

## Post Shorts

### Reduced holiday gate operations

The Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area will close 7 p.m. and the Wise Road Gate (Route 755) in the Edgewood Area will close 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 for the Labor Day holiday. Both gates will reopen 5 a.m., Tuesday Sept. 7.

The Maryland Boulevard Gate (Route 715) in the Aberdeen Area and the Route 24 Gate in the Edgewood Area will remain open 24 hours a day.

### Kirk closes for holiday

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic (KUSAHC) will be closed Sept. 3 for a Training Day and Sept. 6 for Labor Day.

Please plan accordingly to pick up prescriptions prior to Sept. 3.

For medical services needed after hours, weekends or federal holidays, please contact Staff Duty by calling 410-278-1725 or 443-807-0725. The Staff Duty Officer will coordinate your care with the Referral Management Office. To avoid Point of Service copayment charges, you will need an authorization and/or a referral to go to any urgency clinic. Emergency Rooms do not require a referral.

### 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Never forget... There will be a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10 at Fanshaw Field. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326.

### APG News and PAO moving

The APG Public Affairs Office, including the APG News staff, building 2201, are relocating to building 305, second floor, on or about Sept. 2.

For more information, call 410-278-1147/1153.

### Blood drives scheduled Sept. 2 and 30

The U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional), Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense and

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# White House team visits Aberdeen Proving Ground research facilities

RDECOM

Members of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy took part in a robust tour of Aberdeen Proving Ground and Research, Development and Engineering Command facilities Aug. 26.

Gary Martin, executive deputy to the commanding general, RDECOM, hosted the group as they gained a full understanding of the command's research and development capabilities, as well as the BRAC impact on the installation.

Agenda highlights include tours of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center facilities, Army Research Laboratory Rodman facilities and a BRAC fly-over tour.

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's chemical and biological facility gave the group a high-level view of the skilled workforce and cutting-edge facilities that enable the command to remain the nation's principal research and development center.

The facilities tour included



Photo by ROGER TEEL  
Research, Development and Engineering Command Deputy to the Commanding General Gary Martin (second from right) and Representatives from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy listen to a briefing from a pilot before flying over Aberdeen Proving Ground Aug. 26.

a stop at the Advanced Chemistry Laboratory, a facility that includes advanced toxic agent laboratories, environmental

chambers and secure work spaces for classified materials. Chemical agent operations in this building include analytical chemistry,

Chemical Weapons Convention treaty support, filtration, decontamination and evaluation of chemical agent detectors.



Sgt. Jangardy Ducheine and his wife Sgt. Kristina Ducheine practice communication techniques during the Strong Bonds Conference, a free marriage conference for active duty military and their spouses, held at the Harbortowne Resort and Conference Center located in St. Michaels, Md., Aug. 4 to 6.

## Strong Bonds conference focuses on building the Family

Story and photo by **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

Eighteen Aberdeen Proving Ground couples participated in a Strong Bonds conference at the Harbortowne Resort and Conference Center located in the picturesque waterfront town of St. Michaels, Md., Aug. 4 to 6.

The Strong Bonds conference is an Army wide conference for active duty military and their spouses.

The Strong Bonds conference is designed to help couples deal with communication issues and the stress of a modern-day military at war. The conference was paid for by the Chief of Chaplains office so that couples could attend the conference expense free (excluding transportation costs).

This is the third year that APG has participated in the Strong Bonds conference.

Chaplain (Maj.) Fred Townsend, APG chaplain resource manager and one of the conference presenters said that the Strong Bonds conference is a result of the Army's commitment to supporting Army Families.

"The United States Congress set aside millions for Strong Bonds Army wide to build the Family Army Strong," Townsend said. "They know that Army Strong equals strong Families, and one does not occur without the other."

On Wednesday afternoon Townsend and Aida Rivera, Army Community Service Family Advocacy program manager and fellow conference presenter, welcomed attendees to the conference. Pfc. Billy Pardue, a funds clerk for the installation chaplain's office was also present to assist the

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## FWP names top individuals, organizations

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women's Program named the 2010 outstanding woman of the year, supervisor/manager of the year and the activity most supportive of the organization's goals during the Women's Equality Day Observance and Awards Program at the Ball Conference Center Aug. 23.

Lori C. Remeto of the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Agency was named outstanding woman of the year. The Supervisor of the Year was Scott G. Schoeb, AMSAA. AMSAA was selected the Activity Most Supportive of FWP Goals. Accepting the award for AMSAA was Dr. Paul Dietz, technical director.

This occasion also celebrated the 90th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote.

Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, installation commander, and commander of Research, Development and Engineering Command, hosted the event. Two members of the Army Materiel Command Band, Spc. Natanael Asanabor and Sgt. Corrin Corbett provided music for the event.

Guests included Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG Garrison commander and guest speaker Michelina LaForgia, project director, Computer Hardware Enterprise Software and Solutions, or CHESS.

Ortiz welcomed attendees and thanked FWP

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**Lori C. Remeto**



**Scott G. Schoeb**

## TRAFFIC ALERT

### Boothby Hill single lane closures

There will be series of single lane closures along Boothby Hill Avenue to install water valves in support of BRAC. The work will conclude on or about Sept. 16. Work is subject to weather delays. Consider alternate routes to avoid the construction and use caution in the construction areas.

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

## Taking the Customer Service Assessment will benefit APG

PAIO

Courteous customer service is something that can quickly change an individual's opinion and can often be more important than other factors in determining the overall satisfaction level associated with their experience.

If you are dining out and experience a delay in getting your food but the waiter is friendly and informative and the food is decent you are likely to rate your experience more positively than if the waiter was rude, neglectful or did not explain the delay. The waiter's behavior is one aspect of service.

Having someone politely, patiently, and accurately explain the process to get your household goods shipped is another example of service. Headquarters U.S. Army Installation Management Command cares about service and is about to release an online survey that allows you, the customer, to rate the garrison's services. This annual survey is called the Customer Service Assessment.

The survey (CSA) will be open Monday, Aug. 30 through Sunday, Sept. 26 and can be accessed by going online to [www.mymilitaryvoice.org](http://www.mymilitaryvoice.org). Anyone who uses garrison services is eligible to take the survey.

That means we want to hear from Family members, Soldiers, civilians, retirees, contractors, leaders and anyone else who works, lives or plays on this military installation. You only need about 15 minutes to take the survey and provide HQ IMCOM and this garrison your feedback about the importance and performance of their services.

The results help shape the way services are funded and what improvements and changes will be made. Who better to help make those deci-

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# University of Delaware president tours ARL facilities

Story by  
**JENNIFER DOWNING**  
ARL

After entering into a formal partnership with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command in January, leadership from the University of Delaware assembled on July 26 to tour Army Research Laboratory facilities at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

University of Delaware President Dr. Patrick Harker, along with RDECOM representatives and ARL Director John Miller, met to discuss ideas on workforce development and how to further expand the Cooperative Research and Development Agreement.

According to Dr. Val Emery, outreach program manager, many ARL directorates at APG work very closely with the university, including the Weapons and Materials Research Directorate, the Survivability/Lethality Analysis Directorate and the Computational and Information Sciences Directorate. Recently the Vehicle Technology Directorate has also entered into a dialogue with the university.

As an element of RDECOM's mission to recruit, develop and retain a diverse and world class workforce, the Army hired a total of 23 University of Delaware students last year, either as full-time employees or through the Student Career Experience Program.

During the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) of 1995, we made a conscious effort to bridge the gap and incorporate University of Delaware students," said Miller. "Our relationship with 'U. Del.' goes back to that time frame."

During the lab tour, Delaware alumni demonstrated fiber interfaces and resin development, technology used for light-

weight and flexible armor. Dr. Eric Wetzel, of the Composite and Hybrid Materials Branch, and also a University of Delaware alumnus, spoke about the teamwork he has had with the university in the past and the quality students, personnel and skilled people that consistently work with ARL.

"In 2000, I worked with the University of Delaware as I continued research on shear thickening fluids," Wetzel said. "From basic research, public relations and the licensing end, 'U. Del.' was there to assist."

As APG continues to transform through BRAC actions, the university is looking for opportunities to work with the installation and improve the overall experience for the students.

"The partnership between the University of Delaware and Aberdeen Proving Ground is an exciting one," Harker noted. "We're honored to offer support to the U.S. warfighter, and we're eager to capitalize on the opportunities we see for significant growth in collaborative education and research."

Harker also remains impressed with ARL's facilities. "The campus at Aberdeen is transforming into a remarkable site," he said. "With these state-of-the-art research facilities and our combined expertise and assets, I know our collaboration will lead to big discoveries and groundbreaking technologies."

To complete the tour, Harker visited the Army's Material Center of Excellence in Composites, as well as the future site for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) technologies.



Photo by DOUG LAFON  
Dr. Patrick Harker, University of Delaware president, left, accompanied by Dr. David S. Weir, director, Office of Economic Innovation and Partnerships, gets a first-hand account of the advances ARL has made in fiber interfaces and resin development.

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# Are You READY? - September is National Preparedness Month

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After Sept. 11, 2001, the Department of Homeland Security established a national emergency preparedness campaign called "Ready."

In September 2004, "Ready" sponsored the first National Preparedness Month to focus organizations, businesses and Families on proactive efforts to prepare for manmade and natural hazards including severe weather, public health crisis and acts of terrorism. Hurricane Katrina, in 2005, further emphasized the need for an alert and empowered public.

This is the first of a four-part series on preparedness tailored for the Army community. The series will include information from installation, local, state, regional and national agencies and guidance on everything from handling stress to taking care of Family pets during and after emergencies. The series concludes with iWatch Army, the community program and reporting system to help neighborhoods stay safe from terrorist activities and introduces readers to Rick De Oliveira, installation antiterrorism officer and the Garrison Emergency Operations Center.

## Ready Army

To support the highest state of readiness within Army communities, the Department of the Army instituted Ready Army, a program that brings together emergency management, law enforcement, Family support groups, chaplains, schools, medical personnel and others within the local community to promote emergency preparedness. The intent of Ready Army is to overcome the traditional barriers that prevent people from taking steps to prepare (including complacency, denial, fear, and the belief that the government will take care of the population), and motivate behavior change, empowering Army Families to make decisions that will better ensure their safety and resilience in emergency situations.

Through outreach and education, Ready Army calls Army communities to action and aims to create a culture of preparedness that will save lives and strengthen the nation.

## Prepare strong

A wide range of natural and manmade hazards can affect a community and emergencies often leave little time to react.

When emergencies occur, military and civilian



organizations respond in time, but it takes time to mobilize and they focus on the most critical needs first.

Ready Army acknowledges that emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility and provides the tools and checklists to help individuals and Families become prepared and ready.

The Three steps to Ready Army preparedness are: Get a Kit, Make a Plan, and Be Informed.

## Get a Kit

Assemble an emergency kit that includes enough supplies to meet your Family's essential needs for at least three days. Consider the basics of survival and the unique needs of your Family, including your pets. You may want to assemble emergency supply kits for the home, car and workplace. At a minimum, emergency kits must include water, food, first aid supplies, medicines and important documents.

### Recommended basic emergency kit

- Water – at least one gallon per person per day for at least three days
- Food – nonperishable food for at least three days. Select items that require no preparation, refrigeration or cooking, such as ready-to-eat canned meat, vegetables or fruit and high-energy foods.
- Infant formula and diapers for young children
- Food, water, medication, leash, travel case and documents for pets
- Manual can opener, preferably a multi-use tool

- Hand-crank or battery-powered flashlight; All-Hazards/NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) radio; and cell phone

### Extra batteries

- First aid kit
- N95 or N100-rated dust masks
- Prescriptions and medications
- Eye glasses or contact lenses
- Sanitation supplies such as moist towelettes, disinfectant and garbage bags
- Important documents including wills, medical and financial powers of attorney, property documents, medical instructions, insurance policies and military service records
- Family emergency plan and command reporting information
- Emergency preparedness handbook and local maps

### Other useful items include:

- Fire extinguisher
- Any tools needed to turn off utilities
- Matches or flint in a waterproof container
- Reusable plates, cups, utensils, saucepan and paper towels
- Brightly colored plastic poncho
- Weather-appropriate clothes and changes of clothes, for each person
- Sleeping bags or other weather-appropriate bedding for each person
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles, toys and other activities for children
- Items specific to each Family member, addressing special needs and pets

### Those living overseas may need

- Passports
  - Cash in local currency
  - Electrical current converter
  - International driver's license
  - Card with local translations of basic terms
  - Birth abroad certificate for children born overseas
- Every member of a Family should know the location of emergency supply kits and be able to access them easily. Kits should be evaluated regularly and updated periodically to refresh items such as water, food, medicines and batteries.

For more information, visit the Ready Army Web site at [www.readyarmy.mil](http://www.readyarmy.mil)

Visit the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency Web site at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for more suggestions on emergency supply lists through its Ready America campaign.

Learn how to 'Make a Plan' in next week's *APG News*.

# Community Notes

## THURSDAY

### SEPTEMBER 2 DAY ON THE BAY

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Day on the Bay, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Enjoy the day sailing to Charlestown, bird watching, sightseeing, two area lighthouses, then lunch at the Wellwood Club and return. Tickets cost \$55 for adults, \$28 for children ages 10 and under. Credit cards will be accepted. Reservations are required. For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

## TUESDAY

### SEPTEMBER 7 GUNPOWDER TOASTMASTERS

The Gunpowder Toastmasters will meet 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m., in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility in building E-4516 Seminar Room. Going on a job interview? Giving a presentation? Toastmasters can assist. Toastmasters will help individuals

- Develop better speaking and presentation skills
- Learn to think quickly and clearly

- Build strong leadership abilities
- Hone listening skills

Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere.

The Gunpowder Toastmasters meet the first and third Mondays each month (unless the date falls on a federal holiday), 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m., in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility in building E4516 Seminar Room. Click on <http://gunpowder.freetoasthost.info> for directions or contact Heather McDowell at 410-436-7816 for more information.

## FRIDAY

### SEPTEMBER 10 MARGARITAVILLE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Conservancy, Inc. will offer a margaritaville Cruise, 7 to 9 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older). Set sail with island tunes, soda, beer, chips, pretzels, nuts and margaritas. Credit cards will be accepted.

For more information or for reservations, call 410-939-4078.

### LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a narrated lighthouse

cruise, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis in Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$17 for children ages 10 and under. Reservations are required. Cost includes a three-hour cruise enjoying water views of three area lighthouses: Concord Point, Turkey Point and Fishing Battery Island. A box lunch is also included. For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

## SATURDAY

### SEPTEMBER 11 NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS

The Harford Ballet Company is holding auditions for The Nutcracker from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Dance Conservatory of Maryland campus at 701 Whitaker Mill Road, Joppa, Md. Auditions are open to dancers from any dance school ages 6 to 12 who are enrolled in at least one ballet class per week. Dancers and parents should arrive at 4 p.m. for registration. There is no audition fee.

Dancers will have weekly rehearsals with knowledgeable instructors, and will have the opportunity to share the stage with guest professional dancers from the New York City Ballet. For

more information call 410-877-0777.

### HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

The American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will hold a Horseshoe Tournament 1 p.m.; registration begins at noon. Men and women can participate. This event is open to the public. Entry fee costs \$25 per person and includes free draft beer. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, call Gordon, 410-322-7168

### BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Harford County Crime Solvers will be held at the Bel Air Armory, 37 North Main Street, Bel Air. Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 each; extra packets cost \$5 each. Cost includes 20 Bingo games (all paper cards). Bring a non-perishable food item for a chance on a special drawing. Needed items include peanut butter, jellies, stews, chili, chunky soups, pancake mixes and syrups. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. This is a non-smoking event.

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

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Edgewood Chemical Biological Center will sponsor an Armed Services Blood Program blood drive with a siesta theme 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Edgewood Area's Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, building E4516 Sept. 2.

Listen to great Spanish music, enjoy snacks and earn fiesta-themed thank-you gifts while donating the gift of life.

Visit the Web site for a variety of appointment times.

To sign up, go to <https://www.militarylifeforce.com/>.

The APG Garrison will sponsor an ASBP blood drive noon to 4 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. For more information, contact HHC USAG at [IMNEAPGHH@Conus.army.mil](mailto:IMNEAPGHH@Conus.army.mil) or call 410-278-3000.

### LULAC/ROTC'S National Hispanic Heritage Month

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and the ROTC's recruitment campaign will sponsor a National Hispanic Heritage Month Cultural Event, Friday, Sept., 7 p.m. to midnight at Top of the Bay. Tickets cost

\$20 donation per person. Military personnel are free with ID. Cost includes music, dancing, appetizers, cash bar and door prizes. The U.S. Army Latin Band will provide entertainment. Make checks payable to LULAC P.O. Box 623, APG, MD 21005-0623. RSVP by Sept. 10.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Rose Satz, 732-580-0766 or email [lulacmaryland@gmail.com](mailto:lulacmaryland@gmail.com).

### EMS Awareness Training Sept. 13

Garrison DPW Environmental Division will host Environmental Management System Training, 10 to 10:30 a.m., Sept. 13 in building E5771.

For more information, call Barbara Seker, 410-436-9239 or e-mail [barbara.seker@us.army.mil](mailto:barbara.seker@us.army.mil).

### CPR, AED classes available

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

Two classes will be held 9 a.m. to

noon and 1 to 4 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month.

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

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

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

### Well-Being name changes to Community Action Council

The monthly Well-Being Action Council name has changed to the APG Community Action Council, effective immediately. Meeting locations alternate between the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas' chapels. Upcoming APG Community Action Council meetings will be held 9:30 a.m. Sept. 15 in the Aberdeen Area Chapel fellowship hall and Oct. 20 in the Edgewood Area chapel.

In keeping with the Army Family and Community covenants, the purpose of the APG Community Action Council is

to familiarize members of the community with the core organizations that operate the installation; disseminate information; address questions, issues or complaints; and ensure community members are receiving needed services. The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison urges all active duty service members, government civilians, contractors, retirees and Family members to either attend or send representatives to these informative meetings.

### CIF relocates to Edgewood Area

The Central Issue Facility, operated by the Directorate of Logistics, has relocated to building E5707 on Magnolia Road in the Edgewood Area. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday. Customers must call in advance for an appointment, 410-436-2146 or e-mail: [apgr-usag-cif-CentrallIssueFacility@conus.army.mil](mailto:apgr-usag-cif-CentrallIssueFacility@conus.army.mil).

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# AAFES NEWS

## AAFES to reward military pets with \$1,500 in shopping sprees and prizes

AAFES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is “throwing a bone” to military pets and their owners in the “Patriot Pet Just Say ‘Treat’” photo contest.

Through Sept. 30, authorized exchange shoppers can submit a photo of their pet along with a short description of their four-legged friend.

“Based on the success of our last pet photo contest, with more than 800 entries received, it’s apparent that pets play a huge role in the lives of military families,” said AAFES’ Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Jeffry Helm. “I expect this competition to be even more ‘dog eat dog’ than the last.”

Submissions will be judged on creativity, uniqueness, quality and effectiveness in conveying the loyalty and

companionship of pets belonging to military members.

The grand prize winner will “fetch” a \$1,000 AAFES shopping spree. Additional prizes include a \$500 shopping spree for first place and eight runners up will receive either an aquarium, pet bed, pet’s view eye cam, pet gate or a portable pet crate.

To participate in the Patriot Pet contest, military shoppers can send entries to PatriotFamily@aafes.com with “Patriot Family Pet” in the subject line. Entries must include name, address, phone number, rank/occupation and pet’s information (name, breed or type of pet) as well as a brief description. Additional details are available at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).

## Superhero trio join forces in latest free comic and coloring books

AAFES

Three of Marvel Comics’ most popular superheroes, Iron Man, Captain American and Thor, battle Ultron, Jugernaut and Fin Fang Foom in the latest free military-only “New Avengers” comic book to come to the APG PX.

Titled “Hero Exchange,” the new Army and Air Force Exchange Service/Marvel comic finds the superheroes arriving just in time to take down two of their enemies, but Thor is injured and Iron Man’s armor is severely damaged. Word then arrives that Fin Fang Foom is attacking 400 miles away.

With the superheroes in no condition to fly, the Army offers to fly them to battle. Along the way, two Army Privates give the three healing heroes a brief history lesson on how AAFES has served the military for the past 115 years.



“By featuring three of Marvel Comics’ leading men, this comic book is sure to be a ‘must have’ for Soldiers at APG,” said the PX’s manager, Debbie Armendariz. “The previous issues have proven to be collector’s items and I anticipate this one will be just as popular.”

In addition to the comic, a free coloring book featuring the superhero trio is also available at the PX.

“Hero Exchange” is the ninth installment in the AAFES/Marvel military-only comic book series that began in April 2005.

## FWP

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members for their continuing efforts and the APG workforce for their support of FWP programs.

“We want to be known as a nation that respects and appreciates effort across the board,” Ortiz said.

During Justice’s remarks he said that the United States Army provides great opportunities for all people.

Justice said that his commanding general, Gen. Ann Dunwoody, commanding general of U.S. Army Materiel Command, is the first woman in U.S. military and uniformed service history to achieve a four-star officer grade.

“Where else in our nation than the United States Army can you expect so much opportunity?” Justice said. “In my mind the word equality is about opportunity and the access to it. This is a great Army that provides people with opportunities. Our community is especially vibrant with opportunity for people.”

Justice said that there is a critical shortage of scientists and engineers in the United States and APG is also in need of people to fill these positions.

“This shortage creates career opportu-

nities,” Justice said.

During LaForgia’s remarks she spoke about writing women back into history.

“I believe, somewhat of an historic relic myself by virtue of my longevity at Fort Monmouth,” she said. “I am now the longest serving female GS-15 at Fort Monmouth.”

LaForgia said that Army Team Command and Control, Communications, Computing, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance has come a long way since she was promoted to GS-15 in 1998.

“This year, Team C4ISR was privileged to welcome the Army’s first female Program Executive Officer, Brig. Gen. Lee Price, and its second female Senior Executive Service Chief Counsel,” LaForgia said. “Women at Fort Monmouth and Team C4ISR have certainly come a long way in just 12 years. And our nation has come a very long way in the 90 years since women won the right to vote, and now both major political parties include women on the national ticket.”

LaForgia said that it is important to remember and commemorate the work of the suffragettes who fought for the right to vote for women.

“All of us women, and men, here today are the beneficiaries of nearly 100 years of dedication and perseverance by wom-

en known as suffragettes, from before the Civil War until 1920, when they succeeded in obtaining the right to vote for women,” LaForgia said. “In an ironic nod to our relationship with the military, it was women’s work on behalf of the World War I war effort that finally proved that women were just as patriotic and deserving of the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship as their male counterparts.”

LaForgia said that federally employed women are fortunate to work in an environment that enforces equal opportunity in the workplace, particularly in the Army where there is zero tolerance for any form of discrimination.

“One reason is that the first and only right that the Constitution specifically affirms as equal for women and men, even today, is the right to vote,” LaForgia said. “So today, as we celebrate 90 years since passage of the 19th Amendment, I ask you not to forget that the way things are for you today are descended from women who came before you.”

### FEW scholarship

The annual Dottie Dorman Working Women’s Scholarship was presented by Melissa Smith, president of the Maryland Tri-County Chapter of Federally Employed Women. Smith presented the \$300 check to Shariese Demby, a training coordinator for the Chemical Materials Agency. Demby is in her last semester at Harford Community College.

Smith said FEW is a non-profit program that falls under ‘special interest programs,’ and is an organization with a focus on helping women advance in government service well into the 21st century and beyond. The organization is open to women and men.

The chapter covers Harford, Cecil and Baltimore counties,” she added. For more information about FEW, contact Smith, 410-642-2411.

### FWP 2009 nominees

Nominees for Woman of the Year were Capt. Malika Johnson, Army Environmental Command, Judy Weintraub, Department of Public Works, Lori C. Remeto, AMSAA, Mary L. Doak,

ECBC, and Donna Doganiero, Public Health Command.

Supervisor/Manager of the Year nominees included Capt. Gleeson Murphy, Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, Pamela B. Fraiser, Civilian Human Resources Agency, and Ahmet M. Topher, CHRA.

### Women of the Year

Remeto was awarded for her ongoing efforts to support the goals of FWP. Remeto serves as a mentor to several women in her organization and provides career counseling as well as promoting professional growth opportunities.

“I am extremely honored to receive this award,” she said. “I am proud of AMSAA as an organization supportive of FWP.”

### Supervisor of the Year

Schoeb was awarded for his extraordinary support of equal opportunities and professional growth for federal women.

He has served as a mentor to numerous female engineers and analysts, both within and outside of his branch. He has provided leadership and opportunities for women in the workplace.

Schoeb said that his grandmother, mother and wife have served as great examples of women in the workplace.

“For me, it is natural for women to be in the workplace,” he said.

Schoeb thanked the women in his organization for excelling in their jobs.

“I just give them an opportunity to do a great job,” he said.

### Organization of the Year

AMSSA is recognized for its commitment to FWP goals. In the past year, AMSAA recognized many of its female employees through their selection of key development assignments. AMSAA continues to be a leader in offering long-term training, encouraging mentoring, and furthering formal education.

Dietz said that his organization was honored to receive this award, which promotes equality in the workplace.

“In my career I have seen a tremendous growth in the scope of roles that women hold in this organization,” Dietz said.

## Assessment

From front page

sions than the people who use those services? Your voice is important! The survey allows IMCOM to analyze the voice of the customer by constituent groups, by garrison, by region and to identify trends and be proactive

in adjusting services to meet customers’ needs. Help us improve Aberdeen Proving Ground’s services by giving us your feedback. Take the Customer Service Assessment online beginning Monday, 30 August!

For more information on the 2010 Customer Service Assessment, contact Tom Johnson at 410-278-6456 or via email at [Thomas.g.johnson1@us.army.mil](mailto:Thomas.g.johnson1@us.army.mil). Let your voice be heard!

# 2010 CFC begins at APG

CFC Office

Aberdeen Proving Ground will conduct the 2010 Combined Federal Campaign from Sept. 1 through Dec. 15 in hopes to exceed \$485,000 in donations from over 1653 donors.

Last year APG raised \$518,776. The average donation for 2009 was \$313.84. The overall goal for Chesapeake Bay Area CFC (CBA CFC) increases to \$6.5 million for the 2010 campaign. The theme for this year's campaign is "Together We Will Make a Difference."

Federal employees can make donations by check, cash, or payroll deduction. CBA CFC Online Pledge System will be open 24 hours 7 days a week to all civilian and military personnel starting at the beginning of September. Temporary personnel, retirees, reserves, and contractors are permitted to donate to CFC by cash or check only.

Although key workers cannot solicit contractor employees working at APG, contractors are permitted to contribute to the CFC by cash or check. Individuals outside the installation may also donate contributions.

Donor recognition levels for this year are, Bronze (\$100 to \$999 – water bottle), Silver (\$1,000 to \$1,999 – umbrella), and Gold (over \$2,000 – umbrellas and CBA CFC coins). Married couples are permitted to combine their donations if they would like to receive an upgraded incentive gift.

APG CFC will host the APG CFC Day including a CFC Charity Fair, Kick-off Ceremony, and Campaign Coordinator and Key Worker Training Session from 11 to 3 p.m. on Sept. 15, at the APG Recreation Center.



The APG CFC Office will also participate in the Newcomers Orientation on Sept. 8. APG CFC is planning to host APG CFC Charity 5K Run in the Aberdeen Area during this year's campaign.

APG CFC will also conduct an online silent auction beginning with a Fort McHenry print by Christopher White and last year's incentives which will begin on Sept. 1. We are accepting donations for the silent auction under the APG CFC Guidance:

- Usable items
- Antiques or collectibles
- Flags flown at other sites with certificates
- Wines (stored off site)
- Brand new items
- No illegal items as such as drugs, stolen items
- No broken or non-working items
- Print, painting, art and crafts

If you have items you would like to donate please contact the APG CFC Office at 410-278-9913/9915 or visit

the APG CFC's new location, building 4313. All CFC coordinators and key workers will be required to attend the kick-off ceremony and CFC training at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 15. Make-up coordinator/key worker training will be conducted at the Research, Development, and Engineering Command Conference Center Theater in Edgewood from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 22. Every garrison supported organization is requested to provide the names of campaign coordinators and key workers (one key worker per 20 employees according to AR 600-29) to the APG CFC Office. The 2010 Contributor's Guide for national/international organizations can be found by going to [www.cfcmd.org](http://www.cfcmd.org). Paper copies of the guide and pledge cards will be available from each organization key worker and at the APG CFC office beginning Sept. 1 2010. For more information, visit the APG CFC office, building 4313, or call 410-278-9 913/9915/9916.

## Chapel News

### **Financial Peace University classes**

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes will begin 6:30 p.m., Sept. 9, at the Main Post Chapel. This twelve-week program has helped more than 750,000 Families positively change their financial future. This life-changing program has now been revised and updated to specifically address the financial issues service members face. Financial training is mission readiness. The classes cover such topics as "Super Saving, Dumping Debt, Credit Sharks in Suits, Role of Insurance,

Your Financial Plan, Planning for College, Retirement, Understanding Investments, Real Estate and Mortgages" and more.

"The FPU program offers something for everyone whether they are barely making ends meet or just trying to plan for retirement, or seeking to build wealth," said Gerri Merkel, director of religious education. "This program teaches families and individuals how to handle their money through common-sense principles and small group accountability. This pro-

gram helps you remove debt and build wealth."

The program is offered at no charge to individuals who attend 10 out of twelve classes.

The classes will be conducted by Arcelio Alleyne, Army Community Services Financial Readiness Program manager. Arlene Baptiste, FPU program graduate, will be assisting Alleyne.

For more information, and to register, contact Merkel, 410-278-2516, or Alleyne 410-278-2450.

### **LEAVE DONATIONS**

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Carolyn Russell, 410-278-5327, e-mail [carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil](mailto:carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil).

#### **Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program**

April Avina  
Shanelle Bell  
Debra Bonsall  
Georgia Braun  
Alena Calm  
Marcy Cannon  
Meg Downey  
Wayne Erb  
Holly Geppi  
Ronald Hinkle

Walter Holland  
Cathleen Holmes  
Debra Ingram  
Kari Jackson  
Angela Lambert  
Larry Maines  
Marie D. Nowak  
Michele Reamey  
Marjorie Schroeder  
Lena Shelton

Philip Sibley  
Kimberly Simons  
Betty Spurlin  
Earl Taylor  
Linda Terzigni  
Joya Tucker  
Luis Villafane  
Fletcher "Chip" Williams  
Victoria Yates-Sparks



# APG, Picerne keeping Families first

## Annual Army resident survey process to resume

Story by  
**ANGELA FRENCH MARCUM**  
Picerne Military Housing

Each year, the Department of the Army surveys residents at all Army installations in the United States to gauge satisfaction with their on-post family housing experience—from maintenance and management, to the type of home a family lives in. This survey is very important because it offers every resident living in privatized housing a chance to provide their feedback to let the housing partner and the Army know how the partnership is doing in meeting customer satisfaction and resident needs.

This survey is typically mailed to all residents living in on-post family housing in the March/April timeframe by an independent third-party company. This year, the survey process and timeframe were temporarily suspended on June 3 because a protest was filed with the Gov-

ernment Accountability Office regarding issuance of the contract. As such, the annual housing surveys were not sent out to Aberdeen Proving Ground residents.

The protest has recently been resolved and the annual Army housing survey process resumed on Aug. 16. Aberdeen Proving Ground residents should expect to receive this survey in their mailboxes beginning the first week of September.

As a reminder, the purpose of this survey is to let the residents tell the Department of Army, the Residential Communities Initiative and Picerne Military Housing how the partnership is doing in meeting on-post housing needs.

Each resident's evaluation is very important. The information given will help guide Picerne and the Army in providing future improvements to APG housing and services. Every resident living in a home on post should fill out the

survey. All survey answers are strictly confidential and residents are urged to offer honest responses. Personal data is not tabulated and the survey does not identify the resident in any way. Military retirees and federal employees filling out the survey should select "civilian" or "other" when asked about military branch of service and rank.

Picerne urges all residents to please take the time to complete the annual Army housing satisfaction survey that will be arriving in the mail this month. Residents should complete, seal and return the survey in the prepaid envelope by either bringing it by the Neighborhood Office or mailing it back directly.

Picerne Military Housing will host a survey prize drawing for all residents that complete and submit the survey to win great prizes to include a 32-inch Flat Panel TV, iPod Touch, GPS and more.

All residents who complete the survey

are eligible to win. To enter the drawing, residents should bring their completed, sealed survey to their Neighborhood Office and present it to the neighborhood staff. Residents will then be given an entry form to fill out for a chance to win one of the great prizes mentioned above. Picerne will mail all sealed surveys received at the end of each business day.

Additionally, residents who fill out their survey within the first two weeks of receiving them will also be eligible to win a GPS at a separate drawing to be held in the Neighborhood Office Sept. 20.

For more information on the survey or the prize drawing, residents should contact the Neighborhood Office.

Take the time to fill out the survey, as this is the residents' opportunity to make a difference and make the future brighter for everyone living on post.

## Picerne Military Housing hosts Back-to-School ice cream social

Story by  
**MEAGAN MURRAY**  
Picerne Military Housing

Aberdeen Proving Ground residents gathered at the Picerne Neighborhood Office and the Edgewood Area Playground for free ice cream, giveaways and raffles to win backpacks stuffed with school supplies Friday, Aug. 19.

Six backpacks were given away at the event. Young boys had their eyes on the Iron Man backpack while young girls drew excitement from the pink and purple Disney Princess backpack. Supplies included in the backpacks were essential school items such as rulers, pencils, tissue boxes, crayons, index cards and more. Other giveaways from Picerne included pencil pouches, spiral notebooks and loose-leaf paper. While waiting for the raffle winners to be called, children enjoyed drawing with chalk and classic blacktop games like hopscotch and foursquare.

Resident Lenford Housen attended with his 6-year-old daughter, Jessica, and 4-year-old son, Leonard, who left with a big smile on his face after winning the Iron Man backpack. "It [the event] is great for the kids," said Housen. "The school supplies are a big help because it saves us money."

Picerne employee Karen Newman also enjoyed serving ice cream at this exciting event. "The social is awesome, and everyone screams for ice cream."

Picerne thanks all residents that were able to come out to the Back to School Ice Cream Social.



Photo courtesy of PICERNE MILITARY HOUSING

Children enjoyed ice cream and blacktop games at Picerne's Back-to-School Ice Cream Social held at 2727 Chesapeake Boulevard and at the Edgewood Area Playground Aug. 19.



# FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## Activities/Events

### New hours

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, the Leisure Travel Office and the Library located in building 3326 have new hours of operation.

The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center will open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The Leisure Travel Office will open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The Library will open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Club Championship at Ruggles

Ruggles Golf Course will hold a Club Championship Sept. 11 and 12. There will be an 8 a.m. start. The championship is open to all annual patrons, active duty military, DoD retirees with ID and value card holders. There will be men and ladies divisions. Entry fee costs \$35 for annual patrons, \$45 for active duty military and value card holders and \$55 for DoD retirees. Fees include range balls, continental breakfast on Sept. 11, hot dog with soda, appetizers with beverages after Sept. 12 day play and prizes. Carts are optional. The tournament will be flighted according

to handicap. Participants must have USGA handicap to enter. Register in the Pro Shop at Ruggles or call 410-278-4794.

For more information, email david.correll@us.army.mil.

### Fitness classes start Sept. 7

Sports and Fitness will offer three new classes to their fitness schedule: bodyblast, cardio kickboxing and cardio/core fusion. Classes will be held at lunch time and after work at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center and Edgewood Area Hoyle Gymnasium. The fitness classes are free and no registration is required. Participants must be over 18 years of age and have valid identification to participate. Ages 13 to 18 may participate with parent or guardian present.

For more information, call Dan Dolce, 410-278-7934/7933.

### Maryland State Fair tickets available

MWR Leisure Travel Services offers discount tickets for the Maryland State Fair to be held through Sept. 6 in Timonium. Admission tickets cost \$7 for adults; \$2.50 for children ages 6 to 11; \$17 for all-you-can-ride vouchers; and a book of coupons costs \$4.50.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail MWR-LeisureTravel@apg.army.mil.

### Sesame Street Live

"Sesame Street Live: Elmo's Healthy Heroes" will be held 2 p.m., Sept. 11, at 1st Mariner Arena, 201 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore. Tickets cost \$33 each for all ages. Tickets must be pre-ordered by Sept. 7. Order tickets now; quantities are limited. All seats are located in Section 6 on the floor level.

For more information on Sesame Street Live, visit <http://sesamestreetlive.com/>.

To purchase tickets, visit the MWR Leisure Travel Services at the Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

### Visit Washington, D.C.

Spend a day in the nation's Capitol - visit the museums, go sightseeing, or take a tour. MWR Leisure Travel Office will offer a day trip to Washington, D.C. Sept. 25. Participants will depart the Aberdeen Area

Recreation Center, building 3326 at 8 a.m. and be dropped off at the National Mall. Cost is \$30 per person. Space is limited.

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

### Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family

Tyler Perry reprises his character role as Mabel "Madea" Simmons for "Madea's Big Happy Family, 2 p.m., Oct. 9, at the 1st Mariner Arena, 201 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore. Tickets cost \$70 per person. Order tickets now - quantities are limited. All seats are located in section 114. All tickets need to be pre-ordered before Oct. 1.

For more information about Madea's Big Happy Family, visit [www.tylerperry.com](http://www.tylerperry.com)

To purchase tickets, visit the MWR Leisure Travel Services at the Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail 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](mailto:stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil).

### Musical Theater Workshop

Boys and girls ages 6 to 18 can join this fun-filled workshop series as they learn songs and routines from famous Broadway musicals, movies and hit shows including Hairspray, Glee, and Cats: the Musical. So get ready to say "Good Morning, Baltimore" and join in to all the singing and dancing. The workshop will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522 on Tuesdays or Saturdays. On Tuesdays, the class will be held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. from Oct. 5 through Nov. 9. On Saturdays, the class will be held noon to 1 p.m. from Oct. 9 through Nov. 13. Cost of the workshop is \$45 per student. Students must come in comfortable clothing and shoes they can move in. No jeans or denim. Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.

### 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, Oct. 7 to 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, Oct. 9 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 come in comfortable clothing and shoes they can move in. No jeans or denim.

### Driver's Ed classes start up again

Driver's Education classes are scheduled for Sept. 13 through 27; Oct. 4 through 19; Oct. 25 through Nov. 8; and Nov. 29 through Dec. 13. There is no class on federal holidays. Classes will be held Monday thru Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. by The Ultimate Driving School, LLC, located at 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 15.9-18 yrs old. Open to all

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

### Tae Kwon Do

Join the Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Tae Kwon Do promotes discipline, as well as muscle toning and conditioning.

Classes will be held for ages 6 to 14, Mondays and Wednesdays, from Sept. 13 through Oct. 6 at the Child, Youth and School Services building 2522. Classes will be held 6 to 6:45 p.m. for White Belts through Yellow Belts and 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. for Yellow with Green Stripe belts and above.

Cost is \$65 per student for a four week session. Students must wear a white t-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited so register early.

### Martial Arts at APG present Tiny Tigers

Children ages 4 to 6 can join the Tiny Tigers Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Parent participation is required. Instructor Sabunim Sean A. Williams will teach this program. Classes will be held 5:30 to 6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, beginning Sept. 13 and will be held monthly. The Tiny Tiger program is an age appropriate version of Tae-

kwondo that will help direct energy into confidence and character building skills. Students will learn traditional Taekwondo techniques such as blocking, punching and kicking including "Stranger Danger" and "Fire Safety" skills. Unity TKD's Tiny Tiger's program places great emphasis on confidence and character building in all our students. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited to 12 parent and child pairings, so register early.

### Private Guitar Lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held from Oct. 4 through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the AA Youth Center, building 2503.

No experience is necessary. Cost of the lessons is \$102 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week for six weeks.

Students also are required to purchase books for the course as recommended by the instructor. Books are a onetime purchase. Students must also provide their own guitar.

### Private Piano Lessons

Private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 through 18, Oct. 4 through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays at the AA Youth Center, building 2503.

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.

## CYSS Sports summer tournament results

Story by  
**RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

On Aug. 22, 22 APG youths, ages 7 to 16 participated in the 2010 Youth Doubles Tournament, hosted by Aberdeen Proving Ground Child Youth and School Services sports. The tournament gave the youths a chance to display the tennis skills that they learned over the summer while their families and friends watched on the sidelines.

### 2010 APG Youth Doubles Tournament results

- Match 1**  
Aidan Mills defeated Andrew Wood 2-0
- Match 2**  
Phoebe Goerling defeated Sara Weinstein 2-0
- Match 3**  
Morgan Buckholtz defeated Leanore Goerling 2-0
- Match 4**  
Sara Weinstein defeated Aidan Mills 2-0
- Match 5**  
Emylie Mills defeated Michael Wood 2-1
- Match 6**  
Charles Walcott defeated Andrew Wood 2-0
- Match 7**  
Julianna Richard defeated Phoebe Goerling 3-1
- Match 8**  
Raechel Bowman defeated Elizabeth Wall 3-1
- Match 9**  
Shannon Bowman defeated Elizabeth Wall 3-1
- Match 10**  
Ebony Glover defeated Ke' Anna Stinson 3-0
- Match 11**  
Joseph Foley defeated John Allen McKinney 3-2
- Match 12**  
Brian Buckholtz defeated Raechel Bowman 3-0

On Aug. 3, the annual APG Jr. Golf Tournament was held at Ruggles Golf Course for youths that took golf lessons golf lessons over the summer. Approximately 100 APG youths, ages 5 to 15 participated.

### 2010 APG Jr. Golf Tournament results Aug. 3

- 5-6 boys**  
1st Jake Kegley  
2nd Ethan Crouse  
3rd Joseph Richard
- 5-6 girls**  
1st Bellamie Libby  
2nd Sophia Schatz  
3rd Kayla Brustman
- 7-9 boys**  
1st Nolan Keithley  
2nd Brayden Libby  
3rd Dakota Rims
- 7-9 girls**  
1st Samantha Aljets  
2nd Paula Moon  
3rd Megan Stein
- 10-11 boys**  
1st Hunter Keithley  
2nd Andrew Crouse  
3rd Timmy Jang
- 10-11 girls**  
1st Julianna Richard  
2nd Nicole Kim  
3rd Oliva McPhee
- 12-13 girls**  
1st Katie Jang  
2nd Tatyana Moon  
3rd Elizabeth Coudill
- 12-13 boys**  
1st Conner Johnson  
2nd Elliot Scott  
3rd Zach Powers
- 14-17 boys**  
1st Matt Sheridan  
2nd Michael Smith  
3rd Matt Elliot

For more pictures and information about the CYSS sports program, see the Aug. 27 edition of APG News.

### Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at [www.apgmwr.com](http://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.

## August and September bowling specials

• Early Bird special: Bowl from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.50.

• Dollar Night: Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.

• Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza and one pitcher of soda for \$32.

Sign up today for fall and winter leagues. There also will be a youth league on Saturday mornings for ages 18 months through 21.

Lunch leagues will be held Tuesday through Thursday. There will be no open bowling 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Night leagues are held Monday through Friday with no open bowling 6 to 11 p.m.

Effective Sept. 7 bowling will cost \$3 per game on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Games

Call for availability of lanes on discounted days and hours.

### Changes to hours and bowling rates

Fall and winter hours will begin Sept. 7 - open 7 a.m. to 9 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.

Also effective Sept. 7, bowling will cost \$3 per game all day Sunday through Thursday, and Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$3.25 per game, Friday from 4 to 11 p.m. (Recommend calling first to see if lanes are available due to night bowling leagues.) Cosmic Saturday is \$3.75 per game.

For more information call 410-278-4041.

Bowling Center Snack Bar...Serves breakfast and lunch!

## 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 Aug. 30

Special #1: Turkey club with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$7.25.

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

### Week of Sept. 6

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.



# South Korean officers visit APG

Story by  
**MIKE CAST**  
Developmental Test Command

A delegation from South Korea paid a visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground July 27. Brig. Gen. Jong Sik Jeong – the commander of the Army Test and Evaluation Group, Republic of Korea Army (ROKA) – visited APG with Lt. Col. Yeol Heo, an infantry weapon test officer from ROKA's Test and Evaluation Group to attend a series of briefings on U.S. Army test and evaluation programs and tour APG's Aberdeen Test Center.

The visit was sponsored by the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) and its subordinate Army Evaluation Center (AEC), Developmental Test Command (DTC) and Operational Test Command (OTC).

DTC's Hojoon Park served as translator for the visit, which began at AEC's headquarters building on APG. Brian Simmons, ATEC's technical director as well as AEC's director, welcomed the guests there and introduced the briefers from ATEC organizations.

The visitors came to APG to examine ATEC's test and evaluation process, and to explore the possibility of using its ranges in the future and possibly leverage the expertise that exists within ATEC, according to Dr. Thomas Cao, AEC's technical director.

"Clearly, they recognize us as the center of excellence when it comes to a world class workforce for testing and evaluation of all of the Army's systems," he said, adding that the visitors were genuinely impressed with the ATEC workforce, capabilities and facilities

Cleon Raynor, who serves ATEC's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations as chief of plans, presented the visitors with ATEC's command overview, which illustrated how ATEC fits within the Army command structure and reports directly to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army. The briefing focused on ATEC test and evaluation of some 400 systems, ranging from the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected family of vehicles to body armor, with some 1,100 test events occurring daily across ATEC's test centers, where about 10,000 personnel support the Army with work at 26 locations in 19 states, and some testing conducted overseas.

Raynor's briefing informed the visitors of the Army's integrated strategy for getting weapon systems into Soldiers' hands, being the only service branch in the U.S. military to combine developmental and operational testing. The briefing described how ATEC is "significantly focused on rapid fielding," reducing the time span for conducting developmental and operational testing and completing system evaluations.

The South Korean visitors also heard about ATEC's deployment of teams to Afghanistan and Iraq to conduct forward operational assessments of various weapon systems, working closely with troops in the combat theater to gain timely and accurate data on system performance there, with the aim of helping the Army understand if there are any system risks and limitations, and address issues that may impact Soldiers using these systems.

Cao followed with a command briefing that provided an overview of AEC's capabilities and mission. He noted how the traditional acquisition process – with its deliberate pace, mitigated risks, bureaucratic procedures and accumulation of as much system data as possible – has become an abbreviated process for many weapon systems. Due to the Army's push to equip Soldiers in theater as rapidly as possible to meet their urgent wartime needs, many of these programs have overlapped and become quick-turnaround efforts that have been "more opportunistic" and ad hoc than in the past, and less bureaucratic than the traditional process, according to the briefing. The visitors were informed that limited developmental testing and operational testing for a variety of systems mean the Army obtains incomplete data, produces capabilities and limitations reports in lieu of the more traditional system evaluation reports, and accepts some level of increased risk so that items can be fielded more rapidly.



Dr. Gregory Schultz of Aberdeen Test Center's Automotive Directorate briefs South Korean Brig. Gen. Jong Sik Jeong on the operation of ATC's Roadway Simulator July 27. Jeong - commander of the Army Test and Evaluation Group, Republic of Korea Army (ROKA) – visited Aberdeen Proving Ground with Lt. Col. Yeol Heo, an infantry weapon test officer from ROKA's Test and Evaluation Group, to attend a series of briefings on U.S. Army test and evaluation programs and tour Aberdeen Test Center.

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Brig. Gen. Jeong and Lt. Col. Heo were also told how Army evaluators must take many factors into account when assessing war-fighting systems, including the logistics they require, their interoperability with other weapon systems, the hardware and software involved, the training required to operate the systems, and the tactics, techniques and procedures Soldiers must use to employ them safely and most effectively. To meet those requirements, AEC is currently focused on the concept of "mission-oriented, integrated system evaluation," a process designed to enhance the Army's analysis of weapon systems' effectiveness, suitability and survivability.

Daniel Burrows, technical director of AEC's Integrated Logistics Support Evaluation Directorate, briefed the visitors on a variety of issues that relate to logistically supporting the acquisition of today's complex weapon systems. The directorate ties together the evaluation of systems' integrated logistic support (ILS); their reliability, availability, and maintainability (RAM); and MANPRINT, a term coined in 1984 by Gen. Richard Thompson, then commander of the Army Materiel Command, to mean human-systems integration. As weapon systems became more technologically advanced, the Army discovered that Soldiers in the field could not operate many of them as effectively as highly trained operators such as the technicians of the labs and research facilities developing the systems.

MANPRINT is also the designation for the Army's Human Systems Integration Directorate. In essence, MANPRINT is focused on the manpower needed to operate today's technological-

ly advanced weapon systems, the Soldier capabilities needed to operate them effectively, the training needed, the engineering that takes human factors into account, safety issues and health hazards associated with system operation, and the survivability of Soldiers when using such systems in combat.

AEC suitability evaluations integrate ILS, RAM, and MANPRINT analysis with modeling and simulation, and support from many partners, Burrows told the visitors. ATEC applies this directorate's mission-based suitability evaluation process for longer-term "programs of record" to rapid-acquisition programs. Among these are the Remote Weapon System, various up-armored vehicles with this system, the Remote Vehicle with Armor, unattended ground sensors, and metal detectors used to find wires and weapons caches.

Louis Brown, who heads up DTC's Directorate of Plans and Operations, briefed the South Korean visitors on the command's mission, which includes planning, conducting and reporting the data from developmental and production tests across a wide range of natural and simulated environments. He told them that DTC supports successful operational through rigorous scientific and engineering testing.

When needed, DTC provides support, expertise and test resources to operational missions, including ATEC's forward operational assessments in Afghanistan and Iraq. One of the first such missions it supported involved the deployment of DTC personnel to Kuwait to help ATEC install instrumentation, similar to the "black boxes" installed on airliners, to record data on three types of vehicles being used extensively in the Iraq combat theater. So far, 14 rotations of ATEC forward-operational-assessment teams have deployed to the combat theater in southwest Asia, and DTC has played a key role in this program.

Some of the critical developmental testing DTC has conducted in recent years includes the family of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles and oth-

er systems designed to protect Soldiers from improvised explosive devices and personal protective equipment for Soldiers. It has also tested unmanned aerial systems and other robotic systems designed to survey risky environments, support disposal of IED or other explosive ordnance and otherwise keep Soldiers out of harm's way.

DTC also verifies the safety of most Army systems, Brown told the visitors. It issues a safety release for systems under test, a stand-alone document that indicates the system is safe for use and maintenance by Soldiers, and it describes the specific hazards of the system under test, based on test results, inspections and a system safety analysis. Operational limits and precautions are included. The safety release must be available prior to start of testing, training and other events where systems are operated.

DTC's safety confirmation is a separate document that provides the materiel developer and the decision maker with the test agency's safety findings and conclusions. It states whether the specified safety requirements have been met, includes a risk assessment for hazards not adequately controlled, lists any technical or operational limitations, and highlights any safety problems requiring further testing. The safety confirmation may be attached to AEC's system evaluation report.

To keep abreast of military systems as they evolve, DTC develops and procures new test technology, test instrumentation, and selected models and simulations. It also ensures that its test range infrastructure is responsive to the needs of the Army and other services.

Following the morning's briefings and lunch with some of ATEC's senior leaders, the South Korean delegation visited the Aberdeen Test Center, where they met with commander Col. Jeffrey Holt and received a command overview before visiting ATC's Munson Test Area, Roadway Simulator and the Trench Warfare II Instrumentation Building. Brig. Gen. Jeong called the facilities he toured and the capabilities briefings he received "very impressive."

## Family

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presenters and the couples.

Townsend said that the skills learned during the conference will be used to help couples connect by giving them the tools to communicate effectively.

Townsend said that one of the goals of the conference was to encourage the couples to create an environment where couples feel safe to communicate freely.

The couples were also asked to practice a communication method called the "speaker-listener technique."

This technique is an effective way to communicate when dealing with difficult issues. When using the speaker-listener technique, the person speaking holds a card giving that person the opportunity to talk without interruption. The card delineates the rules for both the speaker and the listener. This

technique enables the speaker to talk about issues of concern without rebuttal. It also teaches couples to paraphrase what the other person is saying for understanding and clarification, which promotes empathy and intimacy in the relationship.

Couples who attended the conference also were encouraged to share experiences with the group, so that everyone could learn from each other.

During the conference, Townsend and Rivera stressed that successful married couples view their relationship as a team or a partnership, who work together to achieve common goals.

"Marriage is two people from totally different backgrounds working together as one unit," Rivera said. "Two people effectively working towards the same goal make a marriage great."

Rivera added that couples who work together can handle facing stressful life situations better than those who do not. Rivera said that hav-

ing a strong partnership builds a strong foundation.

"The couple that works together is like the little pig that built his house out of bricks," Rivera said. "The wolf huffed and puffed but could not blow his house down."

On Thursday, Chaplain (Col.) Orman Boyd, installation chaplain, spoke to the group of couples attending the conference.

Boyd said that he was really enthusiastic about the program. "This program makes a good marriage better," he said.

Boyd acknowledged that military life can be stressful, which can strain a marriage.

"We signed up for a difficult task," he said.

Boyd said that the Department of the Army's senior leadership has shown great support of the Strong Bonds program to make Families Army Strong.

"Senior leaders want your marriage to be successful," he said.

Townsend said the Strong Bonds conference also serves

as a time where the couples can get away from stress of everyday life and have quality time to enjoy each other.

During the two nights the couples stayed at Harbortowne, they enjoyed shopping downtown, boat rides, biking, swimming, or just spending some quiet time together enjoying the scenic view of the harbor from the deck of their hotel rooms.

During the conference, couples were encouraged to think of other ways to spend time together to strengthen their bond.

Several couples said that they would recommend the conference to other couples.

"I found the speaker-listener technique to be very helpful, a wonderful tool. I think that more couples should take advantage of this conference," said Maurie Pullicino, who attended the conference with Staff Sgt. George Pullicino from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

Sgt. Kristina Ducheine, who works at U.S. Army Kirk Health Clinic attended the conference with her husband Sgt. Jangard Ducheine, 20th Support Command CBRNE. Kristina said that they learned communication techniques that will improve their marriage.

"It's a very good program. I would recommend it to all military couples," she said. "The techniques we learned are helping us a lot. They taught us to communicate better, and to think before fighting."

Ducheine added that she and her husband appreciated the serene harbor setting.

"I think it is magical. I think that the quiet, peaceful setting really compliments what we learned here," she said.

To learn about the Army Strong Bonds Program, go to [www.strongbonds.org/skins/strongbonds/home.aspx](http://www.strongbonds.org/skins/strongbonds/home.aspx). To learn about future APG Strong Bonds conferences, contact Townsend, 410-278-8592.