KUSAHC Medicine Healthcare Covenant affirms community health commitment

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The Army’s Sponsorship Program, as prescribed in AR 600-8-8, The Total Army Sponsorship Program, requires every five-star Army leader to have a sponsor. The sponsor acts as a big brother or sister and helps the Soldier learn Army standards and develop a sense of responsibility and teamwork. After that initial assignment, TASP offers sponsors for every Soldier, private through colonel, and likewise for every civilian in grades up to GS-15. A vital part of the Sponsorship Program is that it is often forgotten or overlooked is the rear detachment support provided to Family members by mobilized Soldiers and civilians.

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This is a wonderful day and we are very appreciative of your time and effort.

That’s not the end of the story, however. Justice opened the meeting by mentioning that the Sponsorship Program within their community, TASP, is a command program. Its success is contingent upon the commitment of installation employees and leadership. That’ s where sponsorship begins. Sponsors can be the determining factor between a good or bad move. An excellent sponsor plays a key role in making a positive first impression and helping the new Family integrate into the unit, workplace, and community. During the past several years the Army has been experiencing a high volume of transition due to Army Force Generation, mobilization, the Army, Base Realignment and Closure, and troop mobilization. Now more than ever we need effective sponsorship to mitigate the stress of transition; however, Soldiers, civilians, and Family members must know the importance of sponsorship for our community.

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Marguerite Woods, left, a representative of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, visits Martha Kite, a Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation supply clerk during the Aberdeen Area Office Eagle Customer Appreciation Day, May 18. The Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Office Eagles support Blind Industries and Services of Maryland. BISM provides free training programs to Maryland residents who are blind or partially blind.

I have always been an independent person," she said. "The CORE Program has given me the confidence to feel comfortable no matter where I am." Woods said that the CORE program taught her necessary life skills like Braille reading and writing, cane travel, home management, computer technology and more.

"You recognize that there is a lot to life beyond being blind," she said.

Woods said that BISM provides instruction for blind or partially blind individuals of all ages. This summer BISM will have a six-week residential training program, called Independence 2010, where blind and low vision teens learn non-visual skills and gain the confidence necessary to transition from high school to college and/or employment. For more information on Independence 2010 and other BISM programs, visit www.bism.org or call toll-free call Toll Free 1-888-322-4567.

In addition to providing free training, BISM employs blind and disabled employees in Maryland.

Barry Councill, Aberdeen Area Office Eagle store manager, said Office Eagle greatly appreciates their loyal customer base. He added that the Aberdeen Area store employs eight disabled employees and the Edgewood Area store employs two disabled employees.

"I appreciate what our customers do to support the AbilityOne Program," Councill said.

Ken Barnett, Office Eagle director of store operations, also expressed appreciation to loyal customers.

"Thank you for helping us create blind employment opportunities," he said. "This store provides excellent customer service. We want customers to have a good experience shopping here."

Marcella Heilig, who works for the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, said she enjoyed the event.

"This is my first time in Office Eagle," she said. "I liked visiting the vendors and I am planning on shopping here if I need office supplies. It is very convenient, right on post."

Martha Kite, a Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation supply clerk, said that she shops frequently at Office Eagle for her organization.

"I shop here at least once a week. I always receive excellent service," Kite said. "It is convenient and personal. Everyone knows me by name."

The personal shopping experience makes it enjoyable to come here," added Preston Hill, supervisor supply technician for FMWR.

After viewing the vendor displays, guests enjoyed a meal of barbecue pork, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw and desserts from Dover, Del.-based caterer "Whose Pigs Fly" led by owners Tom and Kelly Devine. Vendors included Edwards Sales; Grainger; MSC; 3M; ABM Federal Sales; Alphapointe Association for the Blind; Blind Industries and Services of Maryland; South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind.
Ladies Auxiliary. Myers explained the significance of each item on the re-dedicated POW/MIA table and charged the audience to remember and to never forget. “We call them comrades,” Myers began in tribute to the POWs and MIAs. “The table is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors. The table cloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their [POW/MIA] intentions to respond to their country’s call to arms,” said Myers.

And there was placed in a vase to remind people of the Families and loved ones who are awaiting their Soldier’s return. The red ribbon on the vase represents all those who demand a proper accounting for our missing. The table was set with a piece of lemon on the bread plate to remind those of their bitter fate, and salt for the tears of their Family members as they wait. “The glass is inverted, as they cannot toast with us tonight and the chair is empty because they are not here,” said Myers. The candle represents the light of hope that lives in the hearts of Family members waiting for their safe return home. “America the Beautiful.” The program culminated with a prayer for the service members of the past, present and their Families. Post 7130 post commander, Scott Mulhim, spoke of the dedication and sacrifice of each item on the re-dedicated POW/MIA table and charged the audience to remember and to never forget.

Army Field Support Brigade. During his visit to the brigade, Strong met with primary staff members and received a briefing on the brigade’s operations. “Major General Strong seemed very impressed by the broad scope of our missions,” said Col. John Haley, commander of the 405th Army Field Support Brigade. “We talked at length about how, in addition to logistics, we also handle the synchronization of acquisition and technology across the European and African theaters.”

Strong also attended a luncheon with CECOM employees, including logistics and operations representatives who came to CECOM headquarters from various field locations. Strong took advantage of the large crowd to express his sentiments to the CECOM personnel.

“We are extremely proud of everything that you do for our Soldiers,” Strong said. “Everywhere I go in theater, I’m hearing about the great things you’re doing and that the units are very happy with your support and thatSpeak volumes to me about the quality of service that you provide.”

Strong’s visit included attendance at the U.S. Army Europe distinguished visitor program, luncheon with an opportunity to meet with the 405th Army Brigade and the 170th Brigade Combat Team.
CMA names director of stockpile operations

CMA

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program is hoping to provide better opportunities for the community as well.

Members of CMA participants in the construction of a storage shed with the Harlem Habitat For Humanity and BOSS at Fort Belvoir, Va. Spc. Carlos Rios, said more community service activities are planned.

The Habitat people really know their stuff, he said. They’re organized and know how to assign tasks. At the end of the day, all the pieces of the puzzle came together. They reminded me of drill sergeants.

He said BOSS members worked hard and very enthusiastic about the task. Everyone was excited to help out. This was a storage shed for a Family that will occupy a Habitat For Humanity home so we built something that will last something.

Participants included Soldiers from the APG Garrison, the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provincial), and the 50th Support Command (CBRNE).

Rios said future activities are being planned.

League of Dreams

Rios said the APG BOSS program will be the first to participate in the National League of Dreams program. League of Dreams provides baseball and softball opportunities to children who would otherwise be incapable of playing in “traditional” leagues due to physical limitations. Volunteers from BOSS and the Noncommissioned Officer Academy will collaborate with League of Dreams in later this month to “give children the opportunity to play softball in their lev-

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Around the Susquehanna Flats area passengers will be treated to a cruise (must be 21 years of age or older). Tickets cost $40 per person 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost $35 for adults and $17 for children ages 10 and under. Reservations are required. Cost is $5 and 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. 1088.

**Sunday June 13 Lighthouse Cruise**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a narrated lighthouse cruise, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost $35 for adults and $17 for children ages 10 and under. Reservations are required. Cost is $5 and 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. 1088.

**24th Annual Celtic Festival**

Stephensons Museum, located on 461 Guaker Bottom Road, Havre de Grace, will host the annual Celtic Festival, noon to 5 p.m. Cost of admission is $10 for adults and free for children 12 and under and members, and includes pipe band music, dancing and sing-along, shepherding demonstrations, clan gatherings, military regiments, spinning and weaving, amateur Highland games competitions, vendors, food and more. For more information or directions, call the museum office, 410-939-2200, or toll free, 1-888-1789; e-mail stephensontourmuseum@comcast.net or visit Web site www.stephensontourmuseum.org. Day is dawning slide quietly onto the creek to share the new day with the early-rising wildlife. This program will be held 7 to 9:30 a.m. for ages 8 to adult. The cost is $10 and 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. 1088.

**Meet A Critter**

This free program will be held 1 to 3:30 p.m. June 13 for ages 15 to adult. The cost is $13 for ages 15 to adult. The cost is $7 per person. Registration is required.

Plan on getting wet as we experience and discover the unique prioritie of water. Bring a change of clothes. The program will be held 2 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 9 to 11. The cost is $3 per person. Registration is required.

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**Water, Water, What Do You Do?**

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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 $33 for adults; $5 for children ages 5 through 10; children ages 5 and under are free. There is a Family cap of 50 at $50. After June 11, tickets will cost $35 for adults and $6 for children ages 5 through 10; the Family cap will rise to $50.

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

Events include swimming, golf, volleyball, softball, shooting, horseshoes, a magic show by “Nutting Up My Sleeve,” face painting, 4k, giant slide, Wi Games, a bakeoff, door prizes, fair food, climbing wall, pet throw. Father’s Day gift boxes and an appearance by the Harford County Sheriff’s Department with Deputy Dog.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Stephanie Cregar and Amy Bowser, 410-436-3919/3816; Donnie Karchefsky, 410-436-2024; Sample Elliot and Tami Dilling, 410-436-2573/4160; Carolyn Johnson, 410-436-2332; Leah Eller and Tami Dillon, 410-436-2577/4160; Valerie Valiant, 410-436-2714; Claud Dixon Coleman (Library), 410-436-3432; Neoma Amberman, 410-436-2756; Ashley Willey and Thelma Brown, 410-436-2024/3980; Ashley Willey and Thelma Brown, 410-436-2342; Edward Parylo or Ernest Green, 410-278-3342/892.

AGP R&D showcase set for June 16 and 17

Harford Community College will host a two-day showcase of Aberdeen Proving Ground technology and research and development contract opportunities at the Annex Center, 200 Thomas Run Road in Bel Air June 16 through 17. The showcase will highlight business opportunities with AGP test and evaluation and research and development organizations. Participating AGP organizations include the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command; Research, Development and Engineering Command; Army Test and Evaluation Command; Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center; Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical Biological Defense (JPEO-CBD), and more.

Those who should attend include:
1. Companies - ranging from startups to large - that are interested in tech transfer and public-private projects.
2. Entrepreneurs, independent and academic researchers.
4. Economic and workforce development professionals.

For more information, or to register, visit the HCC Web site at www.hfcc.edu/apgshowcase or call Pam Hart at the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor Base Realignment and Closure Office in Aberdeen at 410-273-5038 or visit the CSEC Web site at www.apg-csc.com.

NFCE Local 178 to host Father’s Day event

The National Federation of the Commonwealth Elks will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facility, building 4303. The event will be held 3 to 8 p.m., June 15.

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

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

For more information, call Edward Payro or Ernest Green, 410-278-3342/892.

ASC to celebrate 45th Birthday

July 22

Aberdeen Proving Ground will celebrate its 45th birthday July 22 with a family Fun Fair. All military, DoD civilians and retirees and guests are invited to attend.

Tickets cost $13 for adults; $5 for children grades K-12 and under. There is a Family cap of 25 at $35. All classes will be held in building 4303. Students must attend class all three days. An additional class will be offered Sept. 19 for ages 16 and older. For more information or to register, call 410-436-4000, ext. 8431.

Military receive a discount on Florida’s Amelia Island

The National Capital Region 2010 Joint CBRCU Green Dragon Ball will be held Saturday, Aug. 14, at Top of the Bay. Keynote speaker will be Honorary Paul McCrosky, Jr., former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and CST. The guest speaker will be the Green Dragon Ball Web site www.jointcbrcu.com Green_Dragon_Ball.html. For more information, contact Tracy Kelli, 410-436-4318 or Capt. Jessica Perez, 410-436-4000, ext. 8431. For more information, call the green.dragon.ball@comau.army.mil.

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

Post Shorts

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The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) has announced the launch of Train2Quit, an innovative Web-based tobacco cessation training specifically designed for military personnel and Families.

Train2Quit is a step-by-step process with proven methods and interactive activities and tools to help tobacco users quit for good. The four customizable training, accessible anytime to service members online, is the newest, most comprehensive addition to the DoD campaign, Quit Tobacco—Make Everyone Proud (QTMEP), at www.ucanquit2.org.

"Soldiers, sailors, women and marines are used to training. Train2Quit doesn’t take eight weeks or even eight hours. And although quitting tobacco is tough, we know members of the armed forces are even tougher. They can get through this unique and easy-to-use online training to get quit—and stay quit," said Capt. David Aslay, M.D., a U.S. Public Health Service officer and chairman of the DoD Alcohol and Tobacco Advisory Committee.

Train2Quit accommodates users based on where they are in the process of quitting tobacco, whether thinking about quitting or in the midst of a quit attempt. A self-assessment tool during enrollment determines where users fall on the spectrum and starts them in the corresponding module. The training then offers customized tools and individual support based on their specific situation and stage in the quit process.

Tobacco users who get support are more likely to succeed in their quit attempt. Those who use a tailored interactive online program can double their chance of becoming tobacco free, especially when used in conjunction with counseling and medications. Train2Quit is a customized interactive support system that provides service men and women with access to personalized Web-based resources 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Anonymous live chatting with expert quit coaches is available from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. EST, and will soon be available 24/7.

The training consists of a self-paced series of four modules based on Prochaska and DiClemente’s Stages of Change model of behavior change. The curriculum, developed in consultation with certified tobacco cessation specialists, incorporates U.S. Public Health Service tobacco cessation guidelines and best practices. Users can stop at any point in the process and then re-start where they left off, tracking their progress through the training. After successfully going through all four modules, they receive a certificate of completion.

"I urge military service members who use tobacco to enroll in this new training," said Arday. “Receiving support whenever it’s convenient in their busy and changing schedules gives them a real advantage to succeed in becoming tobacco-free, particularly when used as an adjunct to counseling and medications available on their installations.”

Train2Quit, along with a demo of the training, is available at http://www.ucanquit2.org where visitors can find additional QTMEP tools and resources for tobacco cessation.

DoD launches personalized quit tobacco training

QUIT TOBACCO, make everyone proud

We can help you quit smoking or chewing. Do it for yourself. And everyone who cares about you. Visit www.ucanquit2.org.
Army inspires next generation rocket scientists

By JENNIFER CARROLL

The Army is inspiring the next generation of rocket scientists through the world’s largest rocket design contest.

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command’s Edgewood Chemical Biological Center supported the 8th Annual Team America Rocketry Challenge May 15. As exhibitors at this year’s TARC, whose participation was funded by the National Defense Education Program, encouraged middle and high school students to pursue careers in aerospace, as well as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines. “With the NDEP’s goal to foster a new generation of scientists, engineers and technologists, it is a pleasure to witness the rocket performances of America’s highly skilled youth,” said NDEP Director Bob McGahern.

“I foresee a bright future for the nation’s highly skilled youth,” said NDEP Director Bob McGahern. “I was very impressed with the talent and ambition of all participants.”

Army representatives displayed models of smoke items such as grenades, artillery projectiles, and rocket warheads, and explained their function to students. In addition, ECBC Mechanical Engineer Robert Carestia and ECBC Chemical Biological Engineer Timothy Lyons illustrated how ECBC uses students the basics of physics, and engineers use for their projects in the real world. “At first, I wasn’t sure if I wanted to attend, but it was so much fun winning all the exciting science games,” said Allis-su Lyons, a 12-year-old TARC participant. “I learned that you don’t have to be a rocket scientist to walk away with lots of prizes.”

The Army is inspiring the next generation rocket scientists.

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Photo by HEATHER LYONS
OPSEC protects deployed personnel and Family members

By JUDY PATISHNOCK

Operation Security, or OPSEC, is a process used to identify and protect sensitive information from adversaries. While OPSEC is primarily used at work, it can also be used to protect personnel and Family members in their everyday routine, whether at work, at home, shopping, or on vacation.

OPSEC helps identify information that might be used against personnel and their Family members, and apply countermeasures to safeguard that information. Here are some examples of how to use OPSEC to protect personal information, Family, and home while deployed or on a temporary duty assignment.

Documents such as TDY or travel orders, wills, life insurance policies, credit card or bank account statements should not be thrown in the trash.

They contain personal information such as full name, home or duty address, date and place of birth, SSN, bank account numbers, travel dates, unit and unit location, unit mission, designation, and Family member information and could possibly jeopardize Family members, a terrorist, and used to target Family members and the home vulnerability to harm. Do not post photos of base camp, base camp defenses, or any other information that could be used to target an installation or the personnel, on various Internet Web sites or send them to Family members. A photo of a blown up vehicle, for example, can provide information to an adversary on the vulnerabilities of the vehicle, or type of ordnance to use to efficiently target our Armed Forces. Family members should protect their loved ones who are deployed or on a temporary duty assignment by posting detailed information online or providing information to others who do not have a need to know about when, where, or how long their loved ones will be deployed. Not only does this put the deployed personnel and their unit at risk, it can put the Family members who remain at home at risk also.

There are many ways in which OPSEC can be used in an everyday routine to safeguard personal information from getting into the wrong hands. Do not have a need to know and who might wish to use this information to harm, personnel, Family members, a unit or a workplace.

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APG EMS schedules internal audit

BARBARA SEKER

The APG Environmental Management System program has scheduled an internal audit for Aug. 16 through 20.

During this time, auditors from U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) along with Garrison employees will be conducting APG Garrison directorates and garrison supported organizations to identify EMS nonconformities and other areas of concern.

It is imperative that directorates and GSOs work together with the Environmental Management System teams to organize their paperwork specifically EMS plans, and prepare for the auditors.

Auditors may inspect areas such as aspect and impact development, monitoring and measuring procedures, objectives and targets, or training. The internal audit is a key piece of the EMS continuous improvement program. Audits will be performed annually with the exception of years when Environmental Performance Assessment System audits occur.

Results of the audit will be briefed at the Senior Level Environmental Quality Control Committee meeting and will be used to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the program.

For questions about the upcoming audit, contact April Tull, 410-436-2902, or e-mail april.tull@us.army.mil.

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Army Combined Arms Support Command, or CASCOM, level at Fort Lee, Va.

“The winners of this competition are the very best the Brigade has to offer and are among the best Soldiers in the Army,” he said.

Because the brigade cased its colors May 17, indicating the final step in its relocation to the new Home of Ordinance at Fort Lee, Va., only one of the Soldiers is currently stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The 61st Ordnance Brigade NCO of the Year is Aaron M. Greisinger, a company operations NCO with Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 61st Ordnance Brigade, Fort Lee, Va.

The 61st Ordnance Brigade Soldier of the Year is Sgt. Justin R. Baylos of the 16th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Lee, Va.

The 61st Ordnance Brigade Platoon Sgt. of the Year is Staff Sgt. Gina R. Acieves, BHC 16th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Lee, Va.

The 61st Ordnance Brigade Retention NCO of the Year is Staff Sgt. Kevin N. Gray, the Retention Battalion NCO for the 143rd Ordnance Battalion in the Edge wood Area.

The winners received Savings Bonds from Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Army Commendation Medals and plaques from the brigade.
By 1950, five years had passed since the end of the war, and the American forces were fighting in Korea. The American Soldier, 1950: A North Korean force of about 10 divisions invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950 and drove the South Korean Army to the north. By the end of the month, the South Korean Army was forced to surrender overseas. SOAR's focus is on math, science, and technology to help military children and their families begin with education and formative assessment, have come together to ease the transition of military families and to provide remediation and enrichment resources that will assist their children in reaching their full potential.

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Diners at the Edgewood Area’s Southside Grill had a hard time keeping their feet still, June 2, during a lunchtime performance by the Salsa Ensemble of the 248th Army Band from the Puerto Rico National Guard. The band visited Aberdeen May 31 to June 4 to perform during the Conference of American Armies hosted by the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. The band also entertained guests of the APG Summer Ball at Top of the Bay June 4.

Though RDECOM hosted the CAA conference, U.S. Army South, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, serves as program manager for the CAA.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Luis Santiago, ensemble director, and Staff Sgt. Pedro Sanchez led the ensemble.
The Military Long Drive Champion Ensign will be available soon at petitions, July 15 through Aug. 22. The host will be available for one week only. Please call 410-278-7933 or log onto http://apgr-usag.mwr.army.mil to sign-up for the drive range. The competition will be hosted by Aberdeen Proving Ground. Fort Bragg, Fort Benning, Fort Huachuca, Hawaii; Fort Benning: Ga.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Bliss and Hood in Texas; Fort Bragg, Ariz.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Drum, N.Y.; and a location to be determined in Iraq.

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Little Princess Workshop

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APG Bowling Center Snack bar specials

The APG Bowling Center Snack Bar will offer half-price pizza on Mondays and Thursdays. Special #1: Italian sausage with French fries, cookie and regular soda for $3.25. Special #2: Egg salad with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for $3.25.

For more information or to register for a class, call the MWR Recreation Registration Office, building 2372, 410-278-7571/7572, or visit our Web site online at http://apgr-usag.mwr.army.mil. PA-APG Registration Office, building 2510. For more information, call 410-278-7571/7572.

The Birdie Café is now open for the golfers of all ages, whether they are in the Edgewood Area, Patuxent Indoor or outdoor section and in the Aberdeen Proving Ground area. The café offers pastries, hot and cold drinks, coffee, tea, lumber, beer, ice cream, ice cream sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, chips, snacks, and assorted drinks for sale.

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Army Accessories Command PAC

Army’s $30,000 bonuses may not be enough

Limited to Soldiers and civilian employees, www.Armys-
strongstories.com is a one-stop shop for anyone who wants to tell an Army story.

Launched in January 2008 by the Army’s Office of Civilian Concerns, the site is a social media outreach effort, generated by things that move away from an updated look, easy-to-navigate front, and greater interaction with video and Facebook.

“Visiting our site is a great way to let your Army story be heard. You’ve told us your story is one of the Army’s most important stories, and that’s what we mean when we say our Army is invited to visit ArmyS-

We’ve also developed a set of resources – central to Army brand development. The Army has spent considerable mon-

The next version of the portal will be in line with the other design elements in the Army Brand Portal. Right now, Strahler said, the U.S.

Story by

LISA DANIEL
Defense Department officials announced May 11 the start of the quadrennial review of Military Compensation Review.

The review’s focus, officials said, will be on combat pay, compensation or reserve component service members, caregivers and survivors and pay incentives for critical care providers.

Thomas L. Bush, a recently retired three-star general, served as deputy assistant secretary of the Army and as director of the Army’s undersecretary of defense for policy.

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At the heart of our armed forces, service members' spouses keep our military Families and giving back to their communities. Many have served in uniform themselves and, understanding the obligations involved, can provide unparalleled support. They are pillars of strength in their families, often celebrating their children's life milestones while the other parent is away. "A Good appreciation of their unshakable commitment and support to our service men and women," said Beckett.

Jonathan Morse, gave the opening toast, opened the event by welcoming the guests and thanked the attending military spouses for the everyday sacrifices they make for their country, which declared May 21 to be Military Spouse Appreciation Day for Harford County. "You allow us to do our jobs, to focus on our Soldiers and the military spouses. You are strong, wonderful and take care of our children, our community and our country," said Morse.

Angela Scarlato, from the Business Operations Division of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation read a proclamation signed by Daniel Craig, Hartford County Executive, which declared May 21 to be Military Spouse Appreciation Day for Harford County. "I want to take this opportunity to write down why they appreciate their spouses. The things which were given anonymously by some of the many, many attendees.

At the end of the evening Picerne Military Housing gave each spouse a Spouse Appreciation bag containing a coffee mug, a Check-Fr. A gift card, biscotti cookies, a phone charger and pad set. Spouses also received a t-shirt and tote bag from ACS.

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"For blessing me with my beautiful children." "She has made me a better person." "Because she is the guiding light of my life."

"She is warm and caring."

"She is an amazing wife and mother and I could not accomplish my career and the United States Army – providing our Soldiers with modernized equipment to help them in the battlefield."

"For the man he is, kind, thoughtful, a wonderful husband, father and Soldier….and because he's HOT!"

"For taking care of me and my career and the United States Army."

"For being my wonderful partner and soulmate."

"For the 21 years of unconditional support and love."

"For being my best friend since my senior year in high school and making all other things equal when hard times come."

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"I love you!" "I appreciate you…my sweet." "Without you, I am lost…'nuff said."

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Sgt. 1st Class Damon Pannell, Staff Sgt. Elwood Veney, Capt. Amber Tillar, executive officer of Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion. 

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Ortiz said that Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd President of the United States who served during the Civil War as a Brigadier General of Tenth Corps of the Army of the Cumberland stated, “I have never been able to think of the day as one of mourning; I have never quite been able to feel that half-cast formalities were appropriate on Decoration Day. I have rather felt that the flag should be at the peak because those whose dying we commemorate rejoiced in seeing it where their valor placed it. We honor them in a joyful, thankful, triumphant commemoration of what they did.”

Ortiz said that the first Memorial Day observance was on May 5, 1866, when the village of Waterloo, N.Y. was decorated with flags at half mast, draped with streamers and mourning black to praise the living Union veterans of the Civil War and to remember the patriotic dead. Veterans, civic societies and residents, led by Gen. John B. Murray, marched to the village cemetery and placed flowers on the graves of those who gave their lives during the war.

Since that time, Decoration Day, as it was once known, has evolved to include memorials for American veterans from both the North and South, from both World Wars, the Vietnam War, Iraq, Afghanistan and every conflict in between.

“I challenge you to look inside your hearts to find the true meaning of the word ‘memorial,’” he said. “What is a memorial but a fitting tribute intended to commemorate the memory and honor of a person?”

Ortiz said that on Memorial Day Americans should rejoice in the courage of soldiers.

“Rejoice in the selfless actions of these brave men and women who thought themselves ordinary but rose to meet seemingly impossible expectations to keep hope and freedom alive. Not just in America, but throughout the world,” he said. Rejoice in the hope that veterans have given the world for its future. For it is not as sad and hopeless people that we come together in remembrance, but as strong, determined, optimistic, free people that cherish the lives of our service members and look to the future and envision a better world.

After Ortiz spoke, Klaichinsky read a few words about the history of the cemetery. He then received an Eagle Scout Award from Ortiz for leading the revitalization of the cemetery, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

“He has done a lot of good work for us in the Edgewood Area,” Ortiz said. “He researched the cemetery, he improved it, and he serves our community well.”

Following Ortiz’s remarks, the AMC Band played the National Anthem and memorial wreathes were placed at the entrance of the cemetery.

The program ended with the firing of a salute by Soldiers from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion. A lone bugler played "Taps" followed by the benediction and a prayer for the living Union veterans of the Civil War and to remember the patriotic dead.

Veterans, civic societies and supporters stand at attention during the annual Memorial Day ceremony held at the Edgewood Area cemetery, May 31.

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