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APG Noise Advisory

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground is conducting test detonations that may be heard or felt outside the installation boundaries through Friday, Nov. 19. These detonations are not hazardous to residents of surrounding communities and are a necessary part of ATC's vital testing mission. Call 410-278-1147 or 800-688-8705 for more information.

Wholesale Club offers discounts

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor BJ's discount membership registration, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 18 in the APG Bowling Center, building 2342, Aberdeen Area. These are the last dates to sign up before the holiday season.

BJ's Wholesale Club offers 15-month membership for \$35 for all civilian and military personnel, retirees and contract employees. This offer is good for new customers and for membership renewals. Save \$10 and get three months free. Renewal membership holders should bring their current card with them.

For more information, call Patti Harkins, 410-436-4467 or e-mail patti.harkins@us.army.mil.

Health Clinic sets holiday hours

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

For medical services on the weekends, holidays and after hours, call staff duty at 443-807-0725. The staff duty officer will coordinate your care with the referral management office.

Authorization or a referral will be required to avoid point-of-service copayment charges. Emergency room care will not require a referral.

Parenting class set

Parenting children ages 6 to 12 is a tough job. Why do it alone? The ACS Family Advocacy Program is offering 'Parenting Ages 6 - 12'

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A.M. Accident

A motorist lost control of his vehicle and struck a power line pole after entering the installation via the Route 22 gate early Tuesday morning. The accident took place at about 8:10 a.m. on Harford Boulevard, across from the shoppette. According to Capt Nick Stamos, Aberdeen Proving Ground Emergency Services, the driver sustained minor injuries. Stamos said the vehicle veered off the road and downed a nearby power pole, but the power line remained intact. Although the fog had lifted by the time of the wreck, Stamos said there was a fine mist-rain coming down. "Motorists are reminded to stay alert during low-visibility conditions," said Stamos, "and pay special attention to road and weather conditions as we transition into fall and winter." The accident is pending investigation.

Photo by MARGUERITE TOWSON, APG NEWS

HCC salutes local vets

College highlights contributions of its combat veterans

Story by
DAN LAFONTAINE
RDECOM PAO

America must never forget its veterans' contributions to the nation's security, speakers told about 75 students, faculty, residents and service members Nov. 8 at Harford Community College's first Military Appreciation Day.

The crowd gathered outside the historic Hays-Heighe House in an early commemoration of Veterans Day. They honored retired Staff Sgt. Mitch Court, an HCC student who was wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007. Court was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Valor medals.

Brig. Gen. Harold Greene, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground, said Court continues to serve the nation.

"There is one person I would like to recognize. He epitomizes what our Soldiers do today - Staff Sgt. Court," Greene said. "He was injured while serving in Iraq, but he continues to serve."

"Mitch is a student here, but he also works for a defense contractor on a number of programs, including the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle that our Soldiers are using today in Afghanistan and Iraq. He continues to serve as he supports getting the best systems we possibly can to our Sol-



Staff Sgt. Mitch Court

diers in the field."

Harford County Executive David Craig echoed Greene's remarks. Craig told the story of Joseph Davis, one of eight men killed in World War I from Havre de Grace, Md. The American Legion named its first post after Davis.

When Craig began to research Davis' life, he found the American Legion had photos and a brief biography of Davis, but it did not know where he was buried. Craig discovered that Davis was buried with his parents at the Baltimore Hebrew Cemetery. He had almost been forgotten, Craig said.

"We are recognizing the military [members] who are here, who we can see," Craig said. "It's important to recognize military personnel who we no longer see, and in some cases, are forgotten. We must make sure not to forget them."

Staff Sgt. Hiram Hendri is a medical laboratory specialist with the U.S. Army Public

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Soldier Santa Ball to benefit troops Families

Story by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The Aberdeen chapter of the Association of the United States Army will host the Soldier Santa Ball 6 to 11 p.m. at the Baltimore Hilton, 401 W. Pratt Street in Baltimore Dec. 10.

A no-host cocktail hour is 6 to 7 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing, 7 to 11 p.m. Musical entertainment features Reminiscent.

A silent auction is featured. Chapter president Mary Jane Jernigan, a program developer and business manager for URS, said the event will raise funds for holiday care packages for both deployed and for APG service members and their Families.

"This event will provide a great evening of entertainment and provide for APG Soldiers this holiday season," she said.

Local businesses supporting the event include the Harford House, a homeless shelter for Families in Aberdeen.

"It has been a wonderful experience working with a committee made up of... BRAC-related and local businesses, all focused on creating a special event for our APG Soldiers and their Families," said Joyce Duffy, Executive Director of Harford House.

"We all know how difficult it is to be away from our Families at Christmas. I'm sure it will mean a lot to our deployed APG Soldiers to know that their Families are being remembered with gifts at this time."

"And, it is important to support them, especially during the holidays, to honor their sacrifice and dedication."

Jernigan advised those interested in attending to visit www.ausa-aberdeen.org/ for more information.



A bulldozer moves debris during the demolition of Bldg. E5282 in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground as part of the Army-wide Facility Reduction Program. Fifty of the 81 buildings slated for demolition at APG have been reduce to rubble thus far.

Changing face of APG moving forward with building demolitions

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

In accordance with the government Facility Reduction Program, which calls for the removal of dilapidated or excess properties from military installations, the Bldg. E5282 laboratory came tumbling down during demolition operations Nov. 1.

According to Nathan Osborne, APG facility reduction program manager with the Directorate of Public Works, the FRD is

coordinated and overseen by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Fifty of 81 buildings slated for demolition on APG have been turned to rubble thus far.

"It's how we are transforming APG into a state of the art research and development center," Osborne said. "We have some of the best labs and scientists in the world, but it doesn't look like it. This is our way of visually transforming that look and that

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Partnerships key to APG future

By
MAJ. GEN. NICK JUSTICE
U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground Commanding General

Partnerships are critical to getting things done. To get somewhere, you usually follow a road or a path. What are some of the tools you might use to ensure you're going the right way? You're going to need a map. You'll want to be alert and focused. And, you will find it easier to get there if you have a partner.



Your partner is someone who shares the same goals and is willing to invest in the work needed to get from point A to point B.

For organizations, it's the same concept. Our military organizations working on Aberdeen Proving Ground are not just "tenant units." We are a team. We're a team working together toward a common goal. When our local chapter of the Association of the United States Army earned its best chapter award last month in Washington, D.C., one person didn't go up there to accept the honor.

We stood together as a team.

I'm proud of Team APG. Together we are a force multiplier, partnering to accomplish the same mission to support the Warfighter.

As Soldiers, and the civilians who support them, we want the U.S. Army to be dominant. Collaboration + integration = domination. That's an equation for success.

In fact, that's in my organization's mission statement: "Empower, unburden and protect the Warfighter to enable the dominance of the Army." Your organization may have similar sentiments.

How do we get there from here?

If you try to go it alone in any endeavor, you may be successful or you may not. Chances for your success will increase dramatically through partnership.

We've talked about the set of objectives we call the 5 P's: People, Places, Purse, Processes and Products. But, how do we get all these concepts to work toward our desired goals? The 5

P's are interdependent and entwined. I believe partnership is the glue between all of these concepts.

Let me share a few examples of successful partnerships we have at APG.

The transformation set in place by the Base Realignment and Closure process means new missions and organizations are coming to Aberdeen Proving Ground. To set the conditions for our success, we entered into an Enhanced Use

Lease partnership with local developers. What that means is we had underutilized property that our partners could develop to help us accomplish our common mission.

So, we entered into a lease of federally-owned property specifically for the development of commercial offices and research and development space. You may have noticed the office parks springing up near APG's Gate 715.

“Do you notice a trend? Industry and academia are pairing up with us to help us build the APG of the future.”

In September, we welcomed the opening of the Harford Community College Education and Training Center. University of Maryland officials visited last month to talk about partnership opportunities for training the APG workforce.

We also partner with regional universities and colleges for Cooperative Research and Development Agreements. These relationships help students, academic institutions and the U.S. Army by providing a framework for how we can solve problems and inspire the next generation of scientists, researchers and engineers.

Do you notice a trend? Industry and academia are pairing up with us to help us build the APG of the future.

Starting now, you can play a key role in this endeavor. Partnerships begin on a personal level. Creating a successful partnership means developing your people skills and learning to be a better communicator. Partnerships are about relationships and reaching out to others to help and be helped.

I encourage you to seek out partners to help you accomplish your mission. Together, we will collaborate and integrate and truly be a better Team APG.

Next week we'll talk about Thanksgiving. Army Strong!

Resiliency remains a top priority

By
LT GEN RICK LYNCH
IMCOM Commanding General

Given the Army's 235-year history, resiliency is a relatively new word in our vocabulary. We hear it often nowadays, from the highest levels of leadership on down, as we talk about how we are addressing the effects of nine years of conflict. There may be a danger that someone will hear the word once too often and tune it out as the latest buzz word. However, we need to keep talking about it until every member of the Army community—every Soldier, Civilian and Family member—hears it and gets the message that we want them not only to survive, but to thrive.



A dictionary definition of resiliency is the ability to recover from misfortune or adjust easily to change. When we in the Army talk about resiliency, though, we are talking about more than the ability to bounce back from adversity. We are also talking about the ability to realize personal growth and development in the face of challenging situations. Resiliency is rooted in physical, mental and spiritual fitness. It is about finding the balance in your life between work, family and self, and living your dash—the line on the tombstone between the dates of birth and death—to the fullest.

During the last nine years of conflict, our Soldiers, Civilians and Family members have faced challenging situations, and in too many cases, tragedy. Multiple deployments and too little dwell time have strained our relationships. We can see the stress manifest in rising rates of divorce, domestic violence, suicide and other destructive behaviors. We have to reverse the trends. We owe it to our Soldiers, Civilians and Family members to help them build the resiliency they need to cope with their challenges and come out stronger and better.

The Army is recognizing the stress and strain on our forces and families. We are making resiliency a priority and a part of Army culture, and have taken a number of steps to assess and build resiliency in our Soldiers, Civilians and Family members. One of the initiatives is the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Program. The program is designed to enhance the resilience, readiness and potential of Soldiers, Civilians and Family members by building strength in every area of life: not just physical fitness, but also emotional, social, spiritual, and family.

CSF is mandatory for Soldiers, but geared to the whole Army community, with components for Family members and Civilians as well. Soldiers, Civilians and Family members begin with the Global Assessment Tool, which measures strength in each of the five areas. The GAT is located at the CSF website, www.army.mil/csf. The results of the assessment direct an individualized training plan, which includes virtual training, classroom training and support from resilience experts.

It is a long-term program, meant to help every member of our community succeed in his or her job and grow personally.

Another resource that helps Soldiers, Civilians and Family members build their resiliency are the Army Wellness Centers. Like the CSF, the Wellness Centers are focused on prevention. They are focused on helping individuals identify their problem areas and make positive changes for their health and well-being. Wellness Center programs include metabolic

and fitness testing, nutrition education, weight management, stress management, and tobacco cessation.

One challenge for the Army is to make sure that every member of the Army community, including National Guard and Reserve Soldiers, and Family members who are not located near an installation, have access to the resources they need to build resiliency. Every member needs to know what

support exists for them and where they can access it. We have plenty of great programs and services, such as the CSF program and Army Wellness Centers, but we need to make sure we are effective and efficient in delivering them to the Army Community members who can use them.

In the spring I will be joining senior commanders and other Army leaders at Fort Hood to discuss the importance of resiliency and the different ways we are

approaching the issue. We are meeting there to take a look at a bricks-and-mortar model, the Fort Hood Resiliency Campus. The Resiliency Campus is a one-stop shop where Soldiers, Civilians and Families can go to strengthen their mind, body and spirit. Composed of several buildings located next to each other, the campus offers a comprehensive array of services and programs, including spiritual and physical fitness programs, personal financial assistance, culinary classes, individual and family counseling, Warrior Adventure Quest, and Family

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Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, far left, called for a second moment of silence and encouraged listeners to consider the sacrifices of not only American troops, but their Families during the Veteran's Day ceremony at Memorial Park in Aberdeen Nov. 11. Ortiz is joined by, from left, Dave Johnson, master of ceremonies, American Legion Post 128; Sandra Landbeck, Aberdeen City council member; Maryland delegate B. Daniel Riley; and Shirley Miller, Unit 128 chaplain. The American Legion Bernard L. Tobin Post 128, Aberdeen Memorial Veterans of Wars Post 10028, the Fitzgerald-Moore Catholic War Veterans Post 1841, and Korean War Veterans Chapter 271 sponsored the event. The ceremony included music by the Aberdeen High School Band, a memorial salute and the playing of Taps by the Post 128 honor guard and bugler. Riley and Joe Rachuba, ceremony host commander and American Legion Northern District Commander also made spoke during the event.

HCC

From front page

Health Command at APG and also an HCC student. He expressed gratitude for opportunities to become a better Soldier by furthering his education.

Hendri said HCC's flexible scheduling allows him to take classes online, at its APG facility and at the college campus. More than 550 active duty, guard and reserve, veterans and military family members attend the school, which has supported APG Soldiers and their families for 55 years.

"None of this would be possible if the military did not encourage self-improvement or support service members who want to attend college," Hendri said. "I can say from personal experience that an educated Soldier is a more proficient and capable Soldier."

"Completing college courses provides me with a sense of accomplishment, provides intellectual challenge and expands a student's knowledge base."

Greene told the audience that APG is the Army's new hub for research,

development and engineering. Civilians can also serve America by developing the best technology and equipment for troops.

"There is a tremendous transformation going on at Aberdeen Proving Ground. You can serve in uniform," Greene said. "You can serve as a government civilian or contractor developing the tactics, techniques, procedures, and equipment that will allow our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen to succeed on the battlefield and defend this wonderful country."





FROM THE GARRISON



By
COL. ORLANDO ORTIZ
Garrison Commander

We talk about growth and change so much here that APG has become synonymous with change, and rightly so.

In the last few years we have transferred about 3,000 BRAC positions; awarded more than \$1 billion in BRAC-related construction projects and almost \$400 million in other construction; completely changed the look of the first thing people see of APG, our gates; opened the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance campus; seen the growth of our Enhanced Use Lease areas; and much more.

It's natural that these very visible changes capture our attention, but it's important to know we are not rushing blindly into change. Fortunately, our community includes a lot of people who care deeply about APG. They don't just look at the obvious effects of proposed changes, but also the second- and third-order effects. Nobody can foresee every complication, but I believe we are doing an excellent job in a lot of areas.

Highlighting some of those areas is one of my goals with this column. Last week I addressed the need for balance that led to the sacrifice of one admittedly special tree. This week I would like to talk about another aspect of that balance.

We have many environmental success stories on APG, but none more important or close to my heart than the success of our eagle management program. The bald eagle is our national symbol and a beautiful bird. How this installation has nurtured its eagle population even as our mission has grown illustrates the attention and skill being applied to coping with change. It's also a story that shows organizations on post coordinating and cooperating. In that way, it is emblematic of many of the behind-the-scenes things we do as a garrison to keep APG working, and how we work with the garrison supported organizations.

APG has one of the largest bald eagle populations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. In fact, the nesting population on APG has increased from one known pair in 1977 to almost 40 pairs today. The Aberdeen Test Center's eagle expert, Joseph Ondek, tells me we have the potential for as many as 10 new nests right now. To achieve that success the installation has had to constantly balance its research, development, testing and evaluation mission and caring for its eagle population. The key to our success is partnership and communication. There are actually two kinds of communication going on, the high-tech kind and the people-to-people kind it takes to put data to use.

Our eagle management program uses



Photo by JOE ONDEK

state-of-the-art tracking devices that record the eagles' GPS location every hour and sends the data to researchers via satellite. That, along with traditional forms of monitoring, tells us where individual eagles fly around the installation, when they fly there, how long they stay, and so on. Knowing this allows us to see how mission activities impact the eagles' behavior patterns. We can then use that information to fine tune the management of eagles while keeping restrictions on mission activities to a minimum.

Making that happen requires communication between Garrison activities, Garrison Supported Organizations, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Talking to each other early and often makes sure that information gets out soon enough that we can get a head start on resolving any potential conflicts.

Our partners at ATC are on the front lines of this effort. ATC Commander Col. Jeffrey Holt can sum up the eagle management success with a chart that shows only two lines: one tracks the increase in mission activities at ATEC. It rises steadily, representing the increase in operational tempo over the last several years. The other line represents the eagle population. It rises right alongside the mission activities. Holt said those two lines illustrate our success.

"Any time you can have these kind of trends going up together, a testing mission supporting the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and the population of an endangered species, you're doing something right," he said.

What ATC has done right is to go beyond check-the-block environmental stewardship and make it a part of the

organizational culture. Holt explained it this way:

"The eagle population certainly imposes restrictions on what we do, and people will complain about that. But those same people get to know the eagles in the nests in their area and they develop a feel for what it takes to care for them."

The eagles have also met us half way. Ondek said the conditions created by the missions at APG – the noise,

the light, the heavy equipment – are what normal looks like to the eagles here. They have grown up with these missions.

It's not just the eagles, either. The whole ecosystem benefits. Ondek told a story this week about talking to someone who lived on what is now APG before the Army took it over. It wasn't forest full of animals, it was working farmland. It was a long walk between trees, and you couldn't hunt rabbit or deer because there were none. I don't have to tell you how the deer population has recovered, but you may not know about our thriving owl population, the ospreys and many more species.

That accommodation between mission and nature is made possible by a working-level group composed of Garrison and GSO representatives who meet regularly to discuss the intersection of the eagles and our operations. We also distribute maps of nests and roosts, hold awareness training, and consult with the USFWS to identify potential problems and what we can do about them.

We should keep the example of the eagle program in mind as the human population of APG steadily increases and we face new challenges. APG will be home to even more of the Army's smartest, most technical people. If we can all keep in mind that being smart includes communicating and working together, there is no challenge we can't soar over.

Community Notes

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 18 NATURE STORYTIME

Eden Mill Nature Center, located at 1617 Eden Mill Road, Pylesville, Md. offers Nature Storytime at 11 a.m. for all children. Join Eden Mill for a children's story and craft related to a theme about nature. Families are welcome to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the program. We request only donations toward the craft for this program. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 410-836-3050, email edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com or visit www.edenmill.org.

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 19 BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen High School Class of 2011 will sponsor Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rodgers Street, Aberdeen. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Food and drinks will be available. Bring a canned good or non-perishable food item for a bonus prize ticket. Tickets cost \$12 per person and \$5 per person for extra packs. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332 or email Marc.Manzo@hcps.org.

THE FINTON FORMULA FUN VISITING SCIENTIST SERIES

Come to the Center for exciting hands-on chemistry and environmental science fun, guided by guest scientists from the local community. Topic this month is Green Solutions Testing Lab. This program will be held 4:30 to 6 p.m. for ages 10 to 13 or 5th to 8th grade. The cost is \$3 and registration is required. For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

OWL PROWL

Seen the movie 'Legend of the Guardians'? Meet at Bosely Conservancy to see and hear the real thing and increase appreciation and understanding of these amazing night creatures. This program will be held 7 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 10 through adult. 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

NOVEMBER 20 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 sandwiches and light fare available. For more information, call 410-642-2771.

TURKEY'S INTROUBLE

Eden Mill Nature Center's Junior Naturalist program will offer "Turkey's in Trouble" for ages 6 to 9, 10 to 11:30 a.m. With Thanksgiving fast approaching, explore the life of a wild turkey and how it became the symbol of the season. For children only. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. Eden Mill Nature Center is located on 1617 Eden Mill Road, Pylesville, Md. For more information or to register, call 410-836-3050, email edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com or visit www.edenmill.org.

HEDGE BAND PERFORMS AT CHESAPEAKE ARTS CENTER

The Chesapeake Arts Center Traditional and Folk Music Concert Series presents the Hedge Band, 8 p.m., at the Studio 194 Theatre, located on 194 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn Park, Md. The Hedge Band plays Irish traditional music. Tickets cost \$15 per person; cost is \$12 for CAC members. For more information, call 410-636-6597 or visit www.chesapeakearts.org/events.html.

TRAIL TREK

Enjoy a splendid day hike along the fields and trails of Swan Harbor Farm. Bring a snack and water. Registrants will meet at the Agriculture Building parking lot at Swan Harbor. This free program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 10 through 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.

TREES AND TRACKS HIKE AT BOSELY

Discover which trees live in a bottomland hardwood swamp, and through track study learn the stories of animals that share that habitat. This program will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages

8 to 15. The cost is \$2 and registration is required.

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

RIVER'S EDGE WREATH

Troll along the shoreline for natural treasures to incorporate into a wreath that will be a reminder of special days on Otter Point Creek. This program will be held 2 to 4 p.m. for ages 10 through adult. The cost is \$8 per wreath. 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

NOVEMBER 21 HOLIDAY GIFT SALE AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Get a jump on holiday shopping for the nature lovers. Photo-related gifts in all price ranges will be available, as well as gift certificates for photography lessons and portrait sessions. The exhibit will feature the work of photographer Dave Gigliotti. View Dave's Website at www.shutterstock.com. This program will be held noon to 4 p.m. for all ages.

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

DREAM CATCHER

Listen to the legend while building a Native American Dream Catcher. This program will be held 2 to 3 p.m. for ages 6 to 12; ages 6 to 8 must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$4 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.

SUNDAY NIGHT SUNSET HIKE

On the night of the Full Beaver Moon, hike and watch for the simultaneous moonrise over the ridge as the sun sets over the water. Hot chocolate will be served in front of the fire following the hike. This program will be held 5 to 6:30 p.m. for all ages; ages 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$2 per person or \$8 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.

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 27 LENAPE TURKEY RATTLE

Create a ceremonial Turkey Rattle that was used by the Lenape Indians of

Delaware. This program will be held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult; ages 8 to 10 must be accompanied by an adult. 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.

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 28 SOCK HOP HIKE

During a hike through the Park meadows, explore plants' abilities to disperse seeds. Return to the Center to sample some tasty seeds as a reward. This program will be held 1 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult; ages 8 to 10 must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$2 per person. Registration is required.

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TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 30 BEGIN TRAINING FOR THE AMERICAN ODYSSEY RELAY

The American Odyssey Relay is a 200-mile running competition in which teams of 12 run from Gettysburg, Pa. to Washington, D.C. The historic course takes competitors through Civil War landmarks, scenic country roads and past D.C. monuments. Relay dates are April 29 to 30. Fees are \$1,200 per team until Dec 31; fees will be \$1,320 after. A portion of the profits from all race registrations will be donated to Hope For The Warriors®, which also plans to enter teams in the relay to compete and raise funds. For more information about Hope For The Warriors® please visit www.hopeforthewarriors.org.

For more information about the relay please visit www.AmericanOdysseyRelay.com.

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 2 GREENING YOUR HOLIDAYS

Curious about the greening trend but wonder what to do to green the home for the holidays? Learn how to green the holidays and save some green at the same time. This program will be held 7 to 8 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. The cost is \$2 per person or \$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.

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

Chapel News

Spiritual Mission

APG's Catholic Ministry has invited Fr. Simeon Gallagher to present a series of topics, open to all.

Schedule

Monday, Nov. 22 Main Post Chapel (AA) (Call first for child care)

- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Stories of Escape: Freedom from Self, Luke 7:36-50

- 6:30 to 8 p.m. - Escape from False Values & Religious Adolescence, Luke 14:28-33

Tuesday, Nov. 23

- 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or Counseling - Main Post Chapel (AA)

- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Ecumenical Prayer Luncheon - Dining Facility, building 4503 (AA)

- Building Better Relationships: Graces

for Growth - 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

- 2:30 to 4 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or Counseling - EA Chapel

- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Catered Chinese Dinner - EA Chapel (bring side dish or dessert)

- 6:45 to 8 p.m. - Love Stories: The Freedom only Christ Can Give - John 4:4-42

Fr. Simeon has a diverse and impressive background. He conducts retreats, parish development programs, parish missions, and religious education workshops. His ministry has taken him to Central America, Europe, Asia and Australia. He has worked with the U.S. Armed Forces at various military bases throughout the world. Fr. Simeon is an engaging and gifted speaker.

For more information call Gerri Merkel, 410-278-2517.

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, e-mail carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

April Avina	Cathleen Holmes	Lena Shelton
Shanelle Bell	Debra Ingram	Philip Sibley
Keri Bittner	Kari Jackson	Betty Spurlin
Debra Bonsall	Larry Maines	Rachel Swearingen
Georgia Braun	Jocelyn Miller-Harris	Earl Taylor
Alena Calm	Ulrike Neyens	Linda Terzigni
Meg Downey	Marie D. Nowak	Joya Tucker
Chris Edwards	Stephanie Parrett	Luis Villafane
Wayne Erb	Michele Reamey	Christina Weber
Thomas Garrett	Pedro Rodriguez	Roy Weismiller
Holly Geppi	Marjorie Schroeder	Emily Whaley
Ronald Hinkle	Gary Scott	Fletcher "Chip" Williams
Walter Holland	Paul Shelley	Victoria Yates-Sparks

POST SHORTS

classes Thursdays, Nov. 18 and Dec. 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the ACS Center, building 2503, Highpoint Road. Call 410-278-7478 for more information and to register.

Construction prompts traffic alerts APG for motorists

■ Beginning on or about Nov. 15, the outbound shoulder of Aberdeen Boulevard will be closed between Swan Creek Drive and Bel Air Street for construction at the Army Test and Evaluation Command headquarters building. The shoulder will remain closed until the end of the year. Please use caution in the area.

■ On Friday, November 19, DIXIE contractors will install detour signs along Hoadley Road and divert traffic onto Blackhawk Road to install underground steam piping. Concrete barricades will be placed across Hoadley at the intersection of Webster Road to prevent through traffic. This detour will be in effect for about three days.

Proposed detour routes for traffic are:

Hoadley Road South Bound Traffic:

Left on Blackhawk Road

Right on Fleming Road

Left or Right back onto Hoadley Road

Hoadley Road North Bound Traffic:

Right on Fleming Road

Left on Blackhawk Road

Right or Left back onto Hoadley Road

For more information, call 410-306-1129.

■ Temporary roads closures and traffic rerouting will take place due to ongoing construction associated with Bldg. E5236's Canal Creek Groundwater Treatment Plant.

The road closures, expected to begin Friday, Nov. 19, and last through December, include:

- a portion of 14th Street south of Fleming Road
- a section of an unnamed loop road north of Bldg. E5236, and
- the visitor parking lot associated with Bldg. E5233, directly north of Bldg. E5236.

For more information, call DPW's Jeff Aichroth at 410-306-1735.

CFC nears 2010 goal, still accepting donations

The Aberdeen Proving Ground 2010 Combined Federal Campaign is approaching the halfway point in reaching our 2010 goal of \$485,000.

The overall theme for this year's campaign is "Together we will make a difference."

2010 Combined Federal Campaign Online pledging system, NEXUS, is currently open and accepting online donations. Visit the APG website at www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/ and scroll down to the CFC Thermometer to access the online system and online silent auction.

Federal employees can make donations by check, cash, or payroll deduction. The Chesapeake Bay Area CFC Online Pledge System will be open 24 hours, 7 days a week to all civilian and Military personnel. Temporary personnel, retirees, reserves, and contractors are permitted to donate to the CFC by cash or check only.

The 2010 CBA CFC Giving Guide can be found by going to cbacfc.org. Once there, click on "Donors," and then "Giving Guide," and then "Download PDF of the 2010 Giving Guide."

Donors have the option to contribute to more than 3,000 charities through the CBA CFC. The 2010 CFC Giving Guide is also available in hard copy. Donors can contact their unit's CFC coordinator for more information. For more information about the 2010 APG CFC campaign, visit the APG CFC office, Bldg. 4313, or call 410-278-9913/9915/9916.

Spouses Club seeking fave recipes for new cookbook

The Military and Civilian Spouse Club is looking for recipes to include Family favorites, entertaining delights, holiday specials, and more for a new MCSC cookbook. It has been almost 10 years since the last cookbook.

Anyone affiliated with APG or in the local community can turn in their favorite recipes. Pre-orders are being accepted now. Save \$2.50 per book by ordering now. Cookbooks will have a padded cover with artwork done by a local military Family member.

Cookbooks will be in a 3-ring binder with stand and include 300 to 400 recipes. The MCSC Cookbook with stand costs \$15 each or \$25 each with a CD. Don't miss out.

Submit recipes and pre-order a book now. Simply mail recipes to APG MCSC Cookbook, PO Box 52, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005. Delivery date is April 2011.

For more information, call Annie Brock, 443-686-1484 or e-mail president@apgmcs.org.

NAF Open Season begins

All enrollment options will be available during Open Season to Regular Full-time and Part-time employees with the exception of Long Term Care which will be available only with Evidence of Insurability.

Health plan participants must enroll their dependent children, age 19-26 who were previously enrolled but aged out of coverage at 19, dependents who were never enrolled because they were over 18, and dependents age 19-26 who were covered as a full-time student.

If you have dependents ages 19-26 failure to update your records during Open Season will result in these children not being eligible for coverage until the next Open Season.

FSA's also require yearly election.

Since employees will need a variety of information and/or documents, they should contact NAF Human Resources Office, 410-278-5127/8992/8994 to arrange an appointment as soon as possible if they wish to add dependents and/or update their records.

Changes requiring Open Season eligibility will be effective 1 Jan 2011 provided the employee is actively at work.

Call ACS to sponsor military Family for the holidays

With the holiday season fast approaching, the nation is still facing its greatest economic challenge since the great depression while still fighting the War on Terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground community is constantly reminded of the great sacrifice of the men and women in the U.S. armed forces. During these difficult and stressful times, some military Families are experiencing financial hardship and require additional assistance.

Army Community Service works closely with these military Families providing supportive services throughout the year. To make this holiday season a little bit brighter for some of these Families, Army Community Services is hosting the Holiday Sponsor program. Individuals, groups, and/or agencies desiring to sponsor a military Family can contact Arcelio V. Alleyne, ACS Financial Readiness Program Manager, 410.278.2450, fax 410.278.9685, or e-mail arcelio.alleyne@us.army.mil.

Thanksgiving Day meal set at Aberdeen DFAC Nov. 25.

The Thanksgiving Day Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facility, Bldg. 4503 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E4225, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday Nov. 25.

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

The holiday meal rate of \$7 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and Family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilians, retirees and their guests.

The holiday discount meal rate of \$5.95 applies to spouses and other Family members of enlisted personnel in the ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu includes hearty turkey and wild rice soup, shrimp cocktail, roast turkey with gravy, baked ham with raisin sauce, carved to order beef top round, cornbread dressing, savory bread dressing, mashed potatoes, candied yams, steamed broccoli, buttered corn, green beans almondine, assorted salad bar, fruit salad, cucumber salad, Waldorf salad, cranberry sauce, assorted breads, buttered hot rolls, bread sticks, assorted traditional pies, assorted fresh fruits, hard candies and mixed nuts, soft serve ice cream with assorted toppings, egg nog and assorted beverages. Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

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

CPR, defibrillator classes offered monthly

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

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

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Dec. 15. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

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

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



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Military Family Appreciation Month Programs

As part of Military Family Appreciation Month, Army Community Service will host several programs in November.

Marital Strategies Part I and II

Two Family/Victim Advocacy Programs, lunch box training, will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at ACS building 2503 High Point Road. Marital Strategies Part II will be held Nov. 19.

For more information, call Aida Rivera, 410-278-7572/7572.

Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk

Run off a few pounds before Thanksgiving Day – The Turkey Trot Fun Run will be held 3 p.m., Nov. 18 at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E4140. Entry fees cost \$20 on race day. Race day registration will open 1:30 p.m. T-shirts will be provided to all paid entries. This event is open to the public. For more information, email apgr-usag-mwr-sports@conus.army.mil.

Free dinner and a movie

Celebrate Military Family Month with Army Community Service. ACS will present a free dinner and a movie, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Nov. 18, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. "Toy Story 3" will be shown.

This is a free ticketed event. Pick up tickets 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through

Friday, at the Aberdeen Area ACS, building 2754. This event is open to all service members, Family members and civilians.

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

Scrapbooking crop Nov. 20

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a Scrapbooking Crop for seasonal scrapbookers or anyone who has always wanted to try it. "Crop Till You Drop" will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Cost of the event is \$25 per person and includes lunch and door prizes. Vendors will have items for sale and optional classes will be offered.

For more information, call Patti Harkins at 410-436-4467 or email patti.harkins@us.army.mil

Holiday Bazaar and Dickens Village

Enjoy shopping at the Holiday Bazaar and "Dickens Village," 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Be entertained by strolling carolers and enjoy the sites of Dickens Village. Vendors will be on hand selling crafts, gift and holiday items, to include homemade baked goods. Admission is Free. Vendor applications are currently being accepted. Stay-at-home moms and local organizations are welcome.

For more information, call

410-278-4011/4907.

Daily bus trips to Atlantic City now cost \$29

The cost of the daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino has increased to \$29 per person.

Only for ages 21 and over. The bus will leave Vitali's Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood 9 a.m. and return 9 p.m. Seating is limited and sells quickly. Seats must be purchased at least two weeks in advance.

For more information, contact MWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGRUS-AG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

2010 White House ornament sale

FMWR Leisure Travel Services is selling the latest White House ornaments for \$17, but supplies are limited. The 2010 White House Christmas Ornament is in honor of William McKinley's 25th presidency and celebrates the role of music in the traditions of the White House. Visit www.whitehousehistory.org/ for more information.

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

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.

Driver's Ed classes run through December

Driver's Education classes are scheduled Nov. 29 through Dec. 13. There are no classes on federal holidays. Classes will be held Monday thru Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. at The Ultimate Driving School, LLC, 13 North Parke Street, Aberdeen.

Classes include 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours behind the wheel instruction. The last day to register for the first class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9 and 18 years old. Open

to all DoD ID card holders. Driver's Ed costs \$335 per student. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Jazz Hip-Hop

Learn age-appropriate dances and hip-hop themed routines from popular movies and music including Miley Cyrus, High School Musical, Camp Rock, and more in a fun filled workshop that will have everyone up on their feet and feeling the groove. Cost of the dance class is \$45 per student

Dance classes will be held at Aberdeen Area Youth Services, building 2522 on Thursdays, through Nov. 18, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 9 and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for ages 10 to 11; or

Saturdays, through Nov. 13, 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 10 to 11.

Students must wear comfortable clothing and shoes they can move in. No jeans or denim.

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.

November bowling specials

- Early bird special: Bowl from 7 to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Anyone that bowls a turkey (three strikes in a row) will bowl that game for free.
- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl one game for \$.50 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, bowling costs \$2 per person per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.

- Each Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., children bowl for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.

New bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturdays cost \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on Sundays.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 8 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. Lunch delivery is available for all orders \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of Nov. 15

- Special #1: Crab cake sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$9.95.
- Special #2: Tuna salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

Week of Nov. 22

- Special #1: Open face hot roast beef sandwich with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.95.
- Special #2: Kielbasa and sauerkraut with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.50.

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



League of Dreams named Program of the Year

Story by
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APG News

Frank Kolarek's League of Dreams organization was named the Public Awareness Program of the Year during the 20th Annual Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities award ceremony.

The League of Dreams enables children and adults with physical or mental challenges, who are otherwise unable to participate in organized sports, the chance to play baseball and softball which culminates each season with a

League of Dreams All Star Game at Ripken Stadium.

Kolarek brought the organization to Aberdeen Proving Ground earlier this year after prompting by Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers president Spc. Carlos Rios. Rhoades attended the award ceremony at Kolarek's invitation.

Kolarek said the honor means a lot and the League of Dreams continues to grow and is moving in the right direction.

"To see new programs come to life, like the APG initiative this past summer,

and to receive recognition, means that we continue to move forward, serving and reaching more families and children," he said. "It's everybody contributing and doing their part; a true team effort."

He added, "It meant a great deal to me and all of us with the League of Dreams. It was very special" to have Command Sgt. Maj. Rhoades present for the ceremony.

"To have an association with all the award winners makes me realize we are on the same team helping everyone in our communities and that is very motivating," he said. "We hope to continue

to grow in APG, Aberdeen and Harford County.

"My vision is to have pockets of leagues throughout the state and in time regionally and nationally. In [2011] I like to think we can continue to expand, but the key is to have these programs develop a life of their own, provide the necessary resources for success and most importantly financial stability."

The Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks' Therapeutic Division nominated the League of Dreams for the award and has been a partner for seven years.



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

Safety key during demolition projects

From front page

coincides with BRAC directly."

"It takes a lot of coordination," he added, noting that coordination among several activities is essential for a safe and successful demolition.

The garrison's directorate of public works, the installation safety office and 20th Support Command's CBRNE Analytical and Remediation Activity were among the organizations participating in the demolition of Bldg. E5282, a weed-covered structure at the intersection of Hoadley and Noble roads, included.

Kerry Jones, CERA unexploded ordnance supervisor, said that more than 3,000 items were found during a below-

ground sweep of the area; 18 to 38 inches down, using a megalometer.

"It was a two-man job over four days," Jones said, noting that recovered items included canisters and cluster grenades.

Will Heaney, a project engineer from the Baltimore District USACE, said buildings like building like this are coming down "all over the country."

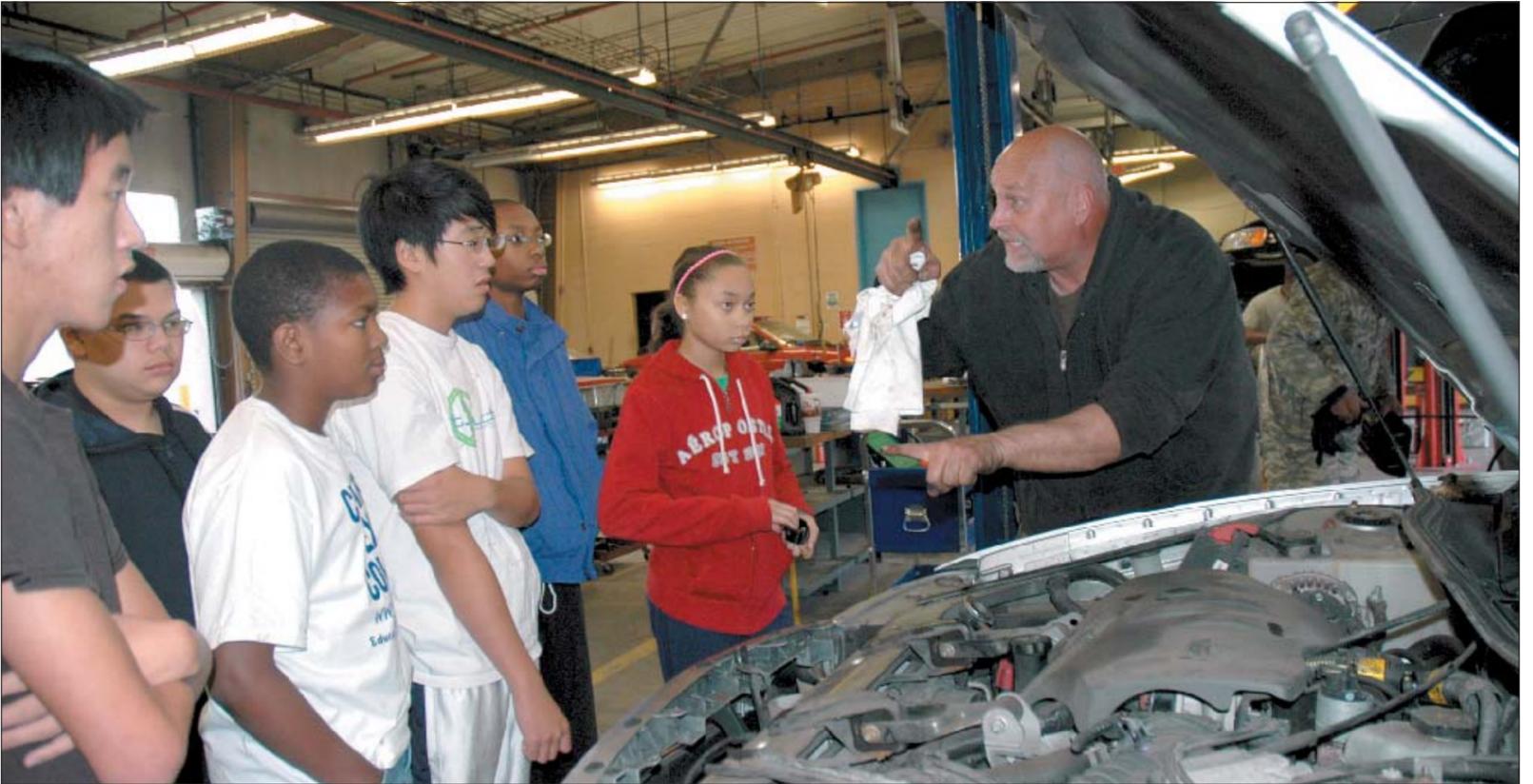
"Our role is to work with the contractors to ensure compliance with regulations and codes and to coordinate with the garrisons should problems pop up," Heaney said.

Bill Alcarese, acting director of the garrison ISO, said fundamental and spe-

cial measures applied to the project. According to Alcarese, the demolition process incurs hazards due to unknown factors such as deviation in the structure's design, building modifications that altered original design and unknown strengths or weakness of existing construction material.

"Marcor [the demolition contractor] takes the safest approach, that being the deliberate collapse of the structure," he said.

"They have taken into account the method to demolish and addressed worker and public safety issues, including potential airborne contaminants such as silica, asbestos and lead paint."



From left: Edward Sheu, 15, David Yip, 14, Malcom Whitehurst, 10, Peter Sheu, 13, Justin Stanley, 12, and Victoria Stanley, 11, listen to the instruction of Ronald Henn, a certified service technician for General Motors, during the EDGE! auto maintenance program held at Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Automotive Crafts, Bldg. 2379.

EDGE! exposes youth to wide world of sports, so much more

Story and photos by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

The EDGE! program, offered through Child, Youth and School Services, is allowing youths and teens to expand their horizons by trying out new interests and building skills after school.

EDGE! stands for Experience, Develop, Grow, and Excel and is open to students of service members, civilians, and contactors.

The EDGE! program is designed for youth and teens in grades 1 through 12 to learn new skills and discover new hobbies using Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and partner facilities.

The EDGE! program was established at Aberdeen Proving Ground last fall. Over the course of a year, APG teens and youths have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs, including dancing, cooking and culinary arts, bowling, kayaking, acting and archery.

"It is all about the children having fun and learning new activities," said Chuck Rose, FMWR Partnership Specialist with CYSS and the program lead.

Last month, APG youths and teens participated in paintball, golf and auto maintenance programs.

The auto maintenance program was at FMWR's Automotive Crafts, building 2379 on Fridays. Teens learned basic car maintenance skills like how to change a tire, change oil, jump start a car and more.

The program was taught by Ronald Hanna, a certified service technician for General Motors.

"I wanted to give (the teens) enough information about auto maintenance to empower them to make good decisions when they are older," Hanna said. "People usually make bad decisions when they do not have proper information."

Hanna said that hopefully the teens will have enough information to be able to take advantage of the Automotive Crafts, which is open to all DoD cardholders, when they are car owners.

"If you want to know more about car maintenance, there is plenty of information available for free on the internet and at the library," he said.

Edward Sheu, 15, who received his driver's permit in September, said that the auto maintenance class helped him prepare for the responsibility of car ownership.

"This class is so important for teens," said Pamela Sheu, Edward's mother. "It gives them information they need about how to maintain a car before they are driving on their own. Plus they probably learn more from someone besides their mom and dad trying to teach it to them."

During the paintball program, fifteen teens improved their teamwork and communication skills while having fun outdoors. The program was offered on Tuesday and Thursday at Robinhood Paintball in Havre de Grace, Md.

"The EDGE! paintball program is one of our most popular programs," Rose said. "It builds teamwork and trust because the teens have to work together to accomplish a task."

During the paintball classes the youths who participated learned different paintball techniques including safe-



Bryson Foye, 10, prepares to swing as Chuck Rose, EDGE! program lead, and Ruben Ferguson, head Professional Golfers' Association instructor at the Edgewood Area's Exton Golf Course, look on during the EDGE! golf program held at Ruggles Golf course last month.

ty practices.

"Paintball teaches you to use your ammo wisely," said Joseph Paramore, 12.

Damian Coombs, 12, said that he enjoyed the break in routine.

"This is my first time doing paintball, I think it is fun. It is something to do besides sit at home and watch television."

"I like that is fast pace," added Justin Duvall, 12.

On Wednesdays teens and youths participated in the EDGE! golf program held at Ruggles Golf Course. Ruben Ferguson, head professional at the Edgewood Area's Exton Golf Course and Dave Correll, head professional at Ruggles Golf Course, served as instructors for the EDGE! golf program.

Susan and Chris Byers, who accompanied their children, Emily, 12, Henry, 10, and John, 8, said that they appreciated that the program offered an activity that their whole Family enjoyed.

"I think it is great, what's not to like about it?" Susan said. "We are having fun and the whole Family is involved. I think that the two-hour program allows the children to get a lot of practice time in, so I think it is wonderful."

About EDGE!

EDGE! is a free program for youths and teens age 11-18. School-aged children, first through fifth grade, who are not regular users of CYS Services, will be charged a \$5 per hour fee. Five to 10 hours of free monthly SAS Open Recreation can be applied towards participation in EDGE! programs when available to this age group.

Parents and Families are invited to participate with their youth or teen during the last session of each program.

"This is all about getting youth and teens involved in something good and parents having fun with their kids," Rose said.

The EDGE! programs act as a precursor to other FMWR programs, like SKIES and CYSS sports.

"Youth can try out a package, and if they decide they like it, we can let them know of other programs offered through FMWR that will let them pursue their



Chase McCannon, 11, and Justin Duvall, 12, play a round of paintball during the EDGE! program held at Robinhood Paintball in Havre de Grace.

hobby," he said. Rose said that one of the goals of The EDGE! program is to involve youth and Families who are not currently using FMWR facilities.

"We want to encourage youth who are not currently enrolled in FMWR programs to see what we have to offer by participating in this program," he said. "Those who are already participating are encouraged to tell their friends

about our program. Sign your kids up for lots of fun in the EDGE! program throughout the year," Rose said. Look for announcements about EDGE! in the APG News and at www.apgmwr.com/family/youth_edge.html. To register, visit the CYSS Central Registration Office, Bldg. 2503 or contact Rose at 410-278-7933/34 or on email at chuck.rose1@us.army.mil.