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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.



Daylight Saving Time begins March 14

Clocks should be turned forward one hour before retiring for the night on March 13. Daylight Saving Time begins 2 a.m., Sunday, March 14.

Military ID Section closed March 30

The APG Military Personnel Office, Identification Section will be closed March 30 for mandated training. Closure will affect the issuance of Common Access Cards, 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. The Identification Section will return to full operations at 8 a.m. on March 31.

Customers that have military identification material expiring March 30 should make an appointment now for reissuance of the Common Access Cards through the CAC online scheduler or call 410-306-2404 for an appointment. DA Civilian Identification Card holders should call 410-306-2328 to make their appointment and 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 March 30 may contact the Air National Guard, 175th Wing, 410-918-6204 or the Maryland National Guard Headquarters, 410-702-9050, for assistance.

This closure will not affect CAC pin reset operations
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Read Across America motivates children



APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades reads to children in the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center program on March 3. The reading was part of the CDC's month-long Read Across America celebration. There will be readings throughout the month by volunteer parents and members from the Aberdeen Proving Ground community.

Photo by RACHEL PONDER

FWP hosts 20th annual training conference

Story by **MATTHEW HICKMAN**
RDECOM

Aberdeen Proving Ground kicked off Women's History Month March 3 by featuring a number of workshops, in conjunction with the 20th Annual Federal Women's Program Training Conference, intended to develop the skills of federally employed women at the installation.

Deputy Installation and Garrison Commander Col. Orlando W. Ortiz was on hand at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Edgewood Area Conference

APG WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH celebrates

Center to welcome the women prepared to participate in the training. He discussed the positive impact from APG women throughout history, honored the training coordinators tasked to lead each workshop and spoke highly of the annual program.

"This is the twentieth year the Federal Women's Program committee here at APG has sponsored a training conference to celebrate Women's History Month and I think that's a great

accomplishment and it's indicative of the commitment that we have to equality here at the installation," Ortiz said.

This year's Women's History Month theme is "Writing Women Back into History" and Ortiz encouraged the audience to become part of the effort to learn about great women "that changed the world for future generations." He highlighted a few women who were responsible for elevating the status of

APG through their hard work and dedication.

Ortiz mentioned the successes of retired Col. Rosslyn Glantz, who served as garrison commander from 1996 to 1998; retired Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halstead, who became the first female commander at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School; and retired Maj. Gen. Nancy R. Adams, who was the first female commander

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AER 2010 campaign underway, runs through May 15

HO AER

The annual Army Emergency Relief Campaign began March 1 and runs through May 15. The theme of this year's Campaign is "Helping Maintain ARMY STRONG."

The AER campaign objective is to create greater awareness of AER programs and benefits and to give Soldiers the opportunity to help their fellow Soldiers.

In 2009 AER provided \$79 million in assistance to more than 71,000 Soldiers and their Families. AER assistance not only helps to solve immediate financial needs but also allows greater peace of mind. A young Soldier who receives AER assistance for essential repairs to his car prior to deployment, for example, knows his Family will have safe transportation while he is away.

AER provides immediate financial assistance to Soldiers who may need travel home on short notice for emergency leave due to a death in their Family.

AER was founded in response to a need for financial assistance by Soldiers and their Families during World War II.

AER provides emergency financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans or outright grants. In addition to emergency assistance, AER provides scholarships to children and spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers, financial support to surviving Families of Fallen Soldiers, and grants to widows and Wounded Warriors.

Under AER's Command Referral Program company commanders and first sergeants have the authority to approve AER loans to their Soldiers up to \$1,000.

AER assistance is available to Soldiers and their Families, wherever they are located and the amount of assistance is only limited by a valid need.

Soldiers and their Family members requiring AER assistance can contact their unit chain of command or go to their

local installation AER office.

Families not located near an Army Installation AER office can seek assistance at an Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard base from the Air Force Aid Society, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance respectively or from any chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground AER officer, Marge Fissel, is located in building 2754, Rodman Road, second floor.

The APG AER Campaign coordinators are Maj. Matt Petraitis, Garrison Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 410-278-2104, mathieu.petraitis@us.army.mil; and Capt. Ginger Hammerquist, 22nd Chemical Battalion, 410-436-4432, ginger.hammerquist@us.army.mil.

For more information, contact Fissel at 410-278-2508, e-mail her at marge.fissel@us.army.mil, or visit www.aerhq.org.

Graziano named CFC Coordinator of the Year

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The Chesapeake Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign selected Aberdeen Proving Ground's own Michael Graziano as its first CFC Coordinator of the Year during CBA Annual Appreciation Luncheon at Martin's West in Baltimore Feb. 18.

Graziano served as chairman during the 2009 campaign as well as vice chairman in 2008; consultant in 2007; chairman in 2006 and vice chairman in 2005.

Christopher Wilborn, CBA CFC director, said Graziano's top accomplishment was a record-breaking campaign totaling \$517,587 in contributions.

In addition, Graziano, who is the Web master for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Web site, used his information technology skills to partner with CFC Loaned Executives in setting up online giving capabilities, and incorporated new ideas into the installation campaign such as the CFC Charity Fair, book fair and Online Silent Auction.

"This coordinator was so dedicated to ensuring his campaign's success, he stepped forward to donate his own autographed Cal Ripken jersey to be auctioned off," Wilborn said.



Photo by

Michael "Mikey" Graziano, the 2009 chair for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign, poses with the 'Build A Bridge' plaque he was presented with after being named the first CFC Coordinator of the Year for the Chesapeake Bay Area during its annual Appreciation Luncheon at Martin's West in Baltimore Feb. 18.

He noted that in the past five years, APG donations have grown steadily greater - beginning with \$389,910 in contributions in 2005 - thanks

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TRAFFIC ALERT

Notice of traffic signal delays

Electrical work on March 12 will affect the traffic signal at Combat Drive and Maryland Boulevard. There will be two periods of minor delays as electrical power for the signals is switched. Flaggers will provide traffic control during the switching and traffic interruptions will be very minor.

For more information, contact Jerry Norris, Directorate of Public Works, 410-306-1159.

Commentary: What gratitude looks like

By
LT GEN RICK LYNCH
IMCOM Commanding General



Defender 6 sends:
As our Nation commits to preserving freedom through the uncertainty of deployments and conflicts across the world, Americans give us a special gift - embracing Soldiers and their Families with sincere support. It warms my heart to see adults, children, organizations and businesses that represent all walks of life sending care packages to deployed Soldiers and extending special invitations when they return. In a larger way, the Army Community Covenant (ACC) generates a great deal of community support for Army Families while their Soldiers are away.

The Secretary of the Army created the ACC in 2008 to build mutual relationships and strengthen bonds between Soldiers, Families and American communities. It fosters and sustains effective state and community partnerships with the Army to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families. On the ground, the ACC accomplishes two things. First, it recognizes the selfless service of community volunteers, highlighting their great personal contributions. It also shows Soldiers the compassion and support of the American public.

Now in its third year, the ACC kicked off with a series of signing ceremonies affirming the mutual support and trust between the military and local communities. To date there have been more than 450 signing ceremonies.

While the signing ceremonies are the public, outward display of a vital mutual relationship - support from communities helps build resilience in our Families - the Army Community Covenant is a highly beneficial two-way partnership that strengthens ties between our Sol-

diers and home town America.

The generosity of America's neighborhoods, towns, cities, and counties is astounding. Every day communities devise new ways, both small and large, to demonstrate their appreciation for Soldiers and Families. Adults, children, organizations, and businesses send care packages to deployed Soldiers, offer emergency relief to Families in need, welcome Soldiers home after deployment, and most importantly provide a support network to complement and enhance Soldier well being. From students baking cookies for deployed units, to elected leaders promoting legislation that builds equity in school transition for children of Military Families, each is a gift.

Volunteers from all walks of life devote countless hours to giving back to those who defend our nation's freedom. Here are a few Community Covenant initiatives to give you an idea of the scope of support that target financial, employment, health, youth programs, training, or other needs unique to a par-

ticular garrison or group of Soldiers or Family members:

- Camps focus on fun learning experiences for young people that last a lifetime. Some camp sponsors are private organizations like the 4-H Clubs, Girl Scouts, Operation Military Kids; state National Guards sponsor others. Kids form new, lasting friendships with children from a variety of military backgrounds.
- Educator seminars help teachers learn what makes life different for children with parents serving in the military. From frequent moves to deployment and redeployment, military children have a special set of experiences that moves with them, school to school, and that affects their education experience.
- All volunteer Adopt-A-Unit programs support deployed units in-theatre and celebrate returning units with event invitations. These programs also enthusiastically remember those currently deployed through the Yellow Ribbon program, encouraging community members to display yellow ribbons at their homes and offices.
- Financial support programs from states, counties and private organizations take many forms, whether help with property taxes, assistance for Soldiers of all components who deploy in support of the Overseas Contingency Operations, or grants or no-interest loans for emergencies for Reserve Component Soldiers.
- Programs abound to help Families focus on building quality time together. Reduced or free admission to state parks, amusement attractions, and sports events help Soldiers and Families enjoy memorable time together. Retreats for Families of fallen Soldiers build strong networks of friendship for those members of the Army Family who have experienced the ultimate loss.
- There are community-based organizations that solicit donations exclusive-

ly to fund a variety of programs with 100 percent of all donations going to the designated programs. In-kind donations from community members and businesses entirely fund administration expenses.

• Education support for Soldiers and Family members through scholarships, continuing education opportunities, or grants helps further both individual and Army readiness through access to education.

• Special programs honor the children of wounded warriors, and Families and children of fallen heroes with personalized, commemorative items like hand-made quilts.

These best practices embody selfless service on the part of Americans around the country, but there are many more. I mention them here as great examples of how citizens endure in their support with lasting relationships in the face of multiple and lengthy periods of military conflict. The Community Covenant website, www.army.mil/community, is a great resource for Soldiers, Family members, leaders, and community organizations to see best practices from around the country. Follow the latest developments and get ideas for your community by following the ACC on Facebook, and join in the discussion on Twitter, both linked via the ACC homepage.

As the Army reflects the face of America, the Army Community Covenant reflects the face of America's gratitude. It's all about relationships. Go out of your way to thank a Community Covenant partner for their active caring for Soldiers and their Families. Work together with community leaders, private organizations, faith-based groups, and individual American citizens.

Help America help Soldiers by always taking to heart what partnering opportunities may be possible.

APG celebrates WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Housing director sees progress in transition

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News



The year 2010 is the 30th anniversary of the National Women's History Project. After a 1980 message by President Jimmy Carter declaring March 2 to 8 as National Women's History Week, Congress declared March National Women's History Month in 1987. In keeping with the 30th anniversary theme, "Writing Women Back into History," the APG News will profile the achievements of APG women in leadership positions - military and civilian - as well as various post-wide events marking the observance. According to the National Women's History Project Web site, "National Women's History Month provides an opportunity to educate the public about the significant role of women in American history and contemporary society. This perspective can encourage girls and women to think larger and bolder, and can give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience."

An Army wife, mother and career woman nearing 30 years of government service is leading the Aberdeen Proving Ground housing division through its transition to leased housing.

Pat Hector is the Residential Communities Initiative asset housing manager whose responsibilities include overseeing privatization residency while working with Picerne Military Housing which assumed responsibility for on-post housing in December.

Hector said that while she never envisioned her precise career she always knew she would achieve. Hector grew up in Texas and attended Jarvis Christian College in rural East Texas after high school. After she graduated with a degree in history she married a Soldier and mothered

two children, putting off her own career ambitions for several years. She said she worked off and on wherever the Family was stationed, but didn't pursue a career until she came to APG in 1980.

"There weren't a lot of jobs for military spouses," Hector said, adding that her first job, with the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, was one she didn't particularly want but was happy to have.

"Back in those days you just needed to get your foot in the door," she said. "I then applied for a job I thought I might be qualified for."

That job was with the housing division working as an entitlement clerk and then as a housing intern.

"Being an intern meant you had to learn every aspect of housing. I was inquisitive and I liked learning new things so it was challenging."

Hector excelled at her work. She went from GS-5 to GS-9 in five years and she said her favorite position during that time was working in housing assignments which included assigning quarters on post; referring Families to available

off-post rentals; managing waiting lists and overseeing quarters' clearances as well as the barracks and quarters for unaccompanied Soldiers.

"I like working with people and I liked the interactions and closeness with Soldiers and their Families," she said. "Regulations change constantly and it's a challenge to keep up with the latest updates, but it's necessary."

Her hard work paid off and eventually the Department of the Army selected Hector for the position Chief, Housing Manager.

She stressed that the division worked hand in hand with the Directorate of Public Works, which, before the transition to leased housing, was responsible for the maintenance and repair of the units.

"One could not survive without the other," she said.

Ten garrison commanders have come and gone during Hector's tenure. She said that although she particularly enjoyed working with Cols. Robert Spidel and Jeffrey Weissman, all have been supportive of the division.

"It's important to have a commander who understands housing needs and provides support through changing budget allocations," she said, adding that housing funding comes from the Department of the Army.

She said one of the most challenging periods for APG housing was during the mobilization period in the early years of the Iraq War when Individual Ready Reserve troops being recalled to active duty were trained and housed at APG.

"It was challenging to others but normal to me," she said. "I'm a meet-the-daily-challenges kind of person. Learn what is required and then do it. Just by staying informed you can accomplish a lot and there was nothing I couldn't handle."

In addition to her government career,

Hector is a music teacher. She has given private lessons to children age 6 and older for more than 30 years. She also plays for her church, Mount Zion Baptist Church in Havre de Grace where she directs the Mount Zion Men's Choir that traditionally performed during the annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night concerts hosted by the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools. Her sons are accomplished musicians and vocalists as well. Hector said she's been playing the piano since she was 8-years-old.

"I've always liked working with children," she said. "It's incredible to watch them grow in their music and I'm looking forward to retirement when I can devote more time to teaching."

When asked if she considered herself successful, Hector answered "I just consider myself blessed."

"I'm probably one of the first minorities to rise this high in DPW and at many times I was the only one," she said.

Hector will have 30 years of service this month. She said that although she is eligible to retire she plans to work, "just a bit longer." She said she is excited about the transition and called it one of the best things to ever happen to Army housing.

"I worked for three years to try to make this transition happen," she said. "I want to stay around as we transition to RCI and see some of the new houses for our Soldiers."

She attributed her success to a strong work ethic and faith in God as well as her skills and abilities.

"The Lord has brought me a mighty long way," she said. "I try to live by his word and do the right thing. When I'm done I will feel good to know that I've done the right thing and taken care of Soldiers. I'm proud to have served the Army all these years. And I've worked at doing my best."

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CDC participates in Read Across America

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The Aberdeen Area Child Development Center kicked off the annual Read Across America celebration March 2 with readings by the Cat in the Hat.

The National Education Association promotes the Read Across America celebration, the nation's largest month-long reading event. There will be readings throughout the months by volunteer parents and members from the Aberdeen Proving Ground community.

The Mayor of Aberdeen, Michael Bennett, will also read at the CDC on March 19.

Read Across America is used to encourage children to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss.

Jennifer Forsythe, who works for Battle and has a son who attends the program, dressed up as The Cat in the Hat and read three Seuss books, "The Foot Book," "Are You My Mother?" and "The Cat in the Hat" for children ranging from infants to 3 years old. Jennifer Huffman, who works at the center as a childcare assistant, also dressed up in costume and read "There's a Wocket in My Pocket" and "ABC" to children ages 3 to 5.

Lisanne Blake, CDC training and curriculum specialist, said that the Read Across America celebration is a way to show children that reading can be fun. She added that the celebration also includes an activity to get the parents involved. The children will take home paper cutouts of stars so that every time a child reads with their parent, the parent will write the name of the book and the name of the child on the star. The stars will later be posted on walls throughout the building.

"We appreciate the participation from the parents to make this a successful event," she said. "We want to get the children excited about reading."

Blake added that the Parent Child Care Association purchased Cat in the Hat backpacks to give to every child at the CDC to celebrate the event.

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades also visited the CDC during the week and read several books to the children, including "Glad Monster, Sad Monster," and "Go Away Big Green Monster" by Ed Emberley.

According to NEA Web site, www.nea.org, motivating children to read is



Children listen as Jennifer Forsythe, a parent of a child who attends the Aberdeen Area Child Development Center, reads "Are You My Mother" by Dr. Seuss on March 2. The reading kicked-off the center's month-long Read Across America celebration.

an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school.

In cities and towns across the nation, teachers, teen volunteers, librarians, politicians, actors, athletes, celebrities, parents, grandparents and others develop Read Across America activities to bring reading excitement to children of all ages.

To learn more about Read Across America or to start a program, visit the NEA Web site, www.nea.org/readacross. Visit Read Across America's partners, Reading Rockets, www.readingrockets.org, Suessville, www.suessville.com, Read Write Think, www.readwritethink.org, and A to Z Teacher Stuff, www.atozteacherstuff.com/Themes/Dr_Seuss, for a collection of Read Across America resources. For Read Across America activities for middle and high school students go to www.adlit.org/article/35649.



Jennifer Huffman, CDC childcare assistant, also dressed as The Cat in the Hat reads "There's a Wocket in My Pocket" to children ages 3 to 5.

Community Notes

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.

FRIDAY

**MARCH 12
THE FINTON FORMULA FUN
VISITING SCIENTIST SERIES**

Come to the Estuary Center for exciting hands-on chemistry and environmental science fun, guided by guest scientists from the local community. The topic this month is Earthworm

Lab. This program will be held 4:30 to 6 p.m. for ages 10 to 12 or 5th to 7th grade. The cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required.

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

QUARTER AUCTION

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Mount Royal Avenue, Aberdeen, will hold a Variety Quarter Auction, 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open 6 p.m. Bring a canned good or non-perishable food item for bonus prize ticket. Cost is \$2 per paddle, maximum two paddles per person. Proceeds will benefit Aberdeen Lioness Lions.

For more information, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332 or Cathy, 410-937-4540.

SATURDAY

**MARCH 13
INTRO TO GEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)**

Intro to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) will be held 12:30 to 4 p.m. for ages 17 to adult. Participants will learn how to use "Map Window," a free GIS program, to view and analyze Otter Point Creek data. Essential GIS introductory material will be covered, but the focus will be on using GIS data available from a number of web sources. Take a short hike to "ground truth" some results. This program is for teens and adults involved in volunteer research and

monitoring. The cost is \$20 per person. Registration is required.

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

**DEAD CELEBRITIES DINNER
SHOW**

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will host a Dead Celebrities Dinner Show. The show will feature 15 performances to celebrate departed musicians, actors, comedienne, their music and talents. Guests are encouraged to wear their own dead celebrity costume. Tickets cost \$15 per person. Cost includes show, dinner and cash bar.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-642-2771.

TURTLE TELEMETRY

Take part in real science while searching for and monitoring local box turtles. Learn to use radio telemetry gear and consider being a regular turtle monitoring volunteer. This free program will be held 10 a.m. to noon for ages 11 to adult. Ages 11 to 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

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

**EAGLES OF THE CHESAPEAKE
BAY**

From the perspective of an eagle researcher, learn all about these birds

that are the national symbol. This free program will be held 3 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 13 to adult. Registration is required.

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

SUNDAY

**MARCH 14
TRAIL TREK**

Enjoy a splendid day hike along the banks of the Gunpowder. Bring snack and water. Participants will meet at the Gunpowder Stare Park lot on Rt. 1. This free program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 10 to adult. Registration is required.

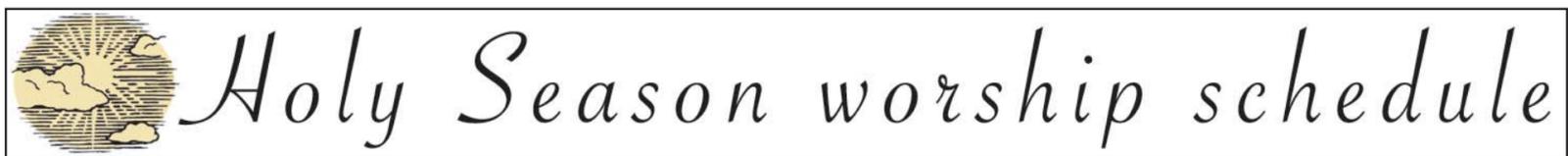
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MEET A CRITTER

Check out one of the Center's live critters up close while discovering what makes that animal special. This free program will be held at 12:30 p.m. for all ages. No registration is required.

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

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



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 17, 24 and 31 in the Main Post Chapel Social Hall.

**Main Post Chapel (Aberdeen Area)
Catholic services**

- 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 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 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 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 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.

POST SHORTS

which will continue to be provided 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30. For more information call the DHR, Military Personnel Officer Tom Shumate, 410-306-2303.

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.

Harford Gate and Wise Road Gate hours change

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 outbound traffic only.

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.

CPR, AED classes available

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services is offering CPR and automated external defibrillator classes on APG.

Two classes will be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month.

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held at the Post Chapel, classroom 3, March 17, May 19, July 21, Sept. 15 and Nov. 17.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Feb. 17, April 21, June 16, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

For more information or to register, call Mike Davis, 410-306-0572, or e-mail michael.ray.davis@us.army.mil.

Picerne Open House

Please visit Picerne Military Housing's open house 3 p.m. March 18, and 1 p.m. March 20, to meet the staff, tour our model home and participate in a free raffle for prizes including a Nintendo Wii. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and discover the benefits of living on-post at Aberdeen Proving Ground. All residents, future residents and community members are invit-

was the 2009 program coordinator for DPW after serving as chair in 2008.

Bell called Graziano "a dedicated individual who puts one-hundred percent effort into everything he does."

"He was in the forefront of getting the bugs out of the system for the online pledging and he'll continue assisting from the IT side this year," Bell said.

She added that the campaign office will be in a new location to be announced later in the year and that the book fair will not be included.

"It wasn't as successful as we would have liked and this will allow us more time to focus on the auction and community activities," she said.

Sewell said that thanks to Graziano, "APG was really so far ahead of other installations."

"He had those wonderful [IT] skills and he really lives and breathes CFC," Sewell said. "He needs to be praised for leading the campaign that was the first to go over five-hundred thousand dollars. He's one of the hardest working people on APG and he certainly deserves anything he gets."

ed. The open house will be held at 3800C Veteran Court. For more information call Meagan Murray, 410-672-4072.

Co-Ed Volleyball League

The sign up deadline for the APG Co-ed Volleyball League is March 19 - a rules meeting will be held 11 a.m. at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. All military and civilian or mixed teams are welcome. The volleyball season starts April 12. Twelve member co-ed teams will play 5:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost to participate is \$250 per team.

For more information, call the Sports Office, 410-278-3929

Basic Boating Classes

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 22-04 will offer Basic Boating classes, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 27 and 28; April 10 and 11; April 24 and 25; May 1 and 2; and May 29 and 30. Classes will be held at the Middle River Yacht Club located at 200 Nanticoke Road, next to the Riverwatch Restaurant in Essex, Md.

The course will feature instruction on essential topics of boating to include navigational rules, safety equipment and boat handling along with lessons on essential knot tying and nautical history. Graduates will receive a State of Maryland certification.

Maryland law states that anyone born on or after July 1, 1972, must possess a certificate of boating safety education in order to operate any motorized vessel.

The cost of instruction is free; how-

ever a charge of \$25 per student is needed to cover administrative costs. All required material will be provided.

For more information and registration, call Army Fox, 410-287-8863, e-mail captainsly@comcast.net.

FWP Training and Awards Program

The Annual Federal Women's Training and Awards Program will be held 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., March 24, at Martin's West, located at 6817 Dogwood Road, Baltimore. This year's theme is "Writing Women Back Into History." Dr. Allie B. Latimer will be the guest speaker.

For more information, call Cassandra Fowlkes, 410-966-4963, e-mail Cassandra.fowlkes@ssa.gov.

RAB meeting March 25

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., March 25, at a new location: Aberdeen Senior Center, 7 Franklin Street, Aberdeen.

The topic of the meeting will be an update on the O-Field, Carroll Island and Graces Quarters Study Areas. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line, 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

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

CFC

From front page

to Graziano's efforts.

"It is my distinct honor in presenting the first annual Chesapeake Bay Area CFC Coordinator of the Year Award," Wilborn said. "Please join me in congratulating Mister Mikey Graziano from Aberdeen Proving Ground as the first recipient of the CFC Coordinator of the Year award."

Graziano, who is hearing impaired, wrote that since he first began working with the campaign in 2005, he has been motivated by his desire to support the worthy causes that help others.

He said the autographed jersey was donated in support of his favorite charity, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and that he was a recipient of a hearing assistance dog thanks to donations to the charity Fidos for Freedom.

Fourteen representatives from APG attended the luncheon, Graziano said, adding that his proudest moment was when Wilborn called APG "a shining star" in the CFC community.

"That made me very proud because I know I did my best and no one can copy my skills," Graziano wrote.

He added that although he will not work on the 2010 campaign he will be available for technical support.

Lesley Bell, a management analyst with the Garrison Resource Management Office and Nancy Sewell, a secretary with the Directorate of Public Works master planning division, both were in attendance at the luncheon. Bell was the 2009 CFC vice chair who will lead APG's 2010 campaign and Sewell

DAU 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, 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 have completed the Program Management PMT 352 Course.

Applications will be taken online through March 23 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.

Further application information will be posted at the USAASC website <http://asc.army.mil>. For more information contact Jim Oman, DAU-SSCF program director, james.oman@dau.mil, 410-436-7257 or 703-254-3255.

Students and ARL Staff Participate in National Engineers Week

Story by
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ARL Public Affairs Specialist

What do boxed linguine, marshmallows, canned soda and rubber bands all have in common? All were used as ingredients in engineering projects at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center Jan. 19. The event, held during National Engineers Week, focused on reaching out to students who participate in school-age services programs.

There are many programs that focus on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) projects and course work. The purpose of National Engineers Week is to cultivate the "E" in STEM and introduce the idea of engineering as a future career option.

Sandra Young, a materials engineer in the U.S. Army Research Laboratory's Weapons and Materials Research Directorate, contributes to many of the outreach programs. For the event, she arranged competition tables and laid out objects for the students to use in various projects.

"Breaking the students into two teams



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per table not only increases the competition, but also has the kids think creatively," she said. "We want these kids to really think about how we put these things together and to use problem solving skills."

Students worked as a team and contributed to projects including arch build-

ing, card towers, bridge construction and "spuds in space".

"As these students progress through their education, they will take chemistry, biology, and other math and sciences. Engineering is how all those classes are applied in a real world setting," said Young. "It is fun to see how they each have their own idea on how to put something together to create a final product, (and) also experiment with what really works. Everyone approaches the task differently."

With great enthusiasm, students from Roye-Williams Elementary school took their deck of cards and meticulously constructed card towers, placing each card with the greatest care.

After a long debate, scholars from Edgewood Middle School came up with a plan to make a free-standing arch out of marshmallows. The cohesive group had one person giving direction while another placed the materials together with pliers, as they could not use their hands.

According to Lisa Marvel, an electronics engineer in ARL's Computational and Information Sciences Directorate, watch-

ing the students get involved is what National Engineers Week is all about.

"Students ask, 'Why am I taking math and science? How will I need this when I grow up?' Kids just don't know. They don't get it right away. That is why these events are important," said Marvel. "Engineering is about applying these skills to real world problems. Our hope is to make students more aware that engineering is a career worth exploring."

At the end of the day, the students finally were able to test their final projects with Young. The goal was to protect their "spud" or potato to the point that it would survive an impact. This final mission reinforced that engineers take what is natural and make it into something useable.

Theodore Von Karman, a famous aerospace engineer, once said "scientists discover the world that exists; engineers create the world that never was." The students who participated in the ARL-sponsored event got their first taste of creating something from almost nothing, without much direction and with a lot of imagination.



Pentagon Channel for March/April 2010

The Pentagon Channel will feature the following programs on WAPG-TV, Channel 21, during the months of March and April. These programs are subject to change each week.

MONDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.
Down Range, 10:30 a.m.
The Grill Sergeants, noon
Battleground, 3 p.m.
Around the Services, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.
The Grill Sergeants, 10 a.m.
Recon, noon
Army Newswatch, 4 p.m.
Around the Services, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.
Down Range, 10:30 a.m.
The Grill Sergeants, 2 p.m.
Around the Services, 7:30 p.m.
This Week in the Pentagon, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.

Army Newswatch, 10 a.m.
Down Range, 10:30 a.m.
Battleground, 3 p.m.
Around the Services, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.
Down Range 10:30 a.m.
The Grill Sergeants, noon
Battleground, 3 p.m.
Around the Services, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.
Army Newswatch, 9 a.m.
Battleground, 3 p.m.
Down Range, 5 p.m.
The Grill Sergeants, 6:30 p.m.
Command Performance, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Fit for Duty, 6:30 a.m.
Command Performance, 12:30 p.m.

Balad and Beyond, 2 p.m.
This Week in the Pentagon, 6 p.m.
Down Range, 8:30 p.m.

- Around the Services: Features military news from top defense officials and the military services from around the world.
- Command Performance: Military journalists take you backstage with today's top entertainers for conversations with a uniquely military perspective.
- Fit for Duty: A high-energy 30-minute workout led by service members with expertise in fitness training.
- The Grill Sergeants: Cooking show featuring some of the military's top chefs.
- Recon: A look at real-world operations, missions, military events, history and subjects highlighting the accom-

plishments of U.S. military men and women.

- Army Newswatch: Bi-weekly report on the men and women of the Army.
- Around the Services: Features military news from top Defense officials and the Military Services from around the world.
- Battleground: Features historic films from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.
- DownRange: The latest news from Iraq and Afghanistan affecting U.S. military members.
- This week in the Pentagon: An update on news coming out of the Pentagon.
- Balad and Beyond: Brings stories from Joint Base Balad, Iraq from bases involved in the logistics mission all over Iraq.



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Leprechaun 5K Run

A Leprechaun 5K Run will be held 3 p.m. on March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Start and finish will take place at the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, building E4140. Registration fee costs \$10. Participants will receive a long sleeve green T-shirt.

For more information, call 410-278-3929.

Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration

There will be an Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Youth Center, building E1902, March 24. Activities include face painting, cookie decorating, pin the tail on the bunny and more. This event is open to all youths from EA Youth Services, Child Development Center and Family members in the EA community. Children must be accompanied by an adult or care giver.

For more information, call 410-436-2098.

ACS Egg Hunt Extravaganza

Picerne Military Housing will sponsor the Army Community service Egg Hunt Extravaganza, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 27 at 2754 Rodman Road. All military, DoD civilians and Family members are

invited to come. This is a free ticketed event.

For more information or to pick up free tickets, visit the Aberdeen Area ACS, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, building 2754, 410-278-7572/4372.

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.

MSGA/Golfnet Handicap Tournament

There will be a Maryland State Golf

Association (MSGA)/Golfnet Handicap Tournament March 27, at Ruggles Golf Course. Entrance fees cost \$30 for annual patrons; \$52 for all authorized patrons; and \$55 for guests. Cost includes annual handicap fee, light refreshments and prizes. Carts are not included.

For more information or to enter, call Dave Correll, 410-278-4794, e-mail david.correll@us.army.mil.

New York City shopping trip

Leisure Travel will offer a shopping trip to New York City April 17. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost is \$36 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. from the Edgewood Best Western parking lot 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.

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.

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 toning 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.

Learn to bowl

Youths ages 6 through 14 can learn to bowl, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, April 14 through June 2 at the Bowling Center, building 2342. Participants will learn techniques of bowling as well as technology of ball evolution, equipment, etiquette and scoring. They will also learn skills to improve accuracy and pin fall. Class is limited to 12 participants. Cost is \$80 per person. Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.

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.

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 chick-

en cordon bleu, carving station with prime rib and roast pork, shrimp creole, 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.

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.

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 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.

Week of March 15

- Special #1: Crab cake with French fries, coleslaw, cookie and regular soda for \$10.50.
- Special #2: Chicken salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.75.

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



FWP

From front page

of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine.

"These are three very distinguished women who served here at Aberdeen Proving Ground and accomplished many great efforts on our behalf," he said. "I'm grateful to learn about their contributions and follow in their footsteps."

Ortiz awarded certificates to the women who led the day's workshops and who had made contributions of their own in the support of Women's History Month. Lynn Stadterman, Toastmasters International; Ally E. Peltier, Ambitious Enterprises; Gylene Fitzgerald, Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center; and Maureen Clifton, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, were all honored for their efforts.

The workshops included instruction on developing public speaking skills and increasing writing skills and provided an overview of the government's thrift savings plan. "The workshops are intend-

ed to enhance and develop the skills that APG employees already have and to provide them with knowledge and insight of what is going on throughout the installation," said Renee Coleman, chair of the Federal Women's Program.

"Some of the workshops were very helpful," said Tiffany Evans, Research, Development and Engineering Command educational outreach employee. "We did some exercises, but I wish the workshops were more interactive."

Participants have the opportunity to provide feedback on the workshops, and Coleman said constructive criticism is what drives the conference to be better. "We sit down as a committee and go over all the suggestions and planning for the next conference starts immediately," she said.

Ortiz encouraged the audience to use the ideas and strategies learned at the workshops to grow personally and professionally, and he challenged them to reach out and establish their mark in history. "I commend you for your efforts to continually improve yourself and hope you take advantage of the wonderful training opportunities," he said.

ACS celebrates Military Saves Week

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Army Community Services recognized Military Saves Week by setting up a table at the Post Exchange Feb. 24 with free financial planning information for members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community.

Military Saves is a national campaign to persuade, motivate, and encourage military families to save money every month, and to convince leaders and organizations to be aggressive in promoting automatic savings. It is a by-product of a national campaign called America Saves, sponsored by the Consumer Federation of America.

Visitors to the table were asked to take "The Saver Pledge" to become financially stable. The pledge encourages people to build personal savings to provide for their immediate and long term financial needs.

Arcelio Alleyne, ACS Finance Readiness Program manager and Angie Cumming,



Arcelio Alleyne, third from left, Army Community Service Finance Readiness Program manager, talks to Staff Sgt. John Vega, 62d Engineer Battalion, about financial management. ACS recognized Military Saves Week by offering free financial planning information for members of the APG community at the Post Exchange Feb. 24. Pvt. Shawn Barrickman, far left, 16th Ordnance Battalion, and Angie Cumming, center, accredited financial counselor, assisted during the event.

an accredited financial counselor, were available to answer questions.

"We want the Soldiers and

Family members to know what ACS and the Financial Readiness Program can do for them,"

he said.

Cumming, who is a military spouse, said military spouses need to be prepared to handle the Family finances

during deployments. She added that it is important to be financially responsible to set a good example for children.

"When you are financially responsible by paying bills on time and saving money it positively affects them," Cumming said. "They learn to be financially responsible by example."

Cumming said that she became a financial counselor by obtaining the FINRA Investor Education Foundation's Military Spouse Fellowship to earn the Accredited Financial Counselor designation.

This fellowship provides military spouses with the education necessary to enter the financial counseling career field. The fellowship covers the costs associated with completing the training and exams. For more information go to www.militaryfamily.org.

For more information on Military Saves Week and to take "The Saver Pledge," go to www.militarysaves.org.

HIRED! program gives teen experience by working at DPW



Kyle Goulden, a Harford Technical High School senior, checks the gauges in the boiler operated by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Department of Public Works, while his on-site mentor, Don Keithley, utilities leader for DPW, watches. Goulden is one of seven teens this semester participating in the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's HIRED! apprenticeship program.

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

A Harford Technical High School senior is putting his classroom knowledge to good use this semester by working as an apprentice for Aberdeen Proving Ground Department of Public Works.

Kyle Goulden plans to pursue a career in heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems after he attends Harford Community College. He is one of seven teens this semester participating in the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's HIRED! Apprenticeship Program, introduced to the APG community last fall. The HIRED! program provides paid apprenticeships for 15- to 18-year-olds and lasts 12 weeks, with the option of working in the same location for another semester.

Goulden said that this is his first job working with HVAC systems and is grateful for the opportunity to work for DPW on post through the HIRED! program.

Goulden has been working during the week after he attends class in the morning.

"Basically I have been able to apply what I have learned in class to my job here," he said. "I have been getting the experience I need."

Goulden added that he would definitely recommend the HIRED! program to other teens.

Goulden said that he has been going on calls with his on-site supervisor, Don Keithley, utilities leader for DPW.

"Kyle does a little bit of everything," Keithley said. "He is enthusiastic and is not afraid to get in there and help."

Keithley said that Goulden has accom-

panied him on calls mainly to fix heating problems on post.

"On post we have a variety of equipment, both old and new, so he is getting a wide range of experience," he said. "Air conditioning season will be coming soon so he will also get experience doing AC calls and inspections."

Keithley added that he believes the HIRED! program is a good way for teens to gain work experience before they graduate high school.

"I have worked with other apprentices before, but this is the first time I have been a mentor for the HIRED! program," he said. "I like being able to teach others what I know. I like this job because I like being able to help and meet new people. I wish that they had apprenticeship programs like the HIRED! program when I was growing up."

About HIRED!

The HIRED! program offers a variety of job placements in FMWR facilities for teens of military and government civilians assigned to APG.

To secure apprenticeships, candidates must achieve and maintain a 2.0 grade point average or higher before completing a pre-assessment and interviews with facility managers.

Depending on the skills and interest teens show in these interviews, they are placed with an appropriate organization under the direct supervision of a designated on-site mentor who is responsible for instructing their individual apprentices.

To find out more information about the HIRED! program contact Jay McKinney at 410-278-3250. McKinney is now signing up teens for the next semester.



HIRED!

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

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

Resume Writing

Teens ages 15 to 18 can register for a free Resume Writing class, 9:30 a.m., March 13 at the Aberdeen Workforce Center, 34 North Philadelphia Boulevard, Aberdeen. Transportation will be provided. The bus will depart the Aberdeen Area Youth Center 9:30 a.m. and return at noon. Register now, spaces are limited. Bring money for lunch. Sign up at Child, Youth, and School Services central registration, building 2752.

For more information, Jay McKinney, 410-278-3250, or email jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil.

Goucher College campus tour

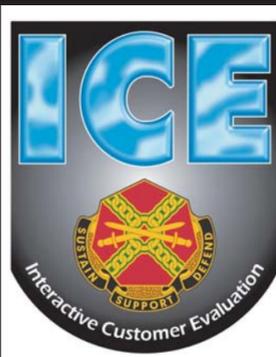
There will be a Goucher College Campus Tour, 9 a.m., March 27, for

ages 15 thru 18. Sign up by March 15 at the CYSS central registration, building 2752. Bring money for lunch. Spaces are limited to 10 teens only.

Summer Youth Job Fair

A Summer Youth Job Fair will be held 9 a.m. to noon, March 20 at the Aberdeen Workforce Center located on 34 North Philadelphia Boulevard #303, Aberdeen. Transportation will not be provided. To register, visit <https://mwe.dllr.state.md.us/Shared/EventDetailView.asp?SessionUID=x&EventUID={A1F42303-C02D-4F11-8A62-0EFF5A8DBD0F}&Target=&menutype=HOME>.

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NCO, Soldier of Year named at USAPHC (Prov)



Photos by CHRISTINA GRABER, USAPHC (PROV) VISUAL INFORMATION DIVISION
Sgt. Hiram Hendri, U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) Headquarters, demonstrates his skills in splinting during the common task testing segment of the NCO of the Year competition. Hendri was selected as the public health command's top NCO.

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A medical laboratory specialist (68K) and a preventive medicine specialist (68S) from the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) were named the first USAPHC (Prov) Non-commissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year, respectively, during a headquarters ceremony Jan. 29.

The two are the first to be selected since the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine became the USAPHC (Prov) on Oct. 1, 2009.

Sgt. Hiram Hendri, representing the USAPHC (Prov) headquarters, and Spc. Donald L. White, representing the USAPHC (Prov) Europe public health region outscored seven other candidates during a four-day competition that measured overall fitness, oral and written communication skills, knowledge of warrior tasks, and combatives (limited combat) skills.

The event concluded with an awards presentation attended by Brig. Gen. Timothy K. Adams, USAPHC (Prov) commander, Sgt. Maj. Osvaldo Ponzo, and members of the USAPHC (Prov) command.

The competitors sat nervously awaiting the announcement of the winners without even sampling the donuts provided by Ponzo and his team.

"One of my career goals was to win, and my entire unit was

integral to my success," said Hendri, a seven-and-a-half-year veteran of the Army. "I wanted to show my unit and the Army that I have something to bring to the table."

White looked surprised when his name was announced.

"The most difficult part was the essay," he said, "but the best part was developing a bond with my fellow competitors."

The other USAPHC (Prov) Soldiers involved in the competition were Sgt. Jason Knotts and Spc. Stephanie Johnson, representing North region; Sgt. Loisvale Tally, representing Europe region; Spc. Dan Harvey representing South region; Spc. Dominic Devereaux representing West region; Spc. Roy Heape representing Pacific region; and Spc. Sharia Leal, representing USAPHC (Prov) headquarters.

The competitors agreed that the competition was an interesting and exciting opportunity to show off the best of their skills and talents.

"It was a good competition with all the Soldiers studying and pushing each other," White explained.

During the last day of the competition, the combatives exercise proved to be one of the best events. Soldiers began with a handshake and faced each other on their knees as they began to fight until submission or by winning points. Each match lasted five minutes and points were awarded to establish good fight habits and emphasize the

importance of dominant body position.

"That [combatives] was one of the most challenging parts of the competition; you had to really stay focused," said Leal. "I'm glad that we had so much support and training from the people in our unit—it really helped."

Adams presented both winners with the Army Commendation Medal and a commander's



Spc. Sharia Leal, USAPHC (Prov) Headquarters Soldier of the Year, demonstrates map-reading skills during the common task testing segment of the command-wide Soldier of the Year competition.

coin to honor their achievements. He expressed his pride in their accomplishments and in the efforts of all the Soldiers who participated in the competition. He also gave the winners his best wishes as they go on to the next level of competition.

Retired Lt. Col. William Oberholtzer, representing the Aberdeen Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, presented each of the winners with a trophy and a year-long membership in the AUSA. He added good wishes and congratulations to all the competitors.

Hendri and White received several other awards that will encourage them to remember their success. They will go on to represent the USAPHC

(Prov) at the U.S. Army Medical Command-level competition in Hawaii, competing against MEDCOM regional medical commands and major subordinate commands.

"We are immensely proud of our Soldiers who came out for the week of intense events and everyone who supported them," said Ponzo. "The Warrior Spirit was very much displayed as they went through all the oral board, warrior tasks and drills, combatives and other events."

Hendri summed up the feelings of all the competitors.

"I just want to thank the organization and everyone in the unit who helped me train," he said. "I wanted to make everyone proud."



Spc. Donald White, USAPHC (Prov) Europe region, performs a take-down on Spc. Dan Harvey, USAPHC (Prov) Public Health South region, during the combatives segment of the Soldier of the Year competitions. White was selected as the public health command's top Soldier.