

Post Shorts

Picerne takes over recycling

Picerne 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.



Picerne Military Housing to host Signing Ceremony

To celebrate the partnership between the Army and Picerne Military Housing, all residents are invited to attend a Partnership Signing Ceremony, 1 p.m., Jan. 26, at the Top of the Bay. Cake and light refreshments will be served. Dress will be duty or business casual.

MLK commemorative program

The APG Garrison will host an observance in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 27, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

Guest speaker will be Philip B. Hunter, team leader of the Acquisition/Business Law Team and contract attorney for the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command's Office of Chief Counsel. Music will be provided by the Aberdeen Middle School Choir.

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

Defense Acquisition University program brief

A briefing to introduce the DAU Senior Service College Fellowship program will be offered 1 p.m., Feb. 3, in the DAU classroom, building E-5027, Blackhawk Road in the Edgewood Area.

For more information call Jim Oman, 410-436-7257, blackberry 703-254-3255, or e-mail james.oman@dau.mil.

Installation calendar available online

The installation calendar is available to everyone on the APG website.

To view the calendar, click on the "Click here to View the APG Calendar" located near the top on the right side. The intent of this calendar is to effectively communicate key installation and community-wide events.

Everyone is encouraged to use this calendar for their

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Eagles populate APG shorelines

Photo by GEORGE B. ROBERTS III, DES

A bald eagle is caught soaring through trees bordering the Aberdeen Proving Ground shoreline during an aerial count of the region's eagles led by the Directorate of Public Works Jan. 10.

Glory Train takes its audience for a ride

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

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Gospel Service presented two nights of praise, dance and drama with the musical production *Glory Train* at the post theater Jan 9 and 10.

Lakeya Brown and Ayesha Burch directed the three scenes titled, *Waiting for the Train*, *Waiting for the Departure*, and *The Conclusion*.

The play is about a group of people who have just passed away and who are waiting for the *Glory Train* to take them home to the Lord. For some, worldly natures take over and they find themselves expelled from the train, one by one.

Daneen Henson plays the narrator who guides the audience through the play. She explained that two people aboard the train are still alive and challenges the audience to figure out which ones they are.

Playing the *Glory Train* ticket agent and conductor is Frank Burch as the angel Raphael assisted by Joel Carter Jr. as



Sergeant 1st Class Joel Carter of Company C 22d Chemical Battalion and an elder in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Gospel Service thanks the audience on behalf of the cast at the conclusion of the *Glory Train* play, dance and drama presentation at the Post Theater Jan. 10.

the angel Michael and Armon Lackland as Gabriel.

Adults and youths filled out the cast of passengers, some with engaging names like Sister-Talk-A-Lot and Mr. Worldly Goods.

Inserted between scenes were dance presentations by mem-

bers of the congregation and guest dancers from Word of Faith Ministries in Aberdeen.

Elder Curtis Rice, a retired Marine Corps master sergeant, said the presentation was likened to a style of spiritual-based plays that have become popu-

lar through the likes of those presented by African American director Tyler Perry whose plays typically focus on Christian values.

"Dance and drama is really catching on," Rice said.

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From left, U.S. Marine Corps Detachment Staff Sgts. Richard Rogers and Joseph Davide, and Master Sgts. Daniel Hanus and Albert Shabty bow their heads in prayer during the opening invocation, part of the National Prayer Luncheon observance held at the Top of the Bay Jan. 14.

Prayer luncheon focuses on the importance of service and power of prayer

Story and photo by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Hundreds of members from the Aberdeen Proving Ground community observed the annual National Prayer Luncheon by attending the event held at the Top of the Bay on Jan. 14.

The guest speaker was John T. Wright, a retired Colonel, who served as garrison commander at APG from 2004 to 2007.

Since his retirement in 2007 Wright has served as a program manager and currently is the Huntsville (AL) Regional Manager for ICF International, a global professional services firm. He is responsible for the delivery of end-to-end solutions for the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

The event opened with a prelude from the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band, and the National Anthem sung by Sgt. Anthony Gentilo, from the AMC Band.

APG Garrison Chaplain (Col.) Ruben Colon gave the invocation and prayed for the APG community, and for the protection of those serving in harm's way.

"Despite our differences you have gath-

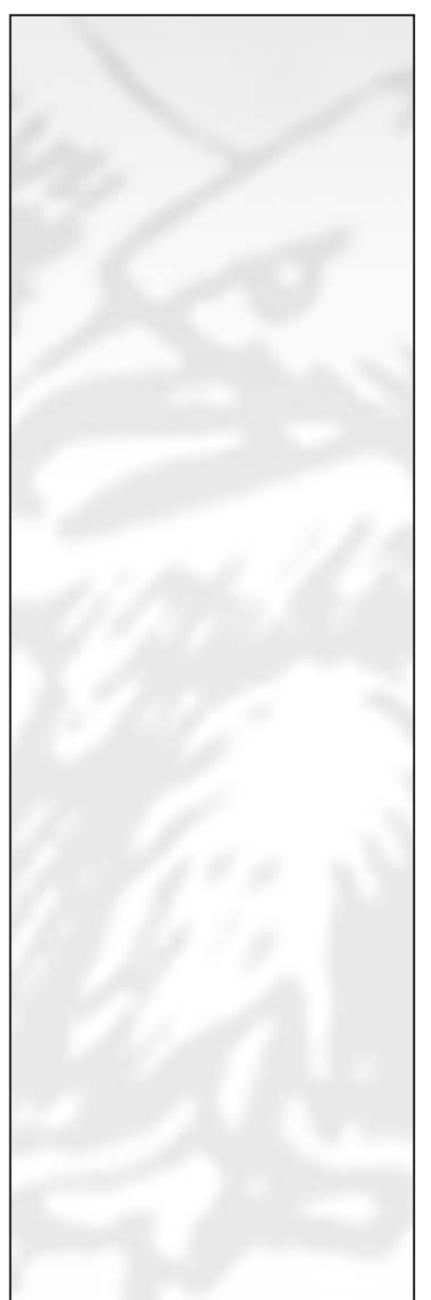
ered us around the table of fellowship. We thank you for your grace," he said. "Be with those who make the ultimate sacrifice preserving our liberty that we enjoy here and now."

Enable us to fulfill our calling as patriots to our nation, as people who respect courage dignity and honor," he continued. "Thank for all those who lay their lives on the line each day for others."

Maj. Gen. Nickolas Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, gave welcome and opening remarks. He said that having representatives from the different organizations on post attend the annual National Prayer Luncheon was a good way to start a New Year and new decade, facing new challenges.

"We are engaged in war each and every day. The forces that we support in the operational battlefield certainly need our best effort and our spiritual support," Justice said. "The nation, as we go through economic crises and as we try to rebuild and reenergize our economy, will certainly not get

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Eagle count yields 239

Story by
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During an aerial count of bald eagles conducted along the Aberdeen Proving Ground shoreline and up the Susquehanna River to Peach Bottom on Jan. 10, an APG wildlife team found that at least 239 bald eagles call that area home.

John Paul, Garrison wildlife biologist with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division's Natural Resource Team, led the count.

Team members included Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; game wardens George B. Roberts III and Charles Volz from the Directorate of Emergency Services' Marine, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement division; Jessica Baylor, DPW; and David Goad, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.

Paul said team members boarded a UH-1H helicopter for an aerial count of nests about 7:45 a.m. and returned 11 a.m.

"We had nice clear weather that was not too windy," Paul said, adding that the same route is covered each year, although results are reported to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources as two separate routes.

The flight stayed 100 to 200 yards offshore at an altitude of about 200. Eagles were visible in a few of the nests but counters didn't get close enough to see if any nests held eggs, Paul said.

"We counted two-hundred, thirty-nine birds including juveniles and migrants from Maine and Canada that don't have nests," he added.

The count was part of a nationwide effort. The idea is to count each area the same way each year, and to take the same amount of time doing it. Since the birds move around a lot, all census areas are counted on the same weekend to avoid double counting.

"This tells you something about the overall population size."

He said that the cold weather forces northern birds here



Photos by GEORGE B. ROBERTS III, DES

From left, the Directorate of Public Works' John Paul, Garrison wildlife biologist, and Jessica Baylor review their itinerary with Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, before departing on the eagle count flight Jan. 10.

where, despite the ice on the bay, there still are enough unfrozen waters to allow them to fish. They won't go any further south than needed to find open water," he said.

The highest eagle count was in 2003 and the numbers fluctuate with the weather. Numbers were down during the last count in 2007. The count could not be done in 2008 because ATC helicopters were involved in the Presidential Inauguration.

"It's safe to say that the actual number of birds is higher than our count," he said.

"Looking at our number by itself would not mean that much nationally, but if we were to consistently find the number dropping to 150 then we would know something was wrong."

He said that as far as he knows, APG is the only military installation participating in the count of bald eagles along bay waters.

The Garrison commander enjoyed the flight, he added. "He told me he's looking for-

ward to the chance to go out and observe more eagle activities."

Paul said that ongoing APG eagle projects include a study

tracking part of the population using satellite transmitters. In addition, the office anticipates the receipt of more funds for

burying utility lines on Spesutic Island and is hoping for funds to continue maintaining reflectors on utility lines.



From left, John Paul and Col. Orlando W. Ortiz receive a safety briefing from crew chief Chris Demarco from the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.



Two bald eagles keep a wary watch over their nest at the helicopter hovers overhead during the Jan. 10 eagle count.

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Troops set up front lines for survival in Haiti

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As the sun rises over the sweeping palms here, not much is certain about Army Lt. Col. Mike Foster's day.

But one thing that is certain is that a hundred yards or so away, down a slope lined by a narrow, worn footpath, are thousands of earthquake survivors who will look to him and his troops for the basics of their survival.

Some nongovernmental estimates say about 50,000 Haitians sleep at night at the foot of this country club and golf course estate that the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, now calls home.

The scene would be spectacular, with sweeping views of the city to the east and the coastal sea to the west, but to the north are some of those hit hardest by last week's earthquake. And many of those left homeless now are gathered at the bottom of Foster's hill, waiting for help.

"I don't know how the day's going to shape up," Foster said. "I know that we're going to be busy. I know that we're going to work real hard, and I'm confident that at the end of the day when the sun goes down, we will have made a difference."

Foster and his squadron of about 300 Soldiers have been on the ground less than two days and already have passed out thousands of meals and bottles of water to the Haitians. At the same time, they're fortifying the abandoned and damaged estate into a military forward operating base.

Helicopters land constantly through the day on an open, grassy spot on the hill, dumping more troops and supplies from their bellies. Soldiers outline the perimeter. A gym becomes a sleeping area. The racquetball courts store troops' equipment. The swimming pool is lined with rucksacks.

Yesterday, the troops made their initial aid drop. They tried at first to move into the survivor camp to deliver the food, but the handful of troops, led by Foster, quickly became engulfed in a sea of screaming survivors. At the sight of some relief, the crowd became excited, and it was clear that the food could not be passed out in the camp. The troops were forced to retreat up the hill, behind their makeshift perimeter lined with white plastic lawn chairs.

Despite the initial chaos of the event,



Soldiers with the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, unload food and water from a Navy helicopter in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Jan. 16, 2010. The Soldiers have set up a forward operating base near the U.S. embassy to begin establishing security and providing humanitarian assistance.

Foster called it a success. Haitian volunteers came forward to organize the distribution and to help in providing security.

"They were ones who got all of the kids up the hill and brought them first, not us. I think that's an enormously positive step," Foster said. "The handful of times you may have seen a guy or two want to get rowdy, they policed those guys up themselves. I think that is very, very important to how this continues to flow."

While the Soldiers may be on the front line of the fight for survival, their first mission is to provide security and help to pave the way for the tremendous amount of humanitarian aid waiting to be pushed forward by organizations around the globe. As some passed out meals, other troops started interviewing local people, helping to identify their needs, surveying the area and feeding information back to higher headquarters that senior officials will need to know to increase the amount of relief in this area.

And with every helicopter that lands comes more troops, more meals and more water.

"We never look away from one [mission] just to do the other," Foster said.

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Community Notes

THURSDAY

JANUARY 21 SAME CHESAPEAKE POST MONTHLY MEETING

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay. The featured speaker is Rich Takacs, restoration manager, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Restoration Center, Annapolis. Takacs will speak on the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Space is limited and reservations are required. RSVP online at www.same-chesapeake.org.

FRIDAY

JANUARY 22 FISH AND CHICKEN DINNERS

The Women's Day Committee of St. James A.M.E. Church, 617 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will sell fish and chicken dinners, 10 a.m. until dinners are sold out. The dinners cost \$10 each. Menu includes fish or chicken, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, green beans and dessert. The pro-

ceeds will benefit the annual Women's Day program. Orders of four or more dinners will be delivered.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-939-2267; for APG orders, call 410-939-1664.

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 6 p.m., game begins 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 BASKET AND PURSE BINGO

Basket and Purse Bingo will be held 7 p.m., at VFW Post 8185, 520 Susquehanna River Road, Port Deposit. Doors open 5:45 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Hope's Angels Relay for Life Team. Door prizes, refreshments, raffles and more will be available. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets cost \$12 and include paper packets for 20 games; extra packs cost \$5 each. Tickets are available at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-642-9297, 410-658-5628 or 410-378-3338.

WHERE DID THEY GO?

Learn what insects do when the cold

weather sets in. Do insects die, fly, 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.

INVASINATORS

Become a part of the volunteer team of invasive plant removers and native plant restorers. Learn why non-native invasive plants are a threat to our ecosystem, how to identify problem plants, and removal and restoration strategies. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves, and work gloves for field work in the reserve each meeting date. Participants will receive an Invasinators T-shirt. This program will be held 10 a.m. to noon for ages 14 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.

"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.

SUNDAY

JANUARY 24 STARRY NIGHT LANTERN

Brighten winter evenings with this three-dimensional starry lantern. Build it and then embellish it for glowing pleasure. This program will be held 2 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. Ages 8 through 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$6 per lantern. Registration is required.

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

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

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own planning purposes. We hope they find the information valuable. As the calendar is viewed, each entry with a red mark in the upper right corner has a call out box which provides further details on the particular event.

For more information or to address problems accessing the calendar, call John Kearney, 410-306-2291, or e-mail john.kearney1@us.army.mil.

OSJA client Services changes hours

Effective Jan. 25, The Client Services Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will change its hours to Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk-in notary, power of attorney, and claim drop off services including in-person and telephonic administrative assistance will only be available between these hours.

The Client Service's Division's needs to devote resources to the Installation Tax Center which is slated to open in early February and the Installation Real Estate Reimbursement Program.

For more information, call 410-278-1583.

Restoration Advisory Board meeting Jan. 28

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., at a new location: Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Biber Road, Edgewood.

The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Westwood Study Area.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line at, 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

Perry Point hosts veterans benefits seminar

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

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

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

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

Basic Boating Classes

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

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

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

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

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

Special concert by Leigh Jones Feb. 9

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) and the "I. A.M. Strong" campaign present a free concert featuring Leigh Jones, 7 p.m., Feb. 9 at the Post Theater. Doors open 6 p.m. This is a free ticketed event and seating is limited. Four tickets per person will be available to be picked up at the Leisure Ticket Office.

The "I. A.M. Strong" campaign empowers Soldiers to "Intervene, Act and Motivate" to prevent sexual assault.

New web-based work request site - VIOS

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

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

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, 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.

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 and select the "TAP Training Registration" tab located under "Retirement Services."

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

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



Sports

USMC doubles up on CHPPM, 70-35 to win basketball season opener



Julius Johnson of the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment goes up for a dunk as James Wassom of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine looks on during their intramural basketball game at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center Jan.13.

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment hit the ground running during its game versus the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and never looked back as it cruised to a 70-35 victory during the first game of the season for both teams at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center Jan. 13.

Player-coach Julius Johnson for USMC was the game's high scorer. The second-year coach is the only returning player from last year's team which finished in third place.

"This team is a lot better than last year's and we're settling for nothing less than first [place] this year," Johnson said.

CHPPM Coach Tyler Long said he

"just stepped up to the plate" and volunteered to lead the team which is all military with one civilian.

"I just told them to keep their heads up and keep playing hard," Long said at halftime when the team was down 32-18.

USMC cruised to its lopsided finish with contributions from Isaacs and Dunbar who had a game-ending 3-pointer at the buzzer to seal the victory.

"We tried to hang in there. We just need to practice and exercise to play. We'll bounce back," said Long.

"It was a good game for us to see what areas we need to improve," Johnson said. "A lot of individual talents haven't even developed yet."

He said he motivates his team by reminding them, "Nobody remembers number two." "It's all or nothing."



Joel Noble of CHPPM snares a rebound over USMC's Eric Whiting, 42. Looking on from left are USMC's Rigoberto Reyes, 32; Victor Rodriguez, 50; and CHPPM's Kelby Mowery.

Defense Acquisition University-Senior Service College Fellowship Program

Story by
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Defense Acquisition University

Department of the Army Civilian (DAC) Acquisition Corps members at the GS 14/15 level or an equivalent grade from APG or Fort Monmouth, N.J., interested in preparing themselves to assume positions of greater responsibility should apply for the 2010-2011 Defense Acquisition University (DAU) managed SSCF Program located at APG.

An information briefing will be held for interested individuals 1 p.m., Feb. 3, in the DAU classroom located in building E-5027, Blackhawk Road in the Edgewood Area.

Interested applicants must apply for consideration.

Fellows will be selected by a centralized selection board. Applicants must

- have a Level III Certification in at least one acquisition functional area;
- have a command endorsement letter from the first General Officer/Senior Executive Service Level in the applicant's chain of command;
- have or be able to obtain a Secret clearance;
- have a bachelor's degree
- be an Army Acquisition Corps member at the time of application;
- be serving in a competitive appointment Tenure Group 1 or 2;
- be identified by one's organization as being on the track for executive-level service;
- and while not mandatory, it is strongly preferred that applicants will have completed the Program Management PMT 352 Course.

APG's inaugural ten-month class with eight fellows began in July 2009. The current cohort of fellows will graduate in May 2010. APG is the third and final DAU-SSCF site to come "on line." The APG program builds upon the lessons learned from the inaugural class as well as earlier academic and programmatic successes accrued by the students and faculty at the DAU-South site located in Huntsville, Ala. and the DAU-Midwest site in Warren, Mich.

The DAU-SSCF Program traces its beginnings to May 15, 2006, when Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Yakovac Jr., director of Acquisition Career Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, announced plans for a DAU-SSCF Pilot Program. The first ten-month class began in Huntsville in August 2006. After a successful completion of the pilot program, Huntsville was approved as a permanent DAU-SSCF Program site. The U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command Life

Cycle Management Command in Warren, Mich., was the second DAU-SSCF Program site and began in July 2007.

The DAU-SSCF is a nationally recognized academic program. The DAU-SSCF Program is designed to prepare senior acquisition civilians in preparation for roles as product and project managers, program executive officers, and other key leadership positions with greater responsibility by providing each fellow with the knowledge, skills, and tools they will need to be successful in future assignments.

Applicants selected for the program will participate in executive leadership training, program management training leading to PMT 401 certification, a senior leadership speaker's program, a national security module, research on acquisition topics and field studies, and a mentoring program with mentors from government and academe, graduate studies, and fellows may opt to participate in an optional master's degree program.

The DAU-SSCF Program is intense but does provide time to "Think and Reflect," a resource that is normally not available in the government work place. Undoubtedly the DAU-SSCF Program provides a unique opportunity for high potential employees interested in continuing to grow personally and professionally.

Applicants, for the upcoming DAU-SSCF cohort, will follow a different submission process rather than the procedure that was used last year. The application and board process for the DAU-SSCF Program will be conducted by the U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center. Applications will be submitted online using the Army Acquisition Professional Development System. AAPDS is an automated application system that can be accessed via the Career Acquisition Management Portal. Individuals will upload their command endorsement letter, SF-50, Performance Appraisal, etc. into the AAPDS. The USAASC has used the AAPDS with each of their other Education and Training programs and past experience has shown that this is an efficient way of soliciting candidates and conducting boards.

Further application information will be released in the upcoming USAASC announcement. The announcement will be posted at the USAASC Web site <http://asc.army.mil>. The expected announcement release date and application open window is tentatively planned for Jan. 21 with the open period running through March 23.

For more information, call Jim Oman, the DAU-SSCF program director, 410-436-7257 or 703-254-3255, e-mail james.oman@dau.mil.

Thrift Shop and APG employees donate to local homeless shelter



Photo by RACHEL PONDER

Lynn Hulick, a volunteer at a local homeless shelter, organizes materials donated by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Thrift Shop, Garrison Public Affairs Office and the APG Mailroom on Dec. 23. "Barbara Layton, manager of the Thrift Store, was kind enough to let us take clothes from the discounted area to donate to the shelter," said Debi Horne, former editor of the APG News, who recently retired. "She does this throughout the year for needy causes. We filled three grocery carts, with coats, sheets, sweaters for both adult genders. In addition, the Thrift Shop just sent \$1,000 in phone cards to the Soldiers overseas using the funds they earned at the shop."



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Child, Youth and School Services summer program

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

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

Fees are based on total Family income.

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

Waiting list applications will not be

distributed or accepted at the Aberdeen Youth Services.

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

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

A \$20 non-refundable deposit is required per child at the time of registration for each week that a parent selects.

There will be no registration fee or changes in fees.

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

Youth Baseball and Tee ball

Boys and girls ages 4 through 12 as of April 30 may register. Cost of registration is \$45 per child for tee ball. Cost of registration is \$35 per child for baseball. Boys and girls ages 4 and 5 may register for tee ball; ages 6 through 8 may register for coach pitch baseball; and boys and girls ages 9 through 12 may register for kids pitch baseball. Practice will start week of April 1. Games will be held weekday evenings and Saturday mornings.

All youths participating in a team sport

must have a current sports physical. Registration will be held from Feb. 3 through Feb. 26 at Central Registration in the Aberdeen Area, building 2752 Rodman Road, 410-278-7571/7479. Walk-in registration will be held 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. After 10:30 a.m., call for an appointment.

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

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

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

SKIES Unlimited

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

Toddler Art

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

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

Cost is \$70 per student.

Tae Kwon Do

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

Classes will be held at the Child, Youth and School Services building 2522, Monday and Wednesday; 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.

Private piano lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 thru 18, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays or Fridays, through 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.

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., 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.

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. 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.

The Bowling Center will have a 5:30 p.m. Monday night bowling league starting Feb. 1. The Center is looking for all interested bowlers and those that are not bowlers as well. Anyone interested in joining should call 410-278-4041.

Call for availability of lanes on discounted days and hours.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

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

Week of Jan. 18

Special #1: Chicken tender sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.25.

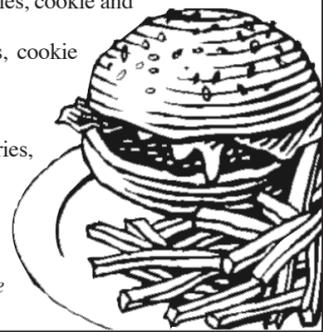
Special #2: Pork barbeque with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.25.

Week of Jan. 25

Special #1: Grand daddy sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$8.75.

Special #2: Italian sausage with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.95.

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



Glory

From front page

"It's something our youth can relate to. Hymns are nice but they don't connect to today's generation."

"It feels good to get up and praise the Lord," added retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Cliff Wiley.

Elder Joel Carter, a sergeant first class with Company C, 22d Chemical Battalion, said it was important for youths to have a strong role in the presentation.

"We try to involve them in all things because they are the future of this com-

munity," Carter said. "We want to impress the values we have been given while they are young to keep them growing in a positive way."

Co-director Ayesha Burch thanked Chaplain (Maj.) Fred Townsend, pastor of the Gospel Service; co-directors Lakeya Brown, Frank Burch and Ebony Sexton; cast members and parents for their support.

"The first few weeks of rehearsal was chaotic but once we got all the scenes and dances organized it all came together," she said.

The Glory Train will be presented again during Black History Month in February. Check the *APG News* for more information.



From left, Zephaniah Belka and Micah Christy perform a pantomime as Kia Fairly leads a dance by the Word of Faith Dance Ministry.



Javon Averett, second from left, leads fellow dancers, from left, Bishop Burch, Varney Carter and Carim Williams in a Glory Train dance by the Young Men's Dance Ministry of the APG Gospel Service.



Gospel Train director Ayesha Burch, as a Glory Train passenger, left, questions Javon Averett, as Mr. Worldly Goods, while they wait at the train station.



During a dance by the Teen Girls Dance Ministry of the APG Gospel Service Desirae Diamond, left and Kayla Watson, right form a gateway to heaven for their sister angels.

Haiti

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"With the assets and capabilities I have right now, I ask myself 'Where can I make the most good?' We're going to take every advantage of every opportunity we can to put aid and relief and supplies on anything that's coming in."

"At the end of the day, the intent is to get relief to the Haitian people," he said.

The need ranges from those who hardly were affected to those whose lives were devastated. Some already have received aid, others have not. Officials have to identify those who need the aid most and get it to them first, Foster said.

"You don't want to turn it into a 'survival of the fittest,' where you find a place that's easy to drop off supplies so you just continue to drop them off there," he said. "The rich in aid get richer. That's going to take some time to fully understand."

Medics also were out helping the injured. One small boy came forward with his head severely bandaged. The Army medic worked to remove the

crusted bandage to reveal the boy's scarred head. The wounds were several, but healing.

"Tell the boy he is handsome, and will be just fine," the medic told the interpreter.

Distribution is much smoother, with the lines less pushed, and flowing more evenly. It appeared, officials said, that the Haitians realized the troops were here to stay, and that if they cooperated, more aid will come.

Much of the calm also can be attributed to the manner in which the Soldiers take on their security duties. The security is far from heavy-handed. The leaders here have said they see no threat from the local people, and they try to project that in their presence. The Soldiers were told to sling their rifles across their backs, rather than holding them in the ready front position as is customary for most of these battle-hardened Soldiers.

Also, no orders are barked. Men are referred to as "Sir," and the women as "Ma'am."

When the crowd became rowdy and tried to push forward, the captain in charge told his troops simply to sit down in the grass and stop passing out the meals. This

quieted the crowd, which quickly realized that if they did not calm down, they would not receive any rations.

"Our guys bring a lot of experience in different kinds of operations, so they know when they need to be more aggressive or have different kind of approach to bring some calm to the group," said Maj. J.T. Eldridge, the squadron operations officer.

"I think the most important thing is to present that sense of calm -- the sense that we're here to help and we're going to continue to help," he said.

In the days after the quake, violence in some areas has impeded such U.S. military relief efforts, Lt. Gen. P.K. "Ken" Keen said. Keen, the top military commander in Haiti, toured the operating base, surveying the layout.

"Security is a fundamental part of humanitarian assistance. You have to have a safe and secure environment in order to be successful," Keen said.

The general was in Haiti when the earthquake hit. He was visiting the ambassador's house, he said. "It seemed like it would never stop, and you could immediately tell this was going to be a major challenge," he said.

The general and the ambassador made their way out of the home, and from their vantage point saw the first glimpse of the damage left in its wake.

"We could see across the city and hear the screams and we could tell from all the dust that this was a tremendous tragedy," he said.

Keen said he called officials at U.S. Southern Command right then to ask for all the help they could deliver. The USS Carl Vinson turned around immediately, making its way toward Haiti.

Keen said he feels and understands the frustration of those who want more aid now.

"Ideally, when daylight came up, we would have been doing this," Keen said referring to the Soldiers handing out water. "But this had to come from all over the world."

Still, with three other such distribution sites set up across the city, Keen said, what these Soldiers are doing is a perfect example of more to come.

"I am satisfied that we are doing everything we can to get the supplies here as fast as we can and getting them to the people," he said. "I'm satisfied that we're doing everything that we can."

Prayer

From front page

done without a spirit of cooperation and a spirit of well being. We have no better time to pause for prayer."

Justice continued by asking attendees to put their trust in God when they face challenges.

"We have a God who cares for all of us and can see a solution to problems that we cannot envision," he said. "Prayer can make a difference in our lives. Pray for our Wounded Warriors and those that serve on the frontlines each and everyday."

After Justice's remarks, Lt. Col. Jonas Vogelhut, from Program Executive Office for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare & Sensors read Psalms 33:12-22 from the Hebrew scriptures.

Chaplain (Capt.) Jonathan Morse, APG Garrison, read 1 Timothy 2:1-3 from the New Testament, and Chaplain (Maj.) Jimmy Davis, from the 20th Support Group read the Prayer for our Soldiers and the Nation, and the AMC Band provided special music.

Colon, who introduced Wright, said that he was glad that Wright was speaking at the prayer luncheon, as he was sup-

portive of the chapel's programs while he was garrison commander. Colon added that Wright was instrumental in the beginning planning stages of BRAC while he was garrison commander.

"He planted the seeds for BRAC," Colon said. "Today he has the opportunity to see the changes that have been made."

During Wright's remarks he said that it was a pleasure to be back at APG.

"This has been and will continue to be a great place to live, serve and play," he said.

Wright said that the announcement of Base Realignment and Closure in May 2005, and celebrating APG's 90th anniversary was the closing of one chapter of the history of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the beginning of another chapter.

Wright asked attendees to work together as APG goes through the changes and continue to support the military.

Wright added that even though he is retired he still continues to support the military.

"It was hard two years ago to walk away, to take the uniform off," he said. "You never give up being a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or a Coast Guardsman."

Wright said that one of the ways that the audience can help the military is by supporting the chapel, because the cha-

pel affects the well-being of the Soldiers and the community, by providing spiritual guidance and support.

Wright said that spiritual service has been important to the military in the past, present, and will continue to be important in the future.

Wright told the audience about a Marine, Cpl. Matthew Munoz, currently deployed in Afghanistan who volunteered to tend to the spiritual well-being of his company. He serves as the company's Catholic lay leader to serve as a faith presence for Catholics and non-Catholics at the camp.

Munoz was asked during his first deployment in Iraq, to become a lay leader because their was a need.

"He is caring for those men and women who are out there serving with him," he said. "And there are many more like them. We all have a call, whether on the installation or off the installation to help out."

Wright said that it is important as we move forward as a nation to keep our values intact and events like the National Prayer Luncheon remind us of the importance of the values upon which our nation was founded.

"Today we look at what it means to be a civil, prayerful society," he said.

Wright concluded that he has enjoyed

seeing the wonderful things that are going on at APG.

"It has been a combined effort," he said. "Seeing things come to fruition is really something else."

Col. Orlando Ortiz, garrison commander, provided closing remarks.

He said that he was glad that so many organizations were in attendance.

"It is important to work together - as we move forward as one and fulfill all of our opportunities," he said.

Master Sgt. Albert Shabty, from the Marine Detachment, said that he liked how the program brought the whole community together.

"This is the first National Prayer Luncheon that I have attended that was for the whole installation," he said. "I liked that we all came together. It was a good time."

Colon added that the National Prayer Luncheon is one time set aside a year that the community comes together to stop and pray and look for God's guidance as the nation moves forward.

"It has been done since the beginning of our nation," he said. "Our ancestors thanked God for protecting them. We celebrate that tradition today. We pray that God continues to bless us with his divine presence."