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Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for Sept. 23, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.



Wanted: Stories about NCOs

To showcase the year of the noncommissioned officer, the APG News is looking for story ideas to publish. Anyone with a suggestion should call the editor, Debi Horne, 410-278-1150.

CFC Charity Fair today

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign starts off the 2009 season of giving with a Charity Fair kickoff 11:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, Sept. 17.

More than 30 charities participating in CFC will send representatives to the kickoff to provide information about their charities.

Festivities begin 11:15 a.m. At 1 p.m., the kick-off ceremony featuring remarks by Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander begins and mandatory training for CFC key workers and coordinators follows at 2 p.m.

The 2009 CFC campaign runs from Sept. 1 through Dec. 15.

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RDECOM remembers 9-11

Story and photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

Tributes to the victims and heroes of the 9-11 terrorist attacks and honors to the service members, civilians and contractors who have fallen in the War on Terror were the focus of ceremonies at Aberdeen Proving Ground Sept. 11.

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command hosted a Remembrance Ceremony at the Edgewood Area Chapel where Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffery Zust, RDECOM chaplain, welcomed guests on behalf of Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, commander of APG and RDECOM and RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin.

Zust said it was a time to not only remember the victims of 9-11 but to "honor those men and women who continue to defend our freedom."

The Soldiers of RDECOM, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School and the 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-yield Explosives) filled the chapel.

Col. John R. Surdu, deputy to the RDE-



Guest speaker Command Sgt. Maj. Carl O. Campbell of the 406th Army Field Support Brigade Command, Army Sustainment Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., delivers a speech during the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony hosted by the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command at the Edgewood Area Chapel Sept. 11.

COM commander, introduced the guest speaker, Command Sgt. Maj. Carl O. Campbell of the 406th Army Field Support Brigade Command, Army Sustainment Command from Fort Bragg, N.C.

Surdu said the command sergeant major would talk about today and the future.

"It is important that while we remember sacrifices, we remember lessons experienced

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DENTAC holds change of command

Story and photo by RACHEL PONDER
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Dental Clinic Command welcomed the incoming commander and paid tribute to the departing commander during a change of command ceremony at Top of the Bay Sept. 10.

Col. David J. Kryszak assumed command from the outgoing Commander Col. Colleen Shull.

Specialist Maggie Malley, who works at DENTAC, gave welcoming remarks and served as narrator for the ceremony. Colonel Thomas R. Tempel Jr., commander of Fort Meade Dental Activity, served as the ceremony host.

Malley said that the change of command ceremony is significant to Soldiers because they can witness the passing of the reins of authority from the old leader to the new, and thus, the passage of the Soldier's loy-



Photo by SEAN KIEF, APG GARRISON PHOTOGRAPHER
Colonel David J. Kryszak accepts command responsibility for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Dental Clinic Command from Col. Thomas R. Tempel commander of Fort Meade Dental Activity during a change of command ceremony held at Top of the Bay Sept. 10.

alties and responsibilities from the old commander to the new commander.

After the guidon exchange, Tempel remarked that he was

glad to see both Shull and Kryszak's Families in attendance. He thanked both Families for their support to the Army.

"The Family unit is very important in the military," Tempel said. "The senior leaders recognize the importance of Family through the Army Family Covenant."

Tempel said that when Shull assumed command of the APG DENTAC three ago she faced some significant challenges, like being short staffed.

Tempel said that when Shull took command there was a new program in the Army Dental Corps called First-Term Dental Readiness, which is aimed at providing dental care in the initial training of a Soldier's career so that Soldiers will be fully deployable.

He said that this program was successfully implemented under Shull's command.

"It is a testament to her leadership," he said. "Her and her whole team implemented the program very well."

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Major General Roger A. Nadeau, commanding general, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, addresses his workforce and other distinguished guests at ATEC's Ground Breaking Ceremony Sept. 10 for its new headquarters building to be built on Aberdeen Proving Ground with a projected completion date of June 2011.

History in the making, ATEC breaks ground at APG

Story and photo by CRYSTAL MAYNARD
ATC

The U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's move to Aberdeen Proving Ground is one step closer to fruition as ATEC held its ground breaking ceremony near Swan Creek Inn and the post office in the Aberdeen Area Sept. 10.

ATEC's headquarters is currently based in Alexandria, Va. The command will be moving to APG as part of Base Realignment and Closure legislation. The 142,500 square foot facility will support approximately 600 ATEC and U.S. Army Evaluation Center employees.

The building was designed by WDG Architecture and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District. The \$49.4 million contract was awarded in March. Construction will be performed by Foulger-Pratt Construction.

ATEC conducts testing for all branches of the military and maintains a large customer base that includes the Department of Defense, National Security Agency, Joint Chiefs of Staff, allied foreign countries and Congress. ATEC employs approximately 10,000 military, civilian and contract employees who are highly skilled test officers, engineers, scientists,

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TRAFFIC ALERT

More traffic changes coming

As construction continues, there are more traffic changes in store for the Aberdeen Area for the next few weeks.

The new traffic signal at Combat Drive and Maryland Boulevard is scheduled to be completed during the week of Sept. 21. When this signal becomes operational, Combat Drive will be opened for traffic and the section of Boothby Hill Avenue between Combat Drive and Darlington Street will be re-opened for traffic as well.

Since all of the remaining work is totally weather dependent, last week's rain storm and the possibility of rain forecast again for the end of this week leave the exact opening date still to be determined. Once Combat Drive is opened, the segment of Boothby Hill Avenue between Combat Drive and Maryland Boulevard, including the intersection and signals at Boothby Hill Avenue and Maryland Boulevard will be closed and demolished.

Another positive note on the traffic front is the opening of all lanes at the Harford Gate. Once again barring major weather delays, all five ID check lanes are scheduled to be open for use during the week of Oct. 5.

Additional e-mail updates will be provided as the dates for these events are finalized.

As always, patience and attention to safety are appreciated.

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



APG celebrates The Year of the NCO



New selection process, assignment procedures for CSMs in 2010

Story by
J.D. LEIPOLD
Army News Service

Beginning in October 2010, the Army will hold command sergeant major selection boards that will mirror the current officer selection process where new commanders are centrally selected and assigned to battalions and brigades. In addition, command sergeants major will be matched with commanders and assigned together for two- or three-year tours.

Army leaders at the Human Resources Command said the move was part of an overall change in how senior enlisted Soldiers are managed. It will eliminate appointments to command sergeants major billets for Soldiers who have not had experience as sergeants major in the field following graduation from the Sergeants Major Academy.

Under the current system, upon graduation from the academy, master sergeants are either promoted or frocked to sergeant major and may be assigned to command sergeants major billets. If selected, they are awarded the 00Zulu military occupational specialty.

That will change with the new system which will assign academy graduates to sergeant major slots within their MOS series for a minimum one-year tour. During that tour, these sergeants major will be eligible to compete for a battalion command sergeant major position or key billet. These Soldiers must complete a year in a sergeant major position before they may be assigned to a command sergeant major billet or key senior advisor position.

Essentially that means doing away with appointments to command sergeant major from master sergeant, something that happened fairly often, said Sgt. Maj. Gabriella Russum, Army chief of sergeants major who is responsible for their professional development and assignment.

"Eliminating appointment to command sergeant major from master sergeant means getting the right

skilled Soldier for the right job," she said. "The other piece of this is the elimination of 00Zulu at the battalion and brigade level since the authorization document will be coded for the specific MOS."

"While they're in that first year of service as a sergeant major, they'll be eligible to compete for a battalion-level command sergeant major position or a key billet," said Kurt Fedors who oversees the central selection process of command sergeants major. He noted that key billets are still being determined.

"Soldiers who are 11Bravos will be able to compete on equal terms with peers across the Army for a command sergeant major position in Germany... in Fort Drum, whereas in the past, it may not have been equal, but now there will be a central board who will select command sergeants major," he said.

The overall change in the program will help the Army to grow experience and will open up command sergeants major selection opportunities to lower density MOSs in the Army inventory.

Following appointment, the new command sergeant major selectee will be paired with the new commander where as a team it's anticipated they will attend a pre-command course at Fort Benning, Ga., (in the case of infantrymen), or Fort Leavenworth, Kan., prior to moving into their respective positions, Fedors said.

After a command sergeant major has completed a centrally selected position, he or she is eligible to compete again for a battalion command sergeant major or brigade command sergeant major, whereas the commander normally serves once at the battalion and brigade levels, but command sergeants major will have the opportunity to serve multiple tours, according to Fedors.

Skill levels will also change. Under the current system a master sergeant holds a skill level of five. Russum added that the new rules will incorporate skill levels six, seven and eight into sergeant major.

"Skill level six is those Soldiers who serve at O-5 or O-5 equivalent positions," Russum said. "Skill level seven will be those who serve at an O6 or equivalent level. While we will eliminate 00Zulu at the battalion and brigade level, in the future that MOS will be awarded at skill level eight."

Skill level six which applies to command sergeant major, sergeant major and master sergeant (promotable) are made up of predominately battalion level positions requiring knowledge of headquarters and command elements and having the ability to plan and conduct small unit combat operations.

Skill level seven applies only to command sergeant major and sergeant major and focuses on brigade level positions requiring execution of systems within the Army force generation process. These senior enlisted are expected to be experts at supervising staff at all echelons.

Skill level eight will be for command sergeant major as well as sergeant major who will serve at the general officer level. MOS 00Zulu will only be awarded at this level.

Feedback from the field on the way commanders and command sergeants majors will be assigned is at about 50 percent pro, 50 percent con, said Russum. Presently, most battalions and brigades have commanders serving two years while the command sergeant major is on board for four years, so there's not as much continuity.

"Some folks are kind of resistant to change, but I think in the end by synchronizing the command team, rotating in and out at key times in an operational cycle has great benefits to not just the commander and command sergeant major, but to the commander's Soldiers who will have two years of continuity," Russum said.

The command sergeants major board for battalions will meet annually beginning October 2010 and followed by the command sergeants major brigade board in January 2011.

Commissioning of the USS New York Nov. 7

Story by
KRISTEN SZYDLOSKI
APG News

The nation recognized and remembered the horrific terrorist attacks on American soil on Sept. 11 by honoring the state of New York, the city of New York and the victims and the first responders of the attacks on the World Trade Center by commissioning the USS New York.

On Sept. 7, 2002, then Secretary of the Navy Gordon England, announced that a ship of the new San Antonio-class Amphibious Transport Dock Ships will be named New York.

"USS New York will project American power to the far corners of the earth and support the cause of freedom well into the twenty first century," England said. "From the war of independence through the War on Terrorism which we wage today, the courage and heroism of the people of New York have been an inspiration."

With 7.5 tons of salvaged steel from the rubble of the World Trade Center crafted into the ship's bow stem and 24 tons of salvaged steel used in total, the New York (LPD 21) will be commissioned on Nov. 7 where it will officially be given the name USS New York. The ship's motto, 'Strength forged through sacrifice. Never forget,' symbolizes the strength and determination of the people of New York.

"This name memorializes all the heroes of September eleventh, especially the firemen, policemen, emergency service personnel and all the victims of September eleventh and their families. We must remember the fallen as they would have wanted to be remembered - living in freedom as Americans," England said.

Warship New York (LPD 21) will show reverence and pay tribute to those who survived creating an everlasting bond between the nation, the peo-



Photo courtesy of U.S. NAVY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS COREY LEWIS
The amphibious transport dock ship Pre-Commissioning Unit New York (LPD 21) transits along the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico to conduct builder's trials June 27, 2009. The amphibious transport dock New York was built in Avondale, La., with 7.5 tons of World Trade Center steel in her bow, and is scheduled to be commissioned Nov. 7.

ple of New York, the ship and her crew. Warships, in the San Antonio-class LPDs, Arlington and Somerset will also be constructed out of salvaged materials from the Pentagon and United Flight 93.

"USS New York will ensure that all New Yorkers and the world will never forget the evil attacks of September eleventh, and the courage and compassion New Yorkers showed in response to terror," said George Pataki, 53rd Governor of New York.

After careful inspection of the salvaged steel from the World Trade Center, it was melted down and used to build New York (LPD 21). Construction began in June 2003. The warship was built by Northrop Grumman Ship Systems at the Avondale Operations Shipyard in New Orleans, La.

"We're very proud that the twisted steel from the World Trade Center Towers will soon be used to forge an even stronger national defense," Pataki said. "The USS New York will soon be defending freedom and combat-

ing terrorism around the globe."

According to Capt. Bill Galinis, LPD 17-class program manager for the Navy's Program Executive Office for Ships, "This ship will be a symbol. The Navy and the ship builder have worked hand-in-hand to deliver this highly capable warship to the Navy and our nation."

The New York (LPD 21) first entered the seas on June 27, 2009, and passed all trials of the Navy's Board of Inspection and Survey. Then, on Aug. 21, the Navy officially accepted the future USS New York from Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding. After being commissioned on Nov. 7, her homeport will be Norfolk, Va.

These ships will be used to transport and land Marines, equipment and supplies by embarked air cushion or conventional landing craft or amphibious vehicles, augmented by helicopters or vertical take off and landing aircraft in amphibious assault, special operations or expeditionary warfare missions.

Smart, strong and versatile, the state-of-the-art newest entry into the U.S. Navy's fleet of San Antonio-class Landing Platform Dock (LPD) warships, including the New York (LPD 21) will replace older amphibious landing craft and function-

ally replace 41 ships.

"The LPD 17-class represents a revolution in amphibious ship design. These ships provide a much needed capability for our country and our Navy-Marine Corps team," Galinis said.

Ships included in the LPD warship class include; USS San Antonio (LPD 17), Norfolk, Va.; USS New Orleans (LPD 18), San Diego, Ca.; USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19), Norfolk, Va.; USS Green Bay (LPD 20), San Diego, Ca.; New York (LPD 21), Norfolk, Va.; San Diego (LPD 22), under construction; Anchorage (LPD 23), under construction; Arlington (LPD 24), under construction; and Somerset (LPD 25), under construction.

"The newest amphibious combat ship in the Navy's arsenal, USS New York," England said, "will stand for life, liberty and the pursuit of all who threaten it. It will take terror to the terrorist."

(Editor's note: Author is a U.S. Army Element, Assembled Weapons Alternatives local intern working with APG News.)



Photo courtesy of U.S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPHER'S MATE 2ND CLASS GEORGETRIAN

Foundry workers pour molten steel into a mold to form the bow stem of the Amphibious Transport Dock ship USS New York (LPD 21) Sept. 9, 2003. About 24 tons of steel was salvaged from the World Trade Center, which was destroyed in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Approximately 10 percent of the steel was lost when the foundry superheated the 48,780 pounds of steel to 2,850 degrees Fahrenheit.

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St. Joan of Arc Freedom Walk commemorates events of Sept. 11



Peter Castaldi, center, a 2nd grader at St. Joan of Arc School, walks with classmate Maura Jones, left, during the school's annual Freedom Walk. Peter's dad, Lt. Col. Michael Castaldi of the Delaware Air National Guard served as master of ceremonies.

Story and photo by
KRISTEN SZYDLOSKI
APG News

The fourth annual Freedom Walk took place at St. Joan of Arc School in Aberdeen Sept. 11 allowing students, parents and service members to remember the victims of 9-11 and military service members who continue to protect the nation.

Due to the rain, the students walked from the school to the church instead of walking into Aberdeen and gathered to listen to guest speakers and sing patriotic songs. Attendees were thanked for braving the rain and for joining a room of sunshine.

"This event is important for both parents and students because it allows them to stop and remember what happened that day. It's an important part of our history and it's a way to honor all of those lives who have been sacrificed," said Margie Forbes, development director at St. Joan of Arc school. "Most of the children are too young to remember so it teaches them our history as a nation."

The program began with the posting of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance by Aberdeen Boy Scout Troops 200 and 810. Heather Flosser, eighth grade teacher at St. Joan of Arc School, then sang the national anthem.

After a prayer led by school Principal Dr. Jane Towery and a moment of silence for all the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, and for those who are currently protecting the nation, master of ceremonies Lt. Col Michael Castaldi of the

166th Civil Engineering Squadron, Delaware Air National Guard, gave opening remarks.

"It was a long, painful and sobering day eight years ago. Strength of Americans emerged. Let us never forget," Castaldi said. "Be encouraged by the strength demonstrated by everyday Americans displayed after 9-11."

Among the guest speakers was Aberdeen Mayor Michael Bennett who spoke about patriotism.

"I'm sure we all can pinpoint exactly where we were and what we were doing on that day. On that day, I forever realized that life would change," Bennett said.

He stressed that the American people have come together and have exhibited strength and fierce determination.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Austin of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Marine Corps Detachment spoke on the pride of belonging.

He told the audience that eight years ago on Sept. 11 he was working in a military recruiting office with a young man who was just about to join but didn't because he saw the World Trade Center attack on television. He turned and walked out of the office. A few weeks later, the young man came back to his office and joined the military. It's that pride of belonging and wanting to be associated with something much larger than them that makes the military forces what they are today, he said.

"By reflecting today and each year on September 11, it opens up American's

eyes," Austin said.

Several students were given an opportunity to speak to the audience on the definition of a hero.

"A hero can be anyone. Everyone is a hero to someone," said sixth grade student Catherine Andrews.

"What would our world be like without heroes," asked sixth grade student Kelly Foulk?

"A hero demonstrates positive qualities. They protect other people and are loyal and strong," said seventh grade student Dominic Trulli.

"Heroes show bravery and courage and can overcome any obstacle," said eighth grade student Travis Nelson.

Throughout the program the students also performed and sang songs. The kindergartners wrote and performed a patriotic cheer; first graders sang "The Grand Old Flag;" second graders sang "America the Beautiful;" third graders sang "God Bless America" and the fourth and fifth graders sang "This Land is Your Land."

The program closed with a prayer from Kristin Pinkowski, a sixth grade teacher at St. Joan of Arc School.

"As we leave, let us remember to honor heroes everyday, and may we work together toward peace," she said. (Editor's note: Author is a U.S. Army Element, Assembled Weapons Alternatives local intern working with APG News.)



Community and APG: Partners in Education

ECBC assists military Families in equipping students

ECBC

Equipping Soldiers is nothing new to the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. The center and its predecessor organizations have been providing them with high-tech CB defense equipment for nine decades. For the second consecutive year, personnel across the center have taken to equipping their children too, during the annual ECBC Back-to-School drive.

Employees from across the center stuffed more than 10,000 items in collection boxes across the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground to help equip children of the 20th Support Command-CBRNE Soldiers heading back to school. Everything from backpacks and calculators to protractors and glue sticks bulged from 10 large boxes in the lobby of the 20th's command's headquarters.

During the hand-off ceremony conducted Aug. 24, ECBC Technical Director Rick Decker was noticeably proud of

his employees.

"I'm proud of sponsoring the second annual Back-to-School drive," he said, "especially when we are in the midst of an economic down-turn, and yet we received a tremendous amount of donations this year."

According to the National Retail Federation, the average cost of equipping and clothing a student to go back to school is about \$538.

Sonja Stanton, wife of Master Sgt. Patrick Stanton, happily revealed, "With having to equip two elementary school students, the donated items will truly help in stretching our Family's budget to cover the cost of this year's back-to-school needs."

Latoya Goodsell, mother of three children, was moved.

"I feel very blessed today," she said, "We, as a Family, have to cherish what we have and be thankful for the generosity of others."

ECBC's helping hands reached out

far and wide to equip not only the 20th SUPCOM military Families, but also military Families within the 143rd Ordnance Battalion according to Sharon Chapman, the 20th SUPCOM Family Readiness Support assistant. After interviewing the Families, it was discovered that students benefiting from the donations ranged from kindergarten to college spanning several school districts across Maryland including Cecil, Harford and Howard counties.

"I'm very glad and thankful that ECBC employees launched another Back-to-School Drive this year," said Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Snow, commander, 20th Support Command (CBRNE). "It says a whole lot about ECBC and their support and commitment to the military and education."

"We are lucky that we live in a prosperous country where we can enjoy the generosity of folks like the ECBC workforce Family," Snow said, recounting a story of a 9-year-old boy he met in Iraq who had risked his life to wade across a raging river to get school supplies he and other Soldiers were delivering. "The young boy put danger aside because he knew the value of those precious school supplies, which would help him and his siblings in gaining an education."

During Snow's closing remarks he directed a profound message to the students in attendance. "Please don't ever take your education for granted one minute. Your education is so very important. As the young boy in Iraq demonstrated - it's priceless."



Panic on the highway!

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You are driving on an 8-lane interstate in the far right lane and suddenly discover that you are in an exit only lane. There are cars on your left, and the exit is just 25 yards ahead, coming up fast. What should you do?

- A. Medium brake to slow down, signal left and take the next opportunity to pull into the main flow of traffic.
- B. Continue on the exit ramp and re-enter the interstate at the first opportunity.

Answer A. Your decision to "medium brake to slow down, signal left and take the next opportunity to pull into the main flow of traffic" could get you into a very serious situation. We've all probably been in this situation at one time or another, and even done this, but it is not the best choice. You might not get an opportunity to pull left back into traffic. Chances are you won't, since you only have 25 yards. If you slow down to wait for a chance to pull back into traffic, you might get rear-ended. The only thing for you to do is to "continue on the exit ramp and re-enter the interstate at the first opportunity."

Answer B. Yes, your decision to "continue on the exit ramp and re-enter the interstate at the first opportunity" is the wise thing to do.

IMCOM commander proclaims September National Preparedness Month

WHEREAS, "National Preparedness Month" creates an important opportunity for every member of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command to prepare their installation, workplace, homes and communities for any type of emergency from natural disasters to acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our Families, installations, and local communities can save lives, lessen the impact of disaster, and ensure mission assurance; and

WHEREAS, Ready Army is the Army's program for individual and Family emergency preparedness. Ready Army, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Ready Campaign, Citizen Corps, along with other federal, state, local, private and volunteer agencies are working to increase public awareness concerning the importance of preparing for emergencies and to persuade individuals to take action; and

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1. Make an Emergency Kit with enough supplies for a minimum of three days.

2. Develop a Family Emergency Plan, including a communication plan.

3. Become informed about the types of emergencies and related emergency actions that can occur at your installation, and in your local community.

WHEREAS, all members of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command are encouraged to get involved in Ready Army by participating in preparedness activities and visiting the Ready Army campaign's Web site, <http://www.ready.army.mil>.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Wil-



son, Lt. Gen., U.S. Army, commander, U.S. Army Installation Management Command do hereby recognize September 2009 as Ready Army and National Preparedness Month on this

21st day of August 2009.

ROBERT WILSON
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

DENTAC

From front page

Tempel added that dental health is important to the overall health of the Soldier, a fact that Shull wanted to impress upon the leadership and staff at APG.

"It is important for Soldiers, if they are going out to fight, that they do not have to worry about having a dental emergency that could have been avoided," he said. "One Soldier being off the team [due to a dental emergency] can have a tremendous impact on the mission."

Tempel said that while Shull was commander of APG DENTAC, it met the Department of Defense dental readiness standard of having 95 percent of service members in either Class 1 or Class 2, which means they are deployable worldwide.

He added that Shull is blessed with strong Family values which are reflected in her leadership style. He said Shull supported her staff by being a mentor and encouraged them to attend school.

Tempel thanked APG leadership for supporting the goals of DENTAC.

"Our success is truly a team effort," Tempel said.

He added that he is confident that the incoming commander will continue the success of DENTAC at APG.

During Shull's remarks, she said that over the course of her career, the Army has made her a confident leader and that she has learned many lessons while serving as commander of APG DENTAC.

"One: set high expectations and believe in your staff, and they will rise to the occasion," she said. "Two: give clear guidance to your unit. Give them the tools to accomplish the mission, and they will accomplish the mission."

"Three:" Shull continued, "expect adversity, and embrace it. Look at adversity as an opportunity to learn a new skill set. Four: say yes. Encourage your staff that if they work hard they will be rewarded. And five: work hard and play hard." Shull concluded by thanking those who supported her during her time at DENTAC.

During Kryszak's remarks he said that he is proud to be here, and thanked Shull for the work that she did while she was commander.

"She is leaving a finely tuned and well running command," he said.

Kryszak added that he's welcoming the challenges that base realignment and closure will bring with the Ordnance Center and Schools leaving and the

upcoming renovations to the Aberdeen Area Dental Clinic.

Kryszak concluded that he is looking forward to working as commander at APG DENTAC.

"Working to take care of the dental health of Soldiers is an honor and a privilege," he said.

Col. David Kryszak

Kryszak entered the military June 1987 as a dental officer. He has an associate's degree from University of Maryland, a bachelor's from the University of South Florida, and a Doctorate of Dental Surgery Degree from Meharry Medical College. He graduated from a 1-year and 2-year Advanced Education Program in general dentistry and is Board Certified in comprehensive dentistry.

Kryszak is a graduate of the Officer Basic Course; Officer Advanced Course; Combined Arms Staff Services School; U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; Dental Management Development Course; Medical Management of Chemical Casualties Course; Combat Casualty Care Course (C4); Expert Field Medical Course; Basic Airborne Course and Air Assault Course.

Kryszak's assignments included Fort Sill, Okla., Advanced Education Program in General Dentistry; McCully Barracks, Germany, Dental Activity; Daharan, Saudi Arabia; Fort Campbell, Ky., 526th Forward Support Brigade, Brigade Dentist; Sinai, Egypt OIC 1st SB Dental Clinic South Camp; Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Bragg, N.C., Advanced Education in General Dentistry, 82nd Airborne Division Dental Surgeon; Kandahar, Afghanistan, 82nd LTF Dental Surgeon; Fort Campbell, Ky., Dental Activity, 101st Airborne Division Dental Surgeon, and Mosul, Iraq.

Kryszak's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Multinational Force and Observers Ribbon, Saudi Arabian Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwaiti Kuwait Liberation Medal, Combat Medical Badge; Expert Field Medical Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

Kryszak has 10-year-old twins, Alan Michael and Alaina.

Chapel News

Commentary: The 'right' role for me

By
**CHAPLAIN (COL)
RUBEN D. COLON**
APG Chapel Ministry

When my children were little I used to read to them from the "Peanuts" section of our home town paper. In one of the "Peanuts" Comic Strips, Charlie Brown worries about his chronic, life-long sense of low self-esteem. He says to Linus, "It goes all the way back to the beginning. The moment I was born and stepped on the stage of history, they took one look at me and said, 'Not right for the part!'"

Unfortunately, many of us can identify with Charlie Brown's anxiety. We forget that God looks at us and instead says, "You are right for the part. And no one else is right for the part."

I would want to remind you once again that God defines you as unique. Yes you are unique. You are special. You are his, and no one else can fill that role.

In so many words God said it over and over in scripture, "I love 'the you' I have created -- in my own image!" He is happy with what you are, but the problem comes when we refuse to accept this image and dislike who we have become, because we fail to see that we are all his children.

For Christians, something marvelously significant happens to them that changes how they look at the world through Christ. When they see God through grace they not only do become free of the trappings of this world, but they begin to value the way we are. They begin to feel a new sense for living and begin to live by hope and the promises of the Lord, instead of despair.

So grace becomes the operative word. It's by the grace of God, in that it allows us to begin to feel good about ourselves, and what's more, we begin to feel worthy and believe others are as well.

We begin to say, "I alone am right for the role. I am right for that part in God's grand design for my life. Surely we are not left out as many people would have you believe. In his wisdom and with his love, God has given us a special role to perform which continues through all eternity."

You and I make the mistake of privatizing the holy word whenever we believe we have a monopoly on the proper understanding of scripture; we alone have the proper way to worship; we have nothing to learn from others.

You see the life of the church in our personal and congregational decision takes root in our commitment to the promises of God when in fact it is really found in one another.

The capacity to commune is in the design of our very humanity. When we stepped on the stage of history, God gave us the dignity that prepared us in this way for the performance. He made us right for the role. He gave us the capacity to perform and to do so in relationships to one another. He gave us the capacity to become fully human, yet people of grace. And what the scriptural writers are telling us, over and over again, is that in order to continue to live up to that divine role we must continue to live within the promise of that grace and his grand plan for our salvation; that within that grand plan we must also continue to perform our unique role in harmony with others.

In other words, we were given the capacity for greatness, but in order to achieve it we must commune with God and with one another in the spirit of grace and love.

But we have to remember that this incredibly beautiful and powerful and marvelous gift of love does not operate automatically. God didn't merely wind us up like robots. We are not simply God's personal computers with a dash of feeling thrown in. God made us free to perform as we choose to perform; free to move into wholeness of life if we choose; free to commune with God and neighbor as we choose.

A university professor tells the story of a visit to a city in India. He said that each morning when he arose, he saw from his hotel room window a Hindu man sitting by the river. Each night when he returned to his hotel he saw the same man just sitting there. Finally, to satisfy his curiosity, he walked to the river bank and spoke to the man.

"Why do you do nothing but sit here

by the river?" he asked.

The Hindu replied, "Because I believe in reincarnation. According to this belief we have all lived many times before and will live many times again." Then he added, "This life I'm sitting out."

God does not offer us the luxury of "sitting out on life." This is not an option in the present. Instead, God invites us to choose life and to choose to become a part of it now, to be a participant, a player...in the game and not setting it out.

Jewish services

Rosh Hashanah

Join the Jewish community in observance of Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year and the Sabbath, 8 p.m., Sept. 18. Rosh Hashanah is the first of the High Holidays which are specifically set aside to focus on repentance that conclude with the holiday of Yom Kippur.

The Sabbath

Observance of the Sabbath will be held 7:30 p.m., Sept. 25.

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement,

will be held 8 p.m., Sept. 27. Yom Kippur is traditionally observed with a 25-hour period of fasting and intensive prayer.

All services will be held at Temple Adas Shalom, Harford Jewish Center located on 8 North Earleton Road Ext., Havre de Grace.

RSVP and tickets are required. Tickets are free for all military members and their Families. There is a nominal charge for civilians.

For more information, for tickets or to RSVP, call Jonas Vogelhut, 410-491-2661 e-mail jonas-vogelhut@us.army.mil.

APG remembers 9-11

Story and photo by
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APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground service members, police officers and firefighters led a solemn Recognition of the Fallen ceremony during the installation observance of the eighth anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks at the Ball Conference Center Sept. 11.

The ceremony was held indoors due to inclement weather.

Colonel Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, welcomed guests on behalf of Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

Guests included Harford County Executive David Craig, Aberdeen Mayor Michael Bennett, Maryland States Attorney Joseph Cassilly, representatives of Maryland Senators Barbara Mikulski, Ben Cardin and Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger, and state and local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars officers. Also in attendance were seven Gold Star Families who lost loved ones in the War on Terror.

Janet Dettwiler, APG adjutant officer, served as the program's narrator.

"This is a day when we gather to remember the sacrifices and heroism of countless Americans who answered the call to duty in response to an evil that was perpetrated on our country," Dettwiler said.

Ortiz said the purpose of the program was to pay tribute to those who perished on 9-11 and during the War on Terror as well as "those in and out of uniform who



In recognition of the fallen, U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Mark Messer, far left, and Aberdeen Proving Ground firefighter Chris Starling place ID tags on a memorial to fallen Warfighters during the installation 9-11 ceremony at the Ball Conference Center Sept. 11. Ceremony participants looking on include, from left, Staff Sgt. Jessica Barron, U.S. Air Force Detachment; APG police officer and Army Reservist Russell Apperson; Sgt. Sean Roberts, USMC Detachment; retired Sgt. 1st Class John Sawyer, APG Garrison civilian; Sgt. Elizabeth Thompson, APG Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 1st Area Medical Laboratory; APG firefighter Loren Brown; Sgt. Victor Villafane, Joint Personal Effects Depot; Judith Smith, Army Substance Abuse Program civilian; Tech. Sgt. Alice Koinange, USAF Detachment and police officer Bryan Rorke.

continue the fight."

He said that while Americans gathered at the Pentagon, in Shanksville, Pa., at the former site of the World Trade Center in New York and around the world to remember 9-11 victims, "it is

only fitting to remember and also pay tribute to those brave Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines from the great state of Maryland who also stepped forward to protect and defend our nation."

Expressing his thanks to the Gold Star

Families in attendance, Ortiz said, "We are honored with their presence as we recognize their heroes."

To the list of names he added two APG Soldiers: Capt. Maria Ortiz, a nurse from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic who died in Baghdad July 10, 2007, and Sgt. 1st Class Kevin P. Jessen, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal team leader who died in Rawah, Iraq, on March 5, 2006.

He said that the nation would never forget Sept. 11, 2001, and that a national resolve to make the world a safer place has risen from that "dark day in American history."

"In honoring them, we rededicate ourselves to supporting and helping those who follow," he said. "APG will continue to aggressively pursue its critical research, development, test and evaluation mission to support the Warfighters. Marylanders, no doubt, will continue to step up to protect and preserve the future of our nation, and American servicemen and women will continue to press forward to accomplish their missions,

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making us all proud to be Americans.”

Craig called 9-11 “a day that transformed the country.”

He noted that more Americans died during the Civil War Battle of Antietam on Sept. 17, 1862, than any other single day in American conflicts and that today, 147 years later, “many Americans don’t even know about it.”

He encouraged listeners to always remember and reflect, commenting that his father’s generation remembers Dec. 7, 1941, the attack on Pearl Harbor; his generation remembers Nov. 22, 1963, for the assassination of President John F. Kennedy; and his son’s generation will remember Sept. 11, 2001.

“It is our job as individuals and as a nation to ensure we don’t forget,” Craig said.

Bennett said that 9-11 will always be remembered as a day of not only great tragedy, but of heroism.

He said that as a lieutenant in the Maryland State Police and as a former fire chief with the Aberdeen Police Department, “I was not prepared for what happened that day,” adding that because of 9-11, today, America is better prepared.

“Training has increased as has our awareness,” Bennett said. “That is why the public safety and public service communities have created strong partnerships throughout our region and the state.” He thanked Craig for his leadership in the Emergency Management team he put together and the men and women of the Aberdeen Fire and Police departments, who “are on the front lines everyday ready to be tested.”

“Yes, 9-11 did affect us,” he said, “but in a way that made us more aware and better prepared.”

During the Recognition of the Fallen, as the names of Maryland casualties in the War on Terror were read, APG Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, firefighters and police officers placed ID tags on the traditional fallen memorial - a helmet atop a vertical rifle with a pair of boots at the base.

The U.S. Army Materiel Command

Band, led by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Fredrick Ellwein, provided the program’s music.

Chaplain (Maj.) Young Kim, deputy installation chaplain, offered the invocation. Chaplain Dave Mial, District 5 VFW, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Courtney White of the U.S. Army Evaluation Center sang the national anthem. A 21-gun salute closed the program.

Gold Star Family members said they appreciated the event.

Carol Roddy, the mother of Navy Petty Officer David Roddy who was killed in the Anbar province of Iraq in 2006, is the president of the Maryland Chapter of Gold Star Mothers. She said she “really enjoyed” the program.

“I’ve attended remembrance ceremonies before but I didn’t expect this,” she said. “It blew me away.”

“It was great. I was surprised to be involved. Usually we go to a cemetery or a parade,” said Cammie Doyle, sister of Army Staff Sgt. Jeremy Doyle who was killed in Iraq in 2005.

Doyle’s mother, Debbie Grove and stepfather Dale Grove also were in atten-

dance. The Family drove to APG from their Eastern Shore home.

“We enjoyed every minute of it,” Debbie Grove said when asked about the ceremony. “It was definitely worth the trip.”

Gold Star Families in attendance represented the following fallen:

- Staff Sgt. Jeremy Doyle, Army, Pokomoke City, Md., Aug. 15, 2005
- Lance Cpl. Norman W. Anderson III, Marine Corps, Parkton, Md., Oct. 19, 2005
- Sgt. Kendell K. Frederick, Army Reserve, Randallstown, Md., Oct. 19, 2005
- Petty Officer 2nd Class David S. Roddy, Navy, Aberdeen, Md., Sept. 16, 2006
- Sgt. 1st Class Robin L. Towns Sr., Army National Guard, Upper Marlboro, Md., Oct. 24, 2007
- Sgt. 1st Class Collin J. Brown, Army National Guard, Millersville, Md., March 14, 2008
- Capt. Jesse Melton III, Marine Corps, Randallstown, Md., Sept. 9, 2008

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and lessons learned,” he said.

Campbell said he was honored to pay respect to the victims of 9-11. He said he was serving in Germany on Sept. 11, 2001, when he was told that an airplane had hit a building in New York. He reached a television in time to see the second plane hit.

“The telephone that never rings rang,” he said. “Instantly, everything was being locked down. Just as a surprise attack caused America to enter World War II, this attack caused America to enter the War on Terror.”

He noted that the victims of 9-11 were “people from all walks of life, and that sadness was expressed around the world.”

With the American invasion of Afghanistan on Oct. 7, 2001, Campbell said, America made good on the statement by then President George W. Bush who said, “We will make no distinction between terrorists and those who harbor them.”

“Many people ask how do you fight two wars and still be the best Army in the world,” Campbell said. “I tell them it’s the Soldiers, NCOs [noncommissioned officers] and Department of the Army civilians who help our Army be the best.”

He commended the Soldiers for volunteering to serve their country.

“You wanted to sign up and represent freedom, to serve something greater than yourselves,” Campbell said. “Many countries don’t have the freedoms that we have, and we serve because we know freedom has to be protected. Young people like you will be the [leaders] of tomorrow.”

To the NCOs present, Campbell, noting that it is the Year of the NCO, said, “I ask you every day to bring forth the best that you have. Stay strong. Don’t forget that the Soldier looking at you one day will be you.”

Campbell said that Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Womack, 20th Support Command, mentored him when he was a “young and arrogant” NCO.

“He humbled me and then showed me how to be an NCO,” Campbell said. “He’s one of those who reeks professionalism.”

“NCOs and leaders should always remember that Warriors are looking up to you and that they are our future,” he added.

“What makes our Army and our country strong is that we will destroy any enemy for the cause of freedom,” he concluded.

After Campbell’s remarks, Chaplain (Capt.) Chad Davis presented a closing prayer, asking for continued success in the cause of righteousness and peace.

“Strengthen the fabric of America that we remain righteous and establish us forever as we remain one nation under God,” he said.

Listeners applauded warmly and said they enjoyed the ceremony.

Maj. Jackie Barnes, RDECOM executive officer, said she served with Campbell in Afghanistan.

“The program was nicely done,” Barnes said, adding that she related to Campbell’s praise of volunteers due to her time served as a company commander of a basic training unit.

“I know the questions and fears that

are going through their minds,” she said. “I tell them there are lots of hard things in this world and to rely on their training and their NCOs.”

Zust thanked the RDECOM command staff for the ceremony,

“It was a team effort by everyone from the command suite, down,” he said.

The U.S. Army Materiel Command Band’s woodwind sextet, led by Staff Sgt. Wendy Spohn, provided the program’s music, including the singing of the national anthem by Sgt. Eric Tunkel, and the playing of ‘Taps’ by Sgt. Anthony Gentilo.

Community Notes

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 17 STEAK NIGHT AT THE LEGION THURSDAYS

Every Thursday night at American Legion Edgewood Service Post 17 is Steak Night. Purchase a steak dinner for \$12.95. For more information, call Carol Carden, 443-506-6561.

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 18 DESERT STORM VETERANS ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans Association will hold a Golf Tournament, 9 a.m., at the Meadows Farm Golf Course located on 4300 Flat Run Road, Locust Grove, Va. Tournament format is Captain's Choice (best ball), shotgun start.

Cost is \$80 per person and includes green fees, all you can eat barbecue, drinks and hole in one special gift.

Hole sponsorships are available; a contribution of \$500 toward sponsorship of a hole provides revenue for the association's scholarship fund and two free greens fees. All proceeds go to the VII Corps DSVA Scholarship Fund. Make checks payable to VII Corps DSVA.

For more information or to sign up, call Harold F. Shewsberry, 703-287-8873 or visit www.desertstormvets.org/.

DATE NIGHT PONTOON

No need to call the babysitter to have a night out. Drop the kids (ages 3 to 12)

off at the Estuary Center for fun activities and then board the Water Strider for a leisurely cruise on Otter Point Creek and the Bush River with wine, cheese and music. This program will be held 7 to 9 p.m. for adults (child drop off is at 6:30 p.m.). The cost is \$40 per couple and registration is required.

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

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19 & 20 2009 MARYLAND LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE

The Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society and the Maryland Lighthouse Organizations will host the 2009 Maryland Lighthouse Challenge – "Celebrating Maryland's 375th Birthday!" The challenge will take place 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 19 and 20. The public is invited to participate in this event showcasing the state's land accessible lighthouses to include the Chesapeake Lighthouse (moored at Baltimore's Inner Harbor), Concord Point, Cove Point, Drum Point, Fort Washington, Hooper Strait, Piney Point, Point Lookout, Seven-Foot Knoll and Turkey Point.

Bonus Lights will be awarded by visiting Sandy Point Shoal Lighthouse and Blackstone Replica on St. Clement's Island (available by boat).

Visiting these Bonus Lights does not count towards the Challenge completion, but will earn participants two additional event souvenirs.

For more information, call Karen

Rosage, event coordinator, 410-437-0741, e-mail dkrosage@comcast.net.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 19 FLEA MARKET

American Legion Edgewood Service Post 17 is sponsoring a flea market 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per space and \$5 per table. See Pam Schmidt for reservations and tables.

For more information, call Carol Carden, 443-506-6561.

DOWN BY THE OLD MILL STREAM

Paddle through the early morning mist to uncover the secrets of Deer Creek at Eden Mill. Meet at Eden Mill lower parking lot. This program will be held 9 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

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

POINT TO POINT KAYAK TRIP

Follow the center's naturalist from Otter Point Creek to Flying Point Park. Once there, have lunch and a few activities and then return to the center. This trip is recommended for experienced paddlers. Bring a lunch and water. This program will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register, or

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

TEXAS HOLD'EM

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135 located on 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will hold a day of Texas Hold'em. The first game starts at 1 p.m., the second game starts at 6 p.m.

Register by noon and 5 p.m. with a \$50 buy in. First-come, first-served. There will be side tables. Sandwiches and light fare will be available.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

WING NIGHT

American Legion Edgewood Service Post 17 5 to 9 p.m. is sponsoring Wing Night at the legion. For more information, call Carol Carden, 443-506-6561.

IF YOU FEED THEM, THEY WILL COME

Join birder Phil Powers to learn about what birds frequent backyards in Harford County, the birds' feeder and their food preferences. This free program will be held 2 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 10 to adult. Registration is required.

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

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

POST SHORTS

APG reports sanitary overflow

The Aberdeen Area Aberdeen Proving Ground wastewater treatment plant experienced a sanitary sewer overflow Aug. 28.

During the overnight hours of Aug. 27 into Aug. 28, the influent channel next to building 413 at the wastewater plant experienced an estimated 18,000 gallons of sewage overflow to the ground in a 90-minute period due to the heavy rainfall.

'No water contact' warning signs have been posted in the affected area. Water contact should be avoided in this

area until Sept. 28.

For more information, contact the Harford County Health Department, 443-643-0301 or the City of Aberdeen, Department of Water and Wastewater, 410-272-2650.

CBRNIAAC Technical Forum Sept. 23

The Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear Defense Information Analysis Center issues a cordial invitation to a Technical Forum, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sept. 23, at the Battelle Memorial Institute,

1204 Technology Drive, Aberdeen. The subject of the forum is Emerging

CBRN Defense R&D Requirements.

The purpose is to identify emerging CBRN research and development requirements and explore their implications for research and application in a collaborative interagency environment. Seating is limited.

For more information or to RSVP, e-mail CBRNIAACForum@battelle.org.

CFC Office closures

The Combined Federal Campaign Office will be closed Sept. 17, 23 and 24.

Restoration Advisory Board meeting Sept. 24

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

The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Lauderick Creek Study Area and a status update on the Other Edgewood Areas Study Area.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

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

Military Police hold Anniversary Ball

The U.S. Army Military Police Corps Regiment will celebrate its 68th Anniversary with a formal gala, 6 p.m., Sept. 26, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Va.

The event will be hosted by Brig. Gen. Rodney Johnson, the provost marshal general of the Army and commanding general of the U.S. Army Criminal

Investigation Command. The featured guest speaker is Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston.

All members, Family and friends of the regiment are invited to celebrate a proud heritage and time-honored tradition and pay tribute to the Soldiers currently serving and to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Tickets cost \$65 per person for enlisted Soldiers and their guests and \$75 per person for officers or civilians and their guests. Adults ages 18 and older can attend. Cost includes dinner, dancing and a commemorative memento.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lt. Col. Ana R. Callahan, 703-693-4820, or e-mail ana.r.callahan@us.army.mil.

Commissary holds case lot sale

The Aberdeen Proving Ground case lot sale is scheduled for Sept. 24 through 26.

BOSS holds Haunted House

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will sponsor a BOSS Haunted House, 5 to 10 p.m., Oct. 24, and 1 to 6 p.m., Oct. 25, at Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522. The event includes face painting, ring toss, pumpkin carving contest, magic show, pie in the face, balloon dart toss and more. Tickets cost \$.50 each. Individuals will need 3 to 4 tickets per event/activity.

For more information, call Spcs. Francisco Rios, 410-436-4335; Sharia Leal, 410-436-8587; or Jessica Fulda, 410-298-3000.

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

Aberdeen Education Center announcements

Automotive Service Excellence - ASE Certification Test - Fee due today

The DANTES program will fund three ASE exams per test cycle for active duty Soldiers and Reserve component. The registration fee of \$36 must be paid with a check, money order or credit card due by Sept. 17.

The ASE Test dates are Nov. 5, 10 and 12.

The ASE tests are divided into specialties such as automobile, medium/heavy equipment, school bus, collision repair technicians, engine machinists, alternate fuels technicians, parts specialists, auto service consultants and collision damage estimators. ASE Study Guides are available at www.ase.com.

Up-front tuition assistance for all schools

Effective Oct. 1, all active duty Soldiers will receive TA upfront for all accredited colleges and universities listed in the GoArmyEd portal under LOI schools and Non-LOI schools. Soldiers with an existing account will be able to use the same log-in and password previously established in GoArmyEd. Soldiers attending a Non-LOI school will request TA online to receive up-front approval through www.goarmyed.com. Also Soldiers enrolled in a Non-LOI

school will be required to submit the paper TA request with electronic billing and grading instructions to the school.

Army Vocational Technical (AVOTEC) Pilot Program

The AVOTEC program will no longer accept enrollment applications after Sept. 25. This short-term pilot program was intended to provide training in high demand career fields to help Soldiers find employment after they transition out of the Army. Soldiers who will enroll in AVOTEC resident and distance learning training programs of instruction must indicate a start date on or before Sept. 30 or will be rejected. The AVOTEC program information is located on www.goarmyed.com/welcome page.

Multi-Learning Facility Computer Lab

The Multi-Learning Facility Center Computer Lab hours are Monday through Friday, 12 to 4 p.m. and closed every other Friday.

Contact or visit the Army Education Center for additional information on these programs and other ACES services at building 4305, second floor.

For counseling services call 410-306-2042/2037; for testing services, call 410-306-2045, and for the MLFC, call 410-306-2050.



Health Notes

Getting to know KUSAHC's Community Health program

Story by
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APG News

Community health nurses at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic play a vital role in the Aberdeen Proving Ground community.

Their primary responsibility is to investigate, track, and report communicable diseases within KUSAHC's patient population, raise health issue awareness and educate the community on preventive health care.

The Community Health program at KUSAHC is comprised of two registered nurses, Ann Laughton and Sue Singh.

Laughton said that one of the biggest concerns for public health is the H1N1 flu virus. She said that during this year's flu season KUSAHC will closely monitor all flu cases in the APG community.

She said that the H1N1 vaccine is intended to be used in addition to the seasonal flu vaccine.

Laughton pointed out that Community Health Nursing will be running a flu hotline. This hotline will give information on when eligible beneficiaries can expect to receive the seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccines. The administration of the H1N1 vaccine will follow the National CDC priority guidelines.

Debbie Dodsworth, KUSAHC's patient advocate, added that a committee at KUSAHC has been formed and is currently planning a course of action to prepare for a possible H1N1 Influenza outbreak at APG.

Laughton added that up-to-date information on the H1N1 flu can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/general_info.htm and <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>.

Another important concern that community health nurses address is sexually transmitted disease screening and the required follow-up education.

"We actively work to promote a non-judgmental environment and screening process. Seeking screening/treatment for STDs is a grown-up behavior," Laughton said. "We want to get the message out that when in doubt, get tested. We

are able to obtain all necessary lab work through blood and urine, and use no other invasive procedures."

Laughton added that CHNs make it a priority to protect the privacy of Soldiers who get tested for STDs.

"We thank them when they come in because they are doing the right thing by getting tested," Laughton said. She added that part of the follow-up education is getting to know the Soldiers and letting them know the risks involved in certain behaviors.

"When judgment is impaired by drugs or alcohol, people are more likely to engage in risky behavior, which can lead to acquiring an STD," she said.

Laughton added that both she and Singh enjoy getting to know their patients.

"We feel that we are often able to help them by talking with them, and getting to know some of their life issues. It is how we support our Soldiers with their total health care," she said.

The third health prevention maintenance program is administration of medication for Soldiers or dependents having tuberculosis or a TB exposure.

When a TB test (PPD) is positive, the patient is referred to Community Health by his or her Primary Care Provider.

"These patients come to see us once a month, for nine months, for medication management and assessment of potential side effects," Laughton said. "We have a great on-going relationship with these patients."

The Community Health program also offers free Tobacco Cessation classes for those who are eligible. Group classes are offered quarterly over the course of four weeks. Each participant will have a one-on-one interview with the CHN prior to the start of the class. Classes include withdrawal and life style change management as well as medication education and coordination of prescription management.

"The program is tailored to support each individual's unique needs," Laughton said.

Community Health also offers monthly Over-the-Counter Medication class-

es. To be eligible to attend, individual must be a TRICARE beneficiary over 18 years of age.

After taking the OTC class, each Family can receive four free OTC medications each month through the KUSAHC Pharmacy.

In addition to classes offered at KUSAHC, Community Health participates in APG community events like the Newcomers' Orientation, National Night Out, Fall Fest and Retiree Appreciation Day. During these events the nurses provide information to raise awareness and to educate the public on various health issues.

We are looking for new opportunities to meet the health education needs of the APG community and welcome requests to support education/training needs, according to Laughton.

For more information, contact 410-278-1964 or visit Web site, <http://kusahc.narmc.amedd.army.mil/Pages/publichealth.aspx>.

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ARMY SUGGESTION PROGRAM
Installation ASP Coordinator
Marjorie Sexton
410-278-0944

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 410-278-9176, or e-mail carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Vicki Bailey	Wayne Erb	Karen Milton
Debra Bonsall	Dawn Folck	Deborah Moore
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Mathisen conquers the Northeast Maryland Triathlon

Story by
KRISTEN SZYDLOSKI
APG News

A Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic employee set out Aug. 16 to accomplish his goal—to win the Northeast Maryland Triathlon by “swimming with the swimmers, running with the runners and biking with the bikers.”

Major Arthur Mathisen, deputy commander for Administration of KUSAHC claimed victory after swimming 2.4 miles, biking 112 miles, and running 26.2 miles with a time of two hours and one minute.

“It’s great to win. I was the fastest person out of three hundred fifty competitors. That’s cool,” Mathisen said. “Nothing replaces good ole’ fashion hard work.”

With so many participants in the race, he described the swimming event as ‘combat swimming.’ He was elbowed in the face, scratched, and his goggles were knocked off. “People are swimming over each other and in all different directions – total mayhem,” he said.

Not only was his goal to win but it was also to “crush” the bike and hold nothing back. He said he passed other competitors on the bike like they were standing still.

Although the ‘combat swim’ and the other events seem somewhat grueling, it’s the competition in its entirety that Mathisen continues to push to contend.

“The journey is rewarding. You’re doing something that’s bigger than yourself. I have a goal that most people wouldn’t even think or consider achieving,” Mathisen said.

Since 2000, Mathisen has raced in the Ironman Arizona, California, Canada, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Malaysia; and Half Ironman’s in Singapore and Disney,



Photo courtesy of MAJ ARTHUR MATHISEN

Major Arthur Mathisen, currently the deputy commander for Administration at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, races to finish 4th in the 2005 Armed Forces Championship at Naval Base Ventura County, Calif.

with many competitions in between.

Perhaps the most influential person that has helped him succeed in this demanding sport is Special Forces Lt. Col. Guy Lemire, referred to as ‘Yoda’ by Mathisen.

“He’s the person who got me into it. The way of the sport is to be giving. There’s good karma in reaching out and giving help to those who are just starting

out or who need the advice,” he said.

To race in any triathlon, dedication, time management skills and a good training plan are needed, not to mention many early morning training sessions.

To be a successful competitor, Mathisen said he swims three times a week, bikes five to six times a week and runs five times a week.

“What’s great about this sport is that

anyone can do it. Anyone can swim, bike or run. When you line up and look next to you, you could potentially be racing next to the best tri-athlete. What other sport can you do that with,” he said.

In the near future, Mathisen will be competing in the Half Ironman in Delaware, Half Ironman in New Jersey and the Half Ironman World Championships in Florida.

ATEC

From front page

technicians, researchers and evaluators. ATEC is involved in more than 1,100 tests daily that encompass everything from individual weapons to National Missile Defense systems. The annual budget for the command is in excess of half a billion dollars.

The ceremony opened with an invocation by ATEC’s Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harry A. Rauch to bless those who will build the headquarters and those who

will one day work there.

Opening remarks were given by Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

“Bringing the Army Test and Evaluation Command headquarters here is a significant step toward making APG an integrated center for Soldier-focused systems by linking test and evaluation with research and development and acquisition,” Ortiz stated in his remarks. “Aberdeen Proving Ground is committed to supporting ATEC in every way, linking your vision with ours.”

Major Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, ATEC’s commanding general is no stranger to

APG. Prior to accepting command of ATEC in 2007, he served as the commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command from October 2004 to June 2007. He stated that when he was with RDECOM and first heard of organizations impacted by BRAC coming to APG, it “seemed decades away.”

Nadeau is excited about the move and what it means for APG and ATEC.

“BRAC is an enabler. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take this transformation as far as we are willing to go. From my perspective, it is history here today,” Nadeau said.

Taking part in the ground breaking were Nadeau and ATEC’s Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen R. Flood, Ortiz, Brian Simmons from AEC, Lt. Col. John Osborn of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, John P. Barron from Foulger-Pratt Construction and Eric Liebmann of WDG Architecture.

ATEC will be joining other commands moving to APG because of BRAC such as the Communications-Electronics Command and the Communications-Electronics Research, Development, and Engineering Center as part of the APG 2012.

The estimated completion date for the building is June 2011.



ARMY FAMILY COVENANT

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Be a STAR to children on Family Day, every day

Story by
TAMMY MOODY
DeCA

Fort Lee Commissary shopper Carmen Mercado and her Family of four are perfect examples of what the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse's Family Day initiative is all about. Mercado and her husband Pedro, a warrant officer, have raised their three sons, ages 18, 21 and 23, with almost daily meals at the dinner table.

On Sept. 28, the Defense Commissary Agency celebrates CASA's Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children™, which is a national effort that encourages parents to eat dinner with their children as a simple, effective way to reduce substance abuse by their offspring.

"More than a decade of the center's research has consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner with their Families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs," said Joseph A. Califano Jr., CASA chairman and president.

"I believe CASA's study is right, as it works for us," Mercado said. "During

Family Day

A day to eat dinner with your children™

dinner we talk about the day, what they did at school, what they are planning for the next day, and sometimes we even fight, but not too often.

"We've gotten so used to that time together, that it feels weird if we miss it," she added. "Two of my sons will even cook dinner for us, if I'm not feeling well, so it keeps us close."

The Mercado parents are who CASA and the Defense Commissary Agency would call STARS when it comes to celebrating Family Day every day.

CASA encourages all military Families to be STARS by doing the following:

- Spend time with their children by having dinner together
- Talk to them about their day

- Answer any questions
- Recognize that they have the power to help their children stay substance free.

DeCA Director and CEO Philip E. Sakowitz Jr. said military commissaries look forward to celebrating Family Day with as many STARS as possible.

"It's only natural that DeCA and CASA are partners for this celebration as commissaries are a core element of military Family support," he added. "They contribute to Family readiness by enabling Families to locate and live with military members around the world, and they provide a taste of home."

The commissary is also collaborating with Family Day national sponsor the Coca-Cola Company to produce special

recipe cards to inspire moms and dads to make dinner from scratch, a healthier option than restaurant take out and fast-food meals.

"Commissaries place special emphasis on health and wellness for our military and their Families, especially for their newest members," explained DeCA dietitian Lt. Col. Karen Hawkins. "Family Day presents a unique opportunity to highlight our Li'l Heroes Baby Program, which provides healthy eating advice for mothers-to-be, newborns and children, as well as money-saving coupons and other resources through the Li'l Heroes Benefit Bulletin e-newsletter."

For more information on becoming a Family Day STAR, visit the official Web site, www.CASAFamilyDay.org. For more information on the Li'l Heroes Baby Program and for ways to save even more than 30 percent when shopping at a local commissary, visit www.commissaries.com/baby. With the savings on food, as well as the commissary recipes and healthy eating tips, it's even easier to make eating dinner with the Family an everyday affair, according to Sakowitz.

Army Family Covenant improves Family readiness by training the trainer

Story by
ROB MCILVAINE
FMWRC

Soon, every garrison Army Community Service center will have Master Trainers to train others in the best methods of instructing, briefing and facilitating.

ACS centers serve as an installation's primary coordinating resource agency and provide a multitude of community-based services that foster growth, development, and readiness of Families assigned to the installation.

"Since its inception in 2007, there has been great excitement and anticipation in the field to be part of this program," said Cathy Speer, ACS Training Standardization program manager. "One of the goals of the Army Family Covenant is to standardize Family programs as a means of improving Family readiness. ACS has moved many steps forward in meeting the Army's goal."

The ACS Master Trainer Course is a true Train-the-Trainer course where Master Trainers are certified to instruct the ACS Instructor Training Course, Briefer Training Course and Facilitator Training Course at their installations and certify local instructors, briefers

and facilitators.

Beginning with pilot programs at U.S. Army Garrisons Fort Gordon, Ga., Fort Bragg, N.C., Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., Fort Wainright, Alaska, and Weisbaden and Baumholder in Germany in July 2008, Master Trainers have had the opportunity to increase the proficiency of instructors, facilitators and briefers by providing training to their colleagues through these local training courses.

The Department of the Army initiative prepares select staff members from every ACS center, Army-wide, and Family Programs personnel from the National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve to become Master Trainers. Upon graduation from the ACS Master Trainer Course, staff will then conduct training in the areas of instructing, briefing and facilitating.

Diana Hayes, Aberdeen Proving Ground ACS Information Referral and Outreach program manager, and Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Readiness program manager, were both selected to attend the ACS Master Trainer Course this past August in Orlando, Fla.

"We plan to put the staff through the same train-

ing process that we encountered," Howard said. "Ms. Hayes and I will co-facilitate the courses."

Although still in the planning phase at APG, it will be implemented and presented to all APG ACS staff in the near future, she said.

For new staff members it is an opportunity to learn, and for seasoned staff members, it is an opportunity to hone skill sets. The overall goal of this new program is to ensure military members and their Families receive dynamic and professional instruction and briefings on ACS programs and services.

The two-day Instructor Training Course covers topics such as How to be an Effective Instructor, Platform Skills, The Adult Learner Audience, Managing the Learning Environment, Methods of Instruction and The Preparation Process.

The Briefer Training Course covers Introduction to Effective Briefings, Sharpening Your Briefing Skills and Making Briefings Your Own.

The Facilitator Training Course offers classes covering Facilitation and the Facilitator, The ABCs of Facilitation, Start to Finish and Facilitating the Group.



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Digital Photography 101

Learn how to use a point and shoot digital camera like a pro. Professional photographer Ben Michalski will teach students all the functions of the camera so that aspiring photographers will be able to take high quality pictures in a variety of conditions. Cost is \$37 for two 90-minute sessions. Minimum class size is six, maximum is 15.

Ongoing classes will be available on Tuesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29 thru Dec. 15.

Digital Photography 201

Professional photographer Ben Michalski will teach digital photography for DSLR users. (Camera's with interchangeable lenses). Learn basic to advanced concepts of digital image capture, photography fundamentals and camera capabilities. Students completing this basic class will be eligible for advanced classes. Cost is \$65 for 2 two-hour sessions.

Classes are available on Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 1 thru Dec. 9.

Classes will meet at Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

FMWR Registration is located in building 3326 or call 410-278-4011/4907 or Stark Recreation Center in the Edgewood Area, call 410-436-436-2713.

Hired!

Hired!, a new Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program for teens ages 15 to 18, is an apprentice program where teens can explore positions in FMWR facilities.

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

Teens Resume Writing Workshop

A Teens Resume Writing Workshop will be held 10 to 11 a.m., Sept. 19, at Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

UMBC Campus Tour

There will be a University of Maryland, Baltimore County Campus Tour, 9 a.m., Oct. 3 for high school teens only. Sign up at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center and bring money for lunch. Spaces are limited.

You have the Job, Now Keep it

There will be workshop training, 10 to 11 a.m., Oct. 17, at Aberdeen Area Youth Services.

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

Dog Obedience Training

Sit! Heel! Stay! A six-week Dog Obedience Course for dogs and their owners will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 23 through Oct. 28, at the Post Theater, building 3245.

Learn how to teach a dog basic obedience commands. Classes will introduce dog owners to the use of positive reinforcement/clicker training to teach dogs in a happy, non-aversive manner.

Cost of class fee is \$60 per person.

For more information or to register, stop by FMWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or Stark Recreation Center, 410-436-2713.

CDC implements Army's Strong Beginnings for Pre-K children

The Aberdeen and the Edgewood Area Child Development Centers will be implementing the Army's Strong Beginnings Pre-K program for children who turned 4 before Sept. 1, 2009. The children enrolled in the centers will automatically participate in this program.

Strong Beginnings Pre-K is a program designed to prepare children to be successful to enter school. The curriculum focuses on the social, emotional and physical development of children. It is a basic academic program to enhance school readiness. Children will participate in a variety of activities to include the Smart Start Sport program, there will be SKIES JR classes offered as well.

If there is interest, a part-day program will be offered to children from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Aberdeen Center. The centers look forward to an exciting school year for the children.

For more information, call Ruth Strauss, Aberdeen Area CDC director, 410-278-7111.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

See the Rockettes perform in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular at the 1st Mariner Arena, 201 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore. There will be two shows, 4 or 7 p.m., Dec. 17. Tickets cost \$76.75 for adults and \$67.75 for children ages 2 through 12. Children ages 2 and under do not need a ticket if seated on a parent's lap. All tickets must be pre-ordered. Tickets are limited and are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Seats are located in the lower levels. There is no guaranteed seating. The last day to purchase tickets is Dec. 3.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit FMWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

CYS Services open to home schoolers

Child, Youth & School Services invites home school Families to use the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays, (except for Harford County Public School off days). Children must be accompanied by at least one parent and be supervised at all times.

Children and parents will have use of the homework room, arts and crafts room, Computer Lab, with tech support 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m., and the gym.

All children must be registered through the CYS Services Central Registration office, located in building 2752 Rodman Road, rooms #110 or #113. Registration is free and entitles children to become members of the Boys and Girls Club, 4-H Clubs and participate in the programs offered at the Youth Center throughout the year. Registration packets can be picked up 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

There is an APG LIONS Home School Co-Op program which parents may choose to join.

For more information, call Jeanne Colopietro, 443-243-2861.

other cultures and famous artists. They will explore art techniques, processes, and mediums through a variety of activities, including painting, drawing, print-making and paper mache.

Cost is \$100 per student.

Toddler Art

Calling all young Picassos. Toddler Art lessons will be given 10 to 10:45 a.m., Thursdays, Oct. 8 through Dec. 3, 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 is required.

Cost is \$60 per student.

Youth Gaijin Ryu Jiu-Jitsu Seminar

A Gaijin Ryu Jiu-Jitsu seminar will be held for ages 5 to 18, 10 a.m. to noon, Sept. 26 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. The Foreigner School of the Gentle Art Gaijin Ryu Jiu-Jitsu stresses relaxation and leverage as opposed to power and aggression. It is a true martial art which contains both grappling and striking techniques.

Cost is \$30 per participant.

Private piano lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 thru 18, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays or Fridays, Sept. 8 thru Oct. 13.

Smart Start Your Business seminars

The ACS Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union and Harford Community College Small Business Development Center sponsors Smart Start Your Business seminars. This free 90-minute orientation program provides an overview of the ways to start a business, the skills and duties of a successful entrepreneur and how to write a strategic business plan.

Seminars will be held 12:30 to 1 p.m., Sept. 23, Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and Oct. 14. Space is limited.

For more information or to RSVP, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669/7572. Other services offered by the SBDC are also discussed.

The Great Russian Nutcracker

The Lyric Opera House, located on 140 West Mount Royal Avenue, Baltimore, will present the Nutcracker, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 19 and 5 p.m., Dec. 20. Tickets cost \$70.50 for all ages and must be pre-ordered. Children under the age of 2 do not need a ticket if seated on a parent's lap. Tickets are limited and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Seating is located in the lower levels. There is no guaranteed seating. The last day to purchase tickets is Dec. 3.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the FMWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Disney on Ice presents Celebrations!

Tickets are available for Disney on Ice presents Celebrations! at the 1st Mariner Arena located on 201 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore.

Show times include 7:30 p.m., Oct. 28 and Oct. 29; 10:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m., Oct. 30; 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., Oct. 31; and noon or 4 p.m., Nov. 1.

Tickets cost \$19.25 for all ages. All seats are located in the lower levels.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit FMWR Ticket and Leisure Travel Office at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/2907, 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-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.

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., 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.

Hearts Apart Support Group meets

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

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

Ski Roundtop Mountain Adventures

Ski Roundtop is not just for winter fun.

Located at 925 Roundtop Road, Lewisberry, Pa., Ski Roundtop offers summer fun adventures that include the Vertical Trek, Sky Ride, Bumper Boats and more.

The Vertical Trek, Sky Ride and bumper boats are open weekends only, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

For more information about Ski Roundtop Mountain Adventures, visit www.skiroundtop.com/rma.htm.

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

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

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.

Driver's Ed

Driver's Ed classes will be held Oct. 5 thru 20; Oct. 26 thru Nov. 10; Nov. 16 thru Dec. 2; and Dec. 7 thru Dec. 22 (There is no class on federal holidays). Classes will be held Monday thru Thursday, 2:30 to 5:45 p.m. and 6 to 9:15 p.m. Cost is \$315 per student.

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

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

The last day to register for 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.

Prices subject to change without notice.

Basic Arts and Crafts Class

Basic Arts and Crafts will be taught on Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 6 thru 10; and 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. for ages 11 thru 15, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

Children will learn about the art of

Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want to sign-up for

when they register their child.

Students are responsible for purchasing the required books for the course recommended by the instructor.

September bowling specials

- Bowl for \$.75 per game, 1 to 4 p.m. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza and one pitcher of soda for \$32.
- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl one game and get one game free. Shoe rental not included.
- There is no open bowling on Thursday and Friday evenings until 9:30pm due to leagues.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday.

Week of Sept. 15

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

Special #2: Double bacon cheese burger with french fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.25

Week of Sept. 22

Special #1: Port barbecue with french fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.95

Special #2: Grand daddy sub with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$8.25.

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





End of an Era



Ordnance Museum move: Riggers, trailers and cranes ... oh my!



Gerald Gilbert, a driver with the Meadow Lark Transportation Company, left, and David Mateer, a rigger with A&A Transfer Inc., get ready to secure two World War II German anti-tank guns to a flatbed trailer during the final day of the Phase 1 relocation of the Ordnance Museum to Fort Lee, Va. Aug. 7.

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

Sixty ordnance treasures made the 200-mile trip down treacherous Interstate 95 to Fort Lee, Va., during Phase 1 of the Ordnance Museum relocation Aug. 3 to 7. Powering the historical move were drivers from the Meadow Lark Transportation Company and crane operators and riggers from A&A Transfer Inc. out of Virginia.

Robert Cade, the Meadow Lark project manager, was responsible for the safe transport of the artifacts, which ranged from 2,000-pound guns to 100,000-pound tanks.

Cade said he assembled the finest team he could to undertake the operation.

"We've been here several times over the past three or four years for walk-thrus in preparation for this," Cade said. "Once we got the word 'go,' it all came together within two weeks."

Cade's force of operators descended on the museum grounds, which were closed to the public throughout the operation for safety reasons, and worked almost ceaselessly from sun up to sun-down despite temperatures that hovered in the 90s each day.

Cade, with assistance from Jim Hardy, from the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's base realignment and closure office, and Toni Probst, installation transportation officer, worked into the night every evening planning the next day's activities.

Along with determining which items would be loaded and when, they had to coordinate the movement of the riggers, trailers and cranes between the museum grounds, Fanshaw Parade Field and two other artifact storage areas near the Restoration Facility in building 5045.

In addition, they had to coordinate traffic control with police officers from the Directorate of Emergency Services as well as with Maryland and Virginia state troopers and transportation officials for loads that were especially heavy or required escorts.

Cade moved from site to site checking on progress and delivering Gatorade and water to his crews.

Altogether, Cade's crew included 10 truck drivers, six riggers, two rough terrain forklifts, one 120-ton crane, one 90-ton crane, two crane support trucks and two rigging support trucks.

All week APG motorists had to slow down for the slow-moving caravans.

While the Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor at Fort Knox, Ky., is mov-



Riggers with A&A Transfer Inc. guide a 1918 full-track Skeleton Tank, the only one in existence, which is being lifted by a 90-ton crane (not shown) onto a trailer on the Ordnance Museum grounds.

ing to Fort Benning, Ga., and the Air Defense Artillery Museum at Fort Bliss, Texas, is moving to Fort Sill, Okla., - also due to BRAC - the Ordnance Museum relocation, when completed, will be the largest move in the history of the Army Museum system.

Vic Abrams, A&A crew chief, called the operation "challenging" and "different." "We have a very professional crew, and we've all worked together before," he said, "but this is the first time we've worked with items like this. They're not only valuable, they're priceless."

The loading process was slow and meticulous. After assessing the weight of each item, rigger crew chiefs had to determine which lifting materials to use. Most often they used heavy-duty nylon or Kevlar slings, but chains were sometimes required.

Another time-consuming but necessary process was the loading of counterweights on the back of the heavy cranes. On the 120-ton crane, up to 50 tons had to be added to the 5 tons already in place behind the driver's cabin to counter the weight of items weighing in excess of 50,000 tons. Once a load was lifted over the trailer, as it dangled weightless in the air, riggers and drivers used guide ropes that were attached to the load and hand signaled the crane operator to coordinate its lowering. Pic-

es had to be placed on the trailers evenly. Any overlap had to be even on both sides. If the load was uneven, it had to be lifted again and re-lowered until both sides were even. Once the artifacts were in place on the trailers, the drivers assisted the riggers in securing the loads.

"I always participate to make sure to get my weight right," said Bob Rathke, a Meadow Lark driver from Wisconsin after helping secure the "Steady Eddie," a 72,000-pound World War II Sherman tank to his trailer.

Mike Sturgill, A&A project manager, after overseeing the loading of "Tiny Tim" a 90,000-pound Vietnam era self-propelled Howitzer, said his crews "had to pull out the chains for this one."

"The tank had so many sharp edges it might have cut my lifting straps," Sturgill said.

At the operation's conclusion on Aug. 7, Cade expressed thanks to the installation.

"APG was wonderful," he said. "They were helpful, knowledgeable and willing to help with any function we needed."

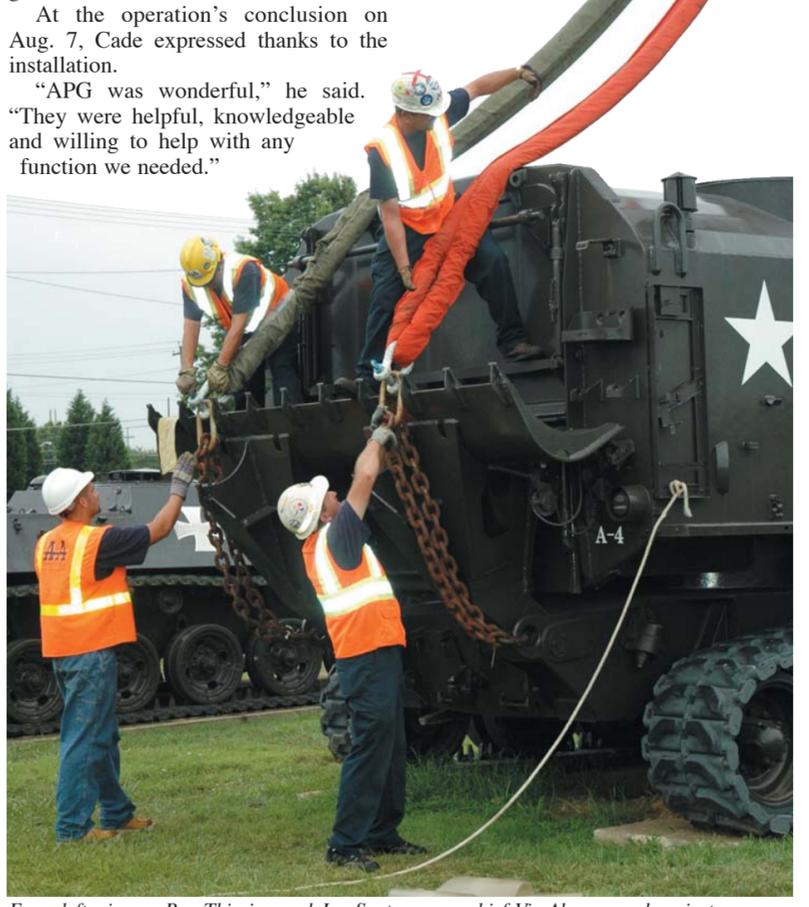
He thanked Hardy, Probst, Dr. Joseph Rainer, the museum's director and his staff, the EDSI restoration facility and the OMMS BRAC Office staff for their assistance.

"Everyone has been wonderful to work with," Cade said. He also had much praise for his drivers and riggers.

"They're all dedicated, they don't rush, they take their time and make sure it's done right," he said, adding proudly that "there were no accidents and no damage to any piece. That's almost unheard of with a commitment this size. We're proud of the work we've done here at APG and hope to do more in the future."



A&A riggers Ben Thiesing, left, and David Mateer, right, take the slack out of lifting slings before a rough terrain forklift lifts a 1940 German PAK38 anti-tank gun for loading.



From left, riggers Ben Thiesing and Joe Santos, crew chief Vic Abrams and project manager Mike Sturgill attach chains to heavy duty lifting straps before lifting "Tiny Tim" - a Vietnam Era self-propelled Howitzer with a sharp collar weighing more than 90,000 pounds.