

## Post Shorts

### Transportation suggestions needed

As the population of APG continues to grow, traffic congestion and delays will increase and affect the quality of life of the APG workforce.

APG, working with Army leadership and the surrounding communities to find a solution to mitigate these effects, needs your help. The Transportation Demand Management Council asks that you participate in a survey which will assist APG officials in determining the demand and interest in alternative forms of transportation at APG. This includes carpools and vanpools as well as mass transit options such as buses and trains. The survey will allow APG to identify the characteristics of the typical APG commuter and thus identify the most effective solutions to prevent traffic gridlock and long commutes.

One potential solution is better access to train and bus service in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas. However, in order to establish trains and commuter bus routes to APG, we need to demonstrate to the state and local communities that there exists a demand. We cannot achieve this goal without your help.

Using your AKO account, fill out the survey at: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/640015>.

For more information, call Eric Pilsmaier, 410-278-8607, or email, [eric.pilsmaier@us.army.mil](mailto:eric.pilsmaier@us.army.mil).

### Catch MWR's weekend of entertainment

MWR presents entertainment for the whole Family this weekend starting with the "Tribute to the Troops" variety show, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Friday, Sept. 24. Tickets cost \$5 per person. The fun continues Saturday, Sept. 25 with

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# Army honors RDECOM with Superior Unit Award streamer

Story by **DEBORAH ELLIOTT**  
RDECOM

Under warm, sunny skies, Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, honored the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command with a Superior Unit Award during a ceremony at Fanshaw Field Sept. 16.

Dunwoody insisted the honor was hers.

"What a great day for our Army and the Army Materiel Command; and what a really special day it is for the Research, Development and Engineering Command," she said. "I'm so proud of all of you."

A crowd of more than 2,000 people, including employees who were instrumental in garnering the award for RDECOM and its subordinate commands, watched as Dunwoody attached the Superior Unit Award streamer to their organization's colors. She also pinned their technical directors with the distinctive red and green lapel pin that each civilian employee of the command will receive and have the honor of wearing.

The Secretary of the Army established the Superior Unit Award in 1985 to recognize outstanding meritorious performance of a unit during peacetime, or of a difficult and challenging mission under extraordinary circumstances. To qualify for the award the unit must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set the unit apart from, and above, other units with similar missions.



Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON, RDECOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
General Ann E. Dunwoody, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, center, places the Superior Unit Award streamer on the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command colors during an award ceremony at Fanshaw Field Sept. 16. Maj. Gen. Nick G. Justice, RDECOM commander, left, looks on and RDECOM Command Sgt. Major Hector Marin, right, supports the colors.

The Research, Development and Engineering Command and its subordinate organizations received the Superior Unit Award for developing nine of the Army's Top 10 Greatest Inventions of 2007.

"The award is not the culmination of the event...we are challenged to become more innovative and dedicated in everything we do," said Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, RDECOM commanding general.

"What's most impressive about these awards is who the judges are," Dunwoody said. "The judges are the Soldiers - the same Soldiers who trust their mission

and their lives to the technology RDECOM develops."

"Soldiers are tough judges," Dunwoody added. "They will tell you what works and what doesn't work. They will tell you what they like and what they don't like. They will tell you what saves their lives and what doesn't."

Getting the right technology into the hands of American Warfighters is RDECOM's mission. This is done quickly, integrating research, development and engineering across the Army and the Department of Defense, looking to universities and other science and technology resources, and taking advantage of opportunities rapidly

no matter where they arise.

The command was recognized for developing and accelerating innovative technology and sound engineering solutions and providing U.S. forces with decisive and dominant capability where needed, when needed. As a result, U.S. forces were enabled with the best technology on time, which saved countless lives on the battlefield.

"On behalf of the Warfighters around the globe, thanks to the seventeen-thousand people on the RDECOM team. Every one of you has a share in this streamer. You truly are the best of the best," Dunwoody said.

## AMC commander tours Aberdeen Proving Ground

Story by **DAVID MCNALLY**  
RDECOM

The Army's senior logistician toured Aberdeen Proving Ground Sept. 16; meeting with military officials, speaking with Soldiers and civilian employees and viewing the transformation on the installation.

The Army is investing more than \$1.4 billion in APG infrastructure to modernize the installation and prepare it for its new mission as the center for Army science and technology.

General Ann E. Dunwoody, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, saw first-hand the state of the installation during a helicopter fly-over and a windshield tour.

Dunwoody saw the 144 miles of coastline APG has on the Chesapeake Bay. Officials also gave her a strategic bus tour of buildings both new and old.

"While Aberdeen has been a center of innovation for about ninety-three years, it is now one of the new centers of gravity for the Army Materiel Command and

for our Army," Dunwoody said in remarks to Soldiers and employees earlier in the day. "I could not be more proud of you for what you've done and what you've accomplished."

The installation is changing as the Army realigns missions and organizations in accordance with the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Law, known as BRAC. More than 5,000 civilian jobs are coming to APG by 2011.

"We are already at the tipping point," said

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Jeanne Boone, left, and Staff Sgt. Stephen Edgerton, center, from the U.S. Army Materiel Command Band, talk to Kathleen Woods, a representative from a local wildlife rehabilitation center, about her charity during the Aberdeen Proving Ground 2010 Combined Federal Campaign kick-off Charity Fair at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Sept. 15.

## Charity Fair kicks off APG's CFC season

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

Forty-six charitable organizations were represented during Aberdeen Proving Ground's 2010 Combined Federal Campaign kick-off Charity Fair at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Sept. 15.

The event also introduced Lesley Bell, CFC chairperson, and Richard Newcity, CFC vice chairperson, and provided training for keyworkers and coordinators. The theme for this year's campaign is "Together We Will Make a Difference."

The event featured remarks by Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

Ortiz thanked keyworkers and coordinators for assisting with the campaign.

"CFC is the largest and the most successful workforce campaign in the nation," he

said. "There is nothing like CFC."

Ortiz said that last year APG raised more than \$461,000. This year's goal is to raise \$485,000 in donations from more than 1653 donors.

"With the generous spirit and camaraderie that exists on the installation I am sure we will reach and surpass our goal," Ortiz said. "Our nation is about making a difference. Together we can make our world a better place."

Billy Bowman, APG loaned executive for CFC, said through an interpreter that APG shows great support for the CFC campaign.

"The number of dollars raised in donations has been increasing at a tremendous rate," Bowman said. "This year we would like to see an increase in the number of people making a contribution."

Bowman said that as a donor to and

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## Help Desk migration brings change

USASNEC-APG

Changes are coming to everyone with a computer supported by the U.S. Army Signal Network Enterprise Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground (USASNEC-APG). Beginning Sept. 24 the USASNEC-APG will be transitioning to the Army Enterprise Service Desk (AESD). The new Service Desk Call Center number will be 866-335-ARMY (2769).

Customers have two methods to register computer issues or problems: (1) phone calls to the call center at 866-335-ARMY (2769) and (2) entering tickets via the Web site, <https://amcglobalsevice1.amc.army.mil/CAisd/pdmweb.exe>.

Calls to the current service desk number (4-HELP) will be forwarded to the AESD until Oct. 25 when the 4-HELP number will be discontinued. There will be no voicemail setup for the AESD. When customers make a call, they will need to either stay on the line until a technician answers or abandon the call.

This move will mean several important changes for customers supported by the USASNEC-APG. APG will now be part of a centralized Army Call Center for 24/7/365 computer support. Also, the change will simplify and streamline the customers' experiences by having access to potential solutions being exercised throughout all Army installations.

Feedback from other installations that have already migrated to the AESD has been very favorable. They have reported that the changes have resulted in their calls being answered in a timely manner and incidents are professionally managed.

For more information, contact Allan Herlinger, 410-278-3367.



# Army News

## Focusing on 'the silent killer'

Story by  
**ELAINE WILSON**  
American Forces Press Service

A silent killer is rapidly infiltrating the military, claiming lives at an alarming rate each year.

It does not discriminate, taking aim at the young and old, male and female - from the battle-hardened soldier to the new recruit.

Military suicides have more than doubled in the Army, exceeding the national average over the past five years, and leaders are redoubling efforts to figure out why.

"It's an area that can't get enough focus right now," Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said. "When we're losing as many lives as we are, it is a crisis we have to continue to address."

In an interview with the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service, Mullen and his wife, Deborah, talked about what it will take to stop troops and Family members from taking their own lives.

"It's a very difficult, vexing, complex problem and one that leadership has to spend an awful lot of time on to try to figure out," Mullen said. "It's one that in the country is not well understood; therefore, [it's] one in the military that isn't understood."

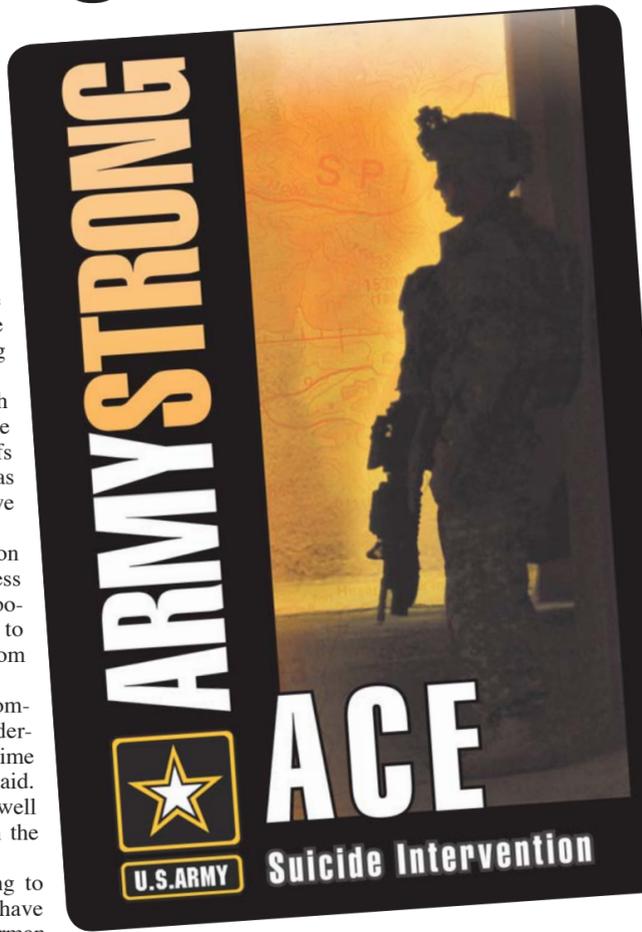
While top leaders are struggling to find answers, military suicides have reached a critical point, the chairman said. Last year, suicide claimed 309 troops, and in 2008, 267 service members committed suicide, according to a Defense Department task force. From 2005 to 2009, more than 1,100 service members took their own lives, an average of one suicide every 36 hours, the task force said.

Some reports attribute the spike to multiple deployments and long Family separations. The majority of suicides do take place among service members who have deployed, Mullen said. Still, a considerable number occur among those who haven't deployed, he added.

Complicating the issue is a delay in symptoms for those who have served in combat, Mullen said. In many cases, post-traumatic stress symptoms don't reveal themselves until months or years later, and a service member may be discharged by that time and back in a civilian community without the same level of support. The military needs to find ways to track those service members so they receive the support they need, he said.

"A significant amount of work needs to be done on the prevention aspect of [suicide] so we don't get to the point where men and women would consider doing this," he said.

Leaders also must gain an under-



standing of the problem's scope, including the signs, symptoms and vulnerable population, he said.

"More than anything else, I think, military leaders have to lead," Mullen said. Many leaders have had challenges themselves, he noted, and the way they address those challenges, seeking help when needed, can set the example for others.

The military also must work to end the stigma that's preventing people from seeking help early on, Mullen said, including Family members afraid to raise a red flag.

Spouses often are the first to notice a problem, but are fearful of the career repercussions for their service member if they speak up, Deborah Mullen said.

"We know that service members tell their spouses not to mention any sort of symptoms the service member might be experiencing for fear that, as one spouse said, 'That will mean the end of their career,'" she said. "That stigma is so ingrained and embedded in not just the military, but in our country, and breaking through that is going to be key ... to solving this problem."

This internal barrier to seeking help can have a far-ranging effect, also causing spouses to stop short of seeking

much-needed help for themselves, she said. Spouses, may be suffering from stress, anxiety, frustration and anger, but are afraid of the fallout from asking for care.

When Family members have the courage to ask for help, the military must step up care, Deborah Mullen said. She said she spoke with a military spouse with suicidal thoughts who sought help from a military physician. She was given medication, but not a follow up.

"If someone is brave enough to come forward, the military must offer ongoing support, including mental-health follow-ups."

Deborah Mullen called for training to help Families recognize issues in their service member and in themselves, and to know what to do about them without fear of repercussion.

Fortunately, Families have more avenues for help now than ever before, including ones that offer anonymity, she said. People who are uncomfortable speaking with someone at a military clinic can instead receive 12 free counseling appointments through Military OneSource or contact TRI-CARE for online counseling at home. Other resources include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255), the Tragedy

Assistance Program for Survivors at 1-800-959-TAPS (8277) or a military family life consultant.

Support is particularly vital after a suicide, when a Family is at its most vulnerable, Mrs. Mullen said, stressing the importance of what she calls "post-vention," or after care.

"It's important to make sure that the people at risk after the suicide are reached and that they have the opportunity to express privately maybe their own concerns, their own thoughts," she said. "I think if we provide for them the appropriate post-vention care that we will restore the hope for those Families that this may not occur in their Family again."

The Mullens both stressed the importance of hope, both in prevention efforts and in the aftermath of a tragedy. A suicide, they said, means all hope was lost.

"[There's] help out there that would allow an individual to move through this," the chairman said. "Keep the hope, as difficult as that may seem in these circumstances."

"No matter how hard, how long, no matter what it takes, however many people need to get involved in this, this is something that the military is going to pursue and try to eliminate totally," Mullen added.



### Ask your buddy

- Have the courage to ask the question, but stay calm
- Ask the question directly: Are you thinking of killing yourself?

### Care for your buddy

- Calmly control the situation; do not use force; be safe
- Actively listen to show understanding and produce relief
- Remove any means that could be used for self-injury

### Escort your buddy

- Never leave your buddy alone
- Escort to chain of command, Chaplain, behavioral health professional, or primary care provider
- Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

TA - 095 - 0510

USAPHC <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/>



National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:  
1-800-273-8255(TALK)

## CFC

From front page

receiver of CFC charities, he knows first-hand that CFC touches lives.

Bowman said that CFC charities helped people who were affected by Hurricane Katrina in 2005 get back on their feet.

"Don't think that a disaster cannot happen to you, it can happen to anyone," Bowman said. "I personally believe that everyone has a responsibility to their community. Only you can make your community a great place to live."

Emily Cummings, Chesapeake Bay Area CFC director told attendees that a CFC charity has been instrumental in the life of a close friend.

"When you are talking to people about CFC, tell your personal story. CFC touches lives," Cummings said.

Several charity representatives said that the fair raised awareness of their charities.

Roseanna Vogt, a volunteer from

a national Christian-based pregnancy counseling and adoption agency, said that she felt the CFC Charity Fair was a great way to raise awareness of various causes.

"The Charity Fair is a great way to get introduced to the APG community," Vogt said. "It is a great way to showcase the needs of our community and the rest of the country. This event also shows attendees the impact they can have to the services we (CFC charities) provide."

Kathy Casey, the development director of a Bel Air non-public kindergarten through eighth-grade school that serves children with language processing difficulties, dyslexia, attention-deficit-hyperactivity disorder and other learning differences, said that the school relies on contributions from CFC to provide scholarship money to students.

"About one-third of our students are on scholarship," she said. "Our school teaches students the skills and strategies to become successful learners. Our goal is to bring the students to grade level and we work to transition them to a

traditional school setting within two to three years."

Karl Guldmir, a representative from a local summer camp for special needs children, said that the camp is provided at no cost to the Families.

"Families with special needs children typically have many expenses, so we wanted to provide this camp at no expense to them," he said. "The camp is made possible through donations."

Staff Sgt. Melisa Gonzalez, from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, attended the fair as a keyworker for her organization.

Gonzalez said that she has been involved with CFC for 13 years.

"I think that the Charity Fair is a really good idea," she said. "It puts a face on the charity, rather than just choosing a charity out of the booklet. You can really see how compassionate the representatives are about their charity. Talking with them makes you want to get involved. I think that other people, not just keyworkers, should attend."

### About CFC

Federal employees can make dona-

tions to CFC by check, cash, or payroll deduction.

The Chesapeake Bay Area CFC Online Pledge System will be open 24 hours a day 7-days-a-week to civilian and military personnel. 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 CFC by cash or check. Individuals outside the installation may also contribute. The 2010 Contributor's Guide for local/national/international organizations can be found at [www.cbacfc.org](http://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.

CFC still needs volunteers to be keyworkers.

For more information, visit the APG CFC office, Bldg. 4313, or call 410-278-9913/9915/9916.

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# Six APG trees are Harford County Champions

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

Aberdeen Proving Ground, home to many species of plants and wildlife, is also home to six Harford County Champion trees that are part of the Maryland Big Tree Program.

The Maryland Big Tree Program, which was created to raise awareness of tree conservation, was first started in 1925. Each year the list is updated to reflect new trees, re-measured trees and deceased trees. The Maryland Big Tree Program registers these trees. The goal of the program is to recognize tree owners as good stewards of trees and to educate citizens about the importance of trees. The trees receive points based on their height, girth, and crown.

A Swamp Chestnut Oak, located on Spesuite Island, is the biggest recorded Swamp Chestnut Oak in Harford County and the second biggest recorded tree of its species in the state, with its circumference being more than 19 feet (and 120 feet high). Other big APG trees include a Scarlet Oak, which measures 13 feet, 6 inches in circumference, 100 feet high, and a Baldcypress which measures 13 feet, 4 inches, and 114 feet high.

Scott English, an APG forester who was involved in measuring trees and participated in the nomination process this year, said that conservation of trees is vitally important to the health of the Chesapeake Bay and the animals that live in the watershed. Not only do trees provide oxygen and sequester carbon, forests absorb and trap nitrogen, particulates and other pollutants released into the atmosphere by cars, industries, agriculture and construction. Trees capture rainfall and help prevent erosion, and protect and filter drinking water for the



Scott English, an APG forester, stands next to a Harford County Champion tree. The Scarlet Oak, on the Edgewood Area of APG measures 13 feet, 6 inches in circumference and is 100 feet high.

Bay watershed's residents. Trees also provide a home for many birds, mammals, reptiles and insects.

"APG is the cornerstone of the Chesapeake Bay," English said. "The forests

here (on APG) are very critical to the health of the Chesapeake Bay."

English added that the APG forests provide clean water and oxygen for the people who work and live on APG and

the surrounding community.

"Based on studies conducted, the trees located on APG provide enough oxygen for the city of Baltimore to live on," English said. "It is also important to remember that these trees play an important role in sustaining and supporting the military mission. We need to protect our environment to keep the Army mission strong."

English added that APG is committed to urban forestry as part of environmental stewardship. This year APG received the honor of being a Tree City USA community for the fifth year in a row.

APG also received its third Tree City Growth award given to recognize environmental improvement and encourage higher levels of tree care throughout America. Both awards are given through the Arbor Day Foundation.

This year APG also received the Maryland PLANT Community Award. People Loving and Nurturing Trees is a statewide award program to recognize communities for their tree planting and tree care effort.

"APG is continuing its proactive forest management and has been recognized through the Arbor Day Foundation for over ten years," English said.

Preserving APG's wildlife and trees is part of the 2009 Army Chesapeake Bay Strategy. The Army Chesapeake Bay Strategy Goals are: contribute to restoring and sustaining the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; restore and sustain living resources and healthy habitats on Army installations; support the implementation of ecosystem-based fisheries management; strengthen storm water management practices; and maintain healthy watersheds and foster Chesapeake Bay stewardship.

## DPW and ECBC working together to improve facilities, save energy

Story by  
**ED STAATS**  
DPW

One of the greatest challenges to the Directorate of Public Works is how to mitigate the problems of an aging infrastructure when faced with a shrinking budget. One of the greatest tools APG has is the Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) program. Through this innovative program, APG is able to renew or improve critical facility assets and take a significant step towards reducing energy consumption and energy costs. Utilizing this contract method, DPW has the opportunity to partner with Garrison supported organizations to identify opportunities for energy conservation while improving organization facilities.

An example of this kind of partnership is the recently completed renovations at building E5100. Managed by the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, building E5100 was originally constructed in 1969. The facility is a single-story, 29,900 square-foot building which houses 16 laboratories and administrative support spaces. The heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system consists of a central plant, steam and chilled water distribution, air-handling units (AHU), chemical fume hoods, and an exhaust system. The HVAC system for the building is critical for the safety of the occupants, since hazardous and potentially dangerous materials are used in experiments inside the laboratories. The HVAC system was in poor condition and needed frequent repairs to keep the laboratories in operation.

"The chillers were in poor condition, having undergone several repairs in the last several years," said Anh Dang, APG energy manager. "They no longer operated with enough cooling capacity to keep the building comfortable during the summer months."

Dang said that a 35-psi steam service installed by Johnson Controls as part of its first ESPC project bypassed a major leak in a steam pit located next to the building.

"Unfortunately, a different system failure had forced APG to re-use this pit in order to backfeed steam to Buildings E5103 and E5106, causing this leak to become active again," explained Dang. "In addition, the lowpressure steam and condensate distribution piping within E5100 continued to require repairs to correct leaks and steam trap failures."

The air handling units in the building were in poor shape and a number of repairs have been required in recent years, Dang added.

"Several of the AHUs were undersized for the fume hoods and lab equipment installed in the spaces they serve; this leads to excessive negative pressure and over-heating," said Jeff Presgraves, ESPC contracting officer representative.

Over 119,000 cubic feet per minute (CFM) of air is delivered to the building's laboratories each day. This supply volume uses 100 percent outside air for make up to the fume hoods along with space conditioning delivered 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

"This air must be cooled, dehumidified and reheated in the summer; and heated in the winter," Presgraves said.

Working together, Johnson Controls, ECBC and DPW have significantly upgraded the HVAC system with a new chilled water plant, new laboratory AHUs, all new steam distribution piping, temperature controls, and fume hood face velocity and space pressurization controls. In addition, a new electric service has been brought to the building to serve the central plant equipment, since the existing electrical service was not large enough to safely serve the building

and the new plant equipment.

"We had an opportunity to reduce the supply air volume to the labs during unoccupied periods resulting in significant energy savings," said Presgraves. "As part of this project, a control strategy will be implemented to reduce the supply air rate to 40 percent of occupied rate or eleven air changes per hour, whichever is higher."

According to Johnson Controls, the project should save the garrison \$182,455 per year. Additionally the project has had a positive environmental impact through resource conservation and pollution by

reductions in air pollution and heating fuel and electrical consumption.

"But the human element is also very important to us," said Dang. "The people working in this building are now more comfortable and safer because of these actions."

Presgraves added, "This project will assist ECBC in accomplishing its important missions. It shows what happens when the garrison and a supported organization work together employing time-proven business and technical approaches, backed by the resources of an energy services company."

# Community Notes

## THURSDAY

### SEPTEMBER 23 MAGNET SCHOOLS

Harford County Public Schools is introducing magnet programs at four specific schools to eighth graders and their parents, 6:30 p.m., at North Harford High School. 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 (HTHS) in Bel Air will be showcased. Parents and students may attend any of the presentations, regardless of their districted attendance area. Visit [www.hcps.org](http://www.hcps.org) for applications to each of the magnet programs.

## FRIDAY

### SEPTEMBER 24 END OF SUMMER PADDLE UNDER THE STARS

Come out for a quiet paddle under

the stars. Discover the late summer night sky from the quiet of Otter Point Creek. Listen for the evening chorus and enjoy the balmy night breeze. This program will be held 7 to 9:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$10 and registration is required.

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

## SATURDAY

### SEPTEMBER 25 AMERICAN LEGION POST 135 CRAB FEAST

The American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will hold its second annual Crab Feast, 1 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person for adults; \$17 for children ages 6 to 12; and free for children ages 6 and under. Cost includes crabs, crab soup, corn on the cob, hot dogs, salads, watermelon, dessert, draft beer, soda, music and games of chance. This event is open to the public. Everyone is welcome.

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

with number of tickets requested to: American Legion Post 135, PO Box 98, Perryville MD 21903.

### BASKET AND SISTERS BINGO

The Aberdeen High School Chorus will sponsor basket bingo, 7 p.m., at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Doors open 6 p.m., Early Birds play 6:50 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 each for 20 bingo games, all paper cards, extra packs coast \$5 each. 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. This is a non-smoking event. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

### YOUTH VOLUNTEER EXPO

The Harford County Department of Community Services will hold its first annual Youth Volunteer Expo, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the John Carroll School, 703 E. Churchville Road, Bel Air. Youths who have expressed an interest in volunteering but don't know where to start or what opportunities are available are encouraged to attend the Expo. Youths can spend quality time with their Family while helping the community and also earn more service learning hours. The event is free and open to everyone of all ages. There will be more than 30 participating organizations available.

For more information, call 410-638-4444 or email [jmdavis@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:jmdavis@harfordcountymd.gov) or visit [www.volunteerharford.org](http://www.volunteerharford.org).

### ESTUARY BINGO

Have fun playing bingo while learning the importance of estuaries. Everyone wins. Drink and snacks provided. Part of the National Estuaries Day celebration. This program will be held 12:30 to 2 p.m. for all ages. The cost is \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door.

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

### CLEAN SHORELINE AND TRASH TIMELINE

Collect trash that has washed up along the shoreline then classify the debris based on the time it will take for it to disintegrate. This is a service opportunity for National Estuaries Day. This program will be held 3 to 4:30 p.m. for all ages. The program is free but registration is required.

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

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

### SEPTEMBER 25 & 26 FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL AT STEPPINGSTONE

The Steppingstone Museum, located at 461 Quaker Bottom Road in Susquehanna State Park, Havre de Grace, will hold its annual Fall Harvest Festival and Craft Show, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Events include craft booths, scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, apple bobbing and pressing, hay rides, bluegrass music, clogging, square dancing, tours, food and more. Free parking is available. Cost of admission is \$5 for adults, free admission for museum members and children ages 12 and under.

For more information, call 410-939-2299 or 1-888-419-1762 or visit the museum's Web site, [www.steppingstonemuseum.org](http://www.steppingstonemuseum.org).

## SUNDAY

### SEPTEMBER 26 BIRDING BY BOAT AND PHLOATING PHOTOGRAPHY

Phil Powers will help find and identify birds, while Dave Gigliotti will teach how to capture them on "film." This program will be held 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 10 to adult. Adults are \$6 and children 10 to 12 are \$4 and registration is required.

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

### GOLD STAR MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

In Honor of the mothers of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the ladies' and men's auxiliaries proudly sponsor the 1st Annual Gold Star Mothers Day Breakfast at Jarrettsville Manor Memorial VFW Post 8672, 1714 Morse Road, Forest Hill, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

There will be all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage with a beverage. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 8 and under. Mothers of armed forces service members currently serving on active duty eat free. After the breakfast, join the post members for a parade on the Gold Star Mothers Memorial Highway, Route 23.

For more information, call Betty at 410-598-5895.

### MEET A CRITTER

Check out live critters up close while discovering what makes them special. This program will be held 12:30 p.m. and is free for all ages. No registration required. For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

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

## Tour

### From front page

Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, commander of APG and RDECOM. "There is a tremendous synergy going on and the opportunities are exciting."

At end-state, the APG workforce will number nearly 22,000 people. As the installation faces the challenges of transformation, new buildings are going up, hundreds more are under renovation and older facilities, now past their life cycle, are being demolished.

"My hope is that General Dunwoody will see the totality of the Army mission here," Justice said. "She is the major commander in the Army responsible for this installation and most of its mission. She is in a supporting role of the other part of the mission as the materiel commander."

AMC has major subordinate commands across the nation. If a Soldier shoots it, drives it, flies it, wears it, eats it or communicates with it, AMC provides it, according to the command's motto. The command is key to supporting and sustaining the future force and current force, officials said.

Dunwoody visited with leaders from the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, RDECOM, Communication-Electronics Command, the Chemical Materials Agency, and the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives element.

During a morning ceremony hosted by Justice, Dunwoody spoke to more than 2,000 Soldiers and civilians gathered at Fanshaw Field.

"You can't be Army Strong unless you're smart, innovative and laser-focused, and that's what this incredible workforce does," Dunwoody told APG workers. "You are a national treasure."

## Post Shorts

the “APG’s Kids Got Talent Showcase” at 4 p.m. followed by the “APG’s Got Talent Adult Showcase,” 7 p.m. Both shows are at the AA Recreation Center. Admission is \$5 per person. Those dining at the North Side Grill can enter free with a receipt from their meal purchased the day of the show. Purchase tickets for all three events at the MWR Leisure Travel ticket office in the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4100/4907; in the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E4140, 410-436-4011/4907.

### 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 retired Brig. Gen. Alberto Jimenez.

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

### Blood drive scheduled Sept. 30

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.

To sign up, or to view appointment times, visit the Web site <https://www.militarylifeforce.com>

### 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 Lauderick 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.

### Voting Assistance Office opens

Absentee Voters Week is Sept. 27 to Oct. 4. Garrison APG’s Installation Voting Assistance Office (IVAO) is located in building 4305, room 151, 410-306-2302.

Federal write-in absentee ballots will be available. For more information visit [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov). Send specific ques-

tions to [Vote.APG@us.army.mil](mailto:Vote.APG@us.army.mil).

Unit Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) will be available to assist service members and their Families Sept. 27, between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Aberdeen Area at the PX; the main Gym, building 3300; and the Recreation Center, building 3326. They will also be in the Edgewood Area in the Hoyle Gym, building E4210; the Recreation Center, building E4140; and the 143rd Ordnance Battalion Headquarters, building E4223.

### 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 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.

### MCSC upcoming events

‘Tis the season to join the APG Military and Civilian Spouses’ Club! Spouses of all military branches – regardless of status - and all female Aberdeen Proving Ground and tenant activity active duty personnel, civilians and contract employees, active or retired, and spouses of APG and tenant activity civilians and contract employees and anyone who volunteers in an APG philanthropic organization are eligible to join. Membership information and application forms are available at [www.apgmcs.org](http://www.apgmcs.org). Upcoming events include BUNCO, Sept. 27 and

a Welcome Coffee, Oct. 6.

For more information, contact Tiffany O’Sheal, 937-260-1647, [membership@apgmcs.org](mailto:membership@apgmcs.org); or Annie Brock, 443-686-1484, [president@apgmcs.org](mailto:president@apgmcs.org).

### See APG Newswatch

The APG video news program, APG Newswatch, is available for viewing online at <http://www.army.mil/media/amp/?bctid=604972674001>.

The September lineup includes: C4ISR Symposium held in Baltimore for the first time, Ordnance Center and Schools closes NCO Academy on APG as they move to Ft. Lee, Va., Women’s Equality Day is observed on post, Local chapter of AUSA looks at the latest in Combat Feeding, and a look at the Army Environmental Command’s history on APG as it moves to San Antonio, Texas.

### Filing for Reimbursement of Real Estate Expenses at APG

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division, will perform the customary and reasonable review of expenses incurred for real estate claims for PCS moves of DA civilians transferring into and away from the APG area. Employees wishing to file a reimbursement request are required to access the APG Real Estate Reimbursement Guide for APG specific information and structure their requests LAW with the APG guide. Guidance obtained from any other website is not applicable to the APG Program. Employees should read the APG guide, those resources cited in the guide, and the Part II, Chapter 5 of the JTR, prior to incurring real estate expenses so they have a full understanding of what is reimbursable and what is not before these expenses are incurred. These resources can be found at [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil), Services Directory, Installation Support Offices, then Legal. Employees must currently be making the daily round-trip commute to and from the new dwelling to the new duty station prior to submitting a request for reimbursement.

### LOCATE: 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 list-



### Change of Mission

#### APG NORTH DENTAL CLINIC

410-278-1795  
7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
2501 Oakington Street  
APG, MD 21005-5131

Now providing comprehensive dental treatment to permanent party personnel on post at the Aberdeen Area military clinic.

Few patients require referral to civilian facilities.

Call 410-278-1795 today to schedule an appointment.

ing 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 (NAC-CRRA) 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](http://www.marylandfamily-network.org).

### APG News and PAO relocated

The APG Public Affairs Office, including the APG News staff, building 2201, have relocated to Garrison Headquarters building 305, second floor.

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

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



# 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. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 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-LeisureTravel@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, building 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 size 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, make-up, 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

### 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.

### Three new Fitness classes added

Sports and Fitness added three new classes to its fitness schedule: body-blast, 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 Renaissance Festival tickets available at MWR

Discount tickets for the Maryland Renaissance Festival cost \$14.50 for adults ages 16 and older and \$7.75 for children ages 7 to 15. Prices at the gate cost \$18 at the gate for adults ages 16 to 61; \$15 for seniors 62 and older; and \$8 for children ages 7 to 15.

The festival is open weekends, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., through Oct. 24. The Maryland Renaissance Festival is located on 1801 Crownsville Road in Annapolis. Handicapped parking is available next to the main gate. When entering the parking lot, follow the signs to the designated handicapped parking area.

For more information on the Maryland Renaissance Festival, visit [www.rennfest.com](http://www.rennfest.com).

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-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

### 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 Pirate Invasion, Children’s Fantasy, Heroes of the Realm, Scottish Weekend, Oktoberfest, 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-LeisureTravel@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.

### 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.

### MWR daily bus trips to Atlantic City

Roll the bones on daily trips to Atlantic City, N.J. MWR Leisure Travel Services offers daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino. Cost of the trip is \$28 per person.

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

For more information, contact MWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail 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).

### 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.

# hired!

## HIRED!

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

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

For more information contact Jay McKinney, APG HIRED! Program Coordinator, 410-278-3250

### 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.

## 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 p.m., 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. 20

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

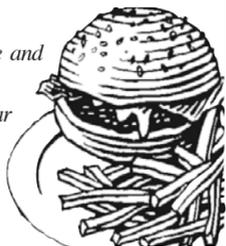
Special #2: Seafood fettuccine with salad, cookie and regular soda for \$10.25.

### Week of Sept. 27

Special #1: Crab cake with French fries, coleslaw, cookie and regular soda for \$10.50.

Special #2: Pork bbq with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.25.

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.



## 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.

# Well-Being gives way to Community Action Council

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The final Well-Being meeting of the core group of Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations was held at the Edgewood Area Chapel Aug. 19. The monthly meeting has undergone a name change and now is known as the Community Action Council. Meetings still will be held the third Thursday of each month with the exception of October when it will be held Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the EA Chapel, 9:30 a.m. Meetings will continue to alternate between the EA and Aberdeen Area chapels. See next week's *APG News* for the report on the September Community Action Council which was held Sept. 15.

Soldiers, civilians, retirees, contractors and Family members are encouraged to attend or send representatives to the Community Action Council meetings which are designed to distribute information and address concerns from the community.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades chaired the August meeting for Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, who was called away.

## **DPTMS**

The community is encouraged to check the calendar on the APG Garrison Web site for upcoming events. Contact DPTMS director John Kearney, 410-278-9320 to add information to the site.

## **Public Affairs**

The Garrison Public Affairs Office has moved to building 305, second floor. Contact PAO chief George Mercer for more information at 410-278-1147.

## **Picerne Military Housing**

Temporary units are available for incoming service members. There is an abundance of two bedrooms available with a 30 to 60 day wait. Rhoades added that the wait for housing is being addressed. "Picerne has put a lot of effort into trying to keep up with three and four-bedroom homes to accommodate our incoming Families," he said. In particular, he said they are tracking senior NCOs and officers who are due to arrive and communicating back to them what is available.

## **AAFES**

Civilians and contractors are authorized to purchase consumables at the installation Shoppettes but not gas, alcohol or tobacco. Rhoades said that the significant shift in population due to the loss of Ordnance Soldiers has affected sales at the Post Exchange.

"We lost a lot of the AIT population and that has impacted AAFES and clothing sales," he said, adding that plans are underway to adjust hours according to sales. "As the workforce changes, hours will be readjusted," he said.

Current PX hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition, Clothing Sales is moving into the PX main store.

Burger King hours are Monday through Friday, 6

a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Barbershop hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

"We are trying to stay open a little later to accommodate the workforce," Rhoades said. "If you are traveling from the Edgewood Area this gives you a little more time."

He said that sales have been so affected that the Garrison and CPAC are working to accommodate jobs that may be lost due to slow sales. The Garrison request for use of the barbershop by civilians to DA was turned down, he added.

There is no change to Commissary hours.

"The bottom line is we have to change to accommodate the new population and our retirees," Rhoades said.

## **KUSAHC**

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will close Oct. 7 through 12 for electrical work on the facility. Regular operations should resume Oct. 13. To refill prescriptions prior to Oct. 6, call the pharmacy refill line at 1-800-248-6337. For TRICARE services call 1-877-874-2273. For more information, call the staff duty officer at 410-807-0725.

Flu vaccines should be enough to accommodate government civilians this year.

## **FMWR**

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will present entertainment for the whole Family this weekend starting with the "Tribute to the Troops" variety show, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Friday, Sept. 24. Tickets cost \$5 per person. The fun continues Saturday, Sept. 25 with the "APG's Kids Got Talent Showcase" at 4 p.m. followed by the "APG's Got Talent Adult Showcase," 7 p.m. Both shows are at the AA Recreation Center. Admission is \$5 per person. Those dining at the North Side Grill can enter free with a receipt from their meal purchased the day of the show. Purchase tickets for all three events at the MWR Leisure Travel ticket office in the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4100/4907; in the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E4140, 410-436-4011/4907.

The Maryland Renaissance Festival is in full swing. Tickets for this and numerous other area events are available through the Leisure Travel Ticket Office located in the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. Call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.armuy.mil.

## **DFAC**

The Aberdeen Area dining facility opened to civilians and contractors in August. Rhoades noted that the command went through a "lengthy process" to obtain permission.

"This is not a long term, but a temporary solution," he said.

DOL requests that customers take time to submit ICE

comments on the dining facility's service and menu.

## **EOC**

The Emergency Operations Center is distributing information about the Ready Army campaign during September which is National Preparedness Month. The campaign encourages readiness for events such as severe weather, flu outbreaks, terrorist attacks and man-made accidents such as train derailments.

In addition, materials regarding the iWatch Army campaign were distributed. The iWatch Army campaign encourages vigilance in spotting and reporting suspicious incidents, behavior or activities that could be terror related.

"We want everyone involved as human sensors," said EOC's Pedro Rodriguez. "Report it if you see something wrong. You can actually stop a planned terrorist attack," he said.

For more information, click on the iWatch Army logo on the APG Garrison Web site at [www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/](http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/).

## **Chapels**

The EA/AA chapels offer religious programs for all denominations. Services will be held in the fellowship hall of the AA Chapel starting Sept. 23 due to renovations.

## **CFC**

The Combined Federal Campaign is underway through Dec. 15. Contributor guides are available through key persons and program coordinators. CFC promotions include a Silent Online Auction accessible to CAC ID holders through the Garrison Web site at [www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/](http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/), and a 5K Charity Run on a date to be announced.

For more information, visit the CFC Office, building 4313, or call 410-278-9913/9915/9916.

## **Transformation**

Planned upgrades to Maryland Route 715, between Route 40 and the Maryland Boulevard Gate, are scheduled to begin soon. Tom Kuchar, Director of Public Works, said that St. Johns Properties, which is constructing the GATE office complex, will work with the state in a joint effort to enhance the Route 715 area. In addition, he said the 400-acre area that makes up the GATE will include office buildings, a conference center, hotel and retail facilities, which will be available to all APG personnel.

Rhoades closed the meeting with comments about the challenges facing the entire community during the Transformation.

"We're facing huge challenges to support a changing community and we do not have the ability to hire more help," he said.

He encouraged all to continue to work together and attend Community Action Council meetings to offer their ideas.

"I want to thank BOSS and other organizations who work every day to make our community better," he said.

## Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

My name is Amanda Nordell and I am a Federal Civilian. I have recently been on the Volunteer Leave Transfer Program (VLTP). Earlier this year I was diagnosed with Lymphoma Cancer, and as part of standard procedure concerning the VLTP, the recipient is not allowed to know the names of the people who donated, as the hours are donated anonymously. In my case alone, I had over 300 hours donated to me – there are no words to describe the amount of gratitude I feel. Since I cannot thank specifically the people who donated to me, I thought the only other route to reach these generous individuals is to write a letter to you, in hopes that it may be published in the *APG News* since it is the only publication that reaches installation wide.

My gratitude that such a program exists is great, but the fact that so many people and time was donated to me means my world, literally. I was diagnosed by ‘accident’ – meaning I had no symptoms and was being monitored for other health concerns when they discovered the Lymphoma. I had no leave saved because I had only been a federal civilian for a little more than seven months when I found out I had cancer, so when I was told that I had to go through a minimum of six chemotherapy treatments I had no idea how I was going to get the time, and/or take leave and pay for everyday life.

When I was told about the VLTP I was thankful in so many ways – there was hope that I would be able to make it through these treatments with my health and job secure. As I went through chemotherapy, the treatments, unfortunately, got worse as each one passed, but nothing that I wasn’t able to fight with

help from family, friends, and co-workers. I was on a rotation where every three weeks I would receive a treatment. The first two weeks after each treatment were the worst, but by the third I was able to return to work. I was barely making it into work the third week. The chemotherapy was taking its toll on me, making me ill and unable to function as required for my duties. Fearing that I would not be able to have the amount of leave to compensate my time off, I checked the ‘balance’ of what leave was donated to me. Only three months on the program, almost 300 hours had been donated to me. Emails had been sent activity-wide and Garrison-wide, in some instances, for my cause.

Even today, having being ‘cleared’ of the cancer, I cannot describe the amount of emotion I felt in that moment, for the rest of my treatment, and for the rest of my life, honestly. In the time of need the ‘unit’ that is our installation came together and helped one that needed it, and I cannot thank those people enough.

Almost nine months after being diagnosed, I am now cancer free. My doctors are monitoring me every three months, to be sure that the cancer is gone. Since it was rare for me to have it, as I am only in my mid-20s and the average age for this type of cancer is 60 and above, they were concerned about the outcome. But, since my treatments, I have received nothing but positive and reaffirming diagnosis from my doctors that the cancer is gone.

Thank you to all for your support – I have made it through this life-altering event because of your generosity, enthusiasm, and support. Thank you, Editor, for the chance to allow me to thank the people that helped when I needed it the most.

*Amanda E. Nordell*

### 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.

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

April Avina	Walter Holland	Philip Sibley
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# Are You Ready? iWatch Army says report suspicious behavior or activities

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The Department of the Army has implemented a modern version of neighborhood watch focused on the threat of terrorist activity. The iWATCH ARMY campaign is designed to heighten public awareness to the indicators of terrorist activity and encourage reporting of suspicious behavior or activity to military and civilian police activities on post or local law enforcement agencies for investigation. The Headquarters Department of the Army, Office of the Provost Marshal General (OPMG,) is leading this effort. OPMG's Antiterrorism Branch has developed the iWATCH ARMY initiative and media awareness products to educate the Army community.

The Army Provost Marshal General and Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, directed the Army-wide implementation of iWATCH ARMY in April and since then, Army commands have begun implementing the initiative within their organizations and communities.

## Why is iWatch Army important to the Army?

The iWatch Army program is important because it encourages and enables members of the community to help protect their communities by identifying and reporting suspicious behavior that is known to be associated with terrorist activities. The passive element of iWatch is individual situational awareness of their surroundings. The active element of iWatch involves individuals taking action to report suspicious behavior or activities to law enforcement for further investigation.

When informed about the indicators of terrorist activity and empowered to help protect communities against terrorism, the entire Army community - Soldiers, DA civilians, Family members and contractors - become an extension of overall protection. The information reported by members of the Army community (both on and off military installations) may reveal a piece of a puzzle, which leads authorities to thwart a terrorist plot.

## Examples of indicators of suspicious activity include (but are not limited to):

- People drawing or measuring impor-

The poster features a group of five Army soldiers in camouflage uniforms. At the top, it says "iWATCH ARMY" in large, bold letters, with "iREPORT" on the left and "iKEEP US SAFE" on the right. Below the soldiers, it reads "A Simple Observation A Single Report can lead to actions that may STOP a terrorist attack". At the bottom, it says "THINK ABOUT THE POWER OF THAT. THE POWER OF iWATCH. See Something Say Something". The slogan "Always Ready, Always Alert Because someone is depending on you" is also present, along with a URL: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/605757>.

tant buildings;

- Strangers asking questions about security procedures;
- A briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package left behind;
- Vehicles left in no-parking zones in front of important buildings
- Intruders in secure areas where they do not belong

- Persons wearing clothes that are too big or too hot for the weather
- Chemical smells or fumes that seem out of the ordinary for the specific location
- People asking questions about sensitive information such as building blueprints, security plans or VIP travel schedules without a need to know.

- People purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without the proper credentials.

## Examples of locations to watch for suspicious activity:

- Unit/organization headquarters
- Barracks
- Dining facility
- Installation access points
- Religious facilities
- Amusement parks
- Sports/entertainment venues
- Recreation centers, fitness facilities
- Barracks, lodging facilities
- Mass gatherings – concerts, parades, fairs, etc.
- Schools, libraries, day care centers
- Hospitals
- Commissary, PX, gas station, bank
- Public transportation

The official iWatch Army kick-off date was in August during Antiterrorism Awareness Month. Since then, iWatch materials have been posted around the installation in common areas, such as the post offices, schools, Commissary, Shoppettes and other high traffic areas. The iWatch posters include awareness tips and advice, as well as the appropriate contact information for reporting suspicious activity.

## What continued antiterrorism efforts are planned for the future?

Future initiatives include the implementation of a revised terrorist threat reporting system known as "eGuardian" and the development of an Antiterrorism Field Manual (FM 3-07.2).

As antiterrorism awareness and iWATCH ARMY products and tools are developed to support Army units and communities, they are posted and available for download from Army Knowledge Online -- Antiterrorism Enterprise Portal (ATEP). For more information, AKO account holders can visit the ATEP at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/605757>.

To report suspicious activities or occurrences at Aberdeen Proving Ground, call 911 or the Directorate of Emergency Services at 410-306-2222 (4-2222) in the Aberdeen Area and 410-436-2222 (5-2222) in the Edgewood Area.

# Who's the best?

## Technical escort teams compete for title at 22d Chemical Battalion



Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS JB JASO III, 22D CHEMICAL BATTALION

*Spc. Kelli Anderson, conducts initial analysis of a suspected biological sample during the 22d Chemical Battalion's situational training exercise competition, Aug. 5 on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Anderson is a sample team member with 22d Chemical Battalion, 20th Support Command (CBRNE).*

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After months of training, Soldiers of the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), 48th Chemical Brigade, 20th Support Command (CBRNE), completed a week-long exercise focused at finally deciding which Technical Escort Team was the best in the unit.

"The competition was fierce," said Staff Sgt. Tom Smith, and sample team member with Company A, 22d Chemical Battalion. "Everyone wanted their team to win, which increased the level of proficiency and training within the battalion."

Teams were seen rehearsing and preparing for the competition weeks in advance. The competition, which took place on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, from Aug. 2 through 6, consisted of a sensitive site exploitation of chemical and biological laboratories, and equipment proficiency.

Lt. Col. Chadwick Bauld, 22d Chemical Battalion commander, said learning the array of equipment that a Technical Escort Unit has in their stock is a major task within itself.

"Soldiers were randomly selected to explain the technology and put a piece of equipment into operation," Bauld said.

"Analytical, detection and communication equipment were used, which required every soldier to learn how to operate the entire equipment set."

The chemical and biological laboratories required the teams to conduct a sensitive site exploitation which resulted in identifying, sampling and analyzing for possible contamination and processes. The timed event also required teams to complete numerous tasks, such as proper sampling and evidence collection techniques.

After four days of competition, Company A's Chemical Response Team – 1 took home the victory.

"The point differential between first and second place was one point," stated Bauld.

"This competition was more than just deciding which team was the best," said Master Sgt. Stephen Ellison, Company A team sergeant. "It was about cross-training every individual on the team, identifying what improvements need to be made, and becoming more proficient as a collective unit."



Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS JB JASO III, 22D CHEMICAL BATTALION  
Staff Sgt. Maliek Kearney moves to a suspected biological lab during the 22d Chemical Battalion's situational training exercise competition, Aug. 3. Kearney is a decontamination team leader.



Photo by CHANEL S. WEAVER, 20TH SUPPORT COMMAND

*Sgt. Juanita Cisneros, of 22d Chemical Battalion, uses a high-powered laser to analyze a liquid and detect what chemicals it contains during the 22d Chemical Battalion's situational training exercise competition, Aug. 3 at Aberdeen Proving Ground.*



Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS JB JASO III, 22D CHEMICAL BATTALION

*Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Cruz-Ferrera (left) issues the operations order to Master Sgt. Stephen Ellison (center), and Capt. Justin Brooks, right, at the start of the 22d Chemical Battalion's situational training exercise competition, Aug. 3 on Aberdeen Proving Ground's Edgewood area. Cruz-Ferrera is the operations noncommissioned officer for the 22d Chemical Battalion, while Brooks and Ellison are assigned to a Chemical Response Team in the battalion.*



Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS JB JASO III, 22D CHEMICAL BATTALION  
*Spc. Seth Chouinard, sprays decontamination solution on Staff Sgt. Edward Bell, ensuring that possible contamination is removed after operating in a biologically contaminated environment, Aug. 3, during the 22d Chemical Battalion's situational training exercise competition. Bell and Chouinard are members of a Chemical Response team assigned to the 22d Chemical Battalion.*