

Post Shorts



Darlington Road closure

Darlington Road will be closed through the end of July. Buildings 4501 and 4510 can be accessed from Boothby Hill Avenue and buildings 4502 and 4508 can be accessed from Maryland Boulevard.

For more information about BRAC and Transformation on APG, visit <http://apg2012.apg.army.mil> or call the Transformation Office, 410-278-0915.

Reduced gate hours

The Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area will close 7 p.m. and the Wise Road Gate (Route 755) in the Edgewood Area will close 6 p.m. Friday, July 2 for the Fourth of July holiday. The Harford and Wise Road gates will reopen 5 a.m., Tuesday, July 6.

The Maryland Boulevard Gate (Route 715) in the Aberdeen Area and the Route 24 Gate in the Edgewood Area will remain operational 24 hours a day.

Firecracker Fun Run/Walk today

Celebrate Independence Day early during the 5K Firecracker Fun Run/2K Walk to be held 3 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3326, July 1. Registration is \$20. All participants will receive an event t-shirt. Register online at www.apgmwr.com.

The event is open to all Department of Defense ID card holders: military, civilians, contractors, retirees, family members and guests.

For more information call 410-278-7571/7479.

Kirk closes for holiday

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed July 2 for a Training Day and July 5 for Independence Day.

It is important to pick up prescriptions before July 2.

For medical services needed after hours, weekends or federal holidays, contact Staff Duty, 410-278-1725 or 443-807-0725 and initiate a referral. To avoid Point of Service charges, patients will need a referral to go to any urgency clinic. Emergency room visits do not require a referral. If unable to reach Staff Duty, seek the nearest participating facility.

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ChalleNGe Academy graduates 86 cadets

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

Military and community leaders, family members, cadre and guests gathered to honor the 86 young men and women who successfully completed five months of rigorous training during the Maryland National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Academy graduation at Fanshaw Field June 12.

Along with their diplomas, the class received \$21,800 in scholarships and savings bonds.

Col. Richard E. "Thunder" Young, ChalleNGe Academy director, and Linwood White, program coordinator hosted the program that included remarks from guest speaker Peter Franchot, Comptroller, State of Maryland.

Special guests in attendance included Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins, Maryland Adjutant General; Maj. Gen. Errol R. Schwartz, commander, District of Columbia National Guard; Brig. Gen. Alberto Jimenez, assistant adjutant general, Maryland National Guard; Brig. Gen. Allyson R. Solomon, commander, Maryland Air National Guard; and Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander.

"We are here today to give witness to the power of personal will power and tough love in a country that values education and life," White said in greeting. "They met the ChalleNGe and achieved the

objectives that were set before them."

Young said the academy is one among the first 10 established in the United States and is endorsed by the state of Maryland in a cooperative agreement between the MDNG and the National Guard Bureau.

"The [cadets] you see before you are living evidence that the combined and cooperative efforts of a total community, plus a lot of love and discipline, are needed to produce a ChalleNGe graduate," Young said.

He expressed special thanks to Ortiz, "for his continued daily support throughout the class cycles."

Franchot talked about his experience as a young recruit in basic training. Calling it the "school of hard knocks," he

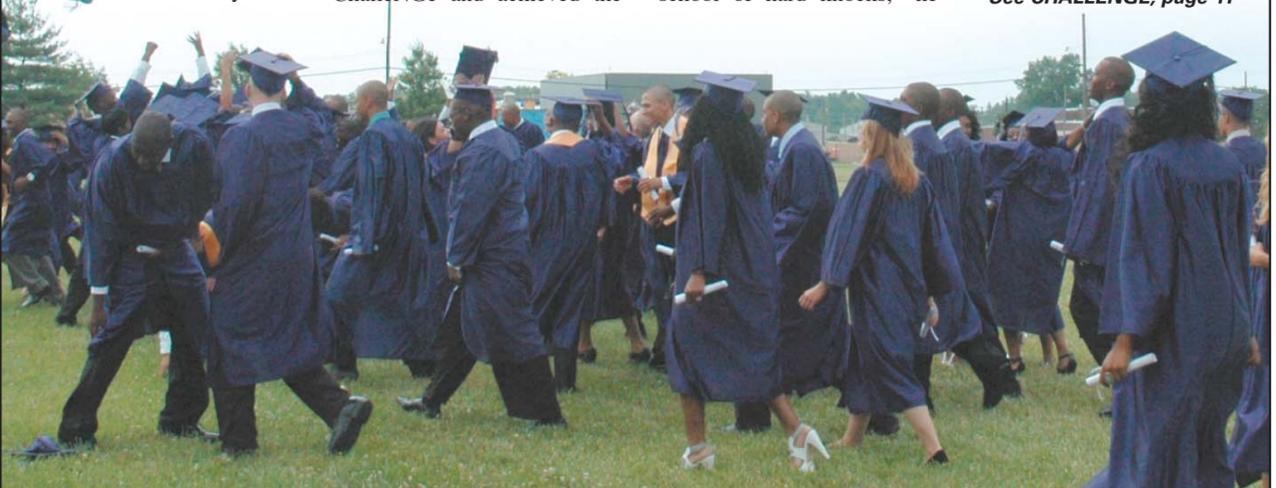
said he gained physical conditioning and a sense of motivation he had been lacking.

"It gave me a sense of accomplishment, confidence and a vision of what I needed to do to get serious about my education and career," he said.

"Your education is continuous. I hope each of you will go to college, continue your physical conditioning and keep your forward progress going. If you do that, there is very little you cannot accomplish.

"By your success you can show that this type of discipline and instruction can benefit teens all over the state of Maryland.

"On behalf of Governor [Martin] O'Malley and Adrian Fenty, mayor of the District
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Cadets toss their caps in celebration at the end of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Commencement at Fanshaw Field June 12. The class received a total of \$21,800 in savings bonds and scholarships.

Wienand named new ECBC technical director

ECBC

Joseph D. Wienand was appointed technical director of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, the premier national resource for chemical and biological defense, June 20. Wienand served as acting technical director since May after serving as the organization's Director of Program Integration.

As technical director, he is responsible for more than 1,800 Department of the Army civilians, Soldiers and on-site contractors located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark; and Rock Island, Ill. Those employees conduct research, engineering and field operations in support of the Department of Defense and other government agencies by integrating

life-cycle science, engineering and operations solutions to counter CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-yield Explosives) threats to U.S. forces and the nation.

In addition to the other roles at ECBC, Wienand previously held positions at the U.S. Department of Energy, and the U.S. Army Chemical Research Development and Engineering Center. He also served as a director with the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and as an active duty chemical officer in the Army. Career awards include the "On the Spot" Reinventing Government Hammer Award from the office of the Vice President and the Federal Executive Institute Director's Award.

Wienand holds a master's degree in sys-

tems management from the Florida Institute of Technology and a bachelor's in chemical engineering from New Mexico State University.

ECBC is the Army's principal research and development center for chemical and biological defense technology, engineering and field operations. ECBC has achieved major technological advances for the warfighter and for national defense, with a long history of providing the armed forces quality systems and outstanding customer service. ECBC is a U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command laboratory located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. For more information, visit the ECBC Web site at www.ecbc.army.mil or call 410-436-7718.



Capt. Dawn Fischer, commandant of the Department of the Army Police Academy, forefront, administers the Oath of Office to the members of Class 3-10 during its final graduation ceremony at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center June 25.

DES hosts final Police Academy graduation

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

The Directorate of Emergency Services hosted the graduation of 20 officers from the Department of the Army Civilian Police Academy during a ceremony at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center June 25.

Capt. Dawn Fischer, academy commandant, welcomed guests and post leaders who included Robert Krauer, director of emergency services, and Tim McNamara, deputy to the Garrison Commander. Class 3-10 consisted of 20 police officers from installations around the country.

Krauer said it was a "great day" but also a sad one as the academy is closing its doors after 14 years.

"Here we are in the very same room for the last time," he said.

Calling law enforcement officers society's "sheep dogs" Krauer offered the graduates advice about taking care of each other

as they serve their communities throughout their careers.

"We can't afford for any of us to get hurt and not come home," he said. "Take care of each other and look out for each other."

"We are the sheep dogs and we're here to take care of people; to protect and serve."

"I am very proud of all of you and I look forward to shaking each and every one of your hands."

After a badge-pinning ceremony, in which officer received their DA badge from family members in attendance, the graduates received their diplomas, followed by the individual awards for excellence.

Fischer administered the oath of office to the group and then offered final comments. She thanked the academy staff and instructors, members of the Staff Judge Advocate office, the DES Special Reaction team and emergency medical technicians for their support as well as Krauer

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Edgewood Middle School students visit ECBC mentors

ECBC

After completing a successful six-week mentorship program with the Edgewood Middle School A.M. Academic Club, volunteer mentors from the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center led their mentees on a tour to experience life as an employee at the nation's premier resource for chemical and biological defense during a visit to the center May 25.

Collaborating with EMS Counselor Peg Taibi and Project DREAM Works Program Director Mindy Constanzo-Romero, Mary Doak, ECBC community and educational outreach manager, accompanied students on a tour of the Center's Advanced Design and Manufacturing and Protection Factor Test (PFT) facilities.

"Touring ECBC was not only enlightening, but also very exciting for our students," Taibi said. "Working in a team with [Doak] and [Constanzo-Romero] as a tripod makes exceptional educational events like these possible."

Guiding the group across the Edgewood campus, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Historian Jeff Smart pointed out base realignment and closure-related construction projects and highlighted the upcoming surge of jobs into the area.

"Aberdeen and Edgewood are constantly looking for talented and skilled individuals like you," Engineering Technician Leroy Stitz told the students. "So, your hard work will eventually pay off and you will reap your harvest."

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Commentary - Exceptional Family Member Program: Fulfilling the promise to all Family members

By
LT GEN RICK LYNCH
IMCOM Commanding General



Army Families deal with unique challenges associated with military life, especially when it comes to relocation. Not only do Families have to find a new place to call home, they also have to find new health care and childcare providers, enroll children in new schools and activities and build new networks of friends and support. These challenges are not easy for any Army Family, but for Families with special needs, they are magnified.

Families with members requiring special educational and medical services often have to rebuild a complex system of providers and services to support the health and development of their Family members. Families can put an incredible amount of time and effort into creating a network that enables their Family members to flourish, and then, when it comes time to relocate, they have to start again.

The Army does not intend for these Families to go it alone. The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), managed through Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, is a comprehensive, coordinated program that provides community support, educational, medical, housing and personnel services to Families with special needs. Families who have questions or need EFMP support are encouraged to go to the Garrison Army Community Service and speak with the EFMP Manager.

Soldiers with Family members who have special needs are required to enroll in EFMP, so that the needs can be considered during the nominative phase of the military personnel assignment process. Some Soldiers may be reluctant to

identify Family members for this program. They may feel that identifying with the program will adversely affect their career. This is simply not true. Army leaders at all levels must help dispel this misconception.

It is also important for Soldiers and their Families to know that the Army's EFMP does much more than provide information for assignment decisions. The EFMP is one way we can keep some of the most important promises articulated in the Army Family Covenant: providing access to high-quality medical care, educational opportunities and Family programs that foster an environment in which Families can thrive.

EFMP is currently serving 16 percent of all Army Families, or more than 70,000 registered Family members. The program has provided critical support to Families since its start in 1979. Over the last 30 years, through initiatives such as the Army Family Covenant, the Army's commitment and promises to Families have become more defined. At the same

time, the number of on- and off-post programs and services available to Families with special needs have increased and become more diverse. As a result of the Army Family Covenant promises and the greater array of programs to manage or coordinate with, we are committed to continually seek new ways to enhance our EFMP support to Families.

The number one request I hear from EFMP Families during my installation visits is for assistance in navigating the variety of services and programs available through the Department of Defense, Department of the Army and other federal, local and state agencies. When Soldiers and their Families move to a new location, they need to know what is available on and off the installation and how to access and coordinate all the services.

The 2010 National Defense Authorization Act requires all of the Armed Services to provide additional support for Families with special needs. As a part of the Army's response, IMCOM will add 44 System Navigators to the existing EFMP staff at 26 garrisons stateside and overseas. The System Navigators will help Families connect to the local, state and federal resources they need. The 26 garrisons include Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Campbell, Ky., and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii the five installations with the highest number of EFMP Families. The System Navigators will be trained and in place within the first quarter of FY11.

System navigation is just one of the areas we are looking at through the Army EFMP Strategic Action Plan, which grew out of EFMP Summits held in February 2009 and February 2010. For all of the issues we are looking at—Family mem-

ber evaluation, enrollment eligibility, information management, coordination of services, new programs and others—our efforts are guided by the concerns of our Families and a focus on improving Soldier and Family well-being and readiness.

One way Families with special needs can communicate their concerns and recommendations is through the Army Family Action Plan. AFAP is the Army's grassroots effort through which members of the Army community can identify and elevate significant quality of life issues affecting the community to senior leaders for action.

EFMP is also one of the programs that the Services and Infrastructure Core Enterprise (SICE) is studying to bring about improvements for Army Families. SICE is a collaborative and cross-functional team of more than 15 commands, organizations and staff offices formed to develop solutions to Army-wide challenges. SICE will determine how we can resource installations with the appropriate number of EFMP staff for the most effective and responsive program.

EFMP has provided and continues to provide invaluable service, but this is an area in which we must always seek innovative ways to enhance support to Families with special needs. Soldiers and Families need to know before they depart for a new installation that they will be able to find the services necessary for the health and well-being of all their Family members. This is part of our promise to Families, for the sacrifices they make, and our commitment to Soldiers, whose strength and readiness is rooted in the strength of their Families.

Support and Defend.
Defender 6

Army researchers explore laser detection techniques

ARL PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As the need for chemical, biological and explosive detection becomes more relevant in today's world, the U.S. Army Research Laboratory is leading the effort in laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy, which is capable of highly advanced materials analysis.

The technology has shown significant advancements since its inception in the 1980's. Today, LIBS technology

is used for multiple purposes, including the 2011 mission to Mars, detection of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive material, and materials matching in forensic cases.

Dr. Andrzej Miziolek and his collaborators in ARL's Advanced Weapons Concepts Branch are at the forefront of standoff detection pertaining to trace amounts of hazardous materials using the LIBS technology. Their work is an

important example of applying spectroscopy to difficult problems in chemical analysis.

"One of the many reasons LIBS is so successful is because it combines laser ablation with sample excitation, all in a single laser shot," said Miziolek. "We have the capability to remove nanograms of material from the surface, whether the material is bulk or a residue. The resultant microplasma emits light which is analyzed by a spectrometer.

"ARL has led the evolution of a new generation of LIBS where we combine single shot spectrum capture with advanced signal processing to identify the material," he added. "Thus, we analyze each spectrum on the fly, rather than average many spectra. We have one shot to get it right - once the residue is gone, it is gone."

In 2000, ARL worked with Ocean Optics Inc. to develop a new capability - a broadband high resolution spectrometer which became commercial in 2003. This new spectrometer allows the LIBS system to be sensitive to all chemical elements in the periodic table, as long as

their concentration is parts-per-million or higher within the sample. This makes LIBS a very general tool for materials analysis, both benign and hazardous.

According to Miziolek, the LIBS system has the ability to detect all five of the threats in CBRNE, as long as the laser hits the materials directly.

"As recently as a decade ago, very few people would have expected that LIBS, which is fundamentally an elemental analysis technology, would be able to identify unknowns of biological origin, let alone to be able to differentiate between pathogenic and non-pathogenic strains of the same bacterium," he noted.

While commercializing this technology for field applications is a slow process in the U.S., LIBS has grown substantially in Europe. Miziolek serves as a subject matter expert in "stand-off LIBS" in many areas locally and worldwide. A recent advance was his efforts in getting LIBS accepted to the Standardized Equipment List, which is an important step in transferring technology from

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Two honored during May retirement ceremony

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APG News

A Soldier and a civilian were hailed during the Installation Retirement Ceremony at Top of the Bay May 26.

The honorees were Staff Sgt. Patrick A. Butler from the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School and Dennis K. Rohrbaugh, a research chemist with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, presided over the ceremony and presented awards.

He welcomed all to the ceremony on behalf of Maj. Gen. Nickolas G. Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

“Ceremonies like these are great because we have the opportunity to thank all of you for what you do for our country,” he said.

“The mission continues,” he told the retirees. “The examples you set will serve very well those who will follow in your footsteps.”

He commended the spouses and Family members in attendance for their support and wished them well.

Ortiz said he shared the commander’s enthusiasm for retirement ceremonies as a chance to “express from the heart our appreciation for everything that you’ve done.”

“I encourage everyone to attend these events as a salute to Soldiers and civilians moving forward in defense of our nation.”

Staff Sgt. Patrick A. Butler

Butler was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal signed by Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, Chief of Ordnance and commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools; the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama; and the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement signed by Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army Chief of Staff. His



Staff Sgt. Patrick A. Butler

wife, Sabine, received the DA Certificate of Appreciation signed by Casey.

Butler was born in Jamaica, Queens, N.Y. He attended Reading High School in Reading, Pa., and enlisted in the Army in 1989 and served five overseas tours, including Germany and Iraq. He ends his career as chief instructor with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools’ Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School metalworking division.

Butler retires Sept. 1, 2010 with 21 years of service.

His plans include pursuing a home inspection career in Manhattan, Kan. and spending time with his family.

He said that though he looks forward to retirement he will miss working with Soldiers.

“Every day, in every way, I worked for the Soldier,” he said. “They take up so much of your time, but they give so much back.

“I just want to thank God, my wife and every Soldier from my battalion commander and command sergeant major down to the instructors. They taught me so much. Sometimes I felt like I was the student.”



Dennis K. Rohrbaugh

Dennis K. Rohrbaugh

Rohrbaugh was awarded the DA Certificate of Appreciation, signed by Rick Decker, former ECBC technical director; the DA Certificate of Retirement and pin; and a flag that had flown over the U.S. Capitol. His wife, Maggie, received the APG Certificate of Appreciation signed by Ortiz.

Rohrbaugh was born in York, Pa. After high school he earned a bachelor’s in chemistry from Pennsylvania State University and a master’s in organic chemistry from Harvard University.

He began his federal career in 1982 at the Research, Development and Engineering Center at APG. He ends his career as the senior chemist for the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center’s Research and Technology Directorate, Forensic Analytical Branch.

Rohrbaugh retired June 3 with more than 28 years of service. His plans include spending time with his wife, Maggie and their two sons and their Families.

“I enjoyed working here and I feel blessed to have worked with such fine people,” Rohrbaugh said. “Now I plan to just retire and relax.”

Community Notes

SATURDAY

JULY 3

RED, WHITE AND BLUE BUGS

Come to the park for a guided scavenger hunt for red, white and blue bugs. This program will be held 2 to 3 p.m. for Families. The cost is \$5 per Family. Registration is required.

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

CHILDREN'S GARDENING - PATRIOTIC POTATOES

Enjoy crafts, games, and science while learning about seeds, life cycles, and growing food and flowers in a watershed-friendly way. This program will be held 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 5 to 10. The cost is \$5 per person. Registration is required.

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

SATURDAY THRU SUNDAY

JULY 3 THRU 11

KUTZTOWN FOLK FESTIVAL

The Kutztown Folk Festival is located at the Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 North White Oak Street, Kutztown, Pa. The festival is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., July 3 through 11. Events include more than 200 of America's finest craftsmen and folk artists, food, quilts, entertainment, a Civil War reenactment, kids fun and much more. Cost of daily admission is \$12 for adults; \$11 for senior citizens ages 55 and older; children ages 12 and under are free; and an all week pass costs \$20 per person.

For more information or to request a free brochure, call 888-674-6136 or visit www.kutztownfestival.com.

TUESDAY

JULY 6

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. Going on a job interview? Giving a presentation? Toastmasters can assist. Toastmasters will help individuals

- Develop better speaking and presentation skills
- Learn to think quickly and clearly
- Build strong leadership abilities
- Hone listening skills

Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. The Gunpowder Toastmasters meet the first and third Mondays each month (unless the date falls on a federal holiday), 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m., in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility in building E4516 Seminar Room. Click on <http://gunpowder.freetoasthost.info> for directions or contact Heather McDowell at 410-436-7816 for more information.

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

JULY 9, 10 AND 11

W.O.V.E.N. WOMEN'S RETREAT 2010

The Women of Virtue, Excellence and Nobility (W.O.V.E.N.) will present "A Chosen People, A Royal Priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9-10), at Eden Resort and Suites, located at 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, Pa. Cost is \$250 per person for this event. A \$100 deposit is due now to reserve a seat. Space is limited. Guest speakers include First Lady Sharon Webster, Cheryl Torrain and Rev. Pamula D. Yerby-Hammack. Makes all checks and money orders payable to Bread of Life Church. Mail to: Bread of Life Church Women's Conference, P.O.

Box 25, Aberdeen, MD 21001.

To register or for more information, call Sister Jennifer Myers Smith, 410-272-7818 or visit www.bolministries.net.

SATURDAY

JULY 10

PIRATE ENCAMPMENT AND PIRATE GALA

Visit the pirate camps 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Watch the attacks on the town and cheer on your favorites. Free admission. The Lock House Museum will also hold a Pirate Gala, 7 to 11 p.m. Party with the pirates. A night of live music, dancing, auctions, beer, wine and food. The gala costs a donation of \$50 per person.

For more information, call 410-939-5780, e-mail director@lockhousemuseum.org or visit www.thelockhousemuseum.org

WHITE-TAILED DEER SURVEY

Come help determine if the deer population of Leight Park is a healthy size by conducting pellet (deer scat) counts on the trails to determine how many deer live in the park. This free program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 16 to adult. Registration is required.

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

BUTTERFLY KAYAK TRIP

Float and search for butterflies among the marsh flowers. This program will be held 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

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

CRITTER DINNER TIME

Watch turtles, fish and snakes eat

while learning more about these fascinating creatures. This free program will be held at 1:30 p.m. for all ages. No registration required.

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

GREAT BLUE HERON HIKE

Walk the shores and shallows of Otter Point Creek like Great Blue Herons do, stalking frogs, fish, and more. This free program will be held 3 to 4 p.m. for all ages; ages 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

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

SUNDAY

JULY 11

PHLOATING PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn new photography skills in a water setting with photographer Dave Gigliotti. This program will be held 9 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 15 to adult. The cost is \$12 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.

MEET A CRITTER

Check out a live critter up close while discovering what makes that animal special. This free program for all ages will be held 2 p.m. No registration is required.

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

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Call the clinic the following business day.

KUSAHC Referral Management telephone number is 410-278-1799. The Patient Advocate telephone number is 410-278-1724.

Independence Day Specialty Meal July 5

The Independence Day Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facility building 4503 and the Edgewood Area dining facility building E4225, noon to 1:30 p.m., July 5.

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 menu includes barbecue chicken, barbecue pork spareribs, grilled pub burgers, grilled pub cheeseburgers, grilled hot dogs, Boston baked beans, freedom fries, corn on the cob, seasoned green beans, make your own salad bar, potato salad, macaroni salad, Cole slaw, assorted seasonal fruit, watermelon, chewy chocolate brownies, apple pie with vanilla ice cream, ice cream with assorted toppings and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information, call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green, 410-278-3142/3892.

Autism Network and Support Group at APG

The first Autism Network and Support Group will meet 6 to 7 p.m., July 7 at Army Community Service, building 2754 Rodman Road. This informal gathering will be a "getting to know you" session. The ACS Autism Network and Support Group is a great way to meet and connect with military and civilian Families in the community who have a Family member diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Be prepared to share the victories, resources and challenges faced in advocating for a child or adult with

autism. Learn what ACS and other Families have to offer.

For more information, call Nancy Goucher, ACS Exceptional Family Member manager, at 410-278-2420.

EMS Awareness Training July 7

The Garrison DPW Environmental Division will host Environmental Management System Awareness Training, 10 to 10:30 a.m., July 7 in building E5771. Training also can be held on work sites.

For more information, call Barbara Seker, 410-436-9239 or e-mail barbara.seker@us.army.mil.

BJ's membership sale

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a BJ's discount membership registration, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 8 at the Southside Grill in the Edgewood Area located in the Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140.

BJ's Wholesale Club offers a 15-month membership for \$35 for all civilian and military personnel, retirees and contract employees. This offer is good for new customers and for membership renewals. Save \$10 and get three months free. Renewal membership holders should bring their current card with them.

For more information, call Patti Harkins, 410-436-4467 or e-mail patti.harkins@us.army.mil.

CBRNE assumption of command ceremony July 8

The 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear High-yield Explosives) will hold an assumption of command ceremony 10 a.m., July 8 at McBride Parade Field on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Brig. Gen. Leslie C. Smith will assume command of the U.S. Army 20th Support Command (CBRNE) during a traditional military assumption of command ceremony.

Smith is currently serving as the commandant, U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School and deputy commanding general, Material and Technology, U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

For more information, call Chanel

Weaver, 410-436-3433 or e-mail Chanel.Weaver@conus.army.mil.

FEW accepting nominations for annual scholarship

The Maryland Tri-County chapter of Federally Employed Women presents the annual \$300 scholarship called the 2008 Dottie Dorman Working Woman's Scholarship to a deserving woman to pay for or offset college expenses incurred in pursuit of her continuing education.

To qualify a nominee must:

- Be a female federal employee in Baltimore, Cecil or Harford County.
- Currently be pursuing college-level education studies.

- Prepare a short essay (not to exceed one typewritten page) summarizing educational plans and explaining how this scholarship will be used. Indicate in the essay whether currently receiving federal aid for education, whether involved in a reduction in force, and what the promotion potential is in applicant's current federal position.

- Provide the name; home and work addresses; home and work telephone numbers; e-mail addresses; name and telephone number of current supervisor (to confirm federal employment); and name of nominee's educational institution.

- Submit application to the Maryland Tri-County FEW Scholarship, c/o Karen Jobs, 130 Remington Circle, Havre de Grace, MD 21078 no later than July 30.

The winner will be announced during the APG Women's Equality Day observance and awards ceremony, 1:30 p.m., Aug. 23, at the RDECOM Conference Center, building E4810.

For more information, call Karen Jobs, 410-436-4429 or Melissa Smith, 410-642-2411, x5129.

Hunter safety classes offered

Hunter safety classes will be held July 13, 15 and 17 in building 4303. Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be held 6 to 10 p.m. Classes on Saturdays will be held 8 a.m. to noon. All classes will be held in building 4303. Students must attend class all three days. An additional class will be offered Sept. 19 for ages 16 and older.

For more information or to register, call 410-671-9070. Please leave a

message if no one answers. An instructor will contact students to verify their space in the class and obtain additional registration information. Do not call after 9 p.m.

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, July 21, Sept. 15 and Nov. 17.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, 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.

ACS to celebrate 45th Birthday July 22

Forty-five years of Army Community Service support to APG will be celebrated, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 22, at the Shore Park Area. All military, DoD civilians and Family members are invited to attend. Free tickets are available at the Aberdeen Area ACS, building 2754, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 410-278-7572/4372.

Green Dragon Ball

The National Capital Region 2010 Joint CBRNE Green Dragon Ball will be held Saturday, Aug. 14, at Top of the Bay. The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Paul McHale, Jr., former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense. For more details visit the Green Dragon Ball Web site www.edgewood.army.mil/greendragonball/index.html. For more information, call Tracey Kelly, 410-436-4438 or Capt. Jessica Perez, 410-436-4000, or email to apg.green.dragon.ball@conus.army.mil.

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

June Well-Being Meeting focuses on post improvements and upcoming events

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community gathered at the Edgewood Area Chapel June 17 to discuss post improvements and upcoming events. Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG garrison and deputy installation commander and Mike Lupacchino director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, led the meeting.

Lupacchino reported on the due outs from previous meetings. To see due outs, go to www.apgmwr.com/events.html#wellbeing.

DPTMS

John Kearney, director of plans, training, mobilization and security said that APG will have a busy summer with many upcoming change of command and change of charter ceremonies.

Kearney said that the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum will be temporarily closed from July 6 to August 2 for museum renovations. Some artifacts will be removed from the museum during this time, to be moved to the new Ordnance Museum at Fort Lee, Va.

AAFES

Debbie Armendariz, manager of the Army & Air Force Exchange Service said that the Post Exchange is currently conducting a survey and is looking for feedback from the APG community.

Armendariz said that a mistake was made in print which said that the AAFES Beauty Shop is open to the public.

Armendariz said that the AAFES Beauty Shop is open to military ID cardholders only.

Ortiz added that the AAFES food concessions are open to contractors and civilians, as well as Family members.

Armendariz also stated that in the last Well-Being meeting she said that the PX is reducing the amount that is carried what is carried.

Armendariz said that there was a rumor going around that the Post Exchange will close at 6:00 p.m. and that at this time there are no plans to close the PX at 6:00 p.m. "That is just a rumor we will stay open until 7:00 p.m."

Commissary

Anne Morrison, manager of the Post

Commissary, said that the Commissary will open on the Fourth of July with limited hours from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DENTAC

Col. David Kryszak, commander of the APG Dental Command, said that there will be a change of command ceremony July 23. Col. Robert Zuehlke, currently serving at Fort Meade, Md. will take command.

KUSAHC

Lt. Col. Mark Ireland, commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic said that KUSAHC is currently undergoing renovations throughout the year. Patients will still be provided with care.

Ireland said that he encourages attendees to make appointments for their children's school physicals early in the summer, as appointments fill up fast. He added that KUSAHC provides this service free to beneficiaries. For appointments call 410-278-5475 or 410-278-1928.

During evenings, weekends and federal holidays patients need to call the staff duty officer at 410-278-1725, or 443-807-0725 to coordinate a referral before going to an urgent care center for routine medical assistance. The Staff Duty Officer will coordinate with the Medical Officer of the Day and initiate your referral, if needed. If the staff duty officer cannot be reached the day of the urgent care appointment, call KUSAHC the next business day. Without authorization, patients may be responsible for copayments for care provided at other facilities. For true emergency situations, call 911. On the following business day call the KUSAHC Referral Management Office at 410-278-1736 or the Patient Advocate at 410-278-1724.

Ireland said that Aberdeen has a new Patient First, which beneficiaries can use during non-business hours with a referral received before the visit. Ireland said that KUSAHC is working closely with Patient First. "We view them as a partner in our ability to provide care to you."

The next scheduled holiday is July 2 for training and July 5 for Independence Day. During October KUSAHC will be closed for renovations. Dates

are being finalized. Columbus Day weekend, October 7, 8, and the 11, are being proposed as tentative dates.

KUSAHC is establishing a Patient Advisory Council. This is a volunteer group driven to heighten the Patient Family Centered Care experience. KUSAHC is seeking Family members to take an active part in decisions made at Kirk. The PAC group would be providing guidance on what policies would be put in place at KUSAHC from the patient's viewpoint. Volunteer time is generally one hour per month depending on how often the committee meets. Those who are interested in becoming a member of the Patient Advisory Council should contact Deborah Dodsworth, KUSAHC Patient Advocate, 410-278-1724.

DPW

Tom Kuchar, director of Public Works said that construction is currently underway to construct a fitness path in the Edgewood Area. Construction for fitness paths in the Aberdeen Area will begin in July. The fitness paths will have wider lanes for runners, walkers and bicyclists. Those who use the fitness paths will be required to follow on post regulations for exercising outdoors on post.

DES

Robert Krauer, director of Emergency Services said that DES is planning the annual National Night Out event, which is held every year in Patriot Village. "This event gives the community a chance to meet their first responders, like fire fighters and police officers," he said. "We always have a lot of fun, with many displays." Krauer added that the event also includes food and educational and fun activities for children. He said a definite date is not set yet, but the event usually takes place the first week of August.

Krauer also told attendees that setting off fireworks is not permitted at any time on APG.

Logistics

Gene Schneck, director of Logistics, said that the next specialty meal will be a barbeque lunch at the dining facilities in buildings 4503 and E4225 on June 5.

Schneck said that there have been significant problems being reported all the way up to the Department of the Army with changes in pick up dates in getting customer's household goods picked up during Permanent Change of Station moves. Schneck recommended planning ahead to be flexible during a PCS.

"Leave yourself some flexibility in case of those changes," he said. "Don't schedule your pick up date the day before you are scheduled to move."

Ortiz said that 22 members of the 1st Area Medical Laboratory deployed early that morning to Afghanistan for a year, and that many of their Families live on the installation.

"Be aware of that, avail yourself to them, support them as a team.

"The wars both in Iraq and Afghanistan are still continuing and members of our force at APG are serving that cause very well."

PAO

George Mercer, public affairs officer, encouraged everyone to invite other members of the APG community to Well-Being Action Council Meetings.

"This will give us a broader representation of the community," he said. Mercer added that if attendees had any concerns or questions about information, contact him at 410-278-1147.

FMWR

Chris Lockhart, FMWR marketing director announced several FMWR upcoming events.

Lockhart said that July 22, Army Community Service will celebrate its 45th birthday at Shore Park with a cook-out. This event is open to the entire APG community.

Lupacchino said that there will be a Shore Park grand opening celebration, tentatively set for July 14. The event will feature food, games, festive activities and music.

To view all upcoming events, go to www.apgmwr.com/events.html, or see announcements in the *APG News*. Look for monthly FMWR inserts, distributed the first week of the month in the APG News and in FMWR facilities.

ICE

Tom Johnson, Interactive Customer Evaluation Program Manager, told attendees that if they have a comment, suggestion, an issue with one of the services around post, or even a compliment, to put in an ICE comment, by going to ice.disa.mil. Comments can also be made at ICE kiosks located on post.

Open Forum

Gregg Cannito, Picerne Military Housing program director, encouraged everyone to visit the Picerne Military Housing office, building 2727 Chesapeake Avenue, if they have any questions or comments. The phone number for Picerne is 410-672-4350.

Ortiz added that open dialogue is important so that APG can move forward serving military Families.

"You have critical inputs, you are part of the team," he said. "We want to make APG a community of excellence."

Capt. Ginger Hammerquist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company garrison commander said that the garrison is planning a holiday ball at the Richlin Ballroom; tentative date is Dec. 2.

Hammerquist told attendees if they have any ideas, please bring them forward, 410-278-3000.

Ron Kravitz, a representative from the APG Safety Office told attendees to watch and inspect their body for ticks, as APG is a high tick area, with the large deer population. Lyme disease is transmitted by the bite of an infected deer tick. An attendee commented that pets can also get Lyme disease. Symptoms can include fever, lameness and soreness, listlessness, loss of appetite. For safety questions, call 410-306-1095.

Ortiz closed the meeting and asked for continued feedback during Well-Being Action Council Meetings. The next Well-Being Action Council Meeting will be held 9:30 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Chapel, July 15.

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

April Avina	Juanita Guzman	Amanda Nordell
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Georgia Braun	Walter Holland	Betty Spurlin
Alena Calm	Kari Jackson	Earl Taylor
Robert Cook	Angela Lambert	Linda Terzigni
Charlene Corun	Anthony Lee	Luis Villafane
John Daigle	Larry Maines	Victoria Yates-Sparks
Meg Downey	Cheryl Mitchell	
Wayne Erb	Deborah Moore	

Commentary: Grilling and food handling tips for a safe holiday

Think safety when cooking outdoors this summer

ISO

Summer outdoor dining is as popular as ever. From fun-filled Family picnics to romantic dinners for two, many fond summer memories find roots in afternoons and evenings around a picnic table or grill.

To make this summer's outdoor dining memories happy ones and not ones full of pain or trips to the emergency room, it is important to plan and use common sense before the first piece of charcoal is lit or the first hamburger hits the grill.

Safe grilling

With more Americans lighting their grills than ever before, it is important to remember that a fun barbecue is a safe barbecue. Statistics released by the National Fire Protection Association indicate that gas and charcoal grills caused an average of 3,400 structure fires and 4,900 outdoor fires in or on home properties in 2005. These fires resulted in a combined direct property loss of \$137 million.

Anytime you work with fire, there's a chance of getting burned. Common sense and planning will help prevent injuries and tips, like those listed below, will help keep everyone safe this summer.

Read the owner's manual.

Always read the owner's manual before using your grill and follow specific usage, assembly and safety procedures. Contact the grill manufacturer if you have specific questions. Be sure to locate your model number and the manufacturer's consumer inquiry phone number and write them on the front page of your manual.

Grills are for outside use only.

Barbecue grills are designed for outdoor use only. Never barbecue in your trailer, tent, house, garage, or any enclosed area to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, usually resulting in death.

Use in well-ventilated areas.

Set up your grill in an open area that is away from buildings, overhead combustible surfaces, dry leaves, or brush. Be sure to avoid high traffic areas and always barbecue in a well-ventilated area. Be aware of wind-blown sparks.

Keep grill stable.



When using a barbecue grill, be sure that all parts of the unit are firmly in place and that the grill is stable and can't be tipped over.

Follow electric codes.

If electrically-operated accessories like rotisseries are used be sure they are properly grounded in accordance with local codes. Electrical cords should be placed away from walkways or anywhere people can trip over them.

Use long-handled utensils.

Use barbecue utensils with long handles (forks, tongs, etc.) to avoid burns and splatters.

Wear safe clothing.

Wear clothing that does not have hanging shirt tails, frills or apron strings that can catch fire, and use flame-retardant mitts when adjusting hot vents.

Keep fire under control.

To put out flare-ups, either raise the grid that the food is on, spread the coals out evenly, or adjust the controls to lower the temperature. If you must douse the flames with a light spray of water, first remove the food from the grill.

Be ready to extinguish flames. Use baking soda to control a grease fire and have a fire extinguisher ready. A bucket of sand or a garden hose should be near if you don't have a commercial extinguisher.

Consider placing a grill pad or splatter mat beneath your grill. These naturally heat resistant pads are usually made of lightweight composite cement or plastic and will protect your

deck or patio from any grease that misses the drip pan.

Never leave a grill unattended once lit.

Stay away from hot grill.

Don't allow anyone to conduct activity near the grill when in use or immediately following its use. The grill body remains hot up to an hour after being used.

Don't move a hot grill. Never attempt to move a hot grill. It's easy to stumble or drop it and serious burns could result.

Food Safety

Summertime is the season for cookouts, picnics and grilling outside. When you're cooking outdoors, it's more important than ever to keep your food preparation area clean and sanitary. Below is a list of tips to help avoid food poisoning at your summer cookouts.

Avoid cross-contamination.

Cross-contamination occurs when bacteria from one food item are transferred to another food item, often by way of unwashed cutting boards or countertops, as well as knives and other kitchen tools, or even unwashed hands. For example, cross contamination could occur if a cook were to cut raw chicken on a cutting board and then later slice fresh tomatoes on the same board without washing it first.

Clean everything.

Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen and get onto hands, cutting boards, knives, dish cloths, sponges and counter tops. Clean frequently and

thoroughly.

Always wash your hands with soap before preparing or serving food and after handling raw meat, poultry and seafood; using the washroom or changing diapers; sneezing/coughing; handling garbage; or touching pets.

Wash cutting boards, knives, utensils and counter tops with hot soapy water after preparing each food item and before going to the next one.

Add an extra cleaning step with surfaces. Wipe them using one-half teaspoon of household bleach in one liter of water.

Dish cloths can be an ideal environment for bacteria to grow and multiply. Change dish cloths often and machine wash them in hot water. Consider using paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces.

Separate raw from cooked.

Bacteria can easily spread from raw foods to cooked foods. This is called cross-contamination. When preparing raw meat, poultry and seafood make sure you keep these foods and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods.

Keep raw meat, poultry and seafood away from other food in your grocery cart and bags. Use the clear plastic bags provided at the meat counter.

Store raw meat, poultry and seafood on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator on a plate so their juices don't drip onto other foods.

Use one cutting board for raw meat, poultry or seafood and another for foods that are ready-to-eat, such as salads, fruit, etc.

Always wash cutting boards, knives and other utensils with hot soapy water after they come in contact with raw meat, poultry or seafood.

Never place cooked food on a plate that held uncooked meat, poultry or seafood.

Cook thoroughly.

Foods are properly cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and at a high enough temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause food borne illness.

Use a meat thermometer to measure the internal temperature of cooked meat and poul-

try to make sure that the meat is cooked all the way through. Use a cooking temperature chart that details cooking time and safe temperature for cuts of poultry, pork and beef.

If you don't use a meat thermometer, cook until juices run clear (no blood).

Cook ground meats, such as hamburger, thoroughly. Bacteria can spread during the grinding process and may cause serious illness unless destroyed by cooking. Do not eat ground beef that is pink inside. If it's grey, it's safe.

Keep it cold.

Cold temperatures of 40 degrees Fahrenheit or 4 degrees Celsius or below slow down the growth of micro-organisms. Use a refrigerator thermometer to check that your refrigerator temperature is at these settings or below and your freezer temperature is at 0 degrees F or -18 degrees Celsius.

Refrigerator thermometers are available in hardware stores. Keeping food cold is one of the best ways to reduce the risk of food borne illness.

Do not over-stuff the refrigerator. Cold air must be able to circulate to keep food safe.

Never defrost food at room temperature. Thaw food in the refrigerator. For a quick thaw, place the food item in an airtight package and put in cold water. Another option is to thaw in the microwave if cooking immediately.

Always marinate foods in the refrigerator.

Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared foods and leftovers within two hours of purchase or use.

Separate large amounts of leftovers into small, shallow containers for quicker cooling in the refrigerator.

If consuming alcoholic beverages, keep them away from the flames and remember, drinking alcohol impairs your judgment and increases your risk of injury.

For more information, visit the Installation Safety Office Web site at the Garrison Web site at www.apg.army.mil. Click on "Safety Office" under "Installation Support Offices."

Celebrate July 4th with Flare

Army Fireworks Safety

CECOM Directorate for Safety

As the summer kicks into high gear, 4th of July celebrations and fireworks displays are just around the corner. The American Pyrotechnics Association reported more than \$940 million in sales in fireworks industry revenue in 2009.

According to the APA, fireworks use in the United States rose from 29 million pounds in 1976 to more than 265.5 million pounds in 2007. That jump represents a 920 percent increase in fireworks consumed, compared to a more than 90 percent decrease in fireworks-related injuries per 100,000 pounds.

Fireworks injuries have decreased by 70 percent in the last ten years, according to the National Safety Council. Although the numbers are down, in calendar year 2008 an estimated 7,000 injuries caused by fireworks were treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms, as cited in a U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission 2008 annual report.

The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command's Directorate for Safety aims to share information regarding summer safety and to educate personnel on the dangers of fireworks and ways to prevent injury.

"We want our personnel to be aware of the dangers in fireworks and handle them with caution," said Bob McNabb, CECOM safety manager. McNabb said that fireworks, although a lot of fun and visually appealing, are still small explosives and should be handled with caution.

"The Consumer Product Safety Commission and fireworks industry have done a tremendous job of regulating fireworks," said Ralph Apel, president of the National Council on Fireworks Safety. "Before fireworks are imported, they are tested in their country of origin, deemed safe and then imported to the U.S."

Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, CECOM commander, reminds personnel



to "keep in mind that many states have strict laws involving fireworks and some states, New Jersey included, prohibit all consumer fireworks such as Roman candles, bottle rockets, sparklers, firecrackers, and novelty items such as: "snakes," airplanes, round spinners, helicopters, fountains, and party poppers."

"All fireworks are dangerous and pose risks, yet, if bought from a licensed

store or stand and handled correctly, they can be enjoyable," said Col. Glenn Harp, deputy commander, Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center. "Know your fireworks," said Harp. "When you purchase legal fireworks, read the warning label and know what they're designed to do."

The CPSC and NCFS offer the following fireworks safety tips and information:

- Lit sparklers can reach temperatures up to 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Be cautious to not catch clothes on fire or use near children.
- Only use fireworks outdoors.
- Read and follow all warnings and instructions before igniting fireworks.
- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
- Ensure spectators are out of the range of the fireworks.
- Only light fireworks outside on a smooth, flat surface away from houses and flammable materials. If drought conditions are present, avoid using fireworks altogether.
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Always have a bucket of water, or water hose, nearby.
- Alcohol and fireworks never mix.
- Parents should pay special attention to

children using sparklers, which can cause serious injury if not handled correctly.

- Maintain a safe distance from other people who are using sparklers or other fireworks; bystanders are more frequently injured by fireworks than the people using them!

- If an injury occurs, stay calm. If flames reach clothing, drop and roll: lie on the ground, cover face with hands, and roll.

- Do not rub or rinse eyes if a foreign object enters after a fireworks explosion. Seek medical aid immediately.

For more information on fireworks safety and state laws, visit www.fireworksafety.com.



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

New hours

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, the Leisure Travel Office and the Library located in building 3326 have new hours of operation effective today.

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center will open Monday through

Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The Leisure Travel Office will open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The Library will open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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.

Pirate Captains Adventure

Welcome to SKIES Unlimited pirate cove where all the pirates will gather for a brand new adventure. Pirates, ages 7 to 9 will meet 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., July 12 through 15 at the AA Youth Center, building 2522. Pirates aboard the ship will make their very own feather swords, discover the many place pirates explored or use geocaching to search for buried treasure and more. At the conclusion of festivities there will be a pirate ship race. Yo ho ho... It's a Pirate Cove for you. Every pirate should bring a nut-free snack daily.

Private Guitar Lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held 1 to 7 p.m., on Monday or Tuesday, through July 19 and July 26 through Aug. 16, at the AA Youth Center, building 2522.

No experience is necessary. Cost of the lessons is \$68 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week for six weeks, once a week.

Students also are required to purchase books required for the course as recommended by the instructor.

Books are a onetime purchase. Students must also provide their own guitar.

Local Heroes Workshop

Have you ever dreamed what it would

be like to be a fire fighter or policeman? Children ages 4 to 6 will get an inside scoop in this local heroes workshop, 9 to 11:30 a.m., July 19 through 22, at the CYSS Administrative Building, 2522. Cost is \$45 per child. Children will read stories of bravery and courage and then use their imagination for an activity afterwards. They may even get to meet a real live local hero. Bring a nut free snack daily.

Twilight Teen workshop

Twilight fans ages 9 to 14 can join a workshop, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 19 through 22. Take time to explore the wonders of the books and movies. Participants will make Team Edward or Team Jacob t-shirts, create a trivia game, get creative by writing alternate endings to the story and maybe even view one of the movies. Bring a white t-shirt and a lot of imagination and dive into this saga together. Every diehard Twilight fan should bring a nut-free snack daily.

Private Piano lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 to 18, 1 to 7 p.m., on Monday or Tuesday, July 26 through Aug. 16, at the AA Youth Center, building 2522.

Lessons cost \$68 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.

Hearts Apart to host Iced Tea Party

As part of the ongoing commitment to support the Army Family Covenant, Army Community Service will host a get together designed for Hearts Apart Families to network with each other while enjoying flavored iced teas. The Iced Tea Party will be held 6 to 7 p.m., July 7 at ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road. There will be light refreshments for all who participate.

Hearts Apart seeks to empower Families (military and DOD civilians) with information to help prepare them for separations during deployments and TDYs. ACS offers a comprehensive array of programs and services dedicated to maintaining the readiness of the Total Army Family by fostering self-reliance, stability and resilience.

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

New York City shopping trip

Leisure Travel will offer eight hours of shopping in New York City July 17. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost is \$36 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation.

The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. from the Edgewood Best Western parking lot on Route 24 and return 10:30 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil.

Swim Lessons

Swim lessons run July 12 through 23 for youths; July 26 through 30 for adult swim lessons and toddlers at the Shore and Bayside Pools. Swim lessons cost \$50 first Family member, \$45 for each additional Family member.

Session 1 - July 12 to 23

Shore Pool

8 to 9 a.m., levels 5 and 6
9 to 10 a.m., levels 3 and 4
10 to 11 a.m., levels 1 and 2

Bayside Pool

8 to 9 a.m., levels 5 and 6
9 to 10 a.m., levels 3 and 4
10 to 11 a.m., levels 1 and 2

Session 2 - Aug. 2 to 13

Shore Pool

8 to 9 a.m., levels 5 and 6
9 to 10 a.m., levels 3 and 4
10 to 11 a.m., levels 1 and 2

Bayside Pool

8 to 9 a.m., levels 5 and 6
9 to 10 a.m., levels 3 and 4
10 to 11 a.m., levels 1 and 2.

Olympic Pool - July 26 to 30

Adult and Parent/Toddler swim lessons.

Military Long Drive Championship qualifier at Ruggles Golf Course

Ruggles Golf Course will host the first level qualifier for the Military Long Drive Championship, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aug. 7. The first place winner will receive a trophy and advancement to the second level event at Dallas, Texas on Sept. 11. The second place winner will receive a \$200 Pro Shop gift certificate and the third place winner will receive a \$100 Pro Shop gift certificate.

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.

Entry Fee costs \$10 per try and includes six golf balls and a chance to participate at the \$10,000 Long Drive Contest on Nov. 3, in Mesquite, Nevada.

This event is open to all U.S. active duty military personnel and Family members age 18 and older with valid military ID card, Reserve and National Guard, active and inactive, and retirees.

For more information or to register, e-mail debra.long1@us.army.mil.

Hershey Park trip

Hershey Park happy, Hershey Park fun! A trip to Hershey Park will take place Aug. 15. Cost is \$55 per person and includes park ticket and roundtrip transportation. Bus departs 7:30 a.m. and will return 9 p.m. Seats are limited, Reserve a seat today. Open to all Dod ID card holders.

For more information, call MWR Tickets and Leisure Travel Services, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil.

Discount tickets for APG Tickets available for Toby's Dinner Theatre

Toby's Dinner Theatre has two locations: Best Western Hotel and Conference Center located on 5625 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore and 4900 Symphony Woods Road, Columbia, Md. (South Entrance Road between Route 29 and Little Patuxent Parkway). Shows are open to all DoD ID card holders.

Baltimore shows

Upcoming shows include Always Patsy Cline, through July 18; Godspell, July 23 through Sept. 10; An Andrew Lloyd Webber Musical, Sept. 11 through Nov. 7; A Christmas Carol, Nov. 12 through Jan. 2, 2011.

Sunday through Thursday, tickets cost \$47.50 per person for adults and \$33.50 for children; Fridays, tickets cost \$50 per person for adults and \$34.75 for children; Saturdays, tickets cost \$52 per person for adults and \$34.75 for children; and Sunday Matinees cost \$47 per person for adults and \$33.50 for children.

Columbia shows

Upcoming shows include Hairspray, through Aug. 10, 2011; Nunsense, Sept. 23 through Sept. 9, 2011; Rent, Sept. 23 through Sept. 9, 2011; and Cinderella, Nov. 18 through Jan. 23, 2011.

Sunday through Thursday, tickets cost \$45.50 per person for adults and \$32 for children; Fridays, tickets cost \$47 per person for adults and \$32.75 for children; Saturdays, \$50 for all ages; and Sunday matinees: \$45 per person for adults and \$32 for children.

Prices Expire 23 June 2011. Prices are subject to change without notice. Reservations must be made at the time of purchase.

Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire tickets available

Tickets are available for the 2010 Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, located on 2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim, Pa.

Tickets cost \$23 each for adults and \$9 for children ages 5 through 11. The Renaissance Faire will be held on weekends 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 14 through Oct. 31. Enjoy a marvelous trip back in time to the days of yore featuring 35 acres of jousting knights and royal delights. Tickets are good for any day. Themed weekends include Pyrate Invasion, Children's Fantasy, Heroes of the Realm, Scottish Weekend, Octoberfest, Irish Weekend and more.

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



HIRED!

HIRED!, a new Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program for teens ages 15 to 18, is an apprentice program where teens can explore positions in FMWR facilities.

The program will give teens guidance on preparing a resume, and teach them interview techniques as well as give them work experience in their chosen field. Children will receive a stipend for their work at the end of the term.

Preparing Teens for the work place

Teens ages 13 to 18 can attend this program 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 8, at Youth Services, building 2522.

Topics include; College 101, Resume Writing, Interview Techniques, Dress for Success

Conflict Resolution Training for Teens

This program will be held 2 to 3 p.m., July 28 for ages 13 to 18 at the CYSS Administration, building 2752.

Guidelines and ground rules are provided for everyone when resolving conflict as well effective problem solving techniques will be addressed.

Facilitator will be a Child and Youth Behavioral Military and Family Life Consultant.

Register for these programs at the CYSS central registration building 2752. For more information, call Jay McKinney, 410-278-3250, or e-mail jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil.

Money Matters Budgeting for teens

Arcelio Alleyne, Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program Manager, will teach teens, ages 14 to 18 how develop a personal budget. This program will be held 2 to 3 p.m., July 21, at the ACS, building 2754.

Conflict Resolution Training for teens

Child and Youth Behavioral Military and Family Life Consultant (CYB-MFLC) will provide guidelines and ground rules for everyone when resolving conflicts. Effective problem solving techniques will also be addressed. This program will be held 2 to 3 p.m., July 28 for ages 13 to 18.

Register at the CYSS central registration, building 2752. For more information contact: 410-278-3250



The EDGE

The EDGE Program is designed to highlight opportunities for children and youths in grades 1 through

12, to Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel in FMWR partner facilities.

Learn boating, canoeing and kayaking

This program will be held at the Spesutic Island Marina and possibly the Gunpowder Neck Marina, 4 to 6 p.m., Fridays, from July 2 through 30. Have fun learning how to operate a boat, how to canoe and kayak and, most importantly, learn water safety and how to respect the water. Participants will meet at the AA Youth Services for transport to and from each location. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Register at the CYSS Parent Central Registration Office, building 2752, or call 410-278-7571/7479.

For more information, call Chuck Rose at 410-278-1399 or e-mail chuck.rose1@us.army.mil.

Let's Go Fishing

School is out and kids don't know what to do with themselves. Got the blues, feeling depressed? It's time to go fishing. Children ages 11 through 18 will learn about fishing rods and reels,

how to bait a hook and how to find just the right spot to catch the "big one!" Join Edge! for fishing in the local area. This program will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesdays, from July 6 through 27, at various locations on the water around the Aberdeen Area. Participants will meet at AA Youth Services for transportation. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Computers 101

How much do you know about computers? Do you know how to turn it on and don't know what to do next? Or, are you an "expert" in all the functions of a computer? No matter where you are with your computer knowledge, you need to know more. For children ages 11 through 18, Computers 101 will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesdays, July 7 through 28. This program will show students the basic operations and functions of a computer. Students will meet at AA Youth Services for transportation. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

July bowling specials

- Children bowl for free every Monday with each paying adult.
- Each Tuesday, bowl 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.50.
- Each Wednesday, bowl 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 1.25 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Every Friday in July, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., up to six people can bowl for \$14 an hour. Includes shoe rental.

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 June 28

Special #1: Chef salad with cookie and regular soda for \$6.50.
Special #2: Double bacon cheeseburger with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$8.25.

Week of July 5

Special #1: Sloppy joe with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.
Special #2: Tuna salad, cookie and regular soda for \$7.50.

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



Almost 'home'



Photo courtesy of RETIRED 1ST SGT LARRY TYSON
 Retired 1st Sgt. Larry Tyson collapses playfully against the 25-mile marker during the 2010 Avon Walk for Breast Cancer that was held in Washington, D.C. May 1 and 2. Tyson walked the full 26 miles after months of training on area roads and hosting fundraisers for the charity in memory of his sister who died from Breast Cancer. "I didn't think it would be such a wonderful experience," Tyson said, adding "heartfelt thanks" to all who supported him in his endeavor. "As long as I am able, I will continue to walk in this event," he said.

ChalleNGe

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of Columbia, I bestow congratulation on each one of you. You made it."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the graduates tossed their caps in celebration and commented on their achievement.

"I'm proud that I made it through," said 19-year-old Jasmine Thomas from Washington, D.C.

"I feel this gave me a big step forward." Thomas plans to attend AmeriCorps and then college to major in Sociology.

Mark Marquez, 17, from Montgomery County, said he "grew up" in the academy.

"They taught me a lot about life and about myself," he said. "I'm a different person, a better person."

Marquez hopes to become an airborne paratrooper in the Army.

"This is a wonderful, great experience," added Matthew Scheck, 18, of Parkville, who said he plans to major in auto mechanics at Lincoln Technical Institute.

"I highly recommend it to anyone in need of direction."

Special awards

The following cadets received special awards during the ceremony:

- Christopher Hall, \$500 Savings Bond
- Shiann Garrett, Nancy Sevier Scholarship, \$500

- Tyler Mullens, MDNG Foundation Scholarship, \$500
- Matthew Scheck, Rotary Club of Towson Scholarship, \$1,000
- Karneisha Jones, National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Foundation Scholarship, \$1,000
- Erving Glasgow, Microsoft Foundation Scholarship, \$1,000
- Andrew Couser, Lockheed Martin Foundation Scholarship, \$1,000
- Rigoberto Kafie, "Find-A-Future" Foundation Scholarship, \$1,200
- Christopher Jones, Conway Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000
- Christine Lopez, Edward St. John Foundation Scholarship, \$1,250
- Luis Garcia, Edward St. John Foundation Scholarship, \$1,250
- Olivia Mauzy, Harford Community College Scholarship, \$5,000

The following cadets received special awards and \$500 Savings Bonds during an awards banquet at the Beechtree Restaurant in Aberdeen June 10:

- Darrin Porter, Cadet of the Cycle Award
- Elijah Oginni, Academic Excellence Award
- John Huderson, Leadership Award
- Derrick Boyd, Physical Fitness Award
- Talia Hopkins, Physical Fitness Award bond
- Phillip White, Most Improved Cadet Award

Libs

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lab to user through the commercialization process.

The ARL LIBS group includes Drs. Frank DeLucia, Chase Munson, and Jennifer Gottfried, all of whom have been instrumental in generating the data which shows consistent analytical success of 95 percent true positives. They have also pioneered the use of advanced chemometrics, and their work has been adopted by many other LIBS laboratories world-wide.

"The best is yet to come with LIBS," noted Miziolek, "with the anticipated commercialization of rugged and user-friendly field devices in many different form factors including standoff, close-contact, robotic-mounted and underwater systems."

The attributes of LIBS are compelling, including real-time analysis,

no sample preparation, high sensitivity and high specificity. The recent development of real-time signal processing software has made one-second analysis a reality.

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

ECBC ignites TNT event with pyrotechnics

ECBC

Illustrating the chemistry behind smoke and pyrotechnics, engineers from the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center presented “What Color is Exothermicity” — a series of more than 20 smoke and pyrotechnics demonstrations — during the third annual Technology Needs Teens (TNT) event at Harford Community College May 26.

TNT is a Harford County Public Schools and HCC educational outreach program supported by local businesses, academia and federal agencies, designed to promote science, technology, engineering and math, STEM, education among students.

And by lighting a HCC laboratory with an array of bright explosions, colored flames and smoke flashes, ECBC Chief of the Pyrotechnics and Explosives Branch Joe Domanico and Chemical

Engineer Giancarlo Diviacchi accomplished the TNT mission.

“As a chemical engineer you can have fun without getting in trouble,” Domanico told Edgewood Middle School students. “The benefit of this field is that you get to blow things up and make some noise. Ultimately, you can support the Army with a background in chemistry and knowledge of chemistry safety.”

With funding from the National Defense Education Program, ECBC employees were able to demonstrate a stimulating STEM-related career path to nearly 200 eighth-graders from Harford County’s nine middle schools.

“Mr. Domanico’s Exothermicity presentation exactly delivers what the day intends to do, which is to excite kids about the wonders of science,” said Marlene Lieb, associate vice president of Continuing Education and Training. “We

look forward to having Joe [Domanico] back each year, as he is a critical component of TNT’s success.”

After explaining how working with smoke, flames and explosives complements the center’s core capabilities of chemical and biological protection, detection and monitoring, Domanico and Diviacchi showed students how to create the boom effect of fireworks and manipulate their brightness by controlling energy release and temperature. Enhancing flames, explosions and smoke with a rainbow of color effects, they added compounds like calcium chloride or sodium nitrate to the fuel and black powder.

“White smoke on the battlefield camouflages the warfighter, whereas colorful smoke is used as an effective means of communication,” Domanico said.

Domanico shared some of his Pyro

Club experiences with the students, comparing one incident to a “Star Wars” movie and emphasizing the team spirit among his fellow pyrotechnicians.

“But, you have to understand the chemistry before you get to the fun part,” Diviacchi reminded. “In the Pyro world, everything is done in teams and we always check one another.”

According to the final student evaluation, the ECBC pyrotechnics workshop demonstration during the TNT event received the best response from Havre de Grace, Aberdeen, Fallston, Bel Air, Magnolia, Patterson Mill, Southampton, Edgewood and North Harford middle school students.

“I knew ECBC would be a hit again,” Lieb said.

For more information about ECBC and its community and educational outreach programs, visit www.ecbc.army.mil/.

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Stitz and ECBC Protection Factor Test Lead Steve Yurechko displayed and explained the various types of gas masks for the warfighter including the newest Joint Services General Purpose Mask that resembles the helmet worn by Darth Vader (from the Star Wars movies).

“With the most recent gas mask models, Soldiers could stay in a contaminated environment indefinitely,” Stitz said.

Keeping the group of students on their toes, the PFT team measured their facial sizes as is usually done with Soldiers before testing masks and invited them to enter the test chamber for the real experience.

Playing through the mask testing procedure, Stitz and Yurechko showed how they simulate the exposure to chemical agents and detect mask failures. Up to 16 volunteer Soldiers wearing masks connected to monitoring equipment enter the chamber filled with corn oil aerosol. While putting them through a series of exercises, the PFT team monitors the concentration of aerosol in the masks through a real-time graph on a computer screen. Enthusiastic about the facility’s equipment, EMS students asked many questions, closely observed the mask testing

process and role-played in the chamber.

Before leaving, EMS participants thanked ECBC mentors for their time and guidance over the past six weeks and said they were sorry the mentoring period was over so soon. However, three ECBC members committed to continue sessions with their mentees over the summer months.

EMS student Xavier Myles announced that his mentor helped him improve his math grade from a C to an A.

“Sometimes we got off track, but we always went straight back to work,” he said, describing the nature of his mentoring sessions.

Another student, Jordan Glassman, described her mentor as an amazing individual who always kept a smile, listened and helped her understand variables.

“ECBC mentors were always on time, patient, committed and dedicated,” Taibi added. “This experience has been great for the kids.”

Doak thanked event participants for contributing to a successful finale of the mentorship program.

“Leroy [Stitz] and Steven [Yurechko] are our shining stars today,” Doak said. “And, it’s the mentors, mentees and so many other participants that define an educational outreach program. Without you, we couldn’t have accomplished what we have.”

ECBC mentors included Stacey Broomall, Sandy Cormack,



Photo by JENNIFER CARROLL, ECBC

Edgewood Middle School students Krystiann Simms and Chubby Ofocha watch Steve Yurechko, the Protection Factor Test Lead with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, measure the facial size of schoolmate Dominic Flack during a visit to the facility May 25.

Jennifer Exelby, Pareja Jadey, Thu-An Kecskes, Erin Maloney, Valerie McCarty, Andrew Murphy, Steve Norman, Julius Owens, Aileen Richards, Martha Weeks and Candace Williams.

ECBC is the Army’s principal research and development center for chemical and biolog-

ical defense technology, engineering and field operations. ECBC has achieved major technological advances for the Warfighter and for national defense, with a long and distinguished history of providing the armed forces with quality systems and outstanding customer service.

ECBC is a U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command laboratory located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. For more information about ECBC, visit its Web site at <http://www.ecbc.army.mil/> or call 410-436-7718.

DES

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and Col. Orlando Ortiz, Garrison commander.

“Some of these officers have twenty years experience and others, none,” Fischer said. “It’s not easy bridging the gap between youth and enthusiasm, previous experience, strong personalities and different backgrounds. But, in the end, they all become a part of the Thin Blue Line.

“Continue to train,” she told the officers. “Be uplifted by the people that you protect, assist and defend. Be true to your profession and honorable in everything you do. Above all, be safe.”

Officer James Morge from Fort Bragg, N.C. was the class spokesperson. A former military policeman with 22 years experience, Morge said he appreciated the training he received at the academy.

“Every time you go to school you pick up something,” he said. “We all learned from each other and helped each other. We didn’t come here to watch each other fail.”

Officer Wesley Little, with the U.S. Coast Guard’s

Arlington Hall Readiness Center in Arlington, Va., said he “learned a lot of practical applications here that you may not receive elsewhere.”

“This is a great academy and I met a lot of good people,” he said. “We all learned so much and we plan to keep in touch, exchange information and ideas and help each other.”

“I loved the academy,” added Officer Brenda Santiago, from Fort Monmouth, N.J. “We hit the ground running every day and the best part was getting to know people from all over [the country].

“We all counted as one and we all stuck together because we know we are the future of law enforcement.”

Garrison Chaplain (Capt.) Donald Morse offered the invocation and benediction for the program.

The U.S. Army Military Police School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. will assume the duties of the APG Police Academy.

Class 3-10

- James Black Jr., Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, N.C.
- Aaron Brunner, Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.

- Scott Brunner, Fort Lee, Va.
- James Dawson, Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, N.C.
- Douglas Fry, Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky.
- Jon Hawn, Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky.
- Christopher Hudowalski, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.
- Amber Kangas, Fort Belvoir, Va.
- Timothy Karaba, Fort Monmouth, N.J.
- Michael Lance, Fort Monmouth, N.J.
- Wesley Little, Arlington Hall Readiness Center, Va.
- Lawrence Mawhinney Jr., Fort Lee, Va.
- James Morge, Fort Bragg, N.C.
- Robert Phelps, Fort Benning, Ga.
- Brenda Santiago, Fort Monmouth, N.J.
- John Sliwinski, Red River Army Depot, Texas
- Jason Stolz, Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky.
- Gregory Vinck, Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, N.C.
- Jason Warnick, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Individual awards went to Officers Wesley Little, Distinguished Honor Graduate and Physical Fitness; Lawrence Mawhinney Jr., Award for Academic Honor; and Brenda Santiago, Top Gun (weapons qualification).

AAFES NEWS

Varying levels of Exchange support available to entire military community

AAFES

From Fort Bragg, N.C. to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, military installations around the world are home to more than 3,000 Army & Air Force Exchange Service food, entertainment and retail options. The Army posts and Air Force bases where these exchange operations are located host a variety of visitors, contractors and Department of Defense civilians who often ask, "Who's authorized to shop these facilities?"

Exchange service authorization actually begins with the House Armed Services Committee and ultimately ends with the installation commander. The guidelines, as prescribed by Army Regulation 215-8/Air Force Instruction 34-211 (I) http://www.army.mil/usapa/epubs/pdf/r215_8.pdf and the Armed Services Exchange Regulations, Department of Defense Instruction 1330.21 <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/correspdf/133021p.pdf>, require proper identification of authorized customers, including uniformed personnel and members of the Reserve Components and Family members, applicable DoD civilians, exchange associates, retirees and their Family members who possess a basic exchange purchase privilege authorization card.

While authorizations governing

who can buy merchandise and services at Exchanges often apply to a chosen few, the doors to AAFES' 1,631 food facilities and 284 Shoppettes are open to virtually anyone looking for a quick bite to eat. In fact, DoD policy allows all federal government employees, and even installation visitors, to dine at AAFES restaurants as long as their orders are consumed on the installation. Furthermore, anyone can purchase single-serve consumables from a Shoppette, an option that is especially valuable late at night considering many AAFES convenience stores offer extended hours.

"The 'Snack Avenue' inside most AAFES Shoppettes offers a robust selection of single-serve consumables," said AAFES Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Helm. "Candy bars, soft drinks and even hot dogs can be picked up by just about anyone with business on the installation."

Anyone who believes they may qualify for exchange benefits, including access to the main exchange, should contact their local AAFES manager for additional guidance as well as information regarding possible exceptions at specific BX/PX locations. Installation-specific contact information is available online at www.aafes.com under the BX/PX 'Store Locator' link.

Now is the 'Time' to let troops know they are not forgotten

AAFES

Time magazine recently reported that 90 percent of gift cards in America each year are actually used by the recipients. And while most any gift card will work, military supporters have long struggled with finding just the right one for troops serving far from home.

Fortunately, AAFES operates retail facilities, including more than 90 Exchanges, fast food restaurants, services and concessions throughout the Middle East that accept gift cards.

"Exchange gift cards are an excellent way to send troops what they want so they can select their own gifts," said Col. Virgil Williams, AAFES chief of staff. "Our mission at AAFES is to serve the best customers in the world - our military personnel - and these cards provide a flexible and efficient way of doing just that."

While only authorized military shoppers can redeem AAFES gift cards, any American can send them by simply calling 800-527-2345 or logging on to www.aafes.org and clicking 'Gift Cards/Certificates for Our Troops' icon.

From there, AAFES gift cards ranging in values from \$10 to \$500, can be addressed to a specific Soldier, Airman, Sailor or Marine or sent to Any Service Member through the American Red Cross, Fisher House Foundation, USO, Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Air Force Aid Society or Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Today, AAFES operates 90 PX/BX facilities throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. The stock assortment found in these exchanges varies from location to location, but even the most basic operation provides access to toiletries, phone cards and cold drinks.



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Sports

Garrison volleyball team 3-peats as post champion

Story by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

With a victory over the U.S. Air Force Detachment, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison volleyball team solidified its reputation as the installation's best team by winning its third consecutive intramural volleyball post championship at the Edgewood Area's Hoyle Gym May 27.

Team captain Chris Damko, a civilian police officer with the Directorate of Emergency Services, has been with the team for three years.

He said the team lost some players, gained some new ones and had "a few bumps" along the way with a couple of lost sets but no lost matches.

"The Air Force Detachment had a really good team," he said. "They gave us our toughest games. There was no most valuable player, everyone just played together."

Pedro Rodriguez, Garrison civilian and former Garrison command sergeant major, has been with the team since it organized five years ago. He said the mix of civilian and military players went undefeated, "wire-to-wire" through the regular and post seasons.

"We had some returning players and some new players and we were lucky to pick up some Soldiers from the [143rd] Ordnance Battalion, which didn't have a team this year," he said. "This was the best team so far and I think we can four-peat."

"Not too many teams have the distinction of claiming being a three-peat champion," added an elated John King, the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command adjutant. "This will give us the support needed once more for next year."



Photo courtesy of FMWR

Members of the APG Garrison volleyball team pose with their medals and trophy after winning their third consecutive post championship at the Edgewood Area's Hoyle Gym May 27. From left, front, Hector Cemonce', team captain Chris Damko and John King. From left, standing, Pedro Rodriguez, John Densmore, Brian Perez and two unnamed players.