

Post Shorts

TRAFFIC ALERT

Ceremony reroutes traffic May 13

Roads leading to the Ryan Building, building 314, will be closed temporarily May 13 for a ceremony denoting the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command's change of responsibility.

The shutdown will begin at approximately 9 a.m. and will last about two hours. During this time traffic will be diverted to an alternate route.

Barricades will be placed at four locations.

- Longs Corner Road where it forks from Aberdeen Boulevard (directly in front of building 300);

- Johnson Street where it intersects Longs Corner Road (adjacent to the building 305 parking lot);

- Plumb Point Loop's east side where it intersects Plumb Point Road;

- Longs Corner Road at the building 310 traffic circle.

A taste of home away from home

All AIT students, single and unaccompanied members from all armed services are invited to enjoy "A Taste of Home, Down Home USA" 5 to 7:30 p.m., May 8, at the Aberdeen Area Chapel, Fellowship Hall.

The APG Catholic Women of the Chapel will sponsor and the APG Catholic Community of the Chapel will host a dinner for military personnel stationed at APG who ordinarily do not get a home-cooked meal. A variety of home cooked entrees, salads, side dishes, desserts and beverages will be available. Entertainment will also be provided.

For planning purposes, an RSVP is not essential but would be greatly appreciated.

For more information or to RSVP, call Kathleen, 443-655-5193 or Olivia, 443-617-3132.

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20th SUPCOM selects Soldier and NCO of the Year

Story by **CHANEL S. WEAVER**
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Two 20th Support Command Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives (CBRNE) Soldiers proved they were among the Army's "best of the best" when they were named the command's Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. The titles were awarded during an intense, four-day competition of physical and mental endurance at Aberdeen Proving Ground, April 12 through 15.

Spc. Jacob Bogle, an explosives ordnance disposal (EOD) specialist from Fort Stewart, Ga., was crowned the Soldier of the Year, and Sgt. James Kimball, an EOD sergeant from Fort Campbell, Ky., was named the NCO of the Year.

Other Soldiers who participated in the competition were Spc. Keith Hampson, a CBRN operations specialist from Fort Lewis, Wash., Staff Sgt. Cesar Martinez, a CBRN squad lead-



Photo by CHANEL S. WEAVER, 20TH SUPCOM

Spc. Jacob Bogle (left), an EOD specialist from Fort Stewart, Ga., was crowned the 20th SUPCOM Soldier of the Year at awards ceremony April 15.

er from Fort Stewart, Ga., Sgt. Greg Joy, an EOD sergeant from Fort Sill, Okla.; and Sgt. Brandon Barenie, an EOD sergeant

from Fort Carson, Colo. The week-long competition kicked off with an ice-breaker that gave the competitors

an opportunity to meet and network.

"I really enjoyed seeing the

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Ruggles Golf Course temporarily closed

Experts assess and mitigate potential UXO risks

GAPG Public Affairs Office

Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice, Commander, Aberdeen Proving Ground, ordered the installation's Ruggles Golf Course temporarily closed on Thursday, April 29, so that installation safety and explosives experts can determine, assess and mitigate the potential risk of unexploded ordnance to patrons and

staff of the golf course. The course remains closed but is expected to re-open sometime next week.

The decision was made after two unexploded ordnance-related activities occurred during the course of tee box renovation. In both of these instances none of the recovered ordnance had explosive fill. On Tuesday,

April 27, UXO was discovered and the course was closed until the item could be evaluated and removed. On April 29, a similar incident occurred where eleven additional items were discovered leading to course closure once again.

After the location of the items on April 29, the decision was made to close the course

indefinitely until safety could be assured. Aberdeen Proving Ground responds to all UXO activities as serious incidents until identification and assessment can prove otherwise.

"Despite the fact that people have been safely golfing at Ruggles for more than fifty years, we never make light

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Armed Forces Day celebration set for May 14

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground invites the community to an Armed Forces Day Celebration on the grounds of the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum May 14.

Opening ceremonies begin 9:30 a.m. with opening remarks from Maj. Gen. Nickolas G. Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, and Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander with music from the U.S. Army

Material Command Band.

The celebration theme is "Educating Our Youth," which defines efforts from APG to show "What it is we do, how we do it, how it impacts their lives, and in some cases, how they can help," according to George Mercer, of the APG Garrison public affairs office.

More than 165 students from Harford and Cecil counties have been invited to attend as part of the installation's School Partnership Program.

From 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., visitors and guests can take in military displays, equip-

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20th Support Command relinquishment of command at McBride Parade Field Friday

20th SUPCOM (CBRNE)

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey J. Snow will relinquish command of the U.S. Army 20th Support Command CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives) during a traditional military relinquishment of command ceremony 10 a.m., at the McBride Parade Field on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground May 7.

Snow has served as the commander of the 20th SUPCOM since July 2008.

After relinquishing command of the 20th SUPCOM, Snow will assume new duties as the director, Iraq Training and Advisory Team-Army, U.S. Forces-Iraq.

Brig. Gen. Leslie C. Smith, commandant, U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear School and deputy commanding general, Material and Technology, U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., has been selected as the new 20th SUPCOM commander, and will assume command of the 20th SUPCOM at a later date.

Col. Thomas Cartledge, current chief of staff for the 20th SUPCOM, will serve as the interim commander.

The 20th Support Command, CBRNE Command, was activated Oct. 16, 2004,

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Photo courtesy of FMWR

Toby Keith bringing 'American Ride' to APG

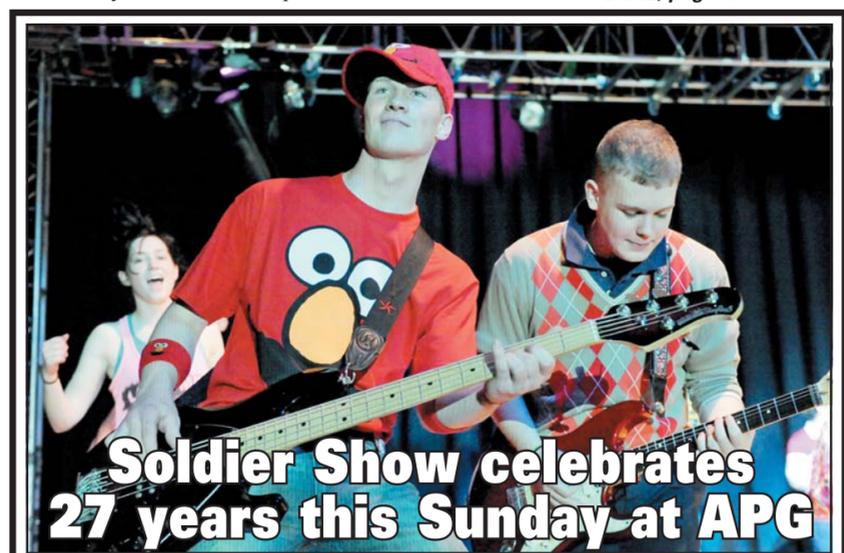
Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Country music star, Toby Keith, is bringing his 'American Ride' tour to Aberdeen Proving Ground as part of the Army Concert Tour on June 5 at Shine Sports Field. Keith has been nominated for Male Video of the Year and his video 'American Ride' has been nominated for Video of the Year by CMT [Country Music Television]. The CMT Music Awards show will air June 9.

For the June 5 concert on APG's Shine Sports Field, the gate opens 6 p.m. and the show begins 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 and \$45 the day of the show. Tickets are available at the Leisure Travel Office in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4721, Tuesday thru Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Stark Recreation Center in the Edgewood Area, building E4140, 410-436-2713/3595, Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Or, order tickets online at www.apgmwr.com. Non-ID card holders can order tickets through TICKETMASTER at www.ticketmaster.com. This is a rain or shine event with lawn seating and no refunds. For more information, visit the MWR Web site at www.apgmwr.com or call 410-278-4011.

Special guests for the concert include Carter's Chord and Katharine McPhee.

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Soldier Show celebrates 27 years this Sunday at APG

Photo by TIM HIPPS, FMWR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Spc. David Plasterer of Camp Hovey, Korea, left, and Pfc. Andrew Clouse of Fort Gordon, Ga. play "Walking on Sunshine" during rehearsal for the 2010 U.S. Army Soldier Show. The annual show returns to Aberdeen Proving Ground for one show open to the public, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the Post Theater. For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com. See page 19 for story.

Commentary - Army Safe is Army Strong 2010 Safe Summer Campaign begins

By

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Until recently the Army summer safety campaign was called "100 Days of Summer Safety." It began Memorial Day weekend and ended on Labor Day.

The Army, imminently aware of the rising number of unsafe acts and accidents that have needlessly killed or injured many Soldiers, civilians and Family members, has expanded the program.

Personally, I think we should call the Army safety program "The 365 Days of Safety," just to get the importance of safety across. That's how important it is to me. I want to ensure safety is important to you, too.

The Safe Summer Campaign promotes individual responsibility and engagement on all fronts, between leaders, Soldiers, Families and peers. Safety vigilance and a commitment to each other are vital to preventing off-duty fatalities.

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center launched the 2010 Safe Summer campaign April 1, to increase visibility of the hazards associated with warm



weather and off-duty activities. Clearly, accident risk potential is everywhere you look -- from the number of motorcycles on the road, to kids on bicycles in our neighborhoods and grills smoking in our backyards.

The Army Safe Summer Campaign provides Soldiers, Army civilians and their Family members an abundance of information -- important messages that will help them mitigate risk and reduce the chance of being injured or killed in an accident.

The bottom line is: How safety conscious are YOU?

Soldiers and civilians must improve their focus on the identification and avoidance of safety risks on a daily basis.



This includes the responsibility of performing composite risk management for others, such as making sure your kids understand the importance of buckling their seat belts.

This year's Safe Summer Campaign, which runs through Sept. 30, emphasizes accident prevention and vigilance. It is driven by a theme that reminds everyone that wherever their adventures take them, they

must always "Play It Safe."

The campaign Web site offers information on everything from driving POVs safely, using designated drivers, avoiding hands-on cell phone usage while driving, to grilling and food preparation, water-related activities and motorcycle/ATV safety. You will see products that support the Safe Summer Campaign, including posters, videos and feature

articles on a range of topics that affect Soldier and civilian safety.

Some of these articles will be presented here in the APG News, beginning with 'Riders ready for anything,' next week.

When you see these articles, please take a minute to understand the importance of placing safety first in all you do.

YOU are our most important asset. Have a safe summer!

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Health Notes

KUSAHC celebrates National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week

Story and photo by
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The Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's Medical Laboratory celebrated National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week April 18-24 by providing information to the public about the history and purpose of the medical laboratory.

National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is an annual celebration of laboratory professionals and pathologists who play a vital role in every aspect of health care.

Molly Kilby, a KUSAHC Medical Laboratory technician created a scrap book which provided information about the role and history of the medical laboratory. In addition to the scrap book, educational games and quizzes about the laboratory were given to patients and visitors.

"A lot of people are unaware of what goes on in the lab," Kilby said. "I created the scrap book so that people would be better informed about the lab process."

William Robinson, a KUSAHC medical laboratory technician said that some patients have anxieties about getting laboratory work done.

"Many children and some adults fear getting immunizations or their blood work drawn

for lab work," he said. "The anxiety can make the whole experience difficult for both the patient and the health care professional."

Robinson said that he hopes more individuals will be made aware of the laboratory process as a result of National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week.

About KUSAHC Medical Laboratory

Kilby said that critical testing is performed at the KUSAHC Medical Laboratory every day. In addition to supporting all the patients of the adult and pediatric clinics who utilize the laboratory, the KUSAHC Medical Laboratory also performs auxiliary duties for TRICARE beneficiaries with outside provider requests. KUSAHC Medical Laboratory technicians conduct testing in the areas of hematology, chemistry and urinalysis. Staff members also perform hemoglobin A1C, pregnancy, strep throat and flu tests.

"What we do in the lab can save your life," Kilby said. "What we do is often invasive, but we are doing it for a purpose. Treatment plans are based on results in the laboratory."

In December 2008 KUSAHC's Medical Laboratory received accreditation from the College of American Pathologists (CAP) based on



William Robinson, a Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Medical Laboratory technician, conducts a hemoglobin A1C test to monitor blood sugar levels in the chemistry lab.

the results of an on-site inspection. The KUSAHC Medical Laboratory is one of the more than 6,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

KUSAHC Medical Laboratory hours are from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Fri-

day. For more information visit <http://kusahc.narmc.amedd.army.mil/Pages/lab.aspx> or call 410-278-1714.

Patients need to know urgent from emergency care

TRICARE

While many TRICARE beneficiaries pay no out-of-pocket costs for emergency room services, the average cost for an emergency room visit is 10 times more than an urgent care visit. In many cases, using the emergency room is not necessary, and a patient's condition can be treated through urgent care.

TRICARE's explanation of urgent care and emergency care can help patients seek the appropriate service.

Urgent care

Urgent care is defined as medical-necessary treatment for an illness or injury that would not result in further disability or death if not treated immediately but that requires professional atten-

tion within 24 hours.

Examples of urgent care situations include minor cuts, a migraine headache, urinary tract infection, sprain, earache or a rising fever.

In most cases, a beneficiary can receive urgent care from his or her primary care manager by making a same-day appointment.

However, if the PCM is unable to provide this care in a timely manner, the beneficiary may be referred to a network urgent care provider.

It is important that a patient obtain a referral from his or her PCM before receiving urgent care from anyone other than the PCM. If the patient does not coordinate the urgent care with the

PCM or regional contractor, the care will be covered under the point-of-service option at greater out-of-pocket cost to the patient.

If a beneficiary is away from home and cannot wait to see the PCM for treatment, he or she must contact the PCM for a referral or call the regional contractor for assistance before receiving services.

Emergency care

Defined as a medical, maternity or a psychiatric condition that would lead a "prudent layperson" (someone with average knowledge of health and medicine) to believe that a serious medical condition exists; that the absence of immediate medical attention would result in a threat to life, limb or sight;

when a person has severe, painful symptoms requiring immediate attention to relieve suffering or when a person is an immediate risk to self or others.

Examples of emergencies include no pulse, severe bleeding, spinal cord or back injury, chest pain, severe eye injury, a broken bone or inability to breathe.

A patient does not need to call the PCM or regional contractor before receiving emergency medical care. However, in all emergency situations, the beneficiary must notify the PCM (or regional contractor if there is no PCM assigned) within 24 hours of or on the business day following admission in order to coordinate on-going care and to ensure the beneficiary receives proper authorization.

Exceptional Family Member Program is a mandatory program

ACS

The Exceptional Family Member Program is a mandatory program in all branches of the service. Enrollment is mandatory and valid for three years and must be updated at least six months prior to expiration. If there are changes in the EFM's medical or educational needs, renewal or update must be made sooner. Disenrollment is required to be taken out of the EFMP.

The mission of the EFMP is to assist active duty personnel with Family members who have physical, emotional, developmental, or intellectual needs that require special treatment, therapy, education, training, and equipment or building modifications. The program is designed to minimize disruptions that those needs might have upon the Family during relocation, and to give considerations to those needs in the reassignment process through medical and education evaluations.

For enrollment, updates, disenrollment or overseas screening, call Karen D. Reed, chief patient administrator, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, 410-278-1720, e-mail karen.d.reed@us.army.mil, fax 410-278-0385.

For EFMP resources, call Nancy E. Goucher, 410-278-2420, e-mail nancy.e.goucher@us.army.mil.

Congress Passes TRICARE Affirmation Act

NAUS

The Senate unanimously passed legislation championed by Senator Jim Webb to fix a flaw in the recently passed health care reform law. The legislation, called the TRICARE Affirmation Act, passed the Senate without objection April 12 and follows successful House passage of the bill before the Easter recess. The bill now heads to the President for signature into law.

The Webb legislation explicitly states that all TRICARE plans are now considered as minimal acceptable coverage under the new health care law. Defining TRICARE under law is important because it exempts its enrollees from the required purchase of additional coverage beyond what they already have.

Unfortunately, the new health care bill, called the Patient Protection and Affordability Care Act, did not clarify that the earned coverage of TRICARE programs for service members and military retirees under age 65 provided minimum acceptable coverage. NAUS continued to work toward "explicit protection" and is pleased to see that the NAUS-endorsed Webb bill clarifies these programs and makes sure that they are explicitly included in law under this definition.



"Senator Webb greatly appreciates the National Association for Uniformed Services' active engagement and support of the troops and their families on this matter in recent weeks," NAUS was told in the Senator's announcement of the successful passage of this TRICARE protection measure.

NAUS President Bill Matz said, "The National Association for Uniformed Services congratulates Senator Webb on his success in the passage of legislation that explicitly states in law that TRICARE meets requirements under the new health care bill. The men and women who serve our country in uniform deserve complete assurance that their earned health care benefits are fully protected and this legislation will do just that."

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, 410-306-0173, DSN: 458-0173, e-mail carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil or fax 410-306-0100.

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KUSAHC SHOTS

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic has H1N1 vaccine

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic still has H1N1 vaccine available for all beneficiaries, DoD civilians and DoD contractors. Immunization Clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The telephone number is 410-278-1746. At Kirk, your health is our goal.



Well-Being meeting highlights post improvements and community events

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community gathered at the Edgewood Area Post Chapel April 15 to discuss post improvements and upcoming events. Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG garrison and deputy installation commander and Michael Lupacchino, director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, led the meeting.

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

DPTMS

John Kearney, director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, announced upcoming APG events. May 14 will be Armed Forces Day Celebration at the Ordnance Museum. The theme for the event is "Educating our Youth," and will have an educational focus. School children from Harford and Cecil counties will attend as well as from the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas' Child Development Centers.

There will be static displays showing some of the capabilities and highlighting some of the missions of APG's support organizations on the installation. Directorate of Emergency Services and FMWR will also sponsor some activities for children that day.

The APG Summer Ball will be held on June 4 at Top of the Bay at 6 p.m. For more information, call 410-278-3920.

AAFES

Barbara Hutchins, from the Post Exchange, announced that Markdown Days at the PX are Wednesdays and Price Cut Days are Tuesdays.

DENTAC

Col. David Kryszak, commander of the APG Dental Command, said that the Aberdeen Area Dental Clinic is set for renovation sometime around the end of the fiscal year and the beginning

of the next fiscal year. Kryszak said that he was trying to keep three dental chairs at the Aberdeen Area open during renovation. All other work will be moved to the Edgewood Area Dental Clinic. One doctor and one chair will be utilized while the renovation is taking place. Once completed there will be 10 chairs instead of 15 at the Aberdeen clinic. The Edgewood Area clinic will reduce the number of chairs to three chairs and one doctor. As the military population at the Edgewood Area reduces below its cut-off point, the clinic will close.

Ortiz added that Kryszak has been selected by the annual Army Centralized Command Selection Board for a 06 Level Command.

"This is a great accomplishment," Ortiz said.

KUSAHC

Maj. Wendy Perry from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic said that KUSAHC will feature a Patient Centered Medical Home. This care plan will change how KUSAHC provides care for patients. A "home team" is being created for patients to get primary care. Patients will have the same provider, same nurse and the same support staff for patient continuity.

Perry added that KUSAHC is looking to move to 24-hour access; not 24-hour availability, but availability of a provider or a nurse to answer patient's questions.

Perry said that teams are being put together for as early as June.

Perry said that all are invited to attend the quarterly consumer health council meeting held at KUSAHC. These meetings give the public an opportunity to give feedback. For more information contact Debbie Dodsworth, KUSAHC patient advocate, 410-278-1724.

Perry said that H1N1 vaccinations are still available for anyone that would like to receive one.

Sue Singh, KUSAHC community health nurse, announced that over-the-counter medication classes are avail-

able for patients. Singh said that after the next Well-Being Action Council Meeting, May 20, there will be a 20-minute class offered. She said smoking cessation classes are available. For groups of five or more people, smoking cessation classes will be held in the Edgewood Area. For more information call 410-298-4774/4771.

DPW

Tom Kuchar, the director of Public Works said that there is a long range plan to do area improvements. Demolition of buildings will be taking place over time.

Kuchar said that while the "no heat, no air conditioning" period is not affected by Picerne Military Housing, residents are asked to conserve energy. Kuchar added that if Picerne can save money from projected energy costs, they can put that back to benefit the residents.

Kuchar said that APG has been the recipient of stimulus money. The garrison received over \$44 million. As of March, all \$44 million has been obligated.

DES

Robert Krauer, director of Emergency Services, said that on June 8 the annual Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run will be held in Harford County. Every year the Police Academy Class gets together as a formation along with a number of APG police officers to carry the Special Olympics Torch as it transfers between law enforcement agencies.

DES will be partnering with Picerne for a big community cookout. There will be a bicycle rodeo. During the bicycle rodeo, children will be taught bicycle safety and be given helmets. More information will be in the APG News and other media venues.

Krauer said that traffic safety is stressed on the installation with the increase of construction work and traffic. Krauer said as the weather improves, there will be more runners, walkers, people riding bikes and motorcycles on roadways.

Krauer reminded attendees to not wear headphones while exercising outside and to wear reflective belts and clothing.

An attendee said that many people are not adhering to the "hands free" cell phone policy. Krauer said that Maryland has passed a law effective October 1 that only "hands free" cell phone use will be legal, and so this may help resolve the issue on post too. Krauer said that DES enforces this policy on post.

Logistics

Gene Schneck, director of Logistics said that the next specialty meal is on May 18. The theme of the meal is Asian Pacific. Specialty meals are open to all at both dining facilities.

School Liaison Officer

Eileen Campbell, APG school liaison, said that parents and professionals have been concerned about the high number of military deployments and the effect on children and their socialization, education and well-being. The Military Child Education Coalition is having a LINN (Living in the New Normal) on May 4 and 5 at the Courtyard Marriott in Aberdeen. For more information contact Campbell at 410-278-2857.

Campbell said that at the middle school level, parents should be working on career guidance. There is a Career Expo at Edgewood Middle School on May 11, 9 a.m. to noon. Those who would like to participate, please call Campbell.

FMWR

Chris Lockhart, FMWR marketing, announced upcoming events.

In recognition of Military Spouse Appreciation, there will be a special dinner held at Top of the Bay on May 21.

Lupacchino said that the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will take place on May 12 at Top of the Bay.

"We want to make sure we recognize all those individuals that spend hours volunteering their time for the installation," he said.

The Toby Keith concert is June 5. Tickets are going fast. Purchase tickets at the Aberdeen and Edgewood recreation centers by showing a government ID card. Family members will receive a reduced price ticket for \$30 for the duration of ticket sales. All information and more can be found at www.apgmwr.com.

Lupacchino said that the League of Dreams program is being developed with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program, the Child, Youth and School Services sports program, and the Exceptional Family Member Program. This is a program for individuals with special needs, 6 to 18 years of age, to enable them to play baseball and softball. Lupacchino said that FMWR wants to bring the program to APG and are looking for participants, volunteers and coaches. A general planning meeting will be held in May.

Safety

Gwyn Martin from the Installation Safety Office said there is a motorcycle safety course provided by the Safety Office. For more information, call 410-306-1095.

ICE

Tom Johnson, Interactive Comment Evaluation program manager, said that comments, suggestions, or issues with one of the services on post, should be put in an ICE comment. People can also use the ICE system to give positive feedback on services they've received, or about a person who has provided positive customer service. Those leaving ICE comments are asked to provide contact information. Managers will get back to the commenter within 72 business hours. ICE comments can be made by going to APG's main page, <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/>.

SKIES

Stacie Umbarger, SKIES Director, said that May 3 is the start of registration for the Junior Golf Program held every summer. The program is for boys and girls 5-16 years old. For more information call 410-278-4589.

BRAC Office

Syreeta Gross, from the Base Realignment and Closure Office, said that in the future, Aberdeen Bouelvard will receive some upgrades. There will be a light erected at Maryland Boulevard and Darlington. All lights will be synchronized to ease traffic flow. The construction on Route 755, outside of the Wise Gate in Edgewood, will be completed late June.

Picerne

Greg Cannito, Picerne, said that the Army Resident Survey is coming out in the beginning of May. The survey is not just visible at the garrison level, but up to the Department of the Army.

"This is an opportunity to tell us what you want and how you feel about your quality of life," he said. It covers all aspects of your housing, property, service experience, work orders, and condition of your home."

Open Forum

Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades said that on May 27, the Installation Motorcycle Ironhorse Safety Rally will be held. The military will meet on the installation at a designated time and meet with the Safety Office. The event, which begins at VFW Post 10028 in Aberdeen, is a community building event. "We want to establish a relationship with our community, our veterans, he said. Civilians who wish to participate need to go through their leadership to get approval. For more information, call 410-278-2104/3000.

Ortiz thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and said that it was an honor to serve the APG community.

"Give us your comments, give us your concerns, we will give them a conscientious look and try to resolve them in a positive fashion," he said. "Community relationship building is very important."

The next well-being meeting will be held May 20, 9:30 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel.

MRICD microscopist elected to fellowship in professional society

Story by
CINDY KRONMAN
MRICD

The Microscopy Society of America Council (MSA) has elected Dr. John P. Petrali of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense to fellowship of the society. According to Dr. David W. Piston, president of MSA, election to fellowship “is intended to recognize distinguished members of the society who have made significant contributions to the advancement of the science and practice of microscopy imaging, analysis and/or diffraction techniques.”

Specifically, Petrali is being recognized “for his pioneering work in ultrastructural pathology, his tireless educational activities, and his outstanding contributions to the Microscopy Society of America and its local affiliates.”

Only a small percentage of the society’s membership receives the designation “MSA Fellow.” While honored by the recognition of his peers, Petrali also finds it humbling.

“It is nice to be recognized for an effort that has always been a labor of love for me,” said Petrali.

Founded in 1942 as the Electron Microscopy Society of America, the society focused on teaching and demonstrating the advances of the relatively new science of electron microscopy, to include, says Petrali, “instrumentation, specimen preparation, special staining methods, such as histochemistry and immunocytochemistry, and finalized micrograph documentations.” The society dropped electron from its name in 1993 to reflect its inclusion of all kinds of microscopy (light, confocal, atomic force, scanning, etc.).

Petrali became a member of the society in the early 1960’s, giving his first presentation as a co-author at the society’s annual meeting in 1966 in Philadelphia. At the time Petrali operated the electron microscope in the Pathology Department of the Army’s Biomedical Laboratory, a predecessor lab of MRICD, and recalls that the presentation highlighted the department’s successes with immunocytochemistry using the microscope.

Since then, Petrali has been an active



member of the society, both on the national and local levels. On the national level, Petrali has served as a meeting session chair and workshop chair at the society’s annual scientific meetings. He currently serves as chairman of the MSA Certification Board. For the local affiliate, the Chesapeake Society for Microscopy, Petrali has held the offices of vice president and president, and served as a Baltimore council member three times.

During his long career at MRICD, Petrali has conducted many pioneering studies dealing with the ultrastructural pathology and immunopathology of the pathogenesis of chemical warfare agents, and his discoveries have led to the development of specific immunodiagnostic tests and to new treatment regimens following exposure. In addition to his research, Petrali has served as associate professor in the University of Maryland School of Medicine’s departments of anatomy and dermatology, where he taught courses in the ultrastructural sciences to include ultrastructural pathology, ultrastructural anatomy, cytochemistry, as well as certification courses.

Petrali is the author of, or co-author on, more than 130 peer-reviewed scholarly articles, eight book chapters, and 31 technical reports, and has presented his research at numerous scientific and professional meetings. In addition, young scientists he has mentored in the biomedical disciplines of microscopy have gone on to successful careers in the medical, clinical and laboratory sciences.

Three retire during April ceremony

Story by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Two Soldiers and one civilian were honored for their service to the Army during a retirement ceremony at Top of the Bay April 21.

The honorees included Chaplain (Col.) Ruben D. Colon, Jr., senior command chaplain, 1st Sgt. Juan D. Bermudez, 20th Support Command (CBRNE), and Henry C. Prince, U.S. Army Garrison Security Guard Force, who retired with more than 95 years of combined service time.

Col. Thomas E. Cartledge, Jr., 20th Support Command (CBRNE) chief of staff, hosted the event and handed out awards to the honorees. He was assisted by Sgt. Maj. Curtis Johnson, 20th Support Command (CBRNE).

The U.S. Army Materiel Command Band's Brass Quintet, led by Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy P. Davis, provided music for the event and opened the ceremony with the national anthem.

Cartledge thanked the attendees for their service.

"These three retirees truly represent what makes our Army great," he said.

Cartledge added that three elements of the Army were represented in the ceremony that day: the commissioned officer corps by Colon, the enlisted non-commissioned officer corps by Bermudez and the Department of the Army civilian workforce by Prince.

Cartledge said that all three dedicated their lives in their own unique way that make up key elements of a team that safeguards the United States.

Chaplain (Col.) Ruben D. Colon

Colon was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal and the Department of the Army and Presidential certificates of appreciation. His wife Carmen received the DA Certificate of Appreciation signed by Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army chief of staff.

Colon is a native of New York City, N.Y. He graduated from Wagner College in 1973 with a B.A. He received his Masters of Divinity and Masters of Sacred Theology from Yale University Divinity School. He completed clinical pastor education training at Yale-New Haven Medical School. Colon was ordained March 7, 1982 into the Lutheran Church and served as a Lutheran parish pastor prior to entering active duty as a chaplain in the United States Army in 1985. He is a graduate of the Chaplain Officer Basic Course, the Chaplain Officer Advanced Course, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College and the United States Army Ranger and Airborne Schools.

Colon concludes his 25 year career as the Senior Command Chaplain at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

In his career, Colon's awards and decorations included the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and United Nations Medal for Service in Somalia, and the NATO Service Medal. Colon is also a graduate of the Italian Airborne School, "Folgore". Foreign awards include parachutes airborne badges from the governments of Italy, Guatemala, Chile and Columbia.

In 1990, the Colon Family was given the distinctive honor of being selected as "Family of the Year" by U.S. Army Southern European Task Force Europe for their dedicated service and



**Chaplain (Col.)
Ruben D. Colon, Jr.**

involvement with their community in Italy. Colon is a third generation pastor from a Family clergy from the Lutheran Church. Colon and his wife Carmen have three children, Ezra, Ellie, and Omar. In Colon's retirement he plans to live in Georgia.

"It was a privilege to be in the company of men and women serving in the military," Colon said. "I feel honored that the nation gave me the opportunity to serve with them."

First Sergeant Juan Bermudez

Bermudez was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal and the Department of the Army and Presidential certificates of appreciation. His wife, Soledad, received the DA Certificate of Appreciation signed by Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army chief of staff.

Bermudez was born in Mannington, N.J. Aug. 2, 1966. He enlisted in the Army Feb. 14, 1982 and has served four tours overseas including Germany, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Iraq. He has served in several state-side assignments. His 25 year career culminates in his assignment as Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordination Element-4 noncommissioned officer in charge with the 20th Support Command (CBRNE).

Bermudez's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 bronze stars, Military Outstanding Volunteer Award, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

He and his wife Soledad, have three children, Diana, Oscar and Juancarlos.

Bermudez and his wife plan to move to Palm Bay, Fla. where he plans to teach.

"You know when the time comes [to retire]. I am very proud to have served, I will take pride in that forever," he said. "I will continue to serve in my retirement as a school teacher."

Henry C. Prince

Prince was awarded the DA Commander's Award for Civilian Service and DA certificates of retirement and appreciation. His wife Judy received the APG Certificate of Appreciation.

Prince was born in Douglasville, Ga. May 10, 1941. He graduated from Douglas County High School in 1960. After graduation he served three years in the United States Army. He began his federal career with the Security Force at Aberdeen Proving Ground in May of 1967. He progressed into additional positions with the Combat System Test Activity as a test driver, and returned to the garrison as an electrical equipment repairman until 1980 when he returned to the Garrison Security Guard Force



**1st Sgt.
Juan D. Bermudez**

serving both in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

Prince has more than 43 years of service at APG, with a combined total of more than 46 years government service.

Prince said that he is looking forward to spending more time with his family,



Henry C. Prince

ly, doing projects around his house and traveling.

"I have a lot on my 'honey do' list," he said. "Retirement will be an adjustment but I think I will enjoy having more time with my wife to watch movies and travel."

Community Notes

FRIDAY

MAY 7

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 Polymer Lab. This program will be held 4:30 to 6 p.m. for ages 10 to 12 or students in grades 5 to 7. 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.

SATURDAY

MAY 8

WESTERN NIGHT

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will host Western Night, 8 p.m. to midnight in the Lounge. Wings will be served from 7 to 9 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Premier. Everyone is encouraged to wear western and country attire.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

JOIN UPPER CHESAPEAKE HEALTH FOR SIMPLY RED

In celebration of good cardiovascular health, Upper Chesapeake Health invites everyone to a day of dark chocolate, red wine, lunch, and health education, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Bulle Rock Clubhouse, 320 Blenheim Lane, Havre de Grace. The event will feature information on heart care and vascular health, free health screenings, a heart healthy lunch, local red wine tastings, dark chocolate samplings, and prize drawings. Cost of the event is a \$15 fee. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call HealthLink at 800-515-0044.

PURSE BINGO

Purse Bingo will be held 2 p.m. at VFW Memorial Post 10028, Philadelphia Road, Aberdeen (behind Wal-Mart). Doors open 12:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 at the door. Purse Bingo will be co-sponsored with American Legion Auxiliary Edgewood Unit 17, 415 Edgewood Road, Edgewood.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Donna Visnich, 443-243-4749, e-mail donnaavisnich@aol.com.

IRONFEST COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The IronBirds and the American Red cross will host a special IronFest community blood drive, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Ripken Stadium, 873 Long Drive, Aberdeen. CBS personalities Jo Jo Girard and Ed Norris will give away raffle prizes for all participants.

Appointments are strongly encouraged for the blood drive. All blood drive participants will receive an insulated IronFest Blood Drive lunch cooler. One lucky participant will be the grand prize winner of a family 4-pack of tickets to a premium IronBirds game with fireworks and a shopping spree at Perryville Outlets. Eligible donors need to bring a Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when they come to donate.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) or visit www.redcross-blood.org.

WHITE-TAILED DEER SURVEY

Harford County seems to be experiencing explosive population growth and not just with humans. Come help determine if the deer population of Leight Park is a healthy size. Come get the scoop on poop and conduct pellet (deer scat) counts out on the trails to determine how many deer call the Park home. This free program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 16 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.

WILDFLOWER WALK

Join retired professor Glenn Dudderar and Harford Land Trust folks for a stroll to glimpse emerging flowers. This free program will be held 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 8 to adult; ages 8 to 12 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.

MOM AND ME PADDLE

Bring Mom to the creek (and maybe Dad too, for extra muscle) for a relaxing afternoon on the water. Set an easy pace while searching for wild-life families. This program will be held 1:30 to 4 p.m. for ages 5 to adult. The

cost is \$10 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.

FAMILY CAMPFIRE - MOTHER MAY I DINNER

Come on out to the Pontoon Pier for a campfire program. Food and roasting sticks will be supplied; bring chairs. This program will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m. for all ages. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per Family (limit 5 per Family). 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

MAY 9

MOTHER'S DAY CRUISE

Treat mom to a relaxing Mother's Day! The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy is accepting reservations for a Mother's Day Brunch cruise aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Cruises departing at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. will feature Mimosas and Danish; cruises departing at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. will feature wine and cheese. Cost of the cruise is \$35 per adult and \$15 for children ages 10 and younger.

For more information or to make reservations, call 410-939-4078 or e-mail director@skipjackmarthalewis.org.

SPRING BIRDING WALK

Join birder, Phil Powers, for an early morning hike to search for the birds of spring. Wear sturdy shoes to hike the Leight Park trail. Beginners are welcome. This free program will be held 9 to 11 a.m. for ages 10 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.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Bring Mom to the Center to relax with tea and cookies while crafting a D.I.Y. make and take gift. This free event will be held 1 to 4 p.m. for Families. It is an open house format, but registration is required.

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

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

MAY 15 AND 16 MEDIEVAL DAYS

Steppingstone Museum, located on 461 Quaker Bottom Road, Havre de Grace, will host Medieval Days, noon to 5 p.m. each day. Cost of admission is \$5 for adults and free for children 12 and under and members. Attractions include a medieval encampment, heavy weapons fighting, period craft demonstrations and music, equestrian activities, archery, crafts, games, food and more.

For more information or directions, call the museum office, 410-939-2299 or toll free, 1-888-419-1762; e-mail steppingstonemuseum@msn.com or visit Web site www.steppingstonemuseum.org.

SATURDAY

MAY 15

TEXAS HOLD'EM

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will host a day of Texas Hold'em. The first game starts 1 p.m., the second game starts 6 p.m. Register by noon and 5 p.m. with a \$50 buy in. First come, first served. There will be side tables. Sandwiches and light fare will be available.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

CLOTHES GIVE AWAY

St. James A.M.E. Church will give away clothes on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The location of the event is on the lower level of the Church Parsonage at 742 Otsego Street, Havre de Grace. For additional information call Pattie Ford at 410-939-2267

BEGINNER'S KAYAK

This kayak trip is designed for the new learner or someone who wants a refresher course. Expect a relaxed pace. This program will be held 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$10 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.

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

POST SHORTS

Asian Pacific essay and display contest deadline May 12

The U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School will accept submissions for the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month essay and display contest through May 12. The 2010 theme is "Diverse Leadership for a Diverse Workforce." The contest is open to all Aberdeen Proving Ground active duty military, civilians, contractors and their family members.

First place winners will receive trophies, second place winners will receive plaques and all contestants will receive certificates of appreciation.

Essays must be two-to-four pages, double spaced, 12-point font, and must pertain to the theme. Displays must consist of, but are not limited to, models, poster boards or collages. Display contestants may enter as an individual or a group but only one award will be given per entry. Participants must provide the equal opportunity advisor with a point of contact and the location of the display.

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class David Pickett, 61st Ordnance Brigade, at 410-278-2736 or e-mail david.b.pickett@conus.army.mil.

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Month observance will be held 11:30 a.m. at the Stark Recreation Center, building E4140, in the Edgewood Area May 19. The guest speaker is Dr. Rehan Khan, Director of Musculoskeletal Disorders at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Dialing DSN changes as of May 7

On May 7, 9 p.m., dialing DSN will change from first dialing an "8" to first dialing "9-4." Dialing commercial (local) will change from first dialing a "9" to first dialing "9-9." Dialing commercial (long distance) will change from first dialing "9-1" to first dialing "9-9-1."

Emergency calls will not be affected by this change. For emergency services, call 9-1-1. However, if you have any devices with pre-programmed numbers (i.e. faxes, auto-dialers) these devices will need to be reprogrammed to incorporate the new dialing plan.

Example DSN

Present: 8-XXX-XXXX

Future: 9-4-XXX-XXXX

Commercial

Present: 9-XXX-XXX-XXXX

Future: 9-9-XXX-XXX-XXXX

Long Distance

Present: 9-1-XXX-XXX-XXXX

Future: 9-9-1-XXX-XXX-XXXX

Emergency Calls – DIAL 9-1-1

For more information, call the Service Desk at 410-306-HELP (4357).

Annual fire hydrant flushing underway

The annual fire hydrant flushing on Aberdeen Proving Ground runs through May 28.

Flushing is planned for Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The schedule is tentative and may change due to unforeseen problems. For more information, call Dennis Overbay, 443-306-8910.

- May 5 to 7 - 3000 Block, 4000 Block
- May 10 to 14 - Spesutie Island 400 Block, 500 Block
- May 17 to 21 - 600 Block, 700 Block
- May 24 to 28 - 00 Block, 1000 Block

Office Eagle Customer Appreciation Day May 18

The Aberdeen Area Office Eagle will hold a Customer Appreciation Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 18. The theme is, "Murder Mystery at the Deadwood Saloon." Office Eagle associates and vendors will play characters in a story line for visitors to "guess" who the murderer is. Food and door prizes will be available. The Office Eagle store is located at 320 Johnson Road, building 320. For more information, call Barry Council, 410-297-4950, or e-mail bcouncil@bism.org.

Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Month program will be held 11:30 to 1 p.m., May 19 at the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, building E4140. The theme is "Diverse Leadership for a Diverse Workforce." Guest speaker will be Dr. Rehan Khan, MD, MS, of Johns Hopkins Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Elwood Veney, 410-436-4810.

Spouse Appreciation event May 21

A Military Spouse Appreciation Day event is the Beef & Burgundy dinner to be held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Top of the Bay main ballroom. Free childcare will be provided for this event. To regis-

ter by May 10 contact Marilyn Howard, ACS, at 410-278-9669/7572 or e-mail marilyn.e.howard@us.army.mil.

Edgewood Community Flea Market May 22

A Community Flea Market will be held 8 a.m. to noon, May 22, at Capa Field the Edgewood Area. There will be opportunities for tables for yard sale items and home businesses. More information will be forthcoming in the *APG News*.

Kirk after-hours medical needs

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

Ironhorse Bike Rally highlights safety

All are invited to the 2nd Annual Ironhorse Bike Rally on May 27. Registration opens at 8 a.m. at Aberdeen VFW Post #10028. First bikes will leave at 9:30 a.m. and tour the Northern Maryland area, finishing at Havre de Grace American Legion Post #47 for a raffle of door prizes provided by community sponsors. Free registration is also available online at <http://www.apgmwr.com>. Safety is paramount! Safety brief at 7 a.m. at the APG Aberdeen Area PX parking lot, with a review of T-CLOCS basics and a bike inspection.

Basic Boating Classes

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 22-04 will offer Basic Boating classes, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 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 to operate any motorized vessel.

The cost of instruction is free; however 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, or e-mail captainsly@comcast.net.

Hunter safety classes offered

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

An additional class will be offered Sept. 19 for ages 16 and older.

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

FMWR wants to know

To enhance and improve the food service facilities at Aberdeen Proving Ground, FMWR requests readers complete the following survey regarding food and beverage needs. Please visit www.apgmwr.com or go directly to <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2tv88qog7hw6ln8/start>.

Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 16

Military retirees and their Families are invited to attend the annual Retiree Appreciation Day, 8 a.m. to noon, Oct. 16 in the APG Recreation Center, Building 3326. The program will include a guest speaker, vendor tables, military associations and support services from the installation. Questions or comments concerning retiree issues may be e-mailed to info@apgretiree.com.

For more information, contact Retirement Services Officer, retired Sgt. Major Drew Nobles, 410-306-2320, e-mail drew.nobles@us.army.mil.

The APG Retiree Council Web Site is also available at <http://apgretiree.com>. Any questions or comments concerning retiree issues can be e-mailed to info@apgretiree.com.

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

Applications to Military Leadership Academy due June 1

The Military Leadership Academy is now recruiting high school students.

Most high school students consider a number of career options following graduation. Very few, however, get the chance to actually experience one of those options before making such an important decision. The Military Leadership Academy, hosted by Freedom Alliance, provides high school students an opportunity to experience the military lifestyle while learning valuable leadership knowledge.

"The military is a viable and fulfilling career choice for many young Americans," explained Freedom Alliance President Tom Kilgannon. "Students who are interested in an interactive opportunity to evaluate life in the Armed Forces should think about spending two weeks at the Military Leadership Academy."

Cadets will participate in a program based on the curriculum of the U.S. Army. Physical training, tours of military bases, leadership simulations, land navigation, field tactics, urban warfare training, and a visit to Washington, D.C. are a few of the many activities included at the Academy.

The first class will take place from July 4 to 17; the second class will be from July 25 to Aug. 7. Both will be held at Fort Pickett, a National Guard Post in Blackstone, Va.

The Academy seeks motivated high school students who wish to challenge themselves to become stronger and more confident leaders. Students leave the program with a better appreciation for the military, leadership tools to be successful in life, and understand the value of serving something greater than oneself.

Applications must be received by June 1.

For more information or to apply, visit www.mlacamp.com, e-mail info@mlacamp.com or call 1-800-475-6620.

AAFES NEWS

AAFES makes 'green exchanges' the 'LEED' in its sustainability efforts

AAFES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is doing its part to be a good environmental steward and "green" leader in the Department of Defense as the oldest and largest exchange service takes steps in building and renovating exchanges worldwide to have a smaller impact on the environment.

AAFES opened its first exchange designed to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, March 5. The Base Exchange (BX), designed to use energy-saving materials, more efficient lighting and improved recycling processes, is expected to receive

LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council within the year. The LEED certification program is an internationally accepted benchmark for design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

"We take very seriously the impact our facilities have on the environment," said Col. Virgil Williams, AAFES chief of staff. "Using excess energy and failing to recycle is not only wasteful and costly but also a burden on the earth. AAFES is doing its part to set high 'green' standards for the Department of Defense and the next generation of exchange shoppers."

Some of the key energy saving features of a LEED certified exchange includes:

- Light emitting diodes (LED) in showcases use less energy and generate brighter lighting.
- Food court restaurants with energy-efficient walk-in coolers that use 27 percent less energy.
- The energy management system coordinates heating, ventilating, air conditioning and lighting systems in unison to improve energy efficiency and reduce overall costs.
- Low "gallons per flush" toilets and waterless urinals.
- Roofing membranes reflect 78 percent of light/ultraviolet rays to keep buildings cooler and reduce energy costs.

In 2009, AAFES designed 30 construction projects to meet LEED standards. Projects range from BXs/Post Exchanges (PX), shoppettes (convenience stores), to mini-malls and restaurants. Not only does the environment benefit from the high "green" standards at which the facilities will operate, but thousands are saved in utility costs. LEED shopping centers, like the Randolph AFB BX for example, save 25-30 percent in annual energy costs.

AAFES celebrated the Army's first LEED PX at a grand opening ceremony at Fort Polk, La., April 29, followed by the first LEED shoppette opening at Fort Bragg, N.C., in June and lifestyle center at Fort Bliss, Texas, in October.

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PX fits feet for the long haul

AAFES

Soldiers are expected to run long distances as part of their regular workout routine. With this in mind, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) offers a wide selection of footwear to help military shoppers at Aberdeen Proving Ground ensure they have shoes that properly fit their feet.

AAFES' "Fit Your Foot" program explains how to choose a running shoe based on correct size and type of foot. The PX has the "Brannock Device" available to measure foot length and width to determine shoe size as well as brochures that explain how to take the 'wet test' to conclude what kind of foot type and shoe shape to look for.

"In order to withstand the physical toll running has on the human foot, athletes need to ensure they have the best footwear possible," said the PX's Manager, Debbie Armendariz. "AAFES is educating military shoppers on how to choose the best footwear possible to ensure they spend less time with blisters



and aches and more time on the track and treadmill."

Select shoes in the "Fit Your Foot" program are color-coded for easy recognition of the three main types of footwear: stability for normal feet, motion control for those with flat feet and cushioned for those with high arches.

"Fit Your Foot" evolved from the "Fit the Foot" program which began in 1999 at Fort Jackson, S.C. The program was created in conjunction with the Army to help decrease the number of injuries amongst recruits.



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Get Toby Keith concert tickets while they last

Don't wait too long to get your tickets for the Army Concert Tour featuring Toby Keith at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Shine Sports Field June 5. Gate opens 6 p.m. and show begins 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 and \$45 the day of the show. Tickets are available at the Leisure Travel Office in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4721, Tuesday thru Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Stark Recreation Center in the Edgewood Area, building E4140, 410-436-2713/3595, Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Or, order tickets online at www.apgmwr.com. Non-ID card holders can order tickets through TICKETMASTER at www.ticketmaster.com. This is a rain or shine event with lawn seating and no refunds. For more information, visit the MWR Web site at www.apgmwr.com or call 410-278-4011.

How to Start Your Small Business

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Small Business Administration Baltimore District and Small Business Opportunity Center-Northern Region, will sponsor How to Start Your Small Business, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 6, Aug. 4 and Nov. 3 in building 2754, ACS Classroom.

This free 90-minute orientation program provides an overview of the ways to start a business, the skills and duties of a successful entrepreneur and how to write a strategic business plan. Other services offered by the Small Business Development Centers will also be discussed. Space is limited. This event is open to all DoD cardholders, military, civilian, contractors, retirees, Family members and guests.

For more information or to make reservations, call Marilyn Howard,

ACS Employment Program Manager, 410-278-9669/7572.

MWR Leisure Travel offers discount tickets to amusement parks

MWR Leisure Travel offers discount tickets to amusement parks in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia. Get discount tickets for Six Flags America, Six Flags Great Adventure, Dorney Park/Wild Water Kingdom, Dutch Wonderland, Hershey Park, Sesame Place, Busch Gardens, Kings Dominion, Colonial Williamsburg and more.

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

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

For seasonal tickets and specials visit www.apgmwr.com. Prices are subject to change without notice.

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

Treat mom to dinner and a show

Top of the Bay will serve a Mother's Day Dinner, 5 to 8 p.m., May 9. Cost for adults is \$21.95 per person; cost for ages 6 to 11 is \$9.95 per person; children ages 5 and under are free. Cost includes a prime rib carving station, chicken marsala, seafood newburg, assorted vegetables, assorted dessert table, coffee, tea, sodas and champagne for the moms. The bar

will also be open for guests' convenience. Deadline for reservations is May 5.

After dinner, treat mom to the annual U.S. Army Soldier Show, 7 p.m. at the Post Theater. The show is free and open to the public.

For more information or to make reservations, call 410-278-3062/2552/5195, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

APG Running Club

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

Armed Forces Day 10K Run - The next event in the APG running program is the Armed Forces Day 10K Run scheduled for 8 a.m. May 15 at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center. It is during this event that Morale, Welfare and Recreation raises recruitment efforts for the APG Army Ten Miler Team.

Runners of all levels are encouraged to enter the Armed Forces Day 10K Run.

Registration is online at www.charm-cityrun.com/belair. The run is open to the public.

Army 10 Miler - Slots are available for runners interested in representing APG at the Army 10 Miler scheduled for Oct. 24 in Washington D.C. From the point of the Armed Forces Day 10K Run, the running club will begin serious training for the Army 10 Miler. The Sports and Fitness Branch will continue the process of recruiting competitive runners until the team is selected sometime prior to the deadline for team submission. In June MWR will schedule a 10 Mile Run for runners to qualify for a spot on the APG Team. Runners who qualify for the APG Team will be provided with an APG running uniform. There is no registration fee for team members. Those wishing to par-

ticipate on TEAM APG should contact Dolce at 410-278-7933/7934 or MWR staff members in the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3326; the Fitness Center, building 320; Hoyle Gym, building E4400; e-mail APG Sports at apgmwr-sports@conus.army.mil; visit the MWR Web site at www.apgmwr.com.

New York City shopping trip

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

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

Government Vacation Rewards

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

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

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

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

Volunteer today

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

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



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. Participants will receive a stipend for their work at the end of the term.

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

Youth Career Seminar

The Seminar will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 15 at Aberdeen CYSS, building 2752. Teens ages 13 to 18 will attend four sessions: Payday Lesson in Life: saving and budgeting; Career Workshop: prepares teens for workforce entry; Staying Positive and Motivated: Teens learn to handle their emotions and be productive; and Goal Setting.

Register at the CYSS central registration, building 2752.

Time Management and Organization for Teens

Teens, ages 13 to 18 can register for Time Management and Organization for Teens. The program will be held 6 to 7 p.m., May 13, at Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522. Teens will learn how to prioritize and organize responsibilities and leave enough time for fun too. Register at the CYSS central registration building 2752.



The EDGE

The EDGE Program is designed to highlight opportunities for children and youths in grades 1 through 12, to Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel in FMWR partner facilities.

Make Your Own Music

Ages 11 to 18 can join "Make Your Own Music" with the AMC Band, 4 to 6 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, from through May 26 at the Bowling Center party room. Listen to the tune that keeps playing in your head and put it down on paper. Transportation will be provided from the AAYS; bus leaves at 3:45 p.m. This program is free. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Swim Party at the Olympic Pool

An EDGE Swim Party for ages 6 through 18 will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays from June 1 through 29 at the APG Olympic Pool, building 3325. It's time to get wet and have some fun. Boys and girls can practice all their swimming strokes, play games and just have some good ol' fun. Bring a friend for even more fun. Open to all active duty military and DoD civilian and contractor Family members. There will be a \$40 fee for ages 6 to 10 currently not enrolled in CYSS programs as regular users. The program is free to eligible participants ages 11 to 18.

Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Outdoor Camping

Outdoor Camping will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesdays, from June 2 through 30 at the Aberdeen Area Outdoor Recreation Office, building 2407. Ages 11 to 18 will learn how to select a camping site and set up a tent; how to safely build a camp fire and cook outdoors and more. Open to all active duty military and DoD civilian and contractor Family members, boys and girls. The program is free to eligible participants. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Archery

Are you the next William Tell? Could you hit a target from 25 yards away using a bow and arrow? A free archery program for ages 11 to 18 will take place 4 to 6 p.m. on Fridays, from June 4 through 25 at the Archery Range in the Edgewood Area. Youth and teens can try their hand at mastering their bow and arrow skills. Archery takes skill and strength to master the accuracy needed to hit the target. Open to all active duty military and DoD civilian and contractor Family members, both boys and girls. A bus will leave at 3:45 p.m. from EA Youth Services, building E1902. Program is free to eligible participants. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Build a Model

The Build a Model Program will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, June 7 through 28, at the Bowling Center. Boys and girls ages 6 to 18 can build a ship, a car, a plane or any model they want. Participants can test their skills, ingenuity and patience by building the best model possible. A prize will be awarded for the best model built. Open to all active duty military and DoD civilian and contractor Family members. There will be a \$40 fee for ages 6 to 10 currently not enrolled in CYSS programs as regular users. Program is free to eligible participants ages 11 to 18. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Register at the CYSS Central Registration Office, building 2752, or call 410-278-7571/7479.

For more information, call 410-278-1399 or e-mail chuck.rose1@us.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.

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, 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., 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 Sean Williams.

Learn to bowl

Youths ages 6 through 14 can learn to bowl, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 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.

May bowling specials

• Bowl Monday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$.75.

• Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza and one

pitcher of soda for \$32.

• Cosmic Fridays, bowl 9:30 to 11 p.m.; up to six people can bowl for \$16 for one hour. Includes shoe rental.

Call for availability of lanes on discounted days and hours.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

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

Week of May 3

Special #1: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.25.

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

Week of May 10

Special #1: Cheese steak wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.75.

Special #2: Chicken cheese steak wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.95.

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



APG leaders detail needs to higher education community

Story by
MATTHEW HICKMAN
RDECOM

Aberdeen Proving Ground senior leaders met with representatives of regional educational institutions Apr. 28 to discuss ways the higher education community can help meet the existing and emerging workforce needs of organizations on the installation.

University, college, and other educational representatives packed the Higher Education & Conference Center in Aberdeen, to attend an Advance Planning Briefing for Education. Similar in concept to a traditional acquisition focused Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry, leaders from the installation highlighted missions, functions, and insights of future needs. The future needs were not focused on future procurements, however, but on the educational development of the future workforce.

Central to the first-of-its-kind discussion was a panel consisting of leaders from the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; its Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center; U.S. Army Research Laboratory; and U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command. Also in attendance was the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications Tactical and the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional).

They detailed expected workforce challenges caused by realignment and a forthcoming retirement boom.

"We're at a point now where the (educational) demand is about to exceed the capacity that has been established in previous years," said Gary Martin, RDECOM executive deputy to the commanding general. "We can tell you some of the major skills areas we're going to need and we can highlight some anticipated programs of interest."

Anything more specific than that would be a guessing game at this point because, according to Martin, APG organizations involved in BRAC won't know what jobs are actually available until transfers take place from their current locations and identifying employee retirements based on eligibility dates is only speculation. Setting the conditions for success now, however, will help avoid any serious problems when those two events occur.

Beacon Associates, a human resources consulting firm, recently completed a study concerning how BRAC and future retirements will affect the post. "Approximately 35 percent of the current workforce is eligible to retire within five years and it is estimated that only 50 percent of the incumbents from other installations will actually make the move to APG," said Carol Koffinke, the company's president and chief executive officer.

Koffinke found that the current cur-

riculum of local colleges and universities only partly prepared to address the eventual employee exodus. She recommends that school officials proactively work to adjust by developing stronger marketing efforts, strengthening relationships with key personnel at APG and partnering with government agencies.

Local universities have started reaching out to APG. RDECOM and the University of Delaware entered into a formal partnership this January when they signed a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement. The University of Maryland at College Park and Morgan State University have both established relationships with individual organizations on the installation and RDECOM is also working on formal agreements with both.

The Army has been forming relationships with students for years and APG employs dozens of students as part of its Student Career Experience and Student Temporary Employment programs. "These programs can span a student's college career and generally transition into employment with the government," said Brian Simmons, ATEC director.

"We pay back undergrad student loans up to \$10,000 per year, we task new employees to go back to grad school and we offer sabbaticals at the end," Simmons said. Employees that return to graduate school in preferred areas of interest can be reimbursed for the cost. Typical areas of interest are primarily the different engi-

neering specialties, but also include budget analysis and contracting. There are also needs that must be accounted for as technology continues to grow.

"There are some emerging needs that we're seeing that need to be filled," said Dr. Gerardo Melendez, director, CERDEC Command and Control Directorate. "As we continue to grow our network we need information assurance operations for defense from attack and a big push right now is to bring in smart phones as a tactical edge for the Army."

Science and technology leaders are asking for help from surrounding colleges and universities to respond to these emerging trends.

"First and foremost, if your core competencies and areas of expertise match ours then we have a good foundation for which to build on," Melendez said.

Practical requests included providing classes closer to APG at accommodating hours, and understanding that students are going to have a demanding job working with the government while at graduate school. Simmons said most organizations need help recruiting and suggested academia help to improve on that area.

"Help us connect the dots to public service," he said.

Melendez said he hopes the local area higher education community becomes more proactive in assisting APG because he would like to develop a hiring ground. "When I need to hire

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ment and vehicles used by today's Warfighters in the War on Terror. Participating organizations include RDECOM organizations, the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, the U.S. Air Force 11th Wing from Bolling Air Force Base, the 20th Support Command (CBRNE), the 22d Chem-

ical Battalion (Technical Escort) and the 1st and 9th Area Medical laboratories. Other displays include an information display from the BRAC (base realignment and closure) Office, an environmental display featuring live wildlife and a Kiddy Corner containing Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities along with McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, community policing, D.A.R.E. activities and fire fighting displays from the Directorate of Emergency Services.

In addition, Soldiers from the 61st Ordnance Brigade dressed in period uniforms will min-

gle with guests and explain the role they played in past military campaigns. The U.S. Army Dental Activity and the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) also will present health-focused displays.

Non-government ID card holders must use the Maryland Boulevard (Route 715) gate, lane 5, to enter the installation. Visitors age 16 and older must have a photo ID and drivers must present a valid driver's license.

For more information, contact George Mercer, Garrison PAO, at 410-278-1147.

CBRNE

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by U.S. Army Forces Command to provide specialized CBRNE response in support of military operations and civil authorities.

The 20th SUPCOM (CBRNE) gives the Army and the nation a flexible response capability to operate in a variety of environments, from urban areas to austere sites across the spectrum of

military operations. CBRNE operations detect, identify, assess, render safe, dismantle, transfer, and dispose of unexploded ordnance (UXO), improvised explosive devices (IED) and other CBRNE hazards. These operations also include decontaminating personnel and property exposed to CBRNE materials during response.

For more information, please Chanel Weaver, public affairs office, 410-436-3433, or Chanel.Weaver@conus.army.mil.

Ruggles

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of any situation and take active measures to assure safety at all times - for our entire population," said Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, deputy installation commander.

"To that end, we have temporarily closed the course and put teams out there to sweep and, if necessary, clear the area. Obviously, we want to make certain that people working at the course and golfers can pursue their activities with confidence. We envision this closure as a temporary inconvenience, but a long-term benefit. UXO detection and response personnel at APG are well-trained and

proficient in their responsibilities, and have vast experience in conducting such operations.

"The result of the tremendous progress this past week leads us to believe, weather dependent, we may be able to open up at least nine holes, the practice range and putting green in the very near future. We want to assess every one of the tee boxes to ensure everyone's safety. After we complete our sweep of those areas, we will assess the potential risk for use of the rest of the course. The installation is reviewing policies and procedures for future construction and renovation activities on the course.

Aside from ordnance discovered during pond excavation in 2007-2008 and these recent discoveries, there is no

documented history at APG of UXO being found at the site since being established as a golf course.

Up until the 1940s the area of the golf course was farm land. Between 1945 and 1952 the Army used the area as a demolition area, bomb recovery area and a multi-purpose range. In the 1950s a nine-hole golf course was developed on the site and in the late 1960s the course was expanded to an 18-hole course. The current course, which is open to the public, comprises approximately 380 acres.

"Finding unexploded ordnance at APG occurs somewhat frequently and we have robust programs for responding to the incidents," Ortiz said. "We also have extensive training programs to edu-

cate people on what to do if they come across a UXO or an unidentified item that could be a problem. The rules are simple: recognize the item and mark its location, retreat from the immediate area and report the item to the appropriate authorities, usually by using the APG 9-1-1 system. It is important to understand that not all UXO look like a munition or projectile and an item doesn't have to look dangerous to be dangerous.

"We're very fortunate that APG is home to the nation's most capable responders and they are integrated into our program," he said, "but here are some things the public can do to help themselves.

- Do not go souvenir hunting.
- Do not pick up or disturb

unidentified objects.

- Never excavate without an approved excavation permit.
- Never go outside the boundaries of a cleared site.
- Obey all posted signs.

"Our cleanup teams are making good progress on the golf course," he said, "but we also want to make it very clear that we won't allow anyone to use the course until we are assured that it is safe for them to do so. It may be inconvenient for some golfers, but safety, health and well-being always are the first priority.

"Safety is an on-going daily process," Ortiz said. "Our policies, processes, training and activities are under constant review and analysis to make certain we're doing the right things and doing them right."

Concert

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Toby Keith

Like the hard-working fans who buy his music and the Soldiers he visits every year on his USO Tours, Toby Keith takes his job seriously. Keith's career is a model of consistency - and consistent excellence - that's arguably unrivaled in all genres of music. His 1993 debut was a No. 1 Billboard hit and his next four albums reached at least Top 10 on the Country albums charts. Every album since, starting in 2001 with "Pull My Chain," has reached No. 1. On the singles charts, Keith has scored a No. 1 hit every year since 1993 and across 44 single releases and 20 album releases, he's only released six singles he didn't write.

Keith has consistently shown up at the very top of Country music and with "American Ride," his 16th studio album, he's done it again.

American Ride's title track is already a No. 1 smash, rising faster than any Keith release since 2001's "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)." Like "Courtesy," "American Ride" has tapped the collective consciousness of a nation in distress, this time providing music fans with a wry rallying cry. "Ride" was not written by Keith, though it sounds like it could have been.

"That's the secret," Keith said. "Over sixteen years I've only released a handful of singles that weren't mine, but I think all of them were songs people were sure I wrote. And that's the only way I'll record something from the outside. I wouldn't do something that didn't sound like me as an artist."

Keith has sold more than 30 million albums, been among the top all-genre touring artists for a decade and his songs have been honored by BMI for 63 million broadcast performances and counting. His past hits include "American Soldier," "That Don't Make Me a Bad Guy," "Beer For My Horses," "Should've Been a Cowboy," "How Do You Like Me Now?!" "I Love This Bar," "Who's Your Daddy," "I Wanna Talk About Me," and many more.



Photos courtesy of FMWR

Katharine McPhee
www.katharinemcpee.com

Her first solo album, which debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard Top 200 in early 2007, only hinted at the extent of her talent - not only as a singer but as a songwriter—that her new album, "Unbroken" reveals.

Katharine McPhee co-wrote the majority of the songs on "Unbroken," collaborating with fellow singer/song-

writers Paula Cole, Ingrid Michaelson and Rachael Yamagata.

"This record is definitely more personal to me," McPhee said. "I have more stories to tell. It's more of an artistic look at me as a person."

On "Unbroken," her Verve Records debut, McPhee's supple, clear voice, resonates with emotion and confidence on this collection of soon-to-be pop classics. Her vocals also display a new vulnerability and maturity that make "Unbroken" compelling listening.

"I think I finally learned to breathe," McPhee said, both literally and figuratively.

Along with her musical rebirth comes a stunning physical change: she recently transformed from a long-haired brunette to a sultry blonde.

"I've never done anything crazy like this," she says. "I didn't think I would cut my hair off or go this blonde, but I'm going through changes. Searching for lyrics and meaning in the record just sort of forced me to examine inside and out."

Carter's Chord
www.carterschord.com

The country group Carter's Chord is three singing and songwriting sisters who were literally born into and raised on music. Becky, Emily and Joanna Robertson were blessed with music by their parents, Barny and Carter Robertson, who toured and recorded with Waylon Jennings during the height of the Outlaw movement. Now Carter's Chord is poised to charm music fans in Country music and beyond.

Superstar Toby Keith signed the group to his Show Dog Nashville label and it takes but a listen to their self-titled debut album, "Carter's Chord," co-produced by Keith and the girl's Grammy

award-winning father Barny Robertson, to know that something special has arrived on the scene.

The sisters don't just blend together musically.

"We live together, we work together, and then we still choose to hang out together," Joanna said. "We're best friends, we love each other, and we know what the other is thinking before anyone even says anything."

With all three sisters trading lead vocals as well as unifying in delectable harmony, Carter's Chord is one of those albums that captivates the ears from its first notes. The debut single "Young Love" leads the charge and the CD's 10 tracks - with songs written by all three sisters individually and collectively - display both veteran assurance and youthful innovation.

As Carter's Chord embarks on their musical career, the lessons they learned from their parents about music and the business of music are invaluable. Barny and Carter Robertson are proud parents as well as the group's biggest fans.



Technology Expo brings cutting edge products and services to APG



Christine Rowe, an account representative from Data Connect, left, explains various types of cable available through the General Cable Communications Products to Spc. Carlos Rios, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, APG Garrison, right, during the Spring Technology Expo at Top of the Bay April 28.

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

Hundreds of Aberdeen Proving Ground civilians, contractors and Soldiers attended the 2010 Spring Technology Expo at Top of the Bay April 28.

The event, which is held twice annually in the spring and fall, features products and services from leading national and regional vendors.

Mark and Donna Flemister of Federal Direct Access Expositions present the Expo in conjunction with installation co-hosts who include the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and the U.S. Army Signal Network Enterprise Center.

Donna Flemister said that more than 500 visitors viewed the more than 50 vendor displays within the first two hours. It was the largest turnout ever.

"We're hoping that along with the growth of APG, we can grow and maybe become a two-day event," she said.

Interest in the expo continues to grow, added Mark Flemister.

"Technology today is always changing and it's important to come out and see what's new," he said. "There is no shortage of vendors or interest."

He added that the Fall Expo will be held in mid-to-late October at a site yet to be determined

due to the planned renovations at Top of the Bay.

"With all the new construction going on at APG we're looking for a larger facility to host the show somewhere else on post or at least close to post," said Susan Suppa, NEC computer specialist who has worked the event for the past 14 years. "This [event] just keeps getting bigger with each showing."

Vendors presented varied displays and exhibits of cutting-edge technology and services. At the Document Automation and Production Services, (DAPS) display, John Gracey, a Defense Logistics Agency customer service representative, explained the various publication options available for customers.

Services from the DAPS office, located on post in building 346, include printing, scanning and CD presentations, according to Jennifer Rondez, DAPS Washington, D.C. marketing specialist.

"We serve all Department of Defense and federal government organizations," Rondez said.

A display by Konica/Minolta featured talking network devices that are CAC enabled for scanning and printing.

"Copy machines are not just copy machines anymore," said senior account executive Ken Blum. "They copy, scan, print,

transmit and even archive information and making them CAC enabled allows that information to be secure."

He said the company has a blanket purchase agreement with the Army and that visitors show a "lot of interest" in its products.

SRC, a research company based in Syracuse, N.Y., provided samples of its chemical-biological defense radar systems.

The company has proven performance in the fields of information warfare operations are applied worldwide throughout all branches of the military, according to Scott Knot, federal market account director and Mark DiBerardino, chem-bio defense project manager.

"This is our third year here and it's worthwhile. Folks show a lot of interest," Knot said.

"Our company always tries to attend the APG expo," added Christine Rowe, an account representative from Data Connect Inc. at the General Cable Communications Products display.

"We've done this show the last three or four years and it's always worth it," said Paul Larsen, director of DoD and special programs for Praxis Engineering. Praxis provides computer system configurations, antenna arrays, software and other services for the information and intelligence community.



Stephen Fried, manager of government sales with Middle Atlantic Products, Inc., opens a pivoting wall rack for audio equipment inside a mobile display unit he parked in front of the Top of the Bay for the Spring Technology Expo.

Middle Atlantic Products drove a mobile display to the expo. The altered mobile home contained pivoting wall racks and samples of technical furniture that supports and protects audio visual equipment. Stephen Fried, manager of government sales, and Brandon Ivey, regional sales manager, manned the display. They said the company, which is based in New Jersey, has warehouses all over North America.

"Our products would be used in any business where you have audio visual or public address systems, amplifiers, wiring or other equipment requiring mounting," Fried said. "We protect equipment and help keep that equipment running."

Nelson Wong, an analyst with the U.S. Army Evaluation Center, said it was his first visit to the Tech Expo.

"I thought it was very interesting," he said. "I saw a few things that would be useful for my job."

Staff Sgt. Tawana Butts of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) said she was impressed with all the technology.

"I've seen a lot of things my unit can use to make our job easier," she said. "Our command encouraged us to attend

and I'm glad I had the opportunity to check it out."

Participating exhibitors at the Expo included: 3PAR Government Services; ACL Computers & Software Inc.; Alliance Micro, Inc.; American Reliance (AMREL); AT&T; AvePoint; Avocent; AVS Installations; Boise Business Interiors; CA; CCS Presentation Systems; CDW-G; consulting Services Inc.; Control Cable, Inc.; Corning; CRGT Inc.; Document Automation and Production Service (DAPS); Dell; Emtec Federal; EPS; FA O'Toole Office Systems; Fujitsu; GovConnection; Hartford Computer Group; HP; Information Technology Solutions; IMC Networks; Iron Bow Technologies; Ixia Federal; Konica Minolta Business Solutions; Mark Electronics Supply, Inc.; Middle Atlantic Products; Nelson White Systems; Newark; Office Eagle; Panasonic Solutions Company; Physical optics Corporation; Plantronics; Plug-In Storage Systems; Praxis Engineering; Questionmark; Raritan; RDE-COM Small Business Office; Softchoice Government; SRC, Inc.; STG, Inc.; System Source; Touchboards; Ultra Electronics Criticom; Ward-Boland Associates/Liebert; Wright Line; Xerox

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competitors building camaraderie with each other," said Master Sgt. Ronald Wylie, a 20th SUPCOM NCO, who served as the SOY/NCO competition facilitator. "This event gave troopers who would normally never see each other a chance to meet and interact."

The formal competition began on day two with a physical fitness test. This test was followed by a written exam and essay.

Master Sgt. Michelle Davis, senior equal opportunity advisor and sexual assault response coordinator for the 20th SUPCOM, served as the administrator for the written exam and essay portion of the competition. She said the Soldier's written essay asked the question, "How would a sexual assault in your unit affect you?"

"This essay topic reminded the Soldiers that the Army is a Family and what affects one affects all," Davis said.

After the test, Soldiers participated in urban orienteering — a task mainly aimed at testing the Soldiers' ability to read a map and find their way around an unfamiliar area.

Day three of the competition was one of the most grueling. Soldiers began the day by testing their marksmanship skills at the range and completing various tasks during a warrior competition.

Some of the tasks the Soldiers performed during the warrior competition included issuing a warning order, performing chemical decontamination and performing first aid on a choking victim.

The day wrapped up with a grueling eight-mile road march that tested the competitors' physical strength and endurance.

20th SUPCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Orosz said the Soldiers and



Photo by STAFF SGT. ROBERT KRAFT, 20TH SUPCOM Spc. Keith Hampson, a CBRN operations specialist from Fort Lewis, Wash., knocks out a few last push-ups as part of the Army Physical Fitness Test given to all competitors April 13.

NCOs gave a 100 percent effort as they progressed through the competition.

"It was evident by the blisters on the feet of the noncommissioned officers and Soldiers that they pushed themselves through the physical events," Orosz said.

Perhaps one of the most mentally demanding aspects of the competition was participating in a review board on day four.

During this process, the competitors were quizzed by a board of Army senior NCOs on such topics as Army regulations, military history and current events.

Orosz said the board was an important aspect of the competition because it reiterated that it takes more than physi-

cal strength to be Army strong.

"The competition was very physical, but also required the noncommissioned officers and Soldiers to think and come prepared," Orosz said.

At the conclusion of the competition, all of the competitors were formally recognized during a ceremony at the 20th Support Command Headquarters. Brig. Gen. Jeffrey J. Snow, the 20th SUPCOM commander, commended the Soldiers on their performance throughout the competition.

"These Soldiers are the best of the best and we are proud of the positive light they shed on our organization," Snow said.

Joe Ortiz, president of the Nation-



Photo by CHANEL S. WEAVER, 20TH SUPCOM Sgt. Brandon Barenie, an EOD sergeant from Fort Carson, Colo., reviews a map during the urban orienteering portion of the 20th Support Command NCO and Soldier of the Year competition.

al Capital Region Chapter, Chemical Corps Regimental Association and Mary Jane Jernigan, president of the Aberdeen Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, also presented awards to the two winners.

"Sergeant Kimball and Specialist Bogle are two examples of the caliber of Soldiers that exists in the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) and keep our Army Strong," Orosz said.

Although only two competitors could win the trophies, Wylie said the Soldiers walked away with skills that will be beneficial to their overall development.

"The competition was a great opportunity to witness some young men growing into leaders," Wylie said. "The tasks and events the Soldiers completed are preparing them to lead squads or teams into combat and they did an excellent job."

Soldier Show celebrates 27 years Sunday at APG

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The U.S. Army Soldier Show returns to Aberdeen Proving Ground for one performance, 7 p.m. May 9 at the Post Theater. The show is free and open to the public. The 2010 U.S. Army Soldier Show is a high-energy 90-minute live musical production that showcases the talents of active duty Soldiers who were selected by audition from throughout the Army. They are amateur artists who have a passion for music, dance and performing. They come from unit supply, medical and emergency, animal care, transportation and aviation, legal and law enforcement and other tactical units. The show is assembled in five weeks, and then tours for six months.

“Soldier Show 27.0” is the working concept of the 2010 U.S. Army Soldier Show as it celebrates its 27th year of providing entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier. This year’s edition revolves around current social-media phenomena.

“It’s the 27th year and it’s a new version, just like a new version of a computer program, but it’s built on the foundations of all the past versions,” said Soldier Show Production Director Victor Hurtado. “Basically, it’s like a computer screen. When you walk in, you’ll see the desktop, and all of the transitions are like Facebook or Google with a PDF.”

The show will open with Disturbed’s heavy metal anthem “Indestructible,” which was written to inspire Soldiers headed for battle.

As always, the troops will deliver sev-

eral genres of music and dance, complete with Soldier-musicians on guitar, bass, keyboard and drums.

“The most important thing about the show this year is that the finale was written by the cast,” Hurtado said. “As a group, they [wrote] an original song, and it’s really come together beautifully. It has to do with resilience and the inspiration of bouncing back.”

The 2010 U.S. Army Soldier Show is sponsored by two premier sponsors: the U.S. Army G-1’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program and the U.S. Army’s Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program.

History of the Soldier Show

The modern version of the U.S. Army Soldier Show originated in 1983 as an outgrowth of several shows existing in various Army commands, with Soldier talent selected from worldwide competition. The motto, mission and philosophy of the show – “Entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier” – were established during World War I by Sgt. Israel Beilin, a Russian immigrant better known as Irving Berlin. He conceived and directed the first Army Soldier Show, “Yip Yip Yaphank,” which appeared on Broadway in 1918.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show was reinvented during World War II on Broadway under the title “This is the Army,” which was written, directed and produced by Berlin. The cast and crew were members of U.S. Army Special Services Company No. 1. The 1943 film version featured a military cast starring Ronald Reagan, Gene Kelly and Joe Lewis.

opening up for education programs and workforce development,” he said.

As APG goes “BRAC to the Future,” the theme of the event, APG leaders wanted to leave one basic message; ‘Working for the Army is challenging, rewarding, exciting, and valuable to the country and this region; and it is only through a working partnership with the regional educational community that the installation can meet its workforce development needs.’

“I’ve seen more of a shift in student’s motivation to giving back to the community and giving back to the country and that aligns perfectly with our motivation,” Melendez said.

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new engineers and scientists I’ll already have a good relationship, a linking, and a common understanding on what our needs are.”

Representatives from the educational community had the opportunity to express concerns to installation leadership. These concerns focused on the security clearance process and a lack of facilities provided by APG available for educational purposes, which Martin said would be addressed soon.

“We have targeted specific buildings