It's bittersweet due to the Ordnance Corp's long connectivity to the installation but



Former OC&S Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony T. Aubain of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command contemplates the end of an era.

we have to remember that change is constant and that this move offers significant advantages to the Corps and its Soldiers."

Col. David W. Spence, deputy commander and chief of staff, OC&S, was Commander of Troops for the ceremony.

"APG, Maryland, is a huge part of our ordnance history and we'll never forget it. However, the new facilities and

equipment at Fort Lee, the new home of Ordnance, are going to be awesome and our ordnance Soldiers surely deserve it," Spence said. "I'm truly happy to see it come to fruition, and I'm glad to play a small part in it. And regardless of where ever I may go, I'll know my ordnance Soldiers are getting the very best training possible to keep our Army Strong and rolling along."

Col. David W. Spence, deputy commander and chief of staff, OC&S, was Commander of Troops for the ceremony.

# Ball

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and mentorship programs.

Following the dinner, a three-dimensional cake of building 3071, commonly known as the 'school house,' was cut by Collyar, retired Gen. Leon Salomon, the Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel A. Eubanks, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Steven McWilliams the Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment, the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer CW5 Arthur Dahl IV, and retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Robert J. Wurm, Honorary Warrant Officer of the Regiment.

Captain Dave McCormick, brigade assistant S-3, who organized the event, said that he wanted a cake that symbolized the OC&S building.

"I felt like it was a great honor to help organize the final OC&S ball at APG," he added. "I wanted the event to bring everyone together and to celebrate before we move to Fort Lee."

The guest speaker Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony T. Aubain deputy chief of staff, G-4, remarked that he is glad that NCOs are getting the recognition that they deserve, particularly when the nation has been at war for seven years.

"The stress that they put on



A painting by Don Strivers commemorating the May 8 casing of the schools' colors ceremony May 8 in front of the OC&S building 3071 was on display at the 197th Anniversary Ordnance Ball May 8.

Photo by RACHEL PONDER

NCOs grows every day," he said.

NCOs are responsible for supervising the younger Soldiers, and have to make sure they are safe. They are at the frontline of enforcing and reinforcing institutional values, Aubain added.

"NCOs lead from the front," he said. "NCOs provide the glue that is holding the Army together, and they do an incredible job."

Aubain added that Soldiers face challenges from a strength that comes from within. Soldiers have a love for duty and country that is more important than life itself.

"Thank you for what you do everyday," Aubain said.

At the end of the program, guests received a dog tag and a picture symbolizing the differ-

ent areas on APG.

McCormick added that he enjoyed the guest speaker.

"I felt like the guest speaker was excellent and relevant during the Year of the NCO," he said. "NCOs deserve the recognition for all that they do."

Several attendees said that they were impressed with the ball.

"Many wanted to come out to

show their support to OC&S," said Maj. Lilieth Whyte, the executive officer to the commanding general. "This is the largest number of attendees I have seen at an OC&S event since I have been working at APG."

Master Sgt. Elmer Richards, chief instructor for the 187th Ordnance Battalion and is currently stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C., said that he traveled to APG with his wife for Ordnance Week. Richards said that he enjoyed Aubain's speech.

"I always enjoy hearing Aubain speak, and I felt like this was a good tribute to the Ordnance Corps and the Year of the NCO," he said. "The NCO Corps is a time honored Corps. NCOs are leading the way. NCOs need to represent Army values to the Soldiers in order to protect our great nation."

Richards continued that he hopes that all of the NCOs who were at APG during Ordnance Week take their training that they learned back to their fellow NCOs and Soldiers.

Richard's wife, Lydia, added that she enjoyed Ordnance Week, and felt that events like the ball are important to build up the community.

"Life as a military Family can be difficult, which makes having a sense of community very important. We need to support each other," she said.

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He devoted much of his remarks to his family members in attendance who included his parents, Douglas and Leartis brothers and his siblings who include three other career Soldiers.

"It has been an honor to serve with such great leaders in this organization," he said. "However, I would like to dedicate this day to my parents ... for an awesome job as parents."

He thanked his father for "instilling the value of hard, honest work and the never-quit attitude," and his mother for the "awesome job raising a thick headed kid like me."

He also expressed his love to his sons, Ronald Jr. and RaShon LaVonte, who

were unable to attend.

"This is your day," he said. "Thank you. I love you. Go ordnance."

Bray plans to stay in the area and continue to work for the government.

Troop formations on the Ordnance Circle field included the 61st Ordnance Brigade led by Col. Dan J. Reilly; the 16th Ordnance Battalion led by Lt. Col. Stephen T. Cheng; the 143rd Ordnance Battalion led by Lt. Col. Steven W. Fletcher and the Salute Battery led by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eric Pelt and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Smith.

The U.S. Army Materiel Command Band, led by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Frederick Ellwein provided music for the ceremony.

A formal retreat ceremony, conducted by the color guard and flag detail, led by Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Kelly, closed the ceremony.

# Energy

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appropriate, use natural ventilation in place of the air conditioning to cool work space. Employees are also encouraged to adopt a more relaxed dress code during the summer months to allow for more comfortable working conditions.

All adjustments to an activity's dress code remain the responsibility of the directors or commanders. Any changes will need to be coordinated and approved by the individual activity heads.

"Within the garrison, directors are encouraged to adopt a more relaxed

dress code during the summer months to allow for more comfortable working conditions," said Robin Hoory, chief of Business Management Division, DPW.

The objective in establishing a more relaxed dress code is to enable employees to project a professional, business-like image while experiencing the comfort advantages of more casual clothing.

"It's important to remember that a casual dress code doesn't mean there is no dress code at all," Hoory said. "Because all casual clothing is not suitable for all activities, there will still be rules and guidelines to follow, depending on individual organizations and job requirements."

The full text of the garrison heating and air conditioning policy can be found on the DPW Web page.

# Budget

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lessons we've learned in today's fight to continue our transformation toward a more versatile force for the twenty-first century," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr.

The budget proposal allows the Army to adapt to changing missions in the war, building skills inside agile, mobile units needed in today's war fight while continuing to develop Brigade Combat Team modernization that will build the Army that the nation needs for

the future. The proposal funds base realignment and closure projects to maintain momentum within legislated deadlines, while supporting Army growth and Global Defense Posture Realignment.

In this budget the Army will continue to demonstrate positive progress in Acquisition transformation, energy and environmental achievements, and institutional adaptation.

The OCO budget requests \$83.1 billion for continued support of military operations and force protection in Iraq and Afghanistan, resetting the force, and programs for which the Army is the executive agent,

including the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund, Joint IED Defeat Fund and the new Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capability Fund.

The Army's imperatives will continue to focus available resources toward common objectives necessary to ensure that the Army is trained and ready for full-spectrum mission support in defense of the nation and for civil support.

The proposal sustains the All-Volunteer Force, the first priority.

The budget request, along with funds requested in the OCO budget, allows the Army to prepare Soldiers and units for

success in the current conflict.

- Reset of both the force and equipment is provided for in both the base and OCO budget proposals

- The Army will continue to transform to meet the security demands of the 21st century.

Key aspects of the Army's budget proposal are contained in the FY 2010 President's Budget Highlights. More information and the entire fiscal 2010 budget proposal are available on [www.asafm.army.mil](http://www.asafm.army.mil).

### FY2010 Army Budget Priorities:

- Grow and sustain the All-Volunteer Force
- Station the Force to meet

strategic demands by providing infrastructure and services

- Train and equip Soldiers and units to maintain a high level of readiness for current operations

- Provide effective and efficient support to combatant commanders

- Reset our Soldiers, units, and equipment for future deployments and other contingencies

- Transform the Army to meet the demands in a changing security environment

- Modernize the force

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### C2CNT-East

C2CNT-East is scheduled to begin construction by the middle of May, according to Vetter. These construction projects were created in response to BRAC law mandated by Congress, which dictates that more than 7,000 Army Team C4ISR military and civilian personnel and support contractors will relocate to or be hired at APG. BRAC law requires all organizations slated to relocate to be completely moved by Sept. 15, 2011.

"The [construction] timelines have worked in our favor thus far," Vetter said. He reports the "Phase One" project is ahead of schedule, and he looks forward to the beginning of "Phase Two."

The entire C4ISR campus will total 2.5 million square feet of office and lab space upon its completion. "Phase Two" will provide workspace for approximately 2,400 personnel and will account for a little more than 1 million square feet of the C4ISR campus in building construction and renovations, according to Vetter. The C2CNT-East building will be the largest single building on the C4ISR campus.

C2CNT-East is designed to accommodate 1,900 personnel in 500,000 square feet of office and research space. The facility will house the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center's Satellite and Terrestrial Communications Directorate, the CECOM LCMC Logistics

and Readiness Center's Communications Directorate, elements of the Software Engineering Center and some project and product management offices of the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical, or PEO C3T.

"The idea is to create synergy among the organizations by centrally locating them with other organizations with similar functions," Vetter said. "The leadership saw the move to APG as not only an opportunity to configure new buildings for maximum efficiency, but to maximize organizational synergy as well." The intent is to position functional areas, or 'domains,' together to better track products through their entire life cycles, from concept to combat, he said.

"For example, we positioned all personnel who work with sensors together so the 'sustainers' can have dialogue with the 'R&D experts,'" Vetter continued. "This will provide better communication avenues between the organizations and ultimately deliver a better product to the Warfighter faster."

Vetter said he has enjoyed a good working relationship with the Philadelphia District Corps of Engineers. The Philadelphia District is responsible for overseeing all Army Team C4ISR "Phase One" and "Phase Two" campus construction and engineering activities.

"It's been challenging at times, but incorporating lessons learned from 'Phase One' will surely make 'Phase Two' go a bit smoother," Vetter said. Those lessons learned are expected to improve planning for building, space allocation and access control systems.

Unlike the "Phase One" project, the "Phase Two" projects will be complete-

ly designed before construction begins. This process is referred to as "Design-Bid-Build," according to Vetter.

"'Phase One' was a 'Design-Build' project, where the contractor designed plans parallel to building efforts," explained Vetter. "This allowed us to move a bit faster to get the project started. However, with 'Phase Two' we decided to have the designs complete, then bid and begin construction." The 'Design-Bid-Build' process in the "Phase Two" program will allow us to provide a more specific scope of work and get a better handle on costs," Vetter said.

Designs for the Consolidated North building, a JSEC Compound and Building 5100 Power and Cooling are scheduled for completion May 2009 with a projected construction contract award date of August 2009.

### Consolidated North

The Consolidated North building will accommodate personnel working in the CERDEC Command and Control Directorate Fabrication Division, the CECOM LCMC Safety Directorate and the PEO C3T Special Projects Office.

### Joint Satellite Engineering Center Compound

The JSEC Compound will house elements of the CERDEC and PEO Enterprise Information Systems, while the C2 Integration Facility will accommodate elements from PEO C3T.

### Building 5100 Power and Cooling

Building 5100 Power and Cooling will house personnel from the CERDEC Battery, Power and Cooling Directorate and elements of the Logistics and Readiness Center to include the Command and

Control Systems/Avionics Directorate's Power and Environmental Divisions. This building is the only renovation project in the "Phase Two" program, according to Vetter.

"Originally, we were planning to renovate more buildings, but due to construction timeline constraints for the move of the Ordnance Center and School to Fort Lee, it wasn't possible," Vetter said.

### Command and Control Integration Facility

"With the exception of the C2 Integration Facility, we expect 'Phase Two' buildings to be 'move-in-ready' by approximately February 15, 2011," Vetter said. The C2 Integration Facility is scheduled to be available for move-in by about July 2011. Vetter said the move-in dates are dependent upon construction progress; furniture delivery and set up; equipment, access control systems, and information technology installations; as well as Secure Compartmentalized Information Facility certifications.

"The objective is to meet all organizational requirements for facilities while incorporating a good quality of life aspect in the workplace," he said.

There will be four locations made available to the APG Garrison to contract food concessions for C4ISR employees to grab a cup of coffee or have lunch, in addition to large break rooms equipped with sinks, microwaves and refrigerators.

"Relocating employees can look forward to a brand new facility, outfitted with state-of-the-art IT [information technology], new furniture and break areas and will enjoy a close knit community at the C4ISR campus," Vetter said.



## Corps steers evolution of future landscape at APG

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The Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division operates from two Integrated Program Offices at Aberdeen Proving Ground, working in partnership with APG Directorate of Public Works on major Base Realignment and Closure and APG 2012 design and construction projects.

A joint effort of the Baltimore and Philadelphia Districts of the Corps, acting corporately to leverage talent and value, the joint APG IPO is managing the two-phased construction of a headquarters and operations center for the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Command, which is relocating to APG from Fort Monmouth, N.J., under the Congressionally mandated BRAC Act of 2005.

Ground was broken March 17, 2008, for the Phase I construction of approximately 1.5 million square feet of administrative, SCIF and laboratory space. The \$532 million activity is presently more than 40 percent complete.

Phase II construction of a 650,000 square foot high-tech, electronics-communications research and design facility is scheduled to commence early this summer. A series of construction contracts to execute the \$325 million program is in process.

In addition, the Corps' Baltimore District operates an IPO in the Edgewood Area that is engaged in many other major BRAC and Military Construction projects that will change the landscape of APG for decades to come.

Major improvements to the garrison's gates and road infrastructure are under way at the Route 715 and Route 22 gates in the Aberdeen Area. The 715

Gate opened May 18. Similar upgrades are ongoing at the Route 24 Gate in the Edgewood Area.

A \$49 million contract to construct a headquarters for the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command in the Aberdeen Area was awarded in March. Construction will begin this summer.

A \$27 million contract was awarded in February to construct a joint administrative facility for the Non-Medical Chemical-Biological Facility (JPEO) in the Edgewood Area.

A \$12 million contract for Phase I construction of a ground vehicle testing facility for the Automotive Technology Evaluation Facility in the Aberdeen Area was awarded in September 2008. A Phase II component to build a Future Combat System test track is expected to follow.

A major recapitalization of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for

Chemical Defense in the Edgewood Area began in April with the award of a site work preparation contract. An award for the construction of the new facility is planned for this summer.

A contract award is also planned this summer for construction of a research and design center for the U.S. Army Research Laboratory Vehicle Technology Directorate in the Aberdeen Area.

As major projects and infrastructure upgrades proceed, APG residents will witness the evolution of both Aberdeen and Edgewood areas into a tapestry of high-tech, 21st-century work and testing spaces.

The Corps of Engineers professionals will work side by side with their APG garrison colleagues to deliver the infrastructure that will enable the installation's critical operations for the Army and the armed forces to fulfill their missions of national security and defense.

## Delaware Congressional delegation tours APG

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Delaware's only member of the House of Representatives toured Aberdeen Proving Ground April 16. Congressman Mike Castle, R-Del., is a promoter of education reform, strengthening health-care and energy independence.

Accompanying Castle were members of his staff as well as representatives from the University of Delaware and the Delaware Economic Development Office.

Garrison Commander Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman briefed Castle on the APG 2012 initiatives which include the extensive base realignment and closure construction as well as quality of life improvements.

After the BRAC overview, the del-

egation toured the Command, Control, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance construction site. Following a tour of the site, Gary Schilling and Nathan Barcomb of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers presented an overview of the C4ISR Phase 1 project, going into detail about the individual buildings and explaining the construction process of the design-build project. Later, the group split and half toured the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center and the other half was given a helicopter tour of the installation.

Castle also visited the Joint Personal Effects Depot, which is responsible for collecting, cataloging, storing and processing the personal effects of killed, injured or missing Department of

Defense personnel.

JPED will be moving from APG to Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Del., in September 2010. Dover is home to the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center. According to its mission statement, the Dover facility is responsible for "fulfilling our nation's sacred commitment of ensuring dignity, honor, and respect to our fallen and care, service and support to their Families."

Lt. Col. Scott Kilmon, commander of JPED, explained that a temporary facility was created at Fort Myer to process the personal effects of those affected by the attack on the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2001. The mission was relocated to APG in March 2003 because APG had available space and was in close proximity to

Dover. In order to make the overall process more efficient, a permanent facility is currently being constructed at Dover, which will result in the co-location of the JPED and AFMAO.

Before leaving, Castle thanked everyone involved in the day's event and noted the tour was very informative, and said he looked forward to welcoming JPED to Delaware.

"Colonel Jeffrey Weissman, commander, U.S. Army Garrison APG, recently provided me the opportunity to tour the Aberdeen Proving Ground property and meet with the military leadership team there," Castle said. "The success of this APG facility is reliant on community working together to ensure this military base thrives."

## Army offers practical, career-related student experience programs



Photo by DEBRA BATHMAN

Norwich University senior Michael Zalewski crouches in front of his senior project: a valve system he designed to improve the testing of rapid battery venting. Zalewski conceived the idea while participating in a series of student experience programs sponsored by the Department of Defense that allow program participants to have the potential to be converted into a full-time, federal government position once completing program requirements.

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Like most college students, the thought of an internship where he collated copies and fetched coffee was enough to make Michael Zalewski want to explode - or at least vent. But thanks to a series of student experience programs sponsored by the Department of Defense, he gained pragmatic engineering experience doing both: exploding and venting.

While working as an engineer in the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center environmental test lab, Zalewski, a senior at Norwich University in Northfield, Vt., saw a way to increase safety assurance for the Warfighter by improving a test apparatus for violent battery venting.

Zalewski's experience in the CERDEC Command and Control Directorate, or C2D, Quick Reaction and Battle Command Support Division, or QR&BCS, is just one example of the developmental opportunities available to students throughout the region as CERDEC relocates its mission to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"Rapid battery venting can have devastating effects. When rechargeable batteries rapidly release gas, the pressure release can physically damage the battery compartment and potentially injure the operator," Zalewski said.

"The Army has gone to great lengths to test for safe venting, but with the increase of smaller, battery-dependent equipment, we need to assess high pressure in smaller compartments," he said.

"I designed a valve system that will help simulate a battery cell catastrophically bursting in these conditions."

After finishing a fluid dynamics course, Zalewski saw an opportunity to apply classroom lessons to a real-world situation and vice versa. He proposed the valve system as part of his senior project, and CERDEC agreed to sponsor him.

"This is a wonderful opportunity because he's going to gain practical experience and develop something that actually gets used," said Joe Ryan, division chief, QR&BCS.

"Generally, engineering students get fun assignments for their senior projects, but it's not necessarily real-world experience," Ryan said. "When I was in college, I was very fortunate to have a real-world project where I had to meet the needs of an outside client, and I can tell you that the experience was invaluable to my career and getting me to where I am today."

By the end of the project, Zalewski will have gone through the full engineering management process: he will have proposed a plan, presented designs, led a team, maintained a schedule and a budget, overseen fabrication and assembly, provided regular updates and produced a working deliverable.

"It's a microcosm of any typical engineering project that we would do in the division," said James Sroczyński, special assistant to the division chief, QR&BCS.

This is a win-win situation, according to Sroczyński, because Zalewski gets to work on a project he is passionate about, knowing CERDEC will apply it when it is successful. CERDEC will benefit

from having a more advanced, more reliable test fixture.

Zalewski began participating in the student experience programs in 2003 when he was still a high school student at the Marine Academy of Science and Technology, Sandy Hook, N. J. The Science and Engineering Apprenticeship Program, or SEAP, allowed Zalewski and other middle school through college students to earn stipends while working closely with DoD scientists and engineers at Fort Monmouth.

Next, he was accepted into the Student Temporary Employment Program, or STEP, a flexible, one-year program with pay for high school and college students who are either enrolled or accepted for enrollment as degree-seeking students.

From there, Zalewski became part of the Student Career Experience Program, or SCEP, that offers cooperative employment and mentorship directly related to the student's academic program and career goals. Once a student meets all SCEP requirements, he or she has the potential to be converted into a full-time, federal government employee.

Within the past year, he was converted to the Career Related Experience in Science and Technology, or CREST, program, which is similar to SCEP but funded by the U.S. Army Materiel Command. Upon completion of CREST, Zalewski has the offer to be noncompetitively converted to a position with the federal government.

"I definitely recommend these programs to other engineering students around the country," Zalewski said. "Each of them offers a wide range of hands-on experiences that can be applied to more than one specialty, so over the past five years, I've experienced things that most college engineering students only wish they could. The programs have given me an edge in the classroom and helped me define the direction I wish to pursue."

Ryan said CERDEC has a vested interest as an institution in making every program participant "the best engineer possible."

"When we can make a better engineer, we make better products for the Army in general," Ryan said.

"We hope that his [Zalewski's] experiences here will help him to produce quality designs, efficient processes and effective products," said Ryan, "and we hope that it prepares him to one day be not just a manager, but a better manager. That's why we try from the very beginning to make the students 'better employees.'"

As the organization executes its move to APG, CERDEC director Gary Blohm said he looks forward to building relationships with regional universities and providing opportunities to students in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the greater Washington, D.C., area.

"We're looking to support the development of bright, dedicated individuals in the fields of science and technology," Blohm said. "It's important for students to get exposure to invaluable research and have that practical experience on their resume. Whether it's with CERDEC or another Army organization, I highly recommend students to take advantage of DoD-sponsored programs such as STEP and SCEP."

Blohm said the Army's research and development community has a lot to offer those interested in science, math and engineering.

"We want students to think about more than just basic training whenever someone suggests career opportunities with the Army. They need to realize that they can get high-paying, satisfying jobs working on important, relevant technologies in state-of-the-art laboratories," Blohm said.

Zalewski said the programs have changed his perception of the Army.

"Typically, the average person gives little thought to the technological and logistical support which enables our armed forces," Zalewski said. "I never realized the magnitude and significance of the civilian workforce behind our armed forces. I now understand the degree to which efforts are made to ensure that the systems provided to our Warfighters are the most technically advanced and safest available. It's truly a team effort."

Zalewski's team met all of their first-semester goals, and this semester they began assembling the apparatus and performing preliminary testing in the university lab.

So far, the results have been promising as tests have shown that Zalewski's design will be at least comparable, if not faster, than empirical results of the current apparatus used by the environmental test lab.

Full-scale testing took place in C2D's environmental test lab during spring break, when Zalewski's team traveled to Fort Monmouth. His final presentation is scheduled in May, but regardless of the outcome, Zalewski has a guaranteed job offer.

"The program is non-binding, so he doesn't have to accept our offer. He's free to go to the private sector or another government organization, if he wishes," Ryan said. "We hope, however, he has a genuine excitement about working for the Army and that when he does graduate, he'll work for us."

Visit the following links for more information on CERDEC and the SEAP, STEP and SCEP programs:

- [www.cerdec.army.mil/index.asp](http://www.cerdec.army.mil/index.asp)
- [www.cerdec.army.mil/careers/seap.asp](http://www.cerdec.army.mil/careers/seap.asp)
- [www.cerdec.army.mil/careers/step.asp](http://www.cerdec.army.mil/careers/step.asp)
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# Fort Lee builds ordnance training complex north of Rt. 36



Photo by SPC NATHANIEL SMITH

Spc. David Waiter, a welder on the vehicle recovery team of Company B, 610th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, hooks a cable to an entrenched M88 recovery vehicle.

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In a tucked away area off of River Road lies Fort Lee North Range, a component of the new U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools being built across from Route 36. It will be home to a new vehicle recovery training complex that boasts many features and capabilities supporting vital scenario-based training.

Currently under construction is a training ground for Vehicle Recovery Systems, consisting of a carefully designed roadway network and 13 mire pits, allowing plenty of variety and room for situational exercises.

The 200-plus acres are a significant jump in size compared to the 25-acre facility at Aberdeen Proving Ground, which will be phased out eventually, bringing the operation down to Fort Lee.

"We've gone from a matchbox training area to something much larger, to adequately train for the future, whatever that may bring," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jeff Shaver, ordnance technician and Recovery Division chief. Shaver was integral in designing the new vehicle recovery site.

With such an abundance of room, comparatively, the new grounds will maximize what students get from their training.

"The size and distance between the training areas," Shaver said, "gives us a lot of disparity between the training areas."

A large part of the training involves mire pits, which are basically huge holes dug in the ground filled with mud and water. The pits fill with water from a natural run-off from storm water drains.

These mire pits will be divided into two categories, track and wheeled vehicles. This aspect is something unique to the North Range site. No other vehicle training site (Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort Knox, Ky.; APG) features both wheeled and tracked vehicles.

"We are the only site that does both, we're kind of unique in that way," said Shaver, who is on temporary duty from APG on a mission to design and oversee the North Range project. Shaver will remain at Fort Lee until November.

The roadway system around the mire pits, which will support different sce-

narios, was designed with the conditions Soldiers may face in mind. The roadways include sharp turns, straightaways and loops. The road even stretches across a man-made mountain, affectionately dubbed Mount Shaver, that will familiarize students with towing vehicles up and down steep gradients.

There is a 10-degree incline going up Mount Shaver and a seven-degree gradient going down. It was specifically designed and built for the purpose of giving the students a realistic feel to combat terrain. Familiarization is key.

"We want something that is challenging for Soldiers. That's what we get from this design," Shaver said.

Recovering a mired vehicle is by no means an easy task. There are three categories, or depths, of mire: up to the wheels, fender depth and what is called turret depth. The more entrenched the harder and more difficult it is to pull a vehicle out.

There will be four wheeled-vehicle mire pits, three tracked-vehicle mire pits, three tracked overturned pads and three wheeled-overturned pads. The seven pits and six overturned areas are subdivided into two categories, tracked and wheeled.

The different types of vehicles that the students will be recovering include M-60 and M-1 tanks, as well as high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicles and personnel vehicles.

Another unique feature is the portions of road intentionally left unimproved. With gravel and dirt terrain, the recovery vehicles will have to travel across with a recovered vehicle in tow.

The recovery range will support 144 students at any one time with 16 instructors. On the ammunition supply side, it will support 192 enlisted students with 29 instructors.

Shaver, in practical manner, described what a typical training exercise might be like.

"If you have an accident out there, you call in a wrecker," he said. "Well, the same thing in the Army, if you have an accident or whatever breaks down, we call a recovery specialist out. And this is where we train those guys how to hook them up, how to right overturned vehicles, how to pull vehicles out of mud if they're stuck in something.

"What we wanted to do was come up with a scenario-based training site, because at APG we don't have enough land to do it," Shaver said.

Scenario-based training means that a group of students are given a recovery mission. Shaver described the approach as a "crawl, walk, run philosophy" as far as the training goes.

"We'll dispatch a group of vehicles from the main complex, and we'll say, 'Okay, go to these grid coordinates,'" he said. "We'll tell them which route they have to take to get to it, [and] where the actual broken down vehicle is [located]. Once that mission is complete, they will radio back to headquarters - the general instruction building - then they'll say it's complete, then I'll give them another mission to a different mire pit, perhaps the deepest one we've got, and that will culminate the training event, the hardest one to get out."

Two to three students will occupy each vehicle. Usually 12 students are in a class, and during a scenario-based exercise, they will go out in a convoy, four vehicles at one time to go to each scenario. Two are primarily used during a mission for the actual recovery mission itself, and then the two other vehicles are there to set up a security perimeter around the wreckers.

"You may be called to go in under fire, and that's one of the things we wanted to do as far as scenario-based training," Shaver said. "That's what we'll be simulating. A tank weighs seventy-two tons, so you've got to have a big piece of equipment to pick it up," he continued. "We'll use an M88 to turn it over, more than likely we'll use two, and we'll have one on each side, one to pick it up and one to pull it over. That's usually the way we do it."

Stuck and overturned vehicles have become an increasing concern military-wide. Shaver would like to see all ordnance students go through the training.

"We're trying to get as many maintenance personnel at least familiar with recovery," he said. "It's been out there, but the Army is seeing that there's a need for more qualified people to be out there, because of what we're seeing now."

The designers basically had a flat plain to work with, which allowed them to easily realize their plans and create

something like a tactical playground. "We really didn't have any unique obstacles to this area," said Fritz Brandt, BRAC construction project manager. "One of the things we had to design into it is access control, because it's a remote location and because it's more than just a training area. Usually in a training area, there's nothing there to protect so you don't do access control. But there will be a permanent staff out there, there are facilities out there, so we had to design an access control."

The roadways were built to familiarize the student in driving an M88A2 "Hercules."

"The road network isn't just for accessing the sites [mire pits], but is actually a training aid also," Brandt said.

Students on the site will go through an intense five and a half week course. There are actually two courses for the vehicle recovery combined into one. Half is devoted to training with wheeled vehicle wreckers, such as the HEMMT. That portion runs for two weeks and two days. The other half is devoted to training with tracked vehicle wreckers, such as the M88A2 "Hercules" that runs for three weeks and two days.

Students go straight through the five and a half weeks, focusing primarily on vehicle recovery.

The students won't actually leave certified or fully licensed, so to speak, in driving an M88, but will have had experience getting used to it, getting in the seat, getting on the road, feeling the difference between how a vehicle goes on paved [roads], how it goes on dirt. Again, familiarizing students is a goal in the training.

There are two outdoor training areas and supporting buildings, one is the vehicle recovery training complex, the other part is a training ammunition supply point.

The general instruction facility classrooms are divided into vehicle recovery classrooms as well as training ammunition supply point.

The three main buildings on North Range will be a general instruction facility, the tactical equipment maintenance facility where students will perform maintenance, and a vehicle maintenance instructional facility where students will learn maintenance.

The ammunition supply point side of the range is supporting training coming from Redstone, Ala. The arrival of those two groups is phased. Aberdeen is going to be first to come out here, but the designers figured, even though the ASP was coming second and would give them more time to get the ASP training up and running, according to Brandt.

"When we planned this, the vision was this is a fifty-year facility, so as best we can, let's not build this for yesterday's requirements, let's build it for tomorrow's requirements," Brandt said. "Of the ones [vehicle recovery training] out there, this is probably going to end up being the higher end, because we started with a blank slate," he said.

The instructional building is 32,000 square feet, the two maintenance buildings, the constructional maintenance and the true maintenance, are both approximately 16,000 square feet.

And there will be a 4,000 square foot storage building out there as well.

The North Range construction project is to be complete next spring, but will not be in use until 2011.

# Cranes lift the final steel into place

## Fort Lee readies for arrival of U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools

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With the final shipment of steel delivered, contractors began erecting the remaining pieces on the Route 36 flyover bridge in early December 2008 and are on schedule for a May 2010 completion date.

The flyover bridge, which has been responsible for delays and detours along Route 36 over the past couple weeks, serves as the main traffic artery in and out of the new U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School [which is scheduled to begin moving to Fort Lee later in the summer of 2009].

The OC&S is being constructed under the Base Realignment and Closure Commission decisions that were signed into law in 2005. As a result of BRAC, Fort Lee is expected to double in size in terms of infrastructure and personnel. This growth will result in an economic impact of more than \$1.7 billion.

"The bridge marks a milestone in construction for the installation because it ties directly to the infrastructure and links the main area of Fort Lee to our biggest construction site, the Ordnance Center and School," said Albert Cruz, Fort Lee BRAC Construction Office project manager.

The OC&S is situated on 380 acres and will support an average of 4,500 military students and instructors daily.



Photo by MAJ JOHN O'BRIEN

Construction continues on the Route 36 flyover bridge after the final shipment of steel arrived in early December 2008. The bridge is scheduled for completion in May 2010.

The flyover bridge will serve as the sole entry point to the \$700 million state-of-the-art training campus.

According to the Norfolk District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the flyover bridge is being built under a \$45 million infrastructure project awarded to Fort Sill Apache Industries to develop the site of the future OC&S. The bridge itself is valued at approximately \$4.5

million.

Comprised of 15 individual curved beams weighing between 13 and 43.5 tons each, the flyover bridge has already presented many unique challenges.

"The curve of the beam makes construction challenging because you have to be more precise when picking them up with the cranes," said Maj. John O'Brien, project engineer with the CoE.

"The beams have a tendency to cant, which makes it harder to line up the bolt holes and brace the beams together."

Due to their weight and size, each beam requires two cranes to lift and maneuver them into place for attachment. Beams are spliced together while suspended in the air with anywhere from 188 to 376 bolts.

The weather and working at night have proved to be the other major challenges with the project.

"Working at night, when it's cold and windy, makes it harder for the workers who physically have to handle the steel," O'Brien said.

Despite the challenges, O'Brien said the overall construction has progressed smoothly with no major setbacks that could alter the scheduled completion date.

"I attribute the majority of success to the planning process," O'Brien said. "We understood going in what the challenges were going to be. The contractors, the Virginia Department of Transportation and Fort Lee personnel did a great job of creating plans to ensure the project would continue to flow smoothly."

O'Brien said the bridge serves as a symbol of Fort Lee expanding outward and the growth taking place across Route 36.

"It also serves as a physical symbol of all the hard work taking place here," he said.