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Post Shorts

Picerno takes over recycling

Picerno Military Housing is responsible for the collection of residential household trash and recycling in Aberdeen Proving Ground housing areas. Both the trash and recycling pick up will be on Tuesdays.

For more information, contact Angela French Marcum, 410-672-4041 or Meagan Murray, 410-672-4072.



CAC Appointment Scheduler

The Directorate of Human Resources launched an online CAC renewal appointment scheduler application Feb. 8 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.

Black History Month lunch time movies

The APG Black Employment Program presents free lunch time movies 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326 and the Stark Recreation Center, building E4140 in the Edgewood Area.

Aberdeen Area

- Feb. 16, Rosewood
- Feb. 18, A Time to Kill
- Feb. 23, Obama Road to the White House (Documentary)
- Feb. 25, Imitation of Life

Edgewood Area

- Feb. 16, The Rosa Parks Story
- Feb. 18, Imitation of Life
- Feb. 23, Rosewood
- Feb. 25, A Time to Kill

For more information, contact Bridgette Smith, 410-278-0892.

Picerno Housing has moved

The Picerno Military Housing Office has moved to 2727 Chesapeake Boulevard. The temporary offices are no longer in use. For

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Snow piles up at APG

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left, Pvts. Alec Bagdu and Brandon Knudsen from Company A 16th Ordnance Battalion walk past a pile of plowed snow bordering the Burger King parking; a result of the record-setting snow storm that fell Feb. 5 and 6, burying Harford County under 20 to 30 inches of snow. More snow in excess of 10 inches was forecast for Feb. 9 and 10.

MLK celebration speaker recalls historic Civil Rights march

Story and photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

A riveting reminiscence of the tumultuous period surrounding the African American struggle for equality that was centered in Alabama in the 1960s was delivered by guest speaker Phillip B. Hunter during the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Jan. 27.

Hunter is the chief of the Acquisition/Business Law Division of the Office of Chief Counsel for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. He shared recollections of his experiences as a participant in the historic Alabama marches from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., that took place in March 1965.

The program was hosted by APG Garrison and RDECOM equal opportunity advisors and Roxanne Conley served as mistress of ceremonies.

Participants included Bridget N. Smith of RDECOM who sang the national anthem, an invocation by Chaplain (Maj.) Jimmie Davis, 20th Support Command (CBRNE), and three



From left, guest speaker Phillip B. Hunter accepts a commemorative plaque from Gary Martin, executive deputy to the commander of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney J. Rhoades at the conclusion of the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Jan. 27. Not shown is Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

songs delivered by members of the Aberdeen Middle School Choir led by Amanda Wilcox, choral director.

In addition, equal opportunity advisors read the famous "I Have A Dream" speech that was delivered by King from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the march on Washing-

ton on Aug. 28, 1963.

On behalf of Maj. Gen. Nickolas G. Justice, commander of APG and RDECOM, Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander delivered the welcome and introduced the guest speaker.

Ortiz said King "gave voice

to the message of peace, freedom and justice for all."

"His example drives many societies throughout the world," Ortiz said, "and we are honored to recognize his contributions."

He called Hunter's biography, "impressive" in that "he has dedicated his life to the service of

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APG Tax Center offers free tax preparation in February 2010

Story by SANDI WILLIAMS
OSJA

The Installation Tax Assistance Program, directed by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division, provides free tax assistance each year to qualifying active duty service members, retirees, and Family members. Active duty service members are those military members currently holding an active duty ID card.

Reserve component service members who are not mobilized are not eligible for services and should contact their individual units for assistance.

The OSJA hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House for the 2010 Tax Assistance Program Feb. 8 at the Tax Center, located downstairs in Top of the Bay, building 30. Commanders or their designees are invited to preview the facility and talk with the Tax Center staff members.

The Tax Center opened its doors to the public Feb. 9 and will close April 15. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Trained Staff

Civilian personnel have been assigned to work at the Tax Center on a full-time basis and will be trained in federal and Maryland state income tax return preparation. An Internal Revenue Service examination at the end of the course certifies each preparer for the Volunteer Return Preparation Program.

Tax Returns

Tax Center staff will only be preparing simple and intermediate level tax returns. Complex tax returns outside the scope of the Volunteer Return Preparation Program will be referred to professional providers.

Be prepared

It is extremely important to gather the information needed to file an accurate return. Documents needed depend on individual situations. The Tax Center cannot prepare a return unless the taxpayer brings all necessary documentation. Inaccurate tax returns caused by incomplete/faulty information may incur IRS penalty and interest assessments. Prior to arriving at the Tax Center, patrons should access the "Client Agreement and Questionnaire" located on the APG website at www.apg.army.mil, or the Legal website at <https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/8525761700412C32>, click on Legal Assistance, then APG Tax Center. This document is extremely helpful in gathering the information needed to file an accurate return.

Information needed

- Copy of last tax return (2008)
- Original W-2 statements
- Social security cards for yourself, spouse, and all dependents
- Social security income statements
- Form 1099 stating interest, dividends or capital gains, distributions from pensions and IRAs
- Alimony information
- Child care expenses and provider identification and address
- Settlement paperwork (for purchase or sale of home)
- Real estate tax statement
- Economic Recovery payment received from Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board, or Veterans Administration
- State and local sales and excise taxes paid on qualified new vehicles purchased after February 16, 2009 and before January 1, 2010

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Rx and OTC medicines THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE BASICS



D.A.R.E. leads campaign against prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse

Story by
CINDY SCOTT
ASAP
and **MICHAEL FARLOW**
DES

D.A.R.E. officers and community leaders nationwide are coming together in preparation for a week-long effort to curb the biggest problem facing America's youth today - prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse.

Prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse is a major concern across the nation. Every day, 2500 kids age 12 to 17 try a painkiller for the first time and one in three teens report having a close friend who abuses prescription drugs.

Teens abuse prescription and over-the-counter drugs more than almost all other drugs combined and one in four teens report having a close friend who has abused cough medicine. In a venture to increase community awareness and curb prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse, APG community support agen-

cies will join forces to protect the nation's most prized possession - our youth.

During the week of Feb. 22 to 28, APG support agencies will set up informational tables throughout the community to distribute awareness information and tools to help parents. There will also be community briefings with door prizes to ensure the message gets out. This important week will serve as the vehicle driving APG down the path of prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse awareness during National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week and culminate with a graduation ceremony for D.A.R.E. Students in April.

The Directorate of Emergency Services, Community Policing Unit, Army Substance Abuse Program, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Directorate for Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Child, Youth and School Services and safety programs are just a few of the support agencies involved.

Often adults will disassociate them-

selves from issues that they believe have no impact on their lives. However, while it may not be their child, because it is happening in their community, everyone must be educated and made aware of the problem.

Ask yourself these two questions. Do you have medication in your home that is either outdated or that you are no longer using? Have you ever, or do you know of anyone who has ever taken a sneak peak in someone's medicine cabinet? If you answered yes to either one of these questions then you now know how easy it is for teens to gain access to these medications.

Prescription and over-the-counter drug information is provided by numerous agencies throughout the APG community. Community Health Nursing, at KUSAHC, provides a monthly class specifically addressing the prescription and over-the-counter drug problem and services available to Soldiers, retirees and their Family members.

Safety provides prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse awareness information in the workplace as well as other safety topics throughout the year. The CYSS programs have specific regulations regarding prescription and over-the-counter drugs. ASAP provides training regarding prescription and over-the-counter drugs as well as information regarding the safe disposal of unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines. The Community Policing Unit ensures that the D.A.R.E. program is offered to the community and sponsors children and adult programs throughout the year.

Check each week for more information about prescription and over-the-counter medications as well as opportunities to participate in community awareness activities and events. For more information contact Cindy Scott, ASAP, 410-278-4013, or Community Policing Officer Michael Farlow, DES, 410-278-3609.

Scholarship opportunities help students achieve their educational goals

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

With the cost of college rising every year, students and their parents are looking for ways to lower the cost of tuition. Applying for scholarships can save a significant amount of money, and not only helps pay for tuition but books and other living expenses too. Money earned through scholarships can decrease the amount of debt accrued in student loans after graduation.

Scholarships not only help with monetary needs but can also enhance a student's education and strengthen a resume, that later can help in the job selection process.

Listed below are some scholarship opportunities that students can apply for, and many more can be found by searching the Internet. For example, students can visit fastweb.com to receive a list of scholarships they can apply for that will be sent via e-mail and tips on applying for scholarships.

"When applying for scholarships, students should make sure they follow all the directions carefully. They should make a copy of everything they apply for and type all applications so that they can be easily read," said Eileen Campbell, APG's school liaison.

"Scholarship boards tend to ask the same type of questions, so it will save time if students carefully save their work, she said. "They should take time to list all extra-curricular activities and awards, to be notable."

Campbell also recommended that students earn a scholarship by playing sports. Visit www.campuschamps.com for student-athlete information on how to find a school, reach out to college coaches, apply for admission, get student aid, improve your game, and increase your chances to succeed, both on the field and in the classroom. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, a collegiate sports organization for smaller schools, offers information for student athletes on its website. Learn eligibility and financial assistance rules and find NAIA schools, by visiting www.naia.org/local/college-bound.html. If you are interested in sports scholarships, try www.fastweb.com.

Another way to get free money is to apply through the Free Application for Student Aid. The FAFSA establishes whether or not someone is eligible for grant money. Students need to pinpoint the FAFSA deadline for their individual college because it can vary from government deadlines.

Parents and students should also attend meetings and events that provide scholarship information.

Harford County Public Schools hosts College Savings Plan nights for parents and students to learn more about saving and financial planning for college. Go to www.hcps.org for more information on these sessions. College Night enables Harford County high school students and their parents to meet directly with college admissions representatives to learn about academic studies, campus life, the admission process and tuition.

"College Night has been extremely successful and is recognized as the premier event for high school students and parents in the county," Campbell said.

For information about attending school and financial aid for local schools go to www.maryland.gov/Learning/Pages/Learning.aspx.

For military Families, the 2010 Military Child's Handbook contains the latest information about getting a college degree, including: types of higher education, resources for finding the right college, entrance exams, financial aid resources, paying for college, applying for federal student aid, Pell Grants, Direct and Federal Family Education Loans, PLUS loans, Consolidation loans, Federal Work-Study Program, ROTC, U.S. Armed Forces and more. Visit www.militaryhandbooks.com for more information.

The Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial NASA Space Camp Scholarship

U.S. Space Camp is a five-day program that shows children what it takes to be an astronaut.

Amount: The scholarship provides full tuition, including meals, lodging, program materials, and transportation from student's home base to nearest Space Camp and return.

Eligibility:

- Be a child of an active duty military parent
- Be enrolled in grades 6 through 9
- Write an essay why he or she should be selected
- Submit two letters of recommendation with contact information.

Deadline: March 10

How to apply: www.militarychild.org/SpaceCamp.asp

Army Aviation Association of America Scholarship

Sponsor: The AAAA Foundation, Inc.
Amount: \$1,000 to \$10,000, given

out as one, two or four year scholarships. Interest-free loans of up to \$4,000 (1,000 a year) are also available.

Eligibility:

- One-year membership by May 1 of previous year is required for scholarship to be awarded in upcoming year.
- AAAA members; spouses, unmarried children and unmarried grandchildren of current or deceased members.
- The applicant must be attending an accredited college or university or selected for fall-entry as an undergraduate or graduate.
- Applicants who will attend a service academy are ineligible for a grant or a loan.

To apply: Scholarships are not available online.

Request by e-mail: aaaa@quad-a.org, phone (203)268-2450 or fax (203)268-5870.

For more information go to www.quad-a.org/scholarship.htm

Deadline: May 1.

ThanksUSA Scholarship Program

ThanksUSA is a charitable effort to thank the men and women of the U.S. armed forces.

Amount: \$3,000, 500 scholarships given

Eligibility:

- Dependent children, age 24 and under (as of May 15 deadline), and spouses of active duty U.S. military service.
- Applicants must plan to enroll full time in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, vocational school or technical school.
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent on their academic record.
- Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of financial need; academic record; demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities; and a goal statement. Preference will be given to children or spouses of service personnel killed or injured during active duty.

How to apply: Applications will be open April 1 through May 15. Applicants can register for a scholarship notification at <https://www.thanksusa.org/main/secure/scholarship-reminder.html>.

Deadline: May 15

For more information: Visit www.thanksusa.org/main/index.html

The Francis Scott Key Chapter of the International Test and Evaluation Association Scholarship

Sponsor: The Francis Scott Key Chap-



ter of the International Test and Evaluation Association chartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Amount: \$1,500 or more depending on funding

Eligibility:

- Harford and Cecil County High Schools seniors who plan to pursue a degree in any of the physical sciences, engineering or mathematics.
- Must provide a copy of valid transcript.
- Criteria will be based on future career plans, academic performance, with an emphasis on science and math courses, and participation in science and math related extracurricular school activities. Employment in science and math related industries will also be considered.

To apply: Contact Brandy Jones, 443-866-3029 or e-mail b.jones222@sprint.blackberry.net and ask for an application.

Deadline: April 12

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships to deserving sons and daughters of current or former U.S. Marines in their pursuit of higher education. The foundation also provides a very limited number of scholarships to children of Navy Corpsmen who serve or have served with Marines.

Amount: Starting from \$500

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation has extra scholarship funding for the 2010-2011 academic year for children of service members who have served in either Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Special consideration is also given to the children of Marines and the children of Navy Corpsmen serving with the Marines whose parents were killed in the ongoing Global War on Terror.

Eligibility: A son or daughter of a current or former U.S. Marine. (See application for eligibility requirements)

Deadline: April 1

Information and applications: Visit www.mcsf.com.

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Sports

22d Chemical defeats USMC 40-32

Story and photo by
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APG News

The 22d Chemical Battalion (Tech Escort) overpowered the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment with a 40-32 win during a key intramural basketball matchup in the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center Jan. 27.

The defending champions of the 2009 intramural basketball season, 22d Chem. went into the game undefeated. Under first-year coach Lisa Bradford, a sergeant first class and chemical operations team leader, 22d Chem. led 19-16 at the half thanks to scoring leaders Robert Nevels and Wallace Wylie who combined efforts on several plays.

Bradford, who also coached her children's middle school girls and elementary school boys teams, said her players are "alright when they listen."

"This is our third game and we're off to a [2-0] start," she said. "We won the whole thing last year and I love our chances to repeat."

Bradford's team got off to a fast start in the second half, dominating under the basket with key offensive rebounds to eventually pull away 31-26.

USMC regrouped, turned on the offense, and minutes later went ahead 32-31 courtesy of back-to-back 3-pointers by player-coach Julius Johnson with just over five minutes to play.

Regaining the lead 33-32 for good after a USMC timeout, 22d Chem. took control, forcing USMC into foul situations while scoring seven unanswered points from standout offense by Wylie and Albert Wesley.

Coach Johnson said the team loss was due to "bad defense."

"I told them [the team] it was unacceptable," he said. "We will definitely rebound."

Bradford said it was the teams' toughest win thus far.

"This was the closest game we've had," she said. They had to work for it this time but they hung in there."

Wylie, a point guard, said he's been with the unit just a short while.

"I just got here and I love them all like



From left, 22d Chem.'s Albert Wesley, 40, out leaps a USMC defender for a layup as USMC coach Julius Johnson, 10,; and 22d Chem.'s Montague Williams, 45, and Robert Nevels, 52 back up the play during the intramural basketball game at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center Jan. 27. Looking on from the backcourt are 22d Chem.'s Lorenzo Fitzgerald, 55, and Wallace Wylie, 43.

brothers," he said. "We all just love to play."

"No doubt we'll win it all," said Wesley, a master sergeant and member of the 2009 championship team. "And when we're done, we want to take on the civilian champions," he challenged.

Another member of the 2009 squad, Shelton Zanders, a shooting guard, added that the team was "better than last year's."

"We weren't really unified," he said. "This year, we're missing some players but we're still playing hard ball with the knowledge that we are the champions."

Guard and Reserve military members, civilian employees, and military retirees and annuitants take charge of their pay accounts online. Soldiers and civilians can access their 2009 Tax Statements (W-2 and 1099-R) by going to <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Tax Forms

Federal tax forms are available at the APG Tax Center, public libraries, post offices, and at www.irs.gov. State tax forms are available online at the taxpayer's state department of revenue Web site.

Electronic Filing

Free electronic filing is also available through the APG Tax Center. However, staff must prepare the tax return at the Tax Center in order to electronically file the tax return. Electronic filing customers can receive refunds by check or direct deposit into their bank account rather than through the mail. The average return time is approximately three weeks for a check mailed and about ten days for deposits made directly into a checking or savings account.

For further information and assistance with tax preparation and/or electronic filing, contact the APG Tax Center, 410-278-9916.

Taxes

From front page

- Power of attorney signed by the spouse if either party plans to sign the spouse's name on a joint tax return
- Blank check with your routing and account number for a refund directly deposited into a bank account

For those who itemize deductions or own a home that is rented to others, bring materials such as:

- Mortgage interest statements (Form 1098)
- Medical receipts
- Rental reports
- Investment statements
- Charitable contribution receipts (name and address of charitable organization, date of contribution and bank receipts for cash contributions)

For stock sold this year, the taxpayer must establish the sale price and the cost basis of the stock before coming to the tax center. Staff cannot calculate these figures.

Obtaining W-2s online

Defense Finance and Accounting Service myPay is a secure, DFAS-operated Web site that lets active duty, National

Community Notes

FRIDAY

**FEBRUARY 12
WINTER SKY CAMPFIRE**

Enjoy a Friday night campfire of roasted hot dogs with all the fixins while surrounded by winter's beauty. This program will be held 5:30 to 7 p.m. for all ages. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family, (limit 5 per family). Registration is required.

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

SATURDAY

**FEBRUARY 13
VALENTINE CANDY CRAFT**

Create a hand-crafted Valentine's gift ready to go. This program will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 7 to adult; ages 7 to 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 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.

FEBRUARY FOX WALK

Hike the uplands and stream valleys of Leight Park to search for signs of fox activity. This free program will be held 2:30 to 4 p.m. for ages 8 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.

SUNDAY

**FEBRUARY 14
VALENTINE'S DAY OPEN HOUSE**

Valentines come for a visit that will include "sweets for the sweet" and a Valentine craft. This program will be held 1 to 4 p.m. for Valentines of all ages. There is no fee but donations will be gratefully accepted. 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.

PURSE BINGO

Purse Bingo will be held 2:30 p.m., at Prince of Peace Church, 2600 Wil-

loughby Beach Road, Edgewood. Doors open 1:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets are required for admission for all ages. Cost includes 20 regular games. Raffles, baked goods, refreshments and a split-the-pot coverall will be offered. Three special games sold separately. Proceeds benefit the Faith Formation Program for Children and Youth. No smoking is allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Sister Susanne, 410-679-5912 or Dolores, 410-676-0418.

VALENTINE'S BANQUET

Join Bread of Life Church for its annual Always and Forever Valentine's Banquet, 5 p.m., at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood.

This event will be a formal affair with dining, music and door prizes. Cost of the banquet is \$60 per couple; child-care will be provided starting 4:30 p.m., for children ages 1 to 10 years old at Bread of Life Church. For more information, call Jennifer at 410-272-7818 or Bread of Life Church at 410-273-1660.

WEDNESDAYS

**FEBRUARY 10 THRU 24
NATURE'S PLAYGROUP**

Little ones and their parents play and learn in the natural world. Stories, songs, simple crafts and discovery outings will highlight each day's theme. Session I will be held 9 to 10 a.m. and Session II will be held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Both sessions are for ages 0 to 4. The cost is \$30 per child. Registration is required.

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

SATURDAY

**FEBRUARY 20
MAPS TELL THE STORY**

Take a look at several types of maps while studying the topography of Leight Park, and hike to ground-truth those maps. This program will be held 10:30 a.m. to noon for ages 8 to 12. The cost is \$4 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.

CRITTER DINNERTIME

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat while learning more about these fascinating creatures. This free program will be held at 1:30 p.m. for all ages. No registration required.

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

SUNDAY

**FEBRUARY 21
MEET A CRITTER**

Check out one of the center's live critters up close while discovering what makes that animal special. This free program will be held at 1 p.m. for all ages. No registration required.

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

ALL TIED UP

Knowing how to tie a few types of knots is a great skill for making life a little easier. Learn some basic knots and what they are used for. Plenty of practice opportunity! This is a great program for scouts. This program will be held 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 8 to 14. The cost is \$2 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.

FRIDAY

**FEBRUARY 26
THE FINTON FORMULA FUN
VISITING SCIENTIST SERIES**

Come to the center for exciting hands-on chemistry and environmental science fun, guided by guest scientists from the local community. The topic will be Harry Potter Potions Lab. This program will be held 4:30 to 6 p.m. for ages 10 to 12 or 5th to 7th grade. The cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required.

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

SATURDAY

**FEBRUARY 27
KNOW YOUR FISH AND EAT THEM TOO!**

Learn to identify the fish found in Otter Point Creek and the Bush River. Participants use icings to do biologically accurate decorating of fish cookies before munching down the favorites. This program will be held 10:30 a.m. to noon for ages 7 to 12. The cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required.

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

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

Motorcycle Safety Courses

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

The following are schedules for the Basic and Experienced courses for 2010.

Basic Rider Course (BRC)

Day 1: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., building 4303, Hazardous Waste Training Room

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

Schedule: March 23-25, April 27-29, May 25-27, June 22-24, July 20-22,

Aug. 17-19, Sept. 21-23, Oct. 19-21.

Experienced Rider Course (ERC)

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

Schedule: March 19, April 30, May 14, June 25, July 23, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 12.



Post Shorts

more information, call the Neighborhood Office at 410-305-1076.

MCSC Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast

APG Military and Civilians Spouses Club invites you to a Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast to support the MCSC, Saturday, Feb. 20, from 8 to 10 a.m. at Applebee's, 991 Beards Hill Road in Aberdeen. For tickets or information, call Judi Wurm, judimeister@gmail.com, 410-937-2941, or Mickey Kienzler, dmkienzler@yahoo.com, 910-261-0787.

KUSAHC closed Feb. 12 and 15

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed Feb. 12 for a training day and Feb. 15 for Presidents Day.

It is important to pick up prescriptions before Feb. 12.

For medical services needed after hours, weekends or federal holidays, call staff duty, 410-278-1725 to coordinate care with the medical officer of the day.

To avoid point of service copay charges, prior authorization and/or a referral is needed to go to an urgency clinic.

Emergency room visits do not require a referral.

Black History Month program

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground will host a Black History Month program Feb. 24, 11:30 a.m., at the APG Recreation Center, building 3326.

Guest speaker will be Michael E. Crutcher, Sr., army retiree, former assistant professor, and actor who brings Frederick Douglass to life through his dramatization. Food samplings will be available.

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

American Sign Language class to start

A lunch time Basic American Sign Language class will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Tuesday, through May 4 in the conference room in building 1950 on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The class is for beginners to advanced students. The class text book, "ABC: A Basic Course in American Sign Language," can be purchased online or from a book store. To receive credit for the class, military and civilian personnel must complete 10 sessions and submit SF 182. There is no fee for the class. Obtain supervisor approval as needed. Bring your own lunch.

To register, or for more information, contact BethAnn Cameron at 410-436-7175, BethAnn.Cameron@us.army.mil; or instructors Pat Reeves, 410-436-2917, or Randy Weber, 410-436-8546.

Basic Boating Classes

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 22-04 will offer Basic Boating classes, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 13 and 14; Feb. 27 and 28; March 27 and 28; April 10 and 11; April 24 and 25; May 1 and 2; and May 29 and 30. Classes will be held at the Middle River Yacht Club located at 200 Nanticoke Road, next to the Riverwatch Restaurant in Essex, Md.

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

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

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

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

Black History Month Specialty Meal Feb. 16

The Black History Month Specialty Meal will be held 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Aberdeen Area dining facility, building 4503, and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E4225, Feb. 16.

During this event all military personnel, Family members, Department of Defense civilians, contractors, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$4.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and Family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilians, retirees and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$3.65 applies to spouses and other Family members of enlisted personnel in the ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Black History Month Specialty Meal Menu includes: bean soup with ham hocks, fried chicken, barbecued spareribs, baked chicken, southern-fried catfish fingers, fried pork chops, hopping john (black-eyed peas and rice), baked macaroni and cheese, candied sweet potatoes, collard greens, green beans, potato salad, cole slaw, assorted salad bar, corn bread, assorted breads, bread pudding with raisins, pecan pie, sweet potato pie, soft serve ice cream and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information; call Edward Parylo, 410-278-3142.

Desert Storm veteran's reunion Feb. 27

The VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans Association will host its 19th Annual Memorial Ceremony and Reunion at Fort Myer, Va. Feb. 27. A chapel service will be held 5 p.m. at the Fort Myer Memorial Chapel followed by a reception at the Fort Myer Officers' Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Dana Pittard. Cost is \$25. Make checks payable to "VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans Association" and mail to: VII Corps DSVA, Attn: Dinner; 2425 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201. To make reservations, call 800-506-2672, EXT 4163 by Feb. 22. Dress is civilian informal.

Perry Point hosts veterans benefits seminar

The VA Maryland Health Care System and the Chesapeake Health Education Program will co-host a free special VA Health Care Enrollment, Eligibility and Veterans Benefits Seminar for community health care providers, social workers and counselors 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Perry Point VA Medical Center Theater, building 314 Feb. 18.

Representatives from VA will provide information about VA health care services including primary care, prescription services, long term care, social work services and mental health care. There will also be representatives available to talk about VA compensation benefits and cemetery services.

Registration for the seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Perry Point VA Medical Center's Gymnasium, building 314. Parking for the program will be available free of charge in Parking Lot I located at the front of the building. Lunch is optional and is available at \$7 per person.

For more information, call Alyssa Sexton at 1-800-949-1003, extension 5487 or register online at www.chepinc.org/admin/course.asp?id=09-38.

OSJA client Services changes hours

The Client Services Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate has changed its hours to Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk-in notary, power of attorney, and claim drop off services

including in-person and telephonic administrative assistance will only be available between these hours.

The Client Services Division needs to devote resources to the Installation Tax Center and the Installation Real Estate Reimbursement Program.

For more information, call 410-278-1583.

New web-based work request site - VIOS

DPTMS-Visual Information has a new web-based work request site called VIOS (Visual Information Ordering Site), www.vios.army.mil. Current customers will receive an email detailing the new site and receive a user's guide. All APG supported units can request VI services through this site. Users must have a CAC or active AKO registration. The current photo studio scheduling system on the APG web site is still active but will transition to VIOS during January.

For more information, call VI Chief Phil MacKenzie, 410-306-4700.

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

Rights to union representation

The Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 requires that employees who are represented by a union be notified annually of their right to union representation at any examination by a representative of the agency in connection with an investigation if the employee reasonably believes the examination may result in disciplinary action. The text of the law is as follows:

Section 7114(a)(2) An exclusive representative of an appropriate unit in any agency shall be given the opportunity to be represented at any examination of an employee in the unit by a representative of the agency in connection with an investigation if (I) the employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee; and (II) the employee requests representation.

For more information call Linda Bryant, CPAC, 410-278-4921.

MLK

From front page

"Likewise, we, here at Aberdeen Proving Ground are honored to have Phillip Hunter as our guest speaker," he said.

In 1965 Hunter was a teenager and the son of Reverend J.D. Hunter, president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

He talked about the oppressive and segregationist way of life in the deep south that was fully endorsed and enforced by politicians and law enforcement agencies despite the Civil Rights and Voting Rights acts of 1964, how

those who refused to "stay in their place" were subject to acts of intimidation and violence, and how the appearance of Martin Luther King on the third and final march to Montgomery brought national and international attention to the plight of Blacks in the south.

Hunter participated in the three marches from Selma to Montgomery. The first march, known as 'Bloody Sunday' which took place March 7, 1965, as well as the second, on March 9, were not completed due to intervention by local and state law enforcement. Marchers left from Brown's Chapel A.M.E. Church March 7, and after crossing the Edmond Pettis Bridge, were met by Alabama State Troopers

carrying Billy clubs and other weapons. The crowd was tear-gassed and many were beaten and bloodied that day, Hunter said.

"Fortunately, reporters and members of the media with cameras captured this horrific event and the nation and the world discovered our plight," he said.

He said that King issued a call for all men and women of good will to come to Selma and that people all over the world heeded his call.

"Blacks, whites, Jews, college students, union organizers, ambassadors, you name it; they all came to Selma. They stood up and were counted," he said.

While the second march also was unsuccessful, King led the third and final march on March 21 that ended at the capitol building where marchers presented a petition for the right to vote and an end to killings and brutalization of Black citizens to then Governor Wallace.

"Out of that march came the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Hunter said, adding that along with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, King's non-violent approach "worked and was measurable in a meaningful way by these two historical pieces of legislation.

"Whenever Doctor King marched, I always felt safe," Hunter added. "We felt that no one would harm him.

"It would have been impossible for Barack Obama to become president without Doctor King, Selma, Montgomery, Birmingham and voting rights advocates all over the country [back then] who stood up to evil and injustice."

Hunter touched on the "best practice" and the commander's Diversity Advisory Group that grew out of a recognized need to increase career opportunities for Blacks in the former CBDCOM and SBCCOM (now RDECOM) since his arrival in the Edgewood Area in 1989.

He credited former RDECOM commanders, Maj. Gens. George E. Friel; John C. Doesburg; Roger A. Nadeau; Fred D. Robinson; Paul S. Izzo and former RDECOM technical director Michael Parker as "being responsive to making this command better."

"I know that Major General Justice will move all of us to a higher level of diversity and equal opportunity for all," he said. "We have come a long way but we have a long way to go. Let all of us hold hands and work together for a better America and Doctor King's beloved community in which we are judged not by the color of our skin but the content of our character."

Conley thanked Sgt. 1st Class Elwood Venev, RDECOM equal opportunity advisor and Master Sgt. Michelle Davis, 20th Support Command EOA, for organizing the program.

"Overall, I think it went well," Conley said. "Post equal employment opportunity and equal opportunity advisors worked together to make this program a success. They deserve all the credit."

She encouraged all to attend Black History Month programs being planned for the month of February as well as the Holocaust Remembrance ceremony in the Spring.

Attendees said they enjoyed the program.

Rhone' Hutchins, an RDECOM contractor, said it was her first time attending a post MLK celebration.

"I liked the speech and the singing was very nice," Hutchins said. "Today, I felt like it was time to come and I'm glad I did."

Phyllis Brown, an Edgewood Chemical Biological Center engineer and an acquaintance of Hunter's said she had heard some of the story before.

"This was my first time hearing all of it," she said. "I thought the program was really nice. It had a little of everything.

And I thought highly of the members of ECBC management who made it a point to come out to show their support to employees."

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and RDECOM will host a Black History Month Program Feb. 24, 11:30 a.m., at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. The guest speaker is Michael E. Crutcher Sr., a recognized authority on the life and times of famed abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

Historic Selma marches

Wikipedia.com

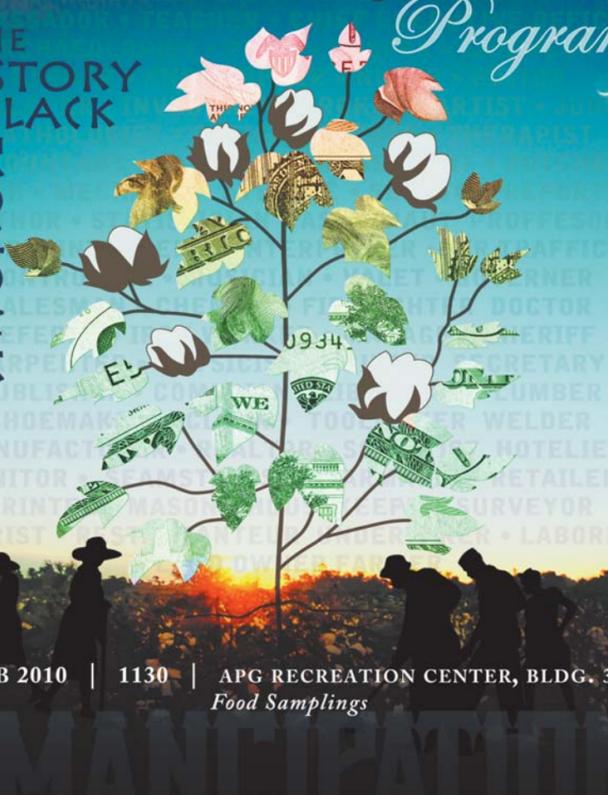
The Selma to Montgomery marches were three marches in 1965 that marked the critical and emotional peak of the American Civil Rights Movement. They were the culmination of the Voting Rights Movement in Selma, Ala. Launched by Amelia Boynton and her husband. The first march took place March 7, 1965 – Bloody Sunday – when 600 Civil Rights marchers were attacked by state and local police with Billy clubs and tear gas. The second march took place on March 9. Only the third march, which began March 21 and lasted five days, made it to Montgomery, 54 miles away. The route is memorialized as the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights Trail, a U.S. National Historic Trail.

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Black History Month

Program

THE HISTORY OF BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



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Guest Speaker

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Army Emergency Relief offers college aid for military Family members

AER

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program is for dependent children of Soldiers (active duty, retired and deceased). The Army Emergency Relief is for full-time students at an undergraduate, technical or vocational institution accredited by the Department of Education and is awarded annually up to four academic years. Funds may be used for tuition, books, fees, supplies or school room and board. Students may reapply each year and maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale.

A student applying for the 2010-2011 Academic Year (AY) must be under the age of 23 for the entire AY. The applicant must be an unmarried child of an active duty or retired Soldier or a Soldier who died in either status. All Soldiers and students must be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. Verify the student's DEERS status at 1-800-538-9552.

Applications for the 2010-2011 AY

scholarships will be available online until March 1 at www.aerhq.org. Online applications must be submitted by March 1, 2010. Other deadlines are in the instructions. AER will notify applicants about their scholarship during the last week of May 2010.

The AER Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program (SSEAP) is for spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers, and widow(ers) of Soldiers who died either on active duty or in a retired status, and are residing in the United States. All spouses must be registered in the DEERS which can be verified at 1-800-538-9552. This program does not apply to second undergraduate or graduate degrees.

Scholarship awards are based on financial need and are awarded annually for up to four academic years to attend post secondary school full time as undergraduate level students. Funds are to assist with academic expenses at the attending university/school and are disbursed equally between the Fall and

Spring semesters or quarters to assist with tuition, books, fees and supplies. Students must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale.

Applications for the 2010-2011 AY scholarships will be available online until March 1 at www.aerhq.org. Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2010. Other deadlines are in the instructions. AER will notify applicants about their scholarship during the last week of May 2010.

The AER Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program (OSEAP) is for spouses of active duty Soldiers assigned and living at overseas commands only (Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico are considered for OSEAP). The spouse must physically reside with the Soldier at the assigned command.

Spouses must be enrolled, accepted, or pending acceptance as students for the entire term in post-secondary or vocational institutions under contract at the education office and approved by the

U.S. Department of Education. Spouses are not eligible if they are visiting outside the command and taking correspondence courses online.

Attendance under OSEAP need not be full time but must be at institutions approved by the U.S. Department of Education and supported by a contract with the command. Spouses may participate in additional programs as defined in the OSEAP description, located on the AER web site www.aerhq.org. Graduate schools and off post schools are not eligible.

Financial assistance is awarded up to half the cost of tuition per term based on financial need, as evidenced by income, assets, Family size, special financial obligations and circumstances. The academic year consists of five terms. Funding of additional programs is explained in Item 6 of the OSEAP Program Description.

Applications are now available at www.aerhq.org. Applications must be submitted online by the term deadline date, as listed in the OSEAP instructions.

Deadline for 2010 Scholarships for Military Children fast approaching

Story by
TAMMY L. MOODY
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The Feb. 17 deadline for students to apply for the 2010 Scholarships for Military Children Program is fast approaching. All eligible students are encouraged to gather their materials and submit their applications as soon as possible.

One of the materials needed includes an essay on the following topic: "You can travel back in time, however, you cannot change events. What point in history would you visit and why?"

The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created 10 years ago to recognize the contributions of military Families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military Family community.

Applications are available in commissaries worldwide and online through a link at www.commissaries.com and directly at www.militaryscholar.org. Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 17. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

Those eligible to apply for a scholarship are unmarried children, younger than 21 (23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university) of active-

duty, Reserve, Guard or retired military members; and survivors of service members who died while on active duty, or survivors of individuals who died while receiving military retired pay.

Eligibility is determined using DEERS, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in DEERS and have a current ID card.

An applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full time in the fall of 2010, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

The scholarships program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to service members and their families. Scholarship Managers, a national, nonprofit scholarship management service organization, manages and awards the scholarships. Commissary vendors, manufacturers, brokers, suppliers and the general public donate money to the program, and every dollar donated goes directly to funding the scholarships.

Since its inception in 2001, the program has awarded \$7.3 million in scholarships to almost 5,000 children of service members.

year, four-year undergraduate or graduate, post graduate program.

- Must have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grade scale.

How to apply: www.feea.org/scholarships.html

Deadline: Postmarked no later than March 26

The F. Edward Hébert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program

Sponsor: U.S. Army
Amount: Full tuition for medical school, monthly stipend of \$1,992. Required books, equipment and most academic fees will be covered. Qualifying medical and dental students are also eligible to receive a \$20,000 sign-on bonus.

Eligibility:

- Available for students pursuing advanced degrees in medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, psychiatric nursing, optometry or psychology.

- Be a U.S. citizen with a baccalaureate degree from an accredited school.

- Depending upon student's specialty, be enrolled in or have a letter of acceptance or intent from an accredited graduate program located in the United States or Puerto Rico.

- Maintain full-time student status during the entire length of the program.

- Qualify as a commissioned officer in the United States Army Reserve.

How to Apply: Call 1-800-USA-ARMY, or visit www.healthcare.goarmy.com.

(Editor's note more scholarships with February deadlines can be found in the Jan. 28 edition of APG News, page 9. Articles can be found on the Internet, at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil)

Education

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Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund

Amount: More than 400 students from across 26 regions will win scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$2,500. From this pool of 400, the top students in each region have the chance to win two additional awards: Six students will win an additional \$5,000 through the Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund National Treasury Employees Union Scholarship. Additional money is awarded through the Cooke Memorial Scholarship.

Eligibility:

- Current civilian federal and post-al employees with at least three years of federal service by Aug. 31, 2010. Adult children and other relatives are eligible if claimed on the sponsoring employee's tax return. Active duty military members and their Family members are eligible only through a sponsoring civilian employee spouse. Military retirees and their Family members are eligible if the retiree (or retiree's spouse) is a current civilian federal employee.

- Applicants who are Family members must be full-time students. Applicants who are federal employees may be part-time students.

- Family members applicants are first eligible to apply during their senior year in high school. The applicant must be at least a college freshman by the fall 2010 semester and may be full-time.

- Must be enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited post secondary school in a course of study that will lead to a two-

Helpful Web sites

- www.thesalliafund.org/smfnew/index.html - Financial aid tips and a comprehensive list of scholarship resources
- www.princetonreview.com/college/finance/ - information on scholarships and financial aid
- www.studentaid.ed.gov - information about planning for life after high school
- www.MDgo4it.org - Maryland Higher Education Commission
- www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation - to check accreditation of schools
- www.finaid.org/military/ - infor-

mation on military financial aid

- www.milspouse.org/Educ/Fund/MilFScholar/ - helpful list of military scholarships

- http://essayinfo.com/essays/scholarship_essay.php - Tips for writing personal essays

- www.fastweb.com/fastweb/resources/articles/index/100037 - Tips from [fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

- www.fastweb.com/fastweb/resources/articles/index/101142 - Common essay questions

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

School Liaison Announcements

Junior Science & Humanities Symposium

A Junior Science & Humanities Symposium is scheduled for March 11 through 13 at Morgan State University. Garrison supported organizations that wish to participate can contact Erica Bertoli at erica.bertoli@us.army.mil.

Earth/Arbor Day

Earth/Arbor Day will be held April 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, Building 2522. This event will be coordinated by the Directorate of Public Works, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Child, Youth and School Services and Harford County Public Schools. ARL will provide after school activities at the youth center. For more information contact Scott English at scott.english@us.army.mil.

Futures 11

Futures 11 will be held on March 25 at Harford Community College. Eleventh grade students of the Harford County Public School Magnet Schools will attend sessions relevant to their future plans. APG organizations are requested to display their programs in an exposition from 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Contact Eileen Campbell at eileen.campbell@us.army.mil for more information.

TEAM APG K-12

The collaboration of a new Educational Outreach group, focusing on Kindergarten through 12th grade will begin meeting Feb. 23. TEAM APG K-12 will work to support and enhance STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) curriculum and professional development. It will also expand its Adopt-a-Schools Program. Organizations wishing to send a representative can contact Eileen Campbell at eileen.campbell@us.army.mil.

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



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Broadway Across America

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Experience the Cherry Blossom Festival

MWR Leisure Travel Office offers a trip to Washington, D.C. for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival and fireworks show April 3.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is an annual event that celebrates springtime in Washington, D.C., as well as the 1912 gift of the cherry blossom trees and the enduring friendship between the people of the United States and Japan.

Come to the Southwest Waterfront at 5 p.m. as the Washington Waterfront Association kicks off the fifth annual Prelude to the Fireworks, which is a free three-hour festival of Family entertainment that includes live musical performances, kids' craft activities, cuisine from local restaurants, and special guest appearances for the kids to enjoy. At 8:30 p.m. all eyes will head toward the sky for a spectacular fireworks display. The fireworks will occur rain or shine. Space is limited; Reserve your seats today.

Cost of the trip is \$25 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart APG at noon and return at midnight.

For more information or to purchase tickets, 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.

Racquetball Tournament

Register now for the Racquetball Tournament that begins Feb. 16. Registration is free. Participants should register by phone or in person by Feb. 12 at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300

or Hoyle Gymnasium, building E4210. Matches will be scheduled 5 to 7 p.m. with singles and doubles play. Participants may only sign up for one singles event.

Categories include novice, open and masters (45 years of age and over).

Awards will be presented for first and second place in each category. This event is open to all eligible FMWR patrons.

For more information, call Rosita Stewart, 410-278-7933 e-mail rosita.c.stewart@us.army.mil.

Scrapbooking crop Feb. 20

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a Scrapbooking crop for seasonal scrapbookers or anyone who has always wanted to try it. "Crop Till You Drop" will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Top of the Bay. Cost of the event is \$25 per person and includes lunch and door prizes. Vendors will have items for sale for all scrapbooking needs. Optional classes may be offered.

For more information, call Patti Harkins, 410-273-2075.

Child, Youth and School Services summer program

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Summer Program will run for nine weeks, June 21 through Aug. 21, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The program is open to all qualifying children who have completed first through eighth grades. Parents can sign up for the weeks that fit their schedule.

Fees are based on total Family income.

Waiting list applications may be picked up daily beginning 7:30 a.m. Feb. 16 at the Edgewood Area Youth Services, building E1902, or the Outreach Services, building 2752 or faxed to 410-278-4658.

Waiting list applications will not be distributed or accepted at the Aberdeen Youth Services.

This year the Summer Program waiting list applications will also be available online at www.apgmwr.com under Child & Youth Services, Central Registration. It will be available 7:30 a.m., Feb. 16.

Registration will be held Saturday, April 17, at the Edgewood Youth Services and Saturday, May 1, at the Aberdeen Youth Services for all sponsors who have been offered openings by the Central Registration office. Registration packets, an up-to-date physical and Family income information must be completed prior to a registration appointment.

A \$20 non-refundable deposit is required per child at the time of registration for each week that a parent selects. There will be no registration fee or changes in fees.

For more information, call the Outreach Services Office, 410-278-7571/7479.

Youth Baseball and Tee ball

Boys and girls ages 4 through 12 as of April 30 may register. Cost of registration is \$45 per child for tee ball. Cost of

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

All youths participating in a team sport must have a current sports physical. Registration will be held through Feb. 26 at Central Registration in the Aberdeen Area, building 2752 Rodman Road, 410-278-7571/7479. Walk-in registration will be held 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. After 10:30 a.m., call for an appointment.

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

Medieval Times discount tickets available

The Leisure Travel Office has discount tickets for Medieval Times Dinner and Tournaments located at Arundel Mills Mall, 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, Md. now through March 31. Tickets cost \$44.75 per adult and \$32 per child (ages 3 to 12 years). All reservations made through the Leisure Travel Office will include a complimentary upgrade to the Royalty Package.

If you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or any other special event please let Leisure Travel Office know. Reservations must be made at the time of purchase; other locations are available upon request. All prices and savings are based on the final cost to include all taxes and fees.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Walt Disney World Salutes the Armed Forces

Now through July 31, active duty military and retirees, including members of the U.S. Coast Guard and active members of the National Guard or Reserve

may purchase four-day Walt Disney World Armed Forces Salute Tickets for themselves and up to five Family members and/or friends for \$99.

There are three different ticket types:

- Base ticket is valid for one park per day into one of the four Walt Disney World theme parks.

- The Park Hopper option allows guests to enter multiple parks within the same day.

- The Water Park option includes two water parks – Typhoon Lagoon and Blizzard Beach. Also included are Disney Quest, the Sports Complex and Downtown Disney.

Tickets for Family members and friends do not include the Park Hopper or Water Park options. Tickets cost \$25 for each add-on/upgrade applied. All tickets must be purchased at least three weeks prior to departure dates.

All tickets and options are non-transferable and must be activated by Sept. 26. Block out dates are March 27 through April 9 for all locations and July 3 and 4 block out dates are for the Magic Kingdom only.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or visit the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

Volunteer today

Explore a new career, develop new skills, network with other professionals and create opportunities. Army Community Service has many opportunities and needs support for its various programs.

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

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.



HIRED!

HIRED!, a new Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program for teens ages 15 to 18, is an apprentice program in which 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.

College Night at C. Milton Wright High School

High school students will have the opportunity to visit more than 80 college and university representatives at C. Milton Wright High School, Monday, Feb. 22.

Sign up at Child, Youth, and School Services central registration, building 2752 by Feb. 18. Group will depart from Youth Services, building 2522 at 5 p.m. and returning at 8:45 p.m.

For more information on the HIRED! Program, call Jay McKinney, workforce preparation specialist, 410-278-3250, or email jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil.

For more information on CYSS, contact the Central Registration Office, Bldg 2752, 410-278-7571/7479.

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.

Beginner Tae Kwon Do School

Join the Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Tae Kwon Do promotes discipline, as well as muscle toning and conditioning. Beginner Tae Kwon Do classes will be held for ages 6 to 14 at Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., March 8 through 31; April 12 through May 5; and May 10 through June 7. Cost is \$65 per student per four week session or \$150 per student for a 12 week session. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited so register early.

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

Toddler Art

Calling all young Picassos. Toddler Art lessons will be given 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Saturdays, through Feb. 20, for ages 2 to 4 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

Hands-on creativity is the theme as children explore paint, clay, color, texture and shapes. Dress little ones in old clothes or smock and be prepared for a messy good time. Parent participation is required.

Cost is \$70 per student.

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 at the Child, Youth and School Services building 2522, through March 3, 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 6 to 14. Cost is \$65 per student for a one-month session or \$150 per student for a three-month session.

Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants.

Class size is limited so register early.

Private Piano Lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 to 18, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays or Fridays, April 13 through May 21. Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want to sign-up for when they register their child.

Students will be responsible for purchasing the required books for the course as recommended by the instructor.

Basic arts and crafts class

Basic Arts and Crafts will be taught through March 4 on Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 10; and 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. for ages 11 to 15, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

Children will learn about the art of other cultures and famous artists. They will explore art techniques, processes and mediums through a variety of activities, including painting, drawing, print-making and paper mache.

Cost is \$100 per student for 10 weeks.

Free babysitting course

Become a certified babysitter after taking the free 4-H/Army Child, Youth

and School Services babysitting class for ages 13 to 18.

The class will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 5 and 6, at the Aberdeen Area Child,

Youth and School Services, building 2522. The objective is to familiarize participants with the responsibilities of babysitting. Class is open to all DoD ID card holders.

February bowling specials

Valentine's Tournament Feb. 13 and 14

The Bowling Center will hold a Valentine's Tournament Feb. 13 and 14. There will be no open bowling until after 8 p.m. Feb. 13 and no bowling Feb. 14.

Bowling specials

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

costs \$2.

- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl one game and receive one game free. Cost of shoe rental not included.

The Bowling Center has started a 5:30 p.m. Monday night bowling league open to all interested bowlers and non-bowlers as well. Anyone interested in joining should call 410-278-4041.

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 Feb. 8

Special #1: Chicken salad sandwich with chips, regular soda and cookie for \$4.95.

Special #2: Two hot dogs with French fries, regular soda and cookie for \$4.95.

Week of Feb. 15

Special #1: Turkey club sandwich with chips, regular soda and cookie: \$7.25.

Special #2: Spaghetti with salad, garlic bread, regular soda and cookie: \$7.95

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

