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Vanpool information session April 27

Join a vanpool information session, 1:30 p.m., April 27 at building 4504, first floor. Anyone interested in cutting commuting costs to the Aberdeen Area of APG and protecting the environment is invited to attend. Representatives from the Harford County rideshare Community Resource Department and VPSI Inc. will be on site to discuss van pooling options. Seating is limited. Reserve by April 23.

For more information, call Chantay Lynch or e-mail chantey.n.lynch@us.army.mil.

BJ's membership sale

BJ's Wholesale Club offers a 15-month membership, to include two cards for \$35 or for \$70 on the Rewards Plan for all civilian and military personnel, retirees and contract employees. The Rewards Plan offers two percent back on most purchases.

Sign up for membership from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 28, at the Bowling Center, building 2342 and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 29, at the Southside Grill in the Edgewood Area located in the Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140.

This offer is good for new customers and for membership renewals. Save \$10 and get three months free. Renewal membership holders should bring their current card with them.

For more information, call Patti Harkins, 410-436-4467 or e-mail patti.harkins@us.army.mil.

Local 178 NFFE Town Hall Meeting

The National Federation of Federal Employees Union Local 178 will hold a Town Hall Meeting at noon, April 28, at the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E4810. The meeting is open to Bargaining Unit Employees of RDECOM, ECBC, MRICD, 20th Support Command and the Army Contracting Activity only.* Updates to be presented and discussed include overtime grievance case and lab demo/NSPS. Overflow parking will be available along Austin Road and behind the Chapel.

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APG NCO, Soldier of the Year selected

Story by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year board was held April 9 and both winners hailed from the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional).

Sgt. Hiram E. Hendri and Spc. Sharia C. Leal will represent APG during the coming year as the installation's top NCO and Soldier.

Hendri is the current USAPHC (Prov) NCO of the Year. He recently returned from Hawaii after competing in the U.S. Army Medical Command NCO of the Year Board. Leal is the current USAPHC (Prov) Soldier of the Year.

Hosted by the APG Garrison, the board was held at the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command headquarters. Installation and RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin served as board president and board members included APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades; Sgt. Maj. Osvaldo Ponzio, USAPHC (Prov); Sgt. Maj. Wendy Thomson, U.S. Army Materiel Command Band; Master Sgt. James Orr, senior enlisted advisor, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center; and Master Sgt. Curtis Johnson, sergeant major of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE). Spc. Roy Champion, RDECOM, served as the board recorder.

The other NCO/Soldier candidates included Sgt. Tony Gentilo, AMC Band; Sgt. Aaron Johnson, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic; Spc. Jonathan Forth, 20th Support Command (CBRNE); Spc. Ernesto Garcia, KUSAHC; and Spc. Carlos Rios, APG Garrison.



Sgt. Hiram E. Hendri

APG Soldier of the Year Board

Prior to and after their board appearance, the candidates and their sponsors exuded confidence.

"It was challenging, as it should be," said Garcia, a radiology technician with nearly five years in the Army.

Garcia's sponsor, Cpl. Shawn Fox, noted that Garcia was a previous Soldier of the Quarter and Soldier of the Month winner for their unit.

"I think he did well overall," Fox said of Garcia's board appearance. "He definitely raised himself one level."

Sgt. Christopher Ruzicka, who sponsored Rios, noted that his Soldier is president of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldier (B.O.S.S.) program and described him as, "high speed."

"He is reliable, responsible and worked



Spc. Sharia C. Leal

hard in preparing for this," Ruzicka said. "I expect him to win."

Rios, who is assigned to USAPHC (Prov) but is attached to the Garrison, said he felt good about his appearance.

"I think I responded well," he said, "but I think I could have done better in a few areas. Overall it's a good experience that you can't help but learn from."

"He's a Soldier's Soldier," said Sgt. Miguel Valentin, of Forth, whose preparation for the board included the use of flash cards and pop questions.

"He was enthusiastic about preparing and he memorized all of it [the study guide] on his own," Valentin said. "He's motivated, hard working, and dedicated and I think he did real well."

Sgt. 1st Class Mavis West, platoon

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FBI Hotline established to report contract fraud at APG

U.S. Dept of Justice

A new fraud hotline, 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) or mdracfraud@ic.fbi.gov, has been established to report possible fraud related to federal contracts awarded in Maryland and Delaware under the Base Realignment and Closure Act and other Department of Defense initiatives.

The new hotline was announced by Special Agent in Charge Richard A. McFeely of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Col. Orlando Ortiz, Garrison Commander, Aberdeen Proving Ground; and United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

Special Agent in Charge Richard A. McFeely, the head of the

FBI in Maryland and Delaware, stated "Increased spending on government contracts for national security and other government programs, which is evident here in large numbers and expansive projects, exponentially increases the potential for fraud. With that in mind, the FBI is committed to ensuring an increase in criminal enforcement of procurement fraud in all its forms. With our state, local and federal partners, it is our hope this law enforcement effort creates an environment where the community at the Aberdeen Proving Ground can feel they can contact the new hotline to provide critical information to help us detect, prevent and investigate this type of fraud."

McFeely continued, "It is

important the public be aware they can call with information and tips and in doing so, will be speaking with live law enforcement individuals during business hours," McFeely said. "Fraud in all its forms in association with projects at the APG threatens national defense initiatives in a very real sense. I am encouraging the public to call 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) or e-mail mdracfraud@ic.fbi.gov or email to mdracfraud@ic.fbi.gov with any information you may have to assist us in rooting out fraud."

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein said, "The U.S. Attorney's Office will use both criminal and civil enforcement powers to prosecute procure-

ment fraud schemes and pursue both prison sentences and financial penalties."

Under BRAC, new organizations will be moving to Aberdeen Proving Ground representing five different Army commands which will expand and enhance APG's current research and development, testing and evaluation, and operations missions. This growth will increase APG's workforce to over 20,000 once the transformation is completed in 2012, and will require an additional 2.8 million square feet of space. Approximately \$1 billion of the expected \$2.2 billion in federal BRAC money has already been awarded to build new facilities

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From right, APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney J. Rhoades; Master Sgt. Scott Hoffman, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic senior enlisted advisor; Ernest Morgan, inspector general, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; and Margaret Gibson, KUSAHC TRICARE manager; take instructions from motorcycle safety specialist Dave Backert, far left, on the Motorcycle Safety raining range near building 4510 on Darlington Street.

Motorcycle program eyes safety issues, prepares for second annual Ironhorse Bike Rally

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
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The warmer the weather, the more motorcycles motorists can expect to see on roadways. With summer fast approaching, the Installation Safety Office and installation leaders are focusing on reinforcing safe thinking and driving habits as they prepare for the second annual Ironhorse Bike Rally to be held 8 a.m. on May 27.

APG military and civilian personnel are invited to meet 7 a.m. at the Main Post Exchange parking lot for safety checks and inspections and then travel as a group to VFW Post #10028 on Old Philadelphia Road (near the Maryland Boulevard Gate) in Aberdeen, the starting point

for the rally. Check-in is 8 a.m. and projected return time is 4:30 p.m.

The drive kicks off 9:30 a.m. after a 9 a.m. safety briefing and includes stops in Baltimore, the Lancaster, Pa. area, and at sponsors along the way ending at American Legion Post #47 in Havre de Grace.

Registration is free. If a t-shirt with the Ironhorse Bike Rally logo is desired, registration is \$20 from May 1 through May 10 and \$25 the day of the event. A custom do-rag with the Ironhorse Bike Rally logo is an additional \$5.

Proceeds benefit holiday gift baskets for Soldiers. For more information visit the APG Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site at www.apgmwr.com

or call 410-278-2104/3000.

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades said he encourages APG military and civilians to attend and enjoy the unique camaraderie shared by motorcyclists.

The APG Command Motorcycle Safety Program policy, dated Feb. 17, 2010, outlines mandatory training and safety reinforcement programs for APG Soldiers and civilians and lists the required Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) required on the installation.

An important addition to this year's policy under Mandatory Training is the Motorcycle Sport Bike Rider Course (MSRC) offered at Fort Meade, Md.

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Holocaust survivor shares story of freedom during Days of Remembrance observance

Story and photo by
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About 650 children and youths from area schools gathered with Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers and civilians to hear a story of survival for freedom during the Days of Remembrance Ceremony at the Post Theater April 14.

Guest speaker and Holocaust survivor Morris Rosen (Moniek Rozen) a Polish Jew who survived the Auschwitz and Buchenwald death camps, was the guest speaker.

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Army Research Laboratory and Equal Opportunity Office hosted the program that included remarks by Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander and Lt. Col. Jonas Vogelhut, PEO IEW&S, representing APG and RDECOM Commander, Maj. Gen. Nick Justice. The 2010 theme was "Stories of Freedom: What you do matters."

"Today we have a chance to really understand what it was like to go through the Holocaust," Vogelhut said, "and gain insight into the power of unchecked fanaticism as well as the strength and resiliency of those who would not be overcome by fear.

"We must understand so that what happened in the twentieth century does not happen in the twenty-first century."

Rosen recalled growing up in Dabrowa in western Poland in a Family of 10 children. He was 19 years-old when German forces invaded Poland and after fleeing was caught by advancing German troops and returned to Dabrowa. Rosen lost his parents to the Auschwitz killing center in 1942, and then was transported to a series of concentration camps. He survived death marches and forced labor and was liberated from the Theresienstadt ghetto by Soviet troops in 1945. His parents and five of his siblings died in the Holocaust. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1949.

Rosen's voice shook throughout the story as he shared the sense of horror, desperation and fear that defined the lives of European Jews during the years



Holocaust survivor Morris Rosen, center, chats with Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering command, left, and Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, right, after the Days of Remembrance Ceremony at the Post Theater April 14.

of Hitler's 'ethnic cleansing.'

Rosen said he volunteers as a speaker so all those lost would not be forgotten.

"I owe it to my fellow inmates from all the concentration camps where I was kept," he said. "They did not make it but I did and I want the world to remember them."

He asked listeners to remember that the actions of just one person can make a difference.

"Thank you for listening and please thank God and please remember," he said.

Rabbi Gita Ruskin of the Temple Adas Shalom in Havre de Grace performed the invocation and benediction and led the candle lighting ceremony. Six students from Bel Air Middle School lit the candles as Ruskin explained they stood for Humanity, Faith, Peace, Respect, Compassion and Hope.

"As we go forward and share the story we heard here today, may we face the future with these concepts," she said.

Visiting schools included the

Aberdeen, Bel Air and Edgewood Middle schools; the St. John the Evangelist School from Baltimore; and the St. Joan of Arc School of Aberdeen.

Dr. Ellen Haas, ARL acting branch chief of translational neuroscience in the Human Research and Engineering Directorate, served as mistress of ceremonies.

She said it was her fourth year emceeding the program.

"Each speaker has had a different experience and it's important to hear the different aspects of their experiences," Haas said. "The emphasis is to never forget and they tell unforgettable stories."

Equal opportunity advisors Sgt. 1st Class Elwood Veney, RDECOM, and Sgt. 1st Class David Pickett, 61st Ordnance Brigade, announced the winners of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School essay and display contest centered on the 2010 theme, "Stories of Freedom: What you do matters."

Days of Remembrance essay and display contest winners

Essay

1st place, Julieanne Dennis, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command

2nd place, Kristen L. Heinbaugh, RDECOM

Display

1st place, Staff Sgt. Alberta Cole, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course Class 018-10

2nd place, BNCOC Class 003-10 (Staff Sgt. Gerald Pierre-Louis accepted the award).

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APG youths graduate from D.A.R.E. program

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Eighty-five Aberdeen Proving Ground youths graduated from the D.A.R.E. program during a ceremony at Top of the Bay April 8, National D.A.R.E. Day.

Mike "Big Mike" Farlow, Directorate of Emergency Services Detective and Community Policing Officer, led the program and welcomed the children, parents and guest.

Guests included Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, Joseph Darabasz, deputy director of Emergency Services, Cindy Scott, Army Substance Abuse Program, Claude Nelson and Ann Thacker, from the Maryland State D.A.R.E. Office, Retro Bill a beloved D.A.R.E. icon and keynote speaker and a special surprise guest, Daren the Lion, the D.A.R.E. mascot.

Big Mike introduced the first guest speaker. He told the audience that the students had written letters and sent emails inviting President Barack Obama but that due to his busy schedule he would not be able to attend. Big Mike then told everyone that they were able to get the next best thing and introduced Ortiz.

"I am glad that such a great training venue was provided for you," Ortiz said during his speech. "What you are learning will help you to become a great citizen."

The next guest speaker was Darabasz the deputy director of Emergency Services who thanked Farlow for putting the D.A.R.E. program together for the APG community and asked the children questions about what they had learned during the program. Darabasz explained to the children that individuals who do great things in life are rewarded for making those good decisions. He went on to explain that he rewards his most outstanding police officers with a very unique item, a "Kudos" bar. The children who gave the correct answers to his questions were presented with the coveted "Kudos" bars and it was one of the highlights of the evening.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony was Retro Bill, D.A.R.E. icon and motivational speaker. Retro Bill is known as the 21st Century Mr. Rogers who dresses in 1950's era Elvis Presley attire. He has an upbeat and energetic delivery of his message and also uses props to get the point across. Retro Bill



Photo courtesy of DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
To celebrate national D.A.R.E. Day, Retro Bill, a beloved D.A.R.E. icon, and Daren the Lion, the D.A.R.E. mascot, visited the Edgewood Area Child Development Center on April 8. That evening 85 Aberdeen Proving Ground youths graduated from the D.A.R.E. program during a ceremony at Top of the Bay.

talked to the children about maintaining a positive attitude, resisting peer pressure, telling the truth and confiding in trusted adults.

"D.A.R.E. does not end here, this is the beginning, this is where you go out into the world and you get to use what you learned," he said.

Retro Bill's father was in the U.S. Army which is one of the reasons he is so passionate about military families.

Retro Bill is one of us, he has walked in our shoes and knows what military children face each and every day with constant moves and deployments," Farlow said.

The Army Community Service was responsible for bringing Retro Bill to APG in support of the Month of the Military Child.

After Retro Bill's talk, a video essay was shown featuring Aberdeen Area Youth Center youths talking about D.A.R.E. activities and what they learned during the program. This was the first year that the APG D.A.R.E. program produced a video essay.

Farlow thanked Pam Evelyn, Child, Youth and School Services program assistant, for all of her hard work throughout the program and producing the video.

The students from the Child Development Center were presented with D.A.R.E.

Junior Officer Badges which were pinned on by the honored guest. Special awards were presented to Perry Walters and John Kilby for their enthusiastic participation in the program. The students from the Youth Center were presented with certificates for completing the nine-week program and special awards were presented to Romina Mitchell, for the Best Essay, Daim Augustyniak for the Best Poster, and Ja'Quan Hayes for the Spirit Award.

About D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a drug abuse and violence prevention program that uses police officers in the classroom environment providing resistance skills and building resiliency. D.A.R.E. is a community based program that links law enforcement, schools and parents in a partnership for children. The D.A.R.E. program was started by a group of Los Angeles police officers and schoolteachers who were concerned about children taking drugs that would destroy their lives. The officers and teachers joined forces and launched D.A.R.E. to teach children about the dangers of drugs and violence and to help them make smart choices, like playing sports and starting hobbies.

The APG D.A.R.E. program restarted in 2005 with the introduction of the Crime Prevention/Community Policing Unit and has instructed nearly 700 students. The D.A.R.E. program is the most versatile and cost effective program and is continuously updating its message to meet the needs of an ever changing society. The program covers topics like internet safety, bullying, gangs, over-the-counter and prescription drug abuse, illegal drug abuse, and most of all how to make healthy choices. APG was one of the first programs to introduce a D.A.R.E. Dance program for the students and to have a community over-the-counter and prescription drug drop off point which collected more than 18 pounds of unused or outdated medications.

Fraud

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and enhance current facilities and infrastructure to accommodate the growth in the installation.

In addition to the hotline, the FBI has set up a working group primarily composed of: the FBI; Army CID-Fraud; Defense Criminal Investigative Service; Maryland State Police; Harford County Sheriff's Office; and other federal, state and local agencies. This working group will function like the National Procurement Fraud Task Force by focusing on defective pricing, product substitution, misuse of classified and procurement sensitive information, false claims, labor mischarging and accounting fraud, to root out those who would cheat the American taxpayer.

The U.S. Attorney's Office believes that prosecution of defense contract fraud is enhanced by parallel prosecution of criminal and civil remedies. Coordination of joint criminal and civil investigations can ensure the most complete recovery for the government while at the same time punish fraudsters and deter future fraud. The Federal False Claims

Act provides for recovery of treble damages and penalties and is a highly effective tool to combat contract fraud.

Whistleblowers, or relators, who file qui tam actions under the False Claims Act can share in the government's recovery. The U.S. Attorney's Office also coordinates with suspension and debarment authorities to insure that those who commit fraud against the government are precluded from participating in future government contracts.

The National Procurement Fraud Task Force was formed in October 2006 to promote the early detection, identification, prevention and prosecution of procurement fraud associated with the increase in government contracting activity for national security and other government programs. The Procurement Fraud Task Force - chaired by Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division Lanny A. Breuer - includes the United States Attorneys' offices, the FBI, the U.S. Inspectors General community and a number of other federal law enforcement agencies.

To report suspicious or criminal activity associated with contracts awarded under BRAC, please call 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) or e-mail mdbrac-fraud@ic.fbi.gov.

Community Notes

FRIDAY

APRIL 23 ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Notre Dame Preparatory School, located on 815 Hampton Lane, Towson, Md., will sponsor an electronics recycling event, 7:30 to 9 a.m. in the lower level parking lot. The public is invited to donate televisions (big box, console), computer monitors, CPUs, microwaves, laptops, fax machines, scanners, printers, telephones, cell phones, mice, keyboards, hard drives, CDs and floppy discs. Refrigerators and air conditioners will not be accepted. There is a small fee ranging from \$2 to \$20 per item, payable by cash or check to NDP. Old electronic equipment will be disposed of in an environmentally sound and secure way. For more information, call 410-825-6202.

BASKET BINGO

The Harford County Sheriff's Young Explorers will sponsor Basket Bingo, 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall, Rogers Street in Aberdeen. Doors open 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 each, extra packets cost \$5 each. Food, drinks, baked goods, 20 game bingo, raffles and special games will be available. Bring a canned good or non-perishable food item for a 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 Dan Galbreath, 410-638-3494.

FAMILY CAMPFIRE - OUTDOOR COOKING

Come on out to the Pontoon Pier for a campfire program. Food and roasting sticks will be supplied. Bring chairs. This program will be held 7 to 8:30 p.m. for all ages. The cost is \$3 per

person or \$10 per Family (limit 5 per Family). Registration is required.

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

SATURDAY APRIL 24 GOSPEL CONCERT AND DINNER

Friends and family are holding a gospel concert and dinner featuring several singing groups and soloists 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, April 24 at Grove Presbyterian Church, 50 E. Bel Air Ave. in Aberdeen. The event will benefit the foundation for Reginald Haynes, a multiple transplant patient awaiting donors. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased in advance and at the door. For tickets or more information, contact Florence Vaughan at 410-273-1429 or e-mail fnvaughan1@verizon.net.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD POND?

Spend some time splashing around in the water before getting to the business of looking for microscopic life in the Center's S.A.V. tanks. Each child will then build a pond to take home. This program will be held 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for ages 6 to adult. The cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required. For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

FROG PRINCESS

In celebration of the 40th Earth Day, come out and make a Frog Princess out of recycled materials. This program will be held 2 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 10 to 14. The cost is \$3 per per-

son. 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 25 TRASHY CHANDELIERS

Learn how to recycle materials in the creation of a sparkling wind or window chime. This program will be held 3 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 12 through adult. The cost is \$4 person. Registration is required.

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

FRIDAY APRIL 30 BASKET AND PURSE BINGO

The Aberdeen High School Chorus will sponsor Basket and Purse Bingo, 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall, Rogers Street in Aberdeen. Doors open 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 each, extra packets cost \$5 each. Food, drinks, baked goods, 20 game bingo, raffles and special games will be available. Bring a canned good or non-perishable food item for a 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 e-mail Diana Jackson, Diana.Jackson@hcps.org.

SATURDAY MAY 1 WAR OF 1812 REENACTMENT AT HAVRE DE GRACE

The Susquehanna Museum of Havre

de Grace ("The Lock House") will hold the annual reenactment of the British Attack of Havre de Grace in the War of 1812, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit military encampments, watch drills and preparations for the battle by American militia and British forces. Attack re-enactment will be held at 2 p.m. Educational lectures will provide background. Event will also include unfurling of replica of the Star Spangled Banner by Fort McHenry detachment. Cost of admission is \$3 per person. Watch www.thelockhousemuseum.org/events-calender.html for detailed schedule and updates.

For more information, call 410-939-5780/2100 or e-mail director@lockhousemuseum.org.

MONDAY MAY 3 GUNPOWDER TOASTMASTERS

The Gunpowder Toastmasters will meet 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility in building E4516 Seminar Room. Toastmasters can help people improve communication, leadership, evaluation, and public-speaking skills in a fun and friendly environment. Gunpowder Toastmasters meet the first and third Monday of each month (unless the date falls on a federal holiday). For directions, visit <http://gunpowder.freetoasthost.info>.

For more information, call Dave Garcia 410-436-5013 or Carmen Kifer 410-436-8969.

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

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federal government, non-supervisory general schedule or wage grade employees that are not specifically excluded. Excluded are management officials, supervisors and confidential employees.

Port to Fort 6K Run/Family Walk

Believe in Tomorrow National Children's Foundation will hold the 14th Annual Run to Fort 6K Run/Family Walk on Sunday, April 25, at 9:00 a.m. in Baltimore, Md.

Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation provides hospital and respite housing as well as other supportive programs for Families with critically ill children.

Two of Believe in Tomorrow's respite facilities prioritize military Families with critically ill children.

Prior to race day the cost to register is \$25 for the general public, \$15 for active duty military and students. The cost the day of the event is \$30.

For more information, and to register for the Port to Fort 6K Run/Family Walk go to www.believeintomorrow.org.

Participants can also support Believe in Tomorrow by using the "Virtual Run" option found on Believe in Tomorrow's Web site.

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.

Edgewood Community Flea Market May 22

A Community Flea Market will be held 8 a.m. to noon, May 22, at Capa Field the Edgewood Area. There will be opportunities for tables for yard sale items and home businesses. More information will be forthcoming in the *APG News*.

Annual fire hydrant flushing underway

The annual fire hydrant flushing on Aberdeen Proving Ground 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 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

Applications to Military Leadership Academy due June 1

The Military Leadership Academy is now recruiting high school students.

Most high school students consider a number of career options following graduation. Very few, however, get the chance to actually experience one of those options before making such an important decision. The Military Leader-

ship Academy, hosted by Freedom Alliance, provides high school students an opportunity to experience the military lifestyle while learning valuable leadership knowledge.

"The military is a viable and fulfilling career choice for many young Americans," explained Freedom Alliance President Tom Kilgannon. "Students who are interested in an interactive opportunity to evaluate life in the Armed Forces should think about spending two weeks at the Military Leadership Academy."

Cadets will participate in a program based on the curriculum of the U.S. Army. Physical training, tours of military bases, leadership simulations, land navigation, field tactics, urban warfare training, and a visit to Washington, D.C. are a few of the many activities included at the Academy.

The first class will take place from

July 4 to 17; the second class will be from July 25 to Aug. 7. Both will be held at Fort Pickett, a National Guard Post in Blackstone, Virginia.

The Academy seeks motivated high school students who wish to challenge themselves to become stronger and more confident leaders. Students leave the program with a better appreciation for the military, leadership tools to be successful in life, and understand the value of serving something greater than oneself.

Applications must be received by June 1.

For more information or to apply, visit www.mlacamp.com, e-mail info@mlacamp.com or call 1-800-475-6620.

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

Annual Information Technology Expo is back

USANEC-APG and RDECOM

The U.S. Army Signal Network Enterprise Center - Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command are hosting the 2010 Annual Spring Information Technology Expo, Wednesday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Top of the Bay, APG.

The list of vendors displaying state of the art technologies include 3PAR Government Services, ACL Computers & Software Inc., AMREL, Avocent, AT&T, AVS Installations, Boise Business Interiors, CCS Presentation Systems, CDW-G, Consulting Services Inc., Control Cable, Corning, Dell, Emtec Federal, EPS, FA O'Toole Office Systems, Fujitsu, GovConnection, Graybar, Hartford Computer Group, IMC Networks, IXIA,

Konica Minolta Business Solutions, Link Solutions, Mark Electronic Supply, Nelson White Systems, Newark, Office Eagle, Panasonic, Physical Optics, Plantronics, Plug-In Storage Systems, Praxis Engineering, Questionmark, Raritan, SRC, Inc., STG Inc., System Source, Touchboards, Ultra Electronics Criticom, Ward-Boland Associates, Wright Line, Xerox and more!

This expo is free and open to all government and contractor personnel with access to Aberdeen Proving Ground. There will be refreshments.

To attend sign up online at www.fdaexpo.com/register.php?id=65

For more information call FDAE toll-free 877-332-3976, or Deb Daniel, 410-436-6087 or Susan Suppa, 410-278-7598.

Fellowship Program accepts applications until April 30

The U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center is taking applications from Army Civilian Acquisition Corps members, in the Aberdeen Proving Ground or Fort Monmouth areas for the 2010-2011 Senior Service College Fellowship Program at APG.



• And while not mandatory, it is strongly preferred that applicants will have completed the Program Management PMT 352 Course.

Apply online using the Army Acquisition Professional Development System accessed via the Career Acquisition Management Portal. Individuals will upload their command endorsement letter, SF-50, Performance Appraisal, etc., into the AAPDS.

Fellows will participate in executive leadership training, program management training leading to PMT 401 certification, senior leadership speaker's program, national security module, research on acquisition topics and field studies, a mentoring program, graduate studies and an optional master's degree program.

Further application information will be posted at the USAASC Web site <http://asc.army.mil>. Applications will be accepted through April 30.

For more information, call Jim Oman, the Defense Acquisition University SSCF program director, 410-436-7257 or 703-254-3255 or e-mail james.oman@dau.mil.

Fellows will be selected by a centralized selection board. Applicants must, in addition to being a member of the Acquisition Corps at the GS 14 and 15 or equivalent grades must be within a Demonstration Project or the National Security Personnel System and

- Have a level III Certification in at least one acquisition functional area;
- Have a command endorsement letter from the first General Officer/Senior Executive Service level in the applicant's chain of command;
- Have or be able to obtain a SECRET clearance;
- Have a bachelor's degree;
- Be an Army Acquisition Corps member at the time of application;
- Be serving in a competitive appointment Tenure Group 1 or 2;
- Be identified by one's organization as being on the track for executive-level service;

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

Roye-Williams holds registration for pre-K/K

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold its annual pre-kindergarten/ kindergarten registration for the 2010 to 2011 school year, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 7. Parents are reminded that the state of Maryland holds mandatory all-day kindergarten unless a parent receives a waiver or exemption to their child's attendance. More information on waivers or exemptions is available by calling 410-273-5536.

Kindergarten packets may be picked up at the school and returned on registration day for children who will be five years of age as of Sept. 1.

Pre-kindergarten registration packets may be picked up after 9 a.m., May 7, for children who will be four years of age as of Sept. 1, 2010.

When application forms are received, they will be checked for completeness and stamped with the date/time they were received. Parents who register their child for prekindergarten prior to June 14 will be notified prior to June 30 of their non-acceptance into the program.

Parents are requested to bring their child's birth certificate or verification of birth, Social Security card and all immunization records.

The school also requires proof of residency, which can be in the form of a rental lease or utility bill (dated within the last three months prior to registration), which contains the parent's name and address. Parents must also bring a copy of their 2009 Federal Income Tax Return.

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

Contracting Division announces purchase request cutoff dates for 2010

AICD

The Aberdeen Installation Contracting Division - formerly known as the APG DOC under the Army Contracting Agency is now positioned as a division under the RDECOM Contracting Center. AICD has established the division's Fiscal Year 2010 cutoff dates for submission of purchase requests.

Early customer support in identifying and submitting PRs by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the AICD to meet customer needs. Between Aug. 15 and Sept. 30, the AICD receives over 2500 purchase requests for FY-end award. Early planning continues to remain the key to a successful year-end.

The AICD encourages customer activities to coordinate their projected FY-end requirements with the AICD during the 3rd quarter in order to discuss acquisition methods and identify those documents, reviews, and approvals required to accompany the procurement package.

Incomplete procurement packages will not be accepted by the AICD during September and any "SAF" (Subject to Availability of Funds) actions will be accepted only by an AICD Branch Chief.

All purchase requests must be submitted to the AICD electronically. APG activities should consider maximizing use of their Government Purchase Cards to execute small dollar transactions for authorized items rather than submitting a purchase request to the AICD.

At a minimum each acquisition package must include the following: Funded Purchase Request, Statement of work, Independent Government Cost Estimate, AMOAS (>\$100,000 inclusive of options), Service Contract Approval (services only), COR Nomination Form and Certificate of Training, Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan, NEC Approval (IT hardware, software and services), Evaluation Factors, Sole Source Justification (<\$100K and J&A for >\$100K, if appropriate), and market survey information (may be included in sole source justification).

The following schedule has been established for the submission of PRs for FY 10 and maintenance for FY 11. These cutoff dates are not only for the PR, but includes ALL supporting documentation and approvals.

- Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 – July 1*
- Noncommercial items between \$2,500 for services; \$3,000 for supplies; \$2,000 for construction and \$100,000 – Aug 2
- Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million – Jul 1
- Commercial items under \$100,000 – Aug 16
- Services Over \$100,000 – July 1
- Delivery Orders and Task Orders Under Existing Contracts – Aug 2
- GSA Schedule Procurements – Aug. 2
- Short-of-Award over \$2,500 – June 15**

• Maintenance for FY 2011 – July 1 (*FY 11 Contract Modifications and Options for Existing Maintenance Contracts*)

* *There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the Branch Chief or appropriate team leader prior to this date.*

***Customers submitting "short-of-award" PRs, especially for services requirements, must seriously consider whether funding will materialize. A substantial amount of effort is expended to prepare these pending actions and they must be prioritized after PRs that are funded and PRs that are subject to the availability of funds. Short of Award actions, if not funded in FY10, should be funded immediately in FY11 as a bonifide need.*

The above lead times can be affected by various factors, a few of which include: competition requirements, to include fair opportunity for services task orders over \$100,000 when using Federal Supply Schedules; acquisition plan and/or strategy reviews and approvals; obtaining sole, limited source, brand name or urgency approvals – the Justification and Approval process; the review process accomplished by the Small Business Advisor to ensure all socio-economic programs will be appropriately addressed; front-end PR entry, and PD2 (PD2 is the DoD contracting automated system used at APG).

Other requirements affecting lead times

When placing sole source orders over micro-purchase thresholds (FAR 2.101: \$3,000 for supplies; \$2,500 for services subject to Service Contract Act; \$2,000 for construction subject to Davis-Bacon Act) under Federal Supply Schedules, a Justification and Approval must be prepared and approved by a Contracting Officer.

When purchasing supplies or services over the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$100,000) using non-DoD contract vehicles (which includes placing orders with GSA), proposed actions must be reviewed and approved considering: If the action is in the Best Interest of the Government – satisfying customer requirements, schedule, cost effectiveness (taking into account, discounts and fees), and contract administration including oversight.

Other factors which must be addressed: determining that tasks or supplies ordered are within the scope of the contract; ensuring funding is used IAW appropriation limitations; providing unique terms, conditions and requirements for incorporation into an order or contract to comply with all applicable DoD-unique statutes, regulations, directives and other requirements (e.g., all clothing, shoes and other items specified under the Berry Amendment, procured with DoD funding, is of domestic origin); and collecting data on the use of

assisted acquisitions for analysis.

All service requirements must be approved for purchase prior to submittal to the AICD IAW established agency procedures as directed by the Secretary of the Army memo, Army Policy for Civilian Hiring and Initiation/Continuation of Contracts for Service Personnel, Feb, 23, 2006. Go to www.asamra.army.mil/insourcing/ to obtain approval forms and view associated regulations.

Information Technology: Desktop and Notebook Computer Purchases. To maximize cost savings, all Army desktops and notebooks 'shall' be ordered through the Consolidated Buy program utilizing the Army Desktop and Mobile Computing Agreements. For policy memo issued by the Army's Chief Information Officer on July 22, 2005, Buying Schedule, Specs and Pricing, Submittal Instructions, Request Preparation, Exceptions, and Frequently Asked Questions, visit the Consolidated Buy page at: https://ascp.monmouth.army.mil/scp/cb/cb_index.jsp. Requests for these items must be submitted to the Network Enterprise Center (formerly DOIM). For standard requests, NEC will approve the request and forward it to the AICD for processing. For non-standard requests, NEC will review and validate the request and then forward it to AICD.

For more information, contact the chief, Technology Team, 410-278-0883.

The contracting officer is responsible for and this office's policy is to determine the best method of procuring any supply or service based upon regulation, urgency, delivery, socio-economic concern and competition which provides the best value at a reasonable price. Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require approval by the chief of the branch or the team leader. The AICD will do as much as possible to assist customers in satisfying their requirements after the cutoff dates. However, the division has a limited capability to process late requirements.

Individual contacts:

- Renee Hodge (acting), Installation Contracting Branch: jacqueline.renee.hodge@us.army.mil, 410-278-0881
- Facilities Team: For repair, alteration, construction, sale and removal of

excess real property, services for base operations functions (including, but not limited to, utilities privatization, custodial, refuse, underground utilities locating, etc.), equipment-in-place and facilities contact Kandi McDonald, Kandi.mcdonald@us.army.mil, 410-278-2372.

• Technology Team: For information technology (IT) equipment and services; word processing equipment; software; general, specialized, and test equipment; instrumentation; supplies; and IT maintenance contact Scot Plank, Scot.Plank@us.army.mil, 410-278-0886.

• Renee Hodge, Mission Contracting Branch: jacqueline.renee.hodge@us.army.mil, 410-278-0881

For the purchase of base support and services for core customers; equipment-in-place; range testing of vehicles, equipment, ammunition; lease, rental, and maintenance of equipment; full food services; and environmental services.

• AEC Team: For the purchase of all services covering cleanup work in support of the U.S. Army Environmental Command's mission, contact Alison Gannon, alison.gannon@us.army.mil, 410-436-1661.

For assistance, go to <https://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/contracting.cfm> and click on "Customer Corner." It includes guides, templates, formats and helpful Web sites.

Purchase requests awarded "subject to the availability of funds" must be funded as soon as funds become available. The work must start and the contractors must be paid – this is not accomplished until the funds are certified.

Preparation of PRs

When preparing PRs in PRWEB:

Do not use any dashes or spaces in the PR number.

When preparing attachments for any electronic document to be used by contracting, submitters must use Normal, Times New Roman, 10. The contracting writing system used by Contracting cannot format correctly if a font other than Normal, Times New Roman, 10 is used or if any special characters are used in the document.

Do not use page breaks, section breaks, column breaks or special characters such as trademark signs, tm, ®, <, etc., in any document that will be used in a purchase order or contract.

Aberdeen Youth of the Year reaches state competition

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

An Aberdeen Proving Ground youth was chosen to represent the installation during the Maryland Youth of the Year competition held at the Maryland State Capital building in Annapolis, March 29.

Governor Martin O' Malley hosted the event which is held annually by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

Germanie Lewis, 14, an eighth grader from Aberdeen Middle School was selected as the APG Youth of the Year and nominated through the Aberdeen Area Youth Center to compete for the Maryland Youth of the Year.

Norma Warwick, the director of the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, said that Lewis was selected because she excels in school, is willing to help others and is a role model to other children.

The Youth of the Year competition is a scholarship program. The nomination process includes documenting how the nominee has demonstrated such qualities as leadership and service in home and Family; moral character; community service; scholastic achievement; service to the club; and initiative in setting and achieving goals. In addition, the candidates must write two essays on designated subjects, which are judged on grammar and content. Monies awarded go toward scholarships for secondary education, with local winners receiving \$3,000; regional winners receiving \$10,000 and national winners receiving \$15,000.

The competition consisted of 14 Youth of the Year contestants from counties around the



Germanie Lewis, left, 14, helps Savannah Cash, 9, with her homework. Lewis was chosen to represent the installation during the Maryland Youth of the Year competition held at the Maryland State Capital building in Annapolis, March 29.

state appearing before a panel, all of whom had copies of the contestants' original application, letters of recommendation and essays.

"The application and competition is a good learning process for youth. It is good preparation for the future, when they will have to fill out college applications and go on interviews," Warwick said. "The process shows them that things that have a lot of worth take time."

Warwick, who attended the competition with Lewis, said that Lewis represented APG very well.

"She was confident and articulate," Warwick said. "I heard great feedback from the judges and we are very proud of her."

Lewis said that she was not

nervous going before the panel.

"I was calm during the interview," she said. "I am outgoing and do not mind speaking to a group of people."

Lewis added that as a result of the interview one of the judges offered her a summer internship at the governor's office.

"It was very exciting and unexpected," she said.

She said that she enjoyed all the activities that were planned for the youth who competed especially being able to meet Maryland Governor Martin O' Malley and tour his office with her Family.

"It was a great experience and I am glad that I was able to attend the competition," she said. "Completing the application and being selected to go to the com-

petition made me feel good about myself, like I achieved a goal. I also enjoyed meeting the other youth. I made new friends during the competition."

Lewis said that she tries to be a good role model to her peers.

"I am not easily [influenced by] peer pressure and have high morals," she said. "I try to do my best and encourage others to do their best. If my friends need help with their homework, I help them."

About Germanie Lewis

Lewis serves as a leader in her community as the president of the Aberdeen Middle School's National Junior Honor Society chapter and the Aberdeen Area Youth Center Torch Club. The Torch Club, part of

the Boys and Girls Club, is a small-group leadership development program, where members plan and implement activities and community service projects. This year Lewis served the APG community by participating in the Army Family Action Plan Conference, an annual forum to voice concerns to Army leadership and make recommendations for change.

Lewis is also a member of her school's pep and jazz band and served as first chair for baritone saxophone in Harford County's All-County Honors Band.

Lewis said that she is interested in science and engineering and has attended the summer Gains in Mathematics and Science program at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory at APG and was in the Lego Robotics Club at her school.

Lewis has two sisters, Makayla Lewis, 9 and Shanice Lewis, 15.

She is the daughter of Tammie Lewis, who works for the APG Common Access Card office, and Master Sgt. Anderson Lewis from the 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

"We are very blessed," Tammie Lewis said. "Germanie is very goal-oriented and focused. I know whatever she puts her mind to she will achieve. I appreciate the staff at the youth center for seeing her potential."

National Youth of the Year Program

Sponsored by The Reader's Digest Association, the National Youth of the Year Program is designed to promote and recognize service to club and community, academic performance and contributions to Family and spiritual life.

Sesame Street and the USO bring Elmo and friends to APG

Story by
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APG News

To conclude Aberdeen Proving Ground's Month of the Military Child celebration, The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families, a free

traveling USO show, will be held at the APG Post Theater on May 1 at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families is based on Sesame Workshop's award winning "Talk, Listen, Connect" initiative. The character

performance, featuring, well-known Sesame Street characters like Elmo, Grover, Cookie Monster, Rosita and Zoe will last about 25 minutes and will include giveaways and outreach materials.

The show addresses challenges that military children face, such as multiple moves and being separated from a parent during deployment.

According to Gary E. Knell, Sesame Workshop CEO and President, one of the objectives of the show is to open discussion for military Families.

"The momentum that this show has gathered since it first performed for military kids and Families is unbelievable," said Knell. "To see how Families come together and then use the messages from the show to talk to their kids is the greatest reward we could ask for."

Since the Sesame Street Workshop/USO partnership debuted its first show in 2008, it has traveled more than 45,000 miles to 76 bases in nine countries. More than 120,000 service members and Families have been entertained. To date, the tour is the longest-running entertainment tour in USO

history and the first-ever traveling USO tour designed specifically for military Families.

"There is no denying the positive impact this tour is having on our nation's military community," said Sloan Gibson, USO president. "The fact that more than 100,000 troops and Family members have attended these shows so far speaks volumes about the tour's relevance to today's military. We listen to our troops and understand the challenges they face at home, and are proud to call Sesame Workshop our partner in helping to ease the daily stress on military Families."

Stacie Umbarger, who works for Child Youth and School Services, said that she expects the show to be very popular with the APG community.

"We anticipate a very good turnout," Umbarger said. "The show will offer a chance for children to get "up close and personal with some of their favorite Sesame Street characters."

Umbarger added that the tickets are first come, first served.

Tickets will be distributed starting Monday, April 26. Tickets can be picked up from Central Registration, located at the CYSS Administrative Building, 2752 Rodman Road or from the Edgewood Area Child Development Center, building 1901, and Aberdeen Area CDC, building 2485, maximum six tickets per family. Tickets are open to all DoD card holders.

For more information email stacie.umbarger1@us.army.mil or call 410-278-4589.

ZOOmobile visits Aberdeen Area CDC

Photo by RACHEL PONDER
Jessica Behar, a ZOOmobile instructor from the Maryland Zoo, shows children in the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center program, Taryn, a ball python. The ZOOmobile, which brings educational, entertaining and interactive programs to the community, visited the center April 6 and 7. The visit was part of the center's Month of the Military Child celebration.





FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

APG Running Club

The APG Sports and Fitness Branch has begun a Running Club for organized weekly runs. Club members meet 5 p.m. every Tuesday at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center and 5 p.m. every Thursday at Hoyle Gym in the Edgewood Area. Dan Dolce, Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness coordinator, oversees the club. For more information, contact Dolce at 410-278-7933/7934 or e-mail, dan.dolce@us.army.mil.

Armed Forces Day 10K Run - The next event in the APG running program is the Armed Forces Day 10K Run scheduled for 8 a.m. May 15 at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center. It is during this event that Morale, Welfare and Recreation raises recruitment efforts for the APG Army Ten Miler Team.

Runners of all levels are encouraged to enter the Armed Forces Day 10K Run.

Registration is online at www.charm-cityrun.com/belair. The run is open to the public.

Army 10 Miler - Slots are available for runners interested in representing APG

at the Army 10 Miler scheduled for Oct. 24 in Washington D.C. From the point of the Armed Forces Day 10K Run, the running club will begin serious training for the Army 10 Miler. The Sports and Fitness Branch will continue the process of recruiting competitive runners until the team is selected sometime prior to the deadline for team submission. In June MWR will schedule a 10 Mile Run for runners to qualify for a spot on the APG Team. Runners who qualify for the APG Team will be provided with an APG running uniform. There is no registration fee for team members. Those wishing to participate on TEAM APG should contact Dolce at 410-278-7933/7934 or MWR staff members in the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3326; the Fitness Center, building 320; Hoyle Gym, building E4400; e-mail APG Sports at apgmwr-sports@conus.army.mil; visit the MWR Web site at 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, Aug. 4 and Nov. 3 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. Oth-

er 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.

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.

Government Vacation Rewards

Government Vacation Rewards is a travel discount program specifically designed for government employees and military personnel to save money on their vacations. Consumers will have access to the savings online at www.GovVacation-Rewards.com or by calling one of their experienced vacation consultants. Government Vacation Rewards offers more than 40 cruise lines, more than 4,000 different resort properties to all major destinations worldwide with no blackout dates. Every booking comes with a Best Price Guarantee and even friends and Family members can take advantage of the prices.

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.

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.

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, 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., 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.

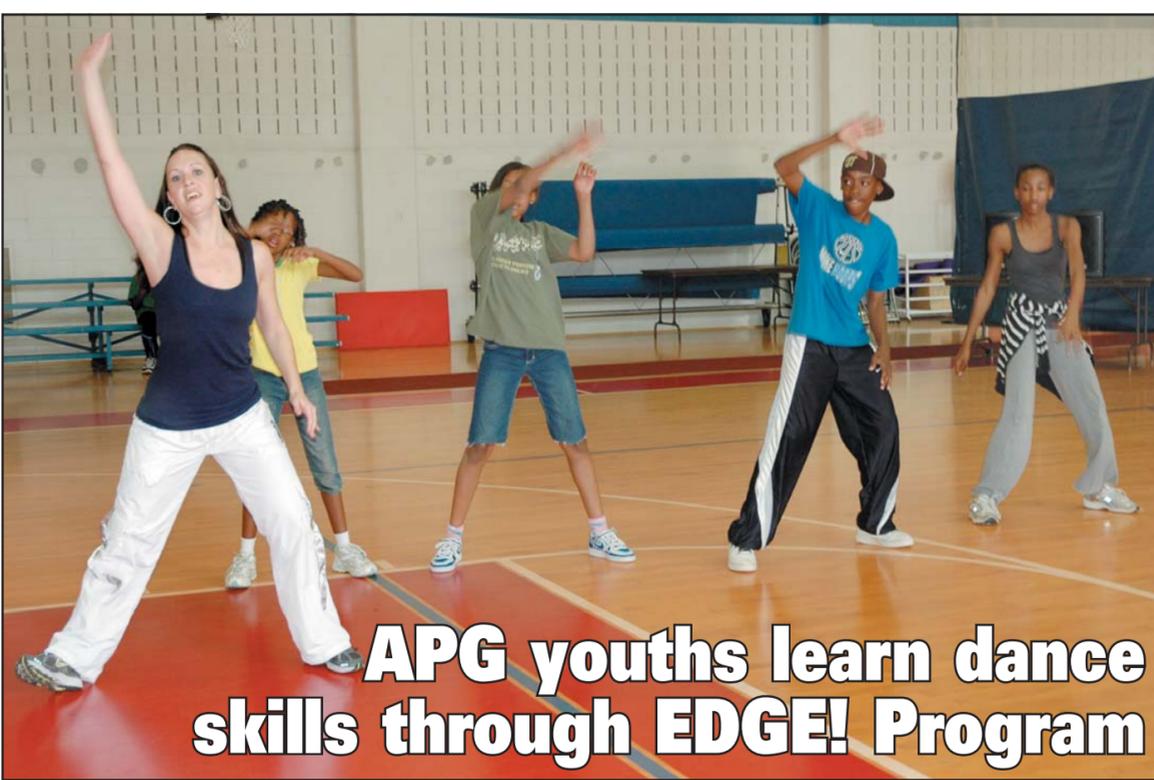
Learn to bowl

Youths ages 6 through 14 can learn to bowl, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 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.

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.



APG youths learn dance skills through EDGE! Program

Photo by RACHEL PONDER

From left: Becca Roese, an instructor from Forest Hill Health and Fitness, teaches Brianna Nubine, 11, Monae Simmons, 13, Eddy Nubine Jr., 14, and Anyea Simmons, 11, during a Zumba class at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center. The Zumba program, which takes place at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center during the month of April is part of an ongoing Child, Youth and School Services program called The EDGE! For more information on EDGE! programs, contact Chuck Rose, a youth workforce preparation specialist with APG's CYSS office and program lead, 410-278-1399.



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. Participants will receive a stipend for their work at the end of the term.

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

University of Maryland Baltimore County Tour

There will be a University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) Tour, 9 a.m., May 8 for ages 15 to 18. Sign up at the Child, Youth and School Services central registration by May 1. Bring money for lunch. Spaces are limited. Teens will return 2 p.m.

Time Management and Organization for Teens

Teens, ages 13 to 18 have until May 1 to register for Time Management and Organization for Teens. The program will be held 6 to 7 p.m., May 13, at Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522. Teens will learn how to prioritize and organize responsibilities and leave enough time for fun too. Register at the CYSS central registration building 2752.

the edge The EDGE

The EDGE Program is designed to highlight opportunities for children and youths in grades 1 through 12, to Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel in FMWR partner facilities.

Make Your Own Music

Ages 11 to 18 can join "Make Your Own Music" with the AMC Band, 4 to 6 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, from May 3 through 26 at the Bowling Center party room. Listen to the tune that keeps playing in your head and put it down on paper. Transportation will be provided from the AAYS; bus leaves at 3:45 p.m. This program is free. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Swim Party at the Olympic Pool

An EDGE Swim Party for ages 6 through 18 will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays from June 1 through 29 at the APG Olympic Pool, building 3325. It's time to get wet and have some fun. Boys and girls can practice all their swimming strokes, play games and just have some good ol' fun. Bring a friend for even more fun. Open to all active duty military and DoD civilian and contractor Family members. There will be a \$40 fee for ages 6 to 10 currently not enrolled in CYSS programs as regular users. The program is free to eligible participants ages 11 to 18. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

FMWR wants to know

To enhance and improve the food service facilities at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MWR requests readers complete the following survey regarding food and beverage needs. Please visit www.apgmwr.com or go directly to <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2tv88qog7hw6ln8/start>.

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.

Call for availability of lanes on discounted days and hours.

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 19

Special #1: Double bacon cheeseburger with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.25.

Special #2: Egg salad with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.25.

Week of April 26

Special #1: Two hot dogs with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$4.95.

Special #2: Lasagna with side salad, cookie and regular soda for \$9.95.

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



Parents can take steps to stop bullying

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Have you ever been teased?

Victims of teasing generally manage it so that it becomes a joke for both the victim and the teaser. When this happens, the teaser will often stop teasing.

Sometimes teasing can become a hurtful event for a child, especially if the teaser persistently taunts the child. When this occurs, it is likely that the child is being bullied by another individual. The difference between teasing and bullying is only a matter of degree—the difference is that teasing generally is seen as ribbing someone playfully for a very short period of time, whereas bullying is characterized by repeated, hurtful attacks over a long period of time.

The “Stop Bullying Now” Web site describes bullying as an “aggressive behavior that is intentional and that involves an imbalance of power or strength. Typically, it is repeated over time. A child who is being bullied has a hard time defending himself or herself.”

Bullying has many forms, such as verbal taunting, name calling, threats, hitting and punching, intimidation using gestures or social exclusion, or sending insulting e-mails. The bully is usually bigger, older, stronger or smarter. The bully’s intent is to exert power over the victim. The bully is often one individual; however, school gangs will often taunt and harass vulnerable targets. Bullying has been identified as a major concern by schools across the United States by the National Education Association.

Verbal bullying is the most frequent form of bullying reported by both boys and girls. Boys are more likely to be physically bullied. The NEA states that girls are more likely to be targets of rumor spreading and sexual harassment. Social exclusion is often reported by girls. Cruel teasing and taunting done with the intent to hurt can have a negative impact on a child’s self esteem. Experts report that youth who are bullied are more likely than other youth to be depressed, lonely, anxious, feel physically sick and think about suicide. Furthermore, the child who is bullied may fear going to school.

Schools are not apt to consistently or effectively deal with bullies. Most school employees are generally unsure about what to do when a child is being bullied.

Parents may need to take action when they realize their child may be victimized by a bully. An effective preventive measure is to form a partnership with the school. Parents can do this by attending PTA meetings and school conferences, and by knowing their child’s teachers. By developing a partnership with their child’s teachers, it is more likely that teachers will respond when a parent presents a concern. A partnership can be extremely useful in taking necessary steps to eliminate bullying in the school.

If a child is being bullied, **Education.com** suggests the following steps a parent can take to stop bullying:

- Talk with and listen to your kids – every day.
- Spend time at school and recess.
- Be a good example of kindness and leadership.
- Learn the signs of bullying.
- Create healthy anti-bullying habits early.

- Help your child’s school address bullying effectively.
- Establish household rules about bullying.
- Teach your child how to be a good witness.
- Teach your child about cyber-bullying.
- Spread the word that bullying should not be a normal part of childhood.

For a more detailed explanation of the above steps, go to the Web site www.education.com/reference/article/ten-actions-to-eliminate-bullying

Children will learn to handle most teasing situations, but they may need assistance or intervention from adults when they are subjected to repeated hostile and aggressive behavior. A child has the right to feel physically and emotionally safe. The vigilant parent can ensure that this happens. If you feel your child is being victimized, consult with your child’s teachers and school administrator, a behavioral health professional or law enforcement to help you develop an appropriate course of action to eliminate the bullying or harassment.

Select missions of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the U.S. Army Veterinary Command are being integrated to form the core of the U.S. Army Public Health Command. Creation of the USAPHC will enhance comprehensive health and wellness in USAPHC’s populations and optimize public health support to the Army. In phase 1 of the integration, the current phase, USACHPPM became the USAPHC (Prov). In phase 2, scheduled to begin Oct. 1 the USAPHC (Prov) will achieve initial operational capability.

Rally

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According to the policy, “Motorcycle manufacturers categorize specific models as “sport” and “sport touring” motorcycles. In order to obtain the skill set necessary to operate a high-performance sport bike, all military “sport” and “sport touring” motorcycle riders will complete the MSRC at the direction of the unit mentor/commander, but not later than 120 days after completing the BRC (Basic Riders Course). Unit commanders/supervisors have the responsibility for tracking sport bike riders and the successful completion of the course.”

According to Dave Backert, a motorcycle safety expert with Cape Fox Professional Services who administers the APG BRC and Experienced Rider courses, sport bikes were involved in 25 percent of all motorcycle fatalities last year.

He said that although the MSRC is only offered at Fort Meade due to range size requirements, the APG motorcycle safety program is “top notch.” Backert travels around the world teaching the Army Traffic Safety Training Program and is the Cape Fox Professional Services Instructor of the Year for Fiscal Year 2009.

“One thing about APG is we don’t have people waiting to get into a class,” Backert said, adding that classes could double “with a lot of people coming in due to base realignment and closure.”

“We’re very customer oriented and we add classes as needed,” he said.

Backert will lead riders through the pre-ride inspections for the Ironhorse Bike Rally. Known as T-CLOCS, the inspection checklist covers tires and wheels, controls, lights, oil, chassis and stands. It includes emergency information on the rider as well as contact information in case the rider is injured in an accident.

Backert said that APG is one of the

few installations in which information forwarded to the Installation Management Command matches online registration 100 percent.

“To have a great program, you need great leadership and a great safety office,” he said. “At APG it must be working because the [incident] numbers are going down.

“Besides not having a full-size range, APG has an A-plus program,” he added, “and Command Sergeant Major Rhoades and Mike Allen [safety and occupational health specialist], provide a top notch program for APG Soldiers and civilians.”

For more information about the APG Motorcycle Safety program, contact H. Mike Allen, safety and occupational health specialist, at 410-306-1081.

To register for the Basic Riders Course (BRC), Expert Riders Course (ERC), Motorcycle Sport Bike Rider Course (MSRC), or Motorcycle Refresher Training (MRT) courses, register online at AIRS through the APG Web site at <https://airs.lmi.org>.

Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE)

The APG Command Motorcycle Safety Program Policy dictates that anyone operating or riding on a motorcycle on military installations must wear the required PPE.

Minimum PPE consists of:

1. **Helmets** – A Department of Transportation (DOT) approved motorcycle helmet properly fastened under the chin. Novelty or replica type helmets are unauthorized.
2. **Clothing** – Long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers such as blue jeans or leather suit, and full-finger gloves designed for use on a motorcycle.
3. **Sturdy Footwear** – Leather boots or sturdy over the ankle shoes must be worn. No high top tennis shoes of any kind are permitted.
4. **Goggles and face shields** –

Impact or shatter-resistant goggles, wraparound glasses or full-face shield attached to the helmet. Windshields, eyeglasses and fairing do not meet this requirement. The goggles/wraparound glasses may be darkened for daylight use; however, they must be clear during the hours of darkness or adverse weather conditions.

5. **Garment visibility** – A brightly colored (white, yellow, orange, silver, etc.) upper garment during the day and a clearly visible reflective upper garment during the dusk/dawn and at night must be worn. Outer garments

will be properly secured, clearly visible, and not covered. Items (backpacks) may be worn on top of the outer garment, but they must meet the same visibility requirements of the outer garment. Brightly-colored/reflective belts do not meet the outer garment requirement, but may be used as an augmentation on a backpack when worn. Military uniforms are not considered brightly colored.

6. **Mirrors** – Rear-view mirrors must be mounted on handlebars of fairing and headlights must be turned on at all times while operating a motorcycle

Motorcycle Safety Courses revised

The APG Safety Office, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, hosts Motorcycle Safety Courses throughout the year. Attendees must register online at AIRS at <https://airs.lmi.org>. For more information, contact H. Mike Allen, APG Safety Office at 410-306-1081.

The following is a revised list of class dates for the Motorcycle Safety basic and experienced rider courses.

Basic Rider Course (BRC)

Day 1: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., building 4303, Hazardous Waste Training Room

Days 2 and 3: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Motorcycle Range on Darlington Street

Dates:

April 27 to 29, May 25 to 27, June 22 to 24, July 20 to 22, Aug. 17 to 19, Sept. 21 to 23, Oct. 19 to 21

Experienced Rider Course (ERC)

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Motorcycle Range on Darlington Street

Dates:

April 30, May 3, 12, 14, June 2, 3, 25, July 8, 9, 23, Aug. 20, 30, 31, Sept.

1, 2, 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 12

Fort Meade MSBC

A Military Sport Bike Rider 2010 course is being offered by the Fort Meade Safety Office throughout the year. MSBC is held 8 a.m. at the Safety Office classroom, 8548 6th Armored Cavalry Road, Fort Meade, Md.

Class and range time is dependent on the amount of students and their abilities. Classes should end by 5 p.m.

Attendees must register online at AIRS at <https://airs.lmi.org>. For more information, contact Bob Hansen at 410-804-6343.

Fort Meade MSBC classes are scheduled for the following dates: May 10, May 13, June 14, June 17, July 12, July 15, Aug. 9, Aug. 12, Sept. 13, Sept. 16, Oct. 14.



NCO

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sergeant, USAPHC (Prov) headquarters, was Leal’s sponsor. She called Leal a “responsible and reliable Soldier who is driven to excel.”

“She wants to be the best at everything she does,” West said.

As is customary, sponsors reported to the board members first to present background information and then remained in the room during their Soldier’s board appearance.

At the conclusion of the SOY board, before announcing Leal as the winner, Marin thanked the specialists.

“You are all excellent Soldiers,” he said. “You have a lot of great potential for future boards and you should continue to challenge yourselves. It’s good for your organization and it’s good for you as a leader.”

“I’m very impressed,” he added. “You all have great potential and I’m proud that this installation can present these kinds of Soldiers.”

APG NCO of the Year Board

While the SOY Board was underway, the three NCO candidates found different ways to focus on the task at hand; reviewing their study materials, talking with their sponsors, or as in Hendri’s case, contemplatively circling the RDECOM corridors.

In addition to their standard presentation before the NCO of the Year Board, supervisors present their candidates’ “Leaders Book” to the board members.

The NCO Leaders Book is designed to allow leaders to more effectively man-

age their Soldier’s needs and training.

It contains training information; equipment checklists, study guide materials and other information leaders need to monitor and guide Soldiers as well as assist superiors.

The NCOs said they felt good about their board appearances.

Gentilo said his command had done “a very good job” in preparing him and thanked his sponsor Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Spohn.

Gentilo is an Army Reservist with two deployments to Iraq. He also was a performer in the 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show. Spohn praised his initiative.

“He’s a dedicated Soldier with plenty of initiative who can be counted on,” he said. “I think he’s well prepared.”

Johnson said he would draw on his experience from his Soldier of the quarter board appearance in 2008.

“It’s always new because board members change,” he said, “but I know I’ll be judged on my performance. I always want to do my best and I have studied and prepared and will rely on my knowledge.”

Hendri, who recently competed at the U.S. Army Medical Command’s NCO of the Year competition in Hawaii after being named his unit’s NCO of the Year, said he studied mornings and evenings daily to prepare for both events. He expressed thanks to his entire unit.

“They’ve been supportive throughout this whole process,” he said. “I didn’t win, but the MEDCOM board was a good experience. I expect to win this one.”

Cannon said Hendri was “simply an outstanding Soldier.”

“He’s all about meeting standards

and being top quality,” he said. “With the right mentoring there is nothing he can’t accomplish. He’s got the heart and desire.”

Marin thanked the NCO candidates and their supervisors before naming Hendri the APG NCO of the Year. He said all participants would be recognized during the annual Military Appreciation Week Luncheon at Top of the Bay May 20.

“Overall it was a very good competition and you all represented yourselves and your units well,” he said.

“We truly appreciate the support from organizations taking the time to send their best of the best.”

Sgt. Hiram E. Hendri is a 68K medical laboratory specialist, currently working as a Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry specialist. A native of Georgetown, S.C., Hendri enlisted in the Army nearly eight years ago and attended Basic Training at Fort Benning, Ga. After Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas and Fort Gordon, Ga., he served as a medical laboratory technician in the 121st General Hospital in Yongsan, Korea. Prior to his assignment to USAPHC (Prov), he served as a medical laboratory technician in Dewitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir, Va. Hendri is the current USAPHC (Prov) NCO of the Year. His goals include getting promoted to staff sergeant, completing his bachelor’s degree and applying for membership in the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club. Hendri is married with a 2-year old son. His personal interests include spending time with his family, exercising and helping Soldiers.

Hendri said he felt “relieved and happy” to be named the APG NCO of the Year.

“Overall I think I did well but I tend to be hard on myself when I think I could have done better,” he said. “I feel better now and I’d like to thank my unit for its support. I’m looking forward to representing APG for the next year.”

Hendri’s sponsor, Master Sgt. Deon Cannon, was more excited.

“He made me proud,” Cannon said. “This is one Soldier who will continue to excel.”

Spc. Sharia C. Leal is a 68S preventive medicine specialist assigned to USAPHC (Prov) headquarters. She enlisted in the Army in 2008 after graduating from Robert Morris University in 2006. She is the first in her family to obtain a college degree. Leal is the APG Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program vice-president. She also volunteers at the Armed Forces Retirement Home and enjoys traveling and reading.

Leal said she felt “awesome, excited and proud,” to hear herself named the APG Soldier of the Year.

“The board was as tough as I expected,” she said, adding her thanks to West and to 1st Sgt. Luis Natal for their support.

“I learned how to better prepare for a board and I couldn’t have done it without their support,” Leal said.

With just a year and nine months in the Army, she said she enjoys accepting and meeting challenges.

“I have a personal drive to accomplish and live the Army values,” she said. “I’d encourage any Soldier thinking about testing themselves to go for it. It’s a lot of hard work, but a good experience that you can grow from.”