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## Post Shorts

### Military Appreciation Night

Military Appreciation Night will be celebrated at Ripken Stadium on July 30 at 7:05 p.m. The event will feature pitches by Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, installation commander, Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG Garrison commander and a League of Dreams member. The night will also include giveaways and games. The ticket price is reduced for Military card holders.

For more information call Capt. Ginger Hammerquist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, 410-278-3000.

### CIF relocates to Edgewood Area

The Central Issue Facility, operated by the Directorate of Logistics, has relocated to building E5707 on Magnolia Road in the Edgewood Area. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday. Customers must call in advance for an appointment, 410-436-2146 or e-mail: apgr-usag-cif-CentralIssueFacility@conus.army.mil.

### Strong Bonds Couples Retreat

A Strong Bonds couples training and retreat will be offered at the Harbortown Resort in St. Michael's, Md. Aug. 4 to 6.

Strong Bonds is provided by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Command Chaplain and the Garrison Commander at no cost to the Soldier and their spouse.

Registration is being accepted at the Main Post Chapel.

To register, attendees must bring a DA31, as a PTDY, signed by their command to the chapel and register with Joyce Wood, the command chaplain's administrator. For information call 410-278-4333. Child care will be provided.

### Well-Being Action Council Meeting

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## Shore Pool and Picnic Area opens to community; ACS celebrates its 45th birthday

Emily Byers, 12, dives head-first into Shore Pool during the Community Picnic. The pool, which charges an entry fee for those other than active duty military and their Family members, was free to everyone during the festivities.

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

Hundreds of Aberdeen Proving Ground service members, civilians, contractors, retirees and Family members celebrated the official opening of the Shore Park Picnic Area and Swimming Pool with a free community picnic at the upgraded facility July 22.

An official ribbon-cutting ceremony near the three new pavilions preceded the picnic. During the event, Army Community Service celebrated its 45th birthday with a cake-cutting ceremony.

Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, said the event was about "all our Soldiers, civilians and Family members here at APG."

"We at APG have the opportunity to come together as one," he said, "to enjoy your Family and coworkers."

He credited the directorates of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Public Works, the garrison legal team, the Army Corps of Engineers, St. John Properties and others, "for what we have here today."

"A lot of work and dedicated effort has gone forth for you,"

he said. "This is all about you and we want you to relax and enjoy yourselves."

The Shore Park Picnic Area replaces the former Maryland Boulevard Picnic Area. Upgrades to the area were provided by St. John Properties in accordance with the Enhanced Use Lease agreement. They include three new pavilions, new barbecue grills, age-appropriate playgrounds, horseshoe pits, a

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## Americans visit German Bundeswehr facilities

Story by **MIKE CAST**  
Developmental Test Command

Representatives of the U.S. Army's Aberdeen Test Center and the Army Evaluation Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground visited Germany April 7 to 13 to get a close look at how the German Bundeswehr conducts its test and evaluation programs and to meet with German officials to discuss the potential for information and engineering exchanges that could benefit both countries. The visit provided valuable insight into how Germany marshals its resources to test and procure technologies designed to protect German troops from today's battlefield threats, said Col. Jeffrey Holt, ATC commander.

"Each of the German test centers we visited provided something significant for ATC to consider," Holt explained. "The German army operates under much tighter constraints of test funding. As a result, they have invested wisely in equipment and facilities that can bring down overall test costs. As resources become tighter for our Army, we need to make similar investments."

During the trip to Germany in April, Holt and one of ATC's test managers, Daniel Terek, were joined by AEC's Brendon Webb and Eberhard Kloekner, German Liaison Officer at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The group visited the Bundeswehr Technical Center for Weapons and Ammunition in Meppen, the Federal Ministry of Defense's Armaments Directorate, Army Equipment and Technology in Bonn, the Federal Office of Defense Technology and Procurement in Koblenz, the Bundeswehr Technical Center for Automotive and Armored Vehicles in Trier, and the Bundeswehr Technical Center for Information Technology and Electronics in Greding. Officials of these German defense agencies provided their American visitors with tours and informative briefings on their operations, Kloekner said.

Among the most important topics of the trip were the development and testing of systems that protect troops from improvised explosive devices and explosively formed penetrators as well as the development and testing of vehicles needed in the combat theater, Kloekner said.

The visit was very worthwhile considering the professional yet informal atmosphere in which the Americans and their German counterparts traded information and ideas, Kloekner added. Among other facilities that interested the American visitors,

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## Shift in BOSS focus brings League of Dreams to APG

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is a Department of the Army program designed to enhance the quality of life of single Soldiers through recreation, leisure, and community service events.

In the past year, the APG BOSS program, which is under the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation umbrella, and the direction of Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney J. Rhoades, became more focused on serving the surrounding community. One result of this is the League of Dreams program, which recently got underway at APG.

League of Dreams provides developmentally challenged children the chance to participate in an organized sport – baseball – at their own level. Nearly 20 children are enrolled in the program, which held its first full game July 24 at the Child, Youth and School Services baseball field after two weeks of practice. The program concludes with a League of Dreams All Star Game with teams from around the region participating at Ripken Stadium Aug. 20.

Rhoades credits BOSS president Spc. Carlos Rios, a U.S. Army Public Health Command Soldier attached to the APG Garrison, with bringing the program to the installation.

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Photo courtesy of SPC. CARLOS RIOS  
Pvt. Shelton Zanders, a Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers representative, cheers on Julianna Lupacchino during a League of Dreams game, July 24, at the Child, Youth and School Services baseball field.

## HQ RDECOM moves into the Stones

Story by **BOB DIMICHELE**  
RDECOM PAO

The Headquarters of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (HQ RDECOM) has taken occupancy of the former headquarters buildings of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, RDECOM commanding general and installation commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground, began using Building 3071 on APG-North as his headquarters office space July 26th.

Brig. Gen. Harry Greene, deputy commanding general of RDECOM; Mr. Gary Martin, executive deputy to the commanding general; and Command Sergeant Major Hector Marin have also moved their offices to Building 3071.

HQ RDECOM will operate from both the former Ordnance Center and Schools buildings and from its buildings on APG-South while the consolidation of HQ RDECOM takes place through fiscal year 2011. Currently, only HQ RDECOM's Programs and Engineering staff are operating com-

pletely in Building 3071.

The move is part of a plan to consolidate headquarters staff to increase efficiency and improve performance, according to Carl Boquist, HQ RDECOM director of facilities and logistics. HQ RDECOM has staff spread across seven buildings on APG-South. With the departure of the Ordnance Center and Schools from Aberdeen Proving Ground to Fort Lee, Va., as part of Base Realignment and Closure Act, the former headquarters buildings of the Ordnance Center and Schools on Raritan Avenue now stand largely vacated.

HQ RDECOM personnel from Buildings E-5101, E-5103, E-5027, E-5183, E-4810, E-4435 and E-4445 will consolidate into Buildings 3071, 3072, and 3073, known as "the Stones." In addition, HQ RDECOM will take control of Building 3074, the Ball Conference Center. Boquist said the move will provide several advantages to the installation functions of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The move of HQ RDECOM will help alleviate a lack of adequate facilities on

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# Commentary - Army Family Action Plan General Officer Steering Committee resolves 27 quality-of-life Issues

By  
**LT GEN RICK LYNCH**  
IMCOM Commanding General



I have always said you can either read history or make it. Many in our workforce have made important history by asking the three fundamental questions: Are we doing the right things? Are we doing things right? What are we missing?

These questions compelled the workforce to provide valuable feedback that helps us sustain the Army Family Covenant. Because of your voice and the Army's commitment to taking care of Soldiers, Civilians and Families, you have added to the 27-year history of the Army Family Action Plan's quality-of-life improvements, enabling us to do the right things the right way, and fix things that were missing.

One of the greatest achievements of the recent AFAP General Officer Steering Committee is resolving 27 of 40 quality-of-life issues. The GOSC, composed of Department of Defense officials, Army leaders, and field representatives, reviewed some tough issues that require resources, legislation, and policy changes. In the end, the resolutions expanded Soldier entitlements and civilian employment; enhanced medical and family support; and improved facilities and relocation services for the Soldiers and Civilians who support our Nation, and the Families who support them.

The AFAP is a year-round process that begins at the installation or unit level and is the preeminent means for Commanders at all levels to learn of and seek solutions for the concerns of their communities. Currently, the Army is the only service with a program like AFAP.

Because of your voice, the Army is able to dedicate child and youth spaces to accommodate our special needs chil-

dren at Child, Youth and School Services facilities. Garrison Commanders now have the authority to designate areas within their community for immediate special needs child care. This resolution supports Soldier and Family well being.

Our pledge to improve Family readiness is evident in the resolution of issue No. 562, an efficient and seamless delivery of Family support services with Army One Source. This is a significant approach to reaching out to Families. Information about Army Family programs, health care benefits, education, and recreation is available online at [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com), and is easily accessible by Soldiers and Families - regardless of geographic location. This one-stop-shop for Army information is available for members of the Active and Reserve components.

We are ensuring excellence in schools through an online, one-on-one tutoring service for Army affiliated students. Family members in grades K-12 can receive live online assistance with math,

science, language, and introductory college-level courses. This worldwide service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at [www.tutor.com](http://www.tutor.com).

Providing additional support to surviving Families with enhanced survivor Family dental benefits was also attained. Surviving children can now maintain coverage in the TRICARE Dental Plan through age 21, or age 23, if they are full-time college students.

Additionally, an issue requesting around-the-clock childcare was resolved. The Army funded 24/7 childcare facilities at 11 installations, based on installation missions and projected demand. Family Child Care homes provide the same services at the remaining installations.

We have made great strides, but the committee agreed that six AFAP recommendations cannot be resolved because of resource constraints, lack of legislative support, or other factors. However, we decided to continue pursuing seven agenda items, such as increasing weight allowances for relocating Families and boosting medical retirement pay for some disabled Soldiers.

Above all, the AFAP continues to turn possibilities into realities. Since the first AFAP conference in 1983, we have established standards for childcare, increased single Soldier programs, granted paternity leave for new military fathers, and expanded educational benefits for Families.

This grassroots process identifies and elevates the most significant QOL issues that affect Soldiers, Retirees, Civilians, and Families. Information provided through the AFAP process gives commanders and leaders insight into current satisfaction detractors, QOL needs, and expectations of the Army Community. Leaders use the information to effect changes that improve

standards of living and support programs. These changes foster a satisfied, informed, and resilient Army Community.

We are entering a new era in AFAP. As the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, I am committed to ensuring all recommendations are thoroughly analyzed to determine if they are realistically achievable. To that end, I will be meeting with the Army staff proponents each month to analyze eight to 10 issues. I want to include the entire Army Family in this process by keeping them informed of the progress of each issue.

As such, I invite you to visit the Army One Source website at [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com), and select the Family Programs and Services menu to activate the AFAP Active Issue Search feature. Here, you can enter keywords to find related active issues, or insert an issue number to see a specific issue. You may also search by subject area, demographic group or geographic area to see what we are doing to improve quality of life for those we serve. I will also keep you informed by publishing monthly updates and postings to my Facebook page.

I encourage you to continue asking these three fundamental questions about our programs and services: Are we doing the right things? Are we doing things right? What are we missing? If you answer "no" to the first two questions or you think we are missing something, get involved and become part of the solution for improving the Army's home - your home. Reading history is educational, but getting involved and making important history is an exceptional way of providing exceptional support to the Soldiers, Civilians, and Families in our home.

## CMA destroys 75 percent of U.S. chemical weapons

Story by  
**GREGORY MAHALL**  
CMA

The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) announced that on July 1, it achieved the destruction of 75 percent of its chemical agent stockpile as defined under international treaty obligations.

"This accomplishment marks another extraordinary team effort between our storage and destruction staffs consist-

ing of both government and contractor personnel," said CMA Director Conrad Whyne.

This accomplishment represents destruction efforts since Entry-Into-Force, when the United States ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) treaty in April 1997.

Also, 75 percent represents 22,958 tons of agent and more than 2.1 million munitions. CMA reached the 50 percent milestone in December 2007 and the 60

percent destruction mark in April 2009.

While not an official treaty-mandated achievement, 75 percent represents the ongoing progress the United States, under CMA's leadership, is making in fulfilling its international obligations to destroy the aging and obsolete chemical weapons stockpile. CMA is on pace to meet the April 2012 deadline by destroying the 90 percent of the stockpile under its purview. The U.S. Army Element Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA) program is responsible for destroying the remaining 10 percent under treaty.

In reaching the 75 percent destruction mark, CMA has also reduced the overall public risk from continued storage of the stockpile by 94 percent. CMA's progress is reflected in the fact that neutralization sites at APG and Newport, Ind., as well as the incineration site at Johnston Atoll in the Pacific Ocean, have successfully destroyed their chemical warfare materiel stockpiles and are closed.

The four remaining CMA sites at Anniston, Ala.; Pine Bluff, Ark.; Tooele, Utah and Umatilla, Ore., continue to use incineration, a proven safe and effective treatment, in accomplishing their mis-

sion. In addition, CMA's Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project (NSCMP) has made substantial progress assessing and treating chemical materiel separate from the national stockpile.

NSCMP also beat the treaty deadline for destruction of the nation's chemical warfare production facilities and recently completed a mission at the Pine Bluff Explosive Destruction System site, destroying more than 1,200 recovered munitions.

"Our highly skilled government and contractor work force deserves a tremendous amount of credit for this achievement," Whyne continued. "We are another step closer to fulfilling one of our missions."

CMA remains committed to the safe and timely destruction of the nation's chemical agent and chemical warfare materiel. Final agent campaigns continue at CMA's remaining destruction sites - all four sites are destroying blister agent.

CMA continues to safely store chemical agent munitions at the ACWA sites near Richmond, Ky. and at Pueblo, Colo.

For more information about CMA, please visit [www.cma.army.mil](http://www.cma.army.mil).

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# 2010 HURRICANE SEASON: PREPARE NOW FOR PEACE OF MIND LATER

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Hurricane season runs through Nov. 1 and the historical height of the season is approaching. Forecasters have predicted an active 2010 season and now is the time to prepare Families, homes and businesses for emergencies.

This concludes the two-part series on Hurricane Preparedness. Readers can gain more information in the online Web sites of the Harford County Division of Emergency Operations at [www.harfordpublicsafety.org](http://www.harfordpublicsafety.org); and the Cecil County Department of Emergency Services at [www.ccdes.org](http://www.ccdes.org).

## Hurricane basics

The ingredients for a hurricane include a pre-existing weather disturbance, warm tropical oceans, moisture, and relatively light winds aloft. If the right conditions persist long enough, they can combine to produce the violent winds, incredible waves, torrential rains, and floods associated with this phenomenon.

Each year, an average of eleven tropical storms develop over the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico. Many of these remain over the ocean and never affect the U.S. coastline. On average, six of these storms become hurricanes. In an average 3-year period, roughly five hurricanes strike the U.S. coastline, killing approximately 50 to 100 people anywhere from Texas to Maine. Of these, two are typically "major" or "intense" hurricanes (a category 3 or higher storm on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale).

## What is a Hurricane?

A hurricane is a type of tropical cyclone, which is a generic term for a low-pressure system that generally forms in the tropics. The cyclone is accompanied by thunderstorms and, in the Northern Hemisphere, a counterclockwise circulation of winds near the earth's surface. Tropical cyclones are classified as follows:

**Tropical Depression:** An organized system of clouds and thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 38 mph or less.

**Tropical Storm:** An organized system of strong thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph.

**Hurricane:** An intense tropical weather system of strong thunderstorms with a well-defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 74 mph or higher.

## High winds

A Category 4 hurricane would have winds between 131 and 155 mph and, on average, would be expected

to cause 100 times the damage of a Category 1 storm. Less intense storms also can be strong enough to produce great damage, particularly in areas that are not prepared in advance. Hurricanes are categorized according to the strength of their winds using the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale (see below). A Category 1 storm has the lowest wind speeds, while a Category 5 hurricane has the strongest. These are relative terms, because lower category storms can sometimes inflict greater damage than higher category storms, depending on where they strike and the particular hazards they bring. In fact, tropical storms can also produce significant damage and loss of life, mainly due to flooding.

Tropical storm-force winds are strong enough to be considered dangerous. For this reason, emergency managers plan to have evacuations complete and personnel sheltered before the onset of tropical storm-force winds.

Hurricane-force winds can easily destroy poorly constructed buildings and mobile homes. For this reason, residents of mobile homes should relocate to a nearby safer structure once local officials issue a hurricane warning or evacuation order for their community.

## High wind safety actions before the storm

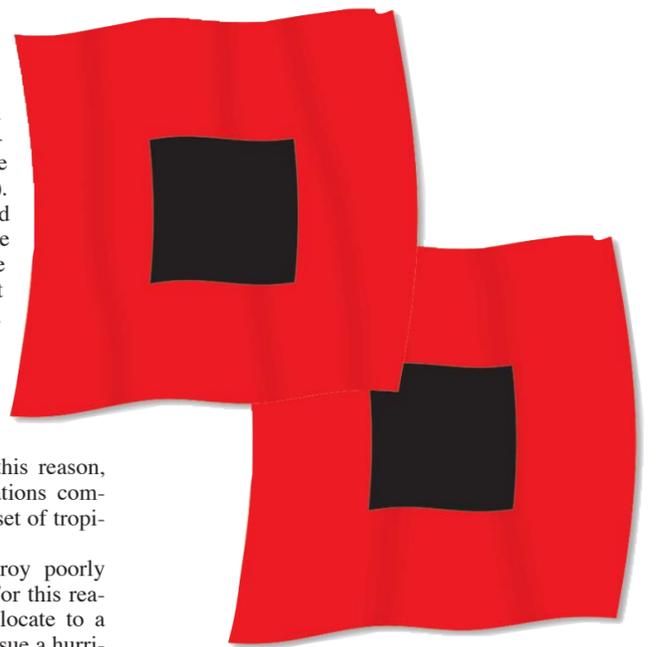
Find out if your home meets current building code requirements for high-winds. Experts agree that structures built to meet or exceed current building code high-wind provisions have a much better chance of surviving violent windstorms. Assess your property to ensure that landscaping and trees do not become a wind hazard. Trim dead wood and weak/overhanging branches from all trees. Certain trees and bushes are vulnerable to high winds and any dead tree near a home is a hazard. Consider landscaping materials other than gravel/rock. Protect all windows by installing commercial shutters or 5/8 inch plywood panels.

Garage doors are the weakest point of a home and are frequently the first feature in a home to fail. Reinforce all garage doors so that they are able to withstand high winds.

## High wind safety actions as the storm approaches

When a hurricane warning is issued, secure or bring inside all lawn furniture and other outside objects that could become projectiles in high winds.

Most mobile/manufactured homes are not built to withstand hurricane force winds. Residents of mobile/manufactured homes should relocate to a nearby safer structure or shelter once officials issue a hurricane warning or evacuation order.



If you do not live in an evacuation zone or a mobile home, and have no basement, designate an interior room with no windows or external doors as a "Safe Room". Listen carefully for safety instructions from local officials, and go to your designated "Safe Room" when directed to do so. Do not leave your "Safe Room" until directed to do so by local officials, even if it appears that the winds have calmed. Remember that there is little to no wind in the eye of a hurricane.

## Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale

Category 1: Winds of 74 to 95 mph; will produce some damage.

Category 2: Winds of 96 to 110 mph - extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage.

Category 3: Winds of 111 to 130 mph - devastating damage will occur.

Category 4: Winds of 131 to 155 mph - catastrophic damage will occur.

Category 5: Winds of 155+ mph - catastrophic damage will occur.

For more online information about hurricane hazards and preparedness, visit the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, [www.mema.gov](http://www.mema.gov); or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Hurricane Center at [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov).

# Ways to motivate employees about safety

Installation Safety Office

Safety meetings can be upbeat, leaving employees feeling good about the subject and themselves. Unfortunately, they can also be boring and unproductive. But it's not difficult to come up with an inspiring safety meeting using the following simple and basic guidelines.

## Decide the purpose

First, jot down the purpose of the safety meeting or toolbox safety talk. For inspirational ideas, go to the Combat Readiness Center website at: <https://safety.army.mil/>, find out what trends are prevalent (heat, POVM, etc.), or even satisfy an OSHA requirement such as Hazard Communication, slips, trips and falls, or proper lifting techniques.

Pass along safety information to employees and motivate them through awards (found in AR 385-10) or any other formal recognition.

When planning the content of the meeting, focus on these purposes.

- Plan content and format
- Next, decide the content. Sometimes that's already taken care of, e.g., new information from the Safety Office or a new piece of equipment that must be explained.

Other times, it might just be a "safety



topic of the month".

Either way, ensure there is time to adequately plan both the content and format (how the meeting will go). Do research and ask for suggestions along the way. Consider having someone from another organization speak to the personnel. A union representative may be an excellent source who could lead others to take the program seriously.

While planning, think big, but as the plan takes shape, think lean, saving only the most important or best ideas. Packing too much into the time allowed rarely makes for a good meeting.

## Create a good mix

When you plan the agenda (what happens when), think outside the box and try to create a good mix of

approaches. Along with the discussion, try using DVD/videotapes, humor, handouts, computer programs, guest speakers, PowerPoint presentations, or just group interactions. Many of these types of materials are available from the installation Safety Office.

This is also an opportunity to work on building teamwork and safety skills. Employing something like safety games can be not only fun, but a useful teaching tool. While everyone needs to be aware of safety on the job, expecting people to sit down and study a manual may not be the best way to getting the message across. Combining the serious message of safety with something enjoyable is a much better approach.

Games can include such things as a safety slogan contest, safety quizzes, word connect, find-the-hazard-in-this-picture, etc. Use your imagination, but make sure it supplements your teaching objective and doesn't become the objective itself! And it doesn't hurt to include some refreshments or snacks once in a while. All this helps to keep interest high.

## Respect the audience

When talking, answering questions, interacting with the group, never be condescending. Rely on the knowledge

employees bring to their jobs – they can usually teach you a thing or two! Encourage them to offer ideas, and not to criticize or ridicule.

Your honesty is a sign of respect. If someone asks a question, it is better to say "I don't know, but I'll get back to you on it," than to try to bluff your way through it.

## Follow up

At the end of the meeting, describe the follow-up plan so employees know that employees know leadership is committed to their safety. It will reinforce their Safety commitment. Let the employees know what is expected of them. And finally, ask them for feedback. This may generate new ideas for the next meeting.

## To ensure a great meeting

- Give yourself time to plan.
- Hold it in the morning when everyone's awake (hopefully!).
- Ask your safety office representative for advice
- Use relevant videos and handouts.
- Include refreshments or snacks.
- Ask for suggestions.
- Don't criticize ideas – encourage them, being positive.
- Keep on topic and stay focused.

For more information call the APG Garrison Safety Office, 410-306-1095.

# Community Notes

## THURSDAY

### JULY 29 SUNSET CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Sunset Cruise, 7 to 8:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Experience a sunset to remember. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 10 and under.

The ship will cruise around the Susquehanna flats area for a relaxing sail. Reservations are required.

For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

## FRIDAY

### JULY 30 BASKET AND PURSE BINGO

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Grace Methodist church will sponsor Basket and Purse Bingo at St. Paul's, 201 Mount Royal Avenue, Aberdeen. Doors open 6 p.m., bingo starts 7 p.m. Cost is \$12 per ticket; extra packs cost \$5 each. Proceeds will benefit the CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty ) Hunger Walk. Food and beverages will be available. Bring a non-perishable food item for a bonus prize ticket.

### MARYLAND WINE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Maryland Wine Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m. on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older).

The ship will take a 90-minute cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area offering wine from a local vineyard, cheese and fruit tray. Reservations are required.

For more information or for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

## SATURDAY

### JULY 31 EMPOWER SHOWER

Bliss Restaurant and Wine bar in Bel Air is hosting the "Empower Shower," a community baby shower to support expectant mothers in Harford County to provide young mothers-to-be information, resources, support and advice from a variety of local organizations, including the Upper Chesapeake Medical Center, Bel Air, Birthright Pregnancy Aid Center, Bel Air, Alpha's Glory Pregnancy Crisis Center, Aberdeen and Open Doors Career Center, Bel Air.

Contributors will include vendors and members of local moms support groups, who will be on hand to offer tips and advice and offer ongoing mentoring relationships with the young women present.

Participants will receive goodie bags and gift baskets. Donations of a new baby item from local residents would be gratefully received. Empower Shower is registered at Target and Walmart.

Bliss is located at 1402 Handlir Drive, Bel Air.

For more information and information on the donations registry please contact either Tricia Clarke, 212-960-8070, or Sarah Ortiz-Brown, 410-272-0505, or email [tricia@toateepromotions.com](mailto:tricia@toateepromotions.com)

### MARGARITAVILLE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Margaritaville Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older).

Set sail with island tunes, light munchies and margaritas.

For more information or for reservations, call 410-939-4078.

## MONDAYS

### AUG. 2 THRU 30 NATURE TOTS

Explore and discover the natural world through sensory activities, songs, and a short hike. Topics will be held 9 to 10 a.m. each Monday, July 19 thru Aug. 30 for ages 2 and 3 (parents must stay). The cost is \$30 per child. Registration is required.

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

## SATURDAY

### AUGUST 7 TINY WONDERS

What do preschoolers wonder about? Tiny Wonders will be offered to ages 2 to 5. Eden Mill Nature Center will answer questions on topics of high interest for 2-5 year olds. Children's natural curiosity will be cultivated through stories, music, crafts, movement and dramatic play. The fee is \$8 per member and \$6 per member sibling and \$10 per nonmember. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, visit [www.edenmill.org](http://www.edenmill.org) or call 410-836-3050 or e-mail [edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com).

## SATURDAY

### AUGUST 7 and 21 CLOTHES GIVE AWAY

St. James A.M.E. Church, Green Street, will give away clothes on the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the Church parsonage at 742 Otsego Street, Havre de Grace.

For more information, call Pattie Ford, 410-939-2267.

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



## Health Notes

**Troop Medical Clinic - Aberdeen Area**

The Troop Medical Clinic located at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, Aberdeen Area, will close and Sick Call will phase out effective July 30 as a result of the majority of Advance Individual Training students from AA moving to Fort Lee. AIT students still at AA can call the KUSAHC Call Center, 410-278-5475, starting at 6:30 a.m. to schedule same day appointments.

**Troop Medical Clinic - Edgewood Area**

There will be no change to Sick Call at TMC in the Edgewood Area. The hours at the Edgewood Area clinic are 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. for AIT students and 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. for permanent party appointments. The number is 410-436-3001.

**Active Duty Permanent Party/ Authorized Beneficiaries**

For all other routine medical needs, active-duty permanent party and authorized beneficiaries will continue to make appointments at Kirk either by calling the KUSAHC Call Center, 410-278-5475, or by using [www.Tricareonline.com](http://www.Tricareonline.com). With the recent addition of three providers, access to appointments has improved significantly.

If there are any questions, please call Patient Advocate Deborah Dodsworth, 410-278-1724.

## APG SCHOOL LIAISON

### **AMS invites new students to tour and meet peers**

Aberdeen Middle School Jumpstart, led by Beth Oleszczuk, Counselor Department chairperson, and Eileen Campbell, APG School Liaison, will take place on Aug. 20, 10 a.m. until noon. New, recently-registered students are encouraged to attend to meet other students, view slides on school procedures and meet Principal Chandra Krantz, peer helpers, Students Helping Students and assistant principals will provide tours. Please contact the AMS Guidance Department, 410 273-5510, to register.

### **Back-to-School Night at Roye-Williams**

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold their Back-to-School Night, Aug. 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for parents and students to meet teachers and staff, learn more about the curriculum and get to know teachers' goals and expectations.

Parents of students in grades 3 through 5 will be introduced to EDLINE offering on-line access to students' personal academic achievements.

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

## POST SHORTS

your quality of life on Aberdeen Proving Ground at the monthly Well-Being Action Council Meeting. The next meeting will be held Aug. 19 at the Edgewood Area Chapel.

### 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](http://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](mailto:apg.green.dragon.ball@conus.army.mil).

### 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, 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 email [michael.ray.davis@us.army.mil](mailto:michael.ray.davis@us.army.mil).

### KWVA recruiting new members

The Korean War Veterans Association chapter 271 is actively recruiting new members. Membership is open to those who served honorably in Korea during and after the Korean War or at anytime between 1945 to the present. Associate membership is open to non-Korean War veterans who support the goals of the KWVA.

The chapter is chartered under the National KWVA and meets quarterly on the last Monday in February, May, August and November.

For more information, contact Nick Guerra, chapter commander, at 410-272-0458.

### Volunteer drivers needed

The Veterans Administration Maryland Health Care System needs a few good drivers to serve at the Fort

Howard Outpatient Clinic, transporting veteran patients to and from scheduled appointments. The VA Maryland Health Care System will work around a volunteer's availability. Drivers for weekday mornings or afternoons are needed. Volunteers can work one day a week or more, or whatever best suits their schedule.

For more information or to sign up, call David Sevinsky, voluntary service specialist, 410-605-7102/7000 ext. 3929.

### APG cable channel switches to Channel 97

Aberdeen Proving Ground residents who receive cable through Comcast can now view both the APG and Harford County Public Service Channels on a cable ready TV set or through a Comcast Digital cable box. The Harford County Cable channel will broadcast on Channel 21. APG's Cable channel can be viewed on Channel 97.

### UMBC Training Centers are granted GI Bill Eligibility

University of Maryland Baltimore County Training Centers have been approved for GI Bill eligibility, enabling veteran students to receive tuition reimbursement via the Montgomery GI Bill. For a full listing of eligible programs, visit: [www.umbc.edu/trainctr/admissions/financial.html](http://www.umbc.edu/trainctr/admissions/financial.html).

For more information, call Nick Driver at 443-543-5413.

### KUSAHC after-hours medical needs

For urgent medical services needed after hours, weekends or federal holidays, please contact Staff Duty at 410-278-1725 or call 443-807-0725. The Staff Duty NCO will coordinate your referral. To avoid Point of Service copayment charges, you will need a referral to go to any Urgent Care Center/Clinic. Care from a hospital Emergency Room does not require a referral. If unable to reach Staff Duty and you cannot wait, seek the nearest participating facility. Please call the clinic the following business day. The Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Referral Management telephone number is 410-278-1736. The Patient Advocate telephone number is 410-278-1724.

### The Thrift Shop closes on Saturdays

The Thrift Shop, building 2458, will be closed on Saturdays.

The Thrift Shop is open Wednesday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and consignments are accepted 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Thrift Shop is open Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and consignments are accepted 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 410-272-8572.

### CAC Appointment Scheduler

The Directorate of Human Resources has launched an online CAC renewal appointment scheduler application to support the empowerment of DHR customers. The CAC appointment application provides customers the ability to access an automated appointment calendar and schedule their CAC reissuance within 90 days of its expiration date based on time and date availability.

Additionally, the application allows customers the flexibility to cancel and reschedule appointments to avoid work schedule conflicts and a confirmation appointment e-mail, through their AKO, as well as appointment instructions.

Customers can access the CAC renewal appointment scheduler through the APG Web site - [www.apg.army.mil/AKOSSOprompt/cacrenewal.cfm](http://www.apg.army.mil/AKOSSOprompt/cacrenewal.cfm).

For questions or more information contact Tom Shumate, 410-306-2303.

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

## APG hosts National Night Out Aug. 3

This block party-style with free fun, food and activities will be held at the McGruff House at 3847-E Flag Court in the Patriot Village Housing area, Tuesday, Aug. 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. Representatives from each section of the Police and Fire departments will be available to answer questions about their profession and explain and display the tools of their trade.

A 2010 Iron Dog Champion from the K-9 unit will be there demonstrating his winning skills.

For more information call "Big Mike" Farlow, 410-278-3609.

## RDECOM

*From front page*

APG-South for those tenant activities which do not have the means to build new ones.

- The Stones provides the largest contiguous set of buildings on APG and therefore provides the facilities for consolidating the HQ RDECOM staff from the many APG-South buildings.

- The vast majority of RDECOM's organizational assets will be located on APG-North and command and control can best be executed from there.

- As the senior command on the Aberdeen Proving Ground, HQ RDECOM will be moving its personnel into the facilities traditionally recognized as serving the senior commander and his staff. In addition, most of the installation's assets are located on APG-North, and command and control can best be executed from there as the garrison leadership does.

The rear detachment of the Ordnance Center and Schools will remain in the

basement of Bldg. 3071 until September 2011 while the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command will continue to use Bldg. 3073 until its new facility is completed in January 2011.

The "Stones" were completed in 1941. The two-story buildings were constructed with reinforced concrete foundations and floors and exterior walls of stone backed by hollow terra cotta tile. The roofs are of slate. The buildings were designed prior to World War II to provide the primary administrative space for the Ordnance Center and Schools that were newly consolidated at the time, and they have been the primary occupant of the buildings since construction.

Other organizations have occupied Buildings 3072 and 3073 throughout the years as well -- the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, the U.S. Army Material Command Board, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the U.S. Army Cadet Command, and the Trial Defense Service. In addition, Bldg. 3074 currently contains the Machinist Training Facility, utilized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Ball Conference Center.

# Dreams

*From front page*

“BOSS gets all the credit for making this happen,” Rhoades said. “Specialist Rios and the BOSS Soldiers worked hard to make the League of Dreams a reality for those children.”

Rios said the plan started a year ago when he and Rhoades visited Ripken Stadium to learn about the League of Dreams.

He said they came away excited about the program that with the support of Rhoades and Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, BOSS helped the League of Dreams debut on a military installation.

“We are the first military installation to host a League of Dreams team,” Rios said, adding that since then, Ft. Meade, Md. has contacted founder Frank Kolarek, to

start a program there.

“We ask BOSS Soldiers to volunteer. Participation is not a requirement,” Rios said. “They volunteer not to affect their lives, but to affect the lives of others.”

“The League of Dreams is about getting a chance you may not have otherwise,” he added. “The children are not disabled; they just haven’t been shown the way.”

“The program and BOSS Soldiers provide coaching, mentoring, motivation and the opportunity to have a good time and forget about limitations,” he said. “It’s not a competition based on winning. It’s an opportunity for these children to experience others who enjoy the sport as much as they do.”

BOSS Soldiers also will support the Ripken Stadium event, Rios said.

“It’s not about me,” he said. “The Soldiers in BOSS make it happen. They show up because they want to make a difference. They’re giving their time to make the lives of others better.”

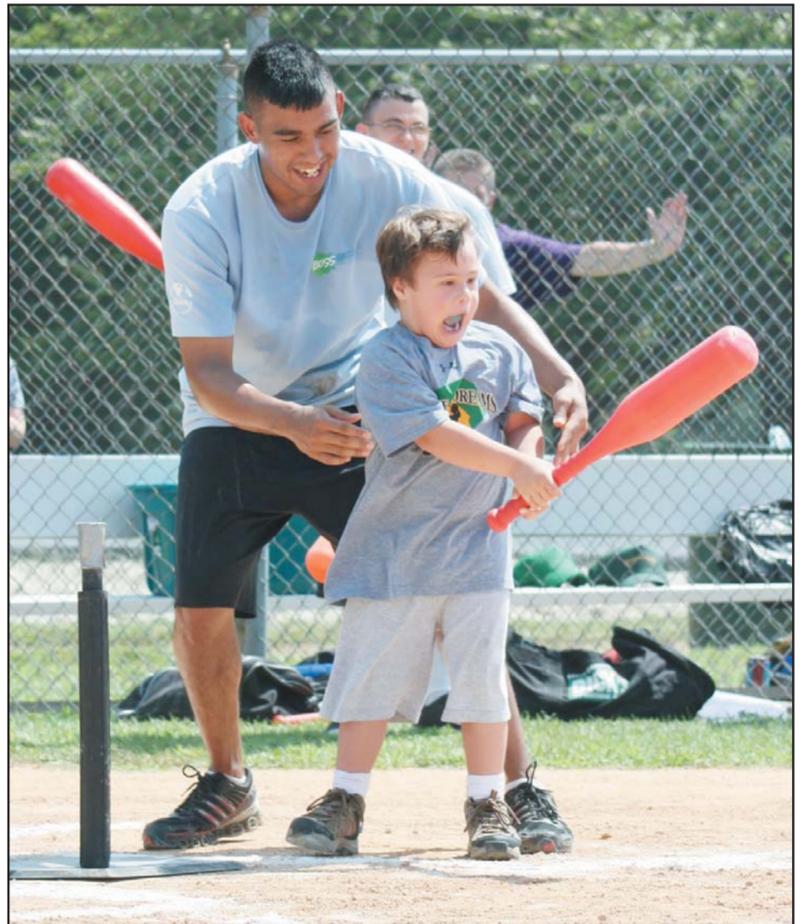


Photo courtesy of SPC. CARLOS RIOS  
*Spc. Rusty Farias, a Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers representative helps Joseph Senarski with batting during a League of Dreams game, July 24 the Child, Youth and School Services baseball field.*

# Commentary - If you really want to be number one

By

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The politician was sitting at his campaign headquarters when the phone rang. He listened intently, and after a moment his face brightened. When he hung up, he immediately phoned his mother to tell her the good news. "Mom," he shouted, "the results are in. I won the election!" "Honestly?" she asked. The politician's smile faded. "Aw, Mom, why bring that up at a time like this?"

We all like to win, don't we? We all want to be part of the crowd chanting, "We're number one! We're number one!"

"Winning isn't everything," said legendary coach Vince Lombardi, "it's the only thing." Lombardi complained he was misquoted, but there are people who believe that winning is the only thing that matters.

Joe Jacobi of the Washington Redskins once said, "I'd run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl." Hearing Jacobi's boast, Matt Millen of the Oakland Raiders said: "To win, I'd run over Joe's Mom, too."

There are many people today who would divide the world into two groups, the winners and the losers. And it doesn't matter how many people you

have to step on, the only thing that matters is to win.

Some of the greatest people who have ever lived were also among the most ambitious. It is said that Michelangelo prayed: "Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish." Abraham Lincoln often said to himself as a boy studying by the pine log fire at night: "I will study and get ready and perhaps my chance will come." And, indeed, it did come.

Having an African-American president reminds us of other people of color who have succeeded against even greater odds. They, too, were driven to succeed. Who can help but be impressed by the accomplishments, for example, of George Washington Carver? Carver was born to an African slave mother. He never knew his father. But he wanted to make a difference in the world, and he did! Carver became one the greatest scien-

tists in American history.

There is nothing wrong with a desire to achieve greatness as long it does not cause us to mistreat others or betray our values.

Jesus of Nazareth taught by word and example one style of leadership, Servant leadership. Jesus called the all twelve disciples together and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." If you want to be the greatest, you must learn to serve others. What does it mean to be a servant? Service is not an ambition that most of us aspire to. We would prefer to look after number one rather than being a servant. Some of you will remember a famous experiment that was performed at the Princeton Theological Seminary years ago. Twenty theological students at Princeton, future ministers of the Gospel, were instructed to go to a recording studio and make a tape recording of their interpretation of the story of the Good Samaritan.

Twenty theological students in a second group were told to go to the same recording studio. However they were simply told that they were participating in a career study program. They were to give a talk on their future career and their idea of ministry.

Unknown to the students, a professional actor had been

hired to stage an act for them as they walked along the route from the dormitory to the recording studio. As the students passed by this actor, he clutched his heart and gasped, "Oh, this is a big one!" With that, he toppled over. Amazingly, sixty percent of these theological students did not stop. They trudged right on to keep their appointments with the tape recorder. An article reporting on this study published in the magazine Human Behavior, carried this notation: "Some who were planning their dissertation on the Good Samaritan literally stepped over the slumped body as they hurried along."

A comedian said he was once mugged. He was beaten up, his face blackened and bruised. Someone asked him, "Why didn't you fight back?" His answer was, "I started to but I decided not to get involved."

Non involvement is the curse of our time. And, of course, we have many ways of rationalizing our lack of involvement: We don't pick up hitchhikers, they may knock us on the head; we don't stop to help someone with a medical emergency because we might get sued; we don't want to give the homeless man any money because he is going to spend it on drink anyway. We don't want to support people on welfare because they shouldn't have had

all those babies in the first place. Now to be sure, there may a grain of truth to some of these rationalizations, but the hard truth of our lives is that we would much rather be served than to serve, to receive rather than to give.

Now that is not always true, and how thrilled we are when we hear of someone giving of himself or herself for another. Service is the key to successful living. Service is actually the key to becoming the greatest.

We can easily see this in business, can't we? We enjoy spending our money with companies that give us the best service. We may choose a fast food restaurant not because of the quality of its food, but because of the cleanliness of its restrooms. We may choose a supermarket not because it always has the lowest prices, but because the personnel are always so friendly and helpful. Commercial enterprises often succeed or fail based on their service. Companies that give us poor service earn our scorn. We can also see that in our community. The people we honor are those who best serve the community. That's why the funeral homes are crowded with people who come to pay their last respects when their sojourn on life is over. In serving others, they touched many, many lives. The key to a successful life is service. The greatest leaders are those who serve.

## July Well-Being focuses on post improvements and upcoming events

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Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community gathered at the Edgewood Area Chapel July 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](http://www.apgmwr.com/events.html#wellbeing).

### DPTMS

Clint Zangle represented the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security. Zangle said that DPTMS is responsible for tracking all events on post. These events are posted in a calendar that can be found by going to the APG Web site [www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/](http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/).

Zangle told attendees that if they have any upcoming APG events contact Bill Babauta the point-of-contact for the calendar, 410-278-5228.

Zangle added that the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum is temporarily closed. Some artifacts are being removed from the museum during this time, to be moved to the new Ordnance Museum at Fort Lee, Va. Aug. 2 is the tentative reopening date.

### AAFES

Drusilla Bond from the Army & Air Force Exchange Services said that the food court in the Shoppette in the Edgewood Area is currently being renovated to build a Subway restaurant. The opening of the Subway will be announced at a later date.

Bond said that the PX is having specials on summer outdoor items like patio furniture, barbeque grills and more.

Bond added that the Post Exchange is currently conducting a survey and is looking for more feedback from the APG community. The surveys are located at the customer service desk.

"Please give us feedback so we can help you as much as we can," Bond said. "This is your store."

Bond said that there are new home services being offered through AAFES that provide telephone, internet and cable services. Customers can go online to compare prices and purchase this product. Money made from this service will go back in to the FMWR program.

### Commissary

Anne Morrison manager of the Commissary, said that the store features a "grab and go" section featuring sandwiches, salads and other convenient items at the front of the store.

An attendee asked if the commissary had any plans to open on Monday. Morrison said that at this time the store does not have plans to open on Monday, which traditionally is the slowest business day. Morrison said that APG's commissary is considered a small commissary and that small commissaries traditionally close on Mondays to keep business costs down.

Morrison added that business has slowed down at the Commissary due to the number of military personnel leaving APG.

### DENTAC

Senior DENTAC NCO said that if a child gets in an accident and loses their tooth, the first thing they should do is try to stick the tooth back in the mouth or stick it in milk.

### KUSAHC

Col. Ireland, commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic reminded attendees that it is important to stay hydrated, especially during the hot weather.

Ireland said that KUSAHC is currently undergoing renovations throughout the year. Patients will still be provided with care.

During October KUSAHC will be closed for renovations. Dates are being finalized. Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 7, 8, and the 11, are being proposed as tentative dates.

Ireland told attendees to fill prescriptions in advance as the pharmacy will be closed during this time.

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.

Ireland said that Troop Medical Clinic Sick Call at the Aberdeen Area clinic will be phased out effective July 30. The closure and termination of Sick Call is a result of the moving of the majority of the Advance Individual Training (AIT) students from the Aberdeen Area moving to Fort Lee, Va. The remainder of military students remaining at the Aberdeen Area can call the KUSAHC Call Center at 410-278-5475 starting at 6:30 a.m. to schedule a same day appointment.

Sick Call in the Edgewood Area is fully operational. Hours are 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. for Advanced Individual Training students; 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. for permanent party appointments. The number for Edgewood Clinic is 410-436-3001.

Ireland said that 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 the clinic. The PAC group would be providing guidance on what policies would be put in place at KUSAHC from the patient's viewpoint. Ireland said that the clinic encourages patient participation in all activities. Volunteer time is generally one hour per month depending on how often the committee meets. To become a member of the PAC, call Deborah Dodsworth, patient advocate, 410-278-1724.

### DPW

Tom Kuchar, director of Public Works, said that construction is approaching completeness on the fitness path in the Edgewood Area. Construction for fitness paths in the Aberdeen Area has also begun. Kuchar reminded attendees to wear reflective gear when exercising on these paths.

Kuchar said that construction work is being done near the 715 Gate, which is the Enhanced Use Lease site by developer Saint John's Property. Eventually 2 million square feet of office space will be built there. Kuchar said that the

installation will get money back from the lease of those facilities, which will go into community projects.

"It is very much a win-win situation," he said.

### 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. The event will be held on Aug. 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. The event will feature displays from DES and a free cookout.

"It is an opportunity to meet your first responders and the support organizations that help us with our program," Krauer said. "It is a great time; it is always a lot of fun."

Krauer reminded attendees to practice fire safety when barbecuing, especially since it has been a dry summer.

### PAO

George Mercer, public affairs officer, said that Channel 21 is now the Harford County cable channel. Channel 97 is the new APG channel. Mercer said soon the APG channel will go out to people living in Harford County.

### School Liaison Officer

Eileen Campbell, School Liaison Officer said that there will be a Community Connections Expo at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center on Aug. 11 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Educational experts from areas like special needs, tutoring, recreation and more will be available to talk to attendees and to provide information.

Campbell said that Royce Williams Elementary School will be having a back-to-school night at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 26.

Aberdeen Middle School will have a back-to-school jump start event for new Families moving to the area, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### FMWR

Lupacchino said that the Army Community Services and Child Youth and School Services have moved into building 2503.

Chris Lockhart, marketing director for FMWR announced on Sept. 24 there will be a "Tribute to the Troops" variety show. She said there will also be a talent show Sept. 25 for youth at 4 p.m. and adults at 7 p.m. Volunteers and performers are needed for both shows. For more information, visit [apgmwr.com](http://apgmwr.com) or call 410-278-3854.

Ruggles Golf Course will have the 2010 Military Long Drive Championship open to military ID cardholders on Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or to register contact Debra Long at [debra.long1@us.army.mil](mailto:debra.long1@us.army.mil).

For a complete list of FMWR events go to [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### BRAC Office

Nicole Cawthern from the Base Realignment and Closure Office said that tenants will be moving into the new Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance building in August. This is the first completed BRAC building.

Cawthern told attendees to be cautious when driving around the Shore Park area as the new U.S. Army Test and Command

building is currently being constructed near that area on Aberdeen Boulevard. Ortiz said that there will be increased traffic in that area, and that eventually the Post Office will be moving to a location yet to be determined.

### 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](http://ice.disa.mil). Comments can also be made at ICE kiosks located on post. Johnson asked attendees to please leave a contact number when leaving an ICE comment.

### Picerne Military Housing

Gregg Cannito, Picerne Military Housing program director, said that there will be a groundbreaking ceremony in the Bayside Village area for the 210 new homes that will be built for military Families.

Ortiz said that it even though there have been some growing pains in the transition, he is very happy with the progress that has been made for military Families since Picerne Military Housing assumed responsibility for military housing on APG in December.

"Continue to give us feedback," Ortiz said.

### Safety

Lynda Rice, from the APG Safety Office, said that there will be safety articles in the APG News. Rice asked attendees that if they have an idea for a safety article, email her at [lynda.rice@us.army.mil](mailto:lynda.rice@us.army.mil).

### HHC

Capt. Ginger Hammerquist, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, APG Garrison, said that Military Appreciation Night will be celebrated at Ripken Stadium on July 30 at 7:05 p.m.

Hammerquist said the event creates a great opportunity to develop, nourish, and bring together APG civilian and military Families. The event will feature a pitch by the Commanding General, Garrison Commander and a League of Dreams member. The night will also include giveaways and games. Ripken Stadium will sell tickets at a reduced price for military card holders. Hammerquist added that she can facilitate in buying group tickets for the remaining seats while supplies last.

Hammerquist can be contacted by calling 410-278-3000 or [ginger.hammerquist@us.army.mil](mailto:ginger.hammerquist@us.army.mil).

### Open Forum

Spc. Carlos Rios, president of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers said that BOSS is trying to do more community projects. On Aug. 7 BOSS will be doing a Habitat for Humanity project. Rios said that if anyone would like to help with this project, contact him at 410-306-2649. Rios said that B.O.S.S. also is going to do some renovation projects on post.

Ortiz thanked attendees for coming to the Well-Being meeting and providing feedback.

The next meeting will be held Aug. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Edgewood Area Chapel.



# 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.

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.

### 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. Tickets cost \$39.25 per adult and \$32 per child (ages 3 to 12 years). Reservations must be made at the time of purchase; other locations available upon request. All prices and savings are based on the final cost to include all taxes and fees. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Visit the MWR Leisure Travel Office, building 3326, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

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.

### Community Connections Expo Aug 11

Aberdeen Proving Ground invites Families to attend the Community Connections Expo Wednesday, Aug. 11, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Recreation Center in building 3326 on Erie Street in the Aberdeen Area. The purpose of this Expo is to affiliate Families with education and special needs resources. Call Army Community Service for more information, 410-278-2420.

### Colonial Williamsburg joins Blue Star Museum Program

Colonial Williamsburg in Williamsburg, Va., has joined the Blue Star Museum Program that provides free admission to active duty military

To receive the free admission, active duty military or their Family members can present a valid military identification card at the Colonial Williamsburg Visitor Center.

The free admission offer ends Labor Day, Sep 6.

For more information, contact MWR Leisure Travel Services at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, at 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil, or visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com), or [www.colonialwilliamsburg.com](http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com).

### Maryland State Fair tickets available

MWR Leisure Travel Services offers discount tickets for the Maryland State Fair to be held Aug. 27 to Sept. 6 in Timonium. Admission tickets cost \$7 for adults; \$2.50 for children ages 6 to 11; \$17 for all-you-can-ride vouchers; and a book of coupons costs \$4.50.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail MWR-LeisureTravel@apg.army.mil.

### 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 Pirate 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-LeisureTravel@conus.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-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

### 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.

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](mailto:debra.long1@us.army.mil).

### APG Variety and Talent Show auditions

A variety show and two talent shows are planned for Sept. 24 and 25.

A Tribute to the Troops Variety Show will be held 7 p.m., Sept. 24. APG's Got Talent Show will be held Sept. 25. The youth talent show will be held 4 p.m. and an adult talent show will be held 7 p.m.

Auditions for both shows will be held 6 to 8 p.m., every Thursday beginning July 9. Auditions are open to the entire APG Community and its partners.

Volunteers and performers are needed for both shows.

For more information, call 410-278-3854.

### A free week of camp for Military children

Boys and Girls Clubs are offering children of National Guard, Reserve and active duty Families a free week of camp at any club location. Mission Youth Outreach is a services-sponsored youth outreach initiative with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Boys and Girls Clubs of Harford County serve 3,500 children at four Clubs in Harford County and one in Carroll County. Through a variety of educational, sports and recreation, health, arts, and character development programs, the Clubs create a positive environment where children are encouraged to develop their ambitions and turn them into reality.

For more information, call 410-272-0010, ext. 10 or visit [www.bgcharford-co.org](http://www.bgcharford-co.org).

### Birdie Cafe opens at Exton Golf Course

The Birdie Café is now open for the golf season at Exton Golf Course in the Edgewood Area. Patio or indoor seating is offered at the Exton Clubhouse. The café is open 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Menu options include grilled hot dogs, burgers, chili and pulled BBQ Chicken sandwiches, chips, snacks, and assorted beverages.

### Swim Lessons

Swim lessons run through July 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 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.

### 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 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 June 23, 2011. Pric-

es are subject to change without notice. Reservations must be made at the time of purchase.

### FMWR Leisure Travel offers discount tickets to amusement parks

MWR Leisure Travel offers discount tickets to amusement parks in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia.

Get discount tickets for Six Flags America, Six Flags Great Adventure, Dorney Park/Wild Water Kingdom, Dutch Wonderland, Hershey Park, Sesame Place, Busch Gardens, Kings Dominion, Colonial Williamsburg and more.

Take advantage of the Atlantic City Daily Run for \$28 per person, roundtrip transportation included. Discount tickets are also available for the Baltimore Zoo, Luray Caverns, Va., Longwood Gardens, Pa., Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament, the National Aquarium, Regal Movie Theaters, Spirit Cruise in Washington, D.C. and more.

Prices are subject to change without notice. Gate prices may include tax and other applicable fees. Season passes are only available for a limited time; season passes are prepaid tickets, and should be ordered three weeks in advance.

For seasonal tickets and specials visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com). Prices are subject to change without notice.

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

### Leisure Travel Services available at EA Recreation Center

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

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

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

### Volunteer today

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

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

## Looking for a job?

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

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

## SKIES Unlimited

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

### Private Guitar Lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held 1 to 7 p.m., on Monday or Tuesday, 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.

Students also are required to purchase books required for the course as recom-

mended by the instructor.

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

### 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.

# hired!

## 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.

### You Have the Job Now Keep It

There will be workshop training for ages 15 to 18, 2 to 3 p.m., Aug. 10, at Aberdeen Area Youth Services, building 2503. Teens will learn about understanding leadership, following direction, and ethics trust.

### Preparing Teens for the Work Place

Teens ages 13 to 18 can attend this program 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 19, at Youth Services, building 2503.

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

To register, sign up at the CYSS Central Registration, building 2503. For more information, call Jay McKinney, 410-278-3250, or e-mail [jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil](mailto:jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil).

## 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.

• Each Friday, Cosmic bowling 5 to 11 p.m. for \$14 per hour.

• Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza and one pitcher of soda for \$32.

## 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 6 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday.

### Week of July 26

Special #1: Crab cake sandwich with French fries, coleslaw, cookie and regular soda for \$7.50.

Special #2: Chicken salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.95.

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



# ECBC civilian named 2010 Engineer of the Year

**ECBC**  
A Department of Defense civilian with the Research and Technology Directorate of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center has been named the 2010 Engineer of the Year by the Mid-Atlantic Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Daniel Weber is credited for the design and development of a unique 5-centimeter wind tunnel to investigate the release of highly toxic, chemical warfare agents from surfaces under controlled environmental conditions.

"Dan should be commended for his fine work at ECBC," said ECBC Technical Director Joseph D. Wienand. "He is a noted aerospace engineer in our community. This award once again demonstrates that ECBC is home to some of the best and brightest scientists and engineers in the nation."



The wind tunnel credited to Weber represents the key element in an experimental "Agent Fate" Defense Technology Objective sponsored by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. A unique feature of the wind tunnel is its ability to simulate the near ground portion of the

atmospheric boundary layer while operating within a standard chemical fume hood. Several examples of the wind tunnel are currently in use in the United States as well as in several other nations.

"The wind tunnel he developed for ECBC gave us an effective tool that we've never had before and it enables us to understand the fate of chemical agents in the environment," said Dr. Joseph Corriveau, ECBC director of Research and Technology. "His work has resulted in more focused materiel requirements for things such as detectors and decontamination systems and had real implications in our training and doctrine."

Weber is a senior member of AIAA, the primary professional society for aerospace engineers. The Mid-Atlantic Section of the AIAA includes Pennsyl-

vania, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland.

"It was an honor to be recognized by the Mid-Atlantic Section of the AIAA for the design of the five-centimeter wind tunnel, not only for myself but for all at ECBC who were involved with this project," said Weber. "I appreciate all of their help, support and contributions."

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 and distinguished history of providing the armed forces with quality systems and outstanding customer service. For more information, visit the ECBC Web site at [www.ecbc.army.mil/](http://www.ecbc.army.mil/) or call (410) 436-7718.

# Corrin Campbell and The Election to perform at Lilith Fair

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

Corrin Campbell and The Election will be performing at Lilith Fair, a concert tour and traveling music festival celebrating women in music. The event will be held at Meriwether Post Pavilion in Columbia, Md. Aug. 3.

Corrin Campbell and The Election includes Sgt. Corrin Campbell, vocalist, bass guitarist and keyboardist, Sgt. Tony Corbett, drummer, and Jim Boyer, guitarist. Campbell, a combat veteran, and Corbett, a three-time combat veteran, serve in the Army Materiel Band, located on Aberdeen Proving Ground. Boyer is a college student studying criminal justice.

Corrin Campbell and The Election were invited to perform at Lilith Fair after winning a Lilith Local Talent Search Competition. The group competed against groups located in Maryland, D.C. and northern Virginia. Fans voted by going to [www.ourstage.com](http://www.ourstage.com) to vote on their favorite song. Once the group got into the top ten, they went before a selection committee that included Terry McBride, one of the co-founders of Lilith Fair.

Campbell said that the opportunity to perform at Lilith Fair is like a dream come true.

"It was a goal for me," Campbell. "I was in high school when

Lilith Fair originally toured in the 90's. During that time I said to myself, 'I want to do Lilith Fair.'"

Campbell said that her grandmother was her biggest influence to become a musician.

"Every day that I do music, I think of her," she said.

Campbell said that she joined the Army for the chance to be able to make a living being a musician. Campbell, who has been in the Army ten years, is one of the few female bass guitarists in the Army.

"I think that the fact that I am one of the few female bass guitarists serving in the Army made me stand out to fans and to judges in the Lilith Local Talent Search Competition," she said.

Campbell said that while serving in the Army she has performed with the 1st Cavalry Division, who opened for Ted Nugent and Toby Keith while performing for troops in Baghdad. Campbell has also been part of the U.S. Army Soldier Show, that toured in Korea, Cuba and throughout the U.S.

"People in the Army get to do amazing things, all the time," Campbell said. "I had opportunities that wouldn't exist without the Army."

Campbell said playing with other talented, diverse musicians gave her the confidence to start writing her own music.

"Playing with the Army band is probably what gave me



[www.corrincampbell.net](http://www.corrincampbell.net)

the opportunity to start writing original music," she said. "I played other people's music and learned so much from the other musicians that I could finally create something that was me."

Since forming in 2008, Corrin and The Election have been a strong presence in the Baltimore pop music scene. The group has been compared to Paramore, Muse, Evanescence, and Heart.

The band's debut album, *Game Night*, in 2009, is sold at their shows and over the internet.

"Our popularity has grown through word of mouth," she said. "Many of our fans have not seen us play live, they found out about us by listening to our music on the internet."

Campbell said that she is proud to represent the Army when she performs with her band.

"I want to tell people the Army story and represent the military in a positive way to an audience that might not normally understand the military as a part of their life," she said. "And I want to show apprecia-

tion to audience members that are in military."

Campbell said that in her lyrics she turns life's obstacles into something positive.

"I think women are really empowered when they can think positively about a situation and somehow overcome it," she said. "Our music shows that people in the military go through the same struggles as everyone else."

To hear and learn more about Corrin Campbell and The Election visit [www.corrincampbell.net](http://www.corrincampbell.net).

# Local award-winning female a cappella group searching for new members

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

Every Monday evening a group of 47 women gather at Saint Luke's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen to let their inner diva shine. These women are members of the Upper Chesapeake Chorus, an all women a cappella four-part singing group.

The UCC is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to music education affiliated with Sweet Adelines International, the world's largest women's singing organization. The UCC was founded in 1975, and is comprised of women from Harford, Cecil and Baltimore counties.

UCC members come from all ages, backgrounds and occupations but share at least one thing in common - a love of music and more specifically, the joy of singing four-part a cappella harmony, barbershop style.

"Being a part of this chorus is like being a part of a sisterhood," said Alice Bingel, marketing coordinator for the group. "We learn about music while having fun. The practices are a girl's night out."

A major focus of the UCC and any Sweet Adeline chorus is music education. Barbershop harmony is vocal harmony produced by four parts: lead, tenor, baritone and bass. Barbershop is different from any other kind of choral or group singing. One distinctive qualities of barbershop harmony is that melody, sung by lead voice, is below the tenor harmony.

Bingel said that the UCC perform at a number of community events throughout the year and also participates in competitions.



The Upper Chesapeake Chorus, women's a cappella singing group, practice under the direction of Master Director Rick Taylor.

During the Sweet Adelines International Regional Competition in April the UCC won first place in the mid-size category and third place chorus of the Atlantic Bay-Mountain, Region 19 Chapter of Sweet Adelines International.

UCC is now preparing to compete at the Sweet Adelines International Convention and Competition which will be held in Houston, Texas, next year.

Members of the UCC said that they are passionate about perfecting their performance.

Beth Rupert, a member of UCC since its charter in 1975, said that members look forward all week to their Monday night practices to sing and socialize.

"Singing is kind of in my blood," Rupert said. "I enjoy

coming and singing with other members because we are a close knit group. Being part of this group is like having 46 best friends. Music unites us."

Marilyn Swantkowski-Hughes, a graphic designer for the Public Health Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground said that the singing and fellowship with the members is a stress-reliever.

"All the women in this group support each other unconditionally, and are like sisters," Swantowski-Hughes said. "It is like having another Family."

Swantowski-Hughes added that members are willing to help one another with their singing parts so that the group will succeed.

"We are a very accepting group of people," she said. "Not

everyone in the group reads music. We learn our parts from tapes."

Mary Gray, a financial management analyst from the Public Health Command has been a member of the UCC for 18 years.

Gray said that she has enjoyed the camaraderie that she shares with the women who are working together to achieve a common goal.

"This is a fun group," she said. "I enjoy singing because it provides a creative outlet. It is something to do for yourself."

Christine Pappas, a young mother of three added that she looks forward to the practices that serve as a break in her busy life.

"I love to perform," Pappas said. "Being a part of this

group allows me to have some fun outside of work and Family responsibilities."

The UCC is directed by Master Director Rick Taylor, who has been with the group for two years.

"I have been doing barbershop music for 40 years, since I was 15 years old," he said. "I enjoy teaching and coaching the UCC. I enjoy seeing the looks on their faces when the music comes together."

Women interested in visiting a UCC rehearsal to see if this challenging and rewarding hobby is right for them should call Debbie Verbillis, UCC membership coordinator, 410-638-6802, or the UCC hotline, 410-638-0777.

For more information about UCC visit [www.uccsai.org](http://www.uccsai.org).

# Shore

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sand volleyball court, a basketball court and new restroom facilities.

FMWR and ACS provided activities for the event. Children's activities included bounce houses, a Kiddie Corner with arts and crafts activities operated by Child, Youth and School Services; and caricaturists, face painting, airbrush tattoos, balloon art, clowns, a stilt man and music by DJ Russ from Nothin' up My Sleeve Entertainment. Other entertainment included the Game Truck, a mobile video arcade on wheels and the Directorate of Emergency Services provided a giant slide from its Fire Department and McGruff, the Crime Fighting Dog. The event also featured free raffle prizes.

The community picnic included hot dogs, burgers, potato salad, baked beans and watermelon from First Sergeant's Barbecue. FMWR also provided free snow cones during the event.

Many guests cooled off in the Shore Pool, which was free for everyone during the event.

Several attendees commented they appreciated the event and the upgraded facilities.

Leslie Clark, an Army wife, attended the event with her daughter Morgan, 3.

"I live on post so Shore Park is really convenient," Clark said. "We come here almost every day. My daughter loves it. Coming here gives us a chance to get outside the house and socialize."



Photo by RACHEL PONDER  
Tyler Cord, left, enjoys lunch with his parents, Brooke Cord, middle, and Staff Sgt. Brad Cord, right, from the 61st Ordnance Brigade during the celebration of the Army Community Service 45th birthday and the Shore Park opening, held July 21.

Clark added that she appreciated the improved facilities.

"The pavilion areas are really nice," she said. "You can have a picnic and sit in the shade so you are not constantly in the sun. This area would be a nice spot to have a birthday party."

Brooke Cord, who attended the event

with her husband Staff Sgt. Brad Cord and their five children, said that this year her family has enjoyed swimming in the post pools, which are free for military ID cardholders and their family members.

"Coming to the park and the pool keeps our boys busy in the summer," she said. "The park has activities that our whole family can enjoy."

Kenny Singleton, program manager of MWR's Outdoor Recreation, thanked those that contributed to make the event a success. "We can thank everyone from FMWR working out here today

for making this happen," he said. Singleton added that the picnic area can be reserved for events through Outdoor Recreation. Also, the Shore Pool is free to active duty military and their immediate family members. All others must pay a fee. Diana Hayes, ACS Information and Referral/Outreach program manager said, "This is a great opportunity to get out and network with our customers; everyone appears to be having a great time." For more information, visit the FMWR Web site at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

DES firefighters Lyle DeShaw, left, and Paul Wooten, relax with a bean bag toss game.



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Specs. Kellie Anderson, left, and Amber Davis of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), take a swing during a quiet moment at the end of the fun-filled day.

# Germany

From front page

Holt is especially interested in the Target Simulation Dome at the Bundeswehr Technical Center for Information Technology and Electronics, Kloeckner said. Upgrading the Moving Target Simulator at ATC is on Holt's "to do" list, and he would like to achieve this with technical support from this Bundeswehr test center.

Kloeckner said the visitors from ATC were also focused on Germany's development and testing of technologies that provide command, control, communications, and computers, (C4) capabilities.

"On the subject of C4ISR, ATC especially posed questions on the themes of network data models and critical network performance criteria," he said. "They wanted to know, 'how does the Bundeswehr determine the effectiveness and suitability of a network system?' There were also many points of discussion about cooperative efforts and an information exchange between German and American testers."

Holt said a long-term engineer exchange program could benefit both Germany and the United States in the long run.

"I would very much like to put a long-term program in place to exchange engineers between each of our test centers," he said. "Several years ago, we were able to send one of our young automotive engineers to the Technical Center for Automotive and Armored Vehicles in Trier. Tim Hoy learned a great deal from the exchange and has put those skills to use as one of our critical leaders on the MRAP program. I would like to leverage similar opportunities for live-fire and electronics engineers. One major challenge we face is access. When we send a U.S. Engineer to Germany, he or she is pro-

vided with almost completely unfettered access. The barriers to equal access for German engineers working at APG are far more difficult to overcome."

Hoy, who spent 13 months at the German test center in Trier, raised the issue of instrumentation on Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles operating in the combat theater, to benefit coalition partners with the data collected. The idea is to install sensors, like the black boxes on airliners, into MRAPs in Afghanistan to collect data that can be used to assess true vehicle survivability and automotive performance on the battlefield and to effect vehicle design and acquisition strategy improvements.

"Especially after an IED hit, one can evaluate valuable data, which give one conclusions about the vehicles' improvement potential," Kloeckner explained. "The Bundeswehr has similar systems, and we want to compare these technologies with each other. The data themselves are not so interesting in this case, as our vehicles are different, but the technologies used and their implementations are interesting themes for our engineers."

Holt said he was particularly impressed with the unique survivability test fixtures at the Bundeswehr Technical Center for Weapons and Ammunition.

"We rely primarily on full-up vehicle blast events, while the (this test center) leverages an array of specialized test fixtures," he said. "Our approach provides great data, but it is expensive in terms of vehicle repair and instrumentation."

Terek, chief of the Light Armor Operations Branch in the Weapons Facilities Division of ATC's Firepower Directorate, has been involved with testing personal protective equipment for the past three years and is responsible for six ranges at ATC where these systems are tested. Holt tapped him for



Photo courtesy of EBERHARD KLOECKNER  
Col. Jeffrey Holt (left), commander of the Aberdeen Test Center, and Brendon Webb of the Army Evaluation Center get a ride in Germany's Leopard 2 tank.

the visit to Germany because he thought Terek could learn something valuable about German test equipment, ranges and test processes for procuring personal protective systems.

Terek said the overall test process of the German Bundeswehr appears to be similar to that of the U.S. Army, although he did observe a few notable differences.

"Their test centers incorporate the research centers all on the same installation, I assume because they have less real estate than the U.S.," he said. "For example, we visited their automotive test facility, where they have similar courses as we have here, but they also test engines and transmissions on dynamometers, where we typically do those tests at our research centers."

While in Germany, he saw a test fixture that could shed light on the formation of explosively formed penetrators, special types of shaped charges designed to penetrate armor effectively at stand-off distances.

"This test fixture is designed to contain most of the blast and debris while allowing the penetrator to form and be filmed without the excess debris obstructing the view of the formation," he explained.

The test center that interested him the most was the Technical Center for Weapons and Ammunition in Meppen because it conducts the type of personal protective equipment (PPE) testing he is responsible for at ATC.

"It would behoove ATC to see how the German Army tests PPE and possibly incorporate their medical research data into evaluating U.S. armor effectiveness," he said.

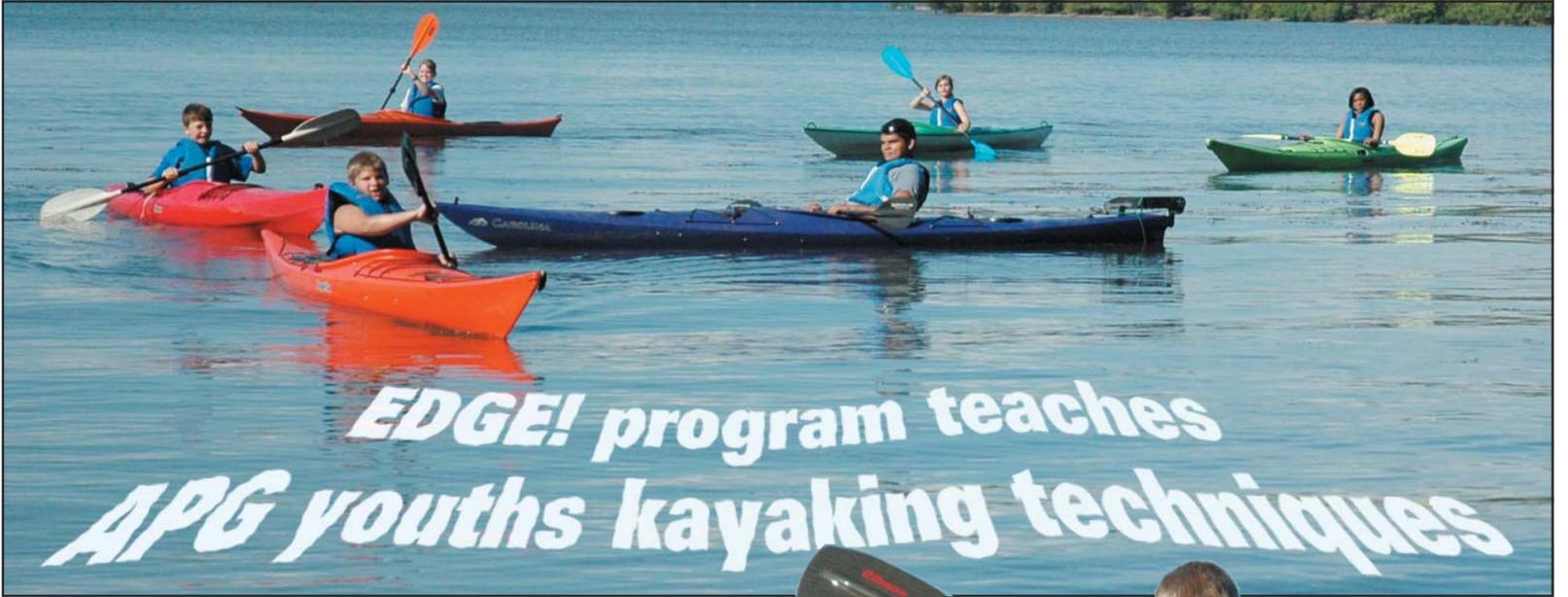
Webb said exchanging technical information between the Bundeswehr and the U.S. Army is important because both nations are pursuing the development of protected vehicles such as the U.S. Army's MRAPs and the Bundeswehr's Dingo, a mine-resistant vehicle German troops are using in Afghanistan.

"We are both pursuing the same capabilities for our protected trucks and it just makes sense to try and share information. It saves time and resources for both countries to share the expertise that has been developed in addressing our shared concern of under vehicle attacks. In addition, they are significantly involved in the early engineering of systems," he said of the Bundeswehr. "For vehicles, they test new technologies in models, then in test

rigs, then on vehicles. While our vehicle development system is similar, it is on a much larger scale so these steps would typically be split between ATEC, the Army Research Lab, and the Program Manager shop or TARDEC (the Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center). So the German process is much more integrated and their test and evaluation centers take a lead role in developing, testing, and modeling new technologies very early in the acquisition process, even at the sub-system level. This is something we have also been working towards and it is good to see the payoff they have achieved in the quality and performance of their vehicles."

Holt said he hopes the trip to Germany in April will be the basis for the renewal of cooperative efforts between the Bundeswehr and the U.S. Army.

"I hope this visit serves as a jump start for regaining the deep technical relationship we used to share with key allies," he said. "We have superb test liaison officers in place here at APG, but I think it is critical to take things to the next level and have a continuous rotation of engineers and technicians between U.S. and allied test centers."



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On Fridays during the month of July, ten Aberdeen Proving Ground youths, ages 11 to 18, are learning how to kayak at the Aberdeen Area Shore Park.

The kayak program is part of an ongoing Child, Youth and School Services program called EDGE!

EDGE! stands for Experience, Develop, Grow, and Excel and is open to youth and teens of APG service members, civilians, and contactors. The EDGE! program is designed for youth and teens in grades 1 through 12 to learn new skills and discover new hobbies using Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and partner facilities.

"It is all about the children having fun and learning new activities," said Chuck Rose, FMWR Partnership Specialist with CYSS and the program lead.

Mark Scargable who owns Kayaking Made E-Z in Havre de Grace is the instructor for the EDGE! kayaking program.

"Some of the goals of the program are for the children to gain a better respect for the water, to learn kayaking safety tips and techniques and to have fun," he said. "It is also a great workout."

Scargable added that everyone in the class seemed enthusiastic about participating in the program.

"They are learning to get the hang of it," he said. "They did really well."

Birgit Lujan, a mother of two teens

in the program, Samantha, 17, and Cassandra, 14, said that she encouraged her teens to participate in EDGE! programs as a way to learn new activities during the summer when they have more free time.

"I think that EDGE! is wonderful," Lujan said. "It is good for teens to get out of the house and it encourages them to stay active. Having activities to do [keeps] them out of trouble."

David Paramore, 11, said that he enjoyed learning techniques and maneuvering around in the kayak.

"I like when the boats come by and make waves," Paramore said.

Paramore's brother, Joseph, 12, added that kayaking gives him an opportunity to observe nature.

"We saw white-tail deer, bald eagles and turtles," he said.

**About EDGE!**

EDGE! is a free program for youth and teens age 11-18. School-aged children, first through fifth grade, who are not regular users of CYS Services, will be charged a \$5 per hour fee.

Five to ten hours of free monthly SAS Open Recreation can be applied towards participation in EDGE! programs when available to this age group.

"I hope that more youth will take advantage of the free classes during the summer," Rose said.

He added that parents and Families are invited to participate with their youth or teen during the last session of each program.



Top photo: Aberdeen Proving Ground youths participate in the EDGE! kayaking program held at the Aberdeen Area Shore Park.

Bottom photo: Chase McCannon, 11, learns to kayak.

"This is all about getting youth and teens involved in something good and parents having fun with their kids," Rose said.

He said EDGE! programs act as a precursor to other FMWR programs, like SKIES and CYSS sports.

"Youth can try out a package, and if they decide they like it, we can let them know of other programs offered through FMWR that will let them pursue their hobby," he said.

Rose said that one of the goals of The EDGE! program is to involve youth and Families who are not currently using FMWR facilities.

"We want to encourage youth who

are not currently enrolled in FMWR programs to see what we have to offer by participating in this program," he said. "Those who are already participating are encouraged to tell their friends about our program."

"Sign your kids up now for lots of fun in the EDGE! program throughout the year," Rose said.

Look for announcements about EDGE! in the APG News and at [www.apgmwr.com/family/youth\\_edge.html](http://www.apgmwr.com/family/youth_edge.html).

To register, visit the CYSS Central Registration Office, building 2503 or contact Rose at 410-278-1399 or on e-mail at [chuck.rose1@us.army.mil](mailto:chuck.rose1@us.army.mil).

# EDGE! teens strive for accuracy in archery



Barrett Borry, an Archery Club member and geologist with the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional), left, and Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Fox, second from right, observe Pierce Barksdale, 12, engage a target on the Aberdeen Archery Club range as fellow EDGE! Teen Samantha Miller, 17, lines up her site on the far lane during an EDGE! Archery session July 15.

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Child, Youth and School Services summer programs are drawing youth and teens away from video games and out into the fresh air. Teens enrolled in the EDGE! Archery program, for example, are learning the fundamentals of the sport from veteran bowmen from the Aberdeen Bowman's Club.

Club officers and volunteers from the Aberdeen Bowman's Club instructed EDGE! youth in achieving accuracy in archery at the installation Hunting Management Facility July 15.

Club member Donnie Hall gave a safety briefing and discussed the features and use of the bow and aiming techniques before dividing the teens into three groups and then directing them to the range where they received individual instruction from club volunteers.

"They all seem to be having a good time," said Tom Ward, club president. "We try not to talk them to death. We show them a little, answer their questions and then let them do hands-on."

"They're out here to have fun and we want them to have it."

Hall said it was the teens' second day on the range and that some were showing improvement.

"Some of them may be at the intermediate level at the end, depending on their personal skills," he said. "Archery is definitely a sport you have to continue if you want to maintain your skills."

"They are catching on," added Richard Workman, a police officer with the Directorate of Emergency Services, Archery Club member and volunteer instructor.

"They've all improved since last week because their shots are more consistent today," he said.

The teens said they enjoyed the sport.

"It's cool to watch the arrow go," said 12-year-old Pierce Barksdale. "I like being outdoors and doing things to stay healthy and I'm doing better than last week."

David Paramore, 11, said he "came out to enjoy the weather."

"Archery is fun and exciting," he said. "I plan to keep it up."

Seventeen-year-old Samantha Miller said she has "been into archery for a good while."

"I did better today than last week," she said adding that she also is enrolled in EDGE! Kayaking and Computer 101.

"The EDGE! is a great program," added Miller's mother, Birgit Lujan. "I like it because it encourages parent involvement and it's a great way to spend time with your children." Many participants have stated they really like this program and are interested in taking up archery as a sport and hobby. The Bowman's Club is able to assist anyone who may be interested in archery to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the sport. One goal of the club is to provide archers the opportunity to practice, enhance their skill level, learn new techniques and equipment, including safety concerns, and become overall better archers.

The Fit EDGE! program educates and encourages youth and teens to incorporate a healthier lifestyle through physical activity and nutritional awareness. Other EDGE! programs offered this summer include

EDGE! Chesapeake Challenge, 4 to 6 p.m., on Thursdays, Aug. 5 through 26 at the Chesapeake Challenge Center. The program is free to eligible participants and is open to all active duty military, Department of Defense civilians, contractors Family members ages 11 to 18. Also, EDGE! Tour of Sports will offer participants instruction in 3-on-3 basketball, dodge ball, disc golf, kickball, softball and beach volleyball. The program will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Fridays, Aug. 6 through 27 at the Shore Park recreation area.

In addition, youth and teens with a flair for the dramatic can participate in the EDGE! Acting & Theater Program which will cover various facets of acting, working in a theater setting and more. The program will be held 4 to 6 p.m., on Tuesdays, Aug. 3 through 31 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center.

Plus, a new and exciting adventure program, "The amazing Adventure" will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays, Aug. 2 to 30, from 4 to 6 p.m. Based loosely on the TV show, "The Amazing Race", this new program will team two participants together to find clues on the history of Aberdeen Proving Ground, successfully perform a variety of "tasks" at specified locations, and then ultimately find the final venue where their ultimate prize will be awarded to the finishing teams.

For more information, or to register for EDGE! programs, contact CYSS Central Registration in building 2503, 410-278-7571/7479, or call Chuck Rose, CYSS partnership specialist at 410-278-1399 or e-mail him at [chuck.rose1@us.army.mil](mailto:chuck.rose1@us.army.mil).



Richard Workman, a DES police officer and Aberdeen Archery Club member, watches as David Paramore, 11, tests his skill on the range during an EDGE! Archery session at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Hunting Management Facility July 15.