

Post Shorts

Picerne takes over recycling

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

For more information, contact the Picerne Neighborhood Office 410-305-1076.



Harford Gate and Wise Road Gate hours change

Effective March 8, the Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area will be open 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the Wise Road Gate in the Edgewood Area will be open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. The Harford Gate and Wise Road Gate will remain closed weekends and holidays.

The Maryland Boulevard Gate (Route 715) in the Aberdeen Area and the Route 24 Gate in the Edgewood Area will remain operational 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. The Magnolia Gate will also continue to be open 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., weekdays for out-bound traffic only.

Blue Cross/Shield rep visit March 9

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit APG 9 to 11:30 a.m., March 9 in building 305, Room 211, and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., building E4520, Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, Edgewood Area, to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

Training for WW I exhibit docents March 6

The Harford County Public Library is recruiting volunteers for The Winds and Words of War exhibit to be displayed at the Bel Air and Jarrettsville branches from March 20 through May 31. This traveling exhibit of 40 framed, vintage World War I posters has not been publicly displayed since 1933. Training for exhibit guides is Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information call See SHORTS, page 5

Retired Soldier brings Frederick Douglass to life during APG Black History Month observance

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

The spirit of Frederick Douglass was presented in memorable style during the Black History Month observance at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Feb. 24.

Guest speaker Michael E. Crutcher Sr., a retired master sergeant from Nicholasville, Ky., portrayed Douglass, the famous 19th Century abolitionist and statesman.

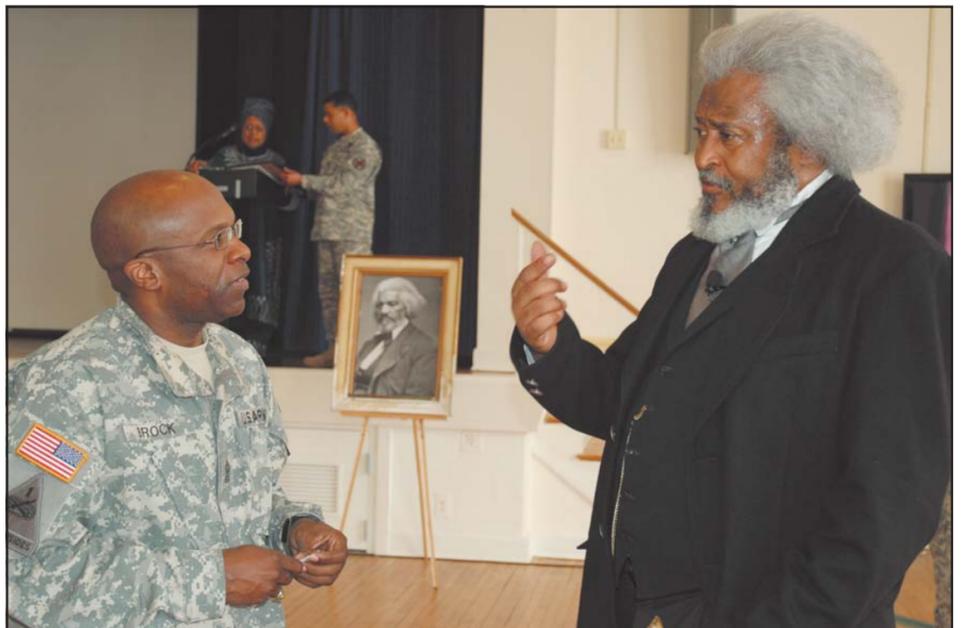
Mistress of ceremonies Janice Grant, past president of the Harford County NAACP welcomed guests and expressed thanks to the many Soldiers in the audience.

"I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the fact that you are here to protect our country," she said.

Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, introduced Crutcher as one who has "studied heavily about Douglass."

"He has studied and perfected his presentation as one of the most highly regarded in the world," Ortiz said. "Today, thanks to Mister Crutcher, we get to meet Frederick Douglass and learn more about freedom, honor and liberty."

Bearing a strong resemblance to the historical figure, Crutcher entered dressed, walking and talking as one would imagine Douglass might have and shared recollections of the tense Civil War years and the



Sgt. Maj. Timothy D. Brock of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE), left, chats with Michael E. Crutcher Sr., a historical presenter of 19th century abolitionist Frederick Douglass, after his Black History Month presentation in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Jan. 27. In the background, Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, chats with the program's mistress of ceremonies, Janice Grant.

fight to end slavery. "Before you leave today you will know what it is like to learn from the past," he said.

He spoke on being taken from his mother's arms to a plantation to grow up in slavery. He said the plantation owner's wife taught him to read despite being admonished by her husband that with an education Douglass would, "no longer be fit to be a slave," and he talked about his support of Lincoln, the joyful celebrations after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation,

and the eagerness with which former slaves joined the fight between North and South.

He compared Soldiers of yesterday and today, saying "they all fight for freedom, from the little drummer boy on up."

"Forty-thousand black men died in an effort to restore their dignity," he said. "Never take for granted the freedom that you have today."

He shared many lessons he learned over his lifetime and said education had the highest priority.

"I always emphasize that you must take education seriously," he said. "If you do not educate yourselves, then you will be fit for slavery, perhaps of a different kind, but slavery nonetheless."

Ortiz praised Crutcher's message and called it "truly powerful." "As Mister Crutcher said, there is no progress without struggle, freedom doesn't come without cost and persistence and perseverance breeds success," Ortiz said. "Mister Crutcher, we appreciate your willingness

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Junior medical officer recognized as rising star

Story by **CHANEL S. WEAVER**
20th SUPCOM PAO

It didn't take too much coercing for an Army recruiter to motivate Capt. Aaron Thompson to join the Army.

"I always had an interest in working with radioactive materials," said Thompson, a Kansas State University graduate. "I was excited to see that I could continue my passion as a nuclear medical science officer in the Army."

Just three years later, Thompson's dedication to the principles of health physics, radiation safety and preventive medicine have allowed him to receive a tremendous honor.

A health physics operations officer, for the U.S. Army 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological Nuclear and High-Yield Explosives), Thompson was selected to represent the command at the 2010 Army Medical Service Corps Junior Officer Week (JOW) in

late March.

Thompson's selection to participate in the special conference was no small feat. A board of senior MSC leaders convened in December to recommend and select officers to participate in JOW.

Thompson was selected "because of his strong record and exceptional duty performance," according to a statement by Col. Dawn M. Smith, deputy corps chief for the Office of the Medical Service Corps.

Thompson said he is looking forward to the conference, where he will have the opportunity to learn more about MSC policies, leader development, and leadership initiatives.

"I hope to speak with the leadership in the Medical Service Corps and provide input and feedback as a young service corps member," he said.

As the health physics operations officer in the Surgeon Section of the 20th SUPCOM, See MEDICAL, page 7

Army Technology Live debuts iPhone application

Story by **DAVID MCNALLY**
RDECOM PAO

Find current technology news, social media and job listings.

The Army's official science and technology blog released a free iPhone application Feb. 19. The application puts Army technology news, social media and job postings in one location.

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command hopes to advance the conversation about Army technologies, inform the public about Army initiatives and showcase the work the Army technology team does to make Soldiers strong and America safe.

"This is a good match for people interested in science and technology," said Joseph Ferrare, RDECOM spokesperson. "As we see emerging communications venues, there's an opportunity to tell the Army story. Our goal is to showcase

the exiting new technologies our Army scientists and engineers are developing."

The application is a mash-up of syndicated news feeds from various sources. Officials said future versions will include more news sources.

It downloads current news features after it launches. Included are entries to the Army Technology Live blog, the official RDECOM homepage, job listings, Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, YouTube and more.

"The jobs are current postings of what positions are announced through USAJobs for RDECOM," Ferrare said. "If you see a job that interests you, click on the "View in Browser" option to see that complete announcement online."

The application is available for free at the iTunes Store. Search Army Technology Live in iTunes, or <http://tidy.ws/2maeN5> (Note: link opens in iTunes).

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DAREN promotes Rx/OTC Awareness



Robert Krauer, Director of Emergency Services, and DAREN the Lion deposit the first bottle of expired medication in the D.A.R.E. Drop Off Point in building 2200 to kick off Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drug Awareness Month. The drop off point will be available March 1 through 5 at both APG police stations. The Rx OTC Awareness Month campaign is a month-long effort to curb the biggest drug problem facing youths today - prescription and over the counter drug abuse. The program is part of the national community education campaign under the D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) program. Also on hand for the ceremonial drop off was Mike "Big Mike" Farlow, APG community policing officer; Cindy Scott of the Army Substance Abuse Program and Ann Thacker, Maryland Regional D.A.R.E. Coordinator.

A drop off point also is available at the Health Link Wellness Center, 2027 Pulaski Highway, Suite 206 in Havre de Grace. The center is open 9 to 11 a.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. For more information about RX OTC Awareness Month, visit the D.A.R.E. Web site at www.rxotcawarenessmonth.com.

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON, APG NEWS

APG BLACK HISTORY celebrates MONTH

EO advisor serves as a change agent for 20th Support Command



Master Sgt. Michelle Davis, the first equal opportunity advisor and deployable sexual assault response coordinator from the 20th Support Command, supports diversity.

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

The first equal opportunity advisor and deployable sexual assault response coordinator from the 20th Support Command always knew she wanted to be a Soldier so that she could serve others.

Master Sgt. Michelle Davis said that as a young girl growing up in Brantley, Ala., she looked up to her father as an African American role model and learned about the importance of being treated equally.

“My father served in the Army and the National Guard,” she said. “There was something about how he took pride in wearing his uniform and knowing the regulations. When he put on his uniform he stood taller even though he was only 5-foot-9. He was that guy that you wanted to emulate.”

When her father retired from the Army he worked as a union organizer, encouraging African Americans in her neighborhood and surrounding towns to register to vote, even though it wasn't popular in the South at that time.

“I would sometimes accompany him when he would go out and encourage people to vote and would even take them to the voting poles. Most teens can't wait to turn eighteen because that is when they gain freedom and are considered an adult,” she said. “I couldn't wait to turn eighteen so that I could vote. My father took me to city hall to register. I was so excited and proud. I now had a voice.”

Davis said that her mother and father instilled in her the value of service. She said that these values fit perfectly with her role as a Soldier.

“They said that if given the opportunity to help others you should never let it pass you by,” Davis said.

“I genuinely love what I do. I love the

cohesion and the esprit de corps of being a Soldier. I love teaching and learning from Soldiers because they have a lot to teach you, especially the new Soldiers.”

Davis said that she “grew up” in the Army, by learning lessons and facing life experiences that made her stronger. She added that she has faced some challenges, including racial and gender prejudice.

“My first duty assignment was in Baumholder, Germany, known as ‘The Rock,’” she said. “At the time ‘The Rock’ was not conducive to females and it was really not conducive to black females. It was my first duty assignment and at the time I doubted whether I could do what was required of me in uniform. Not because I questioned if I could do the job. I questioned whether I could tolerate my platoon sergeant, as I encountered actual racial and gender prejudice.”

Davis said that she was shocked by her treatment.

“When I was growing up I thought the Army was one of the most diverse organizations in the world, so I didn't think I would face prejudice,” she said. “I had a rude awakening. His first remark to me was ‘I don't think females should be in the Army and I am going to do everything in my power to try to get you out in the next six months.’ I didn't understand his hostility because I had just arrived in the unit and had done nothing but say hello.”

Davis described that six months in the Army as “crushing,” and said that as a young Soldier, she was not sure how to handle the situation.

“That individual tried very hard for six months to get me to change my mind and get me to leave the Army. The Equal Opportunity Program that we have was not promoted like it is now. As a private in a strange country you thought that whatever this guy said and did was right.”

Davis said that she persevered and that

her situation improved when the individual left Germany. She said that her experience as a young Soldier showed her how important it is that every Soldier be treated with respect.

“I read my uniform as ‘Us Army,’” she said. “We are all in this together. If one fails, we fail. If one person has been discriminated against, we have all been discriminated against.”

Davis said that in Germany she also experienced the challenge of being a young single mother in the Army.

“When I had my daughter Serenna, she changed everything for me,” Davis said. “No one taught me how to be a Soldier and a mother. The challenges I faced made me stronger, made me a better Soldier. Serenna taught me how to fight. When I looked at her I couldn't accept the same status quo.”

Davis said that her daughter inspired her to always put forth her best effort.

“Children learn when they watch you,” she said. “Children should look up to you first. She taught me how to be a better Soldier, a better mother and a better woman.”

Davis said that almost two years later she married Serenna's father, Lewis, also a Soldier. Shortly thereafter their son Xavier came along. “Xavier taught me endurance and patience. When he came along, I was in the ‘run faster jump higher’ phase of my career but he required even more of my time than Serenna. Only when I slowed down was I able to balance everything. For the things I couldn't handle, my husband Lewis always came to the rescue. It has been very hard being a wife, mother, Soldier and a dual military family. But if asked to do all of it again I would.”

Davis said that she feels very blessed to have her family in her life as they have been very supportive of her role as a Soldier and where it has led her.

“They have made my job so much easier especially my husband Lewis,” she said. “I have missed a lot of plays and been late to several recitals but we have learned that it is not the quantity of time you spend with the ones you love but the quality of time.”

Davis said that they supported her during frequent moves, long hours, and deployments. Davis has served in combat in Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and Desert Storm.

“I never differentiated between women serving in combat and men serving in combat,” she said. “I never understood the debate. We get the same training as men. I did not want to leave my husband or my children, but I know that my male comrades did not want to leave their wives or their children either. But we all volunteered. When we are called, we move.”

Davis said that throughout her career she has tried to encourage and motivate fellow Soldiers.

“It is a great feeling to be a part of this team, to complete a long mission together,”

she said. “I may be Master Sergeant Davis, but I am nothing without my fellow Soldiers. You don't accomplish anything in the Army without being part of a team. I have never achieved one thing in the Army on my own. I have been fortunate to work with good Soldiers and civilians. Not just peers, or leaders, but subordinates alike.”

Davis said that when she came to Aberdeen Proving Ground in 2008, she had never heard of Edgewood and was unsure about her new job. Teamwork and the support of all of the Soldiers and Civilians at the 20th SUPCOM has helped her fit into her role as the first equal opportunity advisor and deployable sexual assault response coordinator for the 20th SUPCOM.

“The people in the 20th Support Command are great and support diversity,” she said. “Of course starting a program has its challenges. Anytime you start something it is a challenge. I found that if you stay positive and set goals and concentrate on the outcome you will be successful.”

Davis serves as the advisor to the commander on all issues concerning EO, she is responsible for ensuring that all EOA's and Equal Opportunity Leaders within her command are trained, and she assists with teaching the post EOLC course. She also acts as a liaison between the Garrison EO office and the 20th SUPCOM.

Davis said that diversity should continue to be encouraged in the Army, and feels that cultural observances are important.

“I appreciate Black History Month, but I also appreciate learning about different cultures,” she said. “I think that there should be a diversity month that celebrates all cultures that is all inclusive that celebrates America. I think it is important to continue to support observances, to remember where we came from. It is important to me because I work with people from all walks of life, diverse people.”

Davis added that she feels like America is moving in the right direction by promoting diversity in schools.

“Maya Angelo is my favorite author, I really appreciate her struggle, and how she expresses herself through the written word.”

Although her husband retired from the Army in 2009, Davis said that she currently has no retirement plans, as she continues to love what she does. “Each day brings something new,” she said.

“Most days bring something good. On the days when the good is over shadowed by bad, I've learned to pivot. I pivot my train of thought to all that is good in my life and how I want things to turn out. When I do this my bad diminishes. I believe that good thoughts attract good things. It doesn't feel like I have been in the Army 21 years I still love what I do and I am motivated to do my job. I am still learning and it is still fresh. One of the things I love about my job is that there are opportunities to learn every day. My good outweighs my bad.”

History

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to learn, practice and rehearse Frederick Douglass. It has benefited us tremendously here today.”

Ortiz then presented plaques to Crutcher and the other program participants and to the winners of the Black History Month essay and display contest. They included classes #10-10 and #11-10 of the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Academy which won both first and second place and runner-up respectively. Staff Sgt. Stewart Tempalski and Sgts. Genevieve Moemi and Michael Cleveland accepted the awards.

Entertainment for the program includ-

ed the singing of the hymn “Precious Lord” by Patricia Nubine and a jazzy rendition of the hymn “Walk With Jesus” by her husband Staff Sgt. Eddy Nubine of the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band, on saxophone. In addition, Bridgette Smith of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Contracting Center sang the national anthem and Chaplain (Maj.) Fred Townsend offered the invocation and benediction.

At the conclusion of the program guests looked at displays around the ballroom that included books, artwork, a display by the Harford County NAACP and the U.S. Mint coin collection, “Blacks on U.S. Coins,” by the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional). During the food tasting that followed, guests dined on collard greens, black-eyed

peas, cornbread, red beans and rice, fried chicken with Creole sauce and other ethnic foods served by volunteers.

Many said they enjoyed the program.

“I really enjoyed the speaker,” said Mansfield Spicer, a chemist with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. “I learned things about Frederick Douglass I never knew before. I don't know how he can remember it all.”

“I thought he was very knowledgeable and a pretty good actor,” said Sgt. Emmett Facquet of BNCOC.

“I loved it,” added Sgt. Clifford Denison, also of BNCOC. “I liked the displays, enjoyed the food and really enjoyed listening to Frederick Douglass. It was like history coming to life.”

Michael E. Crutcher Sr. is a retired master sergeant and former college asso-

ciate professor who has appeared in television commercials and movies. He was inspired to portray Douglass after he learned that they shared the same birthday. Crutcher's great-great-grandfather, Daniel Gilchrist, was a member of the 13th United States Colored Troops Heavy Artillery at Camp Nelson, Ky., where more than 10,000 blacks enlisted and trained for the Union Army during the Civil War.

Crutcher has become one of the most prolific and highly regarded Douglass presenters in the world. He is currently featured in a History Channel film showing at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. and he recently returned from England where he portrayed Douglass during a weeklong commemoration of his 1859 visit to the country.

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Environmental Management System

NEPA and environmental compliance: Avoiding fines and penalties

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The National Environmental Policy Act, which was enacted Jan. 1, 1970, applies to any project that involves federal funding, federal personnel and/or activities taking place on federal property. Prior to starting actions or projects, NEPA requires that an assessment of the potential impacts to the environment and human health be conducted. Failure to perform a required NEPA assessment does not carry any criminal or civil sanctions. Instead, the primary penalty associated with NEPA noncompliance involves project delays and associated cost overruns.

Unlike NEPA, many environmental laws such as the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Acts impose criminal and/or civil fines for noncompliance. These fines can run upwards of \$27,500 per violation, per day. Given the sheer number of environmental laws that can apply to Aberdeen Proving Ground projects and the complexity of their implementing regulations, even a project officer with the best intentions can find that his or her project is in violation of a law that he or she did not know was applicable, making it subject to a hefty fine.

One of the goals of the APG Directorate of Public Works NEPA program group is to support APG and Garrison Supported Organization projects by performing quick-response environmental evaluations of proposed projects to assess compliance with environmental laws and regulations, and to recommend compliance strategies long before a violation occurs. This quick-response process is used when a project proponent submits a Record of Environmental Consideration under NEPA. A REC describes a project, shows the location, and specifies expected start and end dates.

The attached table shows some of the environmental laws and executive orders that could apply to APG projects. Each law/executive order is paired with applicable NEPA evaluation review subjects, illustrating how the performance

of NEPA assessments promotes compliance with environmental laws, which unlike NEPA, may impose fines and penalties for noncompliance.

To give a concrete example, let's assume that a project involves repairing a roof on a building. Project personnel plan to set up a temporary work area near the building to store roofing and repair materials. APG's NEPA group would ask the following questions (among others):

Is the building historic? In asking if the building is historic, we are trying to prevent a violation of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Is the building in a bald eagle nest buffer? In asking about the bald eagle nest buffer, we are trying to prevent a violation of the Bald and Golden Eagle Act.

What air emissions may be associated with performing this work? Understanding possible air emissions is important to preventing a Clean Air Act infraction.

Could the work area impact a wetland? Determining if a wetland is nearby prevents violations of the Clean Water Act.

How close is the work area to the Chesapeake Bay? The distance to the Chesapeake Bay determines the applicability of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

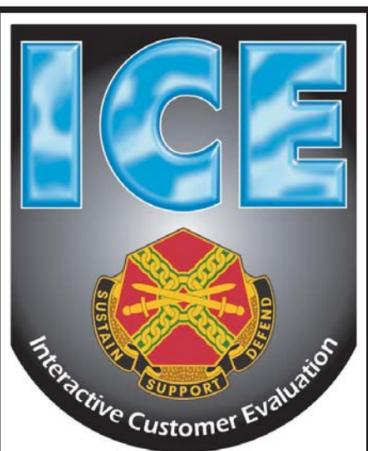
Will any trees have to be cut down to accommodate the work area? Cutting trees in an unauthorized manner could lead to violations of the Bald and Golden Eagle, Clean Water, Coastal Zone Management, Endangered Species, Executive Order 13186 Migratory Bird, National Historic Preservation, and the Sikes acts.

What types of waste will be generated and how will it be managed? Failure to characterize waste streams and manage them in accordance with applicable regulations could result in violations of the Pollution Prevention and Resource Conservation and Recovery acts.

Is lead-based paint and asbestos present in the work space area? Failure to manage lead-based paint and asbestos waste in accordance with applicable regulations could result in violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery, Toxic Substances Control, and Clean Air acts.

LAWS ASSOCIATED WITH FINES AND PENALTIES	AREAS REVIEWED UNDER NEPA
ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT	clear/removing trees, intrusive activities, site approval archaeological/cultural/historical
BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLE ACT	clear/removing trees, lasers, intrusive activities site approval, bldg renovation, bldg demolition bldg construction, noise
CLEAN AIR ACT	Fire, RONA, air emissions
CLEAN WATER ACT	clear/removing trees, wetland, disturbance to rivers/lakes/ponds, erosion, hazardous waste hazardous materials
COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT	critical area, site approval, bldg renovation, bldg demolition, bldg construction, erosion, stormwater runoff
COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY ACT	land use controls, intrusive activities, site approval, hazardous waste
ENDANGERED SPECIES	clear/removing trees, disturbance to rivers/lakes/ponds, flora/fauna, site approval, bldg renovation, bldg demolition
EXECUTIVE ORDER 13112 INVASIVE SPECIES	flora/fauna, bldg demolition, bldg construction, intrusive activities
EXECUTIVE ORDER 13186 MIGRATORY BIRD ACT	clear/removing trees, erosion, site approval, hazardous waste, bldg construction, bldg demolition
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ACT	disturbance to rivers/lakes/ponds, flora/fauna, erosion, stormwater runoff
MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT	fauna
NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT	clear/removing trees, intrusive activities, bldg renovation, bldg demolition, bldg construction, site approval, archaeological/cultural/historical
POLLUTION PREVENTION ACT	pesticides/herbicides, hazardous waste, hazardous materials, chemical/biological
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT	land use controls, hazardous waste, hazardous materials, chemical/biological, solid waste, USTs and ASTs
SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT	surface water protection area, intrusive activities, any activity which changes groundwater recharge quality or quantity
SIKES ACT	clear/removing trees, intrusive activities, disturbance to rivers/lakes/ponds, flora/fauna, wetland, critical area, site approval
TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT	solid waste, asbestos, lead, hazardous waste, hazardous materials, chemical/biological

Bold print represents laws associated with fines and penalties. Small print represents areas reviewed under NEPA.



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

Community Notes

FRIDAY

**MARCH 5
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Aberdeen High School Tri M Music Honor Society will be held 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Doors open 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 each, extra packs cost \$5 each. Food, drinks, baked goods, raffles, special games and 20 game bingo will be available. Bring a non-perishable food item for a chance on a special drawing. Needed items include jellies, stews, chili, chunky soups, pancake mixes and syrups.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410- 273-7332 or Caty, 443-655-2954.

SATURDAY

**MARCH 6
VETERANS COMMISSION
HOSTS MUSTER**

The Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs will hosting a "Veterans Muster," 9 a.m. to noon, at American Legion Post 39, located on North Hickory Avenue in Bel Air. Admission is free. Among the groups and organizations planning to attend are the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the U. S. Veterans Administration, the Vietnam

Veterans of America, the V.A. Health Care System, Maryland Relay and the Governor Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Harford County Mediation Program, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Maryland Committee of Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve, the Maryland State Department of Veterans Affairs, the U.S.A.A. the Maryland Patriot Riders and more.

For more information, call Michael Comeau, 410-692-2432 or e-mail mike-co@zoominternet.net.

A SALUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES

Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding Program will host "A Salute to Our Armed Forces" Dinner Auction, 5 p.m., Rising Sun banquet Hall located on 300 Joseph Biggs Highway, Rising Sun. Dinner will be served 7 p.m. and live auction begins 8 p.m. All proceeds will go directly to program funding. Catering will be provided by Blue Marlin and Auctioneer Norman Hunter will conduct live auction. Purchase tickets at \$75 each for a complete dinner or purchase tickets at \$25 per person for hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Bidding on silent and live auctions is open to all who attend event.

For more information or to purchase tickets call Renee Luther, 410-378-3817, e-mail reneeluther@netzero.com.

SATURDAY THRU SATURDAY

**MARCH 6 THROUGH 13
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FOOD DRIVE**

The 24th annual Harvest for the Hungry, U.S. Postal Service Food Drive will be held from March 6 through 13. Marylanders are asked to leave bags of non-perishable canned food items at their mailboxes, which will be picked up by letter carriers, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. In addition to the mailbox food donation collections, this year Coldwell Banker will sponsor "Stuff-a-Truck" food collection effort. Two locations for the collections will be in Ellicott City and Arundel Mills. The public can also drop-off food donations at participating Safeway stores, Coldwell Banker offices and local post offices. All proceeds benefit the Maryland Food Bank.

For more information on participating locations, visit www.mdfoodbank.org/harvest.

SUNDAY

**MARCH 7
SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT VFW POST 5337**

VFW Post 5337 located on 3705 Pulaski Highway, Abingdon, will hold Sunday Breakfast 8 to 11 a.m. Breakfast costs \$6 per person.

For more information, call 410-676-4456.

THURSDAY

**MARCH 11
LIONESSE - FEMALE COMBAT VETERANS FILM**

How did a group of female support Soldiers-mechanics, supply clerks and engineers-end up fighting alongside the Marines in some of the bloodiest counterinsurgency battles of the Iraq war? Lioness, a film about female combat veterans will be presented 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Harford Community College Chesapeake Center Dining Rooms, located on 401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air. The Women In Defense Mid-Atlantic chapter invites everyone to attend a screening of this incredible documentary that tells the story of the first women in history to be sent into direct ground combat. Refreshments will be offered for sale. A \$5 donation is requested to offset the cost of screening the documentary.

For more information, visit www.lionessfilm.com or call Alena Calm, 410-436-0178 or Joan Michel, 410-652-4456.

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

Motorcycle Safety Courses

The APG Safety Office, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, hosts Motorcycle Safety Courses throughout the year. Attendees must register online at AIRS at <https://airs.lmi.org>. For more information, contact H. Mike Allen, APG Safety Office at 410-306-1081.

The following are schedules for the Basic and Experienced courses for 2010.

Basic Rider Course (BRC)

Day 1: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., building 4303, Hazardous Waste Training Room

Days 2 and 3: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Motorcycle Range on Darlington Street

Schedule: March 23-25, April 27-29, May 25-27, June 22-24, July 20-22, Aug. 17-19, Sept. 21-23, Oct. 19-21.

Experienced Rider Course (ERC)

Motorcycle range on Darlington Street, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Schedule: March 19, April 30, May

14, June 25, July 23, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 12.

Fort Meade MSBC

A Military Sport Bike Rider 2010 course is being offered by the Fort Meade Safety Office throughout the year. MSBC is held 8 a.m. at the Safety Office classroom, 8548 6th Armored Cavalry Road, Fort Meade, MD.

Class and range time is dependent on the amount of students and their abilities. Classes should end by 5 p.m.

Attendees must register online at AIRS at <https://airs.lmi.org>. For more information, contact Bob Hansen at 410-804-6343.

Fort Meade MSBC classes are scheduled for the following dates: April 12, April 15, May 10, May 13, June 14, June 17, July 12, July 15, Aug. 9, Aug. 12, Sept. 13, Sept. 16, Oct. 14.

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

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| Shanelle Bell | Catherine Halsted | Marie D. Nowak |
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| Georgia Braun | Walter Holland | Luther Smith |
| John Daigle | Kari Jackson | Cherie Trees |
| Dawn Day | Angela Lambert | Luis Villafane |
| Meg Downey | Anthony Lee | Victoria Yates- |
| Wayne Erb | Deborah Moore | Sparks |

POST SHORTS

410-273-5600, ext. 2243, or visit <http://www.hcplonline.info/programs/special-events/labels/Winds%20and%20Words%20of%20War.cfm> for volunteer application.

Bring Your Right Arm Night

Team APG invites everyone to "Bring Your Right Arm Night," 5 to 7 p.m., March 9, at the Top of the Bay. Hors d'oeuvres include chicken wings, barbecued meatballs, miniature spring rolls and chips and salsa. A cash bar will be available.

Call 410-278-2552/3062 or e-mail catering@conus.army.mil with the number of attendees NLT March 5.

Drop off sites for old meds March 1-5

As part of the Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drug Awareness Campaign, Upper Chesapeake Health has partnered with APG to set up a drop-off station for expired and unused medications at Healthlink Wellness Center 2027 Pulaski Highway, Suite 206, Havre De Grace, 9 to 11 a.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., from Monday-Friday, March 1 through 5. During that same week, meds can be dropped off anytime at either APG Police Station.

For more information, call Cindy Scott, ASAP, 410-278-4013, or Community Policing Officer Michael Farlow, DES, 410-278-3609.

Picerne Town Hall Meeting

Picerne Military Housing invites all APG residents to a town hall meeting 5:30 p.m., March 11, at Top of the Bay, to discuss the construction schedule and events planned for 2010.

For more information call Meagan Murray, 410-672-4072.

Irish Specialty Meal March 16

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

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

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

The Irish Specialty Meal Menu includes: creamy potato soup with bacon, Sheppard's pie, Dublin coddle (bacon and pork sausage), Irish chicken and dumplings, fish and chips, corned beef and cabbage, Irish Champ (potatoes and onions), fried cabbage, buttered spinach, seasoned potatoes, carrots and onions, marinated green bean salad, creamy cole slaw, assorted salad bar, buttered hot rolls, assorted breads, Irish cinnamon apple cake, oatmeal cookies, soft serve ice cream and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

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

DOD Military Identification Issuance Section closed March 30

The APG Military Personnel Office, Identification Section will be closed on March 30 for HQDA mandated training.

This closure will affect the issuance of Common Access Cards (CAC); Depart-

ment of Army Civilian Identification Cards (DA Form 1602); Military Dependent Identification Cards; Military and Government Civilian Retiree Cards and the updating of the DEERS/RAPIDS database. It will not affect CAC pin reset operations which will continue to be provided 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m. March 30.

Customers with military identification material that expires March 30 should schedule their appointment now for reissuance of the Common Access Card through the CAC online scheduler or call 410-306-2404 for an appointment.

DA Civilian Identification Card holders (DA Form 1602) should call 410-306-2328 to schedule their appointment. Military sponsors should bring their Family members in for reissuance of dependent and retiree identification material prior to the close of business March 29. Individuals requiring DoD identification material service on March 30 may contact the Air National Guard, 175th Wing, 410-918-6204 or the Maryland National Guard Headquarters, 410-702-9050 for assistance.

The Identification Section will reopen March 31. For more information, call Tom Shumate, 410-306-2303.

CAC Appointment Scheduler

The Directorate of Human Resources launched an online CAC renewal appointment scheduler application Feb. 8 to support the empowerment of DHR customers. The CAC appointment application provides customers the ability to access an automated appointment calendar and schedule their CAC reissuance within 90 days of its expiration date based on time and date availability.

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

Customers can access the CAC renewal appointment scheduler through the APG Web site - www.apg.army.mil/AKOSSOprompt/cacrenewal.cfm.

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

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

Fellowship Program takes applications

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

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

- have a Level III Certification in at least one acquisition functional area;
- have a command endorsement letter from the first General Officer/Senior Executive Service level in the applicant's chain of command;
- have or be able to obtain a SECRET clearance;
- have a Bachelor's Degree;
- be an Army Acquisition Corps member at the time of application;
- be serving in a competitive appointment Tenure Group 1 or 2;
- be identified by one's organization as being on the track for executive-level service;

• and while not mandatory, it is strongly preferred that applicants will have completed the Program Management PMT 352 Course.

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

Fellows will participate in executive leadership training, program management training leading to PMT 401 certification, senior leadership speaker's program, national security module, research on acquisition topics and field studies, a mentoring program, graduate studies and an optional master's degree program.

Further application information will be posted at the USAASC website <http://asc.army.mil>. Applications will be accepted through March 23.

Individuals seeking additional information may also contact Jim Oman, the DAU-SSCF program director, james.oman@dau.mil, 410-436-7257 or 703-254-3255.

DoD civilian benefits change for CSRS, FERS

OPM

The "National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2010," Public Law 111-84, provides for the following DoD civilian benefits changes under CSRS and FERS:

- Part-time reemployment
- Credit for unused sick leave under FERS

- Limited expansion of the class of individuals eligible to receive an actuarially reduced annuity under the CSRS
- Computation of CSRS annuities

based on part-time service

- Authority to deposit refunds under FERS

- Retirement credit for service of certain employees transferred from District of Columbia service to federal service
- Non-foreign area retirement equity assurance.

More details about each of these changes can be found on the OPM Web Site and by reviewing the following document: www.opm.gov/retire/pubs/bals/2010/10-101.pdf.

February Well Being Meeting focuses on post improvements and upcoming events

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community gathered at the Aberdeen Area Chapel Feb. 18 to discuss post improvements and upcoming events.

Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, and Michael Lupachino director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation led the meeting.

DPTMS

John Kearney, director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, said that the February snow storms were significant for APG and the state of Maryland, and caused some major challenges.

He said that those working for the Directorate of Public Works and Picerne Military Housing did a great job with snow removal, and thanked the FMWR and AFFES facilities that were able to open for Soldiers and their Families.

Kearney said that in the event of inclement weather, attendees should call the Snow Line at 410-278-SNOW (7669), check the APG Web site, or call the DPTMS Operations Office at 410-278-4500. Kearney said that APG might be open when Fort Meade is closed because they are in different locations and face different challenges.

"It is hard to compare Fort Mead to APG. They face totally different challenges and have different capabilities," he said. "But we do monitor what is

going on in the state and in the counties."

Ortiz said that he thought the snow removal team did an excellent job removing the snow from the roads.

"It was a tremendous effort," he said. Ortiz added that the decision to close the post is not made arbitrarily.

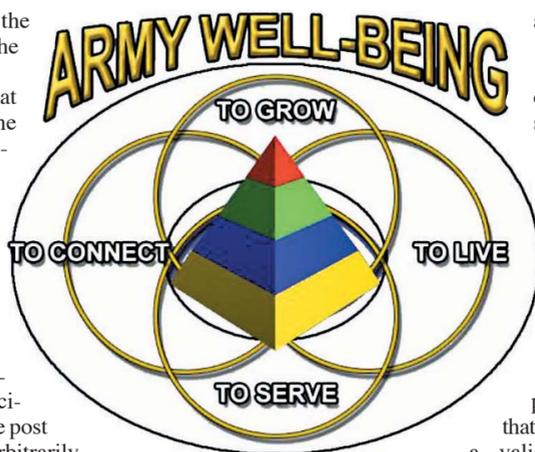
"APG leadership communicates with Harford County and state government when deciding to close the post," Ortiz said.

Attendees should check the installation calendar regularly for post events.

The calendar is updated every Thursday and lists points of contact. The calendar, which can be found on the APG Garrison Web site, www.apg.army.mil, shows installation events up to three months in advance.

Judy Patishnock from the Security and Intelligence Division said that it is important to shred and safeguard documents with sensitive information, such as name, address and social security number to avoid identity theft.

Patishnock said that Soldiers should



avoid posting pictures of their base camp on social media Web sites.

"You do not want to put out unprotected mission details for people to get that don't have a valid need to know. That puts mission and unit as well as other personnel at risk."

She said to use caution when releasing deployment details, which could be used as key information to determine the unit's mission while deployed.

She added that releasing information about how long a Soldier will be deployed can also put the Family members at risk if someone is planning on doing them harm.

AFFES

Debbie Armaderez, manager of the Army Air Force Exchange, said some of the merchandise available at the Post Exchange will be shrinking due to the reduction of the military population at APG. The store will be receiving the same merchandise but at reduced levels.

She said that a floor plan displayed at the PX explains the changes. The PX will be conducting surveys at the store so that customers can communicate what they would like to see in the store.

She added that merchandise not available at APG can be sent from the Fort Meade PX.

"If you are looking for something and we do not have it, please do not leave the store without talking to a sales associate," she said.

Ortiz said that changes in the PX are necessary to adjust to the changing population at APG and that the Military Clothing Sales Store will be moving into the PX to accommodate these changes.

Armenderez said that in May the Burger King located in the Aberdeen Area will be undergoing renovations. The drive through will be open and the dining room will be open for a few months, and for one month the restaurant will shut down completely. She said that the kitchen area will be changed so that productivity will be better.

Commissary

Anne Morrison manager of the Post Commissary announced that 18 scholarship applications were submitted for the annual Defense Commissary Agency scholarship. At least one winner is selected from each commissary. Winners will be notified in May.

Morrison added that there will be a case lot sale, in which merchandise will be available at a reduced price available in May.

An attendee asked if the commissary will add a salad bar to the store. Morrison replied that at this point the APG commissary does not have plans to expand, and that changes might be made after the population changes due to Base Realignment and Closure.

DENTAC

Sgt. 1st Class Sumid Smith announced that right now Walter Reed Army Medical Center oral surgery is serving active duty Family members. Patients are seen on a case-by-case basis and should first be seen at the APG clinic for a referral.

KUSACH

Lt. Col. Mark Ireland said that KUSACH has been awarded over 3 million dollars for renovations. Ireland said that KUSACH is looking for volunteers to be part of a patient advisory council, which will be an opportunity for patients to provide input on how KUSACH can better serve the community. For those who are interested, call Deborah Dodsworth at 410-278-1724.

DPW

Tom Kuchar, director of Public Works, thanked those who worked on snow removal. He asked attendees to wear appropriate shoes as sidewalks are icy, especially in the morning.

DES

Robert Krauer, director of Emergency Services, asked attendees to be on the lookout for pedestrians who might be walking in the road instead of on the sidewalks due to snow.

Krauer said that the Magnolia Gate is now open from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on duty days to allow traffic to exit the Edgewood Area of APG. The traffic lane will be open for exiting traffic only.

"This is helping ease the traffic," Krauer said.

Logistics

Gene Schneck, director of Logistics, announced that the Irish Specialty Meal will be held at the dining facilities in buildings 4503 and E4225 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. March 16. DFAC 4219 in the Aberdeen Area is closed.

The Re-Nu-It Centers in Buildings 3600 and E5185 are permanently closed Feb. 16. Self-help supplies can now be purchased at APG Office Eagle locations. Those living on post should call Picerne Military Housing 410-305-1076 for maintenance issues.

Public Affairs

George Mercer, public affairs officer, said that there is a Facebook page for APG, which can be found at www.facebook.com/APGMd. Mercer encouraged attendees to provide APG leadership with feedback by using this site and by using the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) system, which can be found on www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/, or call 410-278-1147.

School Liaison

Eileen Campbell, APG school liaison, said that students in grades 7 through 10 can apply for the Gains in the Education of Math and Science program, which is held at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory in the summer. The GEMS program is a paid summer internship that allows students unique-hands on experiences in Army laboratories.

For applications and more information go to www.usaeop.com/programs/GEMS/ARL.htm. The deadline for applications is March 15.

Campbell announced that the Earth/Arbor Day celebration will be held April 16, 9 a.m. to noon at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, Building 2522. The event will be coordinated by APG DPW, ARL, FMWR, Child Youth and School Services and Harford County Public Schools. ARL will provide after school activities at the Youth Center. Contact Scott.English@us.army.mil for more information. Campbell said that those with suggestions on how to get local schools involved can contact her at 410-278-2857.

FMWR

Chris Lockhart, marketing director for FMWR, announced several upcoming activities for FMWR. There will be a Spring Into Golf Outing event at the Ruggles Golf Course March 13; a Leprechaun Fun Run 3 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Hoyle Gym and an Easter Brunch April 4 at the Top of the Bay. Visit the APG FMWR Web site at www.apgmwr.com, for a complete list of upcoming events.

Stacie Umbarger, from Child Youth & School Services said that registration forms for summer camp at the Edgewood and Aberdeen Area Youth Centers, which can be picked up through Central Registration at the Aberdeen Area, building 2752, and the Edgewood Area Youth Center, E1902.

Waiting list forms will not be distributed or accepted at the Aberdeen Youth Services. This year the Summer Program waiting list form will also be available and can be sent electronically online on the FMWR Web site under Child, Youth and School Services, Central Registration.

Umbarger added that the program fills quickly. For more information call 410-278-7571/7479.

Lupachino said that the U.S. Army Soldier Show will take place at the Aberdeen Area Theater May 7 and 8.

Safety

Rick Johnson, chief of the APG Safety Office asked attendee to check sidewalks for ice in the morning and to check the bus stop for safety conditions. Johnson said that once the snow melts the Safety Office will be conducting inspections of playgrounds to determine if the storms caused damage to any equipment.

Johnson said that the Safety Office offers motorcycle safety courses throughout the year. For more information, contact Mike Allen, APG Safety Office at 410-306-1081. See APG News, Feb. 18, page 4 for more details.

To report safety concerns contact the Safety Office at 410-306-1095.

HHC

Maj. Matt Petraitis, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, said that the Combined Federal Campaign ended at the end of Dec. He thanked all who contributed, and said that APG was one of the top posts in raising money for the CFC in the Chesapeake Bay Area. APG exceeded the goal of \$450,000 by raising nearly \$520,000. "This speaks very much to the generosity and the charity of the people on post," he said. "We want to say thank you very much to the people, organizations and

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OPSEC process extends to home protection

Story by
JUDY PATISHNOCK,
DPTMS Security and Intelligence

This is Part II in a three-part series on how Operation Security, or OPSEC, is a process used to identify and protect sensitive information from adversaries. Part I provided examples on how deploying personnel can use OPSEC to protect their personal information and family.

This month we'll focus on using OPSEC to identify information that might be used against your home and how to apply countermeasures. Here are some indicators that could make your home become a potential target for van-

dalism or burglary.

When socializing, don't discuss specific travel dates with those who do not have a need to know. The specifics of travel dates should be provided only to those immediate family members or personnel who have a need to know.

Before providing utility or other service company personnel, including police and fire department personnel access to your home, verify their identity and ask for their badge number. If unaware of a utility or other service personnel requiring access to your home, call the company to confirm the service call before providing entry.

Trash can also make a home a potential target. Boxes containing appliances, electronics, or jewelry provide good indicators to potential burglars as to the high dollar items located in a home. Consider breaking down the boxes, disposing of them in a garbage bag, or putting them out just prior to trash collection time.

When planning to be away from home whether on deployment or vacation, consider using a timer for the lights, TV, or stereo to give the house a lived in look. Also remember to either stop mail and newspaper delivery, or make arrangements with a trusted friend or neighbor to collect the mail or newspaper. If plan-

ning to be away for an extended period of time, make arrangements to keep the yard mowed and trimmed.

If the house is protected by a security company such as ADT, contact them to ensure they have the name and phone number of a current point of contact in the event something happens while you are away.

These are just a few of the ways to use OPSEC to safeguard your home. Consider other measures to prevent becoming a potential target. Think OPSEC and stay safe!

Watch for OPSEC and Shopping, Part III coming in April.

Medical

From front page

Thompson has many duties and responsibilities. He helps to track Soldier medical readiness and provides radiation safety guidance to the command.

Thompson previously worked for the former U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, and served a six-month deployment in Kuwait as the U.S. Army Materiel Command Radiation Safety Officer for Southwest Asia. To date, he has surveyed and cleared more than 800 vehicles for retrograde [return] to the United States as well as surveyed numerous pieces of miscellaneous

equipment containing radioactive material for reuse, recycling or disposal. Although Thompson has only been with the 20th SUPCOM for about six months, he said he is already enjoying his job.

"I enjoy the many opportunities to travel and learn more about the U.S. Forces Command," Thompson said, adding that the job also has its challenges.

"It is still taking me a while to understand all of the acronyms and designations," Thompson said.

The command surgeon for the 20th SUPCOM, Dr. (Col.) Mark A. Lovell, said that Thompson shines as a model officer and professional.

"Captain Thompson has been a great asset to our surgeon section team, and he is dedicated to the unit's mission,

his profession, and to his Family," said Lovell. "We hope to expand Captain Thompson's scope of knowledge by having him serve as the command's Force Health Protection officer, which not only includes radiation health issues, but other CBRNE and environmental health threats."

When he is not working on medical issues, Thompson stays busy with other initiatives. He is an associate crew chief for a venturing crew of the Boy Scouts, providing guidance to young men, ages 14 to 21, in such skills as outdoorsmanship and sailing.

A former Eagle Scout, Thompson said he knows firsthand how important it is to mentor and develop young minds early. He credits his time in the Boy Scouts with shaping the individual that he is

today and he said he wants to continue this legacy with the young scouts he mentors.

"I hope I can help steer them and guide them in making good decisions," Thompson said.

While he said he is proud to represent the 20th SUPCOM at JOW, he said that his wife, Courtney and three daughters, Katelyn, Kira and Eliana, also deserve some credit.

"My family's support allows me to be the officer that I am," Thompson said. "I don't accomplish much without them."

Well Being

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key workers."

Petratis said that the Army Emergency Relief campaign takes place March 1 through May 15.

AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own". AER provides emergency financial assistance to soldiers, active and retired, and their Family members when there is a valid need by providing interest free loans and grants. Petratis said that last year APG collected \$62,000 worth of donations and gave \$150,000 worth of grants and loans to Soldiers on APG. "It is a very worthwhile program," he said.

For more information call Petratis at

410-278-3000.

Petratis said that another way to help Soldiers is by donating blood to the Armed Forces Blood Bank, which collects blood that only goes to military hospitals.

He said there will be an Armed Forces Blood Drive 3 to 8 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, March 16.

A blood drive will be offered at the Edgewood Area at a later date. Information about the blood drive will be on the APG Web site.

Open Forum

Marcella Heilig, who represents Family Readiness Support Assistance for the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) and works with the National Military Family Association, said that NMFA will be accepting applications for Operation Purple March 15. Operation Purple is a free summer camp program for active duty military children. Go to www.militaryfamily.org/our-

[programs/operation-purple/](#) for more information.

Ortiz closed the meeting and asked for continued feedback on Well-Being meetings.

The next Well-Being meeting will be held at the Aberdeen Area Chapel on March 18 at 9:30 a.m.



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

New York City shopping trip

Leisure Travel will offer a shopping trip to New York City March 5. 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 email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Franklin Mills Mall bus trip

Go shopping at Franklin Mills Mall, Philadelphia, March 19. Franklin Mills Mall has 200 stores, two food courts, seven theme restaurants and an AMC movie theater. See more about the mall at www.simon.com/mall/?id=1245.

Cost of the trip is \$20 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart the Best Western on Route 24, Edgewood at 9:30 a.m. and return 8 p.m. Payment is required to reserve a seat. Make a payment at the Leisure Ticket Office, AA Recreation

Center, building 3326, or EA Recreation Center, building E4140.

For more information, visit the MWR Leisure Travel Office, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, or call 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Experience the Cherry Blossom Festival

MWR Leisure Travel Office offers a trip to Washington, D.C. for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival and fireworks show April 3.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is an annual event that celebrates springtime in Washington, D.C., as well as the 1912 gift of the cherry blossom trees and the enduring friendship between the people of the United States and Japan.

Come to the Southwest Waterfront at 5 p.m. as the Washington Waterfront Association kicks off the fifth annual Prelude to the Fireworks, which is a free three-hour festival of Family entertainment that includes live musical performances, kids' craft activities, cuisine from local restaurants, and special guest appearances for the kids to enjoy. At 8:30 p.m. all eyes will head toward the sky for a spectacular fireworks display. The fireworks will occur rain or shine. Space is limited; Reserve your seats today.

Cost of the trip is \$25 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart APG at noon and return at midnight.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil or visit MWR Leisure

Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

Youth Baseball and Tee ball

Boys and girls ages 4 to 12 as of April 30 may register. Cost of registration is \$45 per child for tee ball. Cost of registration is \$35 per child for baseball. Boys and girls ages 4 and 5 may register for tee ball; ages 6 through 8 may register for coach pitch baseball; and boys and girls ages 9 through 12 may register for kids pitch baseball. Practice will start week of April 1. Games will be held weekday evenings and Saturday mornings.

All youths participating in a team sport must have a current sports physical. Registration will be held through Feb. 26 at Central Registration in the Aberdeen Area, building 2752 Rodman Road, 410-278-7571/7479. Walk-in registration will be held 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. After 10:30 a.m., call for an appointment.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Broadway Across America

To purchase advance tickets for shows at the Hippodrome Theater in Baltimore, Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C., or at the Chrysler Hall in Norfolk, Va., please follow these steps:

Based on the theater's location, visit the appropriate website:

Baltimore: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=baabal&o=62101240&g=448>

Washington: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=baawdcem&o=62101240&g=449>

Norfolk: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=baanor&o=62101240&g=450>

After selecting a show, click on BUY TICKETS. Enter the password 105MWRAPGMD, then create a new account or log into an existing one. After choosing number of tickets, follow on-screen prompts to check out.

Tickets are offered for a limited time. Check the website frequently for prices, show times, dates, seat availability, and expiration date.

For more information, call FMWR Leisure Travel Services at the Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011 or 4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Child, Youth and School Services summer program

The Aberdeen and Edgewood Summer Program will run for nine weeks,

June 21 through Aug. 21, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The program is open to all qualifying children who have completed first through eighth grades. Parents can sign up for the weeks that fit their schedule.

Fees are based on total Family income.

Waiting list applications may be picked up daily at the Edgewood Area Youth Services, building E1902, or the Outreach Services, building 2752 or faxed to 410-278-4658.

Waiting list applications will not be distributed or accepted at the Aberdeen Youth Services.

This year the Summer Program waiting list applications will also be available online at www.apgmwr.com under Child & Youth Services, Central Registration.

Registration will be held Saturday, April 17, at the Edgewood Youth Services and Saturday, May 1, at the Aberdeen Youth Services for all sponsors who have been offered openings by the Central Registration office. Registration packets, an up-to-date physical and Family income information must be completed prior to a registration appointment.

A \$20 non-refundable deposit is required per child at the time of registration for each week that a parent selects. There will be no registration fee or changes in fees.

For more information, call the Outreach Services Office, 410-278-7571/7479.

Medieval Times discount tickets available

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

If you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or any other special event please let Leisure Travel Office know. Reservations must be made at the time of purchase; other locations are available upon request. All prices and savings are based on the final cost to include all taxes and fees.

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

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.

Easter Brunch

Reserve your seat now for Easter Brunch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 4 at Top of the Bay. Cost is \$21.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children ages 6 to 11 and \$2 for children ages 3 to 5.

The breakfast buffet includes an omelet station, waffles with toppings, scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon, biscuits with sausage gravy, home fries and grits, bagels, muffins, danish and cereal.

The luncheon buffet includes chicken cordon bleu, carving station with prime rib and roast pork, shrimp cre-

ole, rice pilaf, parsley buttered red skin potatoes and assorted vegetables.

Cost also includes assorted desserts, mimosas, juice, coffee and tea.

Reservations are required by March 31.

For more information or for reservations, call 410-278-3062/2552/5915/5936, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



SKIES Unlimited

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

Private Piano Lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 thru 18, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays or Fridays, April 13 through May 21. Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want to sign-up for when they register their child.

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

Beginner Tae Kwon Do School

Join the Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Tae Kwon Do promotes discipline, as well as muscle ton-

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

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

Free babysitting course

Become a certified babysitter after taking the free 4-H/Army Child, Youth and School Services babysitting class for ages 13 to 18.

The class will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 5 and 6, at the Aberdeen Area Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522. The objective is to familiarize participants with the responsibilities of babysitting. Class is open to all DoD ID card holders.

March bowling specials

Bowling specials

- Bowl for \$.75 per game, 1 to 5 p.m. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- St. Patty's Day special on March 17: wear green and bowl 1 to 4 p.m. Receive the first game and shoe rental free. Games then cost \$1.50 each.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday,

receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza (toppings extra) and one pitcher of soda for \$32.

• Every Friday, bowl from 9:30 p.m. till closing for \$12 per hour. Shoe rental is included.

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 March 1

Special #1: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$3.95.

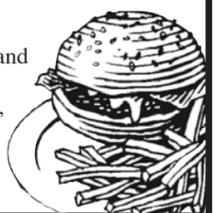
Special #2: Pepperoni pizza sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

Week of March 8

Special #1: Cheese steak wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$9.95.

Special #2: Chicken cheese steak wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$9.95.

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



Central Michigan University offers credits for Civilian Education System course

Story by
KYONNA WITHERS
Army Management Staff College

The Army Management Staff College has signed an articulation agreement with Central Michigan University.

Central Michigan University is now accepting course credit for the CES Advanced Course, the fourth course in the progressive and sequential leader development program. CMU joins Webster University in offering credit for the CES Advanced Course. AMSC Commandant Col. Stevenson L Reed and Merodie Hancock, CMU Vice President and Executive Director, Professor of Education, signed the articulation partnership agreement on Oct.

14, 2009 at AMSC.

Advanced Course graduates have the opportunity to transfer 12 credits to CMU's Master of Science in Administration.

CMU has long been affiliated with AMSC through its legacy Sustaining Base Leadership and Management Program. Graduates from SBLM still receive CMU credits for work they accomplished at AMSC.

CMU is an accredited university located in Mt. Pleasant, MI, with 60 off-site campus locations throughout North America, Canada, and Mexico. Of those 60 locations, 23 campuses are on military installations.

The articulation agreement will pro-

vide graduates the opportunity to enter a partner school and/or program knowing that the work they have completed in the Sustaining Base Leadership and Management program will count as credit to the extent agreed upon between AMSC and its partner schools.

The articulation agreements between AMSC and articulation partners are exclusively for graduates of the SBLM Resident and Nonresident programs as well as now the CES Advanced course. They currently have published agreements with the University of Phoenix; American Military University;

Central Michigan University; Capella University; National-Louis Univer-

sity; Strayer University; University of Maryland University College; and Webster University.

While this articulation agreement furthers the Army's goal of providing educational opportunities for all Army staff, it also furthers CMU's history of educating active duty and civilian military leadership.

Jim Broestl, CMU Assistant Director of Marketing and Sales for CMU, noted that this agreement shows commitment to the military for lifelong learning and helps with tuition costs for military and DoD civilians.

For more information about CES, visit the AMSC website at www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil/academic/ces/

Roye Williams Elementary celebrates successful book fair



Photo by RACHEL PONDER

Paula Vogelhut, the president of Roye Williams Elementary School's Parent Teacher Association, dressed up as "Fancy Nancy," a children's book character, during a special assembly Feb. 19 to celebrate raising more than \$1,000 during a book fair that will go to purchase books and other supplies for the school. Roye Williams Elementary School is a feeder school for students that live on Aberdeen Proving Ground. One Soldier stationed at APG donated \$750 to the cause. "The PTA is grateful to all the students, teachers, parents and community members who participated to raise money for our school," Vogelhut said.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

Resource Conference for students with disabilities March 6

In collaboration with Cecil County Public Schools, Harford County Public Schools invites parents of students with disabilities to a Resource Conference 9 a.m. to noon at Bay View Elementary School, 910 North East Road, North East, Md. on Saturday, March 6.

This event presents special education topics focusing on the needs of children and Families and includes free sessions, a continental breakfast and materials. For more information, contact the Parent Resource Center for Special Education, 410-996-5637.

Information on Harford County Public Schools

The newly revamped 2010 School Profiles are now available on the Harford County Public Schools web site, www.hcps.org, under "Schools" located on each individual school page. The link is also available under the "Parents" tab.

The school profile has been redesigned to a web page format. In addition, links have been added to the Maryland State Department of Education's website to provide consistent and timely data on each school.

20th Environthon challenges high school students

Harford County will participate in its 20th Environthon Competition that annually challenges teams of high school students to learn and be tested about the environment. Each year, students are tested on the same four topics: aquatics, forestry, soils and wildlife. In addition, a fifth topic is selected each year by the host of the International Competition. California is hosting the competition and the fifth topic is Hydrology and Ground Water Impacts.

The oral portion of the competition takes place 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Harford Glen March 13. Teams must bring a prepared PowerPoint presentation to deliver in front of a panel of judges who will score them on related criteria, such as completeness, timing and clarity.

For more information, visit the Maryland Environthon Web site at www.mascd.net/envirothon/.

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



Holy Season worship schedule

Lenten and Easter services

All are welcome to attend Easter Sunrise service, 7 a.m., April 4, inside the Main Post Chapel. Refreshments will be offered after the service.

Lenten and Bible Study will be held 11:30 a.m., March 10, 17, 24 and 31 in the Main Post Chapel Social Hall.

Main Post Chapel (Aberdeen Area)

Catholic services

- March 5, 6 p.m., Stations of the Cross, soup and bread
- March 7, 8:45 a.m., third Sunday of Lent
- March 14, 8:45 a.m., fourth Sunday of Lent
- March 19, 6 p.m., Stations of the Cross, Soup and bread
- March 21, 8:45 a.m., fifth Sunday of Lent
- March 28, 8:30 a.m., Palm Sunday
- March 31, 6:30 p.m., Anointing Mass
- April 2, 3 p.m., Veneration of the Cross
- April 3, 8 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass

- April 4, 8:45 a.m., Easter Sunday

Protestant

- March 7, 10:15 a.m., third Sunday of Lent
- March 14, 10:15 a.m., fourth Sunday of Lent
- March 21, 10:15 a.m., fifth Sunday of Lent
- March 28, 10:15 a.m., Easter Cantata
- April 4, 10:15 a.m., Easter Sunday

Gospel

- March 7, noon, third Sunday of Lent
- March 14, noon, fourth Sunday of Lent
- March 21, noon, fifth Sunday of Lent
- March 28, noon, Palm Sunday
- April 4, noon, Easter Sunday

Edgewood Area

Catholic services

- March 7, 10:45 a.m. third Sunday of Lent
- March 12, 6 p.m. Stations of The Cross, soup and bread

- March 14, 10:45 a.m., fourth Sunday of Lent

- March 21, 10:45 a.m., fifth Sunday of Lent
- March 26, 6 p.m., Stations of the Cross, soup and bread
- March 28, 10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday
- April 1, 7 p.m., Holy Thursday Mass
- April 2, 3 p.m., Veneration of the Cross
- April 4, 10:45 a.m., Easter Sunday

Protestant

- March 7, 9:15 a.m., third Sunday of Lent
- March 14, 9:15 a.m., fourth Sunday of Lent
- March 21, 9:15 a.m., fifth Sunday of Lent
- March 28, 9:15 a.m., Palm Sunday
- April 4, 9:15 a.m., Easter Sunday

Jewish events

The Passover Seder, is March 30.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Jonas Vogelhut, 410-306-4051, or e-mail jonas-vogelhut@us.army.mil.