

Post Shorts

RAB meeting today

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 Bibber Road, Edgewood.

The topics of the meeting will be an update of the Performance Base Acquisition Contracts, 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.

Dialing DSN changes as of May 1

On May 1, dialing DSN will change from first dialing an "8" to first dialing "9-4." Dialing commercial (local) will change from first dialing a "9" to first dialing "9-9." Dialing commercial (long distance) will change from first dialing "9-1" to first dialing "9-9-1."

Emergency calls will not be affected by this change. For emergency services, call 9-1-1. However, if you have any devices with pre-programmed numbers (i.e. faxes, auto-dialers) these devices will need to be reprogrammed to incorporate the new dialing plan.

Example DSN

Present: 8-XXX-XXXX
 Future: 9-4-XXX-XXXX
Commercial
 Present: 9-XXX-XXX-XXXX
 Future: 9-9-XXX-XXX-XXXX
Long Distance
 Present: 9-1-XXX-XXX-XXXX
 Future: 9-9-1-XXX-XXX-XXXX
 Emergency Calls – DIAL 9-1-1

For more information, call the Service Desk at 410-306-HELP (4357).

Spouse Appreciation events May 5 and May 21

In celebration of Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Army Community Service will host a High Noon Tea in the Top of the Bay Chesapeake Mezzanine. The event is open to all military ID card holders. To register by May 3, contact Marilyn Howard, ACS, at 410-278-9669/7572 or e-mail marilyn.e.howard@us.army.mil.

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Photo by SEAN KIEF GARRISON PHOTOGRAPHER

From left: Smokey the Bear, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades, Jill Smith, director of Weapons & Materials Research Directorate from U.S. Army Research Laboratory, and Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG garrison commander, congratulate Jessica Carnivale, 4th grade, for winning first place in her age group in a poster contest during an Earth Day and Arbor Day celebration held at Top of the Bay April 16. Students from local schools were asked to design posters depicting how plants are "green machines." See page 2 for stories.

Commentary: Law Day 2010 a time to reflect upon tradition and challenges

Story by
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 Administrative Law Attorney

Every year on May 1 Americans celebrate Law Day. Law Day is an opportunity for all Americans to reflect on the rule of law and the foundations of our legal system. It's a time to celebrate the rich history of our judicial system and a time to consider its future in this rapidly changing world.

When he established Law Day on May 1, 1958, as "a day of national dedication to the principle of government under law," President Dwight Eisenhower sought to highlight and honor, for all Americans, our enduring legal culture.

We must recognize that our legal institutions and system of justice depend on popular participation and support to maintain legitimate authori-

ty. Lawyers and judges should recognize that they bear a special responsibility to foster public understanding of law and legal institutions and commitment to the rule of law. On Law Day, Americans from all walks of life, public figures and private individuals alike, reaffirm in words and deeds our shared national allegiance to the rule of law.

The theme for Law Day 2010

is "Law in the 21st Century: Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges."

Law Day 2010 provides us with an opportunity to understand and appreciate the emerging challenges that confront our world—and the law—in the 21st century, while reaffirming enduring legal traditions

As we begin the second decade of the twenty-first century, the law

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What is Army Emergency Relief?

APG AER Office

AER is a private nonprofit organization incorporated in 1942 by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff. AER's mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers and their Families.

Who is Eligible?

Active duty Soldiers, single or married, and their Family members.

Members of Army National Guard and Army Reserve under title 10 on continuous active duty for more than 30

consecutive days and their eligible Family members.

Soldiers retired from active duty for longevity or physical disability, or retired upon reaching age 60 (Reserve Components) and their eligible Family members.

Surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.

What Can AER Do?

AER can help with emergency financial needs for:

- Emergency transportation

and vehicle repairs

- Food, rent, or utilities
- Funeral expenses
- Medical/dental expenses
- Personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen.

What Can AER not Do?

- Help pay for nonessentials
- Finance ordinary leave or vacation
- Pay fines or legal expenses
- Help liquidate or consolidate debt
- Assist with house purchase or home improvements
- Help purchase, rent, or



- lease a vehicle
- Cover bad checks or pay credit card bills

Applying for AER Assistance:

Active duty Soldiers assigned
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APG News staff wins regional awards

Garrison PAO

The staff of the APG News received prestigious awards for excellence in writing and page design from the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association during its 2010 Editorial Contest Annual Awards Assembly at the Four Points Sheraton-BWI Hotel in Baltimore April 23.

It was the fifth MDDC award for graphic designer Nick Pentz, the third for reporter Yvonne Johnson and the first for reporter Rachel Ponder.

Pentz received a first-place award for "Birdies flock to Ruggles for charity invitational," a full-page layout of photographs and article covering the Maryland Birdies Invitational Charity Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course that appeared in the paper's Aug. 13, 2009 issue.

Johnson was awarded second place in the Critical Thinking category for her "Waiting for Obama" commentary that detailed her five-hour wait in the frigid cold at the Edgewood train station for the train transporting President-elect Barack Obama and vice-president-elect Joe Biden to Washington, D.C. The article appeared in the Jan. 29, 2009 edition of the APG News.

Ponder also received a second-place award in the Education category for an article on the Freestate Challenge Academy's job shadowing program, which, in partnership with the APG Garrison, promotes leadership skills in at-risk youth. The article ran in the paper's Dec. 3, 2009 edition.

The three contractors work for Homestead Publishing Company in Bel Air, a Baltimore Sun-owned business. They were the only military publication staff members to compete in the MDDC Editorial contest.

The MDDC Press Association counts all of the daily and most of the non-daily newspapers in Maryland, Delaware and D.C. – including the Baltimore Sun, the Delaware News Journal and the Washington Post – among its active members.

The APG News competes in the non-dailies category with publications such as The Arbutus Times, the Baltimore Messenger, the Baltimore Business Journal, the Catonsville Times, The Record, the Montgomery Sentinel, Kent County News, and the Potomac Almanac.



Nick Pentz
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Yvonne Johnson
 Photojournalist



Rachel Ponder
 Photojournalist



Housing residents no longer responsible for cutting grass

Picerne Military Housing

As part of the services Picerne Military Housing provides, Family housing residents no longer have the responsibility of cutting their grass. All lawn areas, as well as the common areas in the neighborhoods are now maintained by Picerne Military Housing through a commercial grass cutting contractor.

All turf areas will be mowed and edged and clippings will be blown away to maintain a neat and orderly appearance. Common area flower beds will be mulched and weeded as needed. Trees and shrubs will also be pruned. Fallen limbs and trees will be removed when needed and leaves will be raked during the fall and spring cleanup process. Resident flower beds will also be mulched and edged once a year as part of the spring cleanup effort.

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APG, community celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Colorful posters, hands-on educational activities for children and environmental awards for Aberdeen Proving Ground highlighted the APG Earth/Arbor Day Celebration, held at Top of the Bay and the Aberdeen Area Youth Center April 16.

The APG Garrison environmental staff hosted the outdoor event.

Prior to the opening ceremony, visitors viewed a display of posters created by children and youths from local schools. Environmental information and handouts were also available for those who attended.

John Wrobel, chief, Natural Resources Branch, Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, welcomed the APG community and guests to the celebration. Afterwards the Aberdeen Middle School Band played the national anthem.

Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG garrison commander, provided opening remarks.

"This combined celebration gives us a chance to recognize and build enthusiasm to protecting and sustaining our environment," he said. "It will facilitate meaningful dialogue among many gathered here today that will undoubtedly encourage initiation of good activities and good programs to support our environment very well."

Ortiz said that in the four decades since the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, APG has made great progress in cleaning up the air, water and lands, preserving open space and protecting wildlife.

"We take great pride in protecting our environment, because we realize it is not about [just] us, it is also about future generations," he said.

Ortiz said APG is proud to be named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation and proud to receive the Maryland Plant Award. He said that APG remains committed to urban forestry as part of environmental stewardship.

"We dedicate ourselves to continuing our efforts to promote a healthy, prosperous and sustainable environment for future generations," he said.

Ortiz said that the preservation of older trees and their buffer zones has contributed to the resurgence of the Bald Eagle population at APG so that now Bald Eagles are more plentiful in the entire Chesapeake Bay area and beyond.

"As we here today celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day we are reminded that the environment is fragile and that realization helps us remain committed to the conservation, restoration and sustainment of our environmental resources at Aberdeen Proving Ground. We recognize that fostering a healthy environment is critical to accomplishing the Army's mission in the future as well as



From right, Aberdeen Middle School students, Keana Knight, 14, Aminah Jones, 14, and Syerra Stewart, 13, watch as Lt. Col. Keith Harvey of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, far left, demonstrates how light is needed for photosynthesis, while his assistant Paige Eysler, a North Harford High School senior, second from left, looks on during the Aberdeen Proving Ground Earth Day and Arbor Day celebration at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center April 16.

preserving our quality of life."

After Ortiz's remarks, poster awards were given to local school children.

The Tree City Growth Award, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters was presented by Wayne Merkel, a state forester with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Merkel said that trees provide many environmental benefits.

"Trees are fresh air factories," he said. "Trees and forests are good for the Chesapeake Bay, they improve water quality. Forests and trees can retain [89] percent of nitrogen and [80] percent of phosphorus from run off before it enters our waterways.

Trees are the solution to water pollution."

Merkel said that APG has met the Tree City USA requirements for five years in a row. APG also received its third Tree City Growth award given to recognize environmental improvement and encourage higher levels of tree care throughout America.

"It takes effective leadership, planning, hard work and dedication to meet the requirements of Tree City USA," he said.

Danny Davis gave APG the Maryland PLANT Community Award. People Loving and Nurturing Trees is a statewide award program to recognize communities for their tree planting and tree care efforts.

After awards were presented, Tad Davis, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, highlighted the dai-

ly environmental stewardship efforts of the Army. He also called attention to the July 2009 Army Chesapeake Bay Strategy, which sets the Army's direction and integrates conservation and protection efforts for the Chesapeake Bay into the Army's national defense activities.

The Army Chesapeake Bay Strategy Goals are: contribute to restoring and sustaining the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; restore and sustain living resources and healthy habitats on Army installations; support the implementation of ecosystem-based fisheries management; strengthen storm water management practices; and maintain healthy watersheds and foster Chesapeake Bay stewardship.

After the presentation, guests were invited to go to the Aberdeen Area Youth Center to see a variety of hands-on educational environmental activities and games that were provided for local school children.

Students explored how plants drink, how plants grow and how plants help us, recycling in nature, molecules in motion and more.

North Harford High School students ran most of the hands-on activities and games. Woodsy Owl and Smokey the Bear also attended as special guests.

In the afternoon, children from the Aberdeen Area Youth center participated in the activities.

Cathy O'Connell and Tanya Christley from the U.S. Army Environmental Command talked and handed out educational information and bookmarks to the children.

"These materials tell what the Army is doing to protect the environment,"

O'Connell said. "The Army wants to be stewards of the land so they can sustain their mission. Our resources are finite. The materials promote preserving and protecting our environment to keep the Army mission strong."

Lisa Marvel, who works for the U.S. Army Research Laboratory in educational outreach, along with two North Harford High Students, taught the children how to measure potassium and nitrogen phosphorus in soil.

"I think that this day is a good outreach opportunity," Marvel said. "Many children who came here today have never been on post. It was good to get the other schools involved. I think that this event provided fun and educational activities for the students."

Scott English, an APG forester who helped organize the event, said that the celebration was planned as an outreach to the community, and it falls within the Army's environmental strategy which is mission, environment and community.

English added it is important to educate the children on environmental matters because they are the future generation, and will encourage their parents to practice environmentally responsible habits.

Poster award winners

Grade K-2 Group:

- 1st Place: Meagan Kennedy, grade 2
- 2nd Place: Katie Yurecho, grade 2

Grade 3-5 Group:

- 1st Place: Jessica Carnivale, grade 4
- 2nd Place: Edward Benner, grade 5

Grade 6-8 Group:

- 1st Place: Camille Schiminger, grade 6
- 2nd Place: Gracen Clem, grade 7

Army details environmental action plan

Story by
JOSEPH FERRARE
RDECOM

Army officials announced an action plan to support a Chesapeake Bay Strategy at a 2010 Earth and Arbor Day celebration that saw Aberdeen Proving Ground earn several environmental awards.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Tad Davis made the announcement on behalf of the Army. Davis was joined by James B. Balocki, chief, Environmental Community of Practice, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Shawn M. Garvin, regional administrator, Environmental Protection Agency Region 3, to talk about the bay initiative.

Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz presided over the ceremony, which was held at APG's Top of the Bay, overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. Several environmental organizations recognized the installation for its active environmental programs. The Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service named the

installation Tree City USA for the fifth year in a row, a record that earned it several follow-on accolades. The state of Maryland recognized the installation with the Maryland People Loving And Nurturing Trees Community Award.

Davis said the awards and the location made the event the perfect way to highlight the Army's Chesapeake Bay Strategy.

"We really wanted to take this opportunity in conjunction with the Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrations here at Aberdeen Proving Ground. What better venue...to roll out the Army strategy for the Chesapeake Bay restoration?" Davis asked.

Why the Army needs such a strategy is obvious when you consider the Army's footprint around the bay, he added.

"Folks say the Army's got a lot of missions out there with regard to national security, international security, what's the connection with the bay? When you think about it, that connection is huge. When you consider that there are [19] installations, over [220,000] acres of Army property that directly impact on the watershed of the bay, I would be

willing to tell you that our contributions to the restoration are huge.

"And when you fold into that the contributions of the Corps of Engineers and the civil works programs in terms of lakes, rivers and dams and other things they are responsible for and consider the Army active, guard and Reserve organizations, it's a tremendous responsibility that we have," Davis explained.

The Army developed its strategy to meet that responsibility by incorporating stewardship initiatives into the service's daily activities and promoting partnerships with governmental entities, non-governmental organizations, the community and others. The strategy has five goals, which were based on the priorities established in the 2008 Chesapeake Action Plan, the Department of Defense Chesapeake Bay Strategic Action Plan, and Executive Order 13508, Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration.

Those goals are:

1. Contribute to restoring and sustaining the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

2. Restore and sustain living resources and healthy habitats on Army installations.

3. Support the implementation of ecosystem-based fisheries management.

4. Strengthen storm-water management practices and maintain healthy watersheds.

5. Foster Chesapeake Bay stewardship.

Davis said the Army has established a triple bottom-line concept to guide its vision for sustainability and environmental policies. It starts with the mission, he said.

"Obviously the mission of the Army is extremely important to us," he said. "But the environment is the second key principle. The third is community, both the community within our installations, but also that larger community outside our gates as well whom we partner with as we are today to support this tremendous effort.

"At the end of the day that triple bottom-line is the guiding force behind what we're trying to accomplish, allowing us to accomplish our mission, whatever it might be," Davis said.

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Hammerquist assumes command of HHC Garrison

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APG News

During a change of command ceremony at Top of the Bay April 12, Maj. Mathieu N. Petraitis turned over the leadership of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground to Capt. Ginger G. Hammerquist, formerly of the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort).

Petraitis moves on to the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan., and will deploy with the unit to Southwest Asia.

Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander hosted the program.

Ortiz thanked all for attending and noted that the ceremony “marks the transfer of responsibility from one leader to another.”

“We want only the best moving forward to take care of our most precious resources; our Soldiers, Families and civilians,” he said.

Calling Petraitis “a truly fine officer,” Ortiz credited him with effectively leading the HHC Garrison Soldiers and civilians while organizing Garrison blood drives and post-wide Combined Federal and Army Emergency Relief campaigns as well as supporting suicide and sexual harassment prevention awareness activities.

“These support Army Families not only on the installation but throughout the United States,” Ortiz said.

He called him a “proven combat leader who is heading back to Iraq for his fourth tour.”

“We are grateful for your three tours and we wish you the best as you move forward on your fourth,” he said.

Welcoming Hammerquist, Ortiz noted her two tours in Operation Iraqi Freedom and said, “She is hitting the ground running.”

“We’re grateful that she is joining us here,” he said.

Petraitis recognized the Soldiers and civilians of HHC Garrison and thanked all who supported him during his tour – specifically, Ortiz; Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney J. Rhoades and HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Larry Tyson, his “right-hand man.”

He said the makeup, size and mission of the organization, with only 12 Soldiers assigned but hundreds attached, made his mission challenging.

“It was exciting to be a part of that and lead Soldiers in this diverse and complex organization,” he said. “This was a rewarding duty and I am truly thankful.”

“You are the best at what you do and I wish you all the best in future endeavors.”

Hammerquist thanked her Family, God, and fellow Soldiers, particularly those in her former unit, for the opportunity to lead the Soldiers and civilians of the HHC Garrison.



Photos courtesy of GARRISON PHOTOGRAPHY

From left, Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, looks on as Capt. Ginger G. Hammerquist, incoming commander of the Garrison’s Headquarters and Headquarters Company, passes the guidon back to HHC Garrison 1st Sgt. Larry Tyson during the change of command ceremony for outgoing commander Maj. Mathieu N. Petraitis, at Top of the Bay April 12.

“I’d like to thank Colonel Ortiz and Command Sergeant Major Rhoades for the opportunity to lead the Soldiers of HHC by serving all of APG to the best of my ability,” she said. “All policies and procedures remain in effect.”

The program included the invocation by former Garrison Chaplain (Col.) Ruben Colon and music by the U.S. Army Materiel Command band’s brass quintet.

Captain Ginger G. Hammerquist

Hammerquist is a graduate of the Chemical Officer Basic and Chemical Captain Career Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and the Technical Escort School in Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

She holds a bachelor’s degree in biology from Gonzaga University and a master’s in Environmental Management from Webster University in St. Louis, Mo. Her previous assignments include the 181st Chemical Company during Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2003 to 2004; the 13th Chemical Company (BIDS) and 2d Chemical Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas; Company B 22d Chemical Battalion (TE); and 52nd Ordnance Group (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) during OIF

2008 to 2009.

Hammerquist’s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service, Army Commenda-

tion, and Army Achievement medals; as well as the Iraqi Campaign and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service medals.



From left, Maj. Mathieu N. Petraitis, outgoing commander of HHC Garrison, Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, and Capt. Ginger G. Hammerquist, HHC Garrison incoming commander, salute the colors during the change of command ceremony at Top of the Bay April 12.

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Beef & Burgundy dinner to be held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Top of the Bay main ballroom. Free childcare will be provided for this event. To register by May 10 contact Marilyn Howard, ACS, at 410-278-9669/7572 or e-mail marilyn.e.howard@us.army.mil.

EMS training May 3

Garrison DPW Environmental Division will host Environmental Management System training May 3 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. in building E5771. Trainers can also come to your site. For information contact Barbara Seker, barbara.seker@us.army.mil, 410-436-9239.

Soldier Show returns to APG May 9

The U.S. Army Soldier Show will return to Aberdeen Proving Ground for a show at the Post Theater May 9. The variety song-and-dance show presented by talented Army Soldiers is free and open to the public.

The U.S. Army Soldier show is a highly integrated, high-energy ensemble production offering a wide range of popular music and stage spectacle to Soldiers and Families in Army Garrisons worldwide. Sponsors include Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and the I. AM. STRONG. program and AT&T. The show is presented by the Army Family, Morale, Welfare and Entertainment Command.

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 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

Basic Boating Classes

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 22-04 will offer Basic Boating classes, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 1 and 2; and May 29 and 30. Classes will be held at the Middle River Yacht Club located at 200 Nanticoke Road, next to the Riverwatch Restaurant in Essex, Md.

The course will feature instruction on essential topics of boating to include navigational rules, safety equipment and boat handling along with lessons on essential knot tying and nautical history. Graduates will receive a State of Maryland certification.

Maryland law states that anyone born on or after July 1, 1972, must possess a certificate of boating safety education to operate any motorized vessel.

The cost of instruction is free; however a charge of \$25 per student is needed to cover administrative costs. All required material will be provided.

For more information and registration, call Army Fox, 410-287-8863, or e-mail captainsly@comcast.net.

Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month

The Asian Pacific American heritage Month program will be held 11:30 to 1 p.m., May 19 at the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, building E4140. The theme is "Diverse Leadership for a Diverse Workforce." Guest speaker will be Dr. Rehan Khan, MD, MS, of

Johns Hopkins Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

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

Asian Pacific essay and display contest deadline May 12

The U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School will accept submissions for the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month essay and display contest through May 12. The 2010 theme is "Diverse Leadership for a Diverse Workforce." The contest is open to all Aberdeen Proving Ground active duty military, civilians, contractors and their Family members.

First place winners will receive trophies, second place winners will receive plaques and all contestants will receive certificates of appreciation.

Essays must be two-to-four pages, double spaced, 12-point font, and must pertain to the theme. Displays must consist of, but are not limited to, models, poster boards or collages. Display contestants may enter as an individual or a group but only one award will be given per entry. Participants must provide the equal opportunity advisor with a point of contact and the location of the display.

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class David Pickett, 61st Ordnance Brigade, at 410-278-2736 or e-mail david.b.pickett@conus.army.mil.

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Month observance will be held 11:30 a.m. at the Stark Recreation Center, building E4140, in the Edgewood Area April 14. The guest speaker is Dr. Rehan Khan, Director of Musculoskeletal Disorders at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

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*.

Hunter safety classes offered

Hunter safety classes will be held June 8, 10 and 12 and July 13, 15 and 17 in building 4303. Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be held 6 to 10 p.m. Classes on Saturdays will be held 8 a.m. to noon. All classes will be held build-

ing 4303. Students must attend class all three days.

An additional class will be offered Sept. 19 for ages 16 and older.

For more information or to register, call 410-671-9070. Please leave a message if no one answers. An instructor will contact students to verify their space in the class and obtain additional registration information. Do not call after 9 p.m.

APG hosts Armed Forces Day

APG will host Armed Forces Day on the installation May 14. The event is free and open to the public. Events include an Armed Forces Day 10K run and displays and exhibits of modern and futuristic military vehicles, equipment weapons and technology. Entry forms can be found on Charmcity Run Website for the 10K run at www.charmcityrun.com. For additional information contact apgr-mwr-sports@conus.army.mil. Check the *APG News* at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil for updates on planned displays and activities.

Registration open for Operation Purple

The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for Operation Purple. Operation Purple is a free summer camp program for military children of all ranks and services. The goal of the Operation Purple camp program is to give military children tools to help deal with the stress that results from a parent's deployment, through a memorable camp experience in a "purple" environment.

The dates and locations for camp sessions held in Maryland are as follows: Chestertown, Aug. 15 to 19 for ages 8 to 13; North East, July 18 to 23 and July 25 to 30, both sessions for ages 7 to 17.

Go to www.militaryfamily.org/our-programs/operation-purple/ to register and for more information.

Please direct questions regarding the Operation Purple program to OPC@militaryfamily.org.

APG R&D showcase set for June 16 and 17

Harford Community College will host a two-day showcase of Aberdeen Proving Ground technology and research and development contract opportunities at the Amoss Center, 200 Thomas Run Road in Bel Air June 16 through 17.

The showcase will highlight business opportunities with APG test and evaluation and research and development organizations. Participating APG organizations include the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command; Research, Development and Engineering Command; Army Test and Evaluation Command; Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center; Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical Biological Defense (JPEO CBD); and more.

Those who should attend include:

1. Companies- ranging from startups to large, that are interested in tech transfer and/or collaborative projects;
2. Entrepreneurs, independent and academic researchers and inventors
3. Current and potential contractors
4. Economic and workforce development professionals

For more information, or to register, visit the HCC Web site at www.harford.edu/apgshowcase/ or call Pam Holt at the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor Base Realignment and Closure Office in Aberdeen at 410-273-5708 or visit the CSSC Web site at www.apg-cssc.com.

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

Community Notes

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. Visit [www.thelockhouse-](http://www.thelockhouse-museum.org/events-calender.html)

[museum.org/events-calender.html](http://www.thelockhouse-museum.org/events-calender.html) for detailed schedule and updates.

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

INSIDEYARD SALE

There will be an InsideYard Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall, 201 Mount Royal Avenue, Aberdeen. The yard sale will be held rain or shine. Proceeds benefit St. Paul's Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA). For more information, call 410-272-3111.

THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM

Wake up and skip Saturday morning cartoons. Come out on the Water Strider for a fresh air breakfast and enjoy the early morning symphony on the creek. This program will be held 9 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 30 lbs. to adult. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. 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.

ECO-CRAFTS

This program is for preschool teachers, baby-sitters, stay-at-home moms and daycare providers in need of fun crafts that are Earth Friendly. Please bring an egg carton, gallon milk jug (empty) and one newspaper. This program will be held 1 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 16 to adult. 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.

CHILDREN'S GARDENING - BUTTERFLIES AND RAINBOWS

Have fun growing food and flowers here and at home. Enjoy crafts, games, and science disguised as fun, while learning about seeds, life cycles, and growing food and flowers in a watershed-friendly way. This program will be held 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 5 to 10. The cost is \$5 per person. Registration is required.

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

SUNDAY

**MAY 2
TRAIL TREK**

Enjoy a wildflower hike along the banks of the Susquehanna. Bring a snack and water. Registrants will meet at Rock Run Mill. This free program will be held 9 a.m. to 12 noon for ages 10 to adult. Registration is required.

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

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.freetoast-host.info>.

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

FRIDAY

**MAY 7
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 Polymer Lab. This program will be held 4:30 to 6 p.m. for ages 10 to 12 or students in grades 5 to 7. 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 under Community Notes.)

Picerne Military Housing hosts free Breakfast on the Go event

Story by **MEAGAN MURRAY**
Picerne

Picerne Military Housing hosted their first Breakfast on the Go event beginning at the early hour of 7 a.m. April 23. The Picerne staff was stationed at the main intersections of each neighborhood area handing out breakfast bags filled with juice, muffins and fruit snacks to residents driving to work.

"Residents seemed surprised and excited to see the Picerne team out so early and in such high numbers. It's not every day you see a bunch of people giving out free breakfast on your way to work," said Amy Shepherd, assistant neighborhood manager for

Picerne. "The event went really well. Our team was excited to host the event and show our residents how much we appreciate them."

Picerne's Breakfast on the Go event began at another Picerne Military Housing installation back in 2005 and continued because of popularity with residents.

"This event is unique to Picerne installations as far as we know," said Shepherd, who worked for Picerne at Fort Meade before she transferred to APG at the start of operations last year.

Picerne thanks all residents for choosing to live on post and looks forward to seeing everyone at the many resident events planned this year.

LEAVE DONATIONS

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Carolyn Russell, 410-306-0173, DSN: 458-0173, e-mail carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil or fax 410-306-0100.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

April Avina	Wayne Erb	Cheryl Mitchell
Shanelle Bell	Juanita Guzman	Deborah Moore
Debra Bonsall	Sharon Hardesty	Amanda Nordell
Georgia Braun	Richard Harvey	Marie D. Nowak
Alena Calm	Walter Holland	Michele Reamey
Robert Cook	Kari Jackson	Betty Spurlin
Charlene Corun	Carolyn Johnson	Linda Terzigni
John Daigle	Angela Lambert	Luis Villafane
Meg Downey	Anthony Lee	Victoria Yates-Sparks

FCC providers host Month of the Military Child event

Story and photos by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Family Child Care providers and children participated in an event at a child care provider's home on April 12 to celebrate the Month of the Military Child.

Elvia Pomerat, a Havre de Grace FCC provider who held the outdoor event in her backyard, and Nubia Jimenez, an Edgewood FCC provider, co-hosted the event.

"We wanted to get all the providers and children involved with an event to celebrate that April is Month of the Military Child," Pomerat said.

She said that in keeping with the patriotic theme of the event, the children decorated flags and hats with red, white and blue paint and stars.

"The weather was beautiful and I think the children had fun decorating flags and hats with red, white and blue paint and stars."

"At the end of the event the children enjoyed popsicles, fruit and muffins."

"It was obvious how much the children and providers enjoyed the event," said Aphrodite Corsi, FCC director.

"As the weather warms up more outdoor activities are available," she said.

Corsi added that in the spring and summer the providers will plan outdoor events and take the children to wade in the on-post pool.

About the Family Child Care program

Corsi said that the Family Child Care program provides children with the advantage of small group care on and off-post.

She said that the FCC program provides nurturing care in a safe, learning, home-based environment with all the same requirements of other Child Youth Services Programs. Providers are trained based on Child Development Associate standards and meet Department of the Army Health, Safety, Fire and FCC standards.

Child care is offered to Families that live and work on Aberdeen Proving Ground. The FCC program has openings for children 6 weeks to 12-years-old. Subsidy is available for those who qualify.

The FCC program welcomes those who are interested in becoming an FCC provider. Certified training, which includes CPR and First Aid Certifica-



Jacob Gross, 3, Melody Smith-Santos, 3, and Tyler Baptiste, 3, practice their best behavior during a Family Child Care event on April 12 to celebrate Month of the Military Child.

tion, child abuse awareness, sanitation, health, safety, nutrition, business practices and more is available at the Child, Youth & School Services Building 2752.

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

For information about becoming an FCC provider or requesting child care call 410-278-7140/7477.



Elvia Pomerat helps Aaron May, 4, decorate a hat. Pomerat, a Havre de Grace FCC provider, and Nubia Jimenez, an Edgewood FCC provider, (not pictured) co-hosted the event in Pomerat's backyard.



Chase Boyd, 2, reaches for a crayon to decorate his art project.

Army leverages private industry, academia to advance robotics research

Story by
SARAH MAXWELL
ARL

Developing smart robots with the ability to work for and alongside Soldiers is the ultimate goal of the Army's \$63.2 million investment in a new robotics cooperative agreement with industry and academia over the next five years.

The Robotics Collaborative Technology Alliance is expected to push the research needed to make autonomous robots accomplish more missions and take some of the burden off Soldiers on the battlefield, said Dr. Jon Bornstein, chief of the Robotics Autonomous Systems Division and CTA manager, U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

It will also have a potential five-year extension with an additional \$66.5 million investment, totaling a possible \$129.7 million.

"I would like to see the CTA research demonstrate an unmanned system that can adapt to a dynamic environment and learn from its experiences," said Bornstein. "I'm really looking forward to this research moving unmanned systems as a tool for the Soldier."

Bornstein said he compares his vision of the future use of robots in the Army with the way warfighters work with dogs in K-9 units.

"They're part of the team, and we want these unmanned systems to be part of the team. There must be an intuitive bond between the Soldier and robot – a trust ... and a certain level of compatibility to develop that capability," he said.

Through the agreement, ARL will be working with a consortium of leading research organizations to break through basic scientific barriers in perception, intelligence, human-robot interaction, dexterous manipulation and unique mobility.

"Developing technology in these critical areas is crucial to the advancement of future unmanned systems possessing a significant level of autonomy," said Bornstein. "Robots can't be dumb. They must be able to work on their own."

While the Army drives the research direction, it chose a consortium of eight organizations, led by General Dynamics Robotic Systems, to perform under the



cooperative agreement.

Boston Dynamics, Carnegie-Mellon University, California Institute of Technology Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Florida A&M University, QinetiQ North America, the University of Central Florida, and the University of Pennsylvania will all work as partners to delve into the cutting-edge research.

ARL uses cooperative agreements to bring together consortiums that develop and execute research plans that share financial, intellectual, personnel and infrastructure resources from both the government and private sector, and the new agreement is the third robotics-centered CTA the laboratory has leveraged.

Bornstein has managed eight and a half years of CTA robotics research. The original CTA focused on command and control of robotics while the newly announced agreement is reaching into intelligence, learning and robotic-human interaction.

"We accomplished a significant amount of research in our previous CTA," said Bornstein. "We see (that research) filtering into the Army's autonomous systems now."

The Micro Autonomous System Technologies CTA was the second ARL alliance, which focuses on small, hand-held robotics research.

The broader robotics-research picture falls under the auspices of the laboratory's enterprise that focuses on four key areas; perception, intelligence, human-robot interaction and manipulation and mobility.

"This robotics CTA will be a key part of ARL's Autonomous Systems Enterprise that combines ARL's internal research efforts with external research," said Bornstein.

For more information, contact Sarah Maxwell at the ARL Public Affairs Office at 301-394-2302 or email sarah.maxwell@arl.army.mil.

Maryland Junior Miss visits EA Youth Center

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Maryland's Junior Miss visited the children and youths at the Edgewood Area Youth Center April 14, in celebration of National Be Your Best Self Week, April 12-16.

Kristi Snyder, a senior at John Carroll High School in Bel Air, encouraged the children and youths to be responsible, stay motivated, maintain a positive attitude and be a good role model to others.

"Being a good role model is like a circle," she said. "By being a good role model you encourage others to be role models."

Snyder told the group that her role model is her mother.

"I am very close to my mom, she encourages me to do my best," Snyder said. "Every night I tell my parents that I love them."

Snyder encouraged the group to find something that they really love and consider future career options.

Snyder added that next year she will attend Auburn University in Alabama to study pre-pharmacy. She has a full scholarship from winning Maryland Junior Miss.

"The Junior Miss program is not a beauty pageant, it is about the whole person," she said. "It is a scholarship program."

A question and answer session followed Snyder's talk, and she said the group responded well.

Snyder, who visited the center last year as the Greater Baltimore Junior Miss, said that she enjoys visiting the Edgewood Area Youth Center.

"They are a great group of kids," she said. "They were very interested in the program."

Snyder, who gives talks to



Kristi Snyder, Maryland's Junior Miss, speaks to children and youths in the Edgewood Area Youth Center program about being a positive role model April 14, in celebration of National Be Your Best Self Week, April 12-16.

groups of children and youths around the state, said that she has gained confidence as a result of being in the Junior Miss Be Your Best Self program.

"Before participating in the program I did not like public speaking. Now I have experience talking in front of large groups of people," she said. "I really believe in the program so I want to share it with others. I want to encourage young people to do their best and perhaps

be a role model to them."

Renee Main, EAYC facility manager, said that she was very impressed by Snyder's enthusiasm to talk about what she believes.

"It takes a lot of courage to stand in front of people and talk about things that are important," she said. "Hopefully the youth will remember what she said."

Sidney Alston-Hicks, 9 and Victoria McDaniel, 13, who attend the center, said that they were interested in participat-

ing in the Junior Miss program when they were older.

"I liked her talk and how she was so clear with her words," McDaniel said. "She taught us to be ourselves; it was encouraging."

About Kristi Snyder

Kristi Snyder, 2010 Maryland Junior Miss, is an aspiring pediatrician/pharmacologist. She is involved in many school programs as a senior at John Carroll

High School. She is captain of the school's tap dance team; secretary of the Thespian Society; plays violin in the orchestra and sings in the chorus.

Snyder has received numerous honors and awards for her scholastic achievements. She has qualified as a Maryland Distinguished Scholar and is a member of the Spanish Honor Society and National Honor Society.

As Maryland Junior Miss, Snyder will go on to compete in the National competition in Mobile, Ala. in June.

America's Junior Miss Be Your Best Self Program

According to the America's Junior Miss Web Site, www.ajm.org, the America's Junior Miss BYBS program is an outreach program that encourages self-esteem, literacy and all-around excellence in young people.

"It allows Junior Misses to reach out to young people and encourages them to make a commitment to doing their best in academics, physical fitness, morality, character and social and civic participation. Junior Misses deliver helpful messages emphasizing the importance of setting goals and striving to achieve them."

The 'Be Your Best Self Promise'

I want to help improve the world and that begins with me.

I promise to do the following things:

- Be healthy - Be physically fit and drug free
- Be involved - Serve my community
- Be ambitious - Set and achieve goals
- Be responsible - Live by moral and ethical principles

Housing

From front page

Spring has sprung and Picerne has already started mulching and edging resident flower beds. Specifically, the homes in the Bayside area and on Plumb Point Loop have already received this service. Homes located in Edgewood and Patriot Village areas have received edging services and will be receiving mulch through the second week of May.

Grounds maintenance services also include the portion of the lawn located inside the boundary of housing fences. However, those areas must be fully accessible to receive services. Accessibility requires all of the following items

to be prepared:

Gates are unlocked.

Pets are confined.

All personal belongings and pet debris are picked up and off grass/lawn areas.

Residents will be responsible for maintaining landscaping inside fenced areas deemed inaccessible or with pet debris. Residents can find the lawn care schedule on the back calendar of the monthly resident newsletter delivered to each home.

Residents who prefer to maintain their own lawn, are welcome to be included on Picerne's "no mow" and/or "no-maintenance" lawn care lists. Any resident that is placed on the "no-mow" list will be responsible for mowing their own lawn but will still receive the following lawn care maintenance services:

Pruning and weeding as needed.

Yearly edging and mulching of flower beds.

Residents who request to be placed on the "no maintenance" lawn care list will not receive mowing or maintenance services listed above and will be fully responsible for maintaining their own lawns and flower beds. All residents, to include those placed on either of these lists, will still receive preventative tree-trimming services as needed to ensure that no low-hanging branches impact the home, wires or surrounding areas.

Residents who would like to be placed on either of these lists may submit their request in writing to the Neighborhood Office via fax at 410-305-1077, email at AberdeenFamilyHousing@Picernehousing.com, or in person. Residents who choose to be placed on the list can also be removed from the list by submit-

ting a written request to the Neighborhood Office at any time.

While Picerne Military Housing provides lawn mowing and general landscape maintenance services, residents may beautify the area immediately adjoining the front and rear of their homes with annuals and perennials. Vegetables and herbs may only be grown in pots at the rear of the home.

Families are required to maintain their flowers and other plantings in living condition and free of debris and weeds. Flower gardens are restricted to neighborhood areas currently landscaped for this purpose.

If residents have any questions or concerns regarding how their lawn will be maintained, please contact the Picerne Military Housing Neighborhood Office at 410-305-1076.

Law

From front page

is changing dramatically as it seeks to shape and adapt to new conditions. Economic markets are becoming global, transactions require cultural adaptation and understanding, populations are more mobile, and communication technologies such as the Internet bridge distances and time zones to form new communities around the world. In such a world, all of us must renew our commitment to the enduring principles of law, become knowledgeable about other legal systems, recognize the need to adapt our practices, and acquire new cultural understandings. In a global era, mat-

ters such as human rights, criminal justice, intellectual property, business transactions, dispute resolution, human migration, and environmental regulation become not just international issues—between nations—but shared concerns.

The threats of asymmetrical warfare, international terrorism, and electronic attacks also pose unique challenges to the United States Army of the twenty-first century. In an age when non-state actors serve as the primary aggressors against the United States, the increasing prevalence of asymmetric warfare and asymmetric threats to Western nations poses moral, ethical, and legal dilemmas that the Army JAG Corps is dealing with daily. The 1949 Geneva Conventions were negotiated in order to regulate the actions

of nation states in armed conflict and the humanitarian treatment of combatants and non-combatants. The rise of terrorism and the power of non-state actors (actors on the international level which are not states) make the traditional application of the 1949 Geneva Conventions extremely difficult. One of the main challenges facing Army Judge Advocates today is finding a way to adapt the Geneva Conventions to the nature of modern warfare while still maintaining their essential protections against abuses of power. Law Day 2010 provides us with an opportunity to understand and appreciate these emerging challenges and enduring traditions of law as they relate to the United States Army in the twenty-first century.

We encourage everyone to acknowl-

edge the importance of our legal and judicial systems, and of our military lawyers, with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and to display the flags of the United States and Maryland in support of this educational observance. We further encourage schools, businesses, media, religious institutions, civic, and service organizations to join the APG Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and all members of the bar and bench in commemorating Law Day.

On May 1, the APG Office of the Staff Judge Advocate urges everyone to reflect on the importance of the rule of law to our society, or to simply discuss the importance of this educational observance with your Family, peers, and colleagues.



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Get Toby Keith concert tickets while they last

Don't wait too long to get your tickets for the Army Concert Tour featuring Toby Keith at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Shine Sports Field June 5. Gate opens 6 p.m. and show begins 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 and \$45 the day of the show. Tickets are available at the Leisure Travel Office in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4721, Tuesday thru Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Stark Recreation Center in the Edgewood Area, building E4140, 410-436-2713/3595, Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Or, order tickets online at www.apgmwr.com. Non-ID card holders can order tickets through TICKETMASTER at www.ticketmaster.com. This is a rain or shine event with lawn seating and no refunds. For more information, visit the MWR Web site at www.apgmwr.com or call 410-278-4011.

Hearts Apart hosts "Cinco De Mayo"

Army Community Services Hearts Apart Support Group will host a "Cinco De Mayo" get together, 6 to 7 p.m., May 5, at ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road.

There will be light refreshments for all who participate. Hearts Apart seeks to empower Families (military and DOD civilians) with information to help prepare Families for the separation during deployments and TDYs. ACS offers a comprehensive array of programs and services dedicated to maintaining the readiness of

the Total Army Family by fostering self-reliance, stability and resilience.

For more information, call 410-278-2464.

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.

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 pro-

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

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

SKIES Unlimited

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

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

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>.

gram 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.

New York City shopping trip

Leisure Travel will offer eight hours of shopping in New York City June 19. 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 e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@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.

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.



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.mckinney@us.army.mil.

Resume Writing 101

Teens ages 15 to 18 can register for a free Resume Writing Class, 6 p.m., on May 6 and 27, at the Aberdeen Area CYSS, building 2522. Kathleen Jones will teach students to identify and script their skills, knowledge and character traits to develop a personal resume.

Youth Career Seminar

The Seminar will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 15 at Aberdeen CYSS, building 2752. Teens ages 13 to 18 will attend four sessions: Payday Lesson in Life: saving and budgeting; Career Workshop: prepares teens for workforce entry; Staying Positive and Motivated: Teens learn to handle their emotions and be productive; and Goal Setting.

Register at the CYSS central registration, building 2752.

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 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.

Outdoor Camping

Outdoor Camping will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesdays, from June 2 through 30 at the Aberdeen Area Outdoor Recreation Office, building 2407. Ages 11 to 18 will learn how to select a camping site and set up a tent; how to safely build a camp fire and cook outdoors and more. Open to all active duty military and DoD civilian and contractor Family members, boys and girls. The program is free to eligible participants. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Archery

Are you the next William Tell? Could you hit a target from 25 yards away using a bow and arrow? A free archery program for ages 11 to 18 will take place 4 to 6 p.m. on Fridays, from June 4 through 25 at the Archery Range in the Edgewood Area. Youth and teens can try their hand at mastering their bow and arrow skills. Archery takes skill and strength to master the accuracy needed to hit the target. Open to all active duty military and DoD civilian and contractor Family members, both boys and girls. A bus will leave at 3:45 p.m. from EA Youth Services, building E1902. Program is free to eligible participants. Snacks and beverages will be provided

Build a Model

The Build a Model Program will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, June 7 through 28, at the Bowling Center. Boys and girls ages 6 to 18 can build a ship, a car, a plane or any model they want. Participants can test their skills, ingenuity and patience by building the best model possible. A prize will be awarded for the best model built. 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. Program is free to eligible participants ages 11 to 18. Snacks and beverages will be provided

Register at the CYSS Central Registration Office, building 2752, or call 410-278-7571/7479.

For more information, call 410-278-1399 or e-mail chuck.rose1@us.army.mil.

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 26

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

Special #2: Lasagna with 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.





Sports

EA Elite thwarts LINC try at repeat, wins civilian basketball championship, 63-40



EA Elite player coach Jeff Pettway, 13, goes up for a layup over LINC's Marlon Browne, 32, during the second half of the civilian basketball championship game in the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center April 15.

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The Edgewood Area Elite closed out its first season with a stunning win over LINC, the defending champions, to win the Aberdeen Proving Ground civilian basketball league championship, 63-40, in the

Aberdeen Area Athletic Center April 15.

Despite being the new 'kids on the block,' the EA Elite went 24-0 courtesy of a stifling defense.

"We lost five games this season, three of them to this team," said LINC coach Charles Sherer before the game.

He said the team fought its way back



Members of the EA Elite civilian basketball team pose with their medals and the post champion trophy after defeating the LINC team 63-40 at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center April 15. From left, front, Michael Bennett; player/coach Jeff Pettway; Deshawn Payton; and Jerome Anderson. From left, standing, Tornell Goodwin; Joshua Dozier; Mitch Mitchell; Elvin McPherson; John Bennett; and Ricky Ricketts.

through the loser's bracket, winning three games with just five players.

"They're a good team and well organized," he said of the EA Elite, "but we're counting on an upset."

EA Elite player/coach Jeff Pettway said his team's run of wins was no fluke.

"It's all due to conditioning and defensive efforts," Pettway said. "This is a running team and for twenty-three games, it's been effective."

"I told the team to just play hard, and play together, just the way they've been playing for twenty-three games."

LINC took the first lead of the game going up 5-2 by way of a 3-pointer from Browne. Moments later the Elite's Ricky Ricketts broke up a 5-5 tie with three points from the perimeter to go up 8-5. The Elite never trailed again and increased the gap by as much as 24-16 with less than five minutes in the half. The feisty LINC warriors refused to be put off that easily and made it a game just before the half which ended with the Elite up 26-22.

Elite wasted no time in regaining control of the game in the second half, however. A no-nonsense offense led by Michael Bennett, backed by a crippling defense that stifled LINC's top shooters and forced turnover after turnover, gave the Elite a 10-point lead at 32-22 less than three minutes into the half. It was as

close as LINC would get the rest of the game as the Elite pulled away and maintained a 15-point lead or better the rest of the game.

Bennett was the game's high scorer with strong performances on offense and defense turned in by Pettway, Mitch Mitchell, and Tornell Goodwin.

"We didn't see this coming; we thought we'd at least lose one [game]," Pettway said at the game's end.

He thanked his players, all of whom he said are "at the top of their game."

"A lot of them are ex-college players and at least one has been to the next level," he said. "They're all about conditioning and when we got to rolling we could not be stopped."

Bennett is a junior from Morgan State University and the son of retired Sgt. Maj. Michael Bennett, formerly of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion. An industrial engineering major, Bennett said he plans a summer internship with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

He played basketball with Savannah State University and one year with the American Basketball League. He said the team has great chemistry and he loves being a part of it.

"Everybody wants to win and that's what we accomplished," he said. "We're all high spirited but focused. I definitely like our chances to repeat."

AER

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to APG can request an application for AER assistance (DA Form 1103) through their unit, or the APG AER office located in Bldg 2754, Room 201. The form is also available on PureEdge. Soldier will need to fill out the front of the form and provide all required information. The Soldier's first sergeant or commander must then review, approve, and sign the form. The Soldier must then bring the signed form, latest end of month Leave and Earnings Statement, military ID

card, and all documentation supporting the request for assistance (such as leave form, rental agreement, written estimate of car repairs, utility bill) to the AER office. No appointment is necessary and 98 percent of all AER requests for assistance are completed the same day. Each AER request is personal and considered on its own merit. Any emergency must have originated from other than the Soldier's own actions.

Army retirees needing AER assistance should bring all documentation supporting their request for assistance and their military ID card to the AER office. Retiree's will fill out the application for assistance in the AER office.

What Kind of Assistance:

The majority of AER assistance is provided in the form of an interest free loan with repayment of these loans helping to fund future assistance. Under extreme circumstances, assistance may be given as a grant. Grants are not given for routine expenses that suddenly become a problem or provided simply because a Soldier has a monthly deficit and cannot repay a loan. Grants are never given for expenses that will be reimbursed by other sources such as insurance companies or the government.

AER's Record of Assistance:

Since it was established in 1942, AER

has helped more than 3.2 million Soldiers and Family members with more than \$1 billion. In 2009, AER provided \$79 million in assistance to more than 71,000 Soldiers and their Families. At APG in 2009, the AER Office dispersed \$383,307.42 in assistance to 329 individuals - 240 active duty Soldiers, 5 active duty Marines, 72 Army retirees, 5 Navy retirees, 1 Air Force retiree, four Army widows, one Navy widow, and one Air Force widow - through 320 loans and 9 grants.

For more information about AER, contact Marge Fissel, APG AER officer, 401-278-2508; Capt. Ginger Hammerquist, 410-278-3000; or visit the AER Web site at www.aerhq.org.