

Post Shorts

New hours for Aberdeen Shoppette

Effective June 13, operating hours at the Aberdeen Shoppette will change to Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, call Carol Chancellor, 410-272-6828, ext. 301.

Edgewood Area blood drive today

The U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) will hold a blood drive 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 3 at the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, building E4516. Come out and support the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) by donating a unit of blood. Donors are reminded to bring photo identification.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil and enter sponsor code EDGMD.

The Predator in Your Home

Dateline NBC's Chris Hansen (To Catch a Predator) will visit

APG, 9 a.m. to noon, June 8 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Hansen will speak on the growing problem of internet predators and child safety. This event is open to the entire APG community at no cost. RSVPs are required and can be made by contacting the Army Community Services Family Advocacy Program at 410-278-7478 or by emailing Aida Rivera, Family Advocacy Program Manager, aida.rivera@conus.army.mil by June 4. Individuals who RSVPd for the previously scheduled date will be contacted to confirm attendance.

First Public Health Command 'O-Day' June 18

The U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) will hold its first organization day June 18. Before June 11, tickets cost \$13 for adults; \$5 for children ages 5 through 10; children ages 5 and under are free. There is a Family cap of \$50. After June 11, tickets will cost \$15 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5 through 10; the Family cap will rise to \$55.

Menu includes pit beef, pit ham, pit turkey, hot dogs, hamburgers and salads.

Events include swimming, golf, volleyball, softball, skeet shooting, horseshoes, a magic show by "Nothing Up My Sleeve," face painting, 4K run, giant slide, Wii Games, a bakeoff, door prizes, health fair, climbing wall, pie throw, Father's Day box drawings and an appearance by the Harford County Sheriff's Department with Deputy Dawg.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Stephanie Cregar and Amy Bowen, 410-436-3919/3816; Donna Kutchev, 410-436-2024; Shirley Eller and Tami Dillon, 410-436-2577/4160; Carolyn Johnson, 410-436-2332; Leah

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FMWR



Eric Estrada, of Baltimore County, #696, and nearly 130 runners take off down Raritan Avenue at the start of the 2010 Armed Forces Day 10K Run May 15. Estrada, who finished in first-place overall in just under 36 minutes, is a Harford County native. The race completed the Aberdeen Proving Ground Armed Forces Day Celebration that began the day before. (See coverage below and on pages 2 and 15.)

Armed Forces Day 10K Run draws local, regional runners

Story and photo by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
FMWR

Runners from around the region participated in the Armed Forces Day 10K Run that began and finished at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center May 15.

The run was the final event of the two-day Aberdeen Proving Ground 2010 Armed Forces Day Celebration that began May 14.

Hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the run drew nearly 130 runners and included a for-

mation of Soldiers from the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band. Charm City Run of Bel Air timed the race, and awarded gold, silver and bronze-colored medals to the top three finishers in each category.

Running enthusiasts can check the Charm City Run Web site for events throughout the region at www.charmcityrun.com.

Registration inside the Athletic Center included a registration booth for the Army 10 Miler, which will be held Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C.

FMWR will sponsor runners to represent APG. A 10K qualifying run will be held July 17 at the Hoyle Gym in the Edgewood Area. For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com.

In addition, runners were informed about the first Firecracker Fun Run to be held July 1 in celebration of the 4th of July. The Firecracker Fun Run includes a 5K run and 2K walk. The fun begins 3 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Registration fees are \$10 until June 25, \$15 June 26 to June 30 and \$20 July

1. All participants will receive an event t-shirt. Register online at www.apgmwr.com.

The AFD race drew a range of runners, novice to experienced, teens to 60-somethings. Many were first-time participants.

Eric Estrada, a Baltimore County resident who grew up in Harford County said he was "just trying to get back into racing." Estrada finished in first-place overall and well ahead of the pack with a time of 35 minutes, 58 seconds.

"The course was nice and
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APG provides Armed Forces Day lesson for area youths

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

With the theme "Educating Youth on Military History," Aberdeen Proving Ground provided an atmosphere of fun learning for more than 160 area students during its Armed Forces Day Celebration May 14.

Students from Harford County Public School's Havre de Grace and Perryville High School in Cecil County attended the day-long festivities which were held on the grounds of the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum.

The event featured military vehicles, equipment, displays and demonstrations dually focused on the Army's rich history as well as its modern-day technologies.

Opening ceremonies

Capt. Ginger Hammerquist, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, APG Garrison, who exceed the opening ceremonies, remarked on the presence of several Gold Star Family members who were invited to the installation as part of a partnership established between the Families and the installation during the 2009 Armed Forces Day activities.

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Photo by RACHEL PONDER
Staff Sgt. Michelle Braton, a Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course student, right, talks Lucas Umbarger, center, Sidney Thomas, left, and other children in the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center program. BNCOC students, dressed in uniforms from various time periods, talked to Armed Forces Day attendees May 14. Braton is wearing a Gulf War/Desert Storm era uniform.

Toby Keith brings his 'American Ride' to APG this Saturday

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Country star Toby Keith, will light up Shine Sports Field this Saturday, June 5, when he brings his 'American Ride' tour to Aberdeen Proving Ground as part of the Army Concert Tour. Some tickets are still available for the nearly-sold-out show featuring special guests Katherine McPhee of American Idol fame and Carter's Chord, the singing sister trio discovered by Keith and signed to his Show Dog Nashville label.

Both the Harford (Route 22) gate and the Maryland Boulevard (Route 715) gate will open to concert goers 4 p.m. Follow signs to designated parking areas. The concert gate opens 6 p.m. and the show begins 7:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$35 and \$45 the day of the show. Tickets can be purchased at the Leisure Travel Office in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4721, Friday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and at the Ruggles Golf Course Saturday until 2 p.m.

This is a rain or shine event with lawn seating and no refunds. For more information, visit the MWR Web site at www.apgmwr.com or call 410-278-4011.



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Toby Keith

Keith, who is known for his support of American troops, recently returned from Afghanistan. His well-known repertoire

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KUSAHC employee competing in 2010 Armed Forces Triathlon Championship

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

A Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic employee is a participant in this year's All-Army team that is competing in the 2010 Armed Forces Triathlon Championship, June 2-6 at Naval Base Ventura County, Ca.

Maj. Arthur Mathisen, deputy commander for Administration of KUSAHC, has participated in several triathlons since 2000. This competition is Mathisen's eighth time to compete in the Armed Forces Triathlon Championship, an Olympic distance event where participants compete in a 1 mile swim, 24.8 mile bike ride and 6.2 mile run.

The race is open to the Navy, Army, Marine Corps and Air Force. Each branch of the military selects a team of 12 men and six women to compete.

"It is an honor to race with great athletes," he said.

Mathisen said that he's proud to represent Aberdeen Proving Ground and KUSAHC during the competition.

"The triathlon is in keeping with what

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AFD

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“We welcome these Gold Star Families to our celebration this year,” Hammerquist said. “It is our great desire that by our established relationship, they may know that they will never be forgotten and that they are important members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Family.”

The ceremony included the posting of colors by the Free State ChalleNge Academy color guard, under the direction of 1st Sgt. Job Stringfellow, and remarks by Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, and Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

Before introducing Justice, Ortiz noted that with the relocation of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools to Fort Lee, Va. due to base realignment and closure, the Ordnance Museum would transition to the Aberdeen Proving Ground Museum and house artifacts detailing the installation’s history as well as those of incoming organizations. He invited guests to make the most of the Armed Forces Day festivities by touring the museum and taking in the organization displays.

“For all of us to come together as one to show our appreciation, it’s always a great opportunity and a great day,” he said.

Focusing on the students and ChalleNge cadets in attendance, Justice offered an “education on APG’s amazing history.”

He touched on the installation’s beginnings during World War I, its testing and development of innovations like the Army Jeep and Bazooka, its chemical and munitions roles during World War II and its current role as the Army’s lead science and test and evaluation center.

He said that although the installation is losing many organizations, it is welcoming new ones that will design weapons and communications systems for the future.

“You will see some of that today and when you do, think about how to apply yourself for a future here tomorrow,” he said, “because you are our future.”

He challenged the youths to “have the best day of school you’ve had all year.”

“Welcome to our Armed Forces Day celebration and thank you for joining us,” he said.

The U.S. Army Materiel Command Band, led by Sgt. Maj. Wendy Thomson, provided music for the ceremony and Garrison Chaplain (Capt.) Jonathan Morse presented the Armed Forces Day prayer during the invocation.

In tribute to the Army’s storied history, Soldiers from the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School’s Basic Noncommissioned Officer Academy, dressed as period Soldiers, strolled among the crowd answering questions and providing details about the era and campaigns they represented.



1st Sgt. Job Stringfellow leads the Free State ChalleNge Academy color guard presentation of the colors during the opening ceremonies of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Armed Forces Day Celebration on the grounds of the Ordnance Museum May 14. The color guard members from left are Kyle Teat, Derrick Boyd, Christopher Fuller, Matthew Cooper, John Hudson, Talia Hopkins, Bria Claiborne, Saiquan Brown.

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Organization displays

Displays by post organizations exemplified modern-day Army innovations and technologies. Participating organizations included the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Communications-Electronics Command; Communications-Electronics, Research, Development and Engineering Center; Aberdeen Test Center; Public Health Command (Provisional); 20th Support Command (CBRNE); 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort); 1st and 9th Area Medical laboratories; APG Garrison Directorates of Emergency Services and Public Works, and Environmental and Transformation offices; Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic; U.S. Army Dental Activity; 61st Ordnance Brigade; and the 11th Wing Office of Emergency Management from Bolling Air Force Base.

RDECOM

Brian Porter, lead technician and Raymond Von Wahlde, aerospace engineer, hosted RDECOM’s Army Research Laboratory display, which provided a hands-on demonstration of Small Ground and Unmanned Vehicles. Visitors were invited to use a remote control device to navigate robot vehicles.

“Today, we are using operator control units to move the bots,” said Porter, “but eventually we’ll try to put all this technology into a personal development system, something like a BlackBerry.”

After his try at navigating the robot vehicles, Skylar McKinney, a Perryville High School junior, said he became familiar with the technology while enrolled in ARL’s STEM program in 2009.

“It’s a real fun program,” he said, adding that he hopes to attend a military academy and major in chemical engineering.

“I’d like a future at APG,” he said. “That’s my dream.”

The U.S. Army Material Systems Analysis Activity displayed its Sample Data Collection and Analysis Program and host Joe Wurm, contracting officer, and Greg Gouty and Pete Hill from the business operations team, gave away collectible Ordnance Museum banners and bumper stickers. The three are part of a team that travels worldwide checking and analyzing problems in system programs. They said they use Physics-of-Failure, PoF, a proactive approach to reliability where potential failure mechanisms are predicted up front, thus eliminating failures prior to manufacturing and testing.

“We analyze all types of equipment,” Hill said. “If we keep finding a problem, our guys investigate the cause and sometimes institute new policies out in the field.”

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center displayed a JERRV Surrogate Vehicle. The Joint Explosive Ordnance Rapid Response Vehicle is used to train Soldiers who will operate JERRVs in the war zone to transport Soldiers and EOD equipment. Lisa Smagala, project manager and Lex Hayes, engineering technician, conducted tours of the vehicle’s interior and exterior features.

“This is light armored because it’s used for training,” Smagala said, pointing out that the actual vehicles are heavily armored.

“The students have climbed all over this,” she added. “They showed lots of interest in the equipment inside.”

C4ISR

At the CERDEC display, visitors peered through windows in the Shadow Box Night Vision Lab to view the latest in night vision technology. Arlene Crumbaugh and Tony Tice, special projects officers from the Electronic Sensors

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APG News

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May Well-Being meeting highlights post activities and improvements

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APG News

Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community gathered at the Main Post Chapel May 20 to discuss post improvements and upcoming events. Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG garrison and deputy installation commander and Linda Edwards, Business Operating Division chief for Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, led the meeting.

Edwards reported on the due outs from previous meetings. To see due outs, go to <https://www.apgmwr.com/events.html#wellbeing>.

DPTMS

John Kearney, director of plans training mobilization and security said that Ruggles Golf Course had re-opened for business. The Ruggles Golf Course had to be closed down on April 29 because of the discovery of unexploded ordnance during tee-box renovation. Although the ordnance was not found to be dangerous, a decision was made to close the course to do a sweep of all the tee-box areas and all the areas that had been used in the past for demolition operations. With assistance from the 20th Support Command CBRNE Analytical and Remediation Activity (CARA) and the Installation Safety Office, all areas were cleared and the golf course reopened on May 15 for full 18-hole operation.

"The course is safe, we are ready for the season," Kearney said.

AAFES

Debbie Armendariz, manager of the Army & Air Force Exchange Service said that the beauty shop located next door to the barber shop in the main PX will be open to the public June 1.

Armederez said that she has recently received an ICE comment about gas prices on the installation.

"Through the Department of the Army we cannot be less than five cents less than on the outside (of the post)," Armederez said. "We will always match the lowest price on the outside."

Armendariz said that the PX does surveys every day of gas prices within a five mile radius of the Edgewood and Aberdeen Area shoppettes to determine the lowest price. There will be different prices in the AA and EA because of prices in each of the surrounding areas.

Armendariz also said that there have been ICE comments about civilians shopping in the PX. She said that it is not permitted for civilians to shop at the PX at this time.

"Efforts are being made to try to get the request approved for civilians to shop, but that approval has not yet been granted."

Armederez said an ICE comment was made about expanding the inventory in the PX.

She said that sales at this time do not warrant an expansion. Reduction is not being made on how much is carried, but what is carried.

She added that if a customer wishes to buy a certain product or a brand name item that they do not see in a store, upon request, merchandise can be brought in from another PX.

"Please see an associate at the store and a customer order can be processed," she said. "It doesn't matter how big or how small the product is, we are always willing to get the product if we can for you."

Armendariz said that due to environmental and safety issues, the gas pump "hands free" locks will no longer be operational.

"There were a number of gas spills,"

she said.

Armendariz added that PX is now closing at 7 p.m.

Commissary

Tammy Spickler, Commissary director said that there were two military scholarship winners from APG.

Spickler announced that on June 5, the Commissary will close at 3 p.m. for use of the parking lot in support of the Toby Keith concert.

Spickler said that gluten-free products are now available at the Commissary. There is a list posted in the front of the store with the location of the product.

Spickler said USAA cards can now be used at the Commissary ATM.

Spickler announced that Early Bird shopping, 20 items or less, is available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesday from 8 to 9 a.m.

DENTAC

Col. David Kryszak, from APG Dental Command, said that the renovation of the APG North Dental Clinic is getting closer.

KUSAHC

Lt. Col. Mark Ireland, commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic said that HealthNet has now been approved again as a TRICARE provider.

Ireland said that there will be increased access for all beneficiaries, because of the transition of AIT students stationed on the Aberdeen Area. For instance, patients will now be able to get a same day appointment.

Ireland said that in the EA, the AIT students will be remaining for another year; however, the 20th Support Command will be receiving a provider which should create more open access.

Ireland said KUSAHC now has three female providers to address women's health care issues.

FMWR

Christina Lockhart, FMWR marketing announced several upcoming events.

There will be a Firecracker 5K Fun Run and 2K Walk on July 1, 3 p.m. starting at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326.

To register go to www.apgmwr.com/events.html call 410-278-7571/7479 for more information.

Visit www.apgmwr.com and read the APG News for a complete list of upcoming events.

DPW

Tom Kuchar, director of public works said that there are two major projects planned for inside the Route 715 gate by the state and Saint Johns' Properties. There will be a retail center that will be on APG property, but it will be fenced off and accessed without going through the gate.

Kuchar said that power outages have been experienced at APG due to a system problem. Kuchar said that the infrastructure at APG is not ideal. There have been a series of senior level leadership visits to the installation, and the infrastructure problems have been identified across the board. Action is gradually being taken to address this issue.

Kuchar said that within the next 12 months, 172 "unsightly" buildings will be demolished on APG, which will make more space available on post. A deliberate master planning effort is taking place to identify how things will be reestablished on the installation.

An attendee said that she noticed that lights remain on at night at the newly constructed buildings on post. Kuchar said that lights stay on at night due to safety reasons. The contractor overseeing the construction of the building pays the bill for the lights to remain on.

A resident asked if a policy could be enacted to allow boats and recreation vehicles to remain at the owner's residence for a period of time to be readied for use for the season. Picerne has a

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Run

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flat," he said. "I did okay although it wasn't my best time."

Mark Rosasco, who finished second at 42 minutes, 30 seconds, said he also ran on APG when he was a teenager.

"I have run better," he said. "I missed the last race so I was happy to make this one."

Emily Chen, an evaluator with the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command's Army Evaluation Center, finished in first-place overall for females with a time of 47 minutes, 6 seconds. She said she was preparing for a 200-mile relay.

"I thought I'd do well but I kind of surprised myself today," she said after learning she was the first female across the finish line.

Victoria Jennings, a 16-year-old 10th grader from Harford Technical High School won the female age 16 to 19 group with a time of 53 minutes, 5 seconds.

She said she plans to major in sports medicine.

"I'll come out for future events because I just enjoy running," she said.

Jennings is the daughter of Debra Jennings of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command.

John Wrobel, an environmental specialist with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division, ran the race with his children Jake, 14 and Sasha, 18 and their friend, Kirigin Elstad. All three youths medaled, with Jake in second place for the male age 15 category; Sasha won second place in the female age 16 to 19 category, and Elstad



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

During the awards presentation for the 2010 Armed Forces Day 10K Run, inside the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, WMAR-TV meteorologist Justin Berk shows off the silver medal he won in the men's age 30 to 39 category May 15.

came in second in the female age 20 to 29 age group.

"They can all outrun me," Wrobel laughed.

Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Spohn led the formation of 10 Soldiers from the AMC Band.

Spohn said he thought it was important for the event to have a "military presence."

"We just came out as Soldiers in support of Armed Forces Day," he said.

Juan Melendez, a public affairs officer with the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center said he enjoyed the run despite not knowing any of the participants.

"I love the buzz you get from being with other people who love to run," he said, "and I find I run better and faster when I'm not running by myself."

Erika Allider of Forest Hill completed the run pushing her children, 3-year-old Maeve and 14-month-old Avery, in a double stroller.

"I've run the 10K before but this is my first time with a stroller," she said. "It helped, today, to have the wind at my back."

Dave Walters of Belcamp said he usu-

ally runs in 5K races. He said he saw the run advertised on the Charm City Web site and "came out because it was close by."

"The wind wasn't too bad and this was the best time I've had," he said. Walters finished third overall.

Lance Wilson, a 52-year-old Federal Reserve police officer, APG civilian retiree and running enthusiast, said he runs about 25 miles-a-week on APG.

"This was just for fun," he said, adding that he will run the Army 10 Miler in October for the seventh time.

Several runners recognized Justin Berk, the meteorologist from WMAR-TV's Channel 2 News, the Baltimore ABC affiliate.

Berk was accompanied by Erin Sanders, who writes the Baltimore Running column for the Baltimore Examiner. Ben Funderburk, a former APG contractor who now works for the Navy encouraged them to participate.

"I worked here for three years and thought they'd enjoy it," Funderburk said.

"I heard about last year's race and figured 'why not,'" Burk said. "We went out too fast and the wind kind of beat me up but the course was beautiful and we had a good time."

Berk came in second-place in the men's age 30 to 39 category.

Awards for the 2010 APG Armed Forces Day Run

Male overall - (Winners, city, time)

- Eric Estrada, Parkville, 35:58
- Mark Rosasco, Arnold, 42:30
- David Walters, Belcamp, 42:51

Female overall

- Emily Chen, Bel Air, 47:06
- Lorrie Chieffo, Bel Air, 47:16
- Erin Sanders, Towson, 47:24

Male, to age 15

- Steven Maupin, 15, Aberdeen, 45:42
- Jake Wrobel, 14, Forest Hill, 54:41
- David Maupin, 13, Aberdeen, 1:02:47

Female, age 16 to 19

- Victoria Jennings, 16, Bel Air, 53:05
- Sasha Wrobel, 18, Forest Hill, 53:27
- Olivia Dalton, 18, Baldwin, 58:17

Male, age 20 to 29

- Marcus Edwards, Columbia, 47:53
- Devin Norwood, Columbia, 50:01
- John Fitzgibbons, Abingdon, 50:41

Female, age 20 to 29

- Christina Penny, Aberdeen, 47:52
- Kirigin Elstead, Forest Hill, 49:24
- Oralia Ruiz, Odenton, 54:04

Male, age 30 to 39

- Chris Way, Jacobus, Pa., 43:54
- Aaron Thompson, Gunpowder, 46:16
- Justin Berk, Jacobus, Pa., 48:48

Female, age 30 to 39

- Dina Lastner, Bel Air, 50:51
- Lynn Coles, Belcamp, 53:00
- Sara Senko, Havre de Grace, 54:43

Male, age 40 to 49

- George Weber, Abingdon, 43:48
- Mark Hopkins, Baltimore, 46: 20
- Chizel it, Owings Mills, 47:19

Female, age 40 to 49

- Colleen Lyons, Baldwin, 50:54
- Rosa Linnear, Bel Air, 54:30
- Carmen Wise-Stinson, Perryville, 54:32

Male, age 50 to 59

- Mark Conrad, Aberdeen, 47:33
- Kenneth Szymanski, Bel Air, 49:11
- Chester Thomas, Abingdon, 50:31

Female, age 50 to 59

- Kathleen Cullen, Timonium, 58:06
- Patricia Mucha, Havre de Grace, 1:11:45

Community Notes

FRIDAY

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FIRST FRIDAYS – LET’S SWING INTO SUMMER

The Havre de Grace Main Street, Inc. First Fridays program will be held 5 to 9 p.m. Enjoy a summer fun-filled evening with bands playing music throughout downtown Havre de Grace; includes activities for the kids, shops stay open late (check out their specials), beer garden with delicious food, a car show on Franklin Street and more.

For more information, call 410-939-1811.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Cecil County Relay for Life will be held at Elkton High School, 110 James Street. Doors open 9:15 p.m., Bingo starts at 10 p.m. Door prizes, raffles and light refreshments will be available.

Tickets cost \$10 for all paper cards, 12 games only. Extra packs cost \$5 each. No smoking is allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Stephanie, 410-378-2672, or Pat Job, 410-273-5628.

SATURDAY

JUNE 5

13TH ANNUAL WADE IN

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center will sponsor the 13th Annual Wade In Festival. Join the Tributary Strategy Team and the Estuary Center for an afternoon of watery fun. Retired Senator C. Bernie Fowler began the Wade In to measure water quality and carry on the tradition of wading into the waters of Otter Point Creek. There will be lots of Family activities, including live music, fish printing, decoy carving demonstrations, pontoon boat rides, fish seining, canoeing, face painting and more. The festival will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. This event is free. No registration required.

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

IRS HOSTS TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE CENTER

The Internal Revenue Service will hold Taxpayer Assistance Open Houses around the nation, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for those needing assistance with notices and payments, return preparation or help with a variety of tax issues. Those wanting to set up installment agreements or simply needing help filling out IRS forms or

schedules can work directly with IRS staff members to get the job done. The Open House is to help taxpayers who are unable to visit an IRS office during the week. For more information, visit www.irs.gov.

Locations in Maryland are:

- 190 Admiral Cochran Drive, Annapolis
- 31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore
- 1260 Maryland Avenue, Hagerstown
- 8401 Corporate Drive, Landover
- 11510 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton.

42ND ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Holy Cross Episcopal Church, the Rocks, located on 4603 Rocks Road, Street, Md. invites the public to its 42nd Annual Strawberry Festival and Craft/White Elephant event, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be strawberry shortcake, ice cream, crab cakes, hot dogs, hamburgers, bounce house, face painting, music and more. This event will be senior accessible.

For more information, call 410-452-5502.

PRIZE BINGO

Prize Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Water With Fire Company will be held at VFW Post 8185, located on Route 222, Port Deposit, 7 p.m. Doors open 5:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards for 20 games. Extra packs cost \$5 each. Toys, gifts, door prizes, refreshments, raffles and more will be available. No smoking is allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Stephanie Gibson, 410-378-2672, or Carrie McCall, 410-378-9169.

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BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo will be held at American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194, located on 338 East Main Street, Rising Sun, Md. Doors open 2 p.m., bingo starts 3 p.m. Baskets will all be filled with great prizes. Tickets for bingo costs \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door for three paper cards. Extra sets cost \$5 each for 20 games. Proceeds will benefit A Buddy for Life Inc., animal rescue and adoption. A 50/50 cover all, raffles, door prizes, food and baked goods will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Erin, 443-309-8336.

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POST SHORTS

Badham, 410-436-3980; Ashley Wilmoth, 410-436-7654; Carroll Guthrie and Neoma Amberman, 410-436-2714; Claudia Coleman (Library), 410-436-3432; and Valerie Valiant, 410-436-2602.

Visit <https://ichppm2.amedd.army.mil/functions/commandinfo/Org-Day2010/default.aspx> for times and sign up for activities.

Blood drive for the troops June 15

Support the troops by donating blood. The Armed Services Blood Program blood drive will be held 3 to 8 p.m., June 15, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. The blood drive is open to everyone.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 301-295-2109 or visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil.

235th Army Birthday Specialty Meal June 15

The 235th Army Birthday Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facility building 4503 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m., June 15.

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

The Holiday meal rate of \$7 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and Family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$5.95 applies to spouses and other Family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

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

WACVA meeting this Saturday

Chapter 70 of the Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association will meet 11 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Center on Franklin Street June 5. Summer projects and the upcoming National Convention to be held in Tampa, Fla. in August will be the topic of discussion followed by lunch at the Bayou in Havre de Grace. Membership in the chapter is open to women who have served or are serving in the armed forces – active, Reserve or National Guard. For more information, contact chapter president Judy Fortier at 410-272-4115.

Registration open for VBS

Registration is now open for the APG Main Post Chapel Ecumenical Vacation Bible School, which will be held June 21-25 from 6 to 8:45 p.m., for ages five through the sixth grade. This year’s theme is “Egypt: Joseph’s Journey From Prison to Palace.” To register, call 410-278-2516.

ACS to celebrate 45th Birthday July 22

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

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

Green Dragon Ball

The National Capital Region 2010 Joint CBRNE Green Dragon Ball will be held Saturday, Aug. 14 at Top of the Bay. Keynote speaker will be 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/greendragon-ball/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.

Hunter safety classes offered

Hunter safety classes will be held June 8, 10 and 12 and July 13, 15 and 17 in building 4303. Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be held 6 to 10 p.m. Classes on Saturdays will be held 8 a.m. to noon. All classes will be held building 4303. Students must attend class all three days. An additional class will be offered Sept. 19 for ages 16 and older.

For more information or to register, call 410-671-9070. Please leave a message if no one answers. An instructor will contact students to verify their space in the class and obtain additional registration information. Do not call after 9 p.m.

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FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

New York City shopping trip

Leisure Travel will offer eight hours of shopping in New York City June 19. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost is \$36 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. from the Edgewood Best Western parking lot at Route 24 and return 10:30 p.m.

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

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.

MWR 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. Prices are subject to change without notice.

For more information, call MWR Tickets and Leisure Travel Services, build-

ing 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Government Vacation Rewards

Government Vacation Rewards is a travel discount program specifically designed for government employees and military personnel to save money on their vacations. Consumers will have access to the savings online at www.GovVacationRewards.com or by calling one of their experienced vacation consultants. Government Vacation Rewards offers more than 40 cruise lines, more than 4,000 different resort properties to all major destinations worldwide with no blackout dates. Every booking comes with a Best Price Guarantee and even friends and Family members can take advantage of the prices.

A portion of Government Vacation Rewards proceeds support Department of Defense MWR activities, the Wounded Warrior Program, and Vacations for Veterans Eligible groups including

- Active duty and retired military
- National Guard and Reservists
- Veterans
- Federal, state and local employees
- Retired federal, state and local employees
- Civilian government contractors

Remember to select "APG" at the time of booking.

APG Running Club

The APG Sports and Fitness Branch

has begun a Running Club for organized weekly runs. Club members meet 5 p.m. every Tuesday at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center and 5 p.m. every Thursday at Hoyle Gym in the Edgewood Area. Dan Dolce, Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness coordinator, oversees the club. For more information, contact Dolce at 410-278-7933/7934 or e-mail, dan.dolce@us.army.mil.

Army 10 Miler - Slots are available for runners interested in representing APG at the Army 10 Miler scheduled for Oct. 24 in Washington D.C. From the point of the Armed Forces Day 10K Run, the running club will begin serious training for the Army 10 Miler. The Sports and Fitness Branch will continue the process of recruiting competitive runners until the team is selected sometime prior to the deadline for team submission. Runners can compete for a spot on the APG Team during a 10K qualifying run July 17 at Hoyle Gym. Runners who qualify for the APG Team will be provided with an APG running uniform. There is no registration fee for team members. Those wishing to participate on TEAM APG should contact Dolce at 410-278-7933/7934 or MWR staff members in the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3326; the Fitness Center, building 320; Hoyle Gym, building E4400; e-mail APG Sports at apgmwr-sports@conus.army.mil; visit the MWR Web site at www.apgmwr.com.

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

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

SKIES Unlimited

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

Local Heroes Workshop

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

Twilight Teen workshop

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

Private Piano lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 to 18, 1 to 7 p.m., on Monday or Tuesday, June 21 through July 19, and 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.

Pirate Clinic for Mateys

Arrgghh, mateys! Ages 4 to 6 can join a Pirate Clinic, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., from June 28 to July 1 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

Welcome to SKIES Unlimited pirate cove where all the pirates will gather for a brand new adventure. Pirates aboard our ship will make their very own feather swords, discover the many places pirates explored or searched for buried treasure and more. Cost is \$45 per person. There will be a pirate ship race at the conclusion of festivities. Yo Ho, Ho... It's a Pirate Cove for you. Every pirate should bring a nut-free snack daily.

Little Princess Workshop

Girls ages 4 to 6 will stretch their imaginations as well as their toes as they dance their way through a storybook collage of fairy tales. The Little Princess Workshop will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., June 21 to 24, at the Edgewood Area Youth Center, building E1902. Children will explore elements of creative movement, modern ballet, tap, and jazz, and construct simple costumes and props in a daily craft activity. Look forward to an enchanting dance presentation for Family and friends. Clothing should include solid color leotard, pink tights, ballet slippers, tap shoes (or hard-soled shoes) or a favorite princess costume. Bring a snack and drink daily. Cost is \$45 per child.

Concert

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of Top 10 hits include "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)," which was written in response to the 9-11 terrorist attacks and embraced by American service members everywhere. Other top hits are "Should've Been a Cowboy," "I Love This Bar," "Who's Your Daddy," "Beer For My Horses," and the Army favorite, "American Soldier."

Keith has been nominated for Male Video of the Year and his video 'American Ride' has been nominated for Video of the Year by CMT [Country Music Television]. The CMT Music Awards show will air June 9.

Katherine McPhee

McPhee's debut album was released on RCA Records in January, 2007 and debuted at #2 on the Billboard 200 and has sold 378,000 copies. The album's first single, "Over It", was a Pop Top 30 hit and was certified Gold in 2008. In January, 2009, McPhee signed a new record deal with Verve Forecast Records. The album, "Unbroken" was released Jan. 5 and debuted at #27 on the Billboard 200 chart, selling 15,000 copies its first week.

On May 4 a new version of the Unbroken song "Terrified," featuring actor Zachary Levi, was released.

McPhee first gained fame as a contestant on the fifth season of the Fox reality show American Idol in 2006, eventually finishing as the runner-up.

Carter's Chord

Becky, Emily and Joanna Robertson make up the Country music trio Carter's Chord. Their self-titled debut album is co-produced by Toby Keith and their Grammy-winning father, Barny Robertson and their debut single, "Young Love" was released in 2007 followed by the full-length CD in 2008.

APG Installation entry requirements

Entry to the installation requires a valid photo ID for attendees age 16 and older. Drivers must present a valid driver's license. Those with no valid photo ID will be refused entrance and no refunds for tickets will be given. Children age 3 and older must have a ticket.

This event is rain or shine with festival seating. Lawn chairs are allowed. Alcohol, cameras, recording devices, coolers, outside food or drink and pets are not permitted. Any and all types of weapons are

strictly prohibited. All persons and their possessions, to include vehicles, are subject to inspection by the APG police.

No tailgating is allowed.

The post entry gates will open for concert-goers at 4 p.m. Attendees must present their tickets at the Route 22 gate (Harford Road) and the Route 715 gate (Maryland Boulevard) and then follow signs to designated parking areas.

Motorcycle operation requirements

Motorcycle drivers must have a valid state license with a motorcycle endorsement. Each operator must also complete the mandatory Army approved motorcycle safety course and have in their possession the Motorcycle Safety Foundation course completion card. The card must be produced along with a valid identification card for inspection upon arrival at APG entrance gates. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the denial of the privilege to enter and ride a motorcycle on the installation.

Garment visibility - A brightly-colored (white, yellow, orange, silver, etc. upper garment during the day and a clearly visible reflective upper garment during dusk/dawn and at night must be worn.

Outer garments will be properly secured, clearly visible and not covered. Backpacks worn on top of the outer garment must meet the same visibility requirements. Brightly colored/reflective belts do not meet the outer garment requirement but may be used as an augmentation on the backpack when worn. Military uniforms are not considered brightly colored.

Helmets - Helmets must be certified to meet Department of Transportation standards and properly fastened under the chin. Novelty or replica type helmets are not authorized.

Goggles and face shields - Impact or shatter-resistant goggles, wrap-around glasses or full face shield properly attached to the helmet must meet or exceed ANSI Safety Code Z87.1 for impact and shatter resistance.

A windshield alone is not proper eye protection.

Mirrors - Rear-view mirrors must be mounted on handlebars or faring and headlights must be turned on at all times while in operation.

Sturdy footwear - Leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes must be worn. No high-top tennis shoes of any kind are permitted.

Clothing - Long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers such as blue jeans or leather suit and full-finger gloves designed for use on a motorcycle.

Aberdeen Proving Ground
Summer Ball
Top of the Bay
June 4, 2010

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\$40 per person
6:30 p.m. - Receiving line and cocktails
7:30 p.m. - Bugle Call
8:00 p.m. - Dinner

For more information contact CPT Hammerquist,
410-278-2104, ginger.hammerquist@us.army.mil

Must be 18 years of age or older to attend.

MWR

June bowling specials

- Early bird special: Bowl 7 to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.50.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza and one pitcher of soda for \$32.
- Dollar night: Each Friday, bowl 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.

Call for availability of lanes on discounted days and hours.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

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

Week of May 31

Special #1: Grilled ham and cheese with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.95.

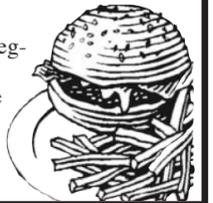
Special #2: Double bacon cheeseburger with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.75.

Week of June 7

Special #1: Italian sausage with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.95.

Special #2: American hero sub with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.25.

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



Well-Being

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policy that boats and recreational vehicles can remain at a resident's home for 72 hours.

If a resident questions what responsibilities belong to Picerne or DPW in the housing areas, call Picerne at 410-672-4340 to determine who has responsibility so the issue can be resolved.

A resident asked if it was possible to have a liaison from the military side to work with Picerne Military Housing. Kuchar said that DPW has always had responsibility for housing and that continues. DPW still has oversight with Picerne and will hold them accountable.

Contact Kuchar, 410-306-1101, or Pat Hector, APG housing manager, 410-306-2010, for more information.

DES

Robert Krauer, director of Emergency Services said that the APG Police Department is running in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run on June 8. The run will start in Cecil County, proceed across the bridge to Havre de Grace, then Aberdeen.

Krauer said that DES is partnering with Picerne, Army Community Services and other activities for the annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo on June 26 behind Picerne's office compound. This event will be held in conjunction with the Picerne housing community cookout. Everyone is invited.

PAO

George Mercer, public affairs officer, encouraged everyone to submit their ideas for newspaper articles or improvements for APG News. Mercer added that if attendees had any concerns or questions about information, contact him at 410-278-1147.

School liaison

Eileen Campbell, APG school liaison officer, said that The NAMM foundation, the philanthropic arm of the National Association of Music Merchants, has named Harford County Public Schools one of the "Best Communities for Music Education."

The Highlands School in Bel Air will offer a five day organizational and study skills course for students. See Web site or call 410-836-1415 for more information.

The American Red Cross Swimming Instruction Program for students entering kindergarten through grade 12 will

take place this summer at Edgewood Middle School and North Harford Middle School. For more information call Campbell, 410-278-2857.

Open Forum

Annie Brock, new president of the Military and Civilian Spouses Club, announced that the organization is on the Web at www.apgmcs.org, as well as on Facebook. They also partner with ACS and FMWR. MCSC has been donating to elementary and middle schools, supporting Veterans at Perry Point, and making quilts for injured Soldiers, as well as shipping care packages. For more information about MCSC e-mail Brock at annie_brock@verizon.net.

Tom Johnson, ICE Program Manager, told attendees that if they have a comment, suggestion, an issue with one of the services around post, or even a compliment, put in an ICE comment.

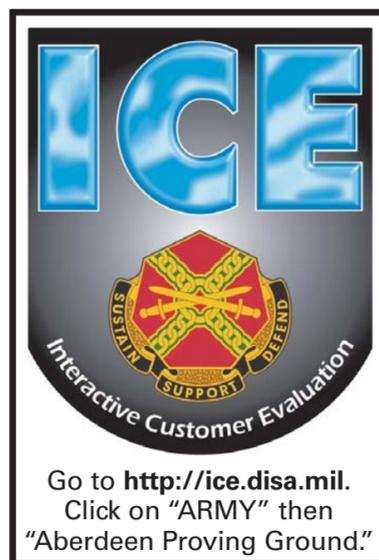
Attendees were asked to leave contact information so a manger can contact them within 72 hours.

Ortiz thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said that the APG team welcomes feedback.

"Feedback allows identification of what the problem may be and what plans need to be executed to bring about a resolution," he said. "Not in every case will your specific desire come to fruition, but your voice is heard. We hold everyone here accountable for moving forward in a proactive manner to accommodate you."

Ortiz closed the meeting, and encouraged everyone to practice safety during the summer.

The next well-being meeting will be held in the Edgewood Area Chapel, 9:30 a.m. June 17.



Triathlon

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our organization promotes, being physically fit and healthy," Mathisen said. "I think that it is an honor to be selected and be part of the All-Army team."

Mathisen said that he started training for triathlons in 2000 after a conversation with Special Forces Lt. Col. Guy Lemire, a triathlete, who gave him training advice, encouragement, and has been a close friend since they first met.

Since 2000, Mathisen has raced in the Ironman Arizona, California, Canada, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Malaysia; and Half Ironman in Singapore and Walt Disney World, and many competitions in between.

Mathisen said he enjoys working towards a goal, which keeps him motivated during long early morning training sessions.

"Being a triathlete is more than just about the race, it is a way of life," he said.

Mathisen said he uses "backward planning," starting from the end goal and working backwards to develop his training plan.

"A lot of us in the military are very structured, a lot of us thrive on that structure," he said. "That way of life fits in nicely with being a triathlete because you need a structured training plan to achieve success."

Mathisen said that his favorite part of the competition is achieving his goals set forth several weeks if not months prior to one of his major races.

"My favorite part is the feeling that I get when I am at my very best. Sometimes I get the notion that I am racing really well and I'm crushing the competition," he said. "And no matter what happens during the race, crossing the finish line is always a great feeling."



Photo courtesy of MAJ. ARTHUR MATHISEN
Maj. Arthur Mathisen, deputy commander for Administration of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, competes at Ironman St. George, Utah on May 1. Mathisen said he finished 19th out of 2,300 competitors. Mathisen will compete in the 2010 Armed Forces Triathlon Championship, June 2 to 6 at the Naval Base Ventura County, Calif.

LEAVE DONATIONS

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

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

April Avina	Meg Downey	Angela Lambert	Betty Spurlin
Shanelle Bell	Wayne Erb	Anthony Lee	Earl Taylor
Debra Bonsall	Juanita Guzman	Larry Maines	Linda Terzigni
Georgia Braun	Sharon Hardesty	Cheryl Mitchell	Luis Villafane
Alena Calm	Richard Harvey	Deborah Moore	Victoria Yates-
Robert Cook	Walter Holland	Amanda Nordell	Sparks
Charlene Corun	Kari Jackson	Marie D. Nowak	
John Daigle	Carolyn Johnson	Michele Reamey	

AFD

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Directorate, said the lab demonstrates image transformations by systems such as the PVS14 night vision goggles the ANV15 aviator imaging system and the thermal Enhanced Night Vision Goggle (ENVG).

Tice said they received "great feedback" from visitors.

"Some of the [students] were very excited to see new technology," he said.

The Army's Warfighter Information Network, exhibited by CERDEC personnel, consisted of a wide range of equipment that provides global broadcast, video and data services to commanders in the field via deployable satellite communications systems.

The systems come in various sizes for use from brigade to battalion level and can be easily moved, said Freddie Montgomery, a senior systems engineer from the JANUS Research Group at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

"These systems are in use today on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan," Montgomery said. "They give commanders situational awareness and are pretty much his eyes and ears."

Capt. Hampton McNeil, assistant project manager for Warfighter Information Network-Tactical Increment 1 (WIN-T1), also out of Fort Monmouth, said the high-speed, high capacity communications network links Warfighters on the battlefield with the Global Information Grid. The systems include generators, satellites and vehicles, and are fully mobile and have been issued to all Army divisions.

McNeil said that Increment 1 is a rapidly deployable early entry system housed in an S-25 shelter and mounted on an Enhanced Capacity Vehicle High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle (ECV HMMWV), for roll-on/roll-off mobility.

"This equipment brings information to the battlefield, which brings about quick decisions," McNeill said. "Commanders, especially in isolated areas like the mountains of Afghanistan, need this highway of information."

Company Level Satellites and the WIN-T Point of Pressure (PoP) completed the information network displays. The operation, a part of C4ISR Communications, will relocate to APG under BRAC.

20th Support Command (CBRNE)

At the display by the 9th Area Medical Laboratory Spc. Arlene Severino a medical technician and Spc. Jillian Newborn, a preventive medicine specialist, explained the functions of a Portable Spectrophotometer, a device that detects contaminants in water.

"The system can be deployed and powered by a generator to test for biohazards and other substances," Severino said.

The 9th AML works closely with its sister unit, the 1st AML. The units are analytical laboratories with diagnostic capabilities to detect and identify a wide range of accidental or intentional contamination of the environment. The AMLs are subordinate to the 44th Medical Command and assigned to the 20th SUPCOM for administrative control.

Maj. Daniel White, 20th SUPCOM operations officer for the Weapons of Mass Destruction Division and Charles Williams, operations specialist, explained that the organization commands all Explosive Ordnance Disposal and chemical brigades in the continental United States. Its branches include Joint Task Force-Elimination, or JTF-E; the CBRNE Analytical and Remediation Activity, or CARA; Nuclear Disablement Teams, or NDT; WMD Elimination; WMD Coordination Elements, or WCE; Consequence Management Units, or CMU; and area medical laboratories.

"CBRN Soldiers and civilians identify and decontaminate and technical escort units have the capability to identify elements not yet released," White said. "Our EOD units provide support throughout the Unit-



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
In a shared display with the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Office, Joe Vogelpohl, a ranger with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, right, shows a golden eagle to cadets from the Free State ChalleNGe Academy during the Armed Forces Day Celebration May 14.

ed States.

The 20th SUPCOM is a U.S. Army Forces Command element led by Brig. Gen. Leslie Smith.

The display included the Sentinel, a mobile command post used by WMD and WCE units. The vehicle is equipped with state-of-the-art satellite, communications and observation capabilities that include a video-teleconference center. Sgt. Rebekah Lloyd, CE4 technical NCO led tours of the unit.

She said three such vehicles are in use for stateside missions.

"A lot of people have come through today," she said. "Most asked questions about how much [the Sentinel] costs and how many people can work in it."

After touring the Sentinel, Joe Ryan, a Marine Corps Reserve retiree, said he was impressed with the technology. Ryan said he came to APG from York, Pa. to visit friends and was pleasantly surprised to happen on the Armed Forces Day activities.

"This is really impressive," he said. It's great to see the new technologies the military is providing for our armed forces."

Environmental displays

The Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division teamed with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to present displays focused on the installation's eagle and bird populations. Environmental specialists Jessica Baylor and Deidre DeRoia explained the importance of environmental stewardship.

"We manage all environmental issues on APG, from hazardous waste to wildlife surveys and we work closely with DNR and other state and federal environmental agencies," Baylor said.

The DNR display, led by park rangers Joe Vogelpohl and Jenny Cashell, featured live animals. They included a bald eagle, a golden eagle, two great horned owls, a Harris hawk and a red-tailed hawk; all of which are native to Maryland and reside in abundance on the installation.

"They've drawn a lot of attention," Vogelpohl said of the winged creatures. He noted that the animals were injured birds being cared for by DNR.

"We put them on display for environmental events," he said. "People appreciate it because this is the closest most of them will ever get to these birds."

Aurielle Reeves, a 16-year-old junior from Havre de Grace High School, said she that though the bird display was her favorite, she enjoyed the entire day.

"I liked the opening ceremony and the museum too," she said. "This is my first trip here [to APG] and I enjoyed this day just like the general said."

Gretchen Repaal, a chemistry teacher from Havre de Grace High School agreed.

"I think they really enjoyed everything today," she said. "I thought it was great to see what



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Sgt. Rebekah Lloyd of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) explains the control panel inside a Sentinel command-and-control vehicle to Joe Ryan, a retired U.S. Marine Corps reservist during the May 14 Armed Forces Day Celebration.

the Army does and a great chance to see all the other opportunities available in the Army."

BRAC display

At the Base Realignment and Closure display, Nicole Cawthern, a representative from the APG BRAC Transformation Office and representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers talked to visitors, answering questions and presented an APG 2012 video that included before and-after renditions of how certain areas of the installation will appear after the transformation's conclusion.

"I spoke to students about job opportunities that will be available at APG," Cawthern said. "Many students seemed interested and asked questions."

The 22nd Chemical Battalion

The 22nd Chemical Battalion displayed technology that is used by the battalion. Visitors were allowed to maneuver the iRobot Packbot and the Talon Explosive Ordnance Device Robot, which are light weight, versatile Unmasked Ground Vehicles designed for missions ranging from reconnaissance to weapons delivery.

Visitors were also invited to try on the EOD Bomb Suit that provides protection against blast, fragmentation impact, heat and flame.

Also on display were sampling kits and chemical detection equipment currently in use to evaluate and remove harmful agents.

"I want to join the National Guard so I thought it was really interesting. Their display had a lot of good information," said Amber McCutchen, an eleventh grader from Havre de Grace High School.

KUSAHC

At the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic display, Sgt. Marlon Clark and Spc. Daniel King demonstrated how cardiopulmonary resuscitation or CPR is performed by using a dummy.

The Soldiers also demonstrated endotracheal intubation on a dummy. Endotracheal intu-



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2nd Lt. Chad Bauld, right, from the 22nd Chemical Battalion talks to Sophia Bauld, middle, and Aaron May, left, about the Talon Explosive Ordnance Device Robot, a light weight, versatile Unmasked Ground Vehicle designed for missions ranging from reconnaissance to weapons delivery, used by the 22nd Chemical Battalion.

bation a procedure by which a tube is inserted through the mouth down into the trachea, the large airway from the mouth to the lungs.

Entertainment

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation had a variety of free activities for visitors.

For children, there was a bounce house along with activities hosted by Army Community Services like caricature and face painting and airbrush tattooing. At one tent, Child Youth and School Services sponsored an art project where children designed made patriotic flags and decorated book marks and bean bags.

Jeff Teate from Nothin' Up My Sleeve Entertainment performed a magic show, which delighted children and adults.

The Directorate of Emergency Services also participated by having an inflatable slide and static displays of fire trucks and equipment used and maintained on the installation.

"I enjoyed coming to Armed Forces Day, seeing the displays and looking through the museum," said Robertta Reagan, an eleventh grader from Havre de Grace High School. "This is my first time here [at APG] and it has been the best day of school. I really liked the activities they had here like the airbrush tattoos and the art projects."