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## Post Shorts

### Picerno takes over recycling

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

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



### Glory Train

APG Gospel Dance and Drama will present the Glory Train, 5 p.m. on Jan. 9 and 10 at the Post Theater. Admission is free. Refreshments will be sold.

### Blue Cross/Shield rep visit Jan. 12

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit APG 9 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 12 in building 305, Room 211. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will not be available in the Edgewood Area for this visit.

For more information, call Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

### Blood drive for the troops Jan. 12

Support the troops by donating blood. The Armed Services Blood Program blood drive will be held 3 to 8 p.m., Jan. 12, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. The blood drive is open to everyone.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 301-295-2109 or visit [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil).

### 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](http://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

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# As the world enters a new decade, APG remembers 2009

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
and **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG NEWS

As the passing of the year 2009 ends the century's first decade, the APG News looks back on some of the firsts that affected the community. The Transformation process and build up to APG's future brought numerous changes to the installation. These include ongoing construction and road projects; relocations of civilian and military individuals and organizations due to base realignment and closure; and Enhanced Use Lease expansion efforts as well as groundbreaking for new buildings, to name a few.

This issue looks at changes of commands that brought new leaders to APG in 2009. It also looks at the new Edge! and HIRED! recreation and career enhance-

ment programs offered through the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Child, Youth and School Services for APG youths and teens of military, civilian, contractor and retiree parents.

The issue provides a closing look at the individuals and events that shaped the 2009 Year of the NCO observances on APG starting with the kickoff celebration at the Post Recreation Center in Febru-

ary, and concluding with the installation's first Holiday Ball in December which paid tribute to the Year of the NCO.

The staff of the APG News feels that these subjects, more than any, define the year 2009 on Aberdeen Proving Ground. Readers can visit the APG News archives at [www.apgnews.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.army.mil) to research past issues of the newspaper.

Happy New Year!  
(See pages 2,11,12,14 and15)



# 2009

## YEAR IN REVIEW

## Governor recognizes DES Community Policing Crime Prevention program

DES

The Directorate of Emergency Services, Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Department along with 13 other agencies from around the state were recognized Dec. 8, 2009, at the 30th Annual Governor's Crime Prevention Award Ceremony for their positive efforts in reducing crime and creating a safer environment in Maryland.

Captain Nicholas Stamos, Aberdeen Area Police branch chief, accepted the award on behalf of the department.

The department had to meet the 2009 criteria for a comprehensive law enforcement agency crime prevention program which focused on areas such as personal security, residential security, commercial

security, community outreach as well as recognition and support of the National Crime Prevention "McGruff" Campaign.

The Director of Emergency Services Robert Krauer is a big supporter of Community Policing. Krauer and many of his senior leaders are retired military members and know firsthand what is important to the APG community.

"This contributes highly to the success of the program and the officers that serve to make it happen," Krauer said. "No police agency can be successful without dedicated police officers and the support of the public they serve."

"This agency award and Detective [Mike] Farlow's individual award are a testament

to the cooperative environment that the police and public share here at APG," Krauer added. "I'm so very proud of the efforts of all of APG, police and public, but especially to those officers like 'Big Mike' who truly make a difference each and every day. This is a community award and we all reap the benefits."

"The APG Police are as unique as the community that they serve and continuously think of innovative ways to spread the Crime Prevention message," he said.

The main focus and goal of the unit is to provide the most up to date Crime Prevention support and information to the community. "If you have been around for any length of time, you have probably witnessed the one-of-a-kind, National

Night Out Against Crime Block Party at the "McGruff House" in Patriot Village, Movie in the Park, Bicycle Safety Rodeos, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program, as well as many other community outreach initiatives. This is not a one man show and it requires the expertise and skills from many of the officers as well as supporters from the community. The overall success of the program can be attributed to the support that the police receive from the community. Without community support there would be no community policing," Krauer said.

"The award recognition is validation that the community and police have a strong

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## MRICD NCO takes command NCO of the Year honors

Story by  
**CINDY KRONMAN**  
MRICD

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense NCO of the Year, Staff Sgt. Nicholas J. Rogers, recently advanced to the next level of competition by winning NCO of the Year honors for the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Fort Detrick, Md.

The MRMC competition was held in Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., Dec. 5 to 10, 2009.

"Staff Sergeant Rogers is a great example of the representation of the NCO corps in the Year of the NCO," said Sgt. 1st Class John E. Evans, MRICD's senior enlisted advisor. "He set a very high standard of excellence. We at MRICD are very proud of his accomplishments."

The five-day competition tested eight combatants in events that encompassed the range of Army skills and knowledge. Skill events consisted of the Army Physical Fitness Test, day and night land navigation, warrior tasks and battle drills, M-16 qualification, short range marksmanship, a combatives tournament and a mystery event, which changes with each competition. This year's mystery event was drill and ceremony as well as a pop quiz about MRMC.

Rogers said he found the terrain for the land navigation course to be particularly difficult. "The entire course was on a hill," Rogers said. "The ground was covered with large rocks, leaves and snow. On top of that, there were a ton of downed trees that required climbing over."

Another challenging event, according to Rogers, required the competitors "to disassemble, reassemble and perform a functions check on an M2, a .50 caliber machine gun."

"Soldiers in medical MOS's [military occupational specialties] don't get much exposure to weapons that are that large," he said.

After a hard day of competing in the



skill events, the NCO's prepared for events that tested their knowledge: an essay, a written exam and an oral board in front of seven senior NCO's.

During the Administrative Board, Rogers first talked about himself and his goals before answering questions on some 30 different topics relating to the Army.

The MRICD competition, held a few weeks earlier, had been very similar, and Rogers credits the MRICD board, in particular, for helping him prepare for that event in the MRMC competition.

"I would like to thank the Soldiers at MRICD for their support," Rogers said. "I look forward to representing them and MRMC at the MEDCOM [U.S. Army Medical Command] competition."

As MRMC's NCO of the Year, Rogers received, among other things, an Army Commendation Medal, a trophy, coins and a \$350 AAFES gift certificate.

Rogers, who hails from Coldwater, Mich., has been assigned as an operations sergeant to the MRICD since 2007.

In March 2010, Rogers will travel to Hawaii to compete for the title of MEDCOM NCO of the Year.



## TRAFFIC ALERT

### Providing notice on road closures

DPW

Starting on or about Jan. 13 there will be single lane closures of Raritan Avenue between East School Street and Boothby Hill Avenue in the vicinity of building 3011. The road will be plated during off hours and may require brief periods of full closure to install and remove plates. The closures will allow Endicott Constructors to install storm drains as part of the new BRAC Joint SATCOM Engineering Center (JSEC) facility. The closures will continue until approximately Feb. 1. As always, please use caution in all construction areas.

For more information, contact Jerry Norris, Directorate of Public Works, 410-306-1159.

## APG CFC exceeds \$500,000 in contributions

APG CFC Office

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign finished the season at a record high of \$514,001.39 with 1,546 donors participating. Online donors numbered 645 and contributed more than \$303,000. Sixty percent of the APG CFC total was made through the CFC Nexus Online Pledging System.

The APG CFC staff wishes to thank the installation's generous donors and congratulate the U.S. Army Evaluation Center and Aberdeen Test Center for exceeding their goals.

William J. Bowman, the Chesapeake Bay Area CFC loaned executive who

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# COMMANDER'S CORNER

## Commentary: We provide America's Warfighters with strength through technology

By  
**MAJ. GEN. NICKOLAS G. JUSTICE**  
Commander, USARDECOM



Happy New Year to the entire Research, Development and Engineering Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground Family.

As we embark on this journey called "2010," I want to pass along some observations and guidance.

Last month, it was my great privilege to assume command of this diverse, talented and forward-thinking organization. I am proud of what you do, and I encourage you to set lofty goals for 2010.

I want you to understand that business as usual just went out the window.

Your mindset must be: Fast. Furious. Now.

We provide America's Warfighters with strength through technology. There is no other organization in the Army

that does what we do, so we must all be first-string players. We must be on the forefront of our expertise striving to be world class. Our Soldiers deserve no

less. I'm sure you'll agree.

So, how do we move forward? Consider the new year as a fresh start. Step back and give yourself a new perspective on our goals, missions and strategies.

I want the entire RDECOM and APG team to develop individual objectives for 2010 and engage in a methodical process to meet them. You can call it your "New Year's Resolution" if you want.

Consider how your individual objectives contribute to the big picture. Your contribution is critical. We are dedicated to providing engineering, science and technology solutions to our Soldiers in the field. Every one of you on the RDECOM team supports that goal or you wouldn't be here.

Our Soldiers continue to make incredible sacrifices on faraway battlefields. They deserve your personal best effort.

This is what we will accomplish in 2010:

- Raise your expectations
- Provide a value-added service
- Demand quality

Leaders, be mentors and lead by example. Our workforce is our most valuable asset. We will be successful only when we take care of our people.

I would also like to remind you of our commitment to the Army Family Covenant. We are dedicated to raising the quality of life for all the members of the Army team. This year, take time to connect with your Family. We recognize the strength of our Soldiers comes from the strength of our Families.

Again, Happy New Year. Now, it's time to move out!

*(Editor's Note: Maj. Gen. Justice commands the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and is the installation commander for Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.)*

## TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE



**Jan. 8**  
CECOM Life Cycle Management Command announces a new Army Reserve Troop Program Unit of the newly-established Army Reserve Sustainment Command will be stood up at its Fort Monmouth, N.J. headquarters. It eventually will relocate to Aberdeen Proving Ground with the move of the CECOM LCMC and Army Team C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) mission.

**Jan. 22**  
John Kearney is named director of the Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Directorate which was reestablished under the Installation Management Command standard garrison organization. A retired lieutenant colonel, Kearney is the former division chief of the Management Support Division at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.

**Jan. 29**  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers personnel from Baltimore and Philadelphia escort Maj. Gen. Merdith W.B. (Bo) Temple, deputy commanding general for Civil and Engineering Operations, CoE, on a tour of the Phase One C4ISR campus Jan. 22. Temple was the guest speaker at the Society of American Engineers Chesapeake Post luncheon at Top of the Bay prior to the tour.

**Feb. 12**  
More than 2,500 people attend the Base Realignment and Closure Job Fair and Information Session hosted by CECOM LCMC, C4ISR, the Susquehanna Workforce Network and the Harford County Office of Economic Development at the Harford Community College Chesapeake Center Feb. 7.

**Feb. 26**  
Maj. Gen. Dennis L. Via, former commander of CECOM LCMC visits APG to address a Town Hall meeting and meet with APG leaders Feb. 18 and 19. Via briefed more than 300 CECOM LCMC and C4ISR employees at the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility in the Edgewood Area.

**March 5**  
Demolition begins on World War II era buildings in the 5200 block of Boothby Hill Road in preparation for Phase Two of the C4ISR Center of Excellence Feb. 23. The Command Control/Communication Network Transport East building (C2/CNT East) will be approximately 600,000 square feet and situated on 31.8 acres.

**March 19**  
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District awards a \$49,480,662 contract to design and construct the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground to Foulger-Pratt Contracting LLC of Rockville, Md.

**March 26**  
A \$22 million construction contract to build a facility in the Edgewood Area for the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, or JPEO-CBD, is awarded to Bradley/Nason Joint Venture. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is overseeing the construction of the 75,000 square foot facility.

Major Gen. Dennis L. Via, former CECOM LCMC commander, leads the 1-year commemoration of the construction groundbreaking for the Army Team C4ISR campus during a ceremony at the Phase One site March 17.

**April 2**  
The Directorate of Public Works announces several upcoming changes to traffic patterns due to construction in the coming weeks. These include the installation of a new water line on Frankford Street and construction of the new Combat Drive extension.

Colonel Augustus Owens, deputy commander, CECOM LCMC holds a town hall meeting via video teleconference for employees slated to leave Fort Monmouth, N.J. in accordance with the 2005 base realignment and closure law. "We want our relocating employees to know that they are not alone," Owens says. "My first priority is taking care of our workforce."

**April 16**  
Colonel Augustus Owens, deputy commander, CECOM LCMC conducts a tour of the Eagle Point site that will accommodate 500 to 700 employees expected to relocate to APG. The worksite, located in the Edgewood Area will be ready July 1. "I want our employees to have some sense of stability during this time of transition," Owens says.

**April 30**  
Major Alexander Babington, PEO for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, Army Team C4ISR, leads an introduction of the Army Team C4ISR mission, training and employment opportunities for a group of wounded warriors at the Edgewood Area Conference Center April 7.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District awards a

\$102,015,000 to construct the Command and Control and Communications Network Transport, or C2CNT, East Facility at APG to the James G. Davis Construction Corp.

The facility will be part of the Army Team C4ISR Phase Two campus.

**May 7**  
Dozens of Fort Monmouth, N.J.-based interns receive briefings from Lt. Gen. Jeffery Sorenson, Army Chief Information Officer, G6 and Maj. Gen. Dennis Via, former CECOM LCMC commander, during a tour of the C4ISR Phase One campus April 9.

**May 14**  
With the opening of the new MD Route 715 gate, May 8, the first APG BRAC project is completed. The improved gate features five vehicle inspection stations, was designed by Jacobs Engineering and constructed by Fachina Construction. The Baltimore District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers oversaw the project which took 16 months to complete.

**May 21**  
During the final Ordnance Week at APG Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, leads the color casing ceremony at Ordnance Circle May 8, to symbolize the end of one era and the

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON  
Riggers with A&A Transfer Inc. guide a 1918 full-track Skeleton Tank, the only one in existence, which is being lifted by a 90-ton crane (not shown) onto a trailer on the Ordnance Museum grounds, during the final day of the Phase 1 relocation of the Ordnance Museum to Fort Lee, Va. Aug. 7

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# Commentary: Guilty Pleas in the Army

Story by  
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If you are a faithful reader of Legally Speaking, you are aware that the *APG News* has been publishing the results of military criminal trials, or courts-martial, on Aberdeen Proving Ground from the last year. If you are an especially close reader, you may notice that many of the cases tried are guilty pleas. This may cause you to ask the question “How do guilty pleas work in the military justice system?”

One of the most important rights afforded to all Soldiers facing any level of court-martial is the right to plead not guilty and to require the government to prove each and every element of each and every charge beyond a reasonable doubt. If the government fails in its task, then the Soldier will be found not guilty. But like many due process rights, the right to plead not guilty can be waived.

Why might a Soldier waive this right? Well, it could be for tactical reasons, such as pleading to a lesser included offense, or it could be because the Soldier has entered into a pre-trial agreement in order to limit their punitive exposure. First, we’ll discuss how the guilty plea proceeds and then we’ll talk about the effects of a pre-trial agreement.

A trial when a Soldier has pled guilty is broken into two parts - the providence inquiry and the sentencing phase. Once the Soldier has pled guilty to any charge, the military judge must ask the Soldier a series of questions to determine whether the plea is knowing (that the Soldier understands he or she is pleading guilty and understands the consequences) and voluntary (the plea is a product of the Soldier’s own decision-making).

The military judge will also ask the Soldier about the offenses to which he or she is pleading guilty. This is called the providence inquiry and it is always conducted by the military judge. Most civilian jurisdictions have a similar process when a defendant pleads guilty. What makes a guilty plea at a court-martial so different is the extent to which the military judge must inquire into the Soldier’s providence. Because of the rank structure within the military there is a concern that a Soldier accused of a crime may be pressured by their leaders to plead guilty in order to save face, just own up to the offense, or to conserve resources. Therefore, the military judge has an obligation not just to inform a Soldier of his

or her rights, but ensure that he or she fully understands them and ensure his or her plea is not a product of duress or coercion.

The military judge must also elicit from the Soldier a factual basis for the plea, one which addresses each and every element of each and every offense to which the Soldier has pled guilty. The Soldier must convince the military judge that he or she is guilty of the offense and that they believe they are guilty. If the military judge is not convinced, or the Soldier simply raises doubt about his or her guilt, then the military judge cannot accept the plea - the Soldier’s plea will be entered as “not guilty”, any pretrial agreement contingent upon a guilty plea will be voided, and the trial will proceed on the merits. This is called “busting providence” and as discussed below, can be harmful to the Soldier.

If the military judge is satisfied that the guilty plea is provident, then it is accepted and the trial moves to the sentencing phase. During this phase, the government presents evidence in aggravation, evidence which tends to show the Soldier should receive more severe punishment, and the Soldier presents evidence in extenuation and mitigation, evidence designed to reduce the punishment. Often, mitigation evidence includes evidence of the Soldier’s character for being a good Soldier and all of the positive contributions he or she may have made to the Army. Both parties can call witnesses and present documentary evidence.

A Soldier has the right to testify on sentencing, either sworn or unsworn. If he or she gives sworn testimony, the Soldier may be cross examined. If the Soldier chooses to give an unsworn statement, then he or she is not subject to cross examination, however, any statement of fact made by the defendant may be rebutted (shown to be false) by the government. A Soldier also has the right not to make any statement on sentencing. The sentencing phase can be before the military judge alone, a panel of officers, or a panel of officers and enlisted. Once the judge or panel has heard and considered all the evidence, they announce a sentence.

A Soldier may attempt to gain some benefit to pleading guilty by entering into a pre-trial agreement. Also called an offer to plead guilty, the pre-trial agreement is a contract- the Soldier agrees to

plead guilty to a charge or charges, thus giving up their rights, and the government agrees to a limitation on the punishment the Soldier is facing. Again, all civilian jurisdictions have a similar mechanism which allows for an agreement between the defendant and the prosecutor, which is approved by the judge.

One difference is that in the military the agreement is between the Soldier and the convening authority (see Legally Speaking, February 5, 2009). Why the convening authority and not the prosecutor? Because the military justice system is based on the decisions of commanders and the convening authority, a commander, must approve the sentence. The prosecutor is merely a government representative and does not have the authority to bind the government to an agreement.

The pre-trial agreement contains two parts, the offer and the quantum. The offer is the plea and the terms of the agreement. The quantum is the sentence limitation. Just as the military judge must extensively inquire into providence, he or she must also extensively inquire into every term of the offer before accepting it. The military judge will also hold the parties to the terms of the offer. If the Soldier fails to uphold their end of the bargain by busting providence, then the military judge will not require the Government to be bound by the sentence limitation in the quantum.

There is no requirement that a Soldier enter into an offer to plead guilty before pleading guilty; they may plead “naked,” but then cannot get the main benefit of an agreement- the sentence limitation. All offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice have maximum punishments. With few exceptions, there are no minimum punishments in the military justice system. Possible punishments include reduction in grade, confinement, forfeiture of pay and punitive discharge. A Soldier who pleads guilty without a pre-trial agreement faces the maximum punishment for the offense. When a Soldier pleads guilty pursuant to a pre-trial agreement, the

effect is that a new, lower maximum punishment is established. The sentence limitation stated in the quantum cannot be exceeded by the convening authority when the sentence is approved. The sentencing authority still hears evidence in aggravation, extenuation and mitigation and still delivers a sentence. But before they deliver that sentence they are not informed of the contents of the quantum. They know a limitation exists, but they do not know what that limitation is. Once the sentence is announced, the quantum is revealed. The Soldier’s sentence is whatever is less - the element of the quantum or the element of the announced sentence. But if the quantum is silent as to a possible punishment, and that punishment is adjudged, the Soldier receives what is adjudged. For example, let’s say a sergeant (E-5) has pled guilty and agrees to be sentenced by a military judge. His quantum limits his sentence to 6 months confinement and reduction to E-3. The military judge sentences him to 8 months of confinement, reduction to E-4 and a bad conduct discharge. The sentence that would be approved by the convening authority would be confinement for 6 months, reduction to E-4 and a bad conduct discharge.

This is very different from civilian jurisdictions, where the sentence limitation is known to the judge, approved by the judge before sentencing and is often times the final sentence. You can see where the Soldier gains a benefit from entering into a pre-trial agreement. They get two bites at the apple on sentencing - one from the agreement and another from the sentencing authority.

The decision of how to plead is a complex one. A Soldier who is facing court-martial should, with the advice of defense counsel, weigh the benefits of pleading guilty against the detriment of giving up the right to a trial on the merits, a right to have a panel decide if they are guilty or not guilty and the right to confront the witnesses against them before they decide how to plead and whether to enter into a pre-trial agreement.

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# Historical Perspective: Pregnancy in the Military

Story by  
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CECOM LCMC Command Historian

A flurry of media attention recently surrounded Maj. Gen. Anthony Cucolo, who commands Multi-National Division — North (Iraq). *Stars and Stripes* reported last month that Cucolo made pregnancy a violation of military law in northern Iraq shortly after he assumed command in November 2009.

The ban was part of General Order No. 1, which also barred U.S. troops and civilians attached to the military from consuming alcohol and possessing pornography. It did not ban sex.

Cucolo said he instituted the ban to prevent the loss of valuable female Soldiers, since troops who become pregnant are sent home.

Cucolo explained in a now widely disseminated statement sent to the troops under his command, “I need every Soldier I’ve got, especially since we are facing a drawdown of forces during our mission. Anyone who leaves this fight earlier than the expected 12-month deployment creates a burden on their teammates... Anyone who leaves this fight early because they made a personal choice that changed their medical status - or contributes to doing that to another - is not in keeping with a key element of our ethos.”

*Stars and Stripes* explained “that though any violation of the ban, which applies only to those under Cucolo, could theoretically be punished by court-martial and jail time, he said disciplinary actions are being handled at a lower level.”

As of Dec. 22, *Stars and Stripes* reported that seven U.S. Soldiers, including three men, had already been punished under the new rule.

The four Soldiers who became pregnant, as well as two male Soldiers, were given letters of reprimand that would not remain a part of the permanent military file.

The third male Soldier, a married non-commissioned officer who impregnated a subordinate who was not his wife, was also charged with fraternization and given a permanent letter of reprimand.

One of the female Soldiers declined to say who impregnated her and the unit “let it drop,” Cucolo said, adding that he had no plans to further investigate paternity.

“I’m in a war zone,” he said. “I don’t have time for that.”

*Stars and Stripes* also reported that

Cucolo said he discussed the ban with his commanders, including a female battalion commander and a command sergeant major, and all agreed “wholeheartedly.” The unit had experienced a number of pregnancies prior to its deployment, he said.

“I can’t tell you how valuable my female Soldiers are,” Cucolo said. “They fly helicopters. They run satellites. They’re mechanics. They’re medics. Some of the best intelligence analysts I have happen to be female. You start losing them when you’re facing a drawdown, and you really hurt the unit.”

Cucolo said the order had been vetted by his legal advisers. The inspector general for Iraq, Col. David Thompson, said the order was legal, according to *Stars and Stripes*.

No other units in Iraq had similar rules on pregnancy, military officials said. A spokesman for U.S. forces in Afghanistan said there was no pregnancy ban there.

Cucolo’s order might have been more contentious at home than in Iraq.

*Stars and Stripes* reported four U.S. senators asked Army Secretary John McHugh to rescind Cucolo’s policy regarding pregnancy, saying it “defies comprehension.”

The request came from Sens. Barbara Boxer, Barbara Mikulski, Jeanne Shaheen and Kirsten Gillibrand.

An equally appalled Terry O’Neill, President, National Organization for Women, said on NBC Nightly News, “It’s a dumb move. You don’t punish women for becoming pregnant... Those policies are wrong. They are demeaning to women. They are very dangerous.”

To this, Cucolo replied, “I got it. Here’s the deal. I am the one responsible and accountable. The National Organization for Women is not. Critics are not. I have to accomplish a very complex mission.”

Cucolo clarified though, that “I have not ever considered court martial for this. I do not ever see myself putting a Soldier in jail for this.”

ABC’s *World News* with Diane Sawyer reported support for Cucolo even from women currently serving. “The women in my unit wholeheartedly support this,” said one blog post. “We are tired of being lumped in with the women who are not taking proper care to not become nondeployable.”

The show reported that one former female Soldier said pregnancy used to be

a “get-out-of-jail-free card” only available to women, so, in her view, this policy actually made women and men more equal.

Cucolo’s controversial policy was eventually rescinded under an order from the top U.S. commander in Iraq, General Raymond Odierno, when Odierno drafted a broad new policy for the U.S. forces in Iraq that took effect Jan. 1. The new general order issued by General Odierno, which followed a full review of existing orders, consolidates and replaces several general orders from United States commanders across Iraq. Odierno’s order does not include a pregnancy provision, according to the Associated Press.

The issue of what to do about pregnancy amongst female Soldiers is not new, and can be traced back to World War II.

When manpower shortages during that conflict necessitated the use of women, Congress established the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) with Public Law 554 on May 14, 1942. This allowed women to serve “with,” not “in,” the Army. The Center of Military History’s The Women’s Army Corps, 1945-1978 reports that under auxiliary status, a woman, married or single, who became pregnant was promptly separated from the service and given an honorable discharge.

The WAAC gave way to the Women’s Army Corps (WAC) in 1943. This made women a part of the Army as opposed to an auxiliary thereof. According to The Women’s Army Corps, 1945-1978 “When the Corps became part of the Army, the War Department found it had no authority to discharge personnel for pregnancy.” The Legislation for the traditional all-male Army provided many grounds for discharge—minority, dependency or hardship, bad conduct, mental disability, medical disability, unfitness, and inaptitude, as well as expiration of time in service (ETS). None of these reasons in a traditional interpretation covered pregnancy. The Army, however, resolved the problem by includ-

ing pregnancy as a cause for a medical discharge.

So, members of the WAC who became pregnant could be legally discharged. The Women’s Army Corps policy, 1945-1978 reads that “If a woman became pregnant overseas, she was evacuated by air to the United States. If birth occurred before a woman could be discharged for medical disability, she was discharged on the grounds of dependency of a minor child. If the child were stillborn, the woman was discharged for ‘the convenience of the government.’ An illegal abortion, however, resulted in a dishonorable discharge for bad conduct.”

Congress passed The Women’s Armed Service Integration Act (WASIA) in 1948. The purpose of WASIA was to determine the status of women in the post-World War II Armed Forces and how they would be accepted. A provision of WASIA stated that women would be “automatically discharged upon pregnancy or if they acquired children under 18 years of age by either marriage or adoption.”

According to the U.S. Army Women’s Museum, it was not until April 9, 1971, that women had the option of remaining in the service during pregnancy and after. As of that date, Army regulations permitted the WAC to request waivers for retention on active duty if married or pregnant. Then, on June 30, 1975, the Secretary of Defense directed elimination of involuntary discharge of military women because of pregnancy and parenthood.

This meant pregnant women remained in service unless they asked to get out (whereas with the 1971 change in policy, pregnant women could ask to stay in).

Women can now remain in the service after giving birth, adopting, or becoming a step parent by marriage, although as stated previously, pregnant women must leave the war zone. Both male and female sole parents must sign a statement regarding deployment provisions or a dependent care plan.

Major General Anthony Cucolo’s recent edict is the latest example of the military’s varied historic responses to pregnancy.

## DES

*From front page*

bond which is the cornerstone of the program.

“There are so many individuals that helped make this award possible, from Yvonne Johnson of the *APG News* running over a mile in nearly one-hundred degree heat just to capture a story about the police in support of the Special Olympics Torch Run, to Cindy Scott of the Army Substance Abuse Program, popping over two hundred bags of popcorn for the Movie in the Park nights. There are more than a dozen other examples of individuals in the community as well as individual officers who have gone above and beyond their job titles to ensure the APG Family is safe and sound,” he said.

In addition to the overall agency award, Detective Michael Farlow of the Investigative Services Division received an individual award for his efforts in the Crime Prevention field. “‘Big Mike’ as he is affectionately called by the community, was recognized for his success with the D.A.R.E. program, which he teaches on and off of the installation. Farlow said he is very passionate about his responsibilities and truly loves what he does.

He comes from a long line of police officers with his late father, grandfather and two uncles setting the example for to him follow.

“My father treated everyone with respect and always told me that I should treat everyone the way that I would like to be treated,” Farlow said. “I witnessed many times as a child, scary, mean looking people coming up to my dad when we were out in public, talking to him and thanking him for treating them nice. Once they would

leave, he would explain that he had arrested the individual or the person had just gotten out of jail and wanted to thank him for treating them with respect. That will stick with me forever and is what I am most proud of my father for. I hope that my kids will say the same about me one day.”

In 1982, when Farlow was only 12 years old, his father was shot in the line of duty after stopping two armed robbers. His mother is still a school teacher in North Carolina where he grew up, and he often jokes with his D.A.R.E. students that “when you mix a police officer with a teacher you get a ‘Big Mike.’”

Farlow learned a lot from his Family, especially his father, and brings that knowledge and character with him to the classroom. He said that he would like to thank Joseph Darabasz, deputy director of DES, for the opportunity to reestablish the program in the APG community and extend his personal gratitude to officers like Amber Holdford, Wade Norbutas and officers past and present who made this program what it is today.

When asked about the awards and the accomplishments of the Community Policing Crime Prevention Program, Darabasz said “After interviewing several candidates in 2005 who applied for this new position within the department, it became very evident after the first couple of minutes talking with him that Mike’s attitude and optimism toward the Community Policing project would elevate the program to what it is today.”

Darabasz commented that the Directorate is fortunate to have “‘Big Mike’” and praised the efforts of the police officers who support this award winning Crime Prevention Program.

Anyone with questions or concerns related to the Crime Prevention and Community Policing Program, should call 410-278-3609.



Photo courtesy of ATC

U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center personnel help visitors test fire an array of small arms at the firing range, during a visit by Pentagon staffers Nov. 9, 2009.

## Visitors get closer look at ATC capabilities

Story by  
**JUAN R. MELÉNDEZ JR.**  
U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center

Their Pentagon jobs are important, but sometimes it's good to get out of what its residents call the "five-sided foxhole" and get a close-up look at what other parts of the Army are doing.

Looking for what their project officer called "hands-on, realistic, real-world and relevant experience," a group of 41 staffers from the Directorate of Strategy, Plans and Policy of Headquarters, Department of the Army spent the day at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center Nov. 9, driving, shooting and getting a feel for the center's missions and functions.

After a briefing and discussion on the Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicle program at ATC headquarters, the group split in two.

One section went to the nearby Munson Test Area to get that "hands-on" exposure to the real thing. An array of eight MRAP variants, including the MRAP-All-Terrain Vehicle, or M-ATV, was on display, and the visitors were invited to drive the vehicles.

They jumped at the chance.

The first volunteer driver was Joanna Desmond, a program analyst.

"It was awesome, not like my Acura" she said as she climbed out of the M-ATV to make room for the next eager driver. "I was surprised at how hard it was to steer at first," she said,

"but it got better."

"I am happy to be here to see and climb aboard the various MRAPS on display," said Ed Clarke, the executive liaison officer for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

"In addition to this being a rare opportunity to get out of the Pentagon and into the fresh air and sunlight on a work day," said Clarke, "it is an opportunity to establish more of a connection with our troops and the equipment they use. These massive vehicles have given me a more accurate understanding of the sheer power of IEDs and a deeper appreciation of the danger they present to our young men and women deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq."

"It was great to have people come out and actually see the vehicles," said Marine Chief Warrant Officer 3 Peter Garibaldi. "It's different from looking at pictures."

Garibaldi is the Automotive deputy director for Test and Evaluation of the Joint Program Office for MRAP. He splits his time between ATC and the Joint Program Office in Stafford, Va.

In response to questions from Strategic Leadership Division Chief Col. Michael Curcci, Garibaldi explained how new MRAP drivers in units are given a 40-hour training program. "Each vehicle has different characteristics," he explained.

Meanwhile, the other half of the group traveled to the outdoor firing range at

Mulberry Point Loop, where they fired an array of weapons ranging up to a vehicle-mounted .50-caliber machine gun. There, they also had a chance to try on protective equipment and see a display of small arms.

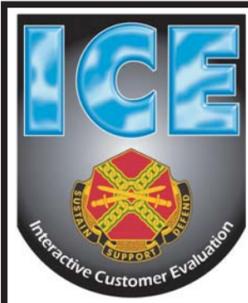
Halfway through the morning, the two sections traded places. After lunching on site, they both traveled to Spesutie Island to witness an armor test shot.

"I was very impressed with the quality of personnel, and the willingness in working with us to make this event an enjoyable, meaningful and memorable one," said Lt. Col. William A. Mountain, the Multinational Strategy and Programs division's force integration and executive officer. "All those that I've talked to

had laudatory comments."

Mountain was the project officer for the visit. He said that the Deputy Director of G-35, Strategy, Plans and Policy, Brig. Gen. Edward P. Donnelly placed particular emphasis on wanting this OPD session to be more hands-on. Mountain said that they decided on ATC because "we felt this would give the group the greatest opportunity to gain that hands-on, realistic, real-world and relevant experience."

Curcci said that ATC "...is doing a great job giving the Soldiers the tools they need...taking care of the trust the mothers and fathers of these Soldiers have put in us."



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# Community Notes

## FRIDAY

### JANUARY 8 VARIETY QUARTER AUCTION

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Mount Royal Avenue, Aberdeen, will hold a Variety Quarter Auction, 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open 6 p.m. Items include new, homemade and handmade items; collectibles and gift cards. Vendors and much more will be available. Cost is \$2 per paddle, maximum two paddles per person. Proceeds to benefit Girl Scout Community 76; Family Share Kitchen. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

For more information, call Carol Weir at 410-272-0898 or Brenda Conjour at 410-273-7332.

## SATURDAY

### JANUARY 9 WHITE-TAILED DEER SURVEY

Harford County seems to be experiencing explosive population growth - and not just with humans. So, come help determine if the deer population of Leight Park is a healthy size. Come get the scoop on poop and conduct pellet (deer scat) counts out on the trails to determine how many deer call the park home. This free program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 16 to adult. Registration is required.

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

### WORMS, WORMS AND MORE WORMS

Think worms are not gross? Then this is the perfect program. Come investigate how worms do their thing and make mini-environments to take home. This program will be held 1 to 2 p.m. for ages 5 to 10. The cost is \$5 per worm bin. 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.

### WINTER WONDER JOURNALING

Put "winter goggles" on and see the stark beauty of Mother Nature in the quiet, cold season. Record observations in a homemade nature journal. This program will be held 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 8 to 15. 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.

## SUNDAY AND MONDAY

### JANUARY 10 AND 31 INDIAN MUSICAL SERIES

Music and dance were central to the Indian way of life. During each program, explore that by creating an instrument and dance. This program will be held 2 to 3 p.m. for ages 7 to 12. The cost is \$5 each day. Registration is required.

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

## MONDAY

### JANUARY 11 THRU FEBRUARY 22 NATURE TOTS AND NATURE KIDS

Explore and discover the natural world during the winter season through sensory activities, songs, movement and a short hike. NatureTots will be held 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 2 and 3 (with parent) and Nature Kids will be held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 4 and 5 (parent not required to stay). 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.

## FRIDAY

### JANUARY 15 VARIETY QUARTER AUCTION

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Mount Royal Avenue, Aberdeen, will host a Variety Quarter Auction, 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open 6 p.m. Items include new, homemade and handmade items; collectibles and gift cards. Vendors and much more will be available. Everyone bring their quarters and have an evening of fun! Cost is \$2 per paddle, maximum two paddles per person. Proceeds will benefit the Tyler Boone Foundation. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. The kitchen will be hosted by Roye-Williams PTA and the Military and Civilian Spouses' Club. Bring a non-perishable food item for a special drawing. Pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti, jelly and stews are needed.

For more information, call Sandy Matthews at 410-272-9130 or Brenda Conjour at 410-273-7332.

## SATURDAY

### JANUARY 16 EYE OF THE EAGLE... RETURNS!

Grab a pair of binoculars and come out to Swan Harbor Farm to scan the sky and tree line for the majestic bald eagle. This program will be held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 12 to adult. The cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required.

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

### PINECONE PARADISE

Feathered friends may think warm weather is on the way when pinecone treats are found in the forest. This program will be held 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for all ages, under 8 with 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.

## SUNDAY

### JANUARY 17 MEET A CRITTER

Check out one of the Leight 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.

### ON SILENT WINGS

Meet at Swan Harbor to listen for owls. Last year Great Horned and Eastern Screech Owls were heard. Bring a flashlight and bundle up. All ages want to enjoy the sounds of the night, so children must be able to be quiet when listening. This program will be held 7 to 8:30 p.m. for Families. The cost is \$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.

## WEDNESDAYS

### JANUARY 20 THRU FEBRUARY 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.

## FRIDAY

### JANUARY 22 BASKET AND PURSE BINGO

Basket and Purse Bingo to benefit the Arena Starz 13 and under baseball team will be held at Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Doors open at 6 p.m., game begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 each for three cards, additional sets cost \$5 each. Bring a non-perishable for a special drawing. Items needed include pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti, jelly and stews. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lisa Kriss, 410-598-2933 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

### THE FINTON FORMULA FUN VISITING SCIENTIST SERIES

Come to the Leight Center for exciting hands-on chemistry and environmental science fun, guided by guest scientists from the local community. Topics vary by month. Hurry as space is limited. January topic is DNA Extraction. 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 program. 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

### JANUARY 23 "WAKE UP, WORLD!" HIKE

Come out at the crack of dawn (nearly) to reflect in the quiet of the cold early morning. There will be hot drinks after the hike. This program will be held 8 to 9 a.m. for all ages. The cost is \$1 per person or \$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.

### WHERE DID THEY GO?

Learn what insects do when the cold weather sets in. Do insects die, fly or crawl away, hibernate or what? This program will be held 1 to 2:30 p.m. for all ages, under 12 with an adult. The cost is \$2 per person or \$4 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.

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

## AAFES NEWS

### AAFES extends exchange/ refund policy for holidays

#### AAFES

Military shoppers checking off their holiday lists at Army & Air Force Exchange Service facilities between Thanksgiving and Christmas can breathe a little easier if gifts don't measure up as AAFES has extended its refund/exchange policy for the holidays.

While AAFES' standard policy states that items in new condition may be exchanged or returned within 15, 30 or 90 days with a sales receipt, the new holiday return/exchange policy will extend these guidelines through Jan. 31

for any items purchased between Nov. 26, and Dec. 24 2009.

"With the great deals that AAFES offered over the Black Friday weekend, it's very likely that many purchases were for presents," said AAFES' Chief of Staff Col. Virgil Williams. "In the event that the gift is the wrong size, fit or style, we want to ensure that military shoppers get exactly what they want to enjoy throughout the New Year."

The extended holiday return/exchange policy will end on Jan. 31, at which time the standard return policy will go back into effect.

## POST SHORTS

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.

### Free basketball tickets for military

Camouflage Kids, Inc. offers free tickets to see Lafayette College vs. Navy, 7 p.m., Jan. 16, at Alumni Hall Arena, Annapolis, Md. There are a limited number of free tickets for adults and children. Tickets are provided on a first-come first-served basis. All Families from the U.S. Naval Academy and all military branches from the Maryland, Virginia and D.C. area are eligible for tickets.

It is requested that each Family limit their ticket request to a maximum of six tickets with a ratio of two adults and four children. All children must have adult supervision at the game. Tickets are for immediate Family members only. All Families should arrive one and one-half hours prior to game time so that the pro-

gram can get organized for the event.

For more information, call Beth Stoddard, 410-576-2994, e-mail [theresa.stoddard@us.army.mil](mailto:theresa.stoddard@us.army.mil) or visit [www.camokids.org/games.cfm](http://www.camokids.org/games.cfm).

### Planning for retirement

The Directorate of Human Resources provides retirement services to all military members assigned or attached to Aberdeen Proving Ground. An important part of these services is the Transition Assistance Program.

This three-day training session incorporates lecture, practical exercise and guest speaker methodology, with materials provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Veteran's Employment Training Service and National Training Institute.

This program replaces the former ACAP training, and is mandatory for active component service members, and is strongly encouraged for eligible Family members. Classes are offered monthly and are held in the Aberdeen Area in the Soldier Processing Room, building 4305. To register, visit the DHR Web

site, [www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/humanresources/dhrindex.html](http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/humanresources/dhrindex.html) and select the "TAP Training Registration" tab located under "Retirement Services."

For more information contact Janet L. Dettwiler, 410-306-2301.

### 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, Jan. 20, March 17, May 19, July 21, Sept. 15 and Nov. 17.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Feb. 17, April 21, June 16, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

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

### BRAC contract Fraud, Waste, Abuse hotline opens at APG

Anyone with knowledge of contract fraud, waste, abuse or allegations of mismanagement involving base realignment and closure related construction and maintenance operations on Aberdeen Proving Ground can speak to an agent at 410-278-0206 or e-mail [cid382.maryland@us.army.mil](mailto:cid382.maryland@us.army.mil). Calls can be made anonymously and confidentially.

### Translators needed

The APG Garrison Public Affairs Office is updating a list of people who are interested in serving as volunteer translators for foreign-speaking visitors, as well as individuals who can interpret foreign written documents.

Those interested in serving as a translator should forward their name, activity, telephone number, email address and language (written and/or spoken) to [lynn.witkowski@us.army.mil](mailto:lynn.witkowski@us.army.mil). For more information, call 410-278-1151.

### Getting help with heroin addiction

The use of heroin and cocaine is on the rise in Maryland. Heroin will likely remain one of the largest problems in the state, and will likely continue to spread.

Find out what to do to help. For a brochure about the signs of addiction, call Narconon, 877-413-3073, or visit [www.DrugsNo.com](http://www.DrugsNo.com).

### Become a CBRNIAC Subject Matter Expert

The Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense Information Analysis Center, or CBRNIAC, maintains a database of Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense and Homeland Security professionals who volunteer as Subject Matter Experts. From the Department of Defense, federal, state and local government agencies, research and development organizations, academia and private industry, CBRNIAC SMEs expand the resources available to the CBRN Defense and Homeland Security communities.

SMEs may be contacted by CBRNIAC inquiry analysts responding to questions in the individual's area(s) of expertise. At their option, SMEs may interact directly with a requester. If an individual's research, work, or operational experience fits into the CBRNIAC's technical scope, they will likely qualify as a CBRNIAC SME.

To apply as a SME, visit <https://ws-cbiac-apps2.cbiac.apgea.army.mil/cbrn-start/registerSME.do>. A brief resume or biographical sketch is optional.

For more information, call James M. King, Ph.D., 410-676-9030 or visit <http://www.cbrniac.apgea.army.mil>.

### CBRNIAC offers technical inquiry service

The Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense Information Analysis Center, or CBRNIAC, provides a technical inquiry service.

The service offers up to four hours of technical analysis service at no cost to authorized users from Department of Defense agencies, other federal government agencies, DoD and federal contractors, state and local governments and emergency response organizations. The service covers the full range of CBRN defense and related homeland security topics.

To take advantage of CBRNIAC's Inquiry Service, complete the "Submit an Inquiry" form on its Web site, <http://www.cbrniac.apgea.army.mil/info/inquiry.php>, or call James M. King, 410-676-9030.

### New Web site for Ordnance Museum

The U.S. Army Ordnance Museum has a new official Web site. Information and updates, including closures can be found at this location: [www.goordnance.apg.army.mil/MUSEUM/frame.htm](http://www.goordnance.apg.army.mil/MUSEUM/frame.htm).

### HIRED!

A new Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program for teens ages 15 to 18, HIRED!, is an apprentice program that lets teens explore positions in FMWR facilities, like the Bowling Center, golf course, community club, Outdoor Recreation, Library, Marketing Office, and more.

The program gives guidance on preparing a resume, teaches interview techniques and provides work experience in their chosen field. Teens will receive a stipend for their work at the end of the term. For details, contact Jay McKinney, [jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil](mailto:jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil) or call 410-278-3250.

### No emergency service at KUSAHC

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is not equipped or staffed to provide emergency medical care. Neither the Aberdeen Area nor Edgewood Area clinics should be considered suitable destinations to receive healthcare for a medical emergency.

For emergencies, call 911. APG's EMS service is manned with paramedic-level emergency medical technicians and state-of-the-art equipment to provide emergency care while en route to local hospitals.

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

## Registration open for UMUC Spring 2010

Registration has begun for the University of Maryland University College spring semester.

At Aberdeen Proving Ground, UMUC will offer HIST 364 Emergence of Modern America: 1900 to 1945 (3) on Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Jan. 26 through May 4.

Online Hybrid Class, WRTG 394 Advanced Business Writing (3), on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Jan. 27 through May 5.

Additional classes are available through distance education formats.

For more information or to register, call 410-272-8269 or 410-306-2048 or visit the APG office of UMUC in building 4305 or visit [www.umuc.edu](http://www.umuc.edu).



# FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## Activities/Events

### Discount ski lift tickets and more

Let MWR help get skiers on the slopes.

Purchase discounted ski lift tickets at MWR Leisure Travel.

For more information or to purchase ski lift tickets, call 410-278-4011/4907, visit the MWR Leisure Travel Office, AA Recreation Center, building 3326 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Enjoy the snowy slopes of Ski Roundtop, Ski Liberty or Whitetail. Anyone who doesn't know how to ski or snowboard can pick up a learn-to-ski pass and be taught by professionals. Ski and snowboard rentals, beginner's lesson and a beginner's eight hour lift pass are included. Cost for the learn-to-ski weekend is \$69.

Discounted ticket prices include weekend and holiday eight hours lift ticket for \$52; weekday and non-holiday eight hours lift ticket costs \$37.75; a five hours night lift ticket costs \$30; a two hour tubing ticket on a weekend costs \$23; a two hour tubing ticket on a weekday costs \$17.50.

Skiers can rent ski equipment or have equipment tuned up at Outdoor Recreation.

For more information, call 410-278-4124.

### 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 Reservists may purchase a 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 AA Recreation Center, building 3326.

### 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 need to be made at the time of purchase; other locations are available upon request. All prices and savings are based on the final costs 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.

### Digital Photography 101

Learn how to use a point and shoot digital camera like a pro. Professional photographer Ben Michalski will teach students all the functions of the camera so that aspiring photographers will be able to take high quality pictures in a variety of conditions. Cost is \$37 for two 90-minute sessions. Minimum class size is six, maximum is 15.

Classes will be available on Tuesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Jan. 19 thru March 23.

### Digital Photography 201

Professional photographer Ben Michalski will teach digital photography for DSLR users (cameras with interchangeable lenses). Learn basic to advanced concepts of digital image capture, photography fundamentals and camera capabilities. Students completing this basic class will be eligible for advanced classes. Cost is \$65 for two two-hour sessions.

Classes are available on Thursdays, 6

to 8 p.m., Jan. 21 through March 11.

Classes will meet at Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. FMWR Registration is located in building 3326 or call 410-278-4011/4907 or Stark Recreation Center in the Edgewood Area, 410-436-2713.

### Dog Obedience Training

Sit! Heel! Stay! An eight-week Dog Obedience Course for dogs and their owners will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 13 through March 3, at the Aberdeen Area Recreational Center, building 3326.

Learn how to teach a dog basic obedience commands. Classes will introduce dog owners to the use of positive reinforcement/clicker training to teach dogs in a happy, non-aversive manner.

Cost of class fee is \$80 per person.

For more information or to register, stop by FMWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or Stark Recreation Center, 410-436-2713.

### Hoop shoot free throw contest

The Elks National Free Throw Contest "Hoop Shoot" will be held 4 p.m., Jan. 9, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

Participation is free to all boys and girls ages 8 thru 13 (as of April 1) through local, district, state, regional and national levels.

The program builds character while promoting integrity, hard work, quality family time and good sportsmanship.

Sign up the day of the event at 4 p.m.

### 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.

### Leisure Travel Services available at EA Recreation Center

Limited services are available at Leisure Travel Services, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays, at the EA Recreation Center, building E-4140.

For more information, visit or call 410-436-2713.

For full services, visit or call the APG Leisure Travel Office located in the AA Recreation Center, 410-278-4011 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

### FMWR daily bus trips to Atlantic City

Roll the bones on daily trips to Atlantic City, N.J. FMWR Leisure Travel Services offers daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino. Cost of the trip is \$45 per person with \$25 back in cash and a \$5 buffet coupon.

Only for ages 21 and over. The bus will leave Vitali's Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood 9 a.m. and return 9 p.m.

For more information, contact FMWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail apgr-usag-mwr-liesuretravel@conus.army.mil.

### CYS Services open to home schoolers

Child, Youth & School Services invites home school Families to use the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays, (except for Harford County Public School off days). Children must be accompanied by at least one parent and be supervised at all times.

Children and parents will have use of the homework room, arts and crafts room, Computer Lab, with tech support 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m., and the gym.

All children must be registered through the CYS Services Central Registration office, located in building 2752 Rodman Road, rooms 110 or 113. Registration is free and entitles children to become members of the Boys and Girls Club, 4-H Clubs and participate in the programs offered at the Youth Center throughout the year. Registration packets can be picked up 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

There is an APG LIONS Home School Co-Op program which parents may choose to join.

For more information, call Jeanne Colopietro, 443-243-2861.

### Looking for a job?

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

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

## SKIES Unlimited

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

### Toddler Art

Calling all young Picassos. Toddler Art lessons will be given 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Saturdays, Jan. 9 through Feb. 20, for ages 2 through 4 at 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.

### Martial Arts at APG presents Tiny Tigers

Children ages 3 to 5 (parent participation required) can join the Tiny Tigers Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Instructor Kyo Sa Nim Sean A. Williams will teach this program.

Tae Kwon Do builds confidence and self-esteem in young students.

Classes will be held at the Child, Youth and School Services Center, building 2522, Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 to 6 p.m., Jan. 1 through Feb. 1. Cost is \$40 per parent/child pairing.

Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited to 12 parent and child pairings, so register early.

### Private piano lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 thru 18, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays or Fridays, Jan. 5 through Feb. 12 (no class on Jan. 15) and Feb. 23 through April 2.

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.

### 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, Monday and Wednesday; Jan. 4 through Feb. 1 and Feb. 3 through March 3, 6 to 7 p.m. (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.

### Basic arts and crafts class

Basic Arts and Crafts will be taught Jan. 14 through March 4 on Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 6 thru 10; and 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. for ages 11 thru 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, printmaking and paper mache.

Cost is \$100 per student for 10 weeks.

### Driver's Ed

Driver's Education classes will be held Jan. 25 thru Feb. 9. Classes will be held Monday thru Thursday, 2:30 to 5:45 p.m. and 6 to 9:15 p.m. Cost is \$315 per student.

All Drivers Education classes will be conducted by Rules Driving School, located at Boothe Brothers International Building, 16 North Philadelphia Boulevard, door #2, Downstairs Suite N, Aberdeen.

Classes include 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours behind the wheel instruction.

The last day to register for the class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9 and 18 yrs old. Parents must attend the first day of class. Open to all DoD ID card holders.

Prices subject to change without notice.

### 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., Jan. 19, 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.

### Private flute lessons

Private flute lessons for ages 8 through 18 will be held 3:30 to 7 p.m., Mondays, Jan. 5 through Feb. 2, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

Cost of the lessons is \$96 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week for six weeks.

Students must provide their own flute and also are required to purchase books required for the course as recommended

by the instructor.

Books are a one-time purchase. Parents choose which time frame session they want to sign-up for when they register their child.

### Private voice lessons

Ages 6 through 18 can register for private voice lessons, 3:30 to 7 p.m., Mondays, Jan. 5 through Feb. 2, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

No experience is necessary. Singing lessons cost \$96 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week for six weeks. Students are required to purchase books required for the course as recommended by the instructor.

Parents choose which time frame session they want when they register their child.

## January bowling specials

### Bowling specials

- Early bird special: Bowl 7 to 10 a.m. for \$.50 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.

- In January, bowl Monday through Friday, 2 to 4 p.m. for \$.75 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.

- Cosmic Saturdays: Jan. 9 and 23,

receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza and a pitcher of soda for \$32.

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

Call for availability of lanes on discounted days and hours.

## APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

### Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday.

### Week of Jan. 4

Special #1: Chicken salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.75.

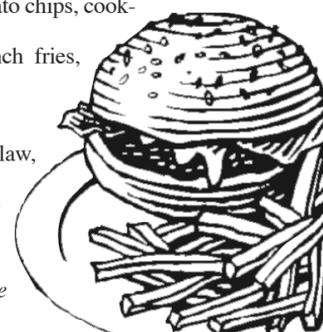
Special #2: Pepperoni pizza sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

### Week of Jan. 11

Special #1: Crab cake with French fries, coleslaw, cookie and regular soda for \$10.50.

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

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



# CHANGE OF COMMAND



## April 30

Brigadier General Jess A. Scarborough assumes leadership of the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense from Maj. Gen. Stephen Reeves during a change of Charter Ceremony April 17 at the JPEO for Chemical and Biological Defense headquarters in Falls Church, Va.

## May 7

Colonel Jeffrey P. Holt replaces Col. John P. Rooney as commander of the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center during a ceremony on ATC's front lawn April 28.

## June 18

Lieutenant Col. Vincent F. Johnston assumes the position of Joint Project Manager from the outgoing JPM, Lt. Col. Jonas Vogelhut in a Change of Char-

ter ceremony at the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Conference Center June 9.

## July 2

Major General Randolph P. Strong takes command of the U.S. Army Communication-Electronics Command Life Cycle Management Command from Maj. Gen. Dennis L. Via during a change of command ceremony June 23 at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

## July 16

Colonel Orlando W. Ortiz becomes the APG garrison and deputy installation commander, taking over from Col. Jeffrey S. Weissman during a change of command ceremony at Fanshaw Field July 11.

## July 23

Brigadier General Timothy K. Adams

takes command of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine from outgoing commander Col. Thomas M. Logan in a ceremony at Fanshaw Field July 7.

Lieutenant Colonel Chadwick Bauld assumes command of the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) from outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Matthew Mingus during a July 16 ceremony at McBride Field.

Lieutenant Colonel Troy Heskett assumes the title of battalion commander from Lt. Col. Avery Penn, the outgoing commander, during a change of command ceremony at Fanshaw Field July 11.

## Aug. 20

Lieutenant Colonel Mark A. Ireland

assumes command of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic from Maj. Ed. J. Weinberg, the interim commander, during a change of command ceremony on the clinic's front lawn Aug. 11.

## Sept. 17

Colonel David J. Kryszak takes over the APG Dental Clinic Command from outgoing Commander, Col. Colleen Shull, during a change of command ceremony at Top of the Bay Sept. 10.

## Dec. 10

Major General Nickolas G. Justice assumes command of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command from retiring Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo during a Dec. 4 change of command ceremony at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

## Future

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start of a new one as the OC&S begins the base realignment and closure-ordered move to Fort Lee, Va.

The OC&S holds its final ball commemorating the corps' 197th anniversary at Top of the Bay May 8. Guests include 20 active and retired general officers. Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Aubain, deputy chief of staff, G4 and former OC&S Regimental Command Sergeant Major, is the guest speaker.

A Delaware Congressional delegation led by Representative Mike Castle receives a BRAC overview and other information during a tour of the APG which includes a tour of the C4ISR Phase One construction site and a tour of the Joint Personal Effects Depot. The JPED is set to relocate to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware in 2010.

## May 28

Army Team C4ISR and CECOM LCMC personnel participate in an Employer Networking Event at Walter Reed Army Medical Center hosted by its U.S. Army Garrison Human Resources Directorate, Transition Employment Assistant Management Service or TEAMS. The program links Soldiers in transition with potential employers.

## June 11

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey joins 200 leaders and planners in a Rehearsal of Concept or ROC synchronization drill at APG May 29. The event is held to address potential challenges and develop solutions to keep the installation's transformation on target.

The CECOM LCMC commander addresses Army Team C4ISR Forward personnel during a town hall meeting at the Edgewood Conference Center May 28. "This is one of the most complex BRAC moves for the Army and quite possibly for the Department of Defense," says former CECOM LCMC commander, Maj. Gen. Dennis Via.

Gary Blohm, director of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, or CERDEC, from Fort Monmouth, N.J., which is slated to relocate to APG under base realignment and closure, provides an overview of the CERDEC vision, mission and focus as the guest speaker for the Aberdeen Chapter of the Association of the United States Army monthly meeting.

## June 25

The Enhanced Use Lease Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District announces the assignment of the development of a 413-acre site at APG to St. John Properties of Baltimore. Opus East, LLC, of Rockville, Md. signed lease documents to develop the property in 2007. It constructed and rented the first of two site-specific leases on the property before assigning the EUL to St. John Properties.

An Army Team C4ISR Sergeants Major conference held at Fort Monmouth, N.J. and led by Command Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Johnson, CECOM LCMC, includes a bus trip to APG, a tour of the C4ISR Phase One campus and briefings by Col. Andrew Nelson, APG deputy Garrison commander for Transformation; Col. Augustus Owen, deputy director CECOM LCMC; and Michael Vetter, director G4, Logistics and Engineering, CECOM LCMC.

DPW announces significant impacts from upcoming traffic changes. These include the permanent closure of Airbase Loop between Aviation Arms Road and Bush River Road. Traffic that traditionally used this route to and from down range will be required to use Colleen Road and Gate 13. The closure is to allow construction of the new Automotive Technology Evaluation Facility.



Photo by ANDRICKATHOMAS,CECOM Michael Vetter, left, director G4, Logistics and Engineering, CECOM Life Cycle Management Command, escorts Command Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Johnson, CECOM LCMC and a group of sergeants major through the Army Team Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance construction site at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The tour was part of a CECOM LCMC and Army Team C4ISR sergeants major conference. Joseph Cocco, command facilities engineer, G4, leads the group.

In addition, the active right entrance lane at the Maryland Route 22 (Harford Boulevard) gate will be moved to allow for work on the intermediate lanes and booths.

Boothby Hill Avenue between Maryland Boulevard and Combat Drive will be permanently closed in July and Darlington Street, Susquehanna Avenue and Aberdeen Boulevard will be alternate traffic routes.

## July 2

General Ann E. Dunwoody, commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command, oversees the June 23 change of command ceremony at Fort Monmouth, N.J. as Major Gen. Randolph P. Strong assumes command of CECOM LCMC from Maj. Gen. Dennis L. Via.

## July 16

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awards a \$14.7 million contract for the construction of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory Vehicle Technology Directorate Facility to Walbridge Aldinger of Detroit, Mich. The ARL-VTD is relocating to APG from NASA centers in Langley, Va. and Glenn, Ohio as part of BRAC 2005.

## July 30

Army Team C4ISR personnel become first occupants of the Eagle Point temporary worksite in the Edgewood Area July 20.

## Aug. 13

The U.S. Army Ordnance Museum begins its historic relocation to Fort Lee, Va. Aug. 3 to 7, as 60 tanks and guns are loaded and transported down I-95 to their new home by riggers from A&A Transport Inc. and drivers from the Meadow Lark Transportation Company. The OC&S BRAC Office, APG Garrison Transportation Office and Robert Cade, owner of Meadow Lark, oversaw the operation. Ordnance Museum director Dr. Joseph T. Rainer supervised the unloading of the artifacts onsite at Fort Lee.

## Aug. 20

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awards the \$229 million contract for construction of the new U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense facility to Clark Construction of Bethesda, Md. The company will build a 526,000 square foot multi-story chemical containment medical research facility in the Edgewood Area of APG.

## Sept. 10

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory hosts a groundbreaking for its Vehicle Technology Directorate's laboratory at APG Sept. 3. Participants include Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; Gary Martin, executive deputy to the RDECOM commander; John

Miller, director of ARL; Dr. Mark Nixon, director of VTD; and Col. Peter DeLuca, commander and division engineer, USACE North Atlantic Division.

## Sept. 17

Major Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, hosts a groundbreaking for the new ATEC headquarters at APG Sept. 10. Participants include ATEC Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen R. Flood; Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG Garrison commander; Lt. Col. John Osborn, USACE; Brian Simmons, director of the U.S. Army Evaluation Center; John P. Barron from Foulger-Pratt Construction and Eric Liebmann of WDG Architecture.

## Sept. 24

Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoemaker, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command and Army Surgeon General is the guest speaker at the ground breaking for the MRICD new replacement facility in the Edgewood Area Sept. 15.

Major Gen. James K. Gilman, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, parent organization of MRICD, hosts the program with Col. Harry F. Slife, MRICD commander.

## Oct. 1

The Directorate of Information Management becomes the 70th APG tenant organization after being reassigned to the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Signal Command or USANETCOM/9th SC by the Army Chief of Staff. "Services at APG will stay the same as well as our relationship with the garrison, says Jeff VanBommel, deputy director, NEC APG.

## Oct. 8

Employees in the Training and Student Processing Work Center turn over more than 500 student personnel records to the 16th Ordnance Battalion to transfer to Fort Lee, Va. "Now begins the first phase of Soldier movement to their new home after ninety-two years at APG," said Janet Dettwiler, APG adjutant and director of Human Resources.

## Oct. 15

The APG Garrison announces that post housing will go privatized Dec. 1 and that Picerne Military Housing will assume all housing responsibilities. "This partnership is long term and focused on the sustainability of housing and enhancing the quality of Family and community life for APG Soldiers and their Families," says Greg Cannito, Picerne Military Housing program director.

The USACE Integrated Program Office announces the awarding of more contracts for Phase Two projects. All

projects are design-bid-build, meaning the design is completed by an architectural firm and the project is then awarded to a contractor firm for construction.

The awards include \$20.7 million for the Consolidated North facility; \$19 million for the Joint Satellite Communication Engineering Center; \$14.5 million for the renovation of building 5100. All projects are located on the Aberdeen Area of APG.

Major Gen. Randolph P. Strong, commander, CECOM LCMC, explains his command philosophy and priorities to Army Team C4ISR Forward personnel during his first town hall meeting since becoming commander Sept. 23.

## Oct. 22

The APG Garrison and Picerne Military Housing host a town hall meeting at Top of the Bay for post housing residents.

The gathering was the first in a series of key meetings that will be used to educate the community on the upcoming change in responsibility for Family housing, says Garrison commander Col. Orlando Ortiz.

## Nov. 5

The USACE hosts a ground breaking for the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense in the Edgewood Area of APG Oct. 28.

When completed, the 75,000 square foot facility will provide space for about 360 chemical-biological personnel including staff from the JPEO moving to APG from Alexandria, Va.; the Chemical and Biological Technologies Directorate of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in Fort Belvoir, Va. and the 649th Aeronautical Systems Squadron, 77th Aeronautical Systems Group from Brooks-City Air Force Base, Texas.

## Nov. 19

Company E 16th Ordnance Battalion is discontinued in accordance with BRAC requirements during a ceremony at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center Oct. 16. Hosted by Lt. Col. Stephen T. Cheng, commander, 16th Ordnance Battalion, the ceremony includes a casing of the Company E 16th colors by company commander Capt. Rachel M. Wills and 1st Sgt. Byrd Johnson.

## Nov. 26

Susan Gail Fuller announces that the Ordnance Museum will be renamed the U.S. Army Aberdeen Proving Ground Museum and it will house exhibits of the installation's history as well as those of the CECOM Museum relocating from Fort Monmouth, N.J. The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security is leading the project and Fuller was brought on to develop the museum.

## Dec. 17

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley announces the start of a \$42.6 million BRAC-related road construction project that will change the U.S. Route 40 and MD Route 715 interchanges leading into APG during a visit to the city of Aberdeen Dec. 11.

Picerne Military Housing officially assumes the maintenance responsibilities in APG post housing Dec. 17.

## Dec. 23

APG and RDECOM commander, Maj. Gen. Nickolas G. Justice tours the new Route 24 gate after its reopening ceremony Dec. 21. The \$8.5 million project adds two new lanes, a visitor center and guard house to the entrance.

Maryland Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown is the guest speaker at a St. John Properties-hosted ground breaking for construction on office buildings for L-3 Communications and the Raytheon Company to be built on Guardian Gateway in the Government and Technology Enterprise, or GATE, project as part of the Enhanced Use Lease agreement. St. John Properties was assigned the EUL which provides exclusive development rights for the 416-acre GATE project.

# THE EDGE! HIRED!



## 2009 brings new career-focused programs for teens

Story and photos by  
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APG News

The year 2009 became a memorable year for Child, Youth and School Services as two new programs, The EDGE! and HIRED! apprenticeship programs were developed by the Army's Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The programs are for youths and teens of active duty military, Department of Defense civilians and contractors assigned to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The HIRED! Program gives teens real work experience. In the fall of 2009, six Aberdeen Proving Ground teens completed the HIRED! program, a 12-week apprenticeship program that gives teens a chance to experience working in different career fields.

The teens received 180 hours in several placement sites on post including the APG Bowling Center, the Top of the Bay, the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center, and the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum.

"The commitment and dedication these apprentices showed they gained valuable real work experiences from coming to work on time, and taking the initiative at the work," said Jay McKinney, APG HIRED! coordinator.

McKinney added that teens in the program also went on college tours, and participated in workshops such as Resume Writing, Goal Setting Techniques, and Financial Management for Teens.

Several of these same teens have continued to work another twelve weeks at their placement sites. At year's end, the HIRED apprenticeship program continued to place apprentice teens in positions in and



Instructor Doug Tillman, a volunteer who works at Swan Creek Inn, shows students how to properly fold a cloth napkin during an EDGE! cooking class held at Top of the Bay. During the current EDGE! cooking class students are learning how to cook a variety of dishes as well as proper serving techniques. Students will cook and serve their parents during the last EDGE! cooking class Nov. 23. From left, Paige Reynolds, 13, Paul Miller, 17, Nicole Smith, 13, Jamie Colopietro, 14, and Sarah Richardson, 14.

around the installation. Teens interested in HIRED! can sign up for the third term which will begin in March. For more information about the HIRED! Program, contact McKinney, 410-278-3250.

### The EDGE

EDGE, which is short for Excel, Develop, Grow and Experience, targets Family members ages 6 to 18 that are not currently enrolled in CYSS programs.

These month-long after-school activities, normally are conducted between 4 and 6 p.m., are designed around four main subject areas: Life, Art, Adventure and Fitness. From there, a myriad of programs were offered to energize youths and teens into

participating in areas where they have an interest.

"Here at Aberdeen Proving Ground, EDGE! packages have become very popular for a nucleus of kids and now continues to grow with every scheduled program," said Chuck Rose, FMWR partner specialist.

Under the oversight of Rose, more than 60 youths and teens participated in activities such as paintball, girls' exercises, aerobics, pet care and dog grooming, cooking and culinary arts and bowling.

"Interest is growing as CYSS is looking into expanding the EDGE programs into local public and private schools targeting the Department of Defense eligible Family members in those

areas," Rose said. "We have new programs scheduled that I think youths will enjoy such as Auto Maintenance 101 or "What Do I Do Now?", Teen Fitness Boot Camp, Zumba, Digital Photography, Yoga, another bowling program called 'Let the Good Times Roll', Teen Money Management, Golf, Archery, Astronomy, Paintball, Disc Golf, Road Biking, and lot's more."

Rose added that ideas for these new programs have come directly from youths and teens at the Edgewood and Aberdeen Area youth centers. During the summer, all youth and teens enrolled in the Youth Services summer program completed a survey listing the programs, events and activities they would

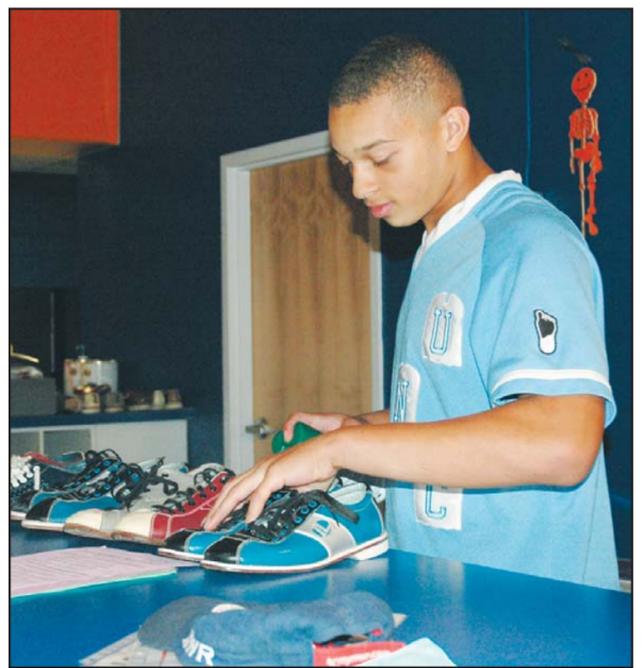
like to participate in. As a result, the programs that have been scheduled, and those planned for the coming months are ideas the youth have conveyed to CYSS. EDGE programs also serve as lead-in programs for SKIES, Youth Sports and other FMWR programs on post.

"The EDGE Office continues to design activities that interest our youths and teens," Rose said, adding that all are welcome to contact him to offer further insight or ideas for future activities.

The EDGE is also seeking volunteers interested in leading various EDGE programs. Those interested in suggesting or leading a program can contact Rose at 410-278-1399 email chuck.rose1@us.army.mil.



Jessica Callison, an Aberdeen High School senior, prepares a mannequin that will represent a German Waffen SS soldier from World War II for a display in the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Callison is one of seven teens currently participating in the APG Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's HIRED! program, which provides paid apprenticeships for 15 to 18 year olds.



Earl Hedgmon, a C. Milton Wright sophomore, cleans shoes at the APG Bowling Center. Hedgmon is one of seven teens participating in the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's HIRED! program introduced to the Aberdeen Proving Ground community this year. The HIRED! program provides paid apprenticeships for 15- to 18-year-olds.

# Chapel News

## Protestant services celebrate the holidays

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In celebration of the holiday season, 50 members of the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Protestant Services traveled to Lancaster, Pa. to view the "Miracle of Christmas" musical play at the Sight & Sound Theater Dec. 5.

Chaplain (Maj.) Young Kim, deputy installation chaplain, sponsored the trip and attendees included Chaplain (Col.) Ruben Colon, installation chaplain.

Kim said the group had supper and did some shopping before taking in the

show which was based on the Birth of Christ according to the New Testament.

"Most people said it was a great Christmas show," Kim said. "Even though it was a very cold and snowy night we were full of joy and peace after watching the story of the greatest gift from God."

Sight & Sound Theaters is the nation's largest professional Christian theatrical company and one of the most-attended live theaters in the Midwest and on the East Coast. Stories of the Bible are displayed through live shows filled with dozens of actors, elaborate sets up to 40 feet high, hundreds of costumes, live

animals and special effects.

The congregation hosted its Annual Christmas Cantata Dec. 13. The presentation was titled "Christmas Mosaic".

"Although it was a rainy day, the chapel was full," Kim said.

"The show was excellent," said choir director LeeAnn Masters.

"There are no words to describe how thrilling their performance was," she said. "I do believe it was the best they have ever sounded and that is saying something because they always sound superb. They did a great job for the Lord and his glory."

On Dec. 6, the Aberdeen Area Cha-

pel Protestant Service hosted its monthly themed Sunday service, hailing the cadets of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy. Led by academy director Col. Richard Young, cadets participated in the service as greeters, acolytes and ushers. Dr. Gene Egerton, congregation president, presented Young with a commemorative plaque and Kim gave him a Command Chaplain coin. Each cadet received a bible and staff members received coins.

The next themed Sunday honors the 16th Ordnance Battalion. Service will be held 10:15 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Chapel Jan. 10.

## APG teens host successful Toys for Tots drive

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

A group of teens with the Aberdeen Area Chapel's Gospel Service who held a successful toy drive for Harford County children over the holidays were thanked for their efforts by a representative from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6054, the sponsoring organization.

The participants are members of the Young Women of Excellence Ministry, YWOE.

"Our mission for this ministry is to give young women an opportunity to have fun, fellowship and develop stronger relationships with other believers in Christ," said Gerry A. Wiley, the group's mentor and an employee in the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Training Management Office.

The group promotes community support projects and members have participated in the Toys for Tots program for several years, Wiley added.

Junior vice commander Robert Lee, representing VFW Post 6054 commander Sharon Sneed, came to the chapel to thank group members for their contribution.

"This is the first year the VFW has partnered with our organization," Wiley said. "This partnership has allowed for more toys to be collected for more needy families in Harford County."

The APG Gospel Service meets 12:30 p.m. each Sunday at the Aberdeen Area Chapel.

The YWOE is open to young women ages 12 to 21 with a desire to serve Christ and their community. For more information, contact Wiley at 410-642-9227 or Ayesha Burch at 843-408-1863.



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Robert Lee, junior vice commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6045 in Perryman, third from left, congratulates Young Women of Excellence members, from left, Ayesha Burch, Erica Coley, Nyssa Harris-Ceballos, Desirae Diamon and Selma Gasu on a successful Toys for Tots Drive at the Aberdeen Area Chapel.



# Army News

## Recognizing problems biggest step toward fixing suicides

Story by  
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Army News Service

In 2008, the Army experienced for the first time, suicide rates higher than the civilian population. In the same year, the Army entered an agreement with the National Institute of Mental Health to find out why.

While the NIMH study will take five years to complete, the institute recently met with Army leaders to provide some preliminary insights, said Brig. Gen. Colleen McGuire, director, Suicide Prevention Task Force.

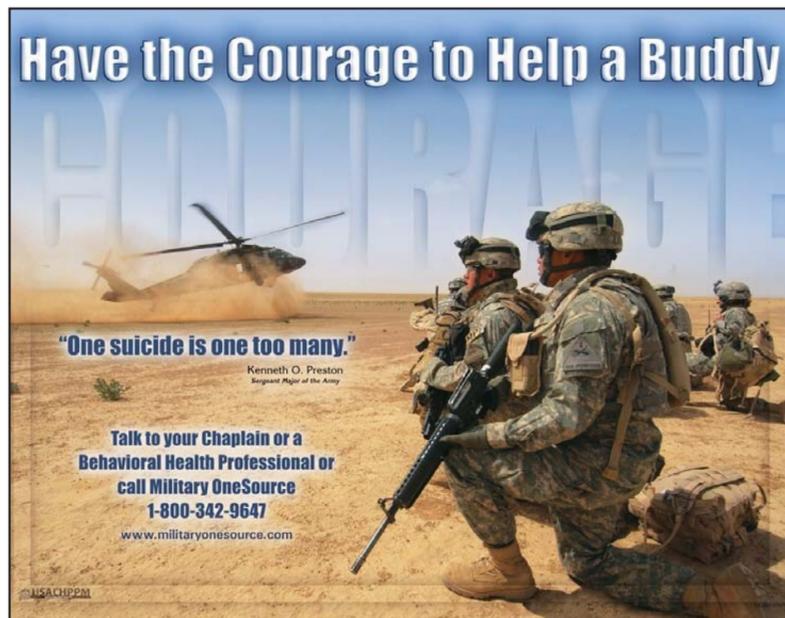
One finding was that some 53 percent of the American population that replicated the Army population has had some level of mental or behavioral illness, McGuire said. That includes such things as alcohol problems, eating disorders, depression or anxiety.

"We can probably assume that's the same in our own population," she said.

Additionally, McGuire said, NIMH has said those with post traumatic stress disorder are six times more likely to commit suicide -- and those individuals, she said, often take as many as 12 years before seeking help.

"Unfortunately, in that period of time, before they finally recognize they have PTSD and seek treatment, there has probably been some attempts at self medication," she said.

In November, the Army experienced 12 potential suicides. That's two less than in October -- and while McGuire said the monthly suicide rate for the Army has trended down since the begin-



ning of the year, 2009's number are expected to be even higher than 2008's numbers -- coming in at 156.

The exact causes of suicide in the Army are numerous and hard to pin down -- and it's not just Soldiers that have deployed. Some 30 percent of Army suicides are those that have never deployed, McGuire said. There's also relationship issues, financial issues, substance abuse issues and UCMJ problems.

"All of these things spiral to the point where they are trying to find some emotional relief," she said. "And that comes in the form of flawed thinking that results in their own death. It's hard to

label any one variable as the cause."

McGuire said the Army isn't waiting for the results from NIMH or the 2009 suicide numbers to start attacking the problem.

"Probably the most important step the Army took this year was the recognition by the Army leadership that we did in fact have a problem," she said.

Getting leadership involved, from the top level down to NCOs at company level is also important McGuire said.

"The one thing we need to do is empower the noncommissioned officers and our young leaders, particularly at the company level, to really know their Sol-

diers, but then also to inform them of the resources available to them," McGuire said.

And there's a lot of resources, McGuire said, more than 400 programs Army-wide designed to help stressed Soldiers, Family members and civilians. In fact, there may be so many it's overwhelming, and the Army is going to fix that.

"What they would like ideally is to have somebody with a laser pointer to point a direction -- you go this direction or you go to this office and this is what you need," she said. "Instead, what we have done in the Army and even with non-profit organizations, everybody else that wants to help -- is we provide a flood light. And they are blinded by the opportunities and resources available to them."

The Army has queried installations about their programs, asked about funding, effectiveness, etc. When installations meet the response deadline for the query, a report detailing the programs and their effectiveness will be generated, sometime in March 2010, to ensure effectiveness and eliminate redundancies, McGuire said.

Also standing in the way of preventing suicides in the Army -- convincing Soldiers that it's okay to say they need help.

"Soldiers learn best by what they see," McGuire said. "And until they see leadership seeking help, or if they see some of their peers seek help, and there appears not to be retribution or negative effect with that, then we will turn that corner."

## APG closing announcements

If the installation is closed, is experiencing a delay in opening or if liberal leave is in effect due to weather or other emergency situations, check for postings on the local television and radio stations, WAPG-TV Channel 21 (on Aberdeen Proving Ground) or call 410-278-SNOW (7669).

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## CFC

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oversees the APG account said that a key factor to the success of the APG campaign was the Online Silent Auction, created by CFC chairperson Mikey Graziano. The new fundraising program raised about \$3,000. Bowman said Graziano's extra efforts also made the APG CFC Kickoff and Charity Fair a huge success and that Charziano accomplished his personal goal of reaching at least 500 online donors and making APG a top leader in the CBA CFC.

"APG once again rose to the occasion by reaching an unprecedented milestone," Bowman said. "APG has contributed well over its goal and the success of this campaign embodied the spirit of giving and caring."

"This is also a testimony of APG's demonstrated commitment to the well being and viability of the CFC community. This success is attributed largely to the hard work of Mikey Graziano and his committee. The leadership of Colonel Orlando Ortiz [APG Garrison and deputy installation commander], has been equally instrumental in the success of this campaign."

# THE YEAR OF THE NCO



## Jan. 15

Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston explains that the 2009 Year of the NCO observance established by the Department of the Army will focus on the three pillars of learning for all Soldiers in the Army – institutional learning, operational experience and self-development – during a presentation at the Pentagon Jan. 8.

## Feb. 19

Staff Sgt. Eric L. Hollis, a former 16th Ordnance Battalion operations sergeant headed to Warrant Officer School, is the first noncommissioned officer profiled in the APG News series honoring the 2009 Year of the NCO.

## Feb. 26

To commemorate 2009 being named the Year of the NCO, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic inducts two Soldiers from APG and five from the Fort George G. Meade Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC) into the NCO Corps during an NCO Induction Ceremony at Top of the Bay Feb. 18.

Inductees included Sgts. Carlos Rodriguez, Eric Scheier, Melvin Balbuena, Kevin Berry, Michael Cariaga, Arkin Carswell and Erica Stagg.

## March 12

More than 300 NCOs fill the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center for the APG Garrison-sponsored Year of the NCO kickoff celebration that featured remarks by Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and former Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez; a pageant of military uniforms and complimentary food and beverages. The ceremony was “an outstanding and dignified way to kick off the Year of the NCO,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Hector G. Marin of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

## March 19

Noncommissioned officers from RDECOM discuss command philosophy with Maj. Gen. Paul S. Izzo former RDECOM commander, during quarterly professional development training March 4 through 6.

“This not only provided the NCOs with direct guidance from the commander, it also serves as a morale booster,” said RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector G. Marin.

## March 26

Sergeant Maj. Michael Bennett of the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School is profiled as the leader of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion Wheel and Track Automotive Department in the March 26 issue of the *APG News*.

## April 2

The OMMS NCO Academy hosts its final Dining Out at APG’s Top of the Bay March 20. Sergeant Maj. Robert Green, NCOA commandant, the host and guest speaker, said that more than 40,000 Soldiers have trained at the academy since its establishment in 1987 and that it has received eight consecutive accreditations from the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command in its 22-year history.

The senior operations NCO for the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) is promoted to sergeant major during a March

13 ceremony in the Edge-wood Area. Sergeant Maj. Tony Marshall was quick to thank God, his Family, his friends and colleagues for his success.

## April 9

Cornelius Stewart, a retired U.S. Air Force NCO and the director of operations for the 361st Training Squadron, U.S. Air Force Detachment 1 is profiled as the overseer of the training and instruction of Airmen in Aircraft Metal Technology, Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School. A master instructor, Stewart was named the detachment’s Civilian Supervisor Category II for 2007 and 2008 and the Instructor of the Year in 1998.

## April 16

After a week-long competition, Sgt. Matthew Phelan is named the RDECOM NCO of the Year. Phelan is a communications NCO with the Communications, Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

## April 23

An NCOA instructor and former Prisoner of War, Sgt. James Riley is profiled as one who uses his unique experience to ready Soldiers for any challenge. Riley was one of eight Soldiers from the 507th Maintenance Company who were captured by Iraqi forces shortly after the start of the war in 2003.

## April 30

An Aberdeen Proving Ground NCO is profiled as the enlisted leader of APG chaplain assistants. Staff Sgt. Deon F. Guidry, 61st Ordnance Brigade, said it is fitting that the Year of the NCO is observed the same year as the 100th birthday of Army Chaplain Assistants. “...we share the goal of ensuring Soldiers are spiritually ready to accomplish their missions,” Guidry said.

## May 7

Sergeant Elizabeth Thompson, 1st Area Medical Laboratory, and Spc. Benjamin Salazar, Company B 22nd Chemical Battalion, are named the APG NCO and Soldier of the Year after a day-long competition and selection board April 30. Competitors included Sgt. Selina Rosario, Company B 22d Chemical Battalion; Sgt. Robert Bruns, U.S. Army Materiel Command Band; and Spc. Daniel Crowfoot, 1st AML.

## May 14

The 20th Support Command (CBRNE), selects Sergeant Aaron Reyes and Spc. Elijah Sedig, both of the 38th EOD Detachment, Fort Stewart, Ga., as its NCO and Soldier of the Year after a five-day competition April 20 through 24 at APG. Competitors included Sgts. Blake Erb, 7th Chemical Company, Fort Polk, La., and Casey Graffam, 172nd Chemical Company, Fort Riley, Kan.; Cpl. John Carroll, 7th Chemical Company, Fort Polk, La.; and Spc. Matthew Woolfolk, 663rd EOD Detachment, Fort Carson, Colo.

The Aberdeen Area Chapel hails post senior NCOs during a service to honor the Year of the NCO May 3. Guest NCOs assisted ushers and gave scripture readings. They included RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin; former APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez; Sgt. Maj. Osvaldo Ponzio, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine;

Sgt. Maj. Juanita Krueger, 1st Area Medical Laboratory; and 1st Sgt. Tamiko Bogad, 20th Support Command (CBRNE).

## May 21

Retiring Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Parker Jr. of the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) is profiled as he concludes a 30-year career. “I’m gonna miss the ability to pick up the phone and take care of [Soldiers],” Parker said.

## May 28

The U.S. Army Materiel Command Band, under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Frederick Ellwein and Sgt. Maj. Wendy Thomson, present a special tribute concert to commemorate the Year of the NCO at the Post Theater May 15.

Thomson said the program was organized to entertain, educate and inspire. “I am proud of the work of the NCO Corps and we wanted to let Soldiers know that they are appreciated,” she said.

## June 4

The APG 2009 Service Members of the Year are honored during the annual Military Appreciation Week luncheon, sponsored by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce, at Top of the Bay May 21.

Honorees include Sgt. Elizabeth D. Thompson, APG NCO of the Year; Sgt. (formerly Spc.) Benjamin U. Salazar, APG Soldier of the Year; Sgt. Abigail D. Lentz, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment NCO of the Year; and Tech. Sgts. Steven W. Mountz, U.S. Air Force Detachment NCO of the Year.

Noncommissioned officers assigned to the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center are profiled as Soldiers who test combat systems for the Army before they are approved for distribution. The SOMTE Soldiers, short for Soldier, Operator, Maintainer, Tester and Evaluator, help the Army capture the Soldier perspective which helps to save lives on the battlefield.

They include Staff Sgt. Cleo McKinnon; Master Sgt. James Orr; and Sgt. 1st Class James Edington and Niko Troia.

To strengthen ties between APG Soldiers and the city of Aberdeen, two 20th Support Command (CBRNE) Soldiers went on a ride-along with Aberdeen Police chief Randy M. Rudy. In addition to the ride-along, Staff Sgts. Tashika Prue and Kellie Steilow toured the Aberdeen Police headquarters and met with city council members. The Aberdeen Chapter of the Association of the United States Army initiated the event.

## June 11

The career counselor for RDECOM, Master Sgt. Thomas Bogetti, is profiled for managing the careers of Soldiers throughout RDECOM, the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command and the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command in Fort Belvoir, Va. Bogetti focuses on Sustainment counseling, regardless of whether a Soldier plans to pursue a career in the Army or become a civilian. Bogetti is the initiator of the Web site [www.reenlistingheroes.com](http://www.reenlistingheroes.com), the only official Web site endorsed by the Army G1. “I owe it to every Soldier to give them the max,” he says.

Sergeant Gabrielle Martinez, an infor-

mation systems analyst/operator with the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) is profiled as the unit physical fitness program coordinator and leader of the unit color guard. A native of Pennsylvania with fifteen siblings, Martinez is the first in her Family to earn a college degree. “I believe in myself,” Martinez said. “As I continue to create and explore opportunities, I know things will work out.”

## June 18

Speaking on the 234th Army Birthday, RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector G. Marin says the NCO Corps is the reason behind the Army’s success on the battlefield today and on battlefields of the past. “The American NCO is a walking example of a proud and professional Army built on dedication, patriotism and sacrifice,” says Marin.

## June 25

Sergeant Maj. Juanita Krueger, senior enlisted advisor for the 1st Area Medical Laboratory, 20th Support Command (CBRNE), is profiled for her dedication to the Army medical mission and her mentorship of Soldiers. “Krueger not only mentors NCOs, she consciously works to support the NCO culture,” said Col. Margaret Carter, 1st AML commander. “No matter where you look [in the Army], no matter what you look at, NCOs are behind the scenes making it happen,” Krueger says.

## July 2

The commander of the Republic of Korea Chemical, Biological, Radiological Defense Command, Brig. Gen. Jae Ho Lee, presents the Joint Service Achievement Medal to Sgt. 1st Class Yolanda Rich, an information assurance specialist with the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) for her service on the Joint Task Force for the Elimination of Weapons of Mass Destruction while deployed to Exercise Key Resolve during a visit to APG June 22.

## July 9

Sergeant Maj. Ricardo Soto-Acevedo returns to APG after 25 years as the new top NCO in the U.S. Army Materials Agency.

“I am also an extension of the employees within the organization, both Soldiers and civilians,” Soto-Acevedo says. “I will gladly assist anyone who needs my help.”

## July 16

Former APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez is honored during a retirement ceremony at the Ball Conference Center July 11. Rodriguez officially retired Oct. 31, 2009, with 30 years of service. Among many others, Rodriguez thanked fellow sergeants major for their support of APG Soldiers and their Families.

“You made my job much easier and I value your friendship. I couldn’t have done my job without your support,” he says.

## July 23

Former RDECOM intern, Steve Rochette of the Army News Service, reports that the NCO Net Internet forum developed by the Army makes it easier for NCOs to share information, ideas and best practices. Members can pose questions, post news and engage in dialog about any issues that affects the lives of NCOs. Users with an AKO login can

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Photo by SEAN KIEF, APG PHOTO LAB  
Members of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools’ Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academy color guard march onstage past a Visual Information Services Division backdrop hailing the NCO Corps before posting the colors during the Year of the NCO kickoff at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Feb. 24, 2009. From left, Sgts. 1st Class Erick Detrich and Caleb Provost, Staff Sgt. Scott Gaiski, and Sgts. 1st Class Brian Rettig and James Wilson.

# NCO

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access the site through the AKO Web site by clicking on the NCO Net logo on the right side of the page.

## July 30

Sergeant 1st Class Fredrick Jenkins of the Joint Project Manager for Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Contamination Avoidance is profiled as the NCO in Charge, security, facility and operations manager, and subject matter expert for the fielding and netting of new chemical and radiation equipment. "Since I am a Warfighter, I feel more comfortable knowing it is a Soldier testing the equipment who knows what the Warfighter needs," Jenkins says.

## Aug. 6

Garrison 1st Sgt. Larry Tyson is profiled as the backbone of the APG Garrison. He serves as the right hand man of both the HHC Garrison commander and the Garrison command sergeant major in supporting the needs of APG tenant and Garrison organizations. The former drill sergeant says he embraces every opportunity to support Soldiers and that he appreciates the Year of the NCO. "We are where the rubber meets the road," he says. "As long as we continue to set the example and meet those standards, it will always be the year of the NCO."

A 20th Support Command senior operations NCO, Sgt. 1st Class John Stricklett, becomes the youngest elected chapter commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Stricklett leads the 20-member Chapter 703 in Cecil County. The group meets in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6027 in North East. "We work to instill patriotism and camaraderie with other veterans ... and develop a sense of pride in the community," Stricklett says.

## Aug. 13

Wounded Warrior Lt. Col. Gregory Gadson of the Army War College attends the 22d Chemical Battalion organization day to pin sergeant stripes on newly-promoted Sgt. Eric Brown who saved his life when the two were stationed in Iraq in 2007. Brown applied two tourniquets to Gadson who lost both legs below the knee when an improvised explosive device detonated next to his vehicle. "He is the reason I am standing here today," Gadson says.

## Aug. 27

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Thorpe, an instructor with the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, and his wife Iris are awarded the National Adoption Excellence Award for Individual and/or Family Contributions from the National Resource Center for Child Welfare and Data Technology during its national conference in Arlington, Va. Aug. 4. The couple has adopted five children and provided a temporary foster home for more than 50 others over the past 15 years. Thorpe says his love for Family is the same love that grew from years of mentoring Soldiers. "Both take hard work, dedication and discipline," he says.

## Sept. 3

RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector G. Marin says that NCO involvement in the science and technology process is extremely critical to development of the right technologies and equipment for Warfighters. "The last few years have seen an expansion of NCO involvement in the S&T process throughout the Army," Marin says. "This relationship is critical to keeping the Army on the cutting edge of technology because it brings fresh experience into our labs and produces Warfighter-focused solutions."

## Sept. 10.

APG police officer and Army Reservist Staff Sgt. Jeremy Rondone finishes third in the 100th Division Training Command (Total Army School System) Best Warrior Competition at Fort Knox, Ky. Aug. 14 through 18. Rondone serves with the 2nd/80th Military Police Battalion headquartered in Owings Mills where he is the units' NCO of the Year. "I learned what you can achieve with toughness and determination," Rondone says, "and I know I can do even better next year."

## Sept. 24

The first senior enlisted advisor for the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) prepares for an upcoming retirement and change of responsibility ceremony after 31 years of service.

Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Womack Sr. served through the organization's first three commanders. "Three things have kept me going - being physically fit, mentally fit and spiritually fit," Womack says. "That and the fact that I love Soldiers."

## Oct. 1

Staff Sgt. Rhea Ball of the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center earns honor graduate status after a four-week Basic NCO Course at the Fort Eustis, Va. transpor-



Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course Soldiers, from left, Staff Sgt. Demitre Brewer, Sgts. 1st Class Jimmie Jenious, Jerry Maldonado, Frankie Davis and Staff Sgt. Ron St. Louis, recite the words to the song 'Ragged Old Flag' by Johnny Cash during a patriotic skit for the 9th Annual and final Noncommissioned Officer Academy Dining Out at Top of the Bay March 20, 2009.

tation school. "I didn't go down there to sight see," says the Army Reservist who has twice deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom and has an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. "The more competitive you are, the better you do."

## Oct. 8

Technical Sgt. Alice W. Koinange, the assistant to the U.S. Air Force Detachment 1 first sergeant, is profiled for her support of the unit's Airmen and self improvement goals, which include pursuing a nursing degree. Koinange said she hopes to one day become an Army nurse and she appreciates the way APG has included NCOs of other branches in the Year of the NCO observance. "The Year of the NCO means the Army is recognizing the mentoring and training we do," she says. "I think it's their way of recognizing our value as leaders, supervisors and mentors."

More than 50 RDECOM NCOs gather for the largest NCO professional development training event to date at the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Sept. 9 through 11. Leading attendees is Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Campbell, 406th Army Field Support Brigade; Command Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Johnson, CECOM LCMC; and Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin, RDECOM.

## Oct. 15

Sergeant Julissa Torres is profiled as the NCO in charge of the Edgewood Area Dental Clinic who obtained the position after arriving at APG as a dental hygienist two years prior. She credits former APG DENTAC commander Col. Colleen Shull for her mentorship. "She encouraged me to move forward and showed me that I have potential," Torres says. "I love being able to help Soldiers become ready for the mission."

## Oct. 22

The National Hispanic Engineering and Science magazine names RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin its 2009 Role Model of the Year. Marin receives the award at the Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards conference in Long Beach, Calif. A native of Honduras who holds a degree in aeronautical science, Marin says he focuses on attracting young talent into the Army's research and development workforce. "We've got individuals from all sorts of backgrounds and with all kinds of degrees working hard to save Soldier's lives," he says. "I've got a lot of respect for all they do."

Master Sgt. Walter M. Farrel, CECOM LCMC senior enlisted advisor, is profiled for his efforts in reaching out to the nation's wounded warriors to inform them of job opportunities within the command. "When I became an NCO I felt like I could really make a difference in Soldiers' lives," he says. "When I take off the uniform, I see myself continuing to support the warfighter as a civilian. I want to continue to give back."

## Nov. 5

Master Sgt. David J. Holmes of the 61st Ordnance Brigade S3 is profiled for surviving the mean streets of Compton, Calif. to lead and mentor Soldiers through and in preparation for war. Holmes is a former APG drill sergeant and former first sergeant of the Forward Operating Base Wolverine training site which prepares Soldiers for duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. "If we do not train aggressively, we fail ourselves and our Warriors," Holmes says. "Our Soldiers are willing and able to accomplish their mis-



After being named the 2009 APG NCO of the Year, Sgt. Elizabeth Thompson, 1st Area Medical Laboratory, left front, listens as Spc. Benjamin Salazar, Company B, 22nd Chemical Battalion, right front, is named the APG Soldier of the Year. Behind Thompson and Salazar are their sponsors, Sgt. Kyle Clanton, left, and Staff Sgt. Aaron Hammond.

sions, which is leading to success in both theaters. When it does happen, our training will be the reason for our success."

## Nov. 12

Staff Sgt. William Harden, career counselor for the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), is named the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) Career Counselor of the Year and will advance to the U.S. Army Forces Command's worldwide Career Counselor Conference in Orlando, Fla. Harden says the best part of his job is talking to Soldiers. "It's so much more than just talking about the Army," he says. "They talk about life in general and the problems they have. They know I genuinely care and have concern for them and their Families."

## Nov. 19

Sergeant Ashley Sangret, a French horn player in the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band has a lead role in the rock musical "Rent" in the Havre de Grace community theater production. Sangret plays Joanne Jefferson, a lawyer who is the partner of Maureen Johnson, a performance artist. The multi-talented NCO has trained Soldiers as a combative instructor and has taught Special Population Physical Training programs. Sangret says she is honored to be serving during the Year of the NCO. "I have worked with a number of great NCOs and have been motivated to be better by their leadership. I am constantly striving to be the best NCO I can be."

## Nov. 26

The National Capital District Veterinary Command selects its NCO and Soldier of the Year after a four-day competition at APG Oct. 27 through 30. The APG section of the Dover Veterinary Branch, led by Staff Sgt. Robert Pircher of the APG Veterinary Clinic, hosts the event.

The winners are Sgt. Ismael Esquivel and Spc. Harold Dilworth of Fort Belvoir, Va. It is the first time a supervisor and his subordinate are selected for the honor. Other competitors include Sgt. Brian Thomas from Fort Myer, Va. and Spc. Kimberly Wear from Fort George G. Meade.

## Dec. 3

Four NCOs with the Joint Personal Effects Depot share their thoughts on being an NCO in the Year of the NCO and honoring the nation's wounded and fallen as mortuary affairs specialists. "I've learned in this job that it doesn't matter the rank or position the person held in life, it's all about taking care of our

comrades," says Sgt. Victor M. Villafane, a JPED quality control NCO. Others sharing their thoughts include Staff Sgt. Jenise Phillips, NCOIC of the JPED shipping section; Staff Sgt. Adele-Leen Ortiz, NCOIC of the JPED Reconciliation Section and Sgt. Densley Aviles, NCOIC of the JPED Safe Room. "They are all proud and honored to perform the final show of respect to fallen comrades," says JPED 1st Sgt. Alfred Venham.

## Dec. 17

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney J. Rhoades is profiled as the right hand to Garrison Commander Col. Orlando W. Ortiz as the installation moves toward the APG Transformation. Rhoades addresses the garrison's responsibilities to APG service members, civilians, contractors, retirees and their Families; Better Opportunity for Single Soldier programs and events, the change to leased housing, partnerships with community organizations and schools and other issues that are "vital to the APG mission, especially during the installation's transformation." He says every year is the Year of the NCO.

"It's all about trust, respect and confidence our Soldiers have in us as leaders," he said. "We have to remember and work to uphold that level of trust every day."

## Dec. 23

APG and RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin says recognition of the Year of the NCO should continue beyond 2009 with development of NCOs through education, fitness and leadership training. "Army NCOs will continue to serve as mentors, teammates and coaches to all Soldiers at all levels within the Army," Marin says. "It is my hope that this year's focus on the NCO will lead the way to a highly educated, superiorly fit and well-prepared environment in the Army, resulting in the defeat of our enemy and the protection of our Warfighters. Our NCOs set the condition for success."

The APG Holiday Ball held at Top of the Bay Dec. 18 is dedicated to the Year of the NCO. Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Mellinger, U.S. Army Materiel Command is the guest speaker for the event featuring remarks by Maj. Gen. Nickolas Justice, commander of APG and RDECOM; Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades; and a slideshow featuring present and past APG NCOs of the Year.

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