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### Women's Equality Day Awards program

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women's Program (FWP) will host the annual Women's Equality Day Observance 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Aug. 23, at the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E4810. The FWP will honor the Outstanding Woman of the Year, Outstanding Supervisor/Manager of the Year and Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals.

For more information, call Sheryl Coleman, 410-278-5964.

### Mandatory driving course begins Aug. 16

The Intermediate Drivers Course is designed to familiarize drivers new to the installation with local driving hazards. The course is mandatory for all Soldiers and Family members who drive, civilians, and contractors within 90 days after their arrival at APG or anyone who is on Temporary Duty (TDY) at APG for 30 days or more. The course also is mandatory for Soldiers younger than 26-years-old.

The IDC classes are held 1 to 3:30 p.m. in building 4305, room 243B. Attendees must register online at AIRS through the APG Web site or from any computer at <https://airs.lmi.org>. Course dates are Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15.

For more information, contact H. Mike Allen at the Installation Safety Office at 410-306-1081.

### Armed Services Blood Drive Aug. 17

The Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground is sponsoring an Armed Services Blood Program drive on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, from 3 to 7 p.m. To schedule an appointment visit the Web site, [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil). For more information call 410-278-3000.

### BJ's membership sale

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## Commentary - Community Outreach: Keeping the Promise Together

By **LT GEN RICK LYNCH**  
IMCOM Commanding General

Our Soldiers have been steadfast in their service to the nation during the past nine years of conflict. Their Families have been just as constant in their own dedicated service, providing the strength and support that enables Soldiers to do their jobs. Our Soldiers and Families persevere in their service to the nation in the face of repeated deployments and even greater challenges.

It is heartening to know that we are not in this alone—our fellow citizens want to understand what we are experiencing and share a deep desire to support us where they can. Sometimes they simply do not know where to begin or how to make the connection to channel their appreciation and support into action. That is why reaching out to the communities around us is



so vitally important.

The Army has a long history of supportive relationships with surrounding communities. San Antonio, Texas, claims the title of Military City, USA, but many more communities could lay equal claim, their ties with the installations in their areas being as long-standing and deep-rooted. Over the years the Army has also developed strong relationships with local, state and

national organizations that provide a wide range of support for Soldiers and Families, including programs focused on health care, education, child development, employment, financial aid, and morale and recreation.

Now those relationships are more critical than ever. The Army cannot always offer the most comprehensive assistance for the number and kinds of challenges that our Soldiers and Families face. This is especially true for National Guard, active Reserve and Active Component Soldiers and Families who live far from installations. The great need for support and the great demand on our resources require us to reach out to those who can help us keep our promise to Soldiers and Families. A volunteer, a local service provider or a state or national organization may be able to offer expertise, material assistance,

support services, or even just human contact that fills a critical need, especially for the Soldier or Family member who is not near an installation.

The support that communities and organizations give to Soldiers and Families has become so important that the Army Community Covenant was launched in April 2008 to formalize and facilitate the relationships. To date, communities in 49 states, three territories and the District of Columbia have conducted more than 500 covenant signing ceremonies, pledging to find ways to enhance the quality of life for Soldiers and Families.

These ceremonies publicly recognize and celebrate the communities' commitments, but they are not an end in themselves. They are an important step in taking action to link support to specific Soldier and

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## DES hosts National Night Out 2010

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

Aberdeen Proving Ground Families took in an abundance of crime-fighting equipment and displays during the National Night Out Against Crime 2010 hosted by the Directorate of Emergency Services at the Community Oriented Policing "McGruff House" in Patriot Village Aug. 3.

National Night Out is observed with events in neighborhoods nationwide as a deterrent against crime and drug abuse.

Participants included the Army Substance Abuse Program, Army Community Service, the APG Emergency Operations Center and Picerne Military Housing. In addition, DES firefighters and emergency medical personnel gave tours of emergency vehicles, distributed fire prevention information and demonstrated its Weather Smart trailer, which teaches how to escape a smoke-filled building.

Community Policing officer Mike See **NIGHT OUT**, page 16



Patriot Village residents Laura Cooper and her son Daren, 9, chat with Directorate of Emergency Services Police Officer Nicole Hall at the Crime Prevention Unit display table during National Night Out 2010 activities at the Community Policing "McGruff House" Aug. 3.

## Commanders send off AMC Band

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

Aberdeen Proving Ground commanders bid farewell to a group that has been the face of the installation for 51 years during a send-off for the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band at the Shore Park picnic area Aug. 2.

Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, hosted the send off as a show of appreciation for the many years the band has served the installation.

Justice was joined by Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, installation and RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin, and APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades.

Band Soldiers and Family members dined in the park pavilion along with invited guests. First Sergeant's Barbecue provided the food and refreshments.

After the meal, Justice commended band members for consistent and positive repre-

sentation of the installation, and surprised Sgt. Anthony Gentilo with an impact award. Gentilo, who sang the national anthem during the Armed Forces Appreciation festivities at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen July 30, was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for his performance.

Justice said Gentilo was even more impressive when he sang "God Bless America" during the traditional seventh inning stretch.

"I could not believe the control he had over that crowd," Justice said. "More than a few people were in tears by the time he began the last crescendo."

"And that's what you bring to music in the Army," he told the band members. "You present the best view of the American Soldiers. We thank you so much and we wish you a fond farewell because I don't know how in the world we'll replace the AMC Band."

Ortiz said that the surrounding community will miss the band as much as the installation.

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Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, moves through the First Sergeant's Barbecue serving line with Lt. Col. Joseph Masterson, staff judge advocate, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Spohn, senior noncommissioned officer of the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band, during a send off for the unit at the Shore Park picnic area Aug. 2.

## DEOMI Mediation Certification Program launched at APG

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

Twenty-six employees from organizations across Aberdeen Proving Ground participated in the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute Mediation Certification Program from July 26 to 30.

This pilot program was initiated by the APG Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and was offered at APG through DEOMI.

The employees, who volunteered to participate in the program, are now certified to serve as mediators. They have received 40 hours of training, including a practicum.

Deborah Prue, CPAC Human Resources Development Specialist, said that the mediators trained in the program will facilitate mediation between APG employees with workplace disputes.

Mediators, who will be impartial to both parties, use various techniques to open, or improve, dialogue between disputants, aiming to help the parties reach an agreement on the disputed matter.

Prue added that mediation will not take the place of formal Equal Employment Opportunity complaints.

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command provided funding for this initiative. Gary Martin, executive deputy to the commander of RDECOM spoke to the group of trainees July 28.

Martin said the mediation program is timely as communication problems and frustrations are likely to arise with the many changes that APG is going through with base realignment and closure.

See **MEDIATION**, page 6



# Edgewood construction moves forward

Story and photo by  
**NICOLE CAWTHERN**  
Garrison Transformation Office

Another milestone has been accomplished in the BRAC Transformation process at Aberdeen Proving Ground, this time in the Edgewood Area. On July 8, contractors working on the Non-Medical Chemical-Biological facility, including the headquarters of the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense (JPEO-CBD), moved the final piece of structural steel into place. Those in the construction industry refer to this event as the “topping off” of a building and generally celebrate this as a major accomplishment in the progression of construction.

Members of the Bradley/Nason joint venture, prime contractors on the job, invited all those involved with the project to come on site and sign the final steel beam before the scheduled placement, forever commemorating their contribution to the facility. Brig. Gen. Jess A. Scarbrough, Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense came from Falls Church, Va., to sign the steel and view the progress of his future facility.

Upon seeing the site work Scarbrough commented, “With our growing presence on APG, the JPEO-CBD construction site brings a new season for the JPEO-CBD. I am pleased with the progress of the construction thus far.”

JPEO Project Superintendant Gerry Szczerba watched closely as the crane lifted and situated the last piece of steel into place.

“This is a very memorable event for me -- for all of us here,” he said. “Next week we will start with the elevated concrete slabs, after that proceeding with



*Brig. Gen. Jess A. Scarbrough, the Joint Program Executive Officer for Chemical and Biological Defense, visits his future building, taking time to sign the final piece of structural steel which will be put into place as the “topping off” of the facility.*

the exterior façade of the building... It’s really moving along very quickly.”

Szczerba went on to say that this is his first experience working with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

and that both USACE and the customer, JPEO, have been a pleasure to work with.

“I have never worked with them (USACE) before now, but they have been great,” he said. “Everyone understands the timeline we are working with and everyone is committed to getting this work completed. Our relationships with the Corps and with the customer are going very well.”

The 75,000 square foot facility will provide administrative offices and operational space for the 350 personnel relocating from various locations including the JPEO-CBD from Falls Church, Va., the U. S. Air Force Chemical – Biological Defense Systems Branch (formerly the 649th Aeronautical Systems Squadron) from Brooks City Base, Texas, and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency’s Chemical and Biological Technologies Directorate from Fort Belvoir, Va. The facility’s modern and sleek architectural style fits into APG’s campaign of enhancing the Edgewood Area’s landscape and will provide a state-of-the-art building in support of the work force performing this critical mission.

Currently, a second phase facility is in the planning process. The second facility will mirror the first in size and lay-out, providing additional space to more efficiently complete the JPEO-CBD mission at APG.

Before concluding his visit to APG, Scarborough said, “I am confident the JPEO-CBD will continue to provide the best Chem-Bio Defense equipment and medical countermeasures at the right time, at the right cost, and in the right place.”

Completion of this facility is expected for July 2011 with occupants set to move into the building soon after.

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# Two honored during retirement ceremony

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A Soldier and a civilian were hailed during the Installation Retirement Ceremony at Top of the Bay July 24.

The honorees were Kevin Farrell, from the Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Emergency Services Fire Department and Master Sgt. Essie Washington-Bennett, from the 22d Chemical Battalion, (Technical Escort.)

Brig. Gen. Harold J. Greene, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and senior commander, Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass., presided over the ceremony and presented awards. He was assisted by APG and RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin.

The U.S. Army Materiel Command band's Bass Quintet, with Staff Sgt. Alan Harold serving as music support team leader, provided music for the event.

Greene congratulated the retirees on reaching this milestone, commenting that both retirees served their country well.

"To each of our honored retirees today, I give my personal thanks and the sincere appreciation from all of us present for your professionalism, dedication and commitment to this nation and to public service," he said.

Green said that the retirees are the unsung heroes of America.

"We continue to live in freedom and safety because of your efforts," Greene said. "Both of these individuals have carried on APG's proud traditions through their contributions to our Soldiers, the Army and the nation. Your experience and spirit will be hard to replace."

## **Kevin J. Farrell**

Farrell received the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service and the Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation signed by Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander. Farrell's wife, Mary Jo, received the APG Certificate of Appreciation signed by Ortiz. Farrell retired with more than 26 years of service.

Farrell began his fire service career as a volunteer with the Singerly Fire Company of Elkton, Md. In July of 1969, Farrell took training classes with the University of Maryland where he later became a fire/rescue instructor. Kevin's specialty areas included firefighting skills development, officer development, advanced truck company and rescue operations and firefighter survival skills.

Farrell worked in a number of fire service jobs prior to coming to APG, and was one of the first industrial fire instructors ever certified by Delaware State Fire School in Dover, Del.

Farrell began his federal career at APG in 1984. He continued his fire service development through the rotational cycles between the three APG fire stations. Farrell was eventually promoted to the Fire Protection Specialist as the training officer for the department by Chief Charles Jones. This



**Kevin J. Farrell**

action, plus the blossoming hazmat mission of the department, caused Farrell to investigate computer technology in support of both the training and the hazmat missions. Farrell attended the National Fire Academy and discovered a program called CAMEO, which was adopted for use at APG, leading to routine computer use by the entire membership of the department. As time evolved, Farrell was instrumental in developing the fire department information technology infrastructure beyond the hazmat arena, and into the application of the computer technology to improve the department's business processes. This led to the creation of FireNet, a wide area network connecting the three fire stations into a cohesive network incorporating electronic mail, a file server, and a Web server. Due to the rapid advances in computer use during the mid 1990s, Farrell's focus shifted from that of training officer for the department, to that of IT manager.

Farrell was instrumental in bringing the present computer aided dispatch 911 center online on Dec. 7, 1997.

Farrell was again reassigned in 2002 to serve as the liaison to the APG Emergency Operations Center for emergency planning and activations in the Office of Emergency Management. He was instrumental in the establishment of WebEOC as the primary command and control application by the Emergency Operations Center. Farrell established relationships with state and local partners, then modified WebEOC to electronically connect to Harford County and the Baltimore Metro Council allowing for instant information sharing between the state, local, and regional Office of Emergency Management and Emergency Management Agency.

In 2004 Farrell earned his Coast Guard captain's license which he plans to use for boating work.

Farrell said that he will miss working at APG.

"Retiring is bittersweet," he said. "It feels good to retire, but I will miss the people I worked with."

Farrell and his wife presently reside in Annapolis. In his spare time he enjoys



**Master Sergeant  
Essie M. Washington-Bennett**

boating on the Chesapeake Bay with his Family.

## **Master Sergeant Essie M. Washington-Bennett**

Bennett was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, signed by Brig. Gen. Jeffrey J. Snow, commander of the 20th Support Command, the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama, and the Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation signed by Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., Army Chief of Staff. Her husband Sgt. Maj. (retired) Michael Bennett received the DA Certificate of Appreciation signed by Casey. Bennett retires from the Army with 22 years of service.

Bennett is a native of Grifton, N.C. where she was born Sept. 11, 1967. She enlisted in the Army in March 1988 at Fort Jackson, S.C., where she attended Basic Combat Training. Bennett graduated from Advanced Individual Training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and was awarded 54B, Chemical Specialist as her primary Military Occupational Specialty which is now 74D. She has held numerous assignments throughout her career; decontamination specialist, squad leader, chemical biological, radiological, and nuclear non-commissioned officer, platoon sergeant, small group leader, drill sergeant, battalion and brigade CBRN NCO, operations sergeant, first sergeant, S2/S3 sergeant major and non-commissioned officer-in-charge for the Technical Escort Team. Bennett has served in Germany, Korea, numerous locations in the United States and deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. She ends her career as a team sergeant of the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), 20th SUPCOM.

Bennett's military education includes

Warrior Leader Course; Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course; Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course; Instructor Training Course; and Drill Sergeant School. Bennett has earned a master's degree in Procurement and Acquisitions Management from Webster University.

Bennett's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Good Conduct Medal Award; Southwest Asia Service Medal; Saudi Kuwait Liberation Medal; and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Bennett is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and the Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization at the University of Alabama.

Bennett said that she was thankful for being allowed to serve her country.

"Not everyone has the opportunity to serve their country," she said. "I know I am retiring from a great organization that supported me."

Bennett said she plans to work in the APG area in contracting or procurement.

"As I close this chapter of my life I will take what the Army taught me and support the Warfighters," she said.

# PEO C3T employee becomes certified LSS Black Belt

Story by  
**EMILY GEE**  
MilTech Solutions Office, Symbolic Systems, Inc.

As PEO C3T and other organizations transition to their new home in Aberdeen Proving Ground, tracking equipment has become increasingly important. Initiatives created by the newest Lean Six Sigma Black Belt recipient have streamlined and improved this important process.

"I think if every person looked at the processes they were doing and improved upon them, then it would help the Army overall," said Eva Zucchetti, operations research analyst at Project Manager Force XXI Battle Command Brigade-and-Below (PM FBCB2). "I'm one person, and hopefully by being trained (in process improvement), I can make someone else aware, and then that person will make someone else aware, and then hopefully people will all come together and try to improve upon their processes."

Zucchetti was awarded her Lean Six Sigma Black Belt certification July 27. The project she completed for this certification was streamlining the pro-

cess of property book management as portions of the former PM Command Posts (PM CP) transitioned to PM FBCB2.

"At a certain point, when we transferred from CP to FBCB2 everybody's equipment had to be transferred, so the property book manager got backlogged," Zucchetti said. "I think the Lean Six Sigma training is beneficial because it makes people realize that they could change processes."

LSS, the primary methodology used for Army Business Transformation, directly improves efficiency and quality while eliminating non-value-added activities, according to the U.S. Army 2010 Posture Statement Information Paper on the LSS Initiative. There are various certification levels in LSS training, including Green Belts, Black Belts and Master Black Belts.

To earn certification as a LSS Black Belt, one has to attend four weeks of training, pass a final exam, and lead a project team, with the help of a mentor, from defining a problem through implementing a permanent solution. Throughout the Army, over 150 LSS projects with a cumulative cost sav-

ings and/or avoidance of over \$2.3 billion dollars were completed from fiscal year 07 through the end of the first quarter of FY 10, the information paper indicates.

Zucchetti worked with the property book manager and the Application Support Team of the Business Management Division of PM CP to develop solutions for streamlining the process of transferring and accounting for equipment. The property book manager requires 100 percent accountability of office equipment, and also tracks hand receipts, which show the person responsible for a piece of equipment.

Zucchetti realized that the manager of the property book had been hand writing the transfer forms, and that he and the AST group members were using separate databases to account for the same equipment. The individual databases were not updated at the same time. Zucchetti recommended that the transfer forms be automated and the databases consolidated. She also recommended a separate module be developed within one database to track the hand receipts.

Based on her recommendations, the

processing time to transfer equipment was reduced from one month to five days. As PM CP continued its transition, the single database solution allowed for better organized information and more efficient property book accounting. The project took a year to complete.

A LSS project must use the Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve and Control approach. LSS Black Belt candidates must draft presentations for tollgate reviews at the end of each stage, where their mentor and project sponsor review their progress and approve moving forward.

Not everyone needs to be trained as a belt to implement LSS principles and improve processes, Zucchetti said. Submitting project ideas and supporting LSS projects as a team member are very critical to the success of LSS in the PEO, she added.

Zucchetti said that if the entire workforce learns the basic LSS principles, and improves their business processes, it will benefit all.

"[These improvements] will make it easier for everyone and, in time, help the Army and DoD," Zucchetti said.

## Name change for Defense Logistics Agency elements

DLA

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service and the local Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office or DRMO took on a new name July 19.

DLA Disposition Services will provide the same level of service and support to Warfighters and other customers in the disposition of excess property and management of hazardous waste as before. No changes in local operating hours or services will result. The same name will be used worldwide to provide unity.

DLA Disposition Services is part of the Defense Logistics Agency, or DLA, as it was under its former name.

In addition to the local operation, DLA Disposition Services is part of a global community that operates field sites in 41 states and 16 foreign countries. Along with overseas operations in Europe, the Pacific and Africa, it has field sites in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait. In Iraq small teams fan out from the field sites to forward operating bases to work with combat units as they clear their bases as part of the responsible drawdown and reflecting a long term commitment to stewardship.

The DLA Director, Navy Vice Admiral Alan Thompson, said he sought a clearer identity for all DLA elements to make it easier for customers to interact with the agency and help service members take advantage of DLA's comprehensive missions, products and services.

For more information call Lorraine Temple, DLA Disposition Services Aberdeen, 410-410-306-4112 or 410-278-2216, email lorraine.temple@dla.mil or visit [www.drms.dla.mil](http://www.drms.dla.mil).

## Band

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are greatly appreciated on this installation," he said. "It is because of your professionalism that you have the reputation that you do. You will always have a home here."

Justice thanked Mary Jane Jernigan, president of the Aberdeen chapter of the Association of the United States Army, which paid for the event.

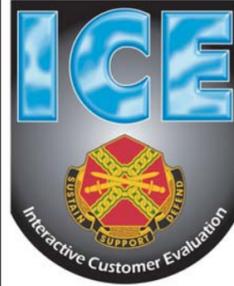
Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Spohn accepted commemorative plaques from Justice and Ortiz on behalf of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Peter Gillies who is on the ground at the

band's new home at the new AMC headquarters in Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Spohn said that while the majority of the band will have relocated by winter, elements will remain to support APG until the spring.

"Those remaining will provide support through the holiday season to some level until March [2011]," Spohn said. He added that his wife, band member Staff Sgt. Wendy Spohn, who is from Cullman, Ala., near the Huntsville area, is at Redstone and pregnant with their second child.

"She's looking forward to having the baby near where she grew up," he said. "She never thought she'd get stationed that close to home."



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"Aberdeen Proving  
Ground."



Photo courtesy of DoD

*A child plays with a dinosaur at the Rodriguez Child Development Center, Fort Bragg, N.C. The Department of Defense recently announced changes to the pricing policy for child care at military child development centers. The policy will adjust fee ranges in child care programs across the services and will be implemented no later than Sept. 30.*

## DoD changes child care fee policy

DoD

The Department of Defense has announced the school year 2010-2011 child care fee policy. The policy will adjust fee ranges in child care programs across the services and will be implemented no later than Sept. 30, 2010. Changes will impact Families who have children enrolled in DoD child development centers and school age care programs.

The DoD broadened child care fee ranges from six to nine categories, raised the income cap on each fee range, and established the top earning range at \$125,000 a year and above for a more equitable policy.

Previously, Families earning more than \$70,000 a year and above, all paid the same fee for child care. Under the new policy, Families will see either a small decrease or increase in their fees depending on their total Family income. Families earning \$85,000 and below will experience relatively minimal changes. Each military service will provide fee guidelines specific to their installations.

“This is the first time in six years that the Defense Department has adjusted fee ranges,” said Robert L. Gordon III, deputy under secretary of defense, military community and family policy. “The action follows an in-depth study that determined that fee ranges were no longer in sync with the total Family income for the majority of program users. As a result of this adjustment, we broadened and added income ranges to

achieve greater equity within our military community.”

The fee policy represents a balanced solution to the issue of adjusting fees to pay caregiver salaries while limiting the financial impact on the family. Competitive salaries help to recruit and retain quality staff. Retaining high quality staff contributes to continuity of care.

“Ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of the military children entrusted to our care is a number one priority,” said Gordon. “We are committed to high quality care for our military children, which includes attracting talented child care staff whose compensation is competitive with the civilian sector.”

Ninety-eight percent of DoD’s child development centers are nationally accredited compared to eight to 10 percent of community childcare centers. National accreditation means a commitment of providing high quality services, including a developmentally appropriate curriculum, a healthy and safe environment, sufficient number of adults per children in group sizes appropriate for children’s ages; and strong communication between staff and families.

“Child care is a readiness issue,” Gordon said. “We will continue striving to provide quality care to support our working parents.”

For specific information about the installation fees, parents are encouraged to contact their local child development center and school-age care program.



Photo by RACHEL PONDER

From left, Pam Fry, from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Diane Simmons, from the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, and Jackie Laroche, from the Civilian Human Resources Agency Human Resource Development Division, conduct a mediation practice exercise during the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute Mediation Certification Program that was held in building 4305 July 26 to 30.

## Mediation

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“Everyone will be affected by BRAC,” he said.

Martin said that the Mediation Certification Program is important because lack of communication can be a big problem in the workplace.

“Problems come from management not conveying to the employees clearly enough and employees not really understanding the intent of management,” he said.

Martin said that it is his intent to offer more mediation training opportunities for APG employees.

“Mediation is a great thing; it is all about opening communications and understanding both sides,” he said.

During the training’s graduation on July 30, Leslie Lovick, Director of the APG Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, thanked the program’s participants.

“The payoff for this program will be down the road, Lovick said. “This program is bigger than all of us; the Army is

looking at APG’s program as a pilot.”

Colonel Orlando Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, said the Mediation Certification Program is a great opportunity for APG, and that the program is critical during a time of many changes.

“I feel that the right individuals were selected to attend this training,” He said. “We are breaking ground and you are in the right place at the right time. Don’t lose that energy, keep the spirit and move forward as you will be the unsung heroes that helped the installation be successful.”

Felix Cruz, an employee of Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, who recently transferred to APG from Ft. Monmouth, N.J., said that he saw the program as a chance to help those who are new to the APG community.

“I saw this program as an opportunity to help the new personnel,” Cruz said. “I also thought that the training would improve my communication skills.”

Marcella Heilig, who works for the U.S Army Aberdeen Test Center said that she wanted to become a mediator as a way to give back to the APG community.

“I try to look for ways to volunteer my time to help others,” she said. “I felt like the week-long training was really beneficial and that I am prepared to be a mediator.”

For more information about the Mediation Certification Program contact Prue, at 410-306-2468.

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# HIRED! teens gain work experience by working at M/VISC

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A Harford Community College freshman and a Patterson Mill High School junior are gaining hands-on graphic design experience this summer while working at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Multimedia /Visual Information Services Center.

Emily Feustel, 17, and Edward Sheu, 15, are two out of 21 teens participating in the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's HIRED! program introduced to the APG community last fall. The HIRED! program provides paid apprenticeships for 15 to 18-year-olds.

Both Feustel and Sheu said that they wanted to work at the APG M/VISC to experience working in graphic design.

Feustel, who is taking general college course requirements at HCC, said that she wanted to participate in the program to apply her knowledge of graphic design outside of the classroom.

"I wanted to experience working in this environment before deciding to major in it," Feustel said. "From this experience I decided that I definitely want to major in this field. I learned what I like, what I don't like, my strengths and what I need to improve on. I think this experience will definitely help me decide what I want to do after I graduate from college. Plus, it will look good on my resume."

Sheu said that he wants to try different career fields before graduating from high school.

"It is a pretty interesting area, and it is fun too," he said. "This is my first job, so I am learning how to study and go to work. This summer I am also studying for the SAT (Scholarship Aptitude Test). Working and studying has taught me time management skills."

This summer, both apprentices have been working on projects for M/VISC.

Feustel designed a banner for Ripken Stadium's Military Appreciation Night using mili-



Emily Feustel, 17, a HIRED! apprentice, listens to advice from Phil MacKenzie, chief of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Multimedia/Visual Information Services Center and, her on-site mentor.

tary images she found online.

Sheu came up with a concept by using origami to make a three dimensional cube to advertise the Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE, program.

"One of our missions is to promote the programs on post," said Phil MacKenzie, M/VISC chief and on-site mentor to Feustel and Sheu.

"Emily is applying some of the graphic design concepts that she learned in school to a business setting [and] Edward came up with the idea to advertise the ICE program by designing a three dimensional cube on the computer to advertise the program. Not only are we teaching him things, he is teaching us things too."

Sheu is also scanning in about 150 historical art boards for the M/VISC archives.

"He is scanning these boards in so that we can have these images for use. We will be able to view these boards on the computer rather than looking at them one at a time," Mackenzie said.

Mackenzie said that he appreciates the work of the HIRED!

apprentices.

"I like the program. I think it is a good thing for young people to get exposure early on," MacKenzie said. "I think that it is a great program and I would like to continue to sponsor the HIRED! program. It has turned out to be a benefit to us."

## About HIRED!

The HIRED! program offers a variety of job placements in FMWR facilities for teens of military and government civilians assigned to APG. To secure apprenticeships, candidates must achieve and maintain a 2.0 grade point average or higher before completing a pre-assessment and interviews with facility managers. Depending on the skills and interest teens show in these interviews, they are placed under the direct supervision of a designated on-site mentor who is responsible for tutoring their individual apprentices.

Jay McKinney, a youth workforce preparation specialist with APG's Child Youth and School Services office, said that the program offers more than just a job. It offers valuable experi-

ence for teens.

"Many teens are unsure of what career they want to pursue," McKinney said. "This program gives them a chance to explore these options."

Some of the career options offered in the HIRED! program include: education, child and/or youth development, marketing or graphic design, library and information science, food and beverage management, pet care education, information

technology, sports studies and sports management. Students may participate in the program twice a year and can participate in the program every year while they are between the ages of 15 and 18.

During the summer, apprentices are allowed to serve two terms at one time, meaning they would participate 30 hours during a seven-day period. There is also potential for the stipend to increase depending on the number of times the student enrolls in the program. Additional requirements for the students include participating in other career preparation enrichment activities such as workshops and classes where students learn how to fill out financial aid forms and scholarship applications. Students will also be expected to keep a journal of their experience.

"Teens will receive experience that will make them competitive in future job opportunities and college applications," McKinney said. "Students will develop work and life skills, like customer service, and resume writing, that will be applicable to any job they might pursue in the future."

To learn more information about the HIRED! program, contact McKinney, at 410-278-3250. Teens can sign up now for the next semester, which begins Sept. 14.



Edward Sheu, 15, a HIRED! apprentice, studies a design concept he created to advertise the Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE program.

# Community Notes

**THURSDAY**

**AUGUST 12  
NATURE STORY TIME AT EDEN MILL**

Eden Mill Nature Center offers Nature Story Time, 11 a.m. on Thursdays. Everyone is welcome to join Eden Mill for a children's story and a craft related to a theme about nature.

Families are welcome to bring a picnic lunch after the program. Donations for the craft only are requested. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, visit [www.edenmill.org](http://www.edenmill.org) or call 410-836-3050 or e-mail [edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com).

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
AUGUST 13 AND 14  
ANNUAL STATE BBQ BASH**

The Ninth Annual Maryland State BBQ Bash will be held 4 to 10 p.m., Aug. 13 and noon to 10 p.m., Aug. 14, on the Mary Risteau (State Office Building) parking lot at the corner of Bond and Thomas Streets in Bel Air. Events include an amateur Tailgate Challenge, live music, exhibits, crafts, a Little Piggies Fun Zone filled with children's activities and more.

For more information, call the Bel Air Downtown Alliance at 410-638-1023 or e-mail Scott at [swalker@downtown-belair.com](mailto:swalker@downtown-belair.com).

**FRIDAY  
AUGUST 13  
FAMILY CAMPFIRE**

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 7:30 to 9 p.m. for all ages. Cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per Family (limit five 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  
AUGUST 14  
WHITE TAILED DEER SURVEY**

Help determine if the deer population of Leight Park is a healthy size. Conduct pellet (deer scat) counts out on the trails to determine how many deer call the Park home. This free program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 16

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.

**SUMMER PICNIC KAYAK**  
Paddle to Snake Island for a picnic under shade trees. Bring a bag lunch. This program will be held 12:30 to 3 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required. For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

**CHILDREN'S GARDENING - TEA PARTY**  
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 4 to 5 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.

**FLOATING FEAST - EATING ON THE ESTUARY**  
Enjoy the perfect summertime recreational combo - boating and eating. Local food and businesses will be featured for each cruise. This program will be held 6:30 to 8 p.m. for ages 30 lbs. to adult. The cost is \$10 per person or \$40 per Family (limit five 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.

**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 15  
PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO HARFORD GLEN**  
Explore wildlife photography at Harford Glen under the tutelage of Dave Gigliotti. This program will be held 10 a.m. to noon for ages 15 to adult. The cost is \$8 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.

**HEALING HERBS FOR HOME AND HEALTH**  
Discover the properties of native and



**Troop Medical Clinic - closed in the Aberdeen Area**

The Troop Medical Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic in the Aberdeen Area closed and Sick Call was phased out as of July 30. This closure and the subsequent termination of sick call is a result of the majority of the Advanced Individual Training (AIT) students from the Aberdeen Area moving to Fort Lee, Va. The military students remaining in the Aberdeen Area can call the KUSAHC Call Center, 410-278-5475, starting at 6:30 a.m. to schedule a same-day appointment.

**Troop Medical Clinic - no change in the Edgewood Area**  
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Call in the Edgewood Area of APG. The hours are 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. for AIT students and 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. for permanent party appointments. Call 410-436-3001 for more information.

**Active Duty Permanent Party / Authorized Beneficiaries**

For all other routine medical needs, Active-duty permanent party and authorized beneficiaries will continue to make appointments at KUSAHC by calling the KUSAHC Call Center, 410-278-5475, or by using [www.Tricare-online.com](http://www.Tricare-online.com). With the recent addition of three providers, access to appointments has improved significantly.

For more information, call KUSAHC Patient Advocate Deborah Dodsworth, 410-278-1724.

horticultural herbs for healing and health. Create useful herbal products that are also great for gifts. Learn how to prepare and use herbs and other natural healing ingredients through this series. This program will be held 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. The cost is \$8 per class or \$20 per series. 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  
AUGUST 16  
MARTHA'S TREASURE HUNTERS**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a cruise, 10 to 11:30 a.m., for children only, ages 6 to 8. Tickets cost \$15 per child. Reservations are required. Children become pirates of the Bay aboard the skipjack Martha Lewis in search of sunken treasure. Children will read a map and help navigate the boat to find the treasure. Reservations are required.

For more information or to make reservations, call 410-939-4708.

**TUESDAY  
AUGUST 17  
BEE HIVE MAINTENANCE DEMONSTRATION**

Eden Mill Nature Center, located on 1617 Eden Mill Road Pylesville, pres-

ents Honeybee Hive Maintenance at 4:30 p.m.

Join the head beekeeper, Cybil Preston, as she demonstrates hive maintenance and answers questions concerning honeybees, crop management, pests and disease, as well as the importance of honeybees. No registration or fee is required. Meet on the paved pathway next to the Honeybee hives by the red barn.

For more information, call 410-836-3050 or e-mail [www.edenmill.org](http://www.edenmill.org).

**TWILIGHT CANOETRIP**

Eden Mill will offer a twilight canoe trip 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. The trip will help acquaint paddlers with the natural surroundings on Deer Creek. During these excursions, environmental education and interpretation are provided by the naturalist accompanying the group. Basic paddling instruction is provided before the trip. Canoes, paddles, and life-jackets will be provided. The trip will start and end at the Eden Mill Nature Center.

This event costs \$8 per person for non-members and \$5 for members. Small groups can be accommodated. Pre-Registration is required.

For more information or to register, call 410-836-3050, e-mail [edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com) or visit [www.edenmill.org](http://www.edenmill.org).

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

## POST SHORTS

membership registration, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 18 at the Southside Grill located in the Stark Recreation Center, building E4140, Edgewood Area and on Aug. 25, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326.

BJ's Wholesale Club offers 15-month membership for \$35 for all civilian and military personnel, retirees and contract employees. 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](mailto:patti.harkins@us.army.mil).

### Well-Being Action Council Meeting

Take part in the discussion of issues that affect the quality of life on Aberdeen Proving Ground during the monthly Well-Being Action Council Meeting. The next meeting will be held 9:30 a.m. Aug. 19 at the Edgewood Area Chapel.

### CIF relocates to Edgewood Area

The Central Issue Facility, operated by the Directorate of Logistics, has relocated to building E5707 on Magnolia Road in the Edgewood Area. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday. Customers must call in advance for an appointment, 410-436-2146 or e-mail: [apgr-usag-cif-CentrallIssueFacility@conus.army.mil](mailto:apgr-usag-cif-CentrallIssueFacility@conus.army.mil).

### CPR, AED classes available

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services is offering CPR and automated external defibrillator classes on APG.

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

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held at the Post Chapel, classroom 3, Sept. 15 and Nov. 17.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

For more information or to register, call Mike Davis, 410-306-0572, or e-mail [michael.ray.davis@us.army.mil](mailto:michael.ray.davis@us.army.mil).

### Green Dragon Ball

The National Capital Region 2010 Joint CBRNE Green Dragon Ball will be held Saturday, Aug. 14, at Top of the Bay. The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Paul McHale, Jr., former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense. For more details visit the Green Dragon Ball Web site [www.edgewood.army.mil/greendragonball/index.html](http://www.edgewood.army.mil/greendragonball/index.html). For more information, call Tracey Kelly, 410-436-4438 or Capt. Jessica Perez, 410-436-4000, or email to [apg.green.dragon.ball@conus.army.mil](mailto:apg.green.dragon.ball@conus.army.mil).

### Salute to veterans

Wright's Assisted Living, 354 Labernum Road in Edgewood, will host its annual salute to active duty, retired, disabled and fallen U.S. armed forces veterans, firefighters and police officers during its annual Tent Revival Extravaganza, 4 to 8 p.m., Aug. 15.

The event will include the posting of colors by Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers, a remembrance ride and salute to Wright's veterans by the Rolling Thunder motorcycle club, and gospel music by the Gospel Travelers, Ella Wright and the Spiritual Wonders, and other groups.

For more information, call 410-671-7053.

### Physicals at KUSAHC

Appointments are now available for school physicals. Be sure to bring your child's immunization records and any forms

to the appointment. For more information call 410-278-KIRK or 410-278-1928.

### APG cable channel switches to Channel 97

Aberdeen Proving Ground residents who receive cable through Comcast can now view both the APG and Harford County Public Service Channels on a cable ready TV set or through a Comcast Digital cable box. The Harford County Cable channel will broadcast on Channel 21. APG's Cable channel can be viewed on Channel 97.

### KUSAHC after-hours medical needs

For urgent medical services needed after hours, weekends or federal holidays, please contact Staff Duty at 410-278-1725 or call 443-807-0725. The Staff Duty NCO will coordinate your referral. To avoid Point of Service copayment charges, you will need a referral to go to any Urgent Care Center/Clinic. Care from a hospital emergency room does not require a referral. If unable to reach Staff Duty and you cannot wait, seek the nearest participating facility. Please call the clinic the following business day. The Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Referral Management telephone number is 410-278-1736. The Patient Advocate telephone number is 410-278-1724.

### CAC Appointment Scheduler

The Directorate of Human Resour-

ces has launched an online CAC renewal appointment scheduler application to support the empowerment of DHR customers. The CAC appointment application provides customers the ability to access an automated appointment calendar and schedule their CAC reissuance within 90 days of its expiration date based on time and date availability.

Additionally, the application allows customers the flexibility to cancel and reschedule appointments to avoid work schedule conflicts and a confirmation appointment e-mail, through their AKO, as well as appointment instructions.

Customers can access the CAC renewal appointment scheduler through the APG Web site - [www.apg.army.mil/AKOSSOprompt/cacrenewal.cfm](http://www.apg.army.mil/AKOSSOprompt/cacrenewal.cfm).

For questions or more information contact Tom Shumate, 410-306-2303.

### UMBC Training Centers are granted GI Bill Eligibility

University of Maryland Baltimore County Training Centers have been approved for GI Bill eligibility, enabling veteran students to receive tuition reimbursement via the Montgomery GI Bill. For a full listing of eligible programs, visit: [www.umbc.edu/trainctr/administrations/financial.html](http://www.umbc.edu/trainctr/administrations/financial.html).

For more information, call Nick Driver at 443-543-5413.

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

## LEAVE DONATIONS

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

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

April Avina	Juanita Guzman	Amanda Nordell
Shanelle Bell	Sharon Hardesty	Marie D. Nowak
Debra Bonsall	Richard Harvey	Michele Reamey
Georgia Braun	Walter Holland	Philip Sibley
Alena Calm	Cathleen Holmes	Kimberly Simons
Marcy Cannon	Kari Jackson	Betty Spurlin
Charlene Corun	Angela Lambert	Earl Taylor
John Daigle	Anthony Lee	Linda Terzigni
Meg Downey	Larry Maines	Joya Tucker
Wayne Erb	Cheryl Mitchell	Luis Villafane
Holly Geppi	Deborah Moore	Victoria Yates-Sparks

## APG SCHOOL LIAISON

### AMS invites new students to tour and meet peers

Aberdeen Middle School Jumpstart, led by Beth Oleszczuk, counselor department chairperson, and Eileen Campbell, APG School Liaison, will take place 10 a.m. to noon, Aug. 20. New, recently-registered students are encouraged to attend to meet other students, view slides on school procedures and meet Principal Chandra Krantz. Peer helpers, Students Helping Students and assistant principals will provide tours. Please contact the AMS Guidance Department, 410 273-5510, to register.

### Back-to-School Night at Roye-Williams

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold its Back-to-School Night 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Aug. 26. This is an opportunity for parents and students to meet teachers and staff, learn more about the curriculum and get to know teachers' goals and expectations.

Parents of students in grades 3 through 5 will be introduced to EDLINE offering on-line access to students' personal academic achievements.

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

## Outreach

### From front page

Family needs. The crucial first step is building relationships.

Effective community outreach is broader than a covenant. It begins with building strong, real relationships. Americans are inspired to offer their support when they learn more about military life and gain a deeper understanding of the personal challenges that Soldiers and Families experience. It is crucial that Army leaders make every effort to get to know local leaders, to attend town halls, Chamber of Commerce meetings and other events, and to invite local leaders and community members to attend events on post. Army leaders must be prepared to answer when local leaders ask, "How can we help?" Americans are generous and compassionate—if you let them know how they can help, they will.

I know from firsthand experience what the power of community support can do for Soldiers and their Families. One recent example is when I was the III Corps and Fort Hood Commander and worked to establish a Resiliency Campus, which gathers in one area a number of programs to support Soldiers' and Families' mental, spiritual and physical well-being. As Senior Commander I was able to dedicate the space on post and ensure that infrastructure improvements were made, but it was the embrace of the community outside the gate, their contributions of materials, services and expertise, that made the campus a reality.

We have several valuable resources to help Soldiers and Families locate and access programs and services available to them. Army One Source, at [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com), is a single portal for information on a wide range of services, including housing, healthcare, employment, education, childcare and

Family services. AOS includes information on how to contact the nearest Army community support coordinator. Community support coordinators work to make connections between local resources and Soldiers and Families, especially for those who live far from an installation.

The Army Community Covenant website, at [www.army.mil/community](http://www.army.mil/community), has information on more than 600 national, state and local programs that offer education, employment, family, financial, survivor, wounded warrior and other kinds of support. The website regularly adds information on new programs as we continue to build relationships with local, state and national organizations. The site also has ideas and resources for Army leaders to reach out to the communities around them, and for community members and organizations who want to offer support.

All of these resources—the Army Community Covenant resources, the community support coordinators, the advice and ideas of fellow leaders posted on [www.garrisoncommand.com](http://www.garrisoncommand.com), and the expertise of professionals on installations—help Army leaders build and strengthen relationships with communities and find innovative ways to take care of Soldiers and Families.

We have become more effective at our community outreach efforts in recent years, but our efforts meet with such success because our communities are eager to meet us halfway. They readily and generously express their gratitude and support for our Soldiers and Families. Our challenge is to meet them all the way, to clearly communicate our needs and facilitate their support for us. The support and contributions from our communities will enable us to keep our promise to provide Soldiers and Families a quality of life commensurate with their service.

Support and Defend  
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# FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## Activities/Events

### New hours

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, the Leisure Travel Office and the Library located in building 3326 have new hours of operation.

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center will open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The Leisure Travel Office will open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The Library will open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Introduction to Kayaking

This is a fun beginner class for individuals or the entire Family. No kayaking experience is necessary. This two and one-half hour course covers proper outfitting, safety, launching and basic strokes. The class is hands on and most of the time is spent on the water. Pre-registration is required; class size is limited. Deadline for registration is Aug. 18.

Classes will be offered 5 p.m., Aug. 19 in the Aberdeen Area and 5 p.m., Aug. 26 in the Edgewood Area. Cost is \$10 per person, per class. Children ages 12 to 17 must be accompanied by a participating parent or guardian.

Open to all Soldiers, Families, civilians and retirees at APG with ID cards.

Register at Outdoor Recreation, building 2407 or at the Aberdeen Area

Recreation Center, building 3326 or the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E4140.

For more information, call 410-278-4124.

### Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family

Tyler Perry reprises his character role as Mabel "Madea" Simmons for "Madea's Big Happy Family, 2 p.m., Oct. 9, at the 1st Mariner Arena, 201 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore. Tickets cost \$70 per person. Order tickets now - quantities are limited. All seats are located in section 114. All tickets need to be pre-ordered before Oct. 1.

For more information about Madea's Big Happy Family, visit [www.tylerperry.com](http://www.tylerperry.com)

To purchase tickets, visit the MWR Leisure Travel Services at the Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail [APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil).

### Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire tickets available

Tickets are available for the 2010 Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, 2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim, Pa.

Tickets cost \$23 each for adults and \$9 for children ages 5 through 11.

The Renaissance Faire will be held on weekends 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 14 through Oct. 31. Enjoy a marvelous trip back in time to the days of yore featuring 35 acres of jousting knights and royal delights. Tickets are good for any day. Themed weekends include Pirate Invasion, Children's Fantasy, Heroes of the Realm, Scottish Weekend, Oktoberfest, Irish Weekend and more.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the 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](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil).

### Sesame Street Live

"Sesame Street Live: Elmo's Healthy Heroes" will be held 2 p.m., Sept. 11, at 1st Mariner Arena, 201 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore. Tickets cost \$33 each for all ages. Tickets must be pre-ordered by Sept. 7. Order tickets now; quantities are limited. All seats are located in Section 6 on the floor level.

For more information on Sesame Street Live, visit <http://sesamestreetlive.com/>.

To purchase tickets, visit the MWR Leisure Travel Services at the Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail [APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil).

### Hershey Park trip

Hershey Park happy, Hershey Park fun! A trip to Hershey Park will take place Aug. 15. Cost is \$55 per person and includes park ticket and roundtrip transportation. Bus departs 7:30 a.m. and returns 9 p.m. Seats are limited. Reserve a seat today. Open to all DoD ID card holders.

For more information, call MWR Tickets and Leisure Travel Services, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail [APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil).

### Hearts Apart to host Pre-Labor Day Gathering

As part of the ongoing commitment to support the Army Family Covenant, Army Community Service will host a Pre-Labor Day gathering, 6 to 7 p.m., Sept. 1, at ACS, building 2503 High Point Road. This event is designed for Hearts Apart Families to network with each other.

There will be light refreshments for all who participate. Hearts Apart seeks to empower Families (military and DoD civilians) with information to help prepare the 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 Wilhelmina Cromartie, 410-278-2464.

### MWR daily bus trips to Atlantic City

Roll the bones on daily trips to Atlantic City, N.J. MWR Leisure Travel Services offers daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino. Cost of the trip is \$28 per person.

Only for ages 21 and over. The bus will leave Vitali's Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood 9 a.m. and return 9 p.m. Seating is limited and sells quickly. Seats must be purchased at least two weeks in advance.

For more information, contact MWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail [APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil).

### Visit Washington, D.C.

Spend a day in the nation's Capitol - visit the museums, go sightseeing, or take a tour. MWR Leisure Travel Office will offer a day trip to Washington, D.C. Sept. 25. Participants will depart the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326 at 8 a.m. and be dropped off at the National Mall. Cost is \$30 per person. Space is limited.

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

### APG Variety and Talent Show auditions

A variety show and two talent shows are planned for Sept. 24 and 25.

A Tribute to the Troops Variety Show will be held 7 p.m., Sept. 24. APG's Got Talent Show will be held Sept. 25. The youth talent show will be held 4 p.m. and an adult talent show will be held 7 p.m.

Auditions for both shows will be held 6 to 8 p.m., every Thursday. Auditions are open to the entire APG community and its partners.

Volunteers and performers are needed for both shows.

For more information, call 410-278-3854.

### Looking for a job?

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

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

# hired!

### HIRED!

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

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

### Preparing Teens for the Work Place

Teens ages 13 to 18 can attend this program 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 19, at Youth Services, building 2503.

Topics include College 101, Resume Writing, Interview Techniques and Dress for Success.

To register, sign up at the CYSS Central Registration, building 2503. For more information, call Jay McKinney, 410-278-3250, or e-mail [jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil](mailto:jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil).

# 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.

Sign-up for all programs at the CYSS Parent Central Registration Office, building 2503, or call 410-278-7571/7479.

For more information, call 410-278-1399 or at [chuck.rose1@us.army.mil](mailto:chuck.rose1@us.army.mil)

### Hip-Hop Dance

Boys and girls, ages 11 to 18 can join friends for some dancing the hip-hop way. Participants can learn the many moves and styles, or just create their own. Classes will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Sept. 13 through 27 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. This program is free for eligible participants. Parents provide transportation or if transportation is needed, Aberdeen Area Youth Services will provide it. The bus leaves building 2522 at 3:45 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

### Study and Research Skills

School is right around the corner and now is the time for students to improve their study and research skills for all new and difficult classes. Boys and girls ages 11 to 18 will learn the proper way to set up their study schedule, how to do all their research and get the grade they need. This program is free for eligible participants and will be held 4 to 6 p.m., on Tuesdays, Sept. 7 through 28 at a location to be determined. Parents provide transportation or if transportation is needed, Aberdeen Area Youth Services will provide it. The bus leaves building 2522 at 3:45 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

### Rollin' down the Alley Bowling

Bowling is a lifetime sport and activity and is fun to do with Family, friends, or even in competitive settings. There's more to bowling than making the ball curve each way to get a strike or pick up a difficult spare. Bowling will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 1 through 29 at the Bowling Center. Cost is \$40 per child for ages 6 to 10, except for regular users of CYSS programs; ages 11 to 18 bowl for free. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

### Ceramics Painting

Boys and girls ages 11 to 18 can choose a mold they like and paint it the way they want. Ceramics painting will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Fridays, Sept. 3 through 24 at the Edgewood Area Arts and Crafts Shop, building E4440. Participants can design a gift for parents, or make something to display in their room, to friends and everywhere. Once the ceramics is panted, the finished product will be fired up and glazed just the way they want it. This program is free to eligible participants. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Bus transportation will be provided to those who need it. The bus will leave from Aberdeen Youth Services, building 2522, at 3:45 p.m.

### Teen Fitness Challenge

Are you ready for a challenge? EDGE! has one for youths and teens. Fitness is not all sweat and drudgery. Boys and girls ages 11 to 18 can participate in this free program. The Teen Fitness Challenge will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 2 through 30 at a location to be determined. Let's make it fun and learn how to do some exercise without realizing it. All types of exercise will be covered. Are you up for a challenge? Snacks and beverages will be provided. Bus transportation will be provided to those who need it. The bus will leave from Aberdeen Youth Services, building 2522, at 3:45 p.m.

## SKIES Unlimited

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

### Martial Arts at APG present Tiny Tigers

Children ages 4 to 6 can join the Tiny Tigers Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Parent participation is required. Instructor Sabunim Sean A. Williams will teach this program. Classes will be held 5:30 to 6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, beginning Sept. 13 and will be held monthly. The Tiny Tiger program is an age appropriate version of Taekwondo that will help direct energy into confidence and character building skills. Students will learn traditional Taekwondo techniques such as blocking, punching and kicking including "Stranger Danger" and "Fire Safety" skills. Unity TKD's Tiny Tiger's program places great emphasis on confidence and character building in all our students. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited to 12 parent and child pairings, so register early.

### Private Guitar Lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held from Oct. 4 through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the AA Youth Center, building 2503.

No experience is necessary. Cost of the lessons is \$102 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week for six weeks.

Students also are required to purchase books for the course as recommended by the instructor. Books are a onetime purchase. Students must also provide their own guitar.

### Private Piano Lessons

Private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 through 18, Oct. 4 through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays at the AA Youth Center, building 2503.

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.

## August and September bowling specials

- Early Bird special: Bowl from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.50.

- Dollar Night: Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.

- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza and one pitcher of soda for \$32.

### Fall and winter leagues forming

Sign up today for fall and winter leagues. There also will be a youth league on Saturday mornings for ages 18 months through 21.

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 Aug. 9

Special #1: Chicken salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.95.

Special #2: Nacho bowl grande with one bean and beef burrito, cookie and regular soda for \$6.25.

### Week of Aug. 16

Special #1: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.25

Special #2: Double bacon cheese burger with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$7.95.

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



# Night Out

From front page

“Big Mike” Farlow expressed his thanks to all participants, including the volunteers who cooked and prepared the food and refreshments.

“This is just one of the many programs that the Community Policing Office provides to better serve the community,” he said. “Programs like this allow the community to meet police officers in a friendly environment.

“We’re very fortunate to have a great relationship with the other APG community-oriented organizations who came together to make this event possible.”

“These are always great events that give the community a chance to meet and interact with their APG first responders,” added Robert Krauer, the APG Director of Emergency Services.

“I’m always gratified to see the various organizations partner with DES in community focused events.

“A lot of hard work behind the scenes goes into these functions,” he added. “We try to make them fun and informative and make the public we serve aware that their police and fire departments are truly here to serve them, day in and day out.”

### Displays and equipment

DES police officer Amber Holdford hosted the NetSmart display. NetSmart teaches children how to avoid dangers on the Internet, Holdford said.

“It teaches them to never give out personal information and to always tell if they’re approached online,” she said.

Using a laptop computer, children explored the NetSmart workshop information center that included Halloween safety tips and information for parents. Several read the Online Safety Rules and then took a pledge to practice safety when online.

“The site is sponsored by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children,” Holdford said, noting that information also is available in Spanish.

The Crime Prevention Unit table was geared toward informing the community about safety, particularly in schools. It contained information on outreach school programs on drugs and bullying. DES police officer Nicole Hall distributed punching bags and key rings to visitors.

“It’s interesting to see the positive response from the community,” Hall said. “We’re here to tell them ‘we are here for you and we want you to let us know what you need.’”



Firefighter C. B. Boyd helps children “escape” from the Weather Smart trailer after a smoke demonstration during National Night Out Against Crime 2010 festivities in Patriot Village Aug. 3.

DES police officer Chris Damko hosted the K9 Training Display where visitors viewed an Alco Sensor detection kit – a handheld breath alcohol tester that determines a subject’s blood alcohol level; a drug testing kit used for field testing for the presence of illegal substances such as Cocaine or Ecstasy; and bite suit components that dog handlers use in training their K9s.

The Special Reaction Team display, hosted by DES police officer Jeremy Rondone, presented an assortment of tactical equipment used in search and entry and the Fish and Wildlife Division, led by officers Larry Merrill and Brandon Witt, distributed fact sheets on environmental issues such as Lyme disease and tips on avoiding deer collisions.

Merrill said the installation’s new hunting and trapping regulation comes out Sept. 1.

Alcohol and drug abuse technicians Vivian Johnson and Lamont Coger ran the ASAP display, which included a drug awareness candy display by the Maryland Poison Control Center. Children also played bean bag and rope toss games wearing drunken goggles that simulate intoxication.

At the ACS table, Diana Hayes and Arcelio Alleyne distributed information about child abuse, domestic violence, anger management and other related subjects and Picerne Military Housing’s Amy Shepherd and other staff members answered residents’ questions about accident prevention.



Vivian Jackson, an alcohol and drug abuse technician with the Army Substance Abuse Program talks about drug abuse awareness and prevention to Jeremiah Vogelhut, 11.

One newcomer to the event was the APG Garrison’s Emergency Management Center led by Pedro Rodriguez. The display was in line with the Ready Army campaign which seeks to inform the Army community of all hazards and to provide targeted preparedness information to Soldiers, their Families, civilians and contractors worldwide, Rodriguez said. The display included emergency radios, waterproof pouches and an On the Job Emergency

Relief System kit that included basic life support injury packs as well color coded guide books.

“This is the future of First Aid,” Rodriguez said.

“We want people to know that we are pushing the Ready Army campaign which coincides with the role of emergency management,” Rodriguez said.

Several Families remarked that they and their children had a good time.

“This is our first time coming here and it’s nice to see the

children learning new things,” said Kandy Hall, a DES administrative specialist who brought her children Kirston, 14 and Dean, 11.

Family Child Care provider Shantel Mercado brought her son, Christian, 3, and daughter, Jhazmy, 2, to their first National Night Out.

“A friend told me about it,” she said as they looked at a fire engine on display. “He can’t wait to grow up,” she said, “because he wants to be a fireman.”



While her friends Mia Nickerson, 5, center, and Anthony Haywood, 15, right, look on, Antoinette Barnes, 12, left, plays the ASAP rope toss game wearing drunken goggles.



Gary Clark, 14, is impressed by the array of emergency rescue equipment stored in a Directorate of Emergency Services fire engine.

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# Reviving happy days at APG

Story by  
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Three-hundred former Aberdeen Proving Ground teenagers will reunite for the first time in more than three decades to recreate the happy days of their youth during the Teen Town reunion, 4 p.m. to midnight, at American Legion Post 128 in Aberdeen Aug. 28.

Teen Town was the only social club for youth and teenagers ages 8 to 18 on APG. The club existed from 1959 to 1980, according to Larry Brinegar of Aberdeen, a former member who from the age of 13, performed at the club with his bands Orange Wedge and Lucifer's Council.

Teen Town was operated by the former Recreation Services Division, which became today's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. For much of Teen Town's existence, the club was located in Building 2204. The building no longer exists but the memories of a carefree era lives on in its former members.

Brinegar said he got the idea for a reunion about six months ago after he had been in touch with fellow Orane Wedge band members Stan and Steve Walker.

The Walkers are twin brothers who lived on post in the 1970s with their parents, Col. Aaron E. and Betty Walker. The brothers and their mother will travel to Aberdeen from Oklahoma for the Teen Town Reunion.

Along with Orange Wedge, Brinegar's other band, LIX and the band Alton Street, will perform during the reunion along with other bands of the era.

"In those days, there were no deejays. It was all live bands," Brinegar said. "I suggested Stan and Steve return to the area and jam with some old friends and then I got to thinking of all the people who used to be associated with Teen Town and the idea got rolling from there."

Brinegar and former Teen Town-er David Beatty contacted Legion commander James Anderson who agreed to the use of the hall for the event at no charge.

"When the calls started going out, it just exploded," Brinegar said. "A lot of people stayed in this area and some have moved away but all of them remember Teen Town."

The reunions asks a \$20 donation which goes to the American Cancer Society in memory of retired Master Sgt. Al "Sarge" Alves who ran Teen Town until he retired in 1974. He was replaced by Dwight Bloom who was the director until Teen Town closed in 1980. Bloom passed away from Cancer and his mother, Erna Bloom, will be one of the guests of honor along with Stan and Steve's mother Betty and Beth Zych of the American Cancer Society.

"I recently lost my father-in-law to cancer and many other friends and relatives have been touched by the disease so that became our game plan," Brinegar said. "We want others to benefit from this reunion. I can give back by doing this as well as through my music."

Along with the Walker twins of Orange Wedge, members from Lucifer's Council included keyboard player Mike "Moogie" MaCallister, now a Syracuse University professor and Doug Linton of Pennsylvania. They too will attend the reunion. Possibly Steve Azola of California will attend also.

Teen Town offered many activities for children and teens of APG.

Among them was the annual Miss Teen Town contest. Teresa (Hall) Dixon, a media technician at Aberdeen High School, was crowned Miss Teen Town

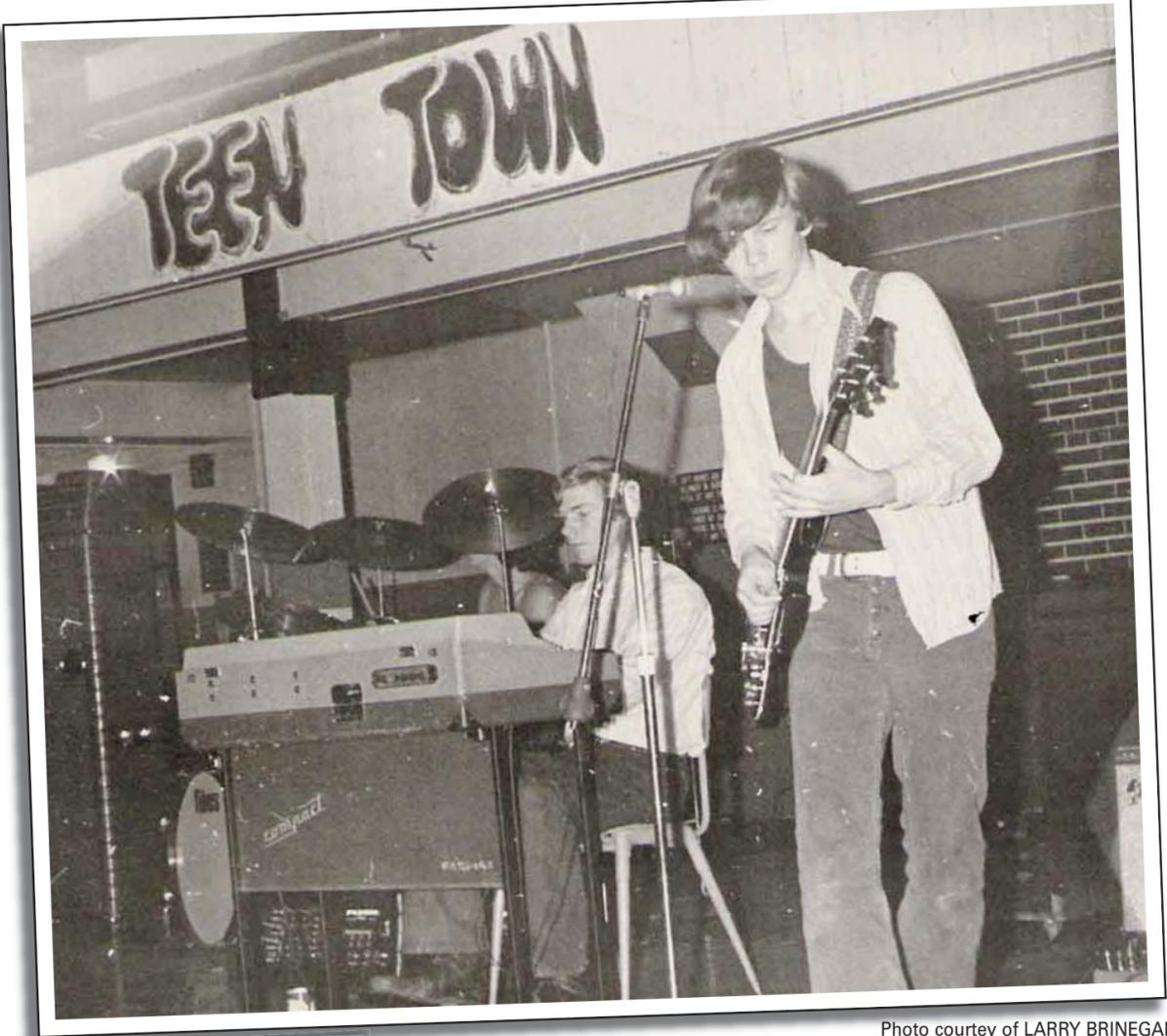


Photo courtesy of LARRY BRINEGAR

This 1971 photo shows, from right, Larry Brinegar on guitar and keyboard player Mike "Moogie" MaCallister on keyboard while performing at the social club Teen Town. Brinegar organized a Teen Town reunion for 300 former members who will meet for the first time in more than three decades in Aberdeen Aug. 28.



Teresa Hall

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Photo courtesy of TERESA DIXON

This photo that appeared in the APG News was taken of Teresa (Hall) Dixon of Aberdeen shortly after she was named Miss Teen Town in 1971.

in 1971. The daughter of retired Staff Sgt. J.M. Hall, Dixon lived on APG in an apartment complex on Garden Drive in what now is the Bayside Village subdivision.

Dixon, who still has clippings of APG News articles from when she was crowned Miss Teen Town, said she was very active in Teen Town programs and was surprised when Brinegar told her about the reunion.

"That kind of stimulated my thoughts," she said. "I had shared stories of Teen Town with my children but I hadn't given it a lot of thought over the years."

"I remember a bus would pick us up and take us to Teen Town and take us home," she said. "Teen Town was a place to see and be seen. Teen Town arti-



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON, APG NEWS

Larry Brinegar and Teresa (Hall) Dixon hold up a Teen Town banner near the site where the club house sat when they were members in the 1970s. More than 300 former members will attend a reunion of the former social club Aug. 28 at the American Legion Post 128 in Aberdeen.

cles were always in the paper and you could count on anything you did there to show up in the APG News."

She said she is exited about the reunion.

"I feel it's a great way to bring everybody from the past back together again. It's a great feeling to know you can get together with three-hundred people and talk about the things you talked about when you were fifteen and sixteen-years-old."

"A lot of our children haven't had the experience of something like Teen Town," she added. "They have school, but this is not a class reunion. This is for a social club. We share memories that you can't get from school. Teen Town is a big part of what made us the people we are today."

Great memories from the club that at one time boasted 800 members is what is drawing people back for the reunion, Brinegar said, noting that friends are

returning from South Carolina, Texas, Arkansas, New York and Kansas.

"One couple even cancelled a two-thousand dollar fishing trip just to come back here," he said.

The focus of the reunion, besides reuniting with friends, will be to honor "Sarge" and Bloom for their dedication to the club and their mentorship of its members he added.

"Dwight (Bloom) volunteered on post for a lot of different activities and he even tended veteran graves in what is now a secure area," Brinegar said. "And "Sarge" put his military personality into everything he did. He would actually call us to attention when he was making announcements."

"Teen Town was just a place for great memories that are all a part of us."

Brinegar is the event coordinator for the band LIX and for the Teen Town Reunion. For more information, call 410-643-6591.