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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 Observation 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.

Well-Being Action Council meeting today

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 meeting will be held 9:30 a.m. Aug. 19 at the Edgewood Area Chapel.

Veterans Job Fair and Expo

Veterans Opportunities will host a Veterans Job Fair and Expo, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Baltimore Convention Center, One West Pratt Street in Baltimore.

Top veteran employers in attendance will include the Defense Contract Audit Agency; United Services Automobile Association, Exceptional Software Strategies, R4 Inc., Rite Aid, Mar Inc., and more.

Representatives from Veteran Service Organizations will answer questions about medical, educational and other benefits and top schools like Johns Hopkins University and All State Careers truck driving school and others will be on hand. Inquire about loans, savings on travel and other specials for veterans.

For more information, visit www.vetopps.com, call 301-363-8533, or visit www.gijobs.com.

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Ripken Stadium hosts Military Appreciation Night

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground service members were honored during the annual Military Appreciation Night at Ripken Stadium, July 30.

Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, gave remarks during the pre-game festivities.

He thanked the event participants and sponsors and gave a special thanks to Soldiers, past and present, for their hard work and dedication to the nation.

Justice, Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander and Alex Webber from the APG League of Dreams team threw out ceremonial first pitches.

The pitches were followed by a performance by the American Belles, a patriotic music group, who sang a medley of service songs.

Following the medley, a mixed unit color guard, representing different branches of service,



Photo by RACHEL PONDER
Sgt. Anthony Gentilo, from the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band, sings the national anthem during the pre-game festivities for Ripken Stadium's Military Appreciation Night, July 30.

marched onto the field stopping near the pitcher's mound for the national anthem, sung by Sgt. Anthony Gentilo from the U.S.

Army Materiel Command Band. After Gentilo's song, the Forest Lake Elementary School Band also provided the audience

with an instrumental rendition of the national anthem.

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NCOA Discontinuation Ceremony ends era at APG

Signs come down, NCOA moves on

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

For 23 years, U.S. Army Ordnance mid-grade and senior enlisted Soldiers honed their skills at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Non-commissioned Officer Academy at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

That illustrious history ended as the remaining members of the NCOA removed its signs and emblems Aug. 11 and then conducted a Discontinuation Ceremony in Dickerson Hall at the Ball Conference Center Aug. 12.

The remaining cadre from the academy's Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course departs APG this week to take up residence at the new home of the OC&S at Fort Lee, Va. The Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course relocated in 2009.

The Ordnance Corps is relocating in accordance with the 2005 base realignment and closure law. The departure of the Edgewood Area's 143rd Ordnance Battalion in the spring of 2011 completes the relocation.

Commandant and 1st Sgt. Anthony Dorsey led the Aug. 12 Discontinuation Ceremony which was delayed about 45 minutes due to heavy rains and

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Photo by JIM FOARD, GARRISON PHOTOGRAPHER
Noncommissioned Officer Academy commandant and 1st Sgt. Anthony Dorsey, right, and 1st Sgt. Dean Francis, left, stand at attention with Sgt. 1st Class Danny Gonzalez, center, after casing the NCOA colors during the organization's Discontinuation Ceremony at the Ball Conference Center Aug. 12.

OMMS warrant officer course graduates final APG classes

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Members and guests gathered on July 27 to celebrate the graduation of Warrant Officer Course classes 006-10 and 007-10. The celebration was historic as it was the last graduation before the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School joins the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools in Fort Lee, Va.

The graduation consisted of two classes. The Ordnance Warrant Officer Advance Course, 915E 006-10, is the Senior Automotive Officer's Course and is 13 weeks long and con-

sisted of 12 officers.

The Automotive Maintenance Warrant Officer Basic Course, 915A 005-10, consisted of 11 officers and is 13 weeks long.

The courses are divided into areas of professional development and specialized technical training, which prepare warrant officers to manage maintenance on modern specialized equipment on today's battlefield.

The Ordnance Corps supports the development, production, acquisition and sustainment of weapons systems and munitions, and to provide Explo-

sive Ordnance Disposal, during peace and war, to provide superior combat power to current and future forces of the U.S. Army.

Chaplain (Capt.) Chad Davis, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, gave the invocation and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Roy Kelly served as the master of ceremonies for the graduation.

Kelly said that warrant officers began training at APG Aug. 2, 1971. Over the four decades since, thousands of warrant officers have come to APG for training.

"Warrant officer students are See WARRANT, page 6

APG dining facility opens to military retirees, government civilians and contractors

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The Aberdeen Proving Ground Dining Facility located in building 4503 is now open to military retirees, Department of Defense civilians and Department of the Army contractors. An Installation Management Command memorandum dated Aug. 5, 2010, states that "the use of appropriated fund dining facilities to support civilian feeding on a continuing basis is authorized for all meals at DFAC 4503 effective Aug. 11." The memo further states that it is a privilege, not a right, to eat in an appropriated fund dining facility.

Diners must present a valid DOD/CAC/military retiree ID card to eat in the facility. Meals are served cafeteria style and the menu changes daily. Although meals are not served as an "all-you-can-eat buffet," diners can select from a variety of entrees, short-order meals and salad bar items.

Prices include entrée, drinks, salad bar and desert. The DFAC accepts only cash. For more information, contact Ed Parylo, Food Program Manager, 410-278-3142, edward.l.parylo@us.army.mil, or Ernest Green, 410-278-3892, ernest.l.green@us.army.mil.

Hours and cost

Breakfast - Monday through Saturday, 6:30 to 8 a.m., \$2.30

Lunch - Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$4.25

Saturday, noon to 1:30 p.m., \$4.25

Dinner - Monday through Friday, 5:30 to 7 p.m., \$4.25

Saturday, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., \$4.25

Brunch - Sunday only, 9 a.m. to noon, \$4.85

Supper - Sunday only, 4 to 5:30 p.m., \$5.95

Holidays - As announced, \$7.00

Appreciation

From front page

from the Bel Air Recruiting Station handed out information to attendees and gave water bottles and T-shirts to participants willing to do sit-ups and push-ups.

Several Soldiers also participated in a push-up contest on the field during a game break.

During the seventh-inning stretch, Gentilo came onto the field again to sing a stirring rendition of "God Bless America."

In keeping with the event's theme, a Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle from the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command and a motorized helmet and several banners from APG's Multimedia/Visual Information Services Division were also on display in front of Ripken Stadium.

To show appreciation, Ripken Baseball treated the entire military contingent to a buffet dinner.

Capt. Ginger Hammerquist, commander of the Garrison's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, who organized the event, said that Military Appreciation Night establishes a partnership with the local community.

"This event gave the community a chance to unite and show appreciation for past and present service members," Hammerquist said. "The event also gave APG service members the opportunity to give back to the community by sharing their unwavering spirit and sincere enthusiasm for the nation."



Photo by RACHEL PONDER
A mixed unit color guard from APG, representing the different branches of service, exits the field at Ripken Stadium during the Military Appreciation Night pre-game ceremony Aug. 9.



Photo by BOB RINKER, RIPKEN STADIUM
Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, throws out a ceremonial first pitch to start the Military Appreciation Night festivities at Ripken Stadium July 30.



Photo by BOB RINKER, RIPKEN STADIUM
Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, throws out a ceremonial first pitch to start the Military Appreciation Night festivities at Ripken Stadium July 30.



Photo by RACHEL PONDER
The American Belles, a patriotic music group, Sophia Hinshelwood, left, Lara Jannie, center, and Melissa Driscoll, right, sing a medley of service songs during the pre-game festivities for Ripken Stadium's Military Appreciation Night, July 30.

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APG commander named 'Military Leader of the Year'

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The Association of Defense Communities named Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice its Military Leader of the Year during the ADC 2010 Annual Conference held in San Francisco, Calif. Aug. 8 to 11. Justice is the commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. He was singled out for the prestigious award for his work inside and outside the APG gates as the installation transforms itself into one of the premier science and technology hubs on the east coast and in the Department of Defense, according to nominating officials.

Justice was one of six people or organizations to earn awards at the conference. He said the award was a significant honor, and one that was not his alone, but a team effort from the APG Garrison

headquarters, the installation's Soldiers and civilians and the surrounding community outside the gates.

"It really touches my heart because it is such a team effort," Justice said. "[They] are really building a new environment, a new community for us. To have people across the country recognize the changes that are happening is very exciting.

"I'm just a pretty face in the crowd that got to receive the recognition that is brought by literally hundreds of people in the community."

Harford County Executive David R. Craig said he nominated Justice for his ability to transcend traditional boundaries and understand how the changes will affect all involved.

"General Justice not only understands the effect base realignment and closure will have on Aberdeen Proving Ground and our Warfighters, he has a vision-

ary appreciation of the long-term implications it will have on the economy of Harford County and Northeastern Maryland," Craig said.

"He also has a full understanding of the need for success on both sides of the fence. He's engaging, enthusiastic and committed to our growing defense community. It is an honor and a privilege to acknowledge his demonstrated dedication and leadership through his selection as ADC's Military Leader of the Year," he said.

Justice said the exciting nature of the transformation makes it easy for him to stay dedicated to improving APG.

"The change that's coming to Aberdeen is just amazing, and it's exciting to be a part of that. Every day is just such a learning experience and every day something new and great is happening. I'd stay here for a decade if they would let me, and I mean that from my heart."



Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice

Retiring AMSAA technical director reflects on 46 years

Story by
DAN LAFONTAINE
RDECOM

After starting his civilian career at Aberdeen Proving Ground as a physicist in the U.S. Army Ballistics Research Laboratory in 1964, Dr. Paul H. Deitz is retiring as the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity technical director.

As his Oct. 1 retirement approaches, Deitz said he holds the work of APG scientists during the last half century in great esteem.

"Aberdeen is a heck of a place," Deitz said as he reflected on 46 years of service at APG and the achievements that he and his colleagues have made to ensure Soldiers have the best technology available. "It has been a fabulous intellectual journey. The Army gave me access to great people who gave me great advice."

Deitz said he heard that Aberdeen Proving Ground was hiring while a senior at Gettysburg College in 1964.

"Where the heck is Aberdeen Proving Ground?" he said. "I interviewed and started. They gave me four options to choose from. I chose lasers because it sounded the most interesting."

He has been at APG ever since.

Dr. William Forrest Crain, AMSAA director, praised Deitz's service.

"He is a great American who has devoted his entire life to the service of our Army and our nation," Crain said. "He has touched, influenced and nurtured countless analysts and scientists throughout his career to the betterment of all."

Deitz cites his work with lasers during the 1960s at BRL as one of his greatest scientific accomplishments. Deitz also points to the early period of computer simulation in the 1980s when he worked to improve the Abrams tank.

According to statements nominating him for the Army Exceptional Civilian Service Award, his research "formed the cornerstone of Army eye-safety evaluations."

Deitz said he also is especially proud of his work to bring the U.S. Army Research Laboratory into an active role with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Computing in 1996 in Philadelphia. Later in 1996, he directed a gathering of Army scientists to celebrate the history of computing at APG.

Army researchers served a vital role in shaping the modern computer age, according to Deitz. The urgent need for high-performance computing dur-



Photo courtesy of RDECOM
Dr. Paul H. Deitz, technical director of the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity, is retiring after 46 years of service at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

ing World War II led the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps to fund the design and implementation of the world's first high-speed electronic automatic computer, the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer, known as the ENIAC.

Dietz wrote the foreword for the book titled "50 Years of Army Computing: From ENIAC to MSRC," which detailed the APG computing history and the 1996 symposium and celebration.

"Scores of 'computing pioneers' gathered at APG to reminisce about the accomplishments that stemmed from the Army's computation needs during World War II... Time has not dimmed the importance of the role played by the Army," he wrote.

Another of Deitz's scientific passions has been the role of mission effectiveness. He explained that all aspects must be considered when developing new technology and that scientists need to ask how their projects will be used in a Soldier's mission.

"We have been working in individual functions," he said. "The big thing that we have been missing is getting the effectiveness of the mission for the Soldier. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

Deitz also discussed the costs and benefits of increasing the horsepower in an Army combat vehicle. He said that researchers need to consider how it will affect fuel consumption and the logistical challenges of providing extra fuel. Also important is how the vehicle will disperse the additional heat from the

increased power.

"Look at testing in an operational context," he said. "Link the horse to the battle. How will the research support the Soldier? I've been happy to see the [scientific] community embrace these ideas."

He said he'd like to see future researchers consider the context of their applications.

"No matter how strong we could make our vehicle, there would be munitions that could get through," he said. "What insights do you have if the vehicle is defeated? What are your best chances for survival?"

Many questions must be answered before new technology translates effectively to the battlefield, he said.

"How do you frame the mission?" he said. "How do you relate that to performance and mission effectiveness? How do we aggregate our ideas together for

mission effectiveness? How do all these factors come together?"

Despite the difficult challenges faced in current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, Deitz said he is confident the APG community will help the Army attain its missions.

"There is great intellectual diversity at APG. It's been quite a privilege to have these experiences," he said.

Deitz holds a bachelor's degree in Physics from Gettysburg College, as well as a master's and doctorate in Electrical Engineering from the University of Washington. He has received numerous honors and awards and has authored or co-authored 70 research papers and books.

Community Notes

THURSDAY THRU FRIDAY

AUGUST 19 & 20 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's a Praise Party at Vacation Bible School, St. James A.M.E. Church, located on 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace. Classes will be held 6:30 to 8:40 p.m. for ages 3 to adult. The program will include bible study, music, arts and crafts. A light meal will be served each day at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 410-939-2267.

THURSDAY

AUGUST 19 TWILIGHT CANOETRIIP

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 or visit www.edenmill.org.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 21 DEW DROP HIKE

Search for water that has collected during the night. Who will use it and where will it go? Meet a critter that depends on morning dew. This free program will be held 8:30 to 10 a.m. for Families. 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.

KNEE HIGH ADVENTURES

Explore out and about on the Discovery Trail while investigating nature with songs, games and sensory activities. This program will be held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 3 to 5 accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required.

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

CLOTHES GIVE AWAY

St. James A.M.E. Church, Green Street, will give away clothes on the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the Church parsonage at 742 Otsego Street, Havre de Grace.

For more information, call Pattie Ford, 410-939-2267.

TEXAS HOLD'EM

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will host a day of Texas Hold'em. The first game starts 1 p.m., the second game starts 6 p.m. Register by noon and 5 p.m. with a \$50 buy in. First come, first served. There will be sandwiches and light fare available.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

BASKET AND PURSE BINGO

Basket and Purse Bingo to benefit the Port Deposit Heritage Corporation will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 5:30 p.m., bingo begins 6:45 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 per person for all paper cards. Food, beverages, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. No smoking allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 or Joanne Bierly, 410-378-3320.

SUNDAY

AUGUST 22 HEALING HERBS FOR HOME AND HEALTH

Discover the properties of native and 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.

MEET ME AT MARINER

Explore a different part of the estuary known as the Chesapeake Bay - in this case the tidal end of the Gunpowder River. This program will be held 2 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

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

NATURETALES - CLOUDS

Story time with a nature twist. Come listen to stories, learn new songs and move like the animals. This free program will be held at 3:30 p.m. for

all ages. No registration is required. For more information or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

MONDAY

AUGUST 23 BABES IN THE WOODS SUMMER CAMP

Register now for Babes in the Woods Summer Camp at Eden Mill Nature Center, located on 1617 Eden Mill Road, Pylesville, Md. This program will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for children ages 4 and 5. The subject will be Colors of Nature. The fee costs \$25 for members or \$28 for non-members. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, call 410-836-3050, e-mail edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com or visit www.edenmill.org.

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 25 DANCE CONSERVATORY HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

The Dance Conservatory of Maryland will host an open house 7:30 p.m. at 701 Whitaker Mill Road in Joppa. Children and parents are invited to meet faculty, tour the historic campus and enjoy a free performance by the Harford Ballet Company. For more information call 410-877-3281.

FRIDAY

AUGUST 27 SUMMER PADDLE UNDER THE STARS

Come to the park for a peaceful paddle under the stars. Discover the summer night sky from the quiet of Otter Point Creek. Listen for the evening chorus and enjoy the balmy night breeze. This program will be held 7 to 9:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

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

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



Health Notes

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
There will be no change to Sick 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. 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.

POST SHORTS

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-CentrallsueFacility@conus.army.mil.

Blood drives scheduled Sept. 2 and 30

The U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional), Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense and Edgewood Chemical Biological Center will sponsor an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive with a siesta theme 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Edgewood Area's Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, building E4516 Sept. 2.

Listen to great Spanish music, enjoy snacks and earn fiesta-themed thank-you gifts while donating the gift of life.

Visit the Web site for a variety of appointment times.

To sign up, go to <https://www.militarylifeforce.com/>.

The APG Garrison will sponsor an ASBP blood drive noon to 4 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. For more information, contact HHC USAG at IMNEAPGHH@Conus.army.mil or call 410-278-3000.

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, 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.

Mandatory driving course began 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 Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15.

For more information, contact H.

Mike Allen at the Installation Safety Office at 410-306-1081.

Physicals at KUSAHC

Appointments are now available for school physicals. Be sure to bring required immunization records and any other forms to the appointment. For more information call 410-278-KIRK or 410-278-1928.

It is back-to-school time

Student Online Achievement Resources (SOAR) wants to say 'Welcome Back' by offering 20 \$20 gift cards to either iTunes, Wal-Mart or Blockbuster for students who login to SOAR and take an assessment or use a tutorial during August. These gifts will be awarded via a random drawing held Sept. 3. Parents of the winning students will be notified via e-mail.

This is a great time to review last year's skills as the new school year approaches. If you are not sure how to change your child's grade level, see the July 2010 newsletter http://email.capitolhillnewsonline.com/m/631GdRSD_qbXNMBFZ-sdoBgnQrQnLxng1tkrNVXhDj0xafXHvginE-Newsletters on the SOAR homepage.

For more information about SOAR visit www.soarathome.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=67&Itemid=230.

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 partici-

pating 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 Resources 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.

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/admissions/financial.html.

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

Thrift Shop closes on Saturdays

The Thrift Shop, building 2458, will be closed on Saturdays.

The Thrift Shop is open Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and consignments are accepted 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Thrift Shop is open Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and consignments are accepted 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 410-272-8572.

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at 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.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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taught the skills, which prepare them to assume the duties of Ordnance Corps technicians in today's Army," Kelly said. "The course addresses doctrine on the corps' mission of fixing and maintaining the force. Completion of this course demonstrates their ability to face the challenges of an Army at war, while simultaneously transforming to a modular force."

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Bernard Satterfield, OC&S Regimental Chief Warrant Officer, gave remarks.

Satterfield told the graduates that in their careers they should always be ready to learn and implement new ideas.

"I challenge you to be a change agent," Satterfield said. "Implement change and keep yourself abreast of new and innovative ideas. You have to be the person that is sought after for the answers and know how to connect people if you do not have the answer."

Satterfield said that the graduates should provide answers to their Soldier's questions and sound counsel to their commanders.

"Your job does not stop with your duty description on your support form or the Army Regulatory Requirements," Satterfield said. "You are an Ordnance warrant officer, you possess the tools and the ability to cut to the chase and get things done."

Satterfield added that they should never forget to take care of their Soldiers.

"They are what make our nation great and our Army the organization that it is," he said. "Don't ask your Soldiers to do things that you would not do yourself. But at the same time do not underestimate their abilities."

Satterfield said that the Army will always need technically proficient leaders like the graduates. He challenged the warrant officers to find a mentor and to mentor noncommissioned officers that are interested in becoming a warrant officer.

"The Army and the Ordnance Corps is changing, you have an obligation to help it change for the better," he said. "I am proud to have you all as fellow ordnance warrant officers. I am positive that you will make our Army better."

Graduates 915E WOAC Class 006-10

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jeremy Bentley
Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Bingham
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Shawn Hall
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jonathan Hunter
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nicholas Johnson**

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Palmatter

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Harold Peck*
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Steven Peters
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Juan Romero
Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Temple
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Theroux**

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jason Word

Graduates 915A WOBC Class 007-10

Warrant Officer Eric Ekman **
Warrant Officer John Batten
Warrant Officer Harry Gladon
Warrant Officer Christopher James
Warrant Officer Erik Lebron
Warrant Officer Kevin Lenz
Warrant Officer Ruben Molina**
Warrant Officer Donald Page
Warrant Officer Lee Slocum
Warrant Officer Christopher Strozier
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***Honor graduate, students receiving the top 10 percent of the class, whose academic average is above 90 percent*



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Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers party to the sounds of the rock group Junior during the Coke Zero Music concert at Wise Field in the Edgewood Area Aug. 7.

Coke Zero concert rocks APG

Story and photos by
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APG News

The sounds of classic, punk and soft rock filled the air on the Edgewood Area's Wise sports field Aug. 7 as spectators enjoyed a free concert courtesy of Coke Zero Music.

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation-supported event included Corrin Campbell and the Election, a rock/pop trio led by Campbell, a bass guitar and keyboardist who is a member of the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band; the pop/punk southern rock group Junior, an all-male trio known for the NASCAR theme song, "NASCAR Man;" and Lisa Palleschi, a solo artist with the Warner Music Group.

Edgewood Area Soldiers, most from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, cadets from the Free State Challenge Academy and dozens of civilians and Family members turned out for the event.

Refreshment vendors included First Sergeant's Barbecue, Surf's Up Smoothies, and Cows on the Loose ice cream. FMWR also distributed water and cold drinks.

The crowd cheered enthusiastically for Campbell, who, joined by drummer Tony Corbett, another member of the band, and lead guitarist Jim Boyer, opened the show with songs from her new CD, "Game Night."

After the show, she said it was "cool" performing for fellow Soldiers.

"We don't get to see a lot of Soldiers when we perform," she said. "It means a lot to us to be here for them on their day off from hard training."

Prior to the concert, Corrin Campbell and The Election played the Lilith Fair with Sarah McLachlan at the Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia, Md. Campbell was a member of the 2003 U.S. Army Soldier Show. For more information, visit the band's Web site at www.corrincampbell.net.

Lead singer Kiley Bland, drummer Steve Cox and bass player Adam Hoffoss, make up the group Junior that wowed listeners with their theme songs as well of a medley of classics.

"We love performing for Soldiers," Bland said, adding that it was their second show of the tour, which began at Fort Detrick, Md.

"It's exciting for us to play for America's heroes," he added. "We probably get more out of it than they do."

Bland and other musicians teamed with Palleschi who closed the show with songs from her new CD, "All The Way," and paired with Bland on some classic tunes that kept the crowd on its feet.



Corrin Campbell opens the Coke Zero Music concert with songs from their new CD, "Game Night."

"We're really excited about this tour," she said after the show. "Playing for Soldiers makes it extra special after all they do for us."

For more on Junior and Palleschi, visit www.juniorrocks.com and www.lisapalleschi.com.

Audience members said they enjoyed the free event.

"This is a great opportunity to see up and coming developing acts in a nice setting so I brought the whole Family," said Dennis Libershal, a civilian contractor with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command who was accompanied by his wife Courtney, daughter Hayden, 7, and son Gavin, 5.

"All the groups were cool and the music sounded good," said Pfc. Jacob Gaspari of Company A, 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

Pvt. Anthony Hancock, Company A 143rd, said he missed most of the show but made it in time for the finale.

"I liked what I did get to hear," Hancock said. "I also like the fact that they took time out to come play for Soldiers."

All performers signed autographs and distributed free CDs to the audience after the show.

The Coke Zero Music Tour will play at 13 Army installations this summer. The goal of the tour is to have Soldier bands perform prior to up-and-coming artists.

Junior and Lisa Palleschi will headline shows at numerous NASCAR events and college football games throughout the Southeast, including the 2011 Senior Bowl.



Lisa Palleschi, right, and Junior lead singer Kiley Bland perform a medley of classic tunes during the show's finale.

Teen gains customer service skills at KUSAHC through HIRED! program

Story and photo by
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APG NEWS

An Aberdeen High School junior is gaining customer service skills in the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's referral management office.

Janaye Oliver, 16, is one of 21 teens participating in the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's HIRED! program introduced to the Aberdeen Proving Ground community last fall. The HIRED! program provides paid apprenticeships for 15- to 18-year-olds.

Oliver said that she wanted to participate in the program this summer so that she would have experience working at a hospital.

"I needed a job this summer. In the future I want to work in the medical field, as either a trauma surgeon or a physiatrist [a physician specializing in physical medicine]," Oliver said. "This apprenticeship is giving me a chance to improve my customer service skills and giving me experience communicating with doctors. Through this job I have learned medical terms and found out what it is like to work in an office."

Oliver processes referrals that come into the referral management office and assists Deborah Dodsworth, KUSAHC's patient advocate, and Oliver's on-site mentor.

"Due to Janaye's maturity, I assigned her to work with Eleanor Ware in the referral management office," Dodsworth said.

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 experience 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."

Oliver said that the HIRED! program affirmed that she wanted to work in the medical field.

"This experience for me affirmed that I do not want to work in an office setting as my future career," Oliver said. "I'd rather work in a clinical setting. However, from this experience I have greater appreciation for those that work in referral management every day. Maintaining records is import in the medical field."

Oliver said that she would recommend the program to other teens.

"You get good exposure working in a different setting and have a chance to make connections with profession-



Janaye Oliver, 16, a HIRED! apprentice working at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's referral management office reviews some paperwork.

als," Oliver said. "You learn things at a job that you do not learn in school. It is a good way to see how adults really work in the real world. From this experience I have gained more appreciation for the people who do this kind of work every day."

Oliver said that she also appreciates the required HIRED! training.

"I learned many useful things that will help me in the future, like how to dress for success and how to write a resume," Oliver said.

Lamesa Wade, a referral management technician, said that she appreciates Oliver's assistance.

"She is a great help," Wade said. "We have a small staff so her help is really appreciated. I think this program is beneficial for teens trying to come up in the world."

About HIRED!

The HIRED! program offers a variety of job placements in Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation 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.

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."

For more information about the HIRED! program contact McKinney, 410-278- 3250, who is now signing up teens for the next semester, which starts Sept. 14.



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.

Chapel News

Commentary - 'Blind Spots'

By
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Have you ever been driving down the road and almost had an accident because you did not see another vehicle that was in the "blind spot" of your car? Maybe you recall an occasion when you started to change lanes on the freeway and at the last second you heard a car horn blaring a warning just before you almost collided with another vehicle and you said to yourself, "Where did that car come from? I never saw it." That is because the other car was in the blind spot. Driving instructors constantly warn student drivers to always be aware of their vehicle's blind spots, because danger can hide there.

Did you know that your life can have blind spots, too? In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is quoted as saying, "Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye" (Matthew 7:3-5, ESV). This is a rather humorous image of a person who would go about trying to remove a tiny speck of dust from his brother's eye while he has a log in his own. Talk about a blind spot. But that is so often how we are. We are all too ready to see the faults in others, but are blind to our own. And not only are we pretty good at spotting their faults, we also often take that opportunity to criticize harshly and to judge unmercifully.

So how can I deal with the blind spots? How can I eliminate or reduce them? One way is to seek God's help in finding and eradicating the blind spots. The Psalmist prayed, "Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me and know my thoughts" (Psalm 139:23, ESV). God's Holy Spirit has a marvelous ability to show us the hid-

den places of our hearts in answer to such a prayer. But get ready, because that can be a frightening prayer to pray. You have to ask yourself, "Do I really want to know my blind spots and dark places?" We all like to think of ourselves as more righteous than we really are, and when we open our lives to the searching of God's Spirit, we are very quickly made to see that we do not measure up as well as we thought.

Another effective way to eliminate the blind spots is to have a trusted friend who will be honest with us and hold us accountable, someone who can meet with us on a regular basis and provide trustworthy feedback on what they see in our lives. Many people pay therapists a lot of money to do that very thing. In truth, one good friend whose judgment we respect and appreciate can do it for free. I encourage you to find someone like that and ask them to evaluate your life and tell you honestly what they see. If you are married, ask them what kind of spouse they perceive you to be; or what kind of person they see you to be at work; or what kind of parent you are to your kids. When they tell you, it just may surprise you what has been lurking in the blind spots of your life. Your response might be, "I did not even know that about myself!"

Even though this kind of self-discovery can be a painful process, the positive thing is that it opens the door to work on the areas where we fall short. Take notice that Jesus said in the text quoted above to "take the log out of your own eye." The idea is to remove it, to get rid of it, not to leave it in place and lament the fact that that is the way we are. Sometimes we are prone to think that people just cannot change, but I do not believe that is true. There is a country music song entitled "Some People Change." It celebrates the fact that people can change their lives in positive ways, especially with God's help. Very often, that change for the better begins with being willing to discover the "blind spots" in our lives.



Environmental Management System now resides on APG intranet

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This summer, APG's EMS underwent a metamorphosis. While the content of the EMS program remains essentially the same, it is no longer a paper-based system. APG's EMS manual, procedures, plans, records, policies, and training documents now reside on a SharePoint Web site located at <https://apg.kc.apg.army.mil/sites/EMS/>.

What difference does this make?

A change to APG's EMS manual, for example, no longer requires EMS points of contact in all garrison directorates and Garrison Supported Organizations (GSOs) to receive a paper copy of the change by "snail mail" or e-mail, and to update their paper and/or electronic records. The EMS manual change will be posted to the Web site by a member of the EMS team, thus updating it for all. Similarly, EMS directorate and GSO POCs can update their Environmental aspects, objectives, targets, programs, etc., on the Web site and a read-only copy of the changed document will be available.

Can everyone access the Web site?

Theoretically, anyone on APG's intranet network can access the Web site. In the next few weeks, EMS POCs are urged to visit the Web site and report access difficulties to the EMS team. We expect GSOs that are not in APG's Active Directory (e.g., MEDCOM) to have access difficulties. NEC will issue "trusted" APG Active Directory accounts to all GSO EMS POCs needing access.

What about OPSEC?

As stated on the Web site's home page, all information contained in the system is considered to be sensitive in nature and must be treated as For Official Use Only

(FOUO). Do not disseminate it outside of organizational channels without approval. The Web site is not visible to the public. It is only available to personnel working on the APG installation, who access their computers with a CAC card. The implementation of this system was fully coordinated with APG's OPSEC.

Will GSO EMS POCs receive training?

The EMS team will train GSO EMS POCs in using the Web site and on uploading documents to the GSO/directorate document library.

What information does the site contain about other environmental program areas?

Some APG Directorate of Public Works environmental program POCs are using the Web site to communicate and disseminate information about their environmental programs. For example, on the Hazardous Waste program page, a calendar lists the dates and times of hazardous waste training classes and APG's Controlled Hazardous Substances Permit A-190. The Cultural Resources program page contains APG's historic buildings list. From the National Environmental Protection Act program page, you can access recently finalized Environmental Assessments as well as the BRAC Environmental Impact Statement. APG's most recent Eagle Nest and Roost Map can be accessed from the Natural Resources Eagles page.

The environmental program pages are a work in progress. Please let Environmental Division POCs know which documents, information, and links should be posted.

What is SharePoint?

SharePoint is a Microsoft product that has been installed on one of APG's servers. SharePoint is a "platform," that is, a software framework that allows software to run.

'Forgotten D-Day' vets receive highest French medal

Story by

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ARNEWS

Veterans of the Allied invasion of southern France, sometimes called the "forgotten D-Day," were honored Aug. 10 during a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Members of the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, as well as veterans from 7th Army, XII Tactical Air Command, the 8th Fleet, and representatives from countries that participated in the 90,000-troop amphibious landing -- France, the United Kingdom, Canada, the Netherlands, Poland and Greece -- gathered during the 66th anniversary of Operation Dragoon to honor those who participated in the often overlooked operation.

Guest speaker, Gen. Carter F. Ham, commander of U.S. Army Europe, retold the story of Operation Dragoon and drew parallels to present-day alliances. He said the operation was a superb example of successful allied interoperability.

"By any measure, even today, Operation Dragoon was an overwhelming success," the general said. "The Seventh Army defeated Hitler's Ninth Army, captured over one-hundred thousand prisoners, liberated two-thirds of France and linked up with the Normandy Forces, all within thirty days."



Ham remarked that, despite the heroism of the Soldiers involved, the impact of their actions on the war effort and the complexity of the operation, the story of Operation Dragoon remains relatively unknown.

"It was a truly all-remarkable accomplishment, and all the more remarkable in that most people, especially most Americans, know nothing of this campaign, because its brave Soldiers were all overshadowed by the Normandy landings," Ham said.

After Ham's address, the five Dragoon veterans in attendance -- Lloyd Ramsey, Douglas Dillard, Sherman Pratt, James Welsh and Medal of Honor recipient Wilburn Ross -- were presented with the French Legion of Honor. Francois Rivasseau, deputy French ambassador to the U.S., presented them with his nation's highest decoration.

After the ceremony, wreaths were placed at the Tomb of the Unknowns and at the 3rd Infantry Division Monument. Additionally, a remembrance was held at the grave of Sgt. Audie Murphy. Murphy, the most decorated Soldier of World War II, received the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions during Operation Dragoon.

The actions of Soldiers during Operation Dragoon are often overshadowed by the one that occurred two months earlier, June 6, 1944, at Normandy; "Operation Overlord," also known as D-Day.

Operation Dragoon involved Allied forces invading southern France along the Riviera. The operation opened a second allied front at the ports of Marseilles and Toulon. Opening those ports up to the Allies was essential to providing new supply lines into France, since supply channels from invasion ports in northern France were overextended.

The 7th Army, under Gen. Alexander "Sandy" Patch, consisted of VI Corps (made up of the 3rd, 36th and 45th Infantry Divisions, along with the 1st Allied Airborne Task Force), the 1st Special Service Force (combined U.S.-Canadian unit) and seven French Army B divisions under Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny. The Army Air Corps' XII Tactical Air Command and the Mediterranean Allied Air Force, as well as the U.S. Navy's 8th Fleet and the Western Naval Task Force completed the forces that eventually linked up with Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army.



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.

Adult Introduction to Kayaking Class

Two adult kayak classes (ages 18 and older) will be held 5 p.m., Aug. 19 at the Aberdeen Area Shore Park launch ramp and 5 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Edgewood Area Skippers Point. Learn the basics of using an open water kayak. Classes cost \$10 per person per class and includes all equipment.

For more information, call Outdoor Recreation, 410-278-4124.

APG Variety and Talent Show auditions

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

Be a Star - audition now

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 the adult talent show will be held 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 each for military and \$7 each for all non-military.

Auditions for all three shows will be held 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Aug. 19 and 26, Sept. 2 and 9; Saturdays, Aug. 21 and 28 and Sept. 11 at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. Auditions will also be held 4 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 2 and at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E4140.

Variety Show auditions

Actors must be 18 years of age and older. Actors are needed for speaking roles, non-speaking roles, character actors, comedians, singers, dancers and more. Extras are also need. Volunteers for crew and stage assistants to run the show behind the scenes are needed. Without volunteers there is no show.

APG's Got Talent

Only the best 16 acts will be accepted. Every artist or group must audition to compete. Categories include vocal, duet or group, rap, spoken word, dance and dance group, instrumental soloist or group, comedian and other novelty acts. The adult showcase is open to participants 18 years of age and older. The youth showcase includes age categories 10 to 12, 13 to 15 and 16 to 18. All eligible APG MWR patrons are eligible to audition.

Awards for first, second and third place will be chosen; a People's Choice Award will be selected by the audience.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907.

Maryland Renaissance Festival tickets available at MWR

Discount tickets for the Maryland Renaissance Festival cost \$14.50 for adults ages 16 and older and \$7.75 for children ages 7 to 15. Prices at the gate cost \$18 at the gate for adults ages 16 to 61; \$15 for seniors 62 and older; and \$8 for children ages 7 to 15.

The festival is open weekends, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., through Oct. 24. The Maryland Renaissance Festival is located on 1801 Crownsville Road in Annapolis. Handicapped parking is available next to the main gate. When entering the parking lot, follow the signs to the designated handicapped parking area.

For more information on the Maryland Renaissance Festival, visit www.rennfest.com.

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.

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. 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.

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-LeisureTravel@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.

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-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil or visit MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

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.

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.

Driver's Ed classes start up again

Driver's Education classes are scheduled for Sept. 13 through 27; Oct. 4 through 19; Oct. 25 through Nov. 8; and Nov. 29 through Dec. 13. There is no class on federal holidays. Classes will be held Monday thru Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. by The Ultimate Driving School, LLC, located at 13 North Parke Street, Aberdeen.

Classes include 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours behind the wheel instruction. The last day to register for the first class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9-18 yrs old. Open to all DoD ID card holders. Driver's Ed costs

\$335 per student. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Tae Kwon Do

Join the Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Tae Kwon Do promotes discipline, as well as muscle toning and conditioning.

Classes will be held for ages 6 to 14, Mondays and Wednesdays, from Sept. 13 through Oct. 6 at the Child, Youth and School Services building 2522. Classes will be held 6 to 6:45 p.m. for White Belts through Yellow Belts and 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. for Yellow with Green Stripe belts and above.

Cost is \$65 per student for a four week session. Students must wear a white t-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited so register early.

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.

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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

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 fitness 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.

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 6 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday.

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.

Week of Aug. 23

Special #1: Kielbasa with sauerkraut sub with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.50.

Special #2: Tuna salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

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



BOSS Soldiers active on post, in community



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON
Sgt. Sean McBride, a Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers member from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, caulks a doorway in a Harford Habitat for Humanity home in Aberdeen Aug. 7.

From right, Sgt. Tina Kendall and volunteer instructor Dave Andrews look on as BOSS vice-president, Sgt. Rebekah Lloyd, left, fires at a clay pigeon on the APG Skeet Range. Kendall and Lloyd are with the 20th Support Command (CBRNE). See next week's APG News for more on BOSS activities and the installation's volunteer-operated Skeet Range.

Ceremony

From front page

flash flooding. The official party included Dorsey, deputy commandant and 1st Sgt. Dean Francis, and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Sammy J. Brinson Jr., a former NCOA commandant. Other former commandants in attendance included retired Command Sgts. Maj. James D. Leggins, Steven A. McWilliams and Robert Green.

Special guests included Col. John C. Kilgallon, chief of staff, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, representing Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice, APG and RDECOM commander, and OC&S Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Sultan A. Muhammad, representing Col. Clark W. LeMasters Jr., commander of OC&S and Chief of Ordnance.

Brinson, who assisted in the sign removals the previous day, said he was "excited to return for the final chapter of the OC&S at APG."

"These are positive changes for the corps' future as a whole," he said. "Great noncommissioned officers have made history at this academy."

He recalled the academy's early commandants, Command Sgts. Maj. Willie Battle, George Cutbirth and Leggins, who mentored him as a young small group leader, and former OC&S Regimental Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Aubain who hired him as the eleventh commandant in 2004.

He said that by 2005, the academy was considered one the toughest in the Army and commended Green for "taking the academy to another level," when it received national accreditation.

"My time as commandant was a very important part of my life," he said. "Highly crafted training will now continue throughout our NCO's careers while utilizing the latest technological advances at the Sustainment Center of Excellence at Fort Lee, Virginia."

Kilgallon thanked Brinson for his service and said, "Returning to an alma mater says something about the heart."



Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Sammy Brinson, right, in welding gear, looks on as Sgt. 1st Class Michael Moore, center, and Staff Sgt. Brian Sharp, left, remove the E-6 chevron from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy wall Aug. 11. Brinson is a former commandant of the Academy.

He praised Dorsey and the cadre, "for the heart you gave and instilled in your graduates," and presented a plaque commemorating the academy's service to APG.

Dorsey thanked his commanders, cadre, guests and Family for their support and asked them to view the photographs of past commandants, Year of the NCO honorees and the academy campus that decorated the room.

Dorsey said that when he was told that he would be responsible for the

transition and closing of the academy he thought he was not qualified but accomplished the mission with the support of the regimental and brigade teams.

"As a noncommissioned officer academy, it is our job to assist in preparing our NCOs for [battle]," he said. "The academy mission never wavered and its personnel remained strong. The personnel you see sitting before you today have done all they can to sustain, transition and close this academy and I hope the Ordnance community will approve our performance."

"It is with great regret that I say goodbye. Good luck to you all, maintain standards, and Go Ordnance."

Muhammad thanked Dorsey, Francis, and the NCOA cadre for "outstanding support and commitment" while ensuring, "NCO training is of the highest standard."

Noting that he attended Advanced

Individual Training, BNCOC and ANCOA at APG, he praised the past commandants for their professionalism in training Ordnance NCOs.

"You handled them with great knowledge and great skill," he said, adding, "we have the right folks in place, on the team, doing the right things."

"Stay the course because we will see individuals developing as leaders today."

"God bless you, God bless the Ordnance Corps, and Go Ordnance."

The program included an award ceremony during which cadre members were awarded one Meritorious Service Medal, two Army Commendation medals, an Army Achievement Medal, five Order of Samuel Sharpe medals and 16 NCOA coins of excellence. In addition, Dorsey's wife, Karen, received the OC&S Keeper of the Flame award for her support of her husband and academy goals.



From left, 1st Sgt. Dean Francis, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Sammy Brinson and 1st Sgt. Anthony Dorsey, commandant, remove the academy headquarters sign from the Susquehanna Avenue entrance behind building 4506 Aug. 11.

Commandants of the Ordnance NCOA at APG

- ★ Command Sgt. Maj. Willie E. Battle Jr., 1987 to 1990
- ★ Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur E. Buford, 1990 to 1991
- ★ Command Sgt. Maj. George E. Cutbirth, 1991 to 1992
- ★ Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Leggins, 1992 to 1993
- ★ Command Sgt. Maj. Preston L. Siple, 1993 to 1994
- ★ Command Sgt. Maj. Delbert J. Lepley, 1994 to 1995
- ★ Command Sgt. Maj. Mary L. Kyser, 1996 to 1997
- ★ Command Sgt. Maj. Steven A. McWilliams, 1998 to 1999
- ★ Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel F. Torres, 2000 to 2003
- ★ Command Sgt. Maj. Edith R. Crofts, 2003 to 2004
- ★ Command Sgt. Maj. Sammy J. Brinson Jr., 2004 to 2006
- ★ Command Sgt. Maj. Eric M. Williams, 2006 to 2008
- ★ Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Green, 2008 to 2009
- ★ 1st Sgt. Anthony N. Dorsey, 2009 to 2010