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Hispanic Heritage Observance

The annual Hispanic Heritage Observance will be celebrated 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 29, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. (retired) Alberto Jimenez.

For more information, call Carmen Adrover, 410-436-4186 or Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023.

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, 7 p.m. to midnight at Top of the Bay, Friday, Sept. 17, 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 e-mail: lulacmaryland@gmail.com.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield visit Sept. 21

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) to visit APG Sept. 21, 9 to 11:30 a.m., in building 314, Room 151E to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. No appointment is necessary.

The representative will not be available in Edgewood Area for this visit.

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

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APG remembers heroes and victims of 2001 terrorist attacks

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
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Aberdeen Proving Ground observed the ninth anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks with a solemn ceremony honoring the lost while embracing the conventions of freedom during the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Fanshaw Field Sept. 10.

Hosted by Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, the program included remarks from guest speaker Brig. Gen. Leslie C. Smith, commander of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE), and Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

Among the hundreds in attendance, special guests included members from eight Gold Star Families who lost loved ones in the War on Terror.

Music for the program was provided by the U.S. Army Field Band brass quintet from Ft. Meade, led by Sgt. 1st Class Michael Klima and the Aberdeen High School Band led by band director Kaitlyn Wittman.

A Joint Service Color Guard of Soldiers, Marines and Airmen, led by Staff Sgt. Janese Phillips of the Joint Personal Effects Depot, presented the colors.

Installation Chaplain (Col.) Wayne Boyd, who presented the



Photos by SEAN KIEF, GARRISON PHOTOGRAPHER
Aberdeen Proving Ground commander, Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice, left, looks on as Gold Star Mother Jane Craig of Earleville, center, kisses the ID tags of her son, Cpl. Brandon M. Craig who was killed in Iraq in 2007, and Beverly Fabri, of Chestertown, the mother of Pvt. Bryan N. Spry, searches for her son's tags on the Fallen Heroes Monument after the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Fanshaw Field Sept. 10.

opening prayer, remarked that, "On this special day of remembrance, our hearts are heavy and our souls are distraught, yet, we maintain hope."

He encouraged listeners to remember the courage and honor of those who volunteered to fight the evil that resulted in 9/11 and prayed for the safety

of all who serve the country.

"We will never forget this day ... and we always pray for peace so that our deployed force

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APG opens two new test facilities

Story by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground technology took a giant leap forward in supporting Warfighters in the War on Terror when it opened two new state-of-the-art test facilities Sept. 8.

Local, state and national dignitaries attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center's Automotive Technology Evaluation Facility and then toured the Rotorcraft Survivability Assessment Facility belonging to the U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

Speakers included Maj. Gen.

Nick G. Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; Col. Jeffrey P. Holt, ATC commander; and John M. Miller, ARL director.

Guests included Dr. John Foulkes, director, Test Resource Management Center, Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Maryland's Senator Barbara A. Mikulski and Congressman C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger.

"Facilities don't provide the Army value until you place talented people in them," Justice said. "The Soldiers and Marines

you see in attendance represent a larger force that will benefit from what we learn on our test tracks and how we use that information."

"These facilities are a bright example of what we do here at APG," Ortiz added.

Automotive Technology Evaluation Facility

The ATEF is an engineered high-speed test track that dramatically improves test capabilities for ATC. It is a 4.5 miles long, 207-foot wide tri-oval track with wide safety run-off areas and stringent grading criteria designed and constructed to enable tracked, wheeled and

robotic vehicles automotive tests.

The first phase of ATEF, a gravel track, is now complete. Phase 2, which begins next year, will add a paved road alongside the gravel track, and a braking and maneuver test area.

Until now, there was no way to test the entire Department of Defense fleet of vehicles and equipment at sustained high speeds. The ATEF provides the DoD with the first contiguous, flat, sustained high-speed test track on which the Army will be able to fully test all current and future vehicles.

Holt said that because the ability to test vehicles at high

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Photo by ANGELA SQUICCIARINI
Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, left, completes the sheathing of the CECOM flag as Command Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Johnson and the Fort Monmouth color guard look on. After being sheathed, the flag was placed in a case for transport to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Story by **DEBBIE SHEEHAN**
CECOM Public Affairs Office

A roaring cannon, an Army band, a pigeon release, and a symbolic helicopter flyover, were all part of the "casing of the CECOM colors" ceremony on Greeley Field. Last Friday's ceremony marked the official move of the command from Fort Monmouth N.J. to its new headquarters location at Aberdeen Proving Ground, in accordance with the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law. The weather cooperated; it was a breezy 70 degrees under blue skies and sunshine.

The ceremony was presided over by Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, commanding general of CECOM and Fort Mon-

mouth, Edward Thomas, deputy to the commanding general, and CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Johnson. Several former commanding generals and past program executive officers were also in attendance as guests of honor.

A flag casing ceremony is a time-honored military tradition symbolizing the movement of a unit.

Before the CECOM flag was sheathed and placed in a case for transport, there were honors to the commanding general, including the participation of the U.S. Military Academy Band who performed ruffles and flourishes before the 13-gun salute. Capt. Steven Raveia, commander of Headquarters Command here, presented Strong

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Smoke testing of sanitary sewers for excessive leakage scheduled

DPW

The City of Aberdeen Public Works Department will conduct leak tests of the sanitary sewer system beginning Sept. 20. The testing will be performed by Maryland Environmental Services (MES), the city's contractor and will begin operation in the housing area, zone 1 and 2.

Leak tests are conducted by forcing low-pressure non-toxic smoke into the sanitary sewer pipes. The site where smoke leaving the sanitary sewer system is visible is the place where storm water and other surface waters can enter the sanitary sewers.

"This leak testing is part of our continuing effort to provide a safe, economical, efficient, and environmentally sound sanitary sewer system throughout the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground," said DPW's Dennis Overbay. "While most residents will never see or smell the smoke, the city of Aberdeen wants you to have as much information as possible about the testing."

A special non-toxic smoke will be used in the leak tests. The smoke is manufactured for this purpose and, therefore, leaves no residuals or stains, is harmless and has no effect on plants and animals. The smoke may have a distinctive, but not unpleasant odor.

Leak testing smoke may enter buildings if:

- Vents connected to the building's sewer pipe are inadequate, defective, or

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Heroes

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es can return home to their loved ones," he said.

David Mial, chaplain, District 5 Veterans of Foreign Wars, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The program's narrator, APG Adjutant Janet Dettwiler, welcomed guests, noting that the ceremony also honored the service members, police officers, firefighters and Department of the Army civilians currently protecting the nation.

"They protect our nation and its people so that we may never again endure another terrorist attack," she said.

Ortiz said it is critically important to remember not only those who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, but those who perished in the aftermath as the nation entered the War on Terror. He noted that of the more than 5,000 service members lost since 9/11, 117 were from the state of Maryland.

"We are honored to have with us members of eight of these Families," he said. "They are called Gold Star Families. They have a special place in our hearts and forever are welcome here at Aberdeen Proving Ground."

Ortiz said that while the world will never forget 9/11, a national resolve to make the world a safer place has risen out of its darkness.

"We will continue to move forward bravely to defend the American way of life," he said.

Smith said that while history looks back, legacy looks forward.

"The history of the United States is replete with moments that are etched in our consciousness," he said.

He asked listeners to close their eyes and recall where they were when they first heard about the terrorist attacks.

"As a nation, we realized that autumn day that true evil exists in our world. This

war, our struggle against terrorism, is unlike any war our nation has faced during its illustrious history," Smith said.

Noting that during the near decade since the War on Terror began, the nation and its allies have sent forces into Iraq and Afghanistan, Smith said that it would not have been possible, "without our Family members who are represented here today. We know their losses have not been in vain."

"There will continue to be sacrifices in the years to come," he said. "I need not remind this audience of the sacrifices made by our community."

He added that in the past several months, his command has lost four Soldiers.

"Their loss hurts us every day," he said. "Our duty as Americans is to never forget those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines that we have lost in defense of our nation and to continue to honor those who have given their lives in our country's defense."

"Never forget that history looks back, but legacy looks forward."

A Fallen Heroes Monument designed and constructed by the Visual Information Services Division was the focal point of the Honor Ceremony that followed. Two pairs of boots, a rifle and a helmet decorated the face of the monument. As Dettwiler read the names of those who lost their lives between September 2009 and September 2010, APG Soldiers and Marines moved forward to place a set of ID tags on the monument. The honorees included:

- Army Sgt. 1st Class Bradley S. Bohle
- USMC Lance Cpl. Jordan L. Chrobot
- Army Sgt. Charles I. Cartwright
- Army Spc. Christopher J. Coffland
- Army Staff Sgt. Matthew A. Pucino
- USMC Sgt. David Smith
- Army Spc. Anthony A. Paci
- Lt. Col. Juanita L. Warman
- USMC Cpl. Jonathan D. Porto
- USMC Cpl. Kurt S. Shea

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a

firing party, composed of Soldiers from the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) and 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), led by Sgt. 1st Class Montegue Williams, fired a 21-gun salute.

During closing remarks, Justice said that he lost close friends and companions in the Pentagon on 9/11 and that he wiped dust from the burning World Trade Centers off his car at Fort Monmouth, N.J. He said it was important to remember the sacrifices of heroes.

"Also remember that God is blessing our nation and that includes the blessing of freedom," he said. "You should remember significant events that become the foundations of your life with friends who share the same love of life."

Regarding the various honors rendered during the ceremony, Justice said that APG honored the fallen with a 21-gun salute because it is, "the highest honor our nation can render; extended to very few."

He said the song "Taps" has signaled to Soldiers for more than 100 years that, "they can rest. Their duty is over and they can stand down," and that ID tags are "far more valuable than a trinket."

"They are the thing that bonds us to our fellow service members and our nation."

"Thank you for joining us," he said, "so that I did not have to remember alone."

Gold Star Family members said they were touched and inspired by the ceremony.

"It was wonderful," said Michelle Murphy, mother of Army Spc. Randall K. Frederick. "Paying honor to our children is always impressive. It's a testament to the great courage that exists in those so young."

Carol Roddy, the president of Maryland Gold Star Mothers and the mother of Navy Petty Officer 2nd class David Roddy, said she was "absolutely privileged" to be in attendance. She recalled that she was home when her husband called to tell her about the

terrorist attacks on 9/11 and that she called her son, who was stationed in Japan at the time.

"He volunteered for [Explosive Ordnance Disposal] after that because he said he didn't want to be on a ship anymore," she said. David Roddy was killed while attempting to defuse an improvised explosive device in Iraq in 2006.

Mary Jane Craig, the mother of Army Cpl. Brandon Craig, said she was gratified by the honors paid to the fallen.

"One thing [Gold Star] mothers always wonder about is if people will forget their children," she said. "It's good to know that they are remembered."

Beverly Fabri, the mother of Army Pvt. Bryan Spry, said that her son joined the Army in 2003 because of 9/11.

"The terrorist attacks had everything to do with him joining," she said. "He was glued to the TV for weeks after it. I think he just wanted to be a part of healing the country."

Gold Star Family members in attendance included the Families of:

- USMC Sgt. Charles I. Cartwright, Union Bridge, Md.
- Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class David S. Roddy, Abingdon, Md.
- Army Pvt. Charles Y. Barnett, Bel Air, Md.
- Army Sgt. Ryan P. Baumann, Great Mills, Md.
- Army Cpl. Brandon M. Craig, Earleville, Md.
- USMC Cpl. Jennifer M. Parcell, Bel Air, Md.
- Army Pvt. Bryan N. Spry, Chestertown, Md.
- Army Spc. Kendall K. Frederick, Randallstown, Md.

Fallen Heroes Monument

Lamont Harbison, a visual information specialist with VISD, led the design and construction of the monument. Bill Kilby Jr., John Schorah, Michael Fanther, Deborah Scott and Beth Brindle Williams assisted on the project.



The Joint Service Color Guard marches onto Fanshaw Field during the Aberdeen Proving Ground 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony Sept. 10. From left, Sgt. Christopher Ruzicka, Staff Sgt. Jenise Phillips, Spc. Jonathan Cremeen, Sgt. Daniel Kershner, USMC Sgt. Osvaldo Santillan, USMC Staff Sgt. Ron Meak, USAF Sgt. Daniel Kershner, Sgt. James Blakeley; and USMC Cpl. Donald Ratts.



Graphic and devices designers from the Visual Information Services Division created this Fallen Heroes Monument for the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. The monument lists the names of service members lost during the War on Terror and features boots, weapon and helmet - the traditional symbols of the fallen - in front.



Sgt. 1st Class Brian Paape of the Maryland National Guard renders a salute after placing a set of ID tags on the Fallen Heroes Monument during the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Fanshaw Field Sept. 10.

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Are you ready? - Be Informed

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Ready Army is the Army's proactive campaign to increase the resilience of the Army community and enhance the readiness of the force by informing Soldiers, their Families, Army Civilians and contractors of relevant hazards and encouraging them to get a kit, make a plan, and be informed. Through outreach and education, Ready Army calls the Army community to action and aims to create a culture of preparedness that will save lives and strengthen the nation.

Be Informed

This is part three of Army Ready emergency preparedness campaign. Many events can trigger emergency situations with the potential to escalate into disaster. Hazards such as power outages or disease outbreaks can happen anywhere at any time. Being informed means becoming familiar with the spectrum of possible dangers, giving special consideration to hazards likely to affect the local area, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, earthquakes or severe winter weather. Living abroad presents additional preparedness challenges and sometimes less familiar hazards like volcanic eruptions and tsunamis.

While the potential threats can seem overwhelming, keep in mind that most of what is addressed in family emergency plans or emergency kits will be useful regardless of the hazard. And in many cases, the same protective alternatives apply—evacuate or shelter-in-place.

Notification and Emergency Actions

Learn and understand the local mass warning system(s) and, when notified, be prepared to evacuate, move to a civilian shelter or designated safe haven or temporarily shelter-in-place.

Mass Warning Systems: Each local community is responsible for warning the public of impending danger due to an emergency. Army installations support this effort by establishing mass warning and notification procedures. Overseas, these procedures may include warning Family members living off the installation, ideally in cooperation with local or host-nation authorities.

In the United States, the main agencies that warn of natural hazards are the National Weather Service, NWS, and the U.S. Geological Survey, USGS. NWS uses the following terms for specific natural hazards:

Warning — A hazardous event is occurring or imminent. Take immediate protective action.

Watch — Conditions are favorable for a hazard to develop or move in. Stay alert.

Evacuation: If advance warning and other circumstances permit, the preference for nonessential and nonemergency personnel is evacuation using specified routes and transportation methods. Installation emergency management organizations have plans and procedures to direct evacuation or direct movement of personnel and Family members to safe havens or civilian shelters.

Safe and effective evacuation requires planning ahead—there may be no advance warning. Plan primary and alternative evacuation routes in advance, with appropriate maps to take add to emergency supply kits.

Moving to Civilian Shelter: A shelter is a publicly identified, certified, supplied, staffed and insured mass care facility where endangered people can find temporary protection for a limited time. Army installations coordinate shelter needs with appropriate state, local, host-nation



and private agencies. The American Red Cross is the principal U.S. resource for development, management and operation of certified shelters.

Moving to Designated Safe Haven: A local safe haven is a facility on the installation that provides temporary protection during sudden incidents, such as earthquakes and tsunamis. A remote safe haven is a facility on a geographically distant DoD installation or facility that provides short-to-medium-term lodging of displaced personnel during large-scale incidents, such as hurricanes and extended wildfires.

Sheltering-in-Place: In some instances, evacuating or moving to a shelter or safe haven is more dangerous than remaining in place. When there is a short-or-no-notice emergency such as a hazardous materials event, if directed to shelter-in-place, take temporary protection in a structure or vehicle, typically in a workplace or residence. It is important to know for different emergencies which part of a building is safest and how best to keep the air safe to breathe.

Reporting Accountability Status

At the earliest safe opportunity, Soldiers should check in with their commands to ensure that they and their Families are accounted for and can receive help if needed. Those with access to the Internet can report their status through the Army One Source, www.armyonesource.com, and Military One Source, www.militaryonesource.com, Web sites. If unable to get online, the Army Info Hotline, Army One Source and Military One Source have established hotlines that to call to relay messages to command and to others Family members or friends.

In some cases, the Secretary of Defense will direct all DoD-affiliated personnel in the affected area to report their accountability status as soon as possible. When this happens, those with access to the Internet are to report their status online through the Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System, ADPAAS, at <https://adpaas.army.mil>.

ADPAAS provides a way for Army personnel and their Families in the disaster-affected area to report on their status and how they were affected by the event. It also provides commanders a means to assess the impact of the disaster on Soldiers and their Families and provide assistance where needed. For more information on ADPAAS, e-mail questions to adpaas@conus.army.mil. Soldiers can report their status or situation through their chain of command or by using one of the established call centers or hotlines listed below.

- Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (ADPAAS) Website: www.adpaas.army.mil

- Army Info Hotline: 1-800-833-6622
- Army One Source: 1-800-464-8107, Within CONUS: (484) 530-5980, Outside CONUS: (800) 3429-6477, Collect:

(484) 530-5980, Toll Free: 1-800-464-8107, Website address: <http://aos.myarmylifetoo.com>

- Military OneSource, Within CONUS (24/7) 1-800-342-9647, Website address: www.militaryonesource.com, Spanish speaking callers: 1-888-732-9020/1-877-888-0727/1-877-255-7524, Hearing impaired callers & TTY/TTD: 1-800-346-9188

Considerations for Those Living Abroad

Learn the local emergency telephone numbers. These numbers may differ on and off installation. Ensure all Family members know the appropriate emergency numbers and include them in the emergency plan.

If living off post, plan with host-nation neighbors to keep informed throughout emergencies. Local media may cover an emergency before Armed Forces Network (AFN) television/radio.

If living of post, threat levels or varied other circumstances may prevent personnel from getting on post for day-

to-day activities after an emergency. Keep local currency, know alternative places to shop and learn basic phrases in the local language.

A rendezvous point may require more thought and ingenuity than when living within the United States. Remember, a contact person in country but in a different city is less likely to be affected by the same event.

For any emergency that occurs "outside the fence," response (evacuation, shelter instructions, etc.) will be led by the local government. Cooperate with the host-nation responders, and follow their instructions.

The U.S. Department of State provides a range of resources for Americans traveling abroad. Visit the Emergencies and Crises page on Travel.State.Gov.

For more information, visit www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/.

See next week's *APG News* to learn about the Garrison Emergency Operations Center and the plans, safeguards, and resources available to installation emergency managers.

Community Notes

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 17 BASKET BINGO

The Havre de Grace Rotary will sponsor Basket Bingo to benefit local community services at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Doors open 6 p.m., bingo starts 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.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-278-7332 or Brenda Compher, 717-456-5490. This is a non-smoking event.

DESERT STORM VETERANS ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans Association will hold a Golf Tournament for men and women, 9 a.m., at the Meadows Farm Golf Course located at 4300 Flat Run Road, Locust Grove, Va. Tournament format is Captain's Choice (best ball), shotgun start.

Cost is \$80 per person and includes green fees, all you can eat barbecue, drinks and hole in one award. Hole sponsorships are available; a contribution of \$500 toward sponsorship of a hole provides revenue for the association's scholarship fund and two free greens fees. All proceeds go to the VII Corps DSVAs Scholarship Fund. Make checks payable to VII Corps DSVAs.

For more information or to sign up, call Harold F. Shewsberry, 703-287-8873 or 202-418-1202, or visit www.desertstormvets.org.

CHUCKTOWN TRAVELING COMEDY SHOW

The Chucktown Traveling Comedy Show featuring Mark Szlachetka, Tim Hoekel, Dusty Slay and Jason Groce will perform 8 p.m., at the American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville. Tickets cost \$15 per person. Get tickets early for a relaxing evening of rip-roaring laughter and comedy. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

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, Md., bird watching, sightseeing and visit two 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.

FRIDAY FAMILY CAMPFIRES - CAMPFIRE DESSERTS

Come to the Pontoon Pier property for food and seasonal fun around the campfire. This program will be held 7 to 8:30 p.m. for all ages. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family (limit 5 per family). Registration is required.

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

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 17 & 18 HAUNTED HISTORY GHOST TOUR

Is Havre de Grace Haunted? Take a Haunted History Ghost Tour and find out.

Havre de Grace Main Street, Inc., will conduct a Haunted History and Ghost Tour through the historic downtown district, 7 to 8:30 p.m. The guided walking tours will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings in September and October, including Sunday, Oct. 31. The history and murder stories are true stories documented either by newspaper or local historians. And the ghost stories are first-hand accounts told to Main Street from the people who experienced them. Private tours can be arranged for groups of at least 8 or more throughout the year. Tickets cost \$12 per person plus a small service fee for online purchase.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-1811 or visit www.mainstreethdg.com/ArtsandEntertainment/HauntedHistoryGhost-Tours/tabid/104/Default.aspx.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 18 BASKET BINGO

The Abingdon Elks Lodge #2354, located on 600 Harford Boat Club Road, in Abingdon, will sponsor basket bingo to benefit the Abingdon Elks Komen Team, Red Angels. Doors open 5 p.m., Basket Bingo begins 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door. Extra packs cost \$5 each. Proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and Elks National Foundation.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Donna Dannenfelser, 443-910-3060 or email dddannen2000@yahoo.com or Debbie Leadore, 443-807-4501.

SEPTEMBER FEST

Holy Cross Episcopal Church, The Rocks, 4603 Rocks Road, in Street, will hold SeptemberFest, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include a white elephant market, craft vendors, fresh produce, baked goods, plants, live music, family fun with kid's activities, bouncy house, bbq chicken, lunch, peaches, ice cream and more.

For more information, call 410-452-5502 or visit www.rocksholycross.org.

INTRODUCTION TO KAYAK

The Piedmont Learning Center at Eden Mill Nature Center, located at 1617 Eden Mill Road, in Pylesville, will offer Introduction to Kayak, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is a one day workshop for adults. The course fee costs \$70 per person. Join Eden Mill's ACA certified instructor and learn on-water basic strokes, wet exits, rescues and even a game or two. Participants are strongly advised to bring their own kayak with paddle and a life jacket; Eden Mill has a limited number of kayaks. No experience is needed. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, call 410-836-3050, e-mail edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com or visit www.edenmill.org.

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.

INVASINATORS

Become a part of the volunteer team of invasive plant removers and native plant restorers. Learn why non-native invasive plants are a threat to the ecosystem, how to identify problem plants, and removal and restoration strategies. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves, and work gloves for field work in the Reserve. Participants receive an Invasinators t-shirt after attending two work days. This program will be held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. 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

SEPTEMBER 19 BEL AIR FESTIVAL FOR THE ARTS

The 45th Annual Bel Air Festival for the Arts will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. behind the Bel Air Town Hall on Hickory Avenue. The festival will feature 350 artists, photographers and crafters from Maryland and nine other states. There will be live entertainment, roving entertainers, craft activities geared to children, food and more. Free shuttle bus service to the festival site will be available, running continuously from the MVA parking lot on Route 24. Parking will also be available all day at the Bel Air Parking Garage on Hickory Avenue, for a \$2 donation to the Police Auxiliary.

For more information, visit www.belairfestival.com or call 410-836-2395.

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

Take a Historic Walking Tour to find out who really discovered Havre de Grace. Walking tours will be held on Saturdays 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. and at 2 p.m., Sundays. Find out the significant history that was made in Havre de Grace. Tours conducted by costumed, professional guides and last for one and one-half hours. Tickets cost \$12 per person plus a small service for online purchase. Tickets cost \$10 each for groups of 10 or more. Reservations are required. Dress comfortably for an outdoor evening of history and ghost stories.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-1811 or visit www.mainstreethdg.com/ArtsandEntertainment/HauntedHistoryGhost-Tours/tabid/104/Default.aspx.

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

POST SHORTS

RAB meeting Sept. 30

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Sept. 30, at the Aberdeen Senior Center, 7 Franklin Street, Aberdeen. The topic of the meeting will be an update on Lauderdale Creek (cluster 5 soils), Bush River and Military Munitions Response Program. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

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

Kirk closes Oct. 7 through 12

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed Oct. 7 through 12 for electrical updates to the facility. During the power outage, there will be no medical services or pharmacy services provided at the clinic. Regular operations are expected to resume Oct. 13.

Arrangements have been made with the local community Urgent Care Clinics to meet medical needs. Call the staff duty officer, 443-807-0725, for authorization. During the closure, call 1-877-874-2273, for Tricare Service Center needs.

It is highly encouraged that patients refill any medications at KUSAHC before Oct. 6. The pharmacy refill line is 1-800-248-6337.

Shuttle services will pick up patients for appointments at Ft. Meade or Walter Reed Medical Centers at 7:15 a.m. at the Edgewood Clinic. Due to construction equipment and barricades, there will be no shuttle stops at KUSAHC during the closure.

For medical services needed after hours, weekends or federal holidays, call 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 authorization and/or a referral to go to any urgency clinic.

Emergency Rooms do not require a referral.

BJ's membership sale

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a BJ's discount membership registration, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 16 at the Southside Grill located in the Stark Recreation Center, building E4140, Edgewood Area and 11:30 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Sept. 22, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326.

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.

NFL Youth Punt, Pass & Kick

The NFL Youth Punt, Pass & Kick Competition will be held 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 17, at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Youth flag football/soccer field located next to the Aberdeen Youth Center building, 2522 Bayside Drive. This free activity is open to all youths ages 8 to 13. Proof of age and Release of Liability must be completed. To register, see Bill Kegley, youth sports director at building 2503, on the second floor. For more information on upcoming events visit www.apgmwr.com/family/youth, or call Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Hispanic Specialty Meal Sept. 21

The Hispanic Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facility, building 4503 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Sept. 21.

All military personnel, Family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

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

Menu includes chicken with rice (arroz con pallo), turkey chimichangas, shrimp and cheese quesadillas, beef enchiladas, beef tacos (soft and hard shell), Puerto Rican style roast pork, Spanish rice, Spanish potatoes, refried beans, Mexican corn, greens with bacon (couve amineria), Mexican style corn bread, assorted breads, assorted desserts, soft serve yogurt with assorted toppings and assorted hot and cold beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification. For more information call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green, 410-306-1393 or 1398.

Child Care helps military Families find off-post child care

Since 2006, the Department of Defense has contracted with LOCATE: Child Care to help military Families find state regulated child care off-post. To date, LOCATE has worked with over 2,000 military Families.

LOCATE has a complete, updated listing of all off-post child care regulated by the Maryland State Department of Education, including child care centers and Family child care providers caring for infants, preschool and school age children. Parents receive one-on-one attention from a child care referral specialist who personally contacts programs to find openings that meet the Family's needs. LOCATE can also customize the service to assist with children with special needs and Families needing language services.

LOCATE Child Care referral specialists provide referrals, whenever possible, of programs and providers with national accreditations and credentials that meet DoD requirements for Military Tuition Assistance and directs Families to the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) to apply for the assistance.

For more information or for help finding child care, call 1-800-999-0120, option 1 or visit www.marylandfamily-network.org.

Family childcare providers needed on- and off-post

If you love children and want to be home with your own, join a worldwide network of mobile military professionals who can work at home and contribute to the Family income.

Family Child Care has unique qualities that make it the preferred choice for many military and Department of Defense civilian Families.

Applicants who are interested in providing home-based childcare on- or off-post in Harford or Cecil County are encouraged to apply.

For an application, visit the FCC on Highpoint Road, building 2503. For more information, call 410-278-7140 or 7477.

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



Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades, left, presents a plaque of appreciation to the Aberdeen Area Office Eagle staff, Barry Councill, far left, store manager, and store associates, from right, Brian Blevins, Chris Spalt, Nicole Diseta, Andre Sconion, and Joan Meyer for their service to the Aberdeen Proving Ground community during the 15th anniversary celebration of the AbilityOne Base Supply Center Program, Aug. 11.

Aberdeen Area Office Eagle holds BSC anniversary event

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground community celebrated the 15th anniversary of the AbilityOne Base Supply Center Program with an event held at the Aberdeen Area Office Eagle, Aug. 11.

The Aberdeen Area Office Eagle, operated by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland (BISM), is one of 140 Ability-One BSC facilities that provide mission-critical support for ongoing base operations and outfitting for military deployments.

At the event, Keith Tyson, an Office Eagle Associate from Bolling Air Force Base, opened the program by singing the national anthem. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jimmy C. Davis, from the 20th Support Command, gave the invocation and Christina Davis, senior director of BISM, welcomed attendees. Frederick

J. Puente, president of BISM, thanked the APG community for supporting the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas' stores.

"It takes the work of many to make this store as successful as it is," Puente said. "We are here to deliver customer service to the best people in the country."

Puente spoke to attendees about the important mission of the AbilityOne BSC Program. Puente said that more than 40,000 blind or severely disabled Americans produce SKILCRAFT® products and provide services that are sold to the government and U.S. military through the AbilityOne BSC Program. Service-disabled veterans are actively recruited by National Industries for the Blind (NIB) for employment opportunities within the AbilityOne Program.

"Every time you buy SKILCRAFT® you are contributing to this country,"

Puente said. "Supporting the AbilityOne BSC Program saves this country money because they (the blind or disabled employees) are not relying on government assistance."

Ken Barnett, director of store operations for BISM thanked the Office Eagle employees.

"I have the greatest confidence in their capabilities," Barnett said. Barnett also thanked the Aberdeen Area store manager, Barry Councill.

"What he does cannot be done without total commitment," Barnett said.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades thanked Councill for his leadership.

"It is awesome to see that everyone is given a chance at this store," he said.

Rhoades then presented a plaque to Councill and his employees for supporting the APG community.

After the presentation, attendees were

invited to stay to socialize and eat a variety of hors d'oeuvres and desert.

Councill said that he appreciates the loyal support of the APG community and that the Aberdeen Area store employs eight disabled employees and the Edgewood Area store employs two disabled employees.

Councill added that in October, in conjunction with National Disability Employment Awareness Month, three blind or disabled employees from the Aberdeen Area Office Eagle will take part in empowerment training. These employees, Nicole Diseta, Ruth Borgman, and Andre Sconion will serve as co-managers for the day.

"These employees work great independently and as a team," he said. "This is a pilot program. I wanted do something different to celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month. I know they will do a good job."

APG teen gains customer service skills while working at Swan Creek Inn

Story by
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APG News

A recent Havre de Grace High School graduate is learning customer service skills by working at Army Lodging's Swan Creek Inn.

Colin Heffinger, 18, is one of several teens participating in the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's HIRED! program introduced to the APG community last year. The HIRED! program provides paid apprenticeships for 15-to 18-year-olds.

"After graduating high school I wanted to get work experience," Heffinger said. "This is my first job, my first time working with customers."

Heffinger works at the front desk, answering the phone, taking reservations, and filing paper work.

Heffinger added that working at Swan Creek Inn will improve his resume and job applications.

"I am in the process of looking for a job, possibly at another hotel, so that I will have a job when the apprenticeship ends," he said.

Heffinger added that several Swan Creek Inn employees have given him advice, on resume writing, and interview techniques to help him have a successful job search. He also took an exam, which tested his knowledge of his duties during his apprenticeship.

"Colin is getting his feet wet and is doing well," said Richard Nokes, Swan Creek Inn's lead desk clerk, and Heffinger's on-site mentor. "He is a fast learner."

Nokes added that Heffinger is the fourth apprentice that has worked at Swan Creek Inn through the HIRED! program.

Nokes said that he enjoys working with the HIRED! program apprentices.

"I think that the HIRED! program provides a good experience for teens," Nokes said. "It gives them a chance to see what the workforce is all about, and learn things that are not taught in school. Skills learned here can be applied to other jobs. Experience is what counts."

About HIRED!

The HIRED! program offers a variety of job placements in FMWR facilities for teens of military and government civilians assigned to APG. To secure apprenticeships, candidates must achieve and maintain a 2.0 grade point average or higher before completing a pre-assessment and interviews with facility managers. Depending on the skills and interest the teens show in these interviews, they are placed under the direct supervision of a designated on-site mentor who is responsible for tutoring their individual apprentices.

Jay McKinney, a youth workforce preparation specialist with APG's Child Youth and School Services office, said that the program offers more than just a job. It offers valuable experience for teens. "Many teens are unsure of what career they want to pursue," McKinney said. "This program gives them a chance to explore these options."

Some of the career options offered in the HIRED! program include: education, child and/ or youth development,



marketing or graphic design, library and information science, food and beverage management, pet care education, information technology, sports studies and sports management. Students may participate in the program twice a year and can participate in the program every year while they are between the ages of 15 and 18. During the summer, apprentices are allowed to serve two terms at one time, meaning they would participate 30 hours during a seven-day period. There is also potential for the stipend to increase depending on the number of times the student enrolls in the program. Additional requirements for the students include participating in other career preparation enrichment activities such as workshops and classes where students learn how to fill out financial aid forms and scholarship applications. Students will also be expected to keep a journal of their experience. "Teens will receive experience that will make them competitive in future job opportunities and college applications," McKinney said. "Students will develop work and life skills, like customer service, and resume writing, that will be applicable to any job they might pursue in the future." To learn more information about the HIRED! program, contact McKinney, at 410-278-3250.

Upcoming HIRED! programs

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

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

UMBC Campus Tour

There will be a University of Maryland, Baltimore County Campus Tour, 9:30 a.m., Oct. 30 for high school teens ages 15 to 18 only. Register at the Aberdeen Area CYSS administrative building 2503. Bring money for lunch. Spaces are limited.

Dress for Success

Dress for Success for Teens will be held 6 to 7 p.m., Oct. 21. Teens will learn how to dress appropriately for an interview and a job.

Teens explore their true colors

Exploring True Colors will be held for ages 15 to 18, 6 to 7 p.m., Oct. 14, at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. The True Colors Personality Assessment provides easy to understand insights into participants' behavioral style and personality type and those of others. Participants can have better communication and build rapid rapport, whether it is in their personal life, professional life or in the areas of relationship, sales, leadership, team effectiveness and management.



2010 CFC begins at APG

CFC Office

The Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff and Charity Fair was held Sept. 15 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. The 2010 contributor's booklet was distributed, as well as training for key persons and program coordinators. Key persons and program coordinators will be collecting donations.

The 2010 Contributor's Guide for local/national/international organizations can be found at www.cbacfc.org. Paper copies of the guide and pledge cards will be available from each organization key worker and at the APG CFC office throughout the campaign.

Aberdeen Proving Ground will conduct the 2010 Combined Federal Campaign now through Dec. 15 and hopes to exceed \$485,000 in donations from over 1,653 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. The CBA CFC Online Pledge System will be open 24 hours 7 days a week to 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 and \$999 – water bottle), Silver (\$1,000 and \$1,999 – umbrella), and Gold (over \$2,000 – umbrellas and CBA CFC coin). Married

couples are permitted to combine their donations if they would like to receive an upgrade incentive gift.

APG CFC is planning to host APG CFC Charity 5K Run in the Aberdeen Area during this year's campaign.

An APG CFC online silent auction beginning with a Fort McHenry print by Christopher White and last year's incentives is in progress. Donations for the silent auction are accepted under the APG CFC Guidance:

1. Usable items
2. Antiques or Collectibles
3. Flags flown at other sites with certificates
4. Wines (stored off site)
5. Brand new items
6. No illegal items as such as drugs, stolen items
7. No broken or not working items
8. Print, Painting, Art and Crafts

Make-up coordinator/key worker training will be conducted at the U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command Conference Center in the Edgewood Area 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 at www.cfccmd.org. Paper copies of the guide and pledge cards will be available from each organization key worker and at the APG CFC office beginning. To donate items for the CFC silent auction, and for more information, visit the APG CFC office, Bldg. 4313, or call 410-278-9913/9915/9916.

(For more information on the CFC Kickoff and Charity Fair, see next week's edition of *APG News*.)

Two DTC employees recognized for superior performance at work

Story by
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Developmental Test Command

Two employees of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, an organization that employs thousands of workers at test centers across the nation as well as at Aberdeen Proving Ground, received accolades at a DTC headquarters town hall meeting in July for superior job performance. Barbara Monger, a principal action officer and contracting officer's representative at DTC, earned recognition as the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2009. Rita Brown – a senior specialist for the design, implementation and operation of human-resource automated data systems – was ATEC's Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2010.

Monger's supervisor at DTC, Sandi Weaver, said her recognition was well deserved because she is "an employee of uncompromising integrity who leads by example."

Monger's award citation described how she oversaw a multitude of contracts at DTC headquarters and its nine test locations, valued at more than \$700 million. The citation called her achievements "no small undertaking" because of the complexity and value of contracts within DTC, which employs a contractor workforce totaling more than 5,000.

"One of her biggest challenges was the implementation of the Army's latest guidance regarding personal services and inherently governmental functions, requiring the detailed documentation of over 5,000 contractor positions," Weaver explained. "She worked closely with the ATEC and DA staff, and DTC's legal office, to determine the path forward on reviewing service contracts, which required intense interpretation, research and clarification. In some cases, the lack of DA guidance proved to be her main obstacle. However, she was able to overcome numerous challenges to ensure DTC did not violate contracting laws."

Monger also faced the challenge of responding to calls for data on very short notice, Weaver added.

"Her assignments often require her to persuade managers to rethink their goals and strategies, which always poses to be

a real challenge," Weaver added. "In doing so, she does it with honesty, integrity and good will."

"Barby has established herself as one of DTC's premier subject matter experts regarding contracting," Weaver said. "She has an uncanny ability to get to the heart of a problem or issue, which is one of the primary reasons she is considered one of the top analysts in the contracting community."

Among other plaudits, Brown's award citation notes her wide-ranging efforts to manage DTC's National Security Personnel System performance-review program and her support to the pay-pool panel that determines pay for employees based on performance.

Kane said her greatest achievement was her in-depth review of data that would help determine compensation within the command. She called Brown the "undisputed expert" on automated systems.

"It took time and effort to master the NSPS system, and some of us had repeated problems with getting it right. Without question, her expertise with the automated systems is unmatched. It had a direct and positive influence, both here in the headquarters and at our subordinate test centers. She used her expertise and broad-based knowledge to resolve a wide-variety of unique issues that were elevated to this command."

Brown's greatest challenge at DTC was staying abreast of changing guidance for the NSPS system, Kane said, adding that much of it was published without sufficient lead time for advanced preparation and planning.

"This complicated her job because she had to fully understand all iterations of the guidance sufficiently to articulate the changes in the guidance and the impact of those changes to people, processes and systems."

This made it difficult to disseminate the guidance to DTC employees in a clear, concise and understandable manner, Kane said.

"In addition, she had to ensure that all test centers accurately implemented the new guidance, which added to her workload at a time when she was under significant pressure to complete her review of performance payouts for this command's entire NSPS population," Kane said.

Army awards APG civilian Air Medal for past service

Story and photo by
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RDECOM Public Affairs

The Army presented one of America's highest awards for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight nearly 20 years later to a U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command budget analyst.

Today, Karen Dawson is known for her expert number crunching skills, but in 1990, she was a flight medic with the U.S. Army Reserve's 336th Medical Detachment - a helicopter ambulance unit stationed in New York.

While deployed to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Dawson and her former battle buddies evacuated sick and wounded Soldiers from the battlefield, and transported medical personnel to POW camps to treat Iraqi Soldiers.

"There were sixty people in my unit," Dawson said. "This was a team effort for the accomplishments resulting in this award."

Now, almost 20 years later, the recognition of those accomplishments has arrived. Thanks to the intervention of U.S. Congressman John Hall of New York, the Soldiers of the 336th Medical Detachment overcame the results of "adverse field conditions and administrative oversight" to earn their rightful award.

"It was with great pleasure and honor that I was able to ensure that the members of this brave unit received the recognition they deserved," Hall told awardees at the Aug. 14 ceremony at Stewart International Airport in Newburgh, N.Y. "We're here today to thank them again for their courageous service to our country. As a new generation of American Soldiers is fighting in the Middle East, their dedication and professionalism remains a shining example of how to get the mission done."

"Our unit was activated on Thanksgiving Day 1990," Dawson said. "My unit was responsible for providing medevac support for Riyadh. We also provided some medical support for the Iraqi POWs."

Ironically, Dawson said her unit processed through Aberdeen Proving Ground, before deploying. She had no idea she would one day work here.

"I'm very proud of my time serving my country," Dawson said. "My family has a long history of serving our country and that continues today with a nephew



Karen Dawson

in the Army National Guard and a niece serving in the Navy. The military has given me the chance to meet and work with some wonderful people."

After five years in the Army Reserve, Dawson switched to the New York Air National Guard's [105th] Airlift Wing -- also in Newburgh N.Y. Dawson is originally from Cornwall, N.Y. near West Point.

"I worked in personnel and as a supply management specialist," she said. "While with the [105th], I was a member of the Base Honor Guard."

Dawson said she participated in awards and retreat ceremonies, and in funeral details for veterans.

"Our unit was about one hour north of New York City," she said. "After nine-eleven, we went to many funerals for New York City firefighters, and policemen from our area." Dawson retired in 2008 after 22 years."

In 2005, Dawson took a federal job at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at APG.

"Then I was able to get a promotion to work for the Garrison Budget Office," she said. This past June, she was hired in the G-8 shop as a team leader.

Her job as budget analyst is vital to the command. RDECOM is a team of more than 17,000 civilian employees working to empower, unburden and protect the Warfighter to enable the dominance of the Army.

"I'd like to continue to learn my new job and we'll see where that will lead me," she said.



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

APG stars shine in 'Tribute to the Troops' and talent shows next weekend

Story by
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APG News

A patriotic variety show in the tradition of Irving Berlin will be presented for the Aberdeen Proving Ground community when "Tribute to the Troops" debuts at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24.

The show will feature singing, dancing and comedy as it showcases the talents of the APG community's aspiring actors, singers, dancers and comedians. Volunteers are needed as stage and crew

assistants as well as painters, carpenters, and sound and lighting technician.

Show time is 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 24 at the AA Recreation Center. Admission is \$5 per person.

Earlene Allen, program manager with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said that now is the time for talented performers to shine because the show is the first of two events that will be submitted to the Army Festival of the Arts.

"We're not kidding when we say 'Be a Star,'" Allen said. "These events go

online to Army Entertainment and are viewed worldwide by entertainment professionals. It's a chance for great exposure not just on APG but nationwide and in Europe."

All authorized MWR users, age 18 and older, are eligible to participate, Allen added.

Who's got talent?

Contestants from APG talent shows also will be submitted to the Army Festival of the Arts. The "APG's Kids Got Talent Showcase" and "APG's Got Tal-

ent Adult Showcase" is Sept. 25, the day after the tribute show. The kids show is 4 p.m. followed by the adult show at 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. Admission for each show is \$5 per person. Persons dining at the North Side Grill can enter free with a receipt from their meal the day of the show.

Purchase tickets for all three events at the MWR Leisure Ticket office in the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4100/4907; in the EA Recreation Center, building E41040, 410-436-4011/4907; or online at www.apgmwr.com.

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.

Disney on Ice Toy Story 3

Have you heard the 'buzz?' The toys are back in town. Tickets are available for Disney on Ice Toy Story 3 at the 1st Mariner Arena located on 201 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore.

Show times include 7:30 p.m., Oct. 27 and 28; 10:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m., Oct. 29; 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., Oct. 30; and 12:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m., Oct. 31. An opening day special of \$14.25 per ticket is available for Oct. 27 only. All other tickets cost \$17.25 per person. Limited quantities are available. The last day to purchase tickets is Oct. 20.

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-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil.

Dog Obedience Training

Sit! Heel! Stay! Join APG's six week Dog Obedience Course for dogs and their owners, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Sept. 29 through Nov. 10, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, build-

ing 3326. Learn how to teach a dog basic obedience commands. Classes will introduce dog owners to the use of positive reinforcement/clicker training to teach dogs in a happy, non-aversive manner. Class fee is \$65 per person. Sign up by Sept. 24.

Maximum class six and minimum class size is four.

For more information or to register, stop by FMWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or Stark Recreation Center, 410-436-2713.

APG Fall Bazaar

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct 7, AA Recreation Center Ballroom, building 3326.

Purchase crafts, baked goods, makeup, shirts, and other items from local small businesses or representatives. Enter to win incredible door prizes!

Don't miss out on the live jazz performance by Rare Pleasures!

Complimentary light refreshments and snacks will be provided for attendees!

Lunch will be available for purchase. Contact MWR Leisure Travel Services for more information at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil

Three new Fitness classes added

Sports and Fitness added three new classes to its 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.

Hearts Apart hosts "Harvest Celebration"

The Army Community Service Hearts Apart support group will host a Harvest Celebration, 6 to 7 p.m., Oct. 6, at ACS, building 2503 High Point Road. This get together is designed for Hearts Apart Families to network with each other during the harvest season. Hearts Apart is just another way to stay connected in the community and learn what ACS has to offer members and their Families as part of the ongoing commitment to support the Army Family Covenant. There will be light refreshments for all who participate.

Hearts Apart seeks to empower Families (military and DOD civilians) with information to help prepare the Families for the separation during deployments and TDYs. ACS offers a comprehensive array of programs and services dedicated to maintaining the readiness of the Total Army Family by fostering self-reliance, stability and resilience.

For more information, call 410-278-2464.

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.

Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire tickets available

Tickets are available for the 2010 Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire, 2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim, Pa.

Tickets cost \$23 each for adults and \$9 for children ages 5 through 11.

The Renaissance Faire will be held on weekends 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Oct. 31. Enjoy a marvelous trip back in time to the days of yore featuring 35 acres of jousting knights and royal delights. Tickets are good for any day. Themed weekends include Pyrate Invasion, Children's Fantasy, Heroes of the Realm, Scottish Weekend, Octoberfest, Irish Weekend and more.

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

Birdie Cafe opens at Exton Golf Course

The Birdie Café is now open for the golf season at Exton Golf Course in the Edgewood Area. Patio or indoor seating is offered. The café is open 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Menu options include grilled hot dogs, burgers, chili and pulled BBQ chicken sandwiches, chips, snacks, and assorted beverages.

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.

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, 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 are 5:30 to 6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, and will be held monthly. The Tiny Tiger program is an age appropriate version of Taekwondo 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 students. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited to 12 parent and child pairings, so register early.

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 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. from Oct. 5 through Nov. 9. On Saturdays, the class will be noon to 1 p.m. from Oct. 9 through Nov.

13. Cost of the workshop is \$45 per student. Students must wear 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 wear 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 through Sept. 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 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.

Private Guitar Lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held 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.

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.

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; rent a lane by the hour for up to six people for \$22 per lane per hour. Rental shoes are included.

• Sunday through Friday, rent a lane by the hour for up to six people for \$18 per lane per hour. Rental shoes are included.

New bowling leagues to choose from

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

Sign up for Monday lunch league

beginning the third week of September. The Monday league will cost \$10 per person and will include lunch and two games. Shoe rental costs \$2.

Bowling leagues will be held Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 5 p.m. to closing, Monday through Thursday; and 5 to 9:30, Friday. There will be no available lanes during this time.

If anyone is interested in joining a morning bowling league, the Bowling Center staff is taking names to start a breakfast league. The morning league will start at 7 a.m.

New bowling rates

Bowling rates now cost \$3 per game, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 p.m. 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.

Week of Sept. 13

Special #1: Chicken tender sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.45.

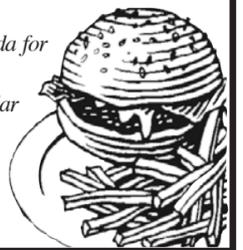
Special #2: Roast beef on Kaiser roll with potato chips, \$6.25.

Week of Sept. 20

Special #1: Gyro with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

Special #2: Seafood fettuccine with salad, cookie and regular soda for \$10.25.

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



Ribbon

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speeds is essential, the ATEF “enhances the quality of testing at ATC.”

“Testing time has increased by as much as fifty percent,” he said. “The less test time means more time for other critical testing.”

Rotorcraft Survivability Assessment Facility

The ARL’s RSAF provides new and improved capabilities for conducting ballistic vulnerability/lethality research on modern rotary-wing aircraft. It will add the ability to conduct vulnerability tests for Army aviation and possibly some land systems. The facility is a center-of-excellence for the Army and DoD, providing a range of survivability experimental services to support advanced sys-



Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON, RDECOM
Army test vehicles roll along the new Automotive Technology Evaluation Facility high speed test track at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center after a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opened the facility Sept. 8.

tem development, response to new threats, and live fire testing. RSAF features include an aircraft-positioning tilt table system that is able to support and

secure a complete spectrum of operational helicopters in various orientations, allowing for an expanded set of shot-lines from underneath. Ballistic fir-

ing capability, operational by the end of 2010, will include small arms, anti-aircraft artillery, high-explosive warheads and several non-conventional munitions.

Miller said the RSAF is a testament to the more than 2,000 members of ARL who “every day push state-of-the-art science, technology and engineering.”

“This test facility is emblematic of that notion,” he said.

Foulkes said it was a great day for DoD and the state of Maryland. He said it was vitally important to complete parts II and III of the ATEF project and commended the men and women of both facilities and the APG test and evaluation community.

“Thank you for your critical efforts on behalf of capital defense,” he said.

The ATC is a part of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, which is relocating its headquarters to APG from Virginia due to base realignment and closure.

The ARL is a part of RDECOM.

Roger Teel of RDECOM contributed to this story.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

Magnet schools offer information

Harford County Public Schools will be hosting a series of evening informational presentations to disseminate information to eighth graders and their parents about high school educational opportunities available to Harford County students. These meetings will introduce the magnet programs at four specific schools.

The Science and Mathematics Academy (SMA) at Aberdeen High School, the Global Studies/International Baccalaureate Programme (GS/IB) at Edgewood High School, the Natural Resources and Agricultural Science Program (NRAS) at North Harford High School, and the 19 career programs at Harford Technical High School in Bel Air will be showcased.

The 6:30 p.m. presentations are scheduled for Sept. 23 at North Harford High School, Sept. 28 at Harford Technical High School and Oct. 6 at Edgewood High School.

Parents and students may choose to attend any of the presentations, regardless of their districted attendance area.

An Open House for each of the magnet programs will be held Oct. 20, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., for the SMA at Aberdeen High School; Oct. 26, 6 to 8 p.m., for the Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences Program at North Harford High School; Nov. 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., for the GS/IB Programme at Edgewood High School; and Nov. 10, 5:30 to 8 p.m., for the Harford Technical High School. Attendance is not required at the Open House for application or admission to any magnet program.

For applications to each of the magnet programs, visit www.hcps.org.

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



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, 410-306-0074, fax 410-306-0100, e-mail carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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Meg Downey	Donna Pierce	Sonya Vasquez
Wayne Erb	Michele Reamey	Luis Villafane
Holly Geppi	Marjorie Schroeder	Fletcher “Chip”
Ronald Hinkle	Lena Shelton	Williams
Walter Holland	Philip Sibley	Victoria Yates-Sparks

Smoke

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improperly installed.

- Traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers and other drains are dry, defective, improperly installed or missing.

- Pipe connections and seals of the wastewater drain system in, under and

around the building are damaged, defective, have plugs missing, or are improperly installed.

If a trace of the smoke enters a building or there is smoke in the buildings during the smoke testing process, call the DPW help desk immediately at 410-306-1400.

For more information, call Dennis Overbay, 443-206-8910 or Buzz Soltis, 410-652-8154.

KUSAHC pediatrics celebrates back to school season with give-away

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

As part of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic's back to school emphasis during the month of August, the pediatrics clinic held a t-shirt and gift basket giveaway on Aug. 27.

"Each year we like to do something special for the children going back to school, as August is our busiest time of the year," said Sherry Walters, KUSAHC pediatrics receptionist. "This year our theme is 'Wild About Pediatrics,' which is based on the popular book 'Where the Wild Things Are.'"

Two boys and two girls, who's names were selected from a drawing, received t-shirts, which read "Wild About Pediatrics," and gift baskets with school supplies and toys.

Lt. Col. Mark Ireland, commander of KUSAHC, said that KUSAHC employees wanted to do something to show appreciation to their patients.

"We pride ourselves on the care we give to you," Ireland said. "We have a very good pediatric team."

Ireland added that KUSAHC has established relationships with outside providers so that patients can receive quality care when KUSAHC is not open.

"We work very closely with the whole community to make sure we provide the best service to you," Ireland said.

"I appreciate it very much; it is nice that pediatrics holds a contest every year to get children excited about the back to school season," said Jamika Cruz, whose son Julion Cruz, 11, won a t-shirt and gift basket.

Winners

Demayne Trotter, 4, Sarah Tringo, 6, Erykah Tisdale, 11, Julion Cruz, 11.



Lt. Col. Mark Ireland, commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, right, presents Demayne Trotter, 4, left, with a t-shirt and gift basket during the pediatrics clinic annual back-to-school giveaway, Aug. 27.

Casing

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with a canister signifying the final round in the last honors given to a commanding general on Fort Monmouth. The canister will be transported and displayed at the new headquarters at APG.

A lengthy history of the fort was read by the ceremony narrator, covering the technological past of the installation from Fort Monmouth's inception to the present. Accompanying the reading, military re-enactors in period uniforms made appearances on the field, carrying field radios and other communications-electronics gear from each era since World War I.

There was also a 21-pigeon release

commemorating Army homing pigeons, who were trained here and who served our Armed Forces as messenger birds in World War I and II and in Korea, to remind the audience how far communications have come since the fort's inception in 1917.

During his remarks, Thomas alluded to the CECOM history lesson provided by the narrator. He said the legacy of Fort Monmouth is in better technologies for warfighters but added there's more to it than that.

"You know, in the end, it's all about the people, the generations of engineers and scientists, logisticians, contractors and staff who have worked here over the years and the great leaders who inspired us every day," Thomas said. He went on to say a few words of praise about each of the former commanders and former

Program Executive Officer partners present. Thomas also acknowledged the presence of Nancy Mallette, the wife of former CECOM commander, the late retired Lt. Gen. Alfred J. Mallette, lauding his leadership when he served.

Thomas noted that while it is appropriate to reminisce about the past and all the technological achievements at Fort Monmouth, it also is time to look to the future. "This flag casing symbolizes the beginning of a bold new endeavor and adventure as we near the completion of our transition of CECOM and our C4ISR partner organizations to Aberdeen Proving Ground," he said.

Following Thomas's remarks, Strong and Johnson cased the colors in an olive drab canvas sheath. Addressing the audience immediately afterward, Strong compared casing the colors to

the passing of the guidon from one commander to another during a change of command ceremony. He said the flag casing ceremony symbolized continuity of command, mission, vision, people and purpose.

"Clearly, that [CECOM] flag is more than just cloth," Strong said. "It is a symbol that represents the blood, sweat and yes, tears, and the tremendous accomplishments over many years of the highly dedicated Fort Monmouth workforce."

Strong added that a new chapter of the CECOM story is now beginning.

"But, even as we turn the page on this final chapter of our story at Fort Monmouth, we know we will always look back with pride, and, yes, with some nostalgia on our days of glory here," he said.