

## Post Shorts

### Toby Keith to headline Army Concert Tour at APG

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 5, as the U.S. Army Concert Tour brings country superstar Toby Keith to APG. The concert will kick off 7:30 p.m. at Shine Sports Field in the Aberdeen Area. A special pre-sale ticket of \$30 will be available to the APG community from April 5 to 9. Tickets will be available in both area Recreation Centers for walk-in customers only. Please be prepared to provide a government ID card to be eligible for this special ticket offer. On Monday, April 12, tickets will increase to \$35 in advance and, if available, \$45 the day of the show.

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

### Annual fire hydrant flushing underway

The annual fire hydrant flushing on Aberdeen Proving Ground began April 5 and runs through May 28.

Flushing is planned for Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The schedule is tentative and may change due to unforeseen problems. For more information, call Dennis Overbay, 443-306-8910.

- April 5 to 9 - Bayside Village, Patriot Village
- April 12 to 16 - Patriot Village 2000 block
- April 19 to 23 - Plumb Point Housing 300 Block, ARL Complex
- April 26 to 30 - 3000 Block, 4000 Block
- May 5 to 7 - 3000 Block, 4000 Block
- May 10 to 14 - Spesutie Island 400 Block, 500 Block
- May 17 to 21 - 600 Block, 700 Block
- May 24 to 28 - 00 Block, 1000 Block

### Blue Cross/Shield rep visit April 13

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit APG April 13, 9 to 11:30 a.m., in building

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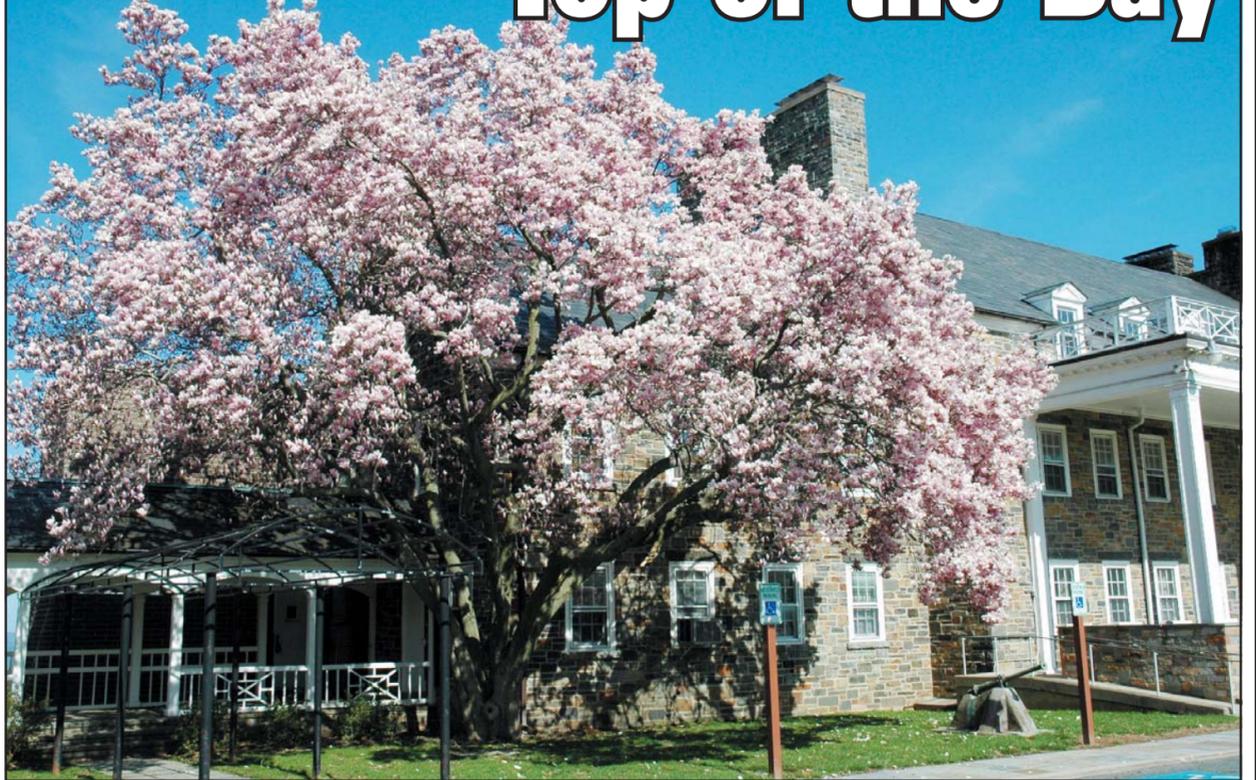


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON, APG NEWS  
A flowering tree decorates the façade of Top of the Bay on Spesutie Island Road. The clear, blue, skies and abundant sunshine of the past week, for many, is a good indication that spring is here to stay.

## AMC, RDECOM revive APG's Sgt. Audie Murphy Club

Story by **ROGER TEEL**  
RDECOM

The first Sgt. Audie Murphy Club board to convene since 2006 met April 1 at the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command headquarters with four non-commissioned officers seeking membership in the elite Soldier fraternity.

The club is named for Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Audie Leon Murphy, a legendary combat Soldier who distinguished himself while assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division during World War II.

Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Spohn, a trombonist with the 389th Army Material Command Band and 15-year Army veteran, said the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club embodies the essence of the NCO leader.

"I first learned about the club at Scholfield Barracks, Hawaii, when we played for an Audie Murphy Club induction ceremony. At the time I thought it was just for infantry guys. About two years later I learned more about it and it's been a goal of mine since.

"It's an elite club for NCOs to be in," Spohn said. "It's one of the few clubs that represents the NCO leader."

Others appearing before the board were Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Davis, also a trombonist with the 389th AMC Band, and Staff Sgt. Ryan Siddal and Sgt. Glen Brunson



Photo by TOM FAULKNER

Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Spohn faces members of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club board, from left, Sgt. Maj. Wendy Thomson, Sgt. Maj. Matthew De Lay, Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin, Sgt. Maj. John Poff, Sgt. Maj. Timothy Weatherspoon and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Campbell. The SAMC board convened April 1 for the first time since 2006 at the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command headquarters.

from the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center in Natick, Mass. The 389th AMC Band falls under RDECOM for administrative actions.

Spohn, from Wheeling, W. Va., is partially responsible for the revival of the SAMC.

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## Spring brings transition from heating to cooling

DPW

The Operations and Maintenance Division of the garrison Directorate of Public Works began the shutdown of all centralized and individual boiler-supplied heating on the installation March 31 as part of the seasonal post-wide transition from heating to cooling. This does not affect individual buildings with their own decentralized air handlers or separate stand-alone HVAC systems.

With the number of plants and boilers on Aberdeen Proving Ground, this shutdown process will take approximately two weeks. Once complete, and prior to the beginning of cooling and air conditioning season, OMD staff will also be conducting and completing key preventive maintenance efforts on the numerous centralized cooling systems.

During this time of year day and night-time temperatures fluctuate greatly. Therefore, employees are encouraged to modify their dress to fit the weather.

There will inevitably be days when it gets fairly warm and early mornings when it is still cold. Until the air conditioning season starts, employees can open windows. It is imperative to close and secure all windows and turn off all electrical devices at the end of each day.

For more information about seasonal changeover in the Aberdeen Area, call Jeff Deel, Utility Branch chief, 410-278-3977, or Carl Wheeler, Site Area manager, 410-278-5005. In the Edgewood Area, call Keith Pomraning, Utility Branch chief, 410-436-4104, or Tony Hale, Site Area manager, 410-436-3102.



## I.A.M. STRONG concert delivers message

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON, APG NEWS

Jazz and Blues singer Leigh Jones performs with members of the Hip Hop band Animate Objects during the I.A.M.STRONG concert tour stop at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater March 28. See page 15 for story.



# Army science, technology command refines role



Photo courtesy of U.S. ARMY

With more than 17,000 employees, the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command performs nearly all of the Army's basic and applied research and technology development.

Story by  
**ROBERT DIMICHELE**  
RDECOM

In an effort to refine the role of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command in a continually transforming Army, Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, commanding general, and his board of directors recently approved a new command vision, mission statement and organizational objectives.

The new vision, "The Army's primary source for integrated research, development and engineering capabilities," emphasizes the Army-wide role of the command and the fundamental business process of the command is one of systems integration across the various domains of the battlefield.

"We are the Army's systems engineers," Justice explained as the command's board of directors worked the new vision statement. "We are going to engineer the requirements of the Army."

The RDECOM Board of Directors is made up of the directors of each of the command's centers and laboratory as well as the headquarters leadership.

The new mission statement, "Empower, unburden, and protect the warfighter to enable the dominance of the Army," emphasizes the need to focus the command's capabilities on the output of readiness, "Justice said, "We've got to put our skills into the center of the decision-making process and insert our engineering discipline and rigor into the effort to modernize the Army."

Officials said RDECOM will use its vast expertise to explain the art of the possible in order to better inform Army decision-makers.

The organizational objectives fall into the five "Ps" of People, Places, Purse, Processes and Product. The intent of the People objective is to

recruit, develop, and retain a diverse, resilient, world-class workforce.

"We're in great shape with people," Justice said. "Everywhere we have people who can do what we need them to do. What we need is a plan to show off that talent."

The Places objective intends to acquire and sustain relevant, state-of-the-art, research, development and engineering facilities and equipment. RDECOM has more than 11-million square feet of facilities to support an integrated portfolio and the agile development of technology solutions.

"We are going to create a modernization plan for our facilities," Justice said.

The Purse objective deals with funding. RDECOM will develop and execute a balanced portfolio of resources and maximize the delivery of capabilities. Justice said the command needs to improve the visibility of the \$5.5 billion it gets from direct and reimbursable sources.

"We must put ourselves in good order and discipline," he said.

Developing integrated business processes that enable RDECOM to operate as a unified, agile, innovative and collaborative command is the focus of the Processes objective.

"The Systems Integration Domains and Technology Focus Teams will be the fundamental business process of this organization," Justice said.

The fifth objective is Products. RDECOM must deliver timely, innovative, integrated solutions to modernize and sustain a dominant Army.

"We take technology and turn it into something of value to the Warfighter," he said.

"The power of this organization is just incredible," Justice concluded. "With a common operating picture, everyone will know how to proceed."

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# Local emergency responders get familiar with military equipment during ATC, DES joint training exercise

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APG News

Mindful of the need for local responders to have some knowledge of Army equipment in the event of an emergency, the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center and the APG Garrison Directorate of Emergency Services have combined efforts in hosting familiarization training on Army equipment and test procedures.

During a recent exercise at ATC's Churchville Test Area, ATC and DES personnel conducted familiarization training on vehicles, a tour of the test course and a demonstration of test operations with firefighters from the City of Aberdeen and the Level Volunteer Fire Company.

"This information is critical to these volunteers as they have been called upon to respond to incidents at remote locations and arrive long before emergency personnel from on post," said APG fire Chief Ed Budnick.

While ATC and DES personnel train together, Budnick added, organizers decided to include local responders as they are the first responders to incidents involving military vehicles off post en route to and in operation at the Churchville Test Area.

"This was a large undertaking and ATC did an outstanding job providing quality familiarization training on vehicles, test operations, and on the test course," Budnick said.

"This was a true joint venture. When initial discussions and planning took place, we all realized how important this effort may be. Because of the critical nature of a program like this, we used a system type approach; providing for training, equipping, exercising and evaluating the pieces involved.

"The system continues to expand and mature and we are certain that over time we will realize some very positive outcomes from this program."

Budnick said that the familiarization and operational training is focusing on automotive testing but will likely move into other ATC missions.

"Other test sites are larger, geographically, but ATC does more testing than all others combined and the opportunity for failure and accidents goes up dramatically," he said.

Budnick said Don Harris, ATC, was the driving force behind the operation.



Photo courtesy of DES  
Aberdeen Proving Ground firefighters and paramedics conduct a vehicle extrication drill with U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center test track personnel during a joint training exercise at the Churchville Test Area Feb. 27.

"In addition, many of these tests are conducted at remote or difficult to access locations and test facilities. This effort focused on training ATC personnel in immediate life-saving first aid measures and training them on the equipment needed to react to emergency situation while emergency responders are in route."

Budnick said that DES personnel have trained more than 100 staff and range personnel on life-saving procedures such as controlling bleeding, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, responding to environmental emergencies, treating traumatic injuries and use of the Automated External Defibrillators.

"So far we've trained one hundred thirty-six ATC personnel," he said. "This training was the first critical step in ensuring beneficial aid can begin as soon as possible after an incident occurs, regardless of the location."

More than 20 emergency responders from the Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department, the Level Volunteer Fire Company and the APG Fire Department underwent three hours of vehicle familiarization that included test course operations and ride alongs at the Churchville

Test Area. The site was chosen because in the event of an emergency at the site or on county roads en route to the site, responders from local volunteer fire companies would be first on the scene.

Donald Harris, chief of the ATC Automotive Operations Division, under the direction of ATC commander Col. Jeffery Holt, led the operation.

"It was great to be able to share information with these volunteers about the vehicles we are testing," Harris said. "I have great confidence in their abilities to respond in the event of an accident. I would also like to thank the members of our Field Team and the subject matter experts that participated in the open house."

DES assistant fire chief and training officer Donald B. Collier Sr. said the effort has and will continue to include unannounced response exercises to evaluate the entire system and allow for changes in policy and procedure, if necessary.

"This type of training is extremely valuable," he said. "Joint training with our mutual-aid departments is always a win-win situation for all those who participate. As far as ATC, they have always been a friend of the fire department and

this training session only confirms what we have known for many years; ATC is a premier organization with some of the most talented employees in their field."

Captain Rhonda Polk of the Level Volunteer Fire Company said the organization was eager to participate after being contacted by Harris.

"We do respond out there for emergencies and because these vehicles and equipment travel the roads it's good to be familiar with them in case something happens," Polk said.

She said ATC personnel were "very helpful and accommodating" while explaining equipment features on tanks and the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV).

"Most of us had never been up close to these vehicles," she said. "We've trained together before but this was a first with military vehicles."

She thanked Harris, Holt and Ron Keithly, ATC chief of the Automotive Field Branch for arranging the training.

"They set it up and took care of everything," she said. "Our people were very excited by this training and we look forward to doing it again."

# Community Notes

## THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

### APRIL 8 AND 9 EDUCATION VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Learn how to help students discover and explore estuary ecology. Come for as much or little of the training as possible. April 8 will cover the Otter Point Creek Environmental Survey program, including new water quality testing methods and internet data sharing. April 9 will include marsh ecology and wetland adaptation activity training. Lunch will be provided each day. This program will be held 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for adults. Registration is required.

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

## FRIDAY

### APRIL 9 BOSELY CONSERVANCY SINGING FROG HIKE

Adventure out for an evening hike in the marsh to listen to the music of frogs. Wear good boots and bring a flashlight. Participants will get a little wet! This program will be held 8 to 9:30 p.m., rain or shine for ages 5 through adult (Families). Cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required.

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

### BASKET AND PURSE BINGO

Grace's grateful Grapes Relay for Life Team will sponsor Basket and Purse Bingo, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Doors open 6

p.m. Tickets cost \$12 per person; extra packs cost \$5 each. Cost includes 20 game Bingo, raffles and special games. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Bring a canned good and/or non-perishable food item for bonus prize ticket. Needed items include jellies, stews, chili, chunky soups, pancake mixes and syrup.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332 or Karen Mitchell, 410-272-7098.

## SATURDAY

### APRIL 10 BEEF AND BEER NIGHT

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will hold Beef and Beer Night, 8 p.m. to midnight. Live entertainment will be provided by local band LIX. Cost is \$15 per person and includes food, dancing, draft beer and cash bar. Donations will support American Legion programs for veterans and their Families.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

### CRITTER DINNERTIME

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat while learning more about these fascinating creatures. This free program will be held 10:30 a.m. for all ages. No registration is required.

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

### CANYOU CANOE?

Learn canoe handling and basic paddling techniques on a leisurely cruise. Bring a snack for a stop on Snake Island. This program will be held 3 to 5 p.m. for ages 8 through adult. 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.

### TRAIL TREK

Enjoy a splendid day hike along the banks of the Susquehanna or Gunpowder rivers. Bring snack and water. Registrants will be notified of meeting location. This free program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 10 through 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.

## SUNDAY

### APRIL 11 NATURE TALES - SPRING

Story time with a nature twist. Come listen to stories, learn new songs and move like the animals. This free program will be held 3:30 p.m. for all ages. No registration is required.

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

## WEDNESDAYS

### APRIL 14 THRU MAY 5 NATURE'S PLAYGROUP

Little ones and parents play and learn in the natural world. Stories, songs, simple crafts and discovery outings will highlight each day's theme. Topics vary weekly. This program will be held for Session I from 9 to 10 a.m. or Session II from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. (choose one session) for ages 0 to 4. The cost is \$30 per child. 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.

## THURSDAY

### APRIL 15 ARE YOU AN ENERGY SAVER?

Want to lower energy bills and find out how energy efficient the house is? Come get the tools to find out how much energy appliances use, how well the house is insulated, and much more.

This two-hour workshop will show participants how to evaluate the home's energy use and give practical solutions for becoming an Energy Saver. Refreshments will be provided.

This free program will be held 6 to 8 p.m. for adults. The program is free but registration is required.

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

## FRIDAY

### APRIL 16 THE FINTON FORMULA FUN VISITING SCIENTIST SERIES

Come to the Estuary Center for exciting hands-on chemistry and environmental science fun, guided by guest scientists from the local community.

The topic this month is Electricity Lab. This program will be held 4:30 to 6 p.m. for ages 10 to 12 or 5th to 7th grade.

The cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required.

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

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

## CWF announces upcoming trips, events

### April 10 - Trip to Washington, D.C.

Spend the day in the nation's capital. Experience history, art and culture at the many museums and monuments. Discover Washington, D.C. on your own or join an optional tour group once you arrive. The cost is \$40 per person and includes roundtrip charter bus transportation. The bus will depart APG 8 a.m. and return 7 p.m.

### May 12 thru 16 - Visit Niagara Falls and more

Enjoy a deluxe motor coach ride to the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. Cost of the trip is \$725 per person for double occupancy or \$850 per person for single occupancy. Price includes round trip transportation; four nights lodging; four breakfasts and four dinners; a tour of the Niagara Area: on-the-Lake and Maid-of-the-Mist Boat ride; Niagara Falls-view Casino; Well and Canal; tour of Toronto; Rossi Glass; Casa Loma and all taxes and meal gratuities. A passport is required for Canada.

### July 14 thru 18 - Trip to Vermont

Join the CWF for a trip to the beautiful state of Vermont. Cost is \$799 per person for double or triple occupancy and \$899 for single occupancy. Price includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, four nights lodging, four breakfasts, one box lunch at Hildene, four dinners and two evenings of entertainment; visits to Arling-

ton Gallery (home to the Norman Rockwell Exhibit), Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, Middlebury Village, Woodstock Village, M/V Carillon Lake Champlain Cruise, President Coolidge State Historic Site, Quechee Gorge and Village, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory Tour, all taxes and meal gratuities.

### July 30 - Ironbirds baseball game and crab feast at Ripken Stadium

A great night of Ironbirds baseball from the Party Deck at Aberdeen's Ripken Stadium on Military Appreciation Night. Cost per person is \$46 or \$50 per person and includes a complimentary Ironbirds baseball cap, all-you-can-eat Bo Brooks Crabs, hot dogs, hamburgers and corn on the cob.

### Sept. 1 through 8 - Ireland

Join the CWF for an 8-day trip to the Emerald Isle. Cost is \$2,995 per person for triple occupancy, \$2,975 per person for double occupancy, and \$3,175 for single occupancy. Price includes six breakfasts, three dinners, taxes and transfers, visits to Dublin, Kildare, the Rock of Cashel, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Limerick, Killarney, Blarney, Waterford Crystal Factory and an excursion to the West Coast and more.

For more information or to make reservations, call Patti Harkins at the Civilian Welfare Fund Office, 410-436-4467, 410-322-7634 or e-mail [patti.harkins@us.army.mil](mailto:patti.harkins@us.army.mil).

## POST SHORTS

305, Room 211, and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., building E4520, Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, Edgewood Area, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

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

### Days of Remembrance April 14

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory will sponsor the Days of Remembrance observance, 10 a.m., April 14, at the Post Theater. The 2010 Days of Remembrance theme is "Stories of Freedom: What You Do Matters." Guest speaker will be Morris Rosen (Moniek Rozen).

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Elwood Veney, 410-436-4810.

### Tax Center closes April 15

The Installation Tax Assistance Program, directed by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division, provides free tax assistance to qualifying active-duty service members, retirees and Family members.

The Tax Center staff only prepares simple and intermediate level tax returns. Complex tax returns will be referred to professional providers.

Prior to visiting the Tax Center, clients should access the "Client Agreement and Questionnaire" located on the APG Web site at [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil) or the Legal Web site at <https://www.jagc-net.army.mil/8525761700412C32>, click on Legal Assistance, then APG Tax Center. This document is extremely helpful in gathering the information needed to file an accurate return.

The APG Tax Center is located downstairs in Top of the Bay, building 30. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Tax Center closes April 15.

### APG hosts Earth Day events

Aberdeen Proving Ground will host a series of events to honor Earth Day on April 16.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, an annual event meant to draw recognition to environmental issues and appreciation for the earth and the natural environment.

Events will be held throughout Harford County and the State of Maryland to commemorate Earth Day, including clean-up of local woods, parks and waterways,

## Kirk after-hours medical needs

For medical services after hours, weekends or on federal holidays, call the Staff Duty, 410-278-1725, to coordinate your referral. To avoid point-of-service co-pays, a referral is needed to go to an urgency clinic. Emergency rooms do not require a referral. If unable to reach Staff Duty, call Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic the following business day. By calling KUSAHC and coordinating with your Primary Care Manager, there is continuity between the outside provider and your doctor. For more information call Deborah Dodsworth, 410-278-1724.

and tree and flower plantings.

An Earth Day poster contest was held for grades pre-K through 12 with posters submitted to North Harford High School. Visit [http://mdchem.org/earth-day-poster\\_contest\\_for\\_more\\_information](http://mdchem.org/earth-day-poster_contest_for_more_information).

APG's April 16 Earth Day will be held 9 a.m. at Top of the Bay. Events include a recognition ceremony for the Earth Day poster contest winners and awards presentations.

Everyone is encouraged to take part in additional activities to include a viewing of the poster submissions, an APG Eagle Program display, a visit from Woodsey the Owl, six different hands-on Earth Day science activities, native Maryland tree seedling give-aways and vegetable seed plantings at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

### "The Predator in Your Home"

In commemoration of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Dateline NBC's Chris Hansen (To Catch a Predator) will visit APG, 9 a.m. to noon, April 22 at Top of the Bay, Mezzanine Room. Hansen will speak on the growing problem of Internet predators and child safety. This event is open to the entire APG community at no cost. RSVPs are required and can be made by contacting the ACS Family Advocacy Program at 410-278-7478.

### Family childcare providers needed on, off post

For everyone who loves children and wants to be home with their own, this is a great opportunity. Become part of a worldwide network of mobile military professionals who can work at home and contribute to the Family income.

Family Child Care training will be conducted April 19 thru 22 at Community Youth Services on Rodman Road, building 2752. Free childcare will be provided during the training. Being a professionally trained provider in a warm, home environment offers many

benefits including the potential for over \$700 per week; ability to stay home with your own children; free training (CPR and First Aid certification, child abuse awareness, sanitation, health, safety, nutrition, business practices and more).

For more information, applicants can visit to the FCC office or call 410-278-7140/7477.

### RAB meeting April 29

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., April 29, at a new location: Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Biber Road, Edgewood.

The topics of the meeting will be an update of the Performance Base Acquisition Contracts, O Field, Carroll Island and Graces Quarters Study Area.

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

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

### Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 16

Military retirees and their Families are invited to attend the annual Retiree Appreciation Day, 8 a.m. to noon, Oct. 16 in the APG Recreation Center, Building 3326. The program will include a guest speaker, vendor tables, military associations and support services from the installation. Questions or comments concerning retiree issues may be e-mailed to [info@apgretiree.com](mailto:info@apgretiree.com).

For more information, contact Retirement Services Officer, retired Sgt. Major Drew Nobles, 410-306-2320, e-mail [drew.nobles@us.army.mil](mailto:drew.nobles@us.army.mil).

The APG Retiree Council Web Site is also available at <http://apgretiree.com>. Any questions or comments concerning retiree issues can be e-mailed to [info@apgretiree.com](mailto:info@apgretiree.com).

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



# Sports

## 22d Chemical Battalion stings JPED twice to repeat as intramural basketball champs, 37-20, 41-33

Story and photos by  
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APG News

The 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) put on the improbable comeback performance of the season, sweeping the Joint Personal Effects Depot in back-to-back games at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, April 5, to repeat as Aberdeen Proving Ground intramural basketball champions.

The team outthrustled, outrebounded, and flat out outplayed a JPED team that it lost to twice – once during the regular season, and once in the post season – to post the 37-20 and 41-33 wins.

It was the post season loss to the JPED on March 31, that sent 22d Chem to the loser's bracket where it faced the winner of the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment/Freestate ChalleNGe Academy game which was played immediately after. The unit had to wait until 8 p.m. to play USMC which it defeated to advance to the championship where it had to defeat the JPED twice to win.

"Tonight, the key will be rebounding," said 22d Chem coach Lisa Bradford before the game. "They have so many big players we have to rebound better and more than we usually do."

JPED coach Robert Cromwell said his team was focused on "teamwork and defense."

"If we stop them from scoring, we win the game," he said. "We've got the scorers; all they have to do is play."

The JPED seemed in command initially but its 2-0 lead quickly blossomed to a 7-2 lead for 22d Chem due to timely rebounding by Albert Wesley, Kevin Galik, Toran Price and Ronald Wylie.

The JPED trailed 22-6 at the half and although it played much better, things just didn't work out.

Jorge Diaz got the team into double digits with an uncontested layup to close within 15 points at 25-10 just after the start of the second half. But it was a tough fight in the trenches as the much improved 22d Chem defense challenged every basket. JPED's solid shooters seemed to all go cold at the same



Members of the 22d Chemical Battalion basketball team pose with their trophy and medals after winning the APG intramural basketball championship at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center April 5. From left, kneeling, Ronald Wylie, Wilson Phillips and Toran Price. From left, standing, Kevin Galik, Aaron Simon, Albert Wesley, coach Lisa Bradford, Terrell Murdock, and Courtland Smith.

time and were unable to stop 22d Chem from pulling away to a 37-20 win.

JPED's Nicholas Laporte drew first blood in game two, putting up five of the teams' first seven points before 22d Chem called a timeout to talk thing over. JPED continued scoring, going up 14 -2 before Chem settled down and began slowly but surely chipping away at the JPED lead. One minute it was 17-

5, the next it was 17-11; then 19-14, 23-18 and 23-20 leads dwindled down to a 27-25 lead by 22d Chem, with less than 11 minutes on the clock, that it never gave up.

But it was 22d Chem's Ronald Wylie who dominated both games, with accurate shooting and great assists from teammates Wilson Phillips and Courtland Smith. Wylie scored 11 points in the first and 15 in the second game, followed by Smith with 10 points in the first game and 13 in the second. Laporte was the high scorer for JPED with 6 points in the first and 16 in the second followed by Devron Crockson with five in the first and seven in the second.

"It's hard to lose when you know your team is better than that," lamented Cromwell after the game. He noted that JPED, which is slated to relocate to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, has finished its final basketball season at APG.

"It would have been nice to close it out with a win," he said.

"I knew they could do it and I told them I knew they could do it," Bradford said. She thanked her command and players for their support and said they hoped to keep enough players together for another run at the title in 2011.

Bradford credited Wylie for helping lead the team to victory.

Wylie said the victory was due to a good game plan.

"We knew they were a bigger team and we gave them our best defense," he said. "We just let our offense flow and didn't press too much. And when she had to, coach settled us down."

Wylie came to APG from Fort Bragg, N.C. a few months ago. He said he appreciates the close-knit APG community and hopes the mission allows the team to return next season.

"We have good players and a coach who understands the game," he said. As long as we can have everyone here, I don't see why we can't come back and do it again."



From left, Terrell Murdock, 21, and Courtland Smith, 23, of the 22d Chemical Battalion; James Smith, 35, and Daniel Whyte II, 22, of the Joint Personal Effects Depot and 22d Chem.'s Kevin Galik, 40, go after a loose ball as JPED's Jorge Diaz, 23, third from left, looks on from the rear during Game 2 of the intramural basketball championship at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center April 5. The 22d Chem repeated as post champions, winning back-to-back games 37-20 and 41-33.

# APG marks St. Patrick's Day with first Leprechaun Fun Run

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Emerald Green overshadowed Army green, March 17, as more than 150 participants celebrated St. Patrick's Day walking and running in the first Aberdeen Proving Ground Leprechaun Fun Run.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted the 5K run/2K walk which began and ended at the Stark Recreation Center in the Edgewood Area.

Green balloons and shamrocks decorated the center's patio where participants received Leprechaun Fun Run t-shirts and free raffle tickets for St. Patrick's Day-themed door prizes, and then took in displays by the event sponsors while awaiting the start of the run.

Ralph Cuomo, MWR sports program manager, said 166 people pre-registered for the event.

"We'll continue to hold fun runs and races like the Rudolph Run in December as long as there is an interest," Cuomo said. "Everyone seems to be having a

good time and the weather has been fantastic.

He encouraged running enthusiasts to participate in the Armed Forces Day 10K Fun Run that starts 8 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center May 15. Check the MWR Web site at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com) or the Charm City Run Web site at [www.charmcityrun.com/belair](http://www.charmcityrun.com/belair) for more information.

In addition, MWR is starting running clubs for running enthusiasts in both areas.

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Several participants said they enjoyed the event. "I loved both events," said C4ISR engineer Bob Shields, adding that he also participated in the Rudolph Run. Shields said he runs every chance he gets and this time even convinced his wife to join him.

"We absolutely look forward to future events," he said. Desiree Bowman, a quality assurance specialist with the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional),

called the event "wonderful" and said, "It was well organized and nicely decorated with great door prizes."

Bowman said about 20 coworkers from USAPHC (Prov) walked or ran in the event.

Adam Morehouse, a security specialist with the Chemical Materials Agency ran with his wife Rachel and their 19-month-old daughter Elena in a stroller, just as they did in the Rudolph Run. Morehouse said he liked the idea of the Edgewood Area hosting the event.

"We both like to run in local races when they're available," he said, "and I think it's great to share [events] between the two areas."

"I thought the Leprechaun Run was a huge success," said Dana McVey, an administrative assistant with the U.S. Army Environmental Command who walked the 2K course with her friend, Nicole Ostrowski, a USAEC contractor. "It provided military, civilian and contract personnel the chance to come together on a beautiful day and remember that we are one team with one mission," McVey said.

Sponsors included Picerne Military Housing, Warwear™ Performance Training Apparel and a summer camping and sporting display by MWR's Outdoor Recreation Division.

Ryan Hogan, founder and owner of Warwear™ performance training apparel is an active duty Sailor who said he launched his own line of active wear after being frustrated by the high prices of other manufacturers. He said all Warwear garments include bacteria inhibitors.

"We go the extra step and we always have a military discount," Hogan said.

The company holds frequent fundraising sales and donates portions of its proceeds to military charities such as Operation Homefront. For more about Warwear™ visit [www.warwear.com](http://www.warwear.com).



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Opposite page from top: Ralph Cuomo of Morale, Welfare and Recreation and B.O.S.S. president, Spc. Carlos Rios distribute Leprechaun Fun Run t-shirts to Dana McVey and Nicole Ostrowski of the U.S. Army Environmental Command; during the 2K walk, Danielle Smith, of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, left, chats with Kellie Weygant of Stroller Strides, a fitness program for moms, as she pushes her children, Katherine, 4 and Kurtis, 3 in a double stroller; APG Garrison's Fred Posadas does his best leprechaun imitation; walkers are all smiles as they leave the Edgewood Area's Stark Recreation Center on the Leprechaun Fun Run's 2K walk.

This page from top: Runners head up Austin Road after leaving the Stark Recreation Center at the start of the Leprechaun Fun Run; Jeff Damiano is the first across the finish line with a time of 16 minutes, 44 seconds; Dana McVey, left, and Nicole Ostrowski jump for joy at the finish line after finishing the 2K walk; dressed in kilts to honor their Scots-Irish roots, Chaplain (Capt.) Chad Davis, right, and his son Rhett, 17, left, chat with MWR's Ralph Cuomo, center; runners and walkers relax on the Stark Recreation Center patio at the end of the Leprechaun Fun Run.

# APG Garrison Commander celebrates Read Across America



Photo by RACHEL PONDER, APG NEWS  
Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Commander Col. Orlando W. Ortiz reads to children in the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center March 19. The reading was part of the CDC's month-long Read Across America celebration in March. Parents and members of the APG community volunteered to read to the children throughout the month.

## Murphy

From front page

"I asked my enlisted band leader Sgt. Maj. Wendy Thomson about it. I saw there was an AMC regulation and found on the Internet that they had conducted an Audie Murphy board here, the last in 2006. So I asked if it was active or inactive and found it was inactive at the time. This was about two years ago.

The club had "gotten lost in the wind," Spohn said. "Command Sergeant Major Hector Marin (RDECOM senior enlisted advisor) and Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey Mellinger (AMC senior enlisted advisor) have been working to put this together for Soldiers," he added.

"Sergeant Major Thomson has been pushing hard to re-establish the Audie Murphy Club," Marin acknowledged.

"When I got to APG, an SAMC charter was in place," he continued. "Right now that charter is on hold, mainly because of BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure). I knew that a transformation was going to take place and when Soldiers from the Ordnance Center and Schools left there would be a void in SAMC members. And a lot of SAMC members had either moved on or retired.

"I will try to restart the chapter here at APG shortly," Marin said, adding that AMC's top NCO, Mellinger, gives the effort full support.

"Being the leader he is and knowing the meaning behind the Audie Murphy Club for an organization the size of AMC, we are going to move forward,"

Marin said.

SAMC members serve as role models at installations where they are assigned.

"They give back to the community," Marin explained. "These are Soldiers who are concerned about training, about the performance of their Soldiers, their units and organizations, and Family members. They get involved in the community, whether helping out at the VFW, doing installation fund raisers, helping out at an orphanage or going to area schools to speak with students and mentor as individuals.

"They really give back," Marin emphasized.

"I've always wanted to be part of something bigger than me, and to have this leadership opportunity is a good thing," Davis said. "The club strives for excellence, and I feel I do the same thing, every day doing the best I can. So this is an opportunity to be part of that."

Davis, from Palm Bay, Fla., talked about leadership roles within an Army band.

"We can be ceremonial conductors, drum majors, things along those lines. The band does go to war, as well. The capability that we have at war is a musical capability for Soldier morale."

He noted that the 82nd Airborne Division Band is now in Afghanistan and the 101st Airborne Division Band is getting ready to take its place. The 25th Infantry Division Band and the 1st Armored Division Bands are currently deployed to Iraq.

Knowing details about Audie Murphy and the origins of the club are aspects the board evaluates. Others areas include examples of leadership, basic military skills and caring for Soldiers.

"Even knowing when to ask for help can be critical," said Sgt. Maj. Wendy Thomson, 389th AMC Band senior enlisted advisor and member of the SAMC board.

The SAMC originated in 1986 at Fort Hood, Texas. It eventually spread Army-wide in 1994.

After World War II, Murphy's image appeared on the cover of Life magazine and he was invited to Hollywood by actor James Cagney.

After struggling as an actor for a several years, Murphy landed his first starring role in the 1949 movie Bad Boy. He then signed a contract with Universal-International and starred in 26 films, 23 of which were westerns, over the next 15 years.

His 1949 autobiography, To Hell and Back, was a best seller and was made into a movie starring Murphy in 1955. It stood as Universal's highest grossing movie until 1975 when it was surpassed by the movie Jaws.

In the 1960s, after battling his own demons, Murphy spoke candidly about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, called battle fatigue at that time. He publicly called for the U.S. government to give more consideration and study to the emotional impact war has on veterans and to extend health care benefits to address PTSD and other mental health problems of returning war vets.

Murphy was killed in a plane crash near Roanoke, Va., on May 28, 1971. He was 46 years old.



# FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## Activities/Events

### Toby Keith to headline Army Concert Tour at APG

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 5, as the U.S. Army Concert Tour brings country superstar Toby Keith to APG. The concert will kick off 7:30 p.m. at Shine Sports Field in the Aberdeen Area. A special pre-sale ticket of \$30 will be available to the APG Community from April 5 to 9. Tickets will be available in both area Recreation Centers for walk-in customers only. Please be prepared to provide a government ID card to be eligible for this special ticket offer. On Monday, April 12, tickets will increase to \$35 in advance and, if available, \$45 the day of the show.

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

### How to Start Your Small Business

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Small Business Administration Baltimore District and Small Business Opportunity Center-Northern Region, will sponsor How to Start Your Small Business, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 6, in building 2754, ACS Classroom.

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. Other services offered by the Small Business Development Centers will also be discussed. Space is limited. This event is open to all DoD cardholders, military, civilian, contractors, retirees, Family members and guests.

For more information or to make reservations, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Program Manager, 410-278-9669/7572.

### Treat mom to dinner and a show

Top of the Bay will serve a Mother's

Day Dinner, 5 to 8 p.m., May 9. Cost for adults is \$21.95 per person; cost for ages 6 to 11 is \$9.95 per person; children ages 5 and under are free. Cost includes a prime rib carving station, chicken marsala, seafood newburg, assorted vegetables, assorted dessert table, coffee, tea, sodas and champagne for the moms. The bar will also be open for guests' convenience. Deadline for reservations is May 5.

After dinner, treat mom to the annual U.S. Army Soldier Show, 7 p.m. at the Post Theater. The show is free and open to the public.

For more information or to make reservations, call 410-278-3062/2552/5195, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### New York City shopping trip

Leisure Travel will offer a shopping trip to New York City April 17. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost is \$36 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. from the Edgewood Best Western parking lot at Route 24 and return 10:30 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email [APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil).

### Youth Baseball and Tee ball

Boys and girls ages 4 to 12 as of April 30 may register. Cost of registration is \$45 per child for tee ball. Cost of registration is \$35 per child for baseball. Boys and girls ages 4 and 5 may register for tee ball; ages 6 through 8 may register for coach pitch baseball; and boys and girls ages 9 through 12 may register for kids pitch baseball. Practice began the week of April 1. Games will be held weekday evenings and Saturday mornings.

All youths participating in a team sport must have a current sports physical.

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

### Gettysburg tour

FMWR will offer a trip to Gettysburg April 25. Cost of the trip is \$72 per person and includes roundtrip transportation and dinner at Cozy's Restaurant. The bus will depart the Best Western Invitation Inn, 1709 Edgewood Road, Edgewood, 6:15 a.m. and return 7:30 p.m. Space is limited, make reservations now.

For more information or for reservations, call FMWR Leisure Travel Services at the Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011 or 4907 or email [APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil).

### Government Vacation Rewards

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A portion of Government Vacation Rewards proceeds support Department of Defense MWR activities, the Wounded Warrior Program, and Vacations for Veterans Eligible groups including

- Active duty and retired military
- National Guard and Reservists
- Veterans
- Federal, state and local employees

• Retired federal, state and local employees

• Civilian government contractors  
Remember to select "APG" at the time of booking.

### Broadway Across America

To purchase advance tickets for shows at the Hippodrome Theater in Baltimore, Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C., or at the Chrysler Hall in Norfolk, Va., please follow these steps:

Based on the theater's location, visit the appropriate website:

Baltimore: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=baabal&o=62101240&g=448>

Washington: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=baawdcmem&o=62101240&g=449>

Norfolk: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=baanor&o=62101240&g=450>

After selecting a show, click on BUY TICKETS. Enter the password 105MWRAPGMD, then create a new account or log into an existing one. After choosing number of tickets, follow on-screen prompts to check out.

Tickets are offered for a limited time. Check the website frequently for prices, show times, dates, seat availability, and expiration date.

For more information, call FMWR Leisure Travel Services at the Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011 or 4907 or email [APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil).

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For more information, call Army Community Service, 410-278-2453.

## SKIES Unlimited

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

### Driver's Ed

Driver's Education classes are scheduled

for June 21 through July 6; July 12 through July 27; and Aug. 2 through 17. There is no class on federal holidays. Classes will be held Monday thru Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; 2:30 to 5:45 p.m.; and 6 to 9:15 p.m. Cost is \$325 per student.

Early class times are not guaranteed. There must be a minimum of five students to hold a class. If there are not

enough students, everyone will be transferred to the 6 p.m. class.

All Driver's Education classes will be conducted by Rules Driving School, located at Boothe Brothers International Building, 16 North Philadelphia Boulevard, door #2, downstairs Suite N, Aberdeen.

Classes include 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours behind the wheel instruction. The last day to register for the class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9 and 18 years old. Parents must attend the first day of class. Open to all DoD ID card holders.

Prices subject to change without notice.

### 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, April 13 through May 21. 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 will be responsible for purchasing the required books for the course as recommended by the instructor.

### Beginner Tae Kwon Do School

Join the Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Tae Kwon Do promotes discipline, as well as muscle toning and conditioning. Beginner Tae Kwon Do classes will be held for ages 6 to 14 at Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522, 6 to 7 p.m., April 12 through May 5; and May 10 through June 7. Cost is \$65 per student per four week session or \$150 per student for a 12 week session. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited so register early.

Classes will be taught by instructor U.S.K.B.A. Fighter Kyo Sa Nim Sean Williams.

### Learn to bowl

Youths ages 6 through 14 can learn to bowl, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, April 14 through June 2 at the Bowling Center, building 2342. Participants will learn techniques of bowling as well as technology of ball evolution, equipment, etiquette and scoring. They will also learn skills to improve accuracy and pin fall. Class is limited to 12 participants. Cost is \$80 per person. Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.

### Looking for a job?

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

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

## Youth Sports

### Start Smart Baseball

Start Smart Baseball is designed to teach basic baseball skills to boys and girls ages 3 to 5 who want to play baseball while being coached by their mom or dad. Cost of this program is \$40 per child. Cost includes a t-shirt, glove, bat and medal for each child. Start Smart Baseball will be held Mondays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., from May 10 through June 21. Parent participation is required. Registration will be held April 15 through 29.

For more information or to register, call Central Registration, 410-278-7479/7571 or the EA Youth center, 410-436-7131.

### Tennis program

Tennis for boys and girls ages 7 through 17 will meet 9 to 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at the tennis course in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. Practice starts June 23. Cost to participate is \$40 per person. Register for tennis from May 3 through 27. A tournament will also be held.

### Junior Golf Program

Registration for the golf program for boys and girls, ages 5 through 16 (as of June 17, 2010) will be held May 3 through 27. The Junior Golf Program is for youths who want to learn and compete in golf.

Aberdeen Area golf will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from June 17 through July 29 at Ruggles Golf Course. Age groups 5 to 9 will play 8 to 9 a.m.; 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 10 to 12; and 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 13 to 16.

Edgewood Area golf will be held Mondays and Fridays, from June 18 through July 30 at Exton Golf Course. Age groups 5 to 9 will play 8 to 9 a.m.; ages 10 to 16 will play 9 to 10 a.m.

The Junior Golf Program costs \$70 per person. A golf tournament is scheduled for Aug. 3. Volunteers are needed. For more information or to volunteer, call 410-306-2297.

For more information or to register, call Central Registration, 410-278-7479/7571 or the EA Youth center, 410-436-7131.

## April bowling specials

• Early Bird special: Bowl 7 to 10 a.m. for \$.50 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.

• Bowl Monday through Friday, 2 to 4 p.m. for \$.75 per game. 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, bowl 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl one game and receive one game free. Cost of shoe rental not included.

## 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 April 5

Special #1: Italian sausage with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.95.

Special #2: Grand daddy sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$8.75.

### Week of April 12

Special #1: Pork barbecue with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.25.

Special #2: American hero sub with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.25.

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



# I.A.M. STRONG Tour wows APG audience



Singer Leigh Jones pauses for breath while performing in the I.A.M.STRONG concert at the Post Theater March 28.

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

The I.A.M. STRONG Tour came to the Post Theater March 28 and Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers could not have been happier.

Jazz and Blues singer Leigh Jones, the headliner, wooed listeners with her sultry sounds but Soldiers were even more taken with Sgt. Danny Bullock, better known as rapper Danny "BEE" who presented a rap song about the I.A.M., STRONG sexual assault awareness and prevention message: Intervene, Act and Motivate.

Another Soldier in the show was Sgt. Anthony Profit, vice-president of the Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Better Oppor-

tunities for Single Soldiers program.

Profit presented a poem put to rap music that detailed the victim side of sexual assault and condemned Soldiers who are perpetrators of the crime or who fail to intervene for forsaking a fallen comrade.

"Together we can intervene, act and motivate when we witness these incidents," he said. "I will act because we are American Soldiers, the finest men and women this country has to offer. I will act because we are a team."

Profit was a second-place winner Army-wide for his spoken-word performance in the 2009 U.S. Army Festival of the Performing Arts Competition.

In addition to the headliner, the audience was treated to the powerful sounds



Soldiers thank rapper Danny "BEE" (Sgt. Danny Bullock) from Ansbach, Germany, for his performance at the end of the I.A.M.STRONG concert



Cadets from the Freestate Challenge Academy enjoy the music of rapper Danny "BEE."

of back-up singer and former American Idol contestant Lakeisha Taylor who rocked the audience with songs by Chaka Khan and Gladys Knight.

Soldiers howled and rushed to the stage as Jones entered wearing a slinky red mini-dress and black stockings.

After serenading a number of Soldiers she assured listeners that she was all for supporting America's troops.

"I want to congratulate the brave young men and women who have taken a vow to protect our country," Jones said. "We appreciate everything you do for us every day of your lives."

Audience members included Soldiers from the 143rd and 16th Ordnance Battalions and cadets from the Freestate Challenge Academy. In addition, B.O.S.S. program members, led by Spc. Carlos

Rios, served refreshments in the lobby. All seemed to have a good time.

"I thought it was great, especially Danny "BEE,"" said Pfc. Chance McCree of Company B 143rd Ordnance Battalion. "It was a nice relief after being tied down all day."

"They got their message across in a way that makes it easy for us to understand," added Pvt. Brandon Houston.

Pvt. William Eggmo from Company A 16th Ordnance Battalion said his favorite acts were Leigh Jones and comedian Jes-si Campbell who opened the show.

"I really liked everything," he said. "Overall it was very good."

"I think everyone enjoyed the show," added Company A 16th Ordnance Battalion Pvt. Ann Romero, "And I, for one, appreciated the overall message."

# Brush up on skills with APG golf pros

Story and photos by  
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APG News

With play at the Aberdeen Proving Ground golf courses thriving with the start of the 2010 season the pros at Exton and Ruggles are offering clinics to help players brush up on their skills after a long winter.

Dave Correll, the PGA professional at Ruggles, and Ruben Ferguson, the PGA apprentice professional at Exton, will host Three Days to Better Golf Clinics April 22 to 24.

The schedules at both courses are:  
• April 22, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Introduction and refresher dedicated to the

short game

• April 23, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Form and control

• April 24, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Review of fundamentals and 3-to-4-hole play lesson with the pro

Fees for the clinics are \$50 for members or authorized patrons and \$75 for guests.

Patrons can register at the club houses or by contacting Correll at 410-278-4794, david.correll@us.army.mil; or Ferguson at 410-436-2213, ruben.ferguson@us.army.mil. Individual lessons with the pros also are available at both locations.

Both pros said the clinics will be an

advantage to those looking to improve their games.

"There are universal fundamentals that apply to all levels of golfers and the clinics will be a review of those fundamentals," Correll said. "Regardless of how basic the information is there will be something of interest for all levels to learn and relearn whether a novice or someone who's been playing the game for twenty years."

He said players will be separated into groups depending on their skill levels and review basics such as grip, posture, stance and the short drive.

"I will customize the conversation in regard to their experience," he said.

Correll added that play will not be disturbed during ongoing renovations to Ruggles' tees.

"It will be an even better course when it's completed," he said.

Ferguson said that patrons can expect to have their skills "sharpened."

"These clinics will help players get back in the groove," he said. "The intent is to refresh basics so players can enjoy the game more."

"The best thing about playing at Exton," he added, "is the old-style greens and tight fairways. They help increase your accuracy. And we also have a top-notch practice area."



PGA apprentice professional Ruben Ferguson, left, helps golfer Wayne Baines with his swing at Exton Golf Course in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.



PGA professional golf pro Dave Correll, right, explains short drive fundamentals to golfer Charles Mannino at Ruggles Golf Course in the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

# Edgewood Area Youth Center hosts egg hunt

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More than 200 children, parents, volunteers and staff members participated in an egg hunt at the Edgewood Area Youth Center, April 24.

Before the egg hunt, children made egg crafts and decorated egg cookies, played pin the tail on the rabbit, jumped in a bounce house and had their faces painted by middle school volunteers and Child, Youth and School Services staff members. Hot dogs and chips were also

provided for attendees.

"It was always busy," said Sabrina Myers, EA Youth Services staff member, who worked at the egg cookie decorating booth. "I enjoyed working at that station with all the age groups, especially with the babies. They were trying to eat and decorate at the same time."

After activities, the children hunted for eggs filled with candy and prizes provided by CYSS and Army Community Service.

"The people that brought their children seemed to have

a good time and the children seemed to enjoy it as well," said Renee Main EA Youth Center facility manager. "It looked like over one third of the parents who came in had children under four years-old."

Main added that she appreciated all who helped make the event a success, including volunteers from ACS and CYSS.

Main said children who attend the EA Youth Center did prep work and helped the day of the event. Their combined volunteer time totaled 150 hours.

"The middle school students

made activity area signs and the school age, middle school and teen groups helped stuff most of the [2,172] eggs as part of their monthly community service project," she said. "The middle school and teen group also helped in the activity areas during the party in the face painting, pin the tail on the bunny, egg decorating craft and cookie decorating areas. Several middle school youth also helped parents with younger children during the egg hunt itself."

Main said that a group of pre-

kindergarten children from the EA Child Development Center were brought over to participate. EACDC staff helped with the event and supervised the children.

Maria Quinones, a parent and volunteer for EAYS, said that she felt that the event was very organized.

"We had a lot to do and a lot of eggs and prizes for the children," she said.

"I think it was a lot of fun," said Kristen Bare, who attended the event with her son, Aidan Bare, 5. "The kids had a blast."



Heather Conner, helps her son Weston Conner, 4, decorate an egg craft during the Edgewood Area Youth Center's egg hunt celebration, April 24.



Kristen Bare and her son Aidan Bare, 5, collect eggs on the EA Youth Center playground.



From left: Haley Guicheteau, 2, Jodi Guicheteau and Kalyn Lapointe, 8, decorate egg cookies.



Tristan Blackwell, 5, finds a few eggs in a swing during the EA egg hunt.



Children rush onto the Rodman Road field during the Egg Hunt Extravaganza hosted by Picerne Military Housing and Army Community Service March 27. The Directorate of Emergency Services police and fire departments and the Army Substance Abuse Program supported the event.

## Egg Hunt Extravaganza delights community

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Hundreds of Aberdeen Proving Ground Families were drawn to the Egg Hunt Extravaganza hosted by Picerne Military Housing and Army Community Service March 27. Along with the Egg Hunt, festivities included Army Substance Abuse Program, Directorate of Emergency Services Community Policing and

Fire Department, ACS and Picerne Military Housing displays; a bounce house, and free hot dogs and refreshments. In addition, Nothin' Up My Sleeve Entertainment provided balloon art, temporary tattoos, face and hair painting, caricaturists, clowns and Dee-jay Russ provided music.

Assistance was provided by Better Opportunities for Soldiers representatives, led by Spc. Carlos Rios, who set up

the egg hunt field and members of the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course class 18, who cooked hot dogs and set up and broke down equipment for the event.

Families said they enjoyed the event.

"We just got here a few months ago so this is our first time getting out in the community," said Spc. Michael Nelson of the 22d Chemical Battalion who brought his wife

Felicia and daughters Madison, 19 months and Narah, 12. "They're loving it so far," he said.

Sgt. Courtland Smith, 22d Chemical Battalion, and his family - wife, Erica, daughter Laila, 4, and twin daughters, Kailani and Kaemen, 19 months, also were attending their first APG egg hunt.

"There's a lot of things to do and they're really having a good time," Smith said.

At the Picerne Military Housing display, Families signed up for a raffle for a \$50 AAFES gift card.

"It's going great with beautiful weather and a nice turnout," said Picerne resident services specialist Sandra Moyer who was assisted by RSS Brenda Madison.

"We partnered with ACS to do this for our residents and they've done a great job," Moyer said.

# Seasonal changes remind all to conserve energy

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Energy conservation is a critical element of day-to-day functions on Aberdeen Proving Ground and seasonal changeovers provide an opportunity to highlight reminders on ways to achieve energy use goals.

Computers and monitors should be turned off every day when not actively in use to comply with AR 420-1, chapter 22. On APG, computers must be restarted and the monitors turned off at the end of the day. If the equipment is Energy Star rated as required by statute and regulation, then it has a sleep mode. If the sleep mode is activated after any 20 minutes of inactivity, then the equipment is not required to be turned off when not in active use. However, few computers or monitors are enabled for the sleep mode even though they have the capability. Disabling energy-reducing capabilities on any equipment is waste and abuse of Army resources.

Government vehicles should not be left idling when unattended or waiting for more than 30 seconds.

All interior lights should be turned off in any and every unoccupied area, even when one intends to return immediately. If funds are available occupancy sensors should be installed in hallways, common areas and individual offices. Until occupancy sensors are installed, have procedures to turn off light switches or circuit breakers. Sometimes circuit breakers are the only way to turn off lights, as is the case in many maintenance and dining facilities.

For scanners, copy machines, faxes, printers and other office equipment, the sleep modes should be programmed to activate automatically when not actively in use. All of this equipment is required to be Energy Star rated and have a sleep mode according to the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and AR 420-1. Purchasing equipment that does not meet Energy Star requirements should have a consequence to the manager and agent who authorized it.

Use setback temperatures on all heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment, including window air conditioners. If automated controls are not installed, activate procedures for manual adjustment of all heating and cooling equipment at the end of every work day and for periods when an area is



unoccupied during work hours, such as locker rooms, lunch and break rooms. Required setback temperatures are found in AR 420-1, chapter 22.

Turn off all outside lights during the day. Guardhouses, access points, gas stations, maintenance areas and storage areas are common locations where outside lighting is left on during daylight hours. Vending machines should be de-lamped whether they are inside or outside. Seek changes to the contracts with vending machine owners paying a utility charge for connecting to government-supplied energy.

Doors and windows between conditioned spaces and non-conditioned spaces are not to be propped or left open. Active management of doors and windows that control conditioned spaces is critical to reducing energy waste. In addition, heating and cooling of vestibules or entry areas should be eliminated except to prevent freezing of pipes in those areas. Thermostats for heating of vestibules should be set at no higher than 45 degrees and, in most cases, can be set at 40 degrees where the weather stripping is properly installed for entry doors. Air conditioning of vestibules should be shut off.

Eliminate and remove all extra refrigerators, microwaves, coffeepots and other appliances that service only one or two persons except as permitted by AR 420-1, chapter 22. Remove non-complying appliances; cut off their cords and remove them from the installation so that they do not find a home in another office. Prohibit personally owned appliances in the workplace, and provide a date by which they must be removed.

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