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Post Shorts

Picerne takes over recycling

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

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



Blood Drive today

ECBC and MRICD are sponsoring an Armed Services Blood Drive Thursday, Jan. 28, at Hoyle Gymnasium, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All blood types are desperately needed. Visit <https://www.militarylifeforce.com/> to sign up. Walk-ins are welcome. Valentine goodies and refreshments will be on hand to celebrate the "have-a-heart" theme.

Restoration Advisory Board meeting tonight

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.

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 can be picked up at the Leisure Ticket Office building 3326 or Stark Recreation Center, building E4140.

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

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.

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DES selects Police Officer of the Year

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

The Directorate of Emergency Services introduced its 2009 Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Officer of the Year during the Garrison Town Hall meeting held at the Post Theater Jan. 22.

Officer Charles H. Volz, who serves as a Marine and Wildlife Enforcement Officer, was recognized before the APG Garrison work force and his family, as the year's top police officer by DES Director Robert Krauer, Garrison and Deputy Installation Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades, Deputy Garrison Commander for Transformation Col. Andrew Nelson, and Deputy to the Garrison Commander Tim McNamara.

"His professional conduct and confidence come through very clearly, very quickly," Ortiz said.

Ortiz added that he recently accompanied Volz on the annual eagle count, which monitors the eagle population at APG.

"You should feel confident and assured that this officer is serving your interests," Ortiz said. "He does it very professionally and very well."

Rhoades said that the APG Police Officer of the Year photo will be placed along with APG Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Soldier of the Year, and Civilian of the Year in building 305, Garrison headquarters.

"This photo will be there as you are a significant member of the team and this award means a lot," Rhoades said. "You are a part of our Family, and make important contributions to this installation."



Photo courtesy of DES
Officer Charles H. Volz holds a hooded eagle that is being studied by the Bald Eagle Research Group from William and Mary College. Hooding the eagle is a non-harmful procedure which aids in calming the bird to a state of slumber.

DES Police Officer of the Year Charles H. Volz

A native of Edgemere, Md., located in southeast Baltimore County, Volz decided to become a police officer because he wanted to give back to the community where he grew up.

Volz graduated from the Baltimore County Police Academy in 1978 and worked for

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Garrison commander addresses AUSA meeting

Story by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander was the guest speaker at the monthly Association of the United States Army meeting at Top of the Bay Jan. 19.

Colonel Orlando W. Ortiz apprised listeners of ongoing changes regarding APG's Transformation and quality of life.

Mary Jane Jernigan, chapter president, hosted the event which featured the posting and retiring of colors by the 61st Ordnance Brigade color guard led by Sgt. 1st Class Frederic Banks and an opening prayer by Chaplain (Maj.) Young Kim, deputy garrison chaplain.

Ortiz praised the chapter for the 18 national awards it earned during 2009 and for its support of APG service members during installation events such as the Year of the NCO kick-off celebration, the Army Birthday Ball, the annual Soldier Appreciation Picnic and the APG Holiday Ball in December as well as for raising more than \$10,000 for Wounded Warrior programs.

In particular he thanked Jernigan and Aberdeen police Chief Randy M. Rudy, the chapter's community liaison, for opening their homes to APG Soldiers over the Christmas holiday season.

"We are truly thankful for the contributions of this chapter," he said.

He offered a quick rundown

of APG goings on starting with Army Family Covenant initiatives.

"While the Army is fighting a war on two fronts, in Iraq and Afghanistan, Ortiz said, it also is working hard to ensure that Soldiers on the home front, on every installation, are treated properly."

Through the Army Family Covenant the focus is on Family members, civilians and contractors as well as Soldiers, he said.

This is being accomplished through funding of existing programs, through the establishment of Army OneSource, a one-stop Web site, "where anyone can reach out and ask critical questions," and through compassionate adjustments to regula-

tions such as the increased hours for care of Exceptional Family Member Program enrollees. He said increased attention to Soldiers' needs, such as the hiring of 191 behavioral healthcare providers attending to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder patients has had "a tremendous impact on Soldiers and their Families."

He said that APG is the last installation to reflect the transition to leased housing with the establishment of Picerne Military Housing which assumed responsibility of on post housing in December.

"We will privatize and hold them accountable," Ortiz said. "I assure you they have a pretty good record and they are doing

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Top of the Bay receives award from popular wedding Web site

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG NEWS

Top of the Bay received a "Best of Weddings" award from the most trafficked one-stop wedding planning Web site on the internet, www.theknot.com.

The award was given to Top of the Bay for being one of the best reception sites in the Baltimore area, as a result of an independent survey taken by thousands of brides and grooms who were recently married in the Baltimore area.

Top of the Bay was also listed in The Knot Best of Weddings 2010 magazine, which is a coast-to-coast guide to the country's top florists, venues, photographers, cakes and more.

According to The Knot's Web Site, to create this publication newlyweds were asked to rate their vendors on multiple criteria from creativity to professionalism to real experiences. The resulting ratings and detailed feedback were totaled by the editors of The Knot to create this one-of-a-kind publication highlighting the best wedding resources in each region according to local brides.

Louise Glose, manager of Top of the

Bay, said that much of the venue's success is due to positive word-of-mouth endorsements, a picturesque setting, and reasonable pricing.

"We offer a million dollar view on a ten dollar budget," said Teri Hall, catering director.

Hall added that catering at the Top of the Bay makes customer service a top priority.

"We constantly want to set the standard higher and to go beyond the customer's expectations," Hall said.

Glose added that the success at Top of the Bay is due to the work of the staff.

"The whole wedding reception is a team effort," Glose said, adding that all active duty military, retirees, and DoD affiliated personnel are authorized to use Top of the Bay for a reception.

"Top of the Bay is a cost-effective elegant alternative in today's economic times for authorized users," she said.

For more information about Top of the Bay catering and services visit www.apgmwr.com/community/totb.html, or contact the catering office at 410-278-2552 or 3062.

2010 Census: especially important to military Families

Story by
SUSAN ANDERSON
Army News Service

With about \$400 billion a year in federal funds at stake, the 2010 Census may prove especially important for the thousands of Army Families who have relocated since 2000 as a result of Base Realignment and Closure, said a 2010 Census media specialist.

The larger the concentration of Families in and around the installations that have experienced growth, the larger the support

system has to be to accommodate them, said Robert Crockett, also a retired Army sergeant first class.

In addition to being a "snapshot of America," the Census is a device by which federal funds are returned to the states and congressional seats are distributed to accommodate state's changing needs, he said.

Military Families living in areas that have experienced significant growth may see the direct and indirect benefits of their participation in the Census through, for example,

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Wilfried J. Adams



Lewis C. Boone



Dr. Joseph J. DeFrank



Regina Dannenfelsler

Retirees honored at January ceremony

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Four civilian employees from the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison participated in a formal retirement ceremony at Top of the Bay Jan. 20.

Wilfried J. Adams and Lewis C. Boone, from the Directorate of Public Works retired with 40 and 18 years respectively. Dr. Joseph J. DeFrank retired from the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center with 25 years of service and Regina Dannenfelsler retired from the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation with 24 years of service.

Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, presided over the ceremony assisted by Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades. Chaplain (Maj.) Young Kim provided the invocation and the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band's brass quintet, led by Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Davis provided music.

Ortiz welcomed those in attendance and remarked that those present in the audience were just a small sample of the grateful population. He said that he is impressed by the careers of the retirees, adding that Aberdeen Proving Ground and the nation are grateful for their service.

"It is an honor to take part in these retirement ceremonies, they mean a lot," he said. "We understand the sacrifices that all of you have made and we understand your commitment and dedication. We truly understand that our nation is better served and is far better than it would have ever been without your service. We wish you all the best."

Wilfried J. Adams

Adams was awarded the APG certificates of retirement and appreciation signed by Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

His wife, Linda, received the APG Certificate of Appreciation. Adams was

born in Coffeyville, Kan. He started working at APG at the age of 12 as a paperboy in the APG base quarters. As a teenager, Adams worked as a bagger at the old commissary.

After high school, Adams voluntarily joined the Army where he served his country honorably for seven years. While enlisted he served as a heavy equipment operator/mechanic, joining the Maryland Army National Guard, Unit 1729, in Harve de Grace. While in the National Guard, he secured a civilian position at APG's Facilities Engineering Directorate now known as the Directorate of Public Works. He has been part of that organization for a total of 40 years, through at least four organizational name changes. He culminates his federal career as a heating and air conditioning mechanic with the Facilities Maintenance and Operations Division, DPW.

Adams also served his community as a volunteer fireman with the Aberdeen Fire Department for decades, and is a member of several military service organizations.

Adams said that during his retirement he plans to do some traveling, including going on some cruises and a trip to Germany.

He said that he is glad he had the opportunity to serve the APG community for most of his life.

"APG will always be my home," he said.

Lewis C. Boone

Boone was awarded the APG certificates of retirement and appreciation signed by Col. Orlando W. Ortiz APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

His wife, Audrey, received the APG Certificate of Appreciation. Boone was born in Baltimore and attended Calvert Hall College and Essex Community College. He worked for Bethlehem Steel, Bendix Corporation and Structural Steel Inc. before beginning his federal service in 1991, where he worked for the Direc-

torate of Public Works, Utilities Branch as a heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanic.

Boone's retirement plans include traveling to Florida and Ireland, and spending time with family.

"Retirement is an adjustment, but it feels great," he said.

Dr. Joseph J. DeFrank

DeFrank was awarded the APG certificates of retirement and appreciation signed by Col. Orlando W. Ortiz APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

His wife, Linda Koser, received the APG Certificate of Appreciation.

DeFrank was born in Rochester, N.Y. where he attended St. John Fisher College receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1968. He then began graduate studies at the University of Miami but was drafted and spent 1969-1970 in the Army to include a tour of duty in Vietnam. Returning to graduate school he received a Ph.D. in Biochemistry in 1975. Following a post-doctoral appointment, he spent seven years in industrial research positions.

He began his federal career in 1984 as a GS-12 Research Chemist at the Chemical Research & Development Center at APG. Upon his retirement he had achieved a position of a GS-15 Senior Research Biologist at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

In his twenty-five plus years at ECBC, DeFrank developed an international reputation in the use of biotechnology for the destruction of chemical and biological agents. He has served as a member or chairman of several NATO research groups. During his career he published more than fifty open literature publications, one hundred government publications and has received seven patents based on his scientific work. He received numerous awards for his activities including a Department of the Army Research & Development Achievement Award and Excellence in Federal Career

Award from the Baltimore Federal Executive Board.

DeFrank's plans after retirement include moving permanently to Sarasota, Fla., where he and his wife have a home, and doing some part-time consulting.

"It has been a pleasure working here," he said. "The work that I have been involved in here has been really exciting."

Regina Dannenfelsler

Dannenfelsler was awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service and APG Certificates of Appreciation and Retirement signed by Ortiz.

Her husband, retired Maryland National Guard Brig. Gen. Joseph Dannenfelsler, received the APG Certificate of Appreciation.

Dannenfelsler was born in Ware, Mass., and grew up in a military family, where she traveled from duty station to duty station including a three-year tour in Istanbul, Turkey. She graduated from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland and accepted a position at the Albany County New York Department of Social Services while her husband served in Vietnam.

Dannenfelsler began her federal career in 1985 as the first professional director of the Edgewood Area Child Development Center. During the course of her federal career she advanced from a facility manager, to the Child Development Services Branch chief, to the Child/Youth School Services Division chief.

From May 2004 until April 2005 and again from June 2006 until July 2008, Dannenfelsler served as the acting director of the U.S. Army Garrison Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate.

During her career Dannenfelsler received the Superior Civilian Service Award for her performance as the chief of Child and Youth Services and as acting director of FMWR.

"It has been a very rewarding career at APG and I am looking forward to a very rewarding retirement," Dannenfelsler said.

ARL Sergeant Major retires after 30 years of service

Story by **SARAH MAXWELL**
ARL/ADLO

Emotions ran high as Camden, N.J., native Sgt. Maj. Steve Hornbach, the U.S. Army Research Laboratory's former senior enlisted advisor, said good-bye to the military at his retirement ceremony and dinner in November after three decades of service to the nation.

"On a personal note," said ARL Director John Miller at the ceremony, "it's been an honor to work with such a brave Soldier. Steve has shown tremendous leadership, not just with the Soldiers but also with the (ARL) civilians."

Hornbach thanked everyone for a long and rewarding Army career -- from his first mentors as a private, to his commanders, to all of the ARL employees he worked with. But, he gave a special thanks to his wife of 20 years, Debbie.

"Thirty years have gone by in a flash," said Hornbach to his guests at the ceremony. "I love the Army and everything I've done."

"But, this isn't just my retirement," he added, referring to the demands his career had on his wife. "NCOs are the backbone of the Army, and my wife is the backbone of me."

He also dedicated a poem to Debbie about the enormity of strength and character she showed in her support.

"I'm very proud of him," said Debbie. "He's a great man, great husband and great supporter."

Hornbach's Army career may have concluded at ARL, but it began when he entered active duty when he was just a teenager in March 1980. From there he worked across the country and was stationed around the world.

Some of his previous assignments include multiple tours in Germany as a squad leader and platoon sergeant; first sergeant in both the 554th Engineer and 40th Engineer Battalions; deployments to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Iraq, among many other duties.

"I've traveled the world and had a great time," he said.

Hornbach used a lesson he learned while on a mission in the jungles of Central America to sum up his experience in the Army.

He and his platoon were marching in formation on what seemed like an amazingly smooth trail going through the thick, tropical vegetation in Panama.

"I was at the back of the formation, and said 'boy, this is a really nice path,'"

Hornbach recalled. "They then pulled me to the front of the formation, gave me (a machete) and told me 'here, make this path.'"

While holding many distinguished NCO positions, the sergeant major said he found his true calling in training and caring for Soldiers where his personal philosophy as a leader could shine.

"As a Soldier and leader, I've always believed we work for our Soldiers," said Hornbach.

He distinguished himself as a drill sergeant with the 13th Infantry Battalion at Fort Jackson, S.C., where he was selected as drill sergeant of the cycle twice. He also trained more than 29,000 Soldiers deploying to Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom at the 3rd Battalion, 315th Regiment in New Cumberland, Pa., before arriving at ARL three years ago.

Contributions to ARL

After coming to ARL Hornbach took the reins as the senior enlisted advisor, filled in as the RDECOM command sergeant major for about six months, and volunteered for a deployment to Iraq as part of a Field Assistance in Science and Technology team. FAST teams get feedback on military equipment directly from Soldiers.

"It was an opportunity to deploy to support the warfighter's technology," said Hornbach. "If we saved one Soldier's life, it was worth it."

After learning more about the organization that he originally knew nothing about, Hornbach said he understood how important ARL was and made it his commitment to have the Soldiers who are assigned to the laboratory be an integral part of the research.

He pushed Soldiers and scientists to communicate with each other and never shied away from telling the laboratory researchers what he or his Soldiers thought about a technology.

"(He's) been indispensable," Miller said to the audience. "We're doing a better job supporting Soldiers today because of the critical role he played at ARL."

"Your legacy will live on here," said Miller.

The laboratory is a unique assignment for a Soldier, and less than a few dozen service members work directly for the laboratory, which is why Hornbach said his and other service members' roles were so important.

"You can do three jobs in the military," he said. "You can fight, you can

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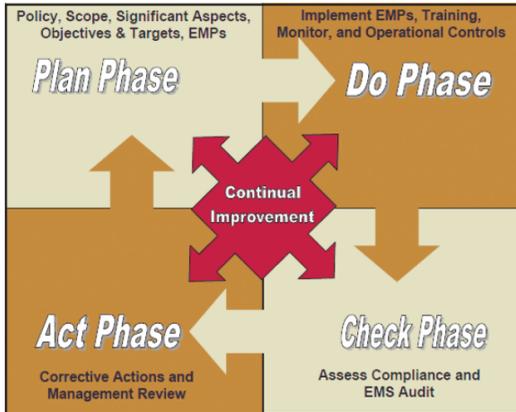
Environmental Management System

Environmental system is for all

Story by
BARBARA SEKER
DPW

What is an Environmental Management System? Environmental Management System is “the part of the overall management system that includes organizational structure, planning activities, responsibilities, practices, procedures, processes and resources for developing, implementing, achieving, reviewing, and maintaining the environmental policy.”

The Aberdeen Proving Ground EMS uses a Plan-Do-Check-Act continual improvement management system patterned after the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001:2004, Environmental Management Systems – Requirement with guidance for use.



Environmental Policy

The APG Environmental Policy documents the installation’s principles of environmental performance and expresses a commitment to environmental compliance, pollution prevention and continual improvement.

This policy provides the framework for setting environmental objectives.

The environmental policy is communicated to all employees working for or on behalf of APG and is made available to the public. The current policy is available on the APG website at: https://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/HumanResources/ASD/apg_memo.html and is titled **DSHE-07 Environmental**.

The establishment and maintenance of a robust EMS at APG is critical to the successful installation-wide integration of environmental requirements into daily operations. The APG Garrison and garrison supported organizations (GSO) integrate this EMS depending on the environmental aspects associated with their activities, products or services. All activities that are conducted within the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas of APG are included within the scope of this EMS.

Environmental Aspects

Environmental aspects are elements of APG’s activities, products or services that can interact with the environment (e.g., air emissions). The APG environmental aspects are based on the garrison and GSO activities.

The garrison and GSOs whose activities may cause substantial environmental impacts are required to manage their activities in accordance with all applicable legal and other requirements and applicable APG EMS requirements. The current prioritized significant environmental aspects for APG are listed below.

- Air Emissions – alternative work schedule, carpooling/vanpooling, public transportation and/or shuttles.
- Energy – Energy Action Team – reduce energy consumption and promote renewable energy
- National Environmental Policy Act – maintains compliance and promotes ease of use for planning purposes.

Objectives, Targets, and Programs

Environmental objectives are overall environmental goals that APG sets for itself to minimize its environmental impacts. Environmental targets are more detailed performance requirements, applicable to APG arising from its environmental objectives. Objectives and targets are regularly reviewed and revised as necessary to reflect desired improvements in environmental performance. Objectives and targets focus on reducing selected significant impacts, make sure you are focused on the right priorities (real environmental impacts, compliance), and integrate well with existing environmental, health and safety strategic planning processes as well as Lean Six Sigma.

Training

At a minimum, all individuals working on APG are required to have EMS awareness knowledge. All organizations are responsible for identifying required environmental training, documenting the training received and evaluating the effectiveness of that training.

Environmental awareness training is designed to present general environmental information, including a review of the APG Environmental Policy and significant environmental aspects. The APG environmental awareness training is available on-line at www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/elearning.cfm.

The Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, will offer this required training the first Monday of each month in building E5771 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Class size is limited to 20 people.

Contact Barbara Seker, 410-436-9239, or e-mail barbara.seker@us.army.mil to sign up for the class. If there is a high volume of requests an additional class can be added. For large organizations that cannot connect to the EMS training. The Environmental Division will be able to come to a location of choice and give the training.

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train Soldiers to fight, or you can work on the technologies to help Soldiers fight.”

“I’ve done them all,” he added. “This job is the culmination of my career.”

Moving On

Along with his distinguished service, military education, Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Awards, among many other accolades, Hornbach recently finished

his bachelor’s degree in human resource management.

Although Hornbach formally retires in March, he left ARL in mid-December and is focused on finding a civilian job continuing what he loves to do the most -- serve Soldiers.

“I want to use my experience, knowledge, and expertise within the engineering field and technology field to better (equip) Soldiers,” he said.

With Hornbach looking toward his next challenge, Sgt. Maj. Timothy Weatherspoon took the reins as ARL senior enlisted advisor in the fall.



Go to
<http://ice.disa.mil>.
Click on “ARMY”
then
“Aberdeen Proving
Ground.”

Community Notes

FRIDAY

**JANUARY 29
YOUTH ENTRY LEVEL JOB
FAIR**

Aberdeen Workforce Center is hosting a job fair for ages 18 to 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the center, 34. N. Philadelphia Blvd, Aberdeen. For more information call Sylvia Matusiak, 410-939-4240.

SATURDAY

**JANUARY 30
VALENTINE BAZAAR**

There will be a Valentine Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Joan of Arc Church Hall, 257 S. Law Street, Aberdeen. Shop for gifts for that special someone for Valentine's Day. Proceeds from the bazaar go toward the St. Joan of Arc Golden Knights basketball team's gym rental fees.

For more information, call 410-272-1387.

HIBERNATION HIKE

Stalk the Discovery Trail as a hibernator and learn the who, what, when, where, why and how of animal hiber-

nation. This program will be held 1 to 2 p.m. for ages 5 to 12. The cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required.

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

RIVER'S EDGE WREATH

Troll along the shoreline for natural treasures to incorporate into a wreath that will be a reminder of special days on Otter Point Creek. This program will be held 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 10 to adult. The cost is \$8 per wreath. 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.

FULL MOON HIKE

There is nothing like a hike with a full moon. Join a naturalist on a Night Hike through the Leight Center's trails and enjoy the sights, sounds, smells (and tastes) of winter. This program will be held 7 to 9 p.m. for ages 7 to adult. The cost is \$2 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.

MONDAY

**FEBRUARY 1
GUNPOWDER TOASTMASTERS**

The Gunpowder Toastmasters will meet 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m., in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility in building E-4516 Seminar Room.

Toastmasters can help people improve communication, leadership, evaluation, and public-speaking skills in a fun and friendly environment. Gunpowder Toastmasters meet the first and third Monday of each month (unless the date falls on a federal holiday). For directions, visit <http://gunpowder.freetoasthost.info>.

For more information, call Dave Garcia 410-436-5013 or Carmen Kifer, 410-436-8969.

WEDNESDAYS

**FEBRUARY 3 THRU 24
NATURE'S PLAYGROUP**

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

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

SATURDAY

**FEBRUARY 6
TRAIL TOTS**

Explore and focus on the forest in winter. Bundle up! This free program will be held 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 0 to 4. Registration is required.

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

SUNDAY

**FEBRUARY 14
PURSE BINGO**

Purse Bingo will be held 2:30 p.m.,

at Prince of Peace Church, 2600 Wiltoughby Beach Road, Edgewood. Doors open 1:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets are required for admission for all ages. Cost includes 20 regular games. Raffles, baked goods, refreshments and a split-the-pot coverall will be offered. Three special games sold separately. Proceeds benefit the Faith Formation Program for Children and Youth. No smoking is allowed.

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

VALENTINE'S BANQUET

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

This event will be a formal affair with dining, music and door prizes. Cost of the banquet is \$60 per couple; childcare will be provided starting 4:30 p.m., for children ages 0 to 10 years old at Bread of Life Church. For more information, call Jennifer at 410-272-7818 or Bread of Life Church at 410-273-1660.

SUNDAY

**FEBRUARY 28
PARENTS CAMP AND
EDUCATION FAIR**

County Parents Magazine will host its eighth annual County Parents Camp and Education Fair, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the John Carroll High School, 703 Churchville Road, Bel Air. This free, fun-filled event will feature a variety of exhibitors offering summer activities and camps from around the region and is designed to be a great resource for Families. Families can find out and sign up for programs specializing in sports, academics, education, science and nature, and the arts. There will also be fun children's entertainment, demonstrations, prizes and giveaways, and the largest collection of camps, schools and summer activities under one roof. For more information visit www.countyparents.com or call 410-893-1511.

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

LEAVE DONATIONS

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

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Audrey Alba	Bennie Ford	Deborah Moore
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Jason Burr	Kari Jackson	Anna Smelley
John Daigle	Angela Lambert	Cherie Trees
Meg Downey	Anthony Lee	Luis Villafane
Wayne Erb	Colin McCloskey	Victoria Yates-Sparks

POST SHORTS

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.

OSJA client Services changes hours

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

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

For more information, call 410-278-1583.

American Sign Language class to start

A lunch time Basic American Sign Language class will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Tuesday, Feb. 9 through May 4 in the conference room in building 1950 on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The class is for beginners to advanced students. The class text book, "ABC: A Basic Course in American Sign Language," can be purchased online or from

a book store. To receive credit for the class, military and civilian personnel must complete 10 sessions and submit SF 182. There is no fee for the class. Obtain supervisor approval as needed. Bring your own lunch.

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

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.

Black History Month Specialty Meal Feb. 16

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

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

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

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

with raisins, pecan pie, sweet potato pie, soft serve ice cream and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

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

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.

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

Fellowship Program takes applications

Defense Acquisition University is taking applications from Army Civilian Acquisition Corps members, in the Aberdeen Proving Ground or Fort Monmouth areas for the 2010-2011 Senior Service College Fellowship Program at APG.

Fellows will be selected by a centralized selection board. Applicants must, in addition to being a member of the Acquisition Corps at the GS 14, 15 or equivalent grades must be within a Demonstration Project or the National Security Personnel System and:

- 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.

Applications will be taken by the

U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center. Apply online using the Army Acquisition Professional Development System accessed via the Career Acquisition Management Portal. Individuals will upload their command endorsement letter, SF-50, Performance Appraisal, etc. into the AAPDS.

Fellows 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 may opt to participate in an optional master's degree program.

Further application information will be released in the upcoming USAA-SC announcement. The announcement will be posted at the USAASC website <http://asc.army.mil>. Applications will be accepted through March 23.

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

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



Photo by LA'MONT HARBISON, M/VSIC

Greg Wheeler, Boy Scout Troop 777 scout master, right, presents Zeke J. Dumm, with a certificate elevating him to the rank of Eagle Scout during an Eagle Court of Honor at Bel Air United Methodist Church Jan. 17. Dumm's parents, Larry and Dawn look on with pride. Larry Dumm is the former chief of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison's Visual Information Services Division.

Bel Air teen attains Eagle Scout after leading APG community service projects

Story by
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APG News

Bel Air teenager Zeke J. Dumm passed his Eagle Board of Review in August 2009 and was formally welcomed to the rank of Eagle Scout during a ceremony at Bel Air United Methodist Church Jan. 17.

Boy Scout Troop 777 hosted the Eagle Court of Honor. Dumm is the son of Lawrence Dumm, former chief of the Visual Information Services Division which came under the former Directorate of Information Management.

Zeke Dumm's Eagle Scout Leadership Project supported the Aberdeen Proving Ground Environmental Office. He led nearly 30 scouts and volunteers in the construction of a walking trail with interpretive signs in the woods designat-

ed as a five-acre mature forest preservation area near the Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area. Prior to the project, only 300 feet of the new 1,000-foot trail existed. Over the course of the project, seven permanent interpretive signs and two trailhead entry signs were designed and constructed in May and June 2009.

Dumm thanked his family, scout leaders, fellow scouts and volunteers for their support, including John Wrobel of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, the project's sponsor.

"We conserved an important spot on post with this new walking trail," Dumm said. "I hope this project influences younger scouts to achieve their Eagle rank with honor.

"I want to thank all the adult leaders and parents who were involved with the troop and continued to make it successful during my years with the troop and all those who made this Court of Honor possible.

"I will always remember this along with my scouting experience, as a thrilling one."

Zeke received official citations and proclamations from Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley; former presidents George W. Bush, George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter; Maryland Senators Benjamin Cardin and Barbara Mikulski; Pope Benedict XVI; Maryland delegates; the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Army Chief of Staff and others.



Chapel News

Commentary - A cure for heartburn

Story by

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APG Chapel

Years ago there used to be a commercial on TV that went something like this, "How do you spell RELIEF?" The announcer then spelled out letter by letter, "R - O - L - A - I - D - S." This was for the popular heartburn remedy at the time—Rolaids. This hit home with a lot of folks, so ROLAIDS became a national best seller.

I would like to pose a similar question to all of you: "How do you spell SUFFERING . . . C - H - A - N - G - E." Yes, that's right—CHANGE!

Through the years I have come to the conclusion that at the very heart of the nature of suffering is CHANGE. Change produces suffering—change is suffering.

Many changes occur in life as a matter of course—this is normal: our nation's economy has been dealt a serious blow, Iran is threatening world peace, the Afghan war is surging and Haiti has suffered a serious earthquake that has deeply disturbed every caring heart—just to name a few. This has produced much anxiety and uncertainty. In other words—this has produced suffering. On the per-



sonal side, many of us have had changes within our own families, undergoing terrible things such as: deaths, divorces and personal injury, even delightful things such as marriage, childbirth, and more. All of these things, both terrible and delightful alike, have one thing in common—CHANGE. Remember, change is suffering.

It's hard to believe that something good can produce suffering, but it does! The story is told (in fact a movie was made of this) that a man born blind was able to have his condition medically reversed. This was a modern miracle! How wonderful—right? Wrong! His blind world made sense to him. He knew where everything was—everything was familiar to him.

In his newly discovered sighted world he had no depth perception; colors seem to just run together. The world was a blur. He tripped constantly, hurting himself often. Finally, he could take no more of this—he could not embrace this new reality. He wanted his familiar world of blindness back—so his operation was reversed.

"How odd" one might say. Is it really that odd?

Change destroys familiarity, producing uncertainty, stress and anxiety. We are creatures of habit, who love familiarity and predictability. We have observed those who have lost sight, movement, or limb go through this process of suffering.

Anyone who has lost a significant person has experienced the process of learning how to live without their loved one. This is called grieving. Grieving is the process of accepting the change. Once we embrace the change as the new normal, suffering will begin to diminish. There is a grieving process to all change.

Please allow me to offer a few suggestions that might help when change comes our way—and it will! First, we need to realize that the sense of suffering is always there when change is at hand—this is normal.

In time all changes will become the new norm and the sense of suffering will ease and eventually disappear. Learn to take each day at a time, knowing that each day eases us closer to this new norm.

Second, we need to learn to embrace the change. Often times—try as we might—we cannot change our new reality—we feel powerless! This in turn causes us to become frustrated, leading to anger and eventually to discouragement and depression. The sooner we embrace the change, the quicker we will learn to adjust, thus easing our suffering.

Third, we need to release that which we lost—we need to let it go! Don't get stuck! We need to release our hold of the belief that we can somehow "get even" in life where a perceived injustice has occurred. Sometimes life is unfair. To release means to forgive. We may need to forgive someone who we believe has brought this change about. This someone could be a friend, spouse, boss or it can even be God Himself. Only when we forgive can we begin to move on—and we MUST move on in life. Don't stay stuck! Remember the disabled Lieutenant Dan in Forest Gump?

Fourth, we need to adjust our lives accordingly by looking for new possibilities—this is the process of moving on. I have seen the paralyzed ski and legless run marathons! Life can be quite an adventure.

In my own life there are many life-changing events that I now look back on with a sense of thanksgiving, proving that in the end I agree with the wisdom of my life's new course. This does not mean that I want to go through these life changing events again!

Finally, we must stand on that which is unchangeable—namely, the Lord God Himself. The Bible says, "If I do not stand firm in my faith, I will not stand at all." We must persevere in our faith in God "Who changes NOT!!!"

There is one absolute certainty about life—change will occur! This is also true about the Army.

The life we have chosen as Soldiers is often filled with even more change than the average American family.

Please take some of these things that we have discussed to heart. Take each day one day at a time and trust the process and work at the process. May this relieve your heartburn—God Bless You ALL!

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From front page

a pretty good job."

Changes within Child and Youth Services includes standardization of cost for Families whether using on or off post facilities, he said, and he commended other Garrison team members including Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades; Col. Andrew B. Nelson, deputy installation commander for Base Realignment and Closure who ensures that all construction efforts associated with BRAC are exe-

cutted on time and within budget and Mike Lupacchino, director of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation who is challenged to provide Soldier and Family services comparable to what is available off the installation. In line with this are recent renovations and upgrades to the golf courses, upcoming renovation to the Top of the Bay, Hoyle Gym and the Aberdeen Athletic Center. Another significant change will be the addition of another Child Development Center, Ortiz said.

He said the Enhanced Use Lease in the area of the CACI building, which is designed to accommodate personnel from Fort Monmouth, is adding addi-

tional facilities and that the funds the partnership will provide will allow the installation to improve existing infrastructure on both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

"The amount of money we envision coming forward [from EUL] will allow for a much improved APG," Ortiz said.

Efforts to accommodate the growing civilian population include bringing AAFES together to see how to better serve the community and increasing Civilian Welfare funding.

Construction projects such as the C4ISR campuses, the new U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Headquarters and the new U.S. Army Medical

Research Institute of Chemical Defense, are well underway and on time, he added.

Ortiz closed with a reminder of the downside of progress. He said that progress also means the community must say farewell to organizations such as the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and Army Environmental Command as well as the Army Materiel Command Band which will relocate to AMC headquarters, he added.

"I hope this information is helpful to you," he said. "This is a great installation with a great future and the Garrison team will always be happy to address any concerns you might have."



Health Notes

Morale, mental health better in Iraq than Afghanistan

Story by
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Army News Service

While the mental health and morale of Soldiers in Iraq is improving, according to the latest study, more behavioral-health providers are needed in Afghanistan.

The sixth Mental Health Advisory Team, or MHAT 6 report, provides a “snapshot” of the morale and behavioral health of Soldiers deployed last spring and during the early summer in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Lt. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, Army surgeon general and commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command.

A total of 2,442 Soldiers were surveyed in Iraq between December 2008 and March 2009 for MHAT 6, along with 154 mental-health providers. In Afghanistan, 1,549 surveys were collected from Soldiers between April and June of 2009, along with 31 from mental-health providers. In addition, teams of research psychologists, social workers, nurses and other mental-health professionals conducted focus-group interviews and examined data in theater.

Iraq improving, Afghan trend opposite

The MHAT 6 study found the mental health of Soldiers in Iraq better than at any time since the first such survey there in 2004, Schoomaker said during a media roundtable Nov. 13. He added, however, that marital problems were increasing, especially among Soldiers with multiple deployments.

Moreover, morale issues and mental-health problems in Afghanistan had increased significantly since 2005, he said, along with an increased exposure

to combat there.

Only three such MHAT studies have been conducted in Afghanistan, Schoomaker said, and reports indicate unit morale rates there are lower than in 2005 and 2007.

About 14 percent of Soldiers deployed in Afghanistan had psychological problems, according to the report. Just under 12 percent of the Soldiers in Iraq reported psychological problems such as acute stress, depression and anxiety.

A “normal” rate of psychological problems would be about 10 percent among a non-deployed population, Schoomaker said, noting this was based on a study in the New England Journal of Medicine.

More providers needed

The MHAT 6 study calls for an increase in mental-health providers, especially in Afghanistan. Currently there is one mental-health provider for every 1,123 Soldiers deployed in Afghanistan. Schoomaker said he would like the ratio to be one provider for every 700 Soldiers.

“In Afghanistan, we’re finding a tyranny of terrain, and weather makes it difficult to move Soldiers to where care can be delivered,” Schoomaker said.

The dispersion of Soldiers to remote forward operating bases makes it difficult for mental health-care providers to reach the troops, said Lt. Col. Paul Bliese, the director for the Division of Psychiatry and Neuroscience at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and the officer who led the MHAT 6 study.

He said there is typically one mental health-care provider in Afghanistan for each brigade combat team. If that provider travels to remote combat out-

posts to administer care, it leaves the big FOB uncovered, he said. Thus MHAT 6 recommends a “dual provider” model which would assign an additional behavioral health-care provider to each BCT.

The study recommends each battalion be assigned a behavioral health advocate – an NCO who has been trained in the basics of behavioral health. In addition, it recommends a senior NCO behavioral-health technician at the brigade level, and the assignment of behavioral-health professionals to National Guard BCTs.

Stigma: Maneuver vs. Sustainment

Significant differences were found between Soldiers in maneuver units and sustainment units. While combat units were more likely to have a higher rate of mental-health problems, sustainment units had a higher rate of marital problems.

Soldiers in combat units were also less likely to seek mental-health care and were more likely to perceive a stigma associated with it, according to the study.

“Stigma is a resistant problem,” Schoomaker said, “and a tough problem to tackle.” He said there’s a certain culture among combat troops that makes stigma “a tough nut to crack.”

Overall, there’s been a small but steady decrease in stigma over the past five years, Bliese said.

“This year, unfortunately, we didn’t see the trend hold out,” he said.

Marital problems, dwell time

Marital problems overall have been increasing each year since the first MHAT study in 2004. This year 16 percent of Soldiers surveyed reported plans to divorce or separate.

Dwell time at home between deployments is a significant factor when it comes to both marital and mental-health problems, according to the study.

MHAT 6 states that two years between deployments will return a unit to almost the normal rate of mental-health issues. With a dwell time of 30-36 months, a unit will be completely normal, Schoomaker said.

Resiliency improves mental health, morale

The MHAT 6 teams also identified coping skills that help build resiliency during deployments. The Battlemind training has improved coping skills, officials said.

The study found that two hours of Internet connectivity or gaming in off-duty hours was likely to improve morale and mental health, while excessive gaming did just the opposite. The one thing that could be done in excess and still improve mental health was physical-fitness training, according to the study.

The availability of gyms, morale-welfare and recreation facilities and good food all contributed to morale, Bliese added.

While the study looked at both officer and NCO leadership, Bliese said good officer leadership was found to be a significant factor in platoons that were deemed “resilient.” These were platoons with a high rate of combat exposure, without a corresponding high rate of combat stress or anxiety, Bliese said.

The study recommended that new resiliency training be developed and validated. The report went on to state that several groups are now working to test such training.

APG School Liaison

Scholarship opportunities abound

Applying for scholarships can save a significant amount of money, which is especially important during uncertain economic times. Listed below are just a few scholarship opportunities that are due in January and February. Check future issues of the *APG News* for other scholarship announcements. Students can also visit fastweb.com for a list of scholarships and tips on applying. A list of College Savings Plans nights for Harford County Public Schools can be found at www.hcps.org.

The Defense Commissary Agency's 2010 Scholarships for Military Children Program

The program is a way for commissaries to get involved with the community and demonstrate support and respect for the contributions of military Families.

Amount: minimum of \$1,500 awarded per commissary (more than one scholarship may be awarded at some commissaries)

Eligibility: Only dependent, unmarried children, younger than age 21 (age 23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military members, survivors of service members who died while on active duty, or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military may apply for a scholarship. The applicant must be planning to attend, or already be attending, an accredited college or university full time in the fall of 2010, or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. Applicants must submit an essay answering the following: “You can travel back in time; however, you cannot change events. What point in history would you visit, and why?” Once the essay and the application are completed the applicant must print out and hand-carry or mail it to their local commissary. Applicants may only apply to one commissary.

How to apply: Scholarships are available in commissaries worldwide or online through a link at www.commissaries.com and directly at www.militaryscholar.org.
Deadline: Feb. 17 (close of business day)

The UPromise Scholarship Program

Amount: 2,500 to 100 students

Open to UPromise members or children of UPromise members who are high school seniors or college undergraduates, and who will be enrolled in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school during the 2010-2011 school year. Applicants must be United States citizens or legal residents, have a family adjusted gross income of \$80,000 or less, and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent).

Applications and information: www.UPromise.com
Deadline: Feb. 15

Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouses Scholarship

Sponsor: National Military Family Association
Amount: Ranges from \$500 to \$1,000

Eligibility: Any uniformed service spouse-active duty, retired, National Guard or survivor. Scholarships can be used for vocational or technical programs, English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) classes, and associates, bachelors, and graduate degree programs. Distance learning classes (i.e. on-line programs) are included.

Important note: Applicants have 25 minutes to complete the online application process. It is recommended that applicants write answers ahead of time, then copy

and paste them in the appropriate box. If they exceed the 25 minute limit, the application will time out, the already submitted information will be lost, and they will have to start over.

How to apply: visit www.nmfa.org. Applications will only be accepted online.

Deadline: Jan. 31

Best Buy @ 15 Scholarship program

Amount: 1,500

Eligibility: Eligibility Best Buy is giving back to the community by giving scholarships to 1,000 students grades 9 to 12 living in the United States or Puerto Rico who plan to enter a full-time or under graduate course of study upon high school graduation.

How to apply: www.bestbuy.com/scholarships.

Deadline: Feb. 15

The USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships

USA Funds sponsored scholarships, are open to financially needy students who are high school seniors, undergraduates, or graduate students. Applicants must be United States citizens or legal residents enrolled at least half time as an undergraduate, or full time as a graduate student, in an accredited institution and not in default on a student loan. Details regarding the 2010 program are available at www.usafunds.org.

How to apply: visit www.scholarshipamerica.org/usafunds.

Deadline: Feb. 15

The Dr. Robert H. Goddard Memorial Scholarship

Sponsor: The National Space Club

Amount: \$10,000

This scholarship is in memory of Dr. Robert H. Goddard, America’s rocket pioneer. The scholarship is presented at the Goddard Memorial Dinner each spring, for the following academic year. The award is given to stimulate the interest of talented students in the opportunity to advance scientific knowledge through space research and exploration.

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, in at least the junior year of an accredited university, and have the intention of pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in science or engineering during the interval of the scholarship. Visit Web site, <http://www.spaceclub.org/goddard.html>, for more information.

How to apply: Applicants should apply by letter and provide the necessary date requested above no later than Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, to:

National Space Club/Goddard Scholarship
2025 M Street, N.W., Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20036

Deadline: January 4

Other educational opportunities

Princeton University Summer Journalism Program

The program’s goal is to diversify college and professional newsrooms by encouraging outstanding students from low-income backgrounds to pursue careers in journalism. The 2010 program will run from Friday, July 30, to Monday, Aug. 9.

Amount: Program is free, including transportation costs.

Eligibility: Must currently be a junior in high school, have at least an unweighted 3.5 grade point average (out of 4.0) and an interest in journalism. The combined income of custodial parents(s)/ guardians(s) plus child

support payments, if any, must not exceed \$45,000.

(Note: This program is for students from under-resourced financial backgrounds. If the combined income of your custodial parent(s)/guardian(s) plus child support payments, if any, exceeds \$45,000 and you still wish to apply, you may attach a statement explaining why you believe your family qualifies as financially under-resourced.)

How to apply: visit www.princeton.edu/sjp

Deadline: Feb. 5

The Art of Being a Military Child

The Military Child Education Collation seeks to promote the arts by featuring the great works of military children. Each year children are asked to submit work that can be utilized in the MCEC’s publications, conferences, and other activities. Included in the request for work from military-connected children, kindergarten through high school, are artwork, film, and writing (essays, poetry, and short stories). Artwork in the visual arts is featured at the MCEC’s national conference each year. It is utilized in the *On The Move* magazine, the annual calendar, the conference program and other MCEC publications.

For more information: www.militarychild.org/child-student/

Deadline: All submissions should be postmarked no later than Feb. 26

George Washington University Science & Engineering Apprenticeship Program

This program places academically talented high school students with interest in science and math in the Department of Defense laboratories for an eight-week period over the summer. This is an invaluable experience in the world of scientific research, with hands-on exposure to scientific and engineering practices not available in the high school environment. Daily transportation is the student’s responsibility. Program runs from June 22 to Aug. 14.

Amount: \$2,000 (paid apprenticeship)

Eligibility: Students must be at least a 16 years old sophomore or junior, with a minimum GPA 3.0, and a teacher recommendation to the program director for consideration. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

For more information and to apply: www.usaeop.com

Deadline: Feb. 26

Leadership training opportunity

The Coca-Cola Pre-College Leadership Program

Sponsor: The Leadership Center at Morehouse College there are two programs, one for male students completing their sophomore or junior year, the other for male students completing their senior year. The curriculum focuses on personal and interpersonal leadership skills. The program runs from June 20 to 26.

Amount: Cost is \$400. The fee includes meals, housing and all materials. The program fee is due April 23 (after applicants are notified of acceptance into the program). Payment is required in the form of a cashier’s check or money order.

Eligibility: Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

To apply: visit www.morehouse.edu.

Deadline: Feb. 19

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



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Leigh Jones bringing sultry sound to APG

Story by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

While growing up she was known as “the little white girl with the soulful voice.” Her name is Leigh Jones and she is creating new fans wherever she goes.

A free concert featuring Leigh Jones, as part of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers “I. AM. Strong” campaign will be held 7 p.m. at the Post Theater, Feb. 9.

Doors open 6 p.m. This is a free, ticketed event. Four tickets per person can be picked up at the Leisure Ticket Office inside the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326 or at the Stark Recreation Center, building E4140 in the Edgewood area. The “I. AM. Strong.” campaign empowers Soldiers to Intervene, Act, and Motivate to prevent sexual assault.

For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com.



<http://www.apgmwr.com/events.html>

Leigh Jones

Born and raised in North Hollywood, Calif., Leigh Jones was introduced to music at an early age. Her father was a voice instructor and sang back up to the likes of Frank Sinatra and Natalie Cole and her mother said Leigh could sing herself to sleep before she could speak in sentences.

Jones sang and competed in talent shows throughout her childhood and she attended the L.A. County High School for the Arts, a performing arts school located in the heart of Los Angeles. She has never looked back since embarking on her musical journey and in the process she has made passionate believers and hands-on supporters out of both Motown Records founder Berry Gordy and Stax Records maverick Al Bell. In addition, she is enjoying the success of her powerful debut album, *Music in My Soul*, on Peak Records - a division of the Concord Music Group. According to Kerry Gordy, her manager/producer and son of Berry Gordy, “In my initial meeting with Leigh, she was so cool, intelligent, attractive and talented, that I felt excited and privileged to have the opportunity to be involved with someone I believed could make a significant impact in the music industry. Her qualifications have far surpassed my expectations,” Gordy said.

“Throughout my career I have been

blessed to discover many great musical talents,” said the legendary Berry Gordy. “I feel Leigh Jones is destined to be one of the next great stars. She can do it all - Pop, R&B, Jazz and Blues. She’s awesome!”

The 12-song album “*Music in my Soul*” swings from the DeBarge classic “All This Love” specially produced for her by smooth jazz giant Wayne Tisdale, to the finger-snappin’ “Can’t Get Enough of Your Love.” Jones inspired Berry Gordy out of retirement to produce the song “Cold in L.A.,” a musical commentary on Hollywood. She has shared stages with the Temptations and Thelma Houston and has opened for stars such as Brian McKnight and John Legend.

Jones’ upcoming Army “I. A.M. STRONG” tour dates include Forts Stewart, Benning and Gordon in Georgia; and Forts Hood, Bliss and Sam Houston in Texas; as well as eight installations in Germany and Italy.

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.

Medieval Times discount tickets available

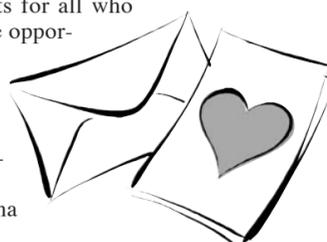
The Leisure Travel Office has discount tickets for Medieval Times Dinner and Tournaments located at Arundel Mills Mall, 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, Md. now through March 31. Tickets cost \$44.75 per adult and \$32 per child (ages 3 to 12 years). All reservations made through the Leisure Travel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

Hearts Apart Valentine's Day Card Making Event

Army Community Services Hearts Apart Support Group will host a Valentine's Day Card Making Event, 6 to 7 p.m., Feb. 3, at ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road.

There will be light refreshments and gifts for all who participate. All participants will be given the opportunity to decorate a card for their deployed spouse. Hearts Apart seeks to empower Families (military and DOD civilians) with information to help prepare Families for separation during deployments and temporary duties.

For more information, call Wilhelmina Cromartie, 410-278-2464.



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.

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.

SKIES Unlimited

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

Beginner Tae Kwon Do School

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

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

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, 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, April 13 through May 21. Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want to sign-up for when they register their child.

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

Basic arts and crafts class

Basic Arts and Crafts will be taught through March 4 on Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 6 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, print-making and paper mache.

Cost is \$100 per student for 10 weeks.

Driver's Ed

Driver's Education classes will be held through 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 Internation-

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al 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., April 5 and 6, at the Aberdeen Area Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522. The objective is to familiarize participants with the responsibilities of babysitting.

Class is open to all DoD ID card holders.

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.

- 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. 25

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

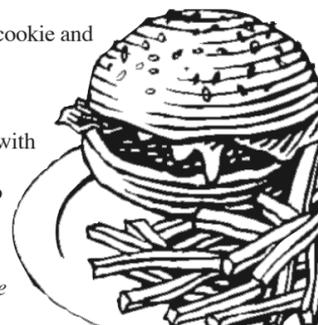
Special #2: Italian sausage with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.95.

Week of Feb. 1

Special #1: Double bacon cheeseburger with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.95.

Special #2: Tuna salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.95.

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





From left, Edgewood Area Youth Center members Brianna Lloyd and Kiana Miller share a book aboard the Rolling Reader, Harford County Public Library's 'library on wheels' during a Jan. 20 visit to the center where it received a donation of nearly 30 new books.

EA children give back to reading community

Story and photo by
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APG News

Children from the Edgewood Area Youth Center recently donated nearly 30 books to the Harford County Rolling Reader library on wheels thanks to proceeds earned through an Osborne Books reading enhancement program.

Renee Main, facility manager, said the project started with a book fair hosted by Osborne Books in November.

"The books purchased by parents during the book fair earned the center nearly three hundred dollars," Main said.

Christine Bowers, Osborne Books educational sponsor, said that with more than \$500 in sales from the book fair, the center qualified to have 50 percent of sale proceeds donated back to it – a total of \$288.

Main said the children decided to help the county reading program by donating books to the Rolling Reader.

"Part of those funds were used to purchase nearly 30 books for the Rolling Reader," Main said.

On Jan. 20 the Rolling Reader made its monthly stop at the center and librarian Pam Taylor and

circulation specialist Rosemary Arms of the Harford County Public Library Edgewood Branch accepted the donated books.

Taylor said that all books on the Rolling Reader promote reading and that children are welcome to browse through the colorful and eye catching selections. The Rolling Reader visits Boys and Girls Clubs and youth centers throughout the county, she said.

"We try to make each visit meaningful and exciting, offering things you can do with any normal branch."

Children must be registered with HCPL but don't have to have the card on them to take out books, it's all on record, Arms added

"And books can be returned to any HCPL branch."

The Rolling Reader has serviced all four APG Child Youth and School Services centers for the past four years.

The Rolling Reader

The Rolling Reader, Harford County Public Library's "library on wheels" is equipped with books and magazines for school-aged children.

The Reader began its service



Christine Bowers, an Osborne Books educational supervisor hands books to be donated to the Rolling Reader to children from the Edgewood Area Youth Center during a visit to the center Jan. 20.

for children in 2001. It visits 20 youth centers, including the YMCA, YWCA, 21st Century and Boys and Girls Clubs, each month during the school year and also makes stops during the summer month.

Children can use their Har-

ford County Public Library card on the Rolling Reader or register for a card at any HCPL branch or on the Rolling Reader during one of its stops. Requests for specific books from other HCPL branches can be picked up on the Rolling Reader but no money is

collected. Fines or fees can be paid at any HCPL branch.

For schedules or more information, call 410-612-1600; e-mail rollingreader@hcplonline.info or visit the HCPL Web site at HCPLonline.info and check under "KidZone."

Census

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larger schools, hospitals, roads, housing for elderly, and job training. States that have grown in population since 2000 could also gain congressional seats after the 2010 Census, said Crockett.

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census is the shortest to date. However, with so many service members deployed, military Families in particular may still have questions regarding how to answer certain questions, he said.

The first question on the Census is, "How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment or mobile home on April 1, 2010?"

"If a spouse is overseas, then that person receiving the questionnaire should not count the spouse that is overseas. That spouse overseas would be part of an overseas enumeration," and he or she

will be listed by their home state, said Crockett.

"If your spouse is on a military vessel with a U.S. homeport, then they should be counted as part of your household. If your spouse is on a military vessel from a foreign homeport, then they should not be counted as part of your household," he said.

Military Families stateside will receive the Census form in the mail just like everyone else.

Service members and their families located overseas will not receive a form. The Defense Manpower Data Center will provide records to the Census Bureau for servicemembers and military families overseas, based on home of record.

Families stateside who do not return the form within the indicated time will receive repeated notifications from the Census Bureau. Then if the forms are still not received, families can expect a knock on the door from a Census worker.

If someone is apprehensive about speak-

ing with a stranger, they can ask to see the identification card that all Census workers must and will carry, Crockett said, or a phone number to their supervisor.

He said the military community might be surprised to learn that the Census is the largest mobilization of resources that the nation undertakes.

"There is nothing in the United States that compares with the Census effort, this effort to count everyone, only once and in the right place. We have to hire a temporary force of over a million people. That's roughly the equivalent to the entire population of Hawaii, and we are setting out to count well over 130 million people," he said.

While participation in the Census is required by law, Crockett points out that all answers are protected.

"The census is not intrusive... it's protected by law and none of this information is shared with any other agency whatsoever," he said.

Those who have filled out a Census

form in years past may notice differences. Based on findings that suggest the simpler the form, the higher the participation, the 2010 Census form is limited to the most fundamental questions, Crockett said.

The more detailed questions asked in the past are now asked on the American Community Survey. Sent to a random sample of addresses on a monthly basis, the American Community Survey takes a more detailed look at what America wants and needs, Crockett said.

The American Census was first conducted in 1790, and was the first Census in history used to empower the people. It is repeated every 10 years.

For more information on the 2010 Census, visit www.census.gov. Follow the link to the 2010 page for frequently asked questions and a host of interactive activities, including testimonials and trackers that allow you to follow your community's return rate.

Police

From front page

the Baltimore County Police Department for 23 years.

While Volz was working with the Baltimore County Police Department he received many awards including the Officer of the Year award three years in a row. In 2000 Volz retired from the Baltimore County Police Department.

"Afterwards, I worked for a year-and-a-half at a machine shop," he said. "The events of nine eleven caused me to have a strong desire to come back into law enforcement."

Volz started working at APG in May 2002, worked briefly in patrol and then was transferred to the Wildlife Unit in October 2002.

"This is an extremely challenging aspect of law enforcement," Volz said, referring to the many laws and regulations that he has to know, like the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Act. "I continue to learn

about new treaties and law."

Some of Volz's duties include enforcing United States Code, Maryland State Law, and Army regulations with an emphasis on enforcing environmental hunting and fishing codes and regulations.

As a marine & wildlife enforcement officer, some of Volz's duties consist of patrolling 144 miles of shoreline and land operations, enforcing commercial watermen regulatory codes and the successful prosecution of offenders, search and recovery operations, enforcing boating safety regulations and processing abandoned vessels.

Volz said that the entire MWE team is concerned with the preservation of bald eagles, which were formally an endangered species.

MWE works with and assists the William and Mary College Research Group tracking bald eagles on APG which is the largest study of bald eagles in the continental United States.

"We have one of the last major bald eagle studies in the United States," Volz said. "We are proactive in that we study the nesting population of bald eagles."

Other responsibilities include duties of a field training officer for the APG Police managing the Field Training Officer Program for new recruit officers and providing safety classes and instruction for hunters utilizing APG outdoor facilities for hunting.

Volz is also involved in community outreach assisting with hunting trips with the Wounded Warriors Program.

"It's a great opportunity to talk and work with our wounded warriors," he said. "They are heroes, even if they don't want to be called a hero."

Volz added that the success of the Wounded Warriors Program is due to efforts across DES and the APG community as a whole.

Volz added that he would like to thank retired Special Agent Bill Armstrong, retired Special Agent Ralph Plummer, Officer Matthew Stewart, Officer Larry Merrill and Officer Bart Roberts of the MWE unit and the Baltimore County Police, for the support they gave him throughout his career.

Volz said that he would also like to thank his Family - Debra, his wife of 33

years, his two children Erica and Bryan, who is currently a police officer with the Montgomery County Police Department, and three grandchildren Ethan, Carter and Bailey, and his brother who recently retired from the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Captain Gerald Dove, branch chief of the Edgewood Area Police Station, said that Volz's selection as Police Officer of the Year was an excellent choice.

"He represents our directorate well with his dedication to duty, varied law enforcement background, his specialized expertise working with injured bald eagles on APG, and contributing his expertise to the Bald Eagle Research Group at William and Mary College," Dove said. "This effort on his part is vital as our national symbol is the bald eagle. His unting effort working with the Wounded Warrior Program on his own time enables the success of this worthwhile program. Officer Volz is a true law enforcement professional in every sense of the word, and represents the Department of the Army and Directorate of Emergency Services proudly."