



Senator talks APG issues



Mikulski

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**
RDECOM PAO

Local education and transportation are continuing challenges for the Aberdeen Proving Ground workforce and their families. Military officials met with U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski to discuss these issues during an April 19 meeting. Mikulski, who represents Mary-

land in the U.S. Senate and has for 24 years, visited the installation to discuss the effect of base realignment and closure, or BRAC, on the community and workforce.

"I want exuberance in Harford County. What is represented here is stunning," Mikulski said, referencing the science, technology and engineering jobs at APG.

"Important work is being done to protect the troops, treasured allies and the homeland."

Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, senior APG commander, said BRAC is adding jobs to the local economy; however, the state of Maryland, Harford County and the

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APG joins National Take-Back Day

Community urged to purge unused, expired drugs

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Emergency Services and Army Substance Abuse Program are co-sponsoring this year's Drug Take-Back event April 29.

The event provides the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

Americans turned in more than 242,000 pounds—121 tons—of prescription and OTC drugs during the first National Take-Back Day in September, according to D.A.R.E. More than 18

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DID YOU KNOW?

Every day, 2,500 kids age 12 to 17 try a painkiller for the first time.

1 in 3 teens report having a close friend who abuses Rx drugs. Teens now abuse Rx and over-the-counter drugs more than almost all others combined.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration



No RUSH



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Josh Boudreaux, a sergeant with the U.S. Army Public Health Command, contemplates his next move during the MWR Chess Tournament at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center April 16. Civilian Bruce Cullum won first place and Bill Wardle, an Aberdeen High School math teacher, came in second. The lone military winner was Sgt. 1st Class Jeeradach Daychapatomwan, an instructor with the 143rd Ordnance Battalion. The tournament for military and civilian personnel – beginner, intermediate and advanced – was in preparation for the All Army competition slated May 14 to 20 at Fort Myer, Va.

CECOM players dominate tourney

Singles, doubles competitions slated in May

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Three employees from the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command dominated the March racquetball tournament, taking three out of five prizes.

Management analyst Andrew Kosc came up big, winning first place in the singles tournament and teaming up with DCGS-A project lead Charles Mathers to place first in doubles as well.

Mike Hinterlong and partner Kevyn Glover of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs took second-place in doubles.

Second place in singles went to Al Figueroa.

Kosc, who has been playing at APG three years, said he enjoys the camaraderie.

"Everyone knows everyone and we use an honor system," he said. "I encourage anyone to come out and play. You don't have to be a pro."

He credited recreation aide Jason Foley and sports program manager Donna Coyne with running a smooth program.

"They did a great job. Everything went smooth and it was a lot of fun."

"I got lucky," he added about

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APG, partners rescue eagle chick

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG NEWS

A young Aberdeen Proving Ground eagle recently found itself blown out of its nest after a violent storm and was rescued and placed with a "foster family."

It all started the morning of April 5, when a fast-moving line of thunderstorms pounded the area with heavy rains and high winds.

Joe Ondek, a biologist with the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center who has been monitoring and caring for APG wild-

life since 1965, said he had misgivings as the storm blew through.

"I knew that tree, and I knew when that storm went through that tree had to be rocking," said Ondek, adding that the roots of the tree have been under water for years.

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A young male eagle chick, left, meets his new slightly younger sibling, right, after being placed in a surrogate nest April 6.

Photo by Craig Koppie, US Fish & Wildlife Service



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DPW's Kaltenbacher catches up with the descendents of Pooles Island lighthouse keeper **SEE PAGE 5**

OPINION

Ready, Reset, Go! CECOM volunteers gain valuable greening experience

Supporting the warfighter. We all want to do that. Some civilians get to work with Soldiers in theater but many of us never get that opportunity so we do our best to have an impact from our desk, laboratory or range.

Yet, there are other ways. I just returned from a mission for the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell where I got the chance to interface directly with Soldiers and gain an understanding of combat unit processes while participating in the 2-week induction phase of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team's equipment reset program.

Volunteers from the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command got the opportunity for this invaluable greening experience for two weeks as part of a critical component to support the war effort.

CECOM's Logistics Readiness Center deploys a Communications Electronics Evaluation Repair-Team (CEER-T) to the home stations of returning brigade combat teams to reset their Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Systems (SINGARS) and night vision devices (NVDs) to necessary standards in accordance with the Special Technical Inspection And Repair manual.

Basically, we make sure the equipment is ready to use the next time the unit deploys to the theater of operations.

Each team is composed of technicians from Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., and government contractors from ITT Corporation; two CECOM site leads, and as many CECOM volunteers as is necessary to assist as logistical support.

APG volunteers

Five CECOM volunteers from Aberdeen Proving Ground participated in the two-week induction phase in which I participated this spring. They included three assigned to SINGARS and two to NVD. The SINGARS team included, Jennifer Beddor (CERDEC), Carl Williams (CECOM G8), and Lindsay Newhouse (LRC). The NVD team included both Melissa Danilchick (LRC) and me.

Work began early on a Monday morning and it was a day for preparation – arranging tables, inventorying parts, and following necessary instructions from the site leads to assure a smooth and successful first day of induction, taking in the used equipment from the brigade's Soldiers so that they can be repaired or replaced.

Our site lead, Kim Hampton from the Logistic Readiness Center's Reset Team, gave us our instructions on how to take in the equipment.

My partner, Melissa, had fortunately worked a CEER-T mission once before so I was able to follow her lead. Our home for two weeks was located in a warehouse on the installation.

The first day of induction began by greeting the units as they arrived. First to arrive was the Headquarters and



Photo by Stephanie White

Induction activities for the CEER-T effort at Fort Campbell included preparing more than 3,000 NVD's and 2,000 SINGARS for reset.

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Headquarters Troop from the 1-33 Cavalry. They arrived on time with more than 100 night vision goggles to catalog and package for reset repair work to begin by the reset team of TYAD technicians.

How we did it

The process for each day flowed like this: Members of a unit will arrive for their scheduled appointment where they were greeted by the CEER-T site leads and volunteer CECOM team. Next they received instructions for packaging their equipment. Ziplock bags are already arranged along tables where three copies of a DA Maintenance Request Form 2407 are completed by the unit and placed on top of each ziplock bag.

Then, Soldiers began placing each NVD on its corresponding form with close scrutiny by both Soldiers and volunteers that serial numbers match appropriately.

After a thorough check, maintenance labels were affixed to each copy of the 2407 along with one attached to each ziplock bag.

Once this was completed, each piece of equipment was bagged with one copy of the 2407 form. These bagged NVD's were then loaded into boxes well labeled and ready for technicians

to receive and begin their repair work.

The unit left with a copy of each signed 2407 form as well as a signed acceptance letter and were told to wait for instructions via email as to when their equipment is ready for reissue.

The repair work usually takes between one to three weeks depending on parts availability and volume of work.

I had some time to talk with a couple of the noncommissioned officers who are responsible for their CEER-T maintenance from the returning units. I asked Sgt. 1st. Class William "Joe" McCullough, from the Third Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 3rd Special Troops Battalion, what he thought of CECOM's CEER-T maintenance process and equipment as a whole. He responded, "CECOM does amazing work with their goods and services. I can honestly say there have been no issues or complaints with both the equipment and service that CECOM provides."

Home Safe

Sgt. 1st. Class Laura Eisch of G Company, 3/320th Field Artillery, just returned home after one year and two weeks deployed in Afghanistan. She had a big smile on her face when we

were introduced to her unit.

I soon learned the smile was due to reuniting with her 3-year-old son the day before whom she hadn't seen in over a year. I asked Eisch how she was able to say goodbye to him knowing she would not be able to see him for such an incredibly long period of time.

She explained, "I really didn't think I would be able to do it, but I did. It was a very difficult decision, but am glad I went to serve our country and am now home, safe with my son."

As civilian employees of the Army, we can sometimes get wrapped up in our daily grind and become removed from the reality our Soldiers face day to day.

It was a vivid reminder to me and the other volunteers just how much is sacrificed by these Soldiers to protect our freedoms and our way of life. By participating in missions like these, other CECOM volunteers can experience and become more in tune and appreciate not only the work of our men and women in uniform but also what services we provide to get their mission done.

Rewarding work

CECOM volunteers were able to catalog, box and prepare more than 3,000 NVDs and 2,000 SINGARS for reset in just under eight days.

Hampton said, "The work is tremendously rewarding; to be able to support our Warfighters in such a way that directly affects their missions is what fills me with joy. I'm always amazed at the support the Soldier gives to me and my team by making the effort to get the job done. Teamwork is not a problem when working CEER-T. I enjoy the face-to-face interaction with all the units and the very young Soldiers that cross our path. I can't be more pleased with CECOM and its volunteers for giving it their all during the brief time working with CEER-T. I can't think of anything I'd rather do."

The work is physical and demanding but very rewarding. These types of volunteer assignments add valuable greening experience to those from the civilian workforce who don't understand the full value of all they do every day to support the Warfighter.

Volunteering for missions like these provides valuable face-to-face communication with Soldiers fresh from deployment. Here at CECOM, we are reminded that "at the end of the day, it's all about the Warfighter."

The volunteers for missions like this one get to experience this relationship and better appreciate the value of the work they do.

The CEER-T mission is an experience that will strengthen your resolve and broaden your scope of the important work done at CECOM.

Stephanie White

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A historic light

(From left) Garrison APG Commander Col. Orlando W. Ortiz and RDECOM Commanding General Maj. Gen. Nick Justice take a summer 2010 tour of Pooles Island and its historic lighthouse. The commanders will lead the installation and community in the relighting of Maryland's oldest standing lighthouse May 21 as part of APG's Armed Forces Week celebrations. A Harford County dinner cruise will transport participants to the site of the relighting. Tickets for the Spirit of Baltimore cruise can be purchased from Harford County Chamber of Commerce by calling 410-838-2020.



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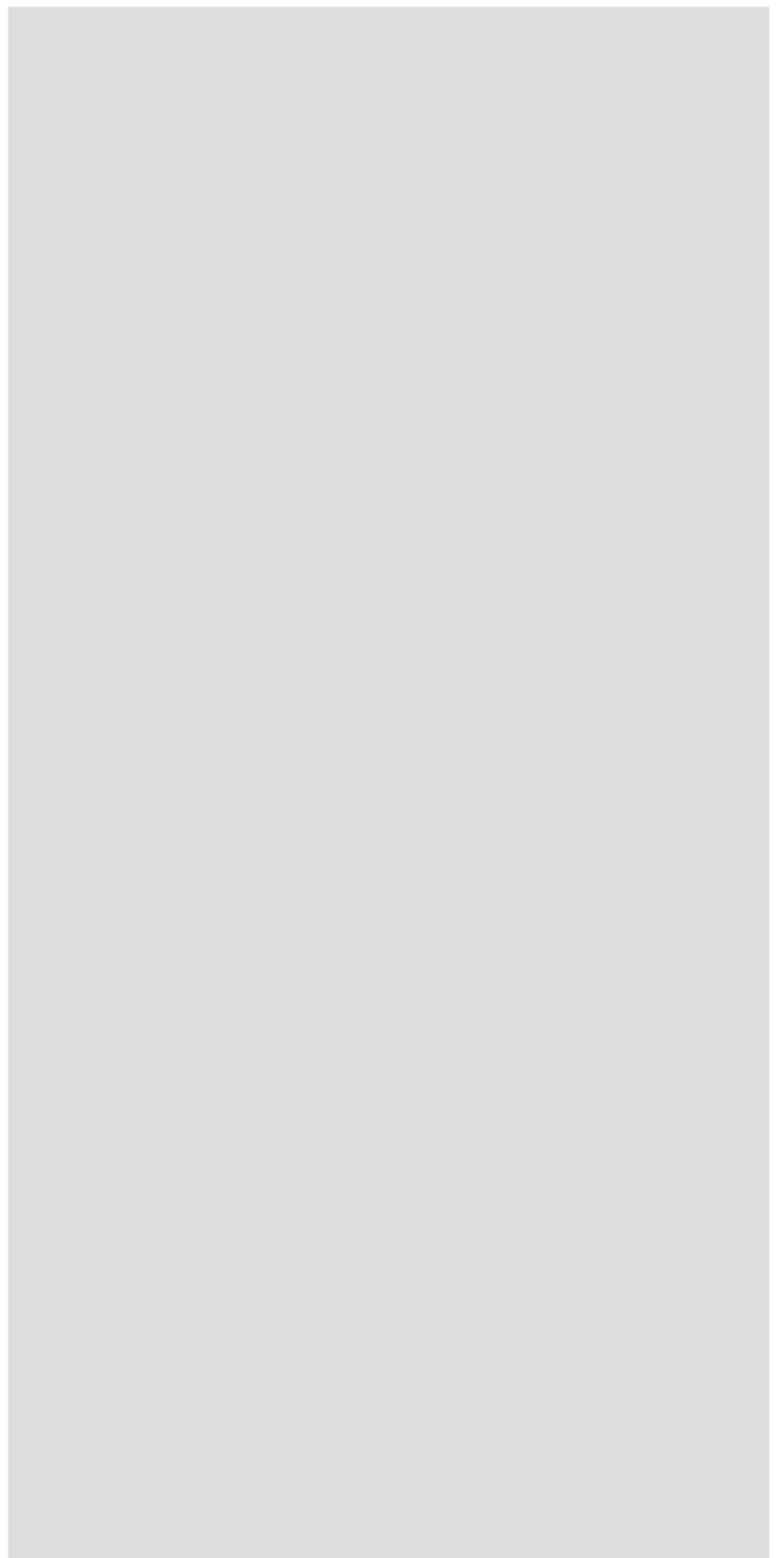
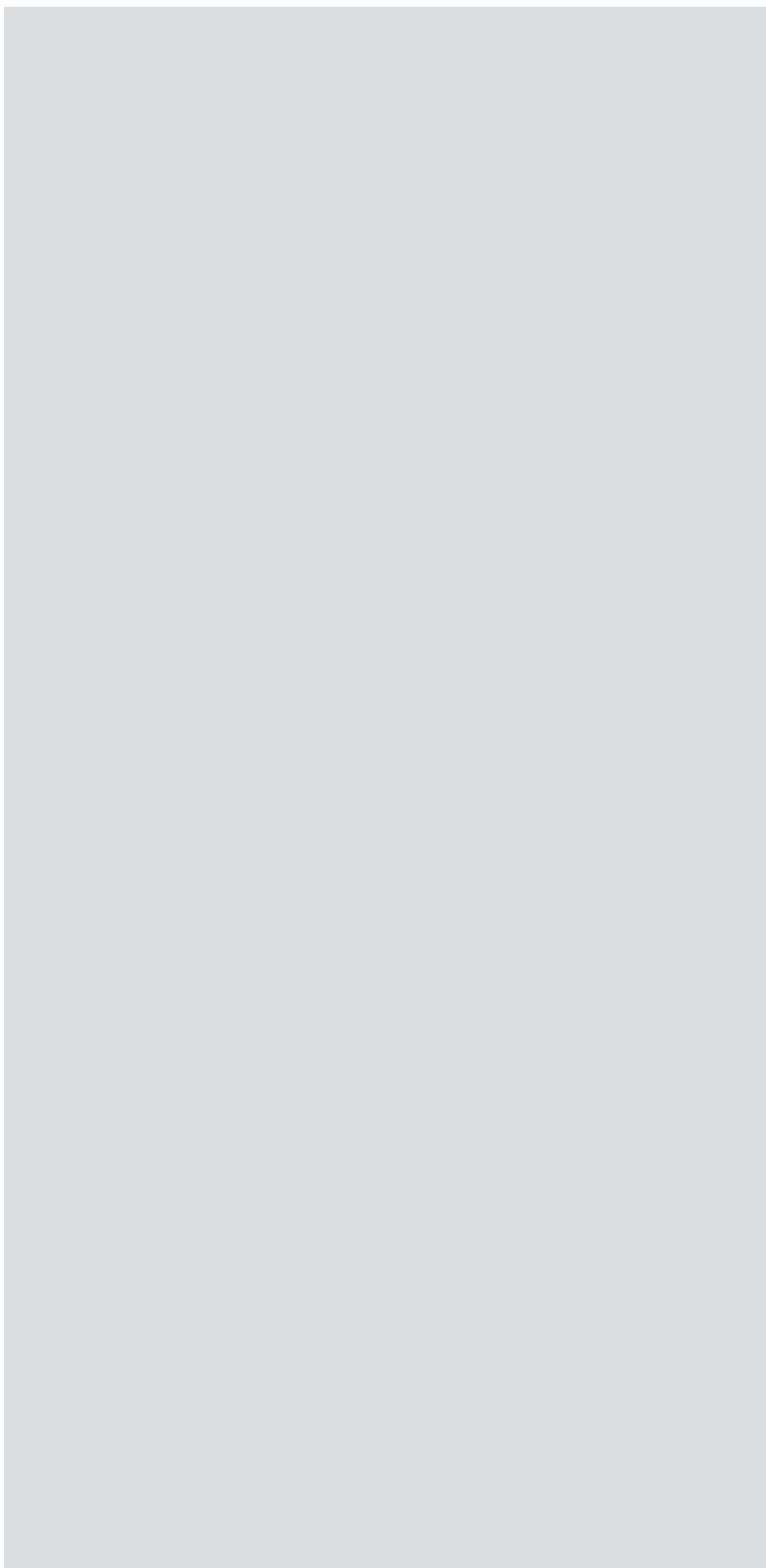
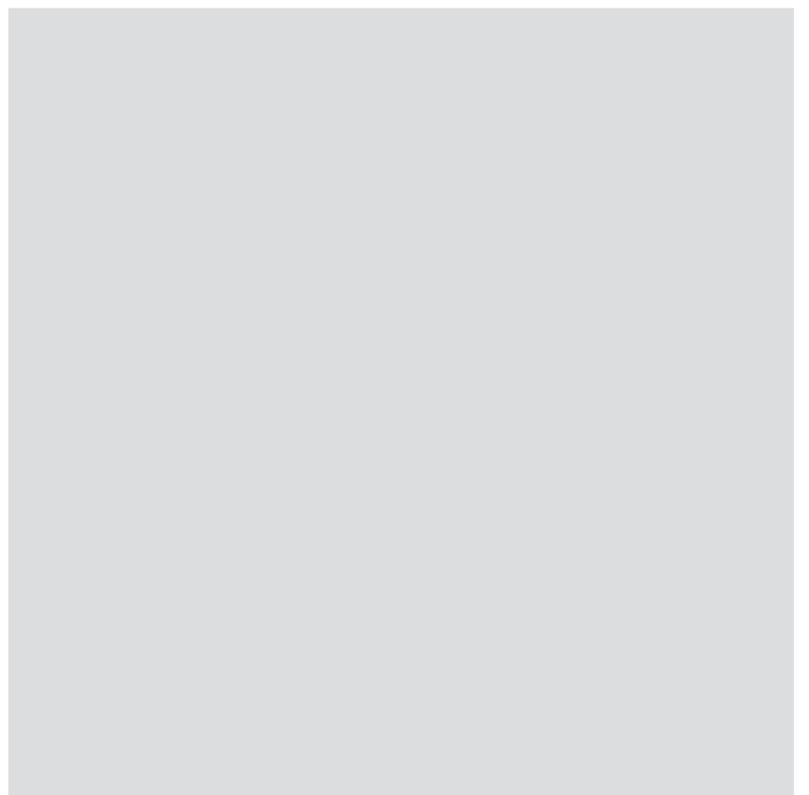
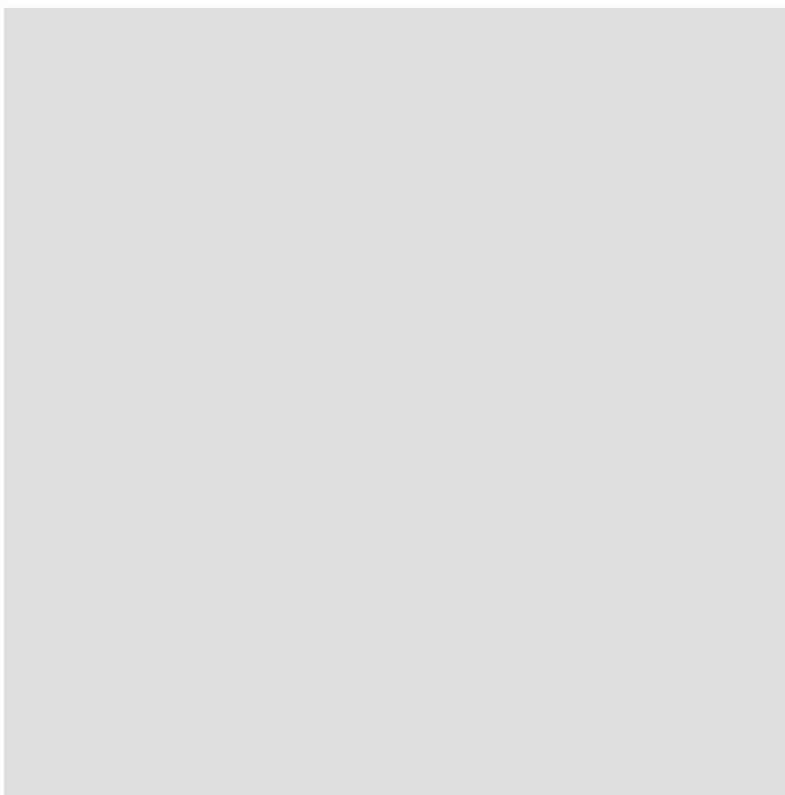
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Hand the keys over

(From left) APG Museum specialist Ed Heasley signs a hand receipt for the Mobile B-53 Remote Control Drill (in background) he received from Rocky Hoover, a U.S. Army Public Health Command engineer and Mark Farro, a USAPH engineering supervisor as Gail Fuller, director of the APG Museum look on. The USAPHC donated the vehicle for display in the new APG Museum which opens October 2012. The vehicle, built in 1975, was the first of its kind remote control drill for water and soil samples for analysis. The drill was most often used in conjunction with explosive ordnance disposal clearance missions, Farro said. It is the first non-Ordnance vehicle the museum has collected, according to Fuller.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson



Local reflects on lighthouse history

I received an early Sunday morning message from the granddaughter of Capt. Steven Andrew Cohee, the last light keeper of the Pooles Island lighthouse.



I'd only discovered a few days earlier that Betty O'Leary existed, and living right around the corner in Bel Air! This discovery was, for the history enthusiast in me, a direct connection to the past, stirring up images of maritime nostalgia, life at the turn of the 19th century, and memories of days gone by.

You see, Cohee was more than just a man who kept watch over Maryland's oldest standing lighthouse for nearly four decades, he was and still is a part of our national history, --- our national identity, our ... shared Chesapeake Bay heritage.

Bygone days

Several days later, I found myself in O'Leary's Bel Air home, chatting with her and first cousin Stephen Conner, Cohee's great-grandson. We compared historic photos that we had collected over the years, and traded anecdotes about the Cohee family and island life back in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Some of the photos show O'Leary's mother Gladys as a little girl, posing on the lighthouse steps and running around the island with the chickens and dogs and her seven siblings.

O'Leary was not yet born in 1917 when the Army purchased the island and her grandfather gave up his duties as light keeper. Cohee returned to the mainland, settled at Willoughby Beach and became a commercial fisherman. But O'Leary has many fond memories of the island and lighthouse since her family continued to visit the island for



Courtesy photo

I was welcomed into Betty O'Leary's Bel Air home, where (pictured from right) she and first cousin Stephen Conner compared historic photos and anecdotes about island life in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

family picnics up until it was used as an artillery range in the 1930s.

A brief history

In 1996, when APG and U.S. Coast Guard Reserves restored the Pooles Island Lighthouse, I became fascinated with the pre-installation history of the island and the few folks who lived, worked, and braved the elements on this isolated, 200-acre emerald isle in the upper Chesapeake Bay.

I had let my fingers do the walking in a local phonebook and found Peg Cohee and Agnes Bowman, both relatives of the captain. Subsequently, I met several times with both elderly ladies to interview them and make copies of the numerous historic photos they had of Cohee, his family and life on the island.

They described to me the plentiful perch and crabs they would scoop up for dinner right off the shore of the island, armed with only a peach bas-

ket and a garden rake. They reminisced about "Grandpop" going to town in April and October, when the Bay was ice-free, to stock up on supplies like hog's heads cheese, barrels of sugar and flour, canned goods, and medicines for the large family.

The captain's children attended primary school, weather-permitting, by taking a boat to either Galena or Chesapeake City. Otherwise, learning was done on the island, with one son Bill educating himself by reading by the light of oil lamps in the upper part of the lighthouse. At the time of these visits, the ladies were in their mid-eighties and I doubted if they were still living; Betty confirmed that they were not.

Back to the present

I returned to work at APG after a nearly 10-year absence to find that senior commanders had taken quite an interest in our cultural resources, specif-

ically our dormant lighthouse.

Our leadership's vision has resulted in grand relighting plans during Armed Forces Day May 21, coinciding with a Harford-County sponsored dinner cruise aboard the Spirit of Baltimore. Upon hearing this news, O'Leary was overwhelmed.

"I am so happy that APG is doing this because I was afraid the lighthouse would dissolve into oblivion," she said. O'Leary plans to be on the cruise ship with about 30 other Cohee family members traveling from as far away as Florida in a quickly-assembled reunion, to reminisce about days gone by and celebrate the historic relighting of our Chesapeake Bay treasure with APG and other members of the community.

I will be proud to stand alongside our leadership, the Cohee family and our community and witness this historic moment. Please consider joining us for a fun-filled evening aboard the Spirit of Baltimore—contact Harford County Chamber of Commerce for more details—hope to see you there!

Check out the APG Live Blog at <http://apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/category/community/> for more information on the Pooles Island Lighthouse history.

Terri Kaltenbacher

DPW Environmental Division



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U.S. Army photo

World-wide experience

This year's U.S. Army Soldier Show will take place at Fort Belvoir's Wallace Theater April 29-30 at 7:30 p.m. The carnival concept of the 2011 show will take audiences on a globe-spanning journey to more fun-filled venues in 90 minutes than some folks experience in a lifetime. From a boardwalk to a funhouse to a circus to a county fair to a time machine, Soldier-entertainers will take their guests on a song and dance tour of carnivals across America and beyond.

Tell them you saw it in the APG News

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

APRIL 23 11TH ANNUAL SUSQUEHANNA RIVER SWEEP

The Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway will sponsor its 11th Annual River Sweep, 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine.

The annual volunteer shoreline and roadside clean-up in honor of Earth Day will take place in Conowingo, Havre de Grace, Perryville and Port Deposit. Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. in one of five locations: Exelon Trail at Octoraro Creek in Conowingo; Tydings Park in Havre de Grace; Community Park and Boat Launch in Perryville; and Marina Park in Port Deposit.

Volunteers will then fan out to spend the morning removing trash and other debris from the Chesapeake Bay, Susquehanna River and tributaries that feed into the Susquehanna River. Participants are urged to wear old clothes and bring gloves.

Volunteers who sign up in advance will receive a T-shirt and lunch.

For more information or for volunteers to sign up, visit www.hitour-trails.com or calling 410-457-2482.

SATURDAY

APRIL 30 BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo will be held at the VFW Darlington-Dublin Memorial Post 10146 located on 3440 Conowingo Road, Street, Md. Doors open 6

p.m.; Bingo starts 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 each with \$5 for extra packs. There will be a drawing for a basket of cheer and a voucher for a free bushel of crabs. Food and drinks will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Sue Rigdon 410-838-1542 or Shirley Wagner, 410-939-2045 or email shirley.wagner@comcast.net.

STEPPINGSTONE MUSEUM FLEA MARKET

An outdoor flea market will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Steppingstone Museum, 461 Quaker Bottom Road, Havre de Grace. Search for great bargains or sell stuff that's just been cleaned out of the closet. Vendor spaces cost \$20. Admission is free. For information, call 410-939-2299 or 888-419-1762, or email steppingstonemuseum@msn.com.

LYRIC OPERA BALTIMORE TO PERFORM IN HARFORD

The Havre de Grace Arts Commission will sponsor the Lyric Opera Baltimore, 7 p.m. at Havre de Grace United Methodist Church, 101 South Union Avenue, Havre de Grace. Doors open 6:30 p.m. The Lyric Opera Baltimore will perform highlights from "La Traviata," "Le Nozze di Figaro" and "Faust" and favorites from other operas. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, payable by cash or check to the HdG Arts Commission. Pre-event sales are available at Havre de Grace Visitor Center,

410-929-2100; Preston's Stationery, Bel Air, 410-838-5858; and at the door.

For more information, visit www.ModelIPAC.com.

COUPLE'S BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Bring your partner to the Harford County Mocha Moms Couple's Bowling Fundraiser, 7 to 9 p.m. at AMF Country Club Lanes, 9020 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore. Tickets cost \$20 per person in advance; cost includes shoe rental. There will be a prize for the highest score. Donations will be collected at the event for the Harford House homeless shelter.

For more information, call Tricia Clarke, 212-960-8070.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

APRIL 30 AND MAY 1 4TH ANNUAL RAMJAM MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

The 4th Annual RamJam Music and Arts Festival will be held from 10 a.m. on April 30 to noon, May 1 at Uncle Bob's Western Corral located on 565 Kirk Road, Fair Hill, Md. Performers include Mad-Sweet Pangs, Smooth Kentucky, Baygrass, Second Self, Lost in Company, 61 North and more. There also will be Cirque Oya circus troop, art exhibits, late night music sets, camping and more. Advance tickets cost \$36.86 for day/night plus camping and \$47.12 on day of event for day/night plus camping. RV/heavy camping tickets cost \$21.49 and must be

purchased in addition to general admission ticket. To purchase tickets, visit <http://www.ramjamming.com/tickets.html>.

For more information, visit <http://www.ramjamming.com/home.html>.

FRIDAY

MAY 6 BOW WOW BOOGIE

Support the largest party of the year for Harford County's homeless and neglected animals. The Bow Wow Boogie will be held 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood. Tickets cost \$45 per person or \$400 for a table of 10. Cost includes buffet with roast beef, shucked oysters, make-your-own sundae dessert bar, draft beer, wine, sodas, a deejay with Top 40 music, dancing, raffle tickets, big six wheel, silent auction and more. Proceeds will benefit the homeless and abused animals of Harford County. Donations can be mailed or brought into the shelter at 2208 Conolly Road, Fallston, Md. 21047.

For more information, to sponsor the event or purchase tickets, call Mary Leavens, 410-836-1090, Ext. 101 or e-mail Mary at mleavens@harfordshelter.org.



MORE ONLINE
More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.

Post Shorts

Trial Results

■ At a general court-martial at the APG Courtroom March 14 - 16, **Pvt. Demone M. Whigham**, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., pled not guilty to 2 specifications of Article 120, Rape, and 2 specifications of Article 92, Failure to Obey an Order or Regulation.

The military judge found Whigham guilty of all charges and specifications and sentenced him to confinement for four years, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and a Dishonorable Discharge.

■ At a special court-martial at the APG Courtroom April 13, **Staff Sgt. Orlando M. Curtis**, assigned to Bravo Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, 59th Ordnance Brigade, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., pled guilty to one specification of Article 112a, Wrongful Use of a Controlled Substance (marijuana).

The military judge found Curtis guilty of the charge and its specification and sentenced him to reduction in rank to Specialist (E4) and hard labor without confinement for 45 days.

Annual motorcycle training

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Safety Garrison Safety Office has kicked off its annual motorcycle training. Register for classes at <https://airs.lmi.org> or call Mike Allen at 410-306-1081 for more information.

"We're also looking at the possibility of civilians being offered motorcycle training through the Army Traffic Safety Training Program," said Garrison APG Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades. "IMCOM and region safety managers are working to ensure training is in accordance with established Department of Defense/Army guidance and contract/fiscal law. We'll get the word out to the community via the APG News, APG Live and the garrison's Facebook page."

Spring Techno Expo April 28

Edgewood Chemical, Biological Center Corporate Information Office of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command will host the 2011 Annual Spring Information Technology Expo 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., April 28, at The Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326.

Admission is free and open to all DoD, government and contractor personnel. Refreshments will be served. For information, call Deb Daniel at 410-436-6087 or FDAE toll-free at 877-332-3976.

Survivor Coffee Break

APG's Survivor Outreach Service (SOS) program will host a Survivor Coffee Break for Families of fallen Soldiers May 14 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Ruggles Golf Course. During the event, survivors will learn about services that are available to them. Application can be picked up or completed at the coffee for Survivor decals and APG Survivor ID cards for anyone having difficulty gaining access to the installation.

The Survivor Vehicle Decal Program was developed by SOS to ease access to the installation and provide survivors with special recognition. Decals can be obtained at the SOS Office, Bldg. 2503, Highpoint Road, Room 109 on Aberdeen Proving Ground from 8:00 am-5:30 pm.

Contact SOS Support Coordinator Annette Sanders at 410-278-2861 or annette.sandersnash@us.army.mil for information.

Arbor Day event set April 29

This year's APG Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration theme is "APG-Light of the Bay." Arbor Day will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 29 at the APG museum. Events will include awards for best poster essays as written by students from Harford, Cecil and Baltimore county schools. For more information, call 410-278-5014.

Days of Remembrance May 3

The location of the Days of Remembrance observance has been changed from the EA Stark Recreation Center to the post theater. Team APG will present the Holocaust Days of Remembrance observance at 10 a.m. May 3. The Days of Remembrance theme is "Justice and Accountability in the Face of Genocide: What Have We Learned?" Guest speaker will be Holocaust survivor Nicholas Attias. Call 410-306-2053, 410-436-1023 or 410-278-5964 for information.

Military Spouse Tea, Dinner scheduled May 3

A special Spouse's Tea will be offered for military spouses noon to 2 p.m. May 3 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326. RSVP by April 22.

Also, a Spouse's Appreciation Dinner will be held 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. May 6 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. Child care will be provided at no cost. Reservations are required. This

event will be casual with a buffet and Family-style seating. RSVP by April 22.

For more information or to RSVP for these events, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669/7572 or email Marilyn.e.Howard@us.army.mil.

Traffic Update

Due to ongoing construction at Aberdeen Proving Ground, traffic routes will continue to change. For continuous updates, visit the APG Live Blog at <http://apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/?p=762>.

Blood drive dates

APG will host blood drives on the following dates:

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| 17-May-2011 TUE | 1000-1400 |
| Recreation Center | |
| 21-Jun-2011 TUE | 1000-1400 |
| Recreation Center | |
| 25-Jul-2011 MON | 1000-1400 |
| Recreation Center | |
| 23-Aug-2011 TUE | 1000-1400 |
| Recreation Center | |
| 27-Sep-2011 TUE | 1000-1400 |
| Recreation Center | |
| 31-Oct-2011 MON | 1000-1400 |
| Recreation Center | |
| 29-Nov-2011 TUE | 1000-1400 |
| Recreation Center | |
| 5-Dec-2011 MON | 1000-1400 |
| Recreation Center | |

Veteran and Active Military Appreciation Nights

In an effort to honor the military, the Bowie Baysox, the Double-A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles will introduce five branch-specific Veteran and Active Military Appreciation Nights on select Wednesday nights during their 2011 season. Ask about the Bowie Baysox group rates and active military discounts at all regular season games. Each night is themed, but none are exclusive to a specific branch.

- May 4, Coast Guard
 - May 11, open to all
 - June 1, Air Force
 - July 6, Marines
 - Aug. 31, Army
- Stop by MWR office for \$7 Lower Reserve seats.

Directions for the Bowie Baysox: Take Exit 13A off of Highway 50, Prince George's Stadium, 4101 Crain Highway, Bowie, Md.

For more information, call 301-805-6000, visit www.baysox.com or e-mail Jerran Leber at jleber@baysox.com.

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 Joan Campbell, 410-278-5668, e-mail joan.campbell@us.army.mil.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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| Tidy Baptiste | Vikas Dane | Kari Jackson | Marie D. Nowak | Maria Santiago | Luis Villafane |
| Sarah Blevins | Meg Downey | Maia Kaiser | Stephanie Parrett | Gloria Scott | Emily Whaley |
| Debra Bonsall | Chris Edwards | Dawn Kowalewski | Ella Patrick | Paul Shelley | Fletcher "Chip" Williams |
| Diane Bratton | Sabrina Faulkner | Jessica Knight | Richard Pecoraro | Lena Shelton | Taryn Wilson |
| Georgia Braun | Thomas Garrett | Teresa Lawson | Christi Peterson | Diane Simmons | Tammy Woodard |
| Jeanie Calles | Holly Geppi | Shantia Mack | Donna Pierce | Philip Sibley | Bruce Woodmansee |
| Clark Capers | Charles Giles | Sheila Martin | Michele Reamey | Danielle Smith | Victoria Yates-Sparks |
| Lori Clark | Lynae Green | Andrea Miller | Melissa Rickey | Patricia Stitley | |
| Hennither Cole | Walter Holland | Margaret Nahrgang | Russell | William Taylor | |
| Glenda Cosenza | Debra Ingram | Ulrike Neyens | Pedro Rodriguez | Joya Tucker | |



MORE ONLINE
More shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.

FAMILY AND MWR

Activities/Events

Indoor walking during lunch

Rain or snow, walkers on APG can still get their exercise every day. Walk at lunch time, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326. Indoor walking with DVD. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil

Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program Classes

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program is committed to offering support to the APG Family

through a series of dynamic classes. What makes FAP classes so dynamic is a mix of the community members who participate, the exciting and innovative materials, and the facilitators. Classes are free and are open to all members of the APG community, so don't delay. Families can get the tools that they need to get on the right track by joining a FAP class today.

All programs will be held at ACS, Bldg. 2503 High Point Road.

- Effective Parenting for ages birth through age 5: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., April 19 and 26
- Couples Communication Class: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., April 27
- Blended Families (Stepfamilies):

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., May 5, 12 and 26

- Staying Connected With Your Teen: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

For more information or to register, call 410-278-7478.

APG Softball

APG Softball Leagues signup deadline is April 21. Rules meeting is April 28 at 5 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. The regular season will begin the week of May 3 and is open to all eligible MWR patrons. This is a coed program. There are leagues in both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas and play is by modified ASA rules. There is a fee of \$250 per team due before the season starts.

Call the Sports Office at 410-278-3929.

Luray Caverns discount

Take a spin through time, 400 million years worth to be exact, to discover the amazing history of these unearthly caverns. Tickets cost \$18.25 for adults 13 years and older; tickets for children ages 3 to 12 cost \$9.25. Luray Caverns is located on 970 Highway 211 West, Luray, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley. Prices are subject to change without notice. Visit <http://www.luraycaverns.com/PlanYourVisit/AboutLurayCaverns/tabid/507/Default.aspx>. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the MWR Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/4907, visit the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Personal Training

APG Sports Branch is offering personal training programs. All active duty military and Family members, DoD civilians and family members, and DoD contractors are eligible.

Training is offered at the athletic center, fitness center and Hoyle Gym to assist customers in meeting their personal fitness needs. The program is offered in individual half-hour and one-hour sessions and blocks of sessions. Individual half-hour sessions cost \$40 each; one-hour sessions cost \$55 each. Blocks of six half-hour sessions for the cost of five sessions is \$200; blocks of six sessions for the cost of five sessions is \$275

Contact the athletic center or Hoyle Gym for details.

Developmental delay service offered

ACS/Exceptional Family Member Program is sponsoring Harford County Infants and Toddlers at the Ruggles Golf Course Sutherland Club House March 16 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program provides a variety of early intervention services (speech, occupational, and physical therapies and special instruction, etc.) to children from birth to age 5 and who are at risk for developmental delay, have developmental delays or atypical development.

Services are provided at no cost to children living in Harford County.

Nicol Elliott, Program Manager will provide an overview of the program, its services and the eligibility/referral process.

Kelly Nelson, family support services coordinator will discuss the services and resources available to family members participating in the program.

For information, call Nancy Goucher at 410-278-2420.

Early morning fitness classes

The Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, Bldg. 3300, will hold boot camp fitness classes from 6 to 6:45 a.m., on Mondays and Wednesdays. For information, call 410-278-7934/ 7933.

April bowling specials

- Early Bird Special: Bowl from 7 to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.

- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl for \$1.50 per game. Shoe rental costs \$1.

- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza (toppings extra)

and one pitcher of soda for \$32. Shoe rental costs \$2.

Bowling rates

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

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday. Lunch delivery is available for orders of \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of April 18

Special #1: Crab cake sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$9.95.

Special #2: Tuna salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.75.

Week of April 25

Special #1: Two hot dogs with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$4.95.

Special #2: Kielbasa and sauerkraut with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.50.

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



Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://www.armycivilianservice.com> or check out AAFES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.



New chief lays out themes for tenure

By **JIM GARAMONE**

American Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates wanted an Army chief of staff willing to challenge the status quo, and he believes he has one in Gen. Martin E. Dempsey.



Dempsey

Dempsey succeeded Gen. George W. Casey Jr. as the Army chief of staff during a ceremony at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va., April 12. Due to a family tragedy, Casey and his family did not attend the event.

“Whatever challenges confront us in the future, your Army will respond with the same courage and resolve with which it has responded over the past 235 years,” Dempsey said.

Gates extolled the new chief of staff saying that he was impressed with Dempsey’s “keen mind, strategic vision, quiet confidence and the energy he brings to every assignment.”

Dempsey served as the command-

er of the 1st Armored Division in Baghdad in 2003. He then helped put in place the Iraqi army and police. He served as the deputy commander of U.S. Central Command and stepped in as acting commander when Navy Adm. William Fallon resigned.

“While serving as acting CENTCOM commander, General Dempsey reorganized the headquarters, published new theater strategy and campaign plans, all the while managing the rotations and deployments of tens of thousands of troops throughout his command’s [area of responsibility],” Gates said.

He moved to the Army’s Training and Doctrine Command where he “spread the gospel of adaptation in a world, where, as he is fond of saying: ‘Uncertainty is the only certainty in life in this century,’” the secretary said. “He has pushed the Army to become more versatile and decentralized, and overhauled its approach to war-fighting, publishing a new capstone concept that elevates adaptation to an institutional imperative.”

Today the Army is in transition, which

is not a new phenomenon, Dempsey said in his remarks. The Army is always in transition, but this one is unique because the Army is entering its 10th year of war with an all-volunteer force. The general called that an “incredible testament to America’s Soldiers and their families.”

The way ahead will be tough and the service must “center its sights on who we are as an Army.”

Dempsey spoke about themes important to him and the service moving forward.

“We will provide whatever it takes to achieve our objectives in the current fight,” he said. “We will win in an increasingly competitive learning environment -- that’s the domain in which we must prevail.”

The service must develop a shared vision of the Army in 2020.

“We will design units and prepare leaders to over match their adversaries,” he said. “We will master our fundamentals and develop deep global expertise.”

He said the Army will continue to change, but that the service will change only when it contributes to the versatili-

ty and relevance of the nation’s military instrument of power.

In an era of constraint, the Army must maintain a reputation as a good steward of America’s resources.

“We will remain connected to America, and we will succeed in all of that because we will re-connect, engage, empower and hold our leaders accountable,” he said.

Between now and June 14, the Army Birthday, Dempsey said he will engage the senior military and civilian leaders of all services. He will publish “a document that charts our way ahead including a portfolio of initiatives that chart our way ahead to deliver on the themes.”

Trust is the heart of the military, Dempsey said.

“My commitment and expectation to this great Army is that we will work on strengthening the bond of trust among those with whom we work, among whom we support and among those who march with us into battle,” he said. “On the foundation of trust we will overcome any challenge we confront in the future.”



Holy Season worship schedule

Special Easter Event

All are welcome to attend The Drama of Easter, 6 a.m., April 24 behind the Top of the Bay. Breakfast will be served at the Main Post Chapel following the service.

Last Supper Presentation

The Main Post Protestant congregation is not holding an Easter Cantata this year. Instead they are presenting a Living Last Supper April 21 at 7 p.m. at the chapel at APG North (Aberdeen). The LLS re-creates Leonardo da Vinci’s famous painting. Call 410-278-4333 for more information.

Main Post Chapel (Aberdeen Area)

Catholic services

- April 22, 3 p.m., Veneration of Cross
- April 23, 8 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass
- April 24, 8:45 a.m., Easter Sunday

Protestant

- April 24, 10:15 a.m., Easter Sunday

Gospel

- April 24, noon, Easter Sunday

Edgewood Area

Catholic services

- April 21, 7 p.m., Holy Thursday Mass
- April 22, 3 p.m., Veneration of the Cross
- April 24, 10:45 a.m., Easter Sunday

Protestant

- April 24, 9:15 a.m., Easter Sunday

APG youth graduate D.A.R.E. program

By
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Parents, friends and community leaders cheered on the sidelines as more than 100 children graduated the Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., program during a ceremony at the Aberdeen Proving Ground North (Aberdeen) Youth Center April 13.



Retro Bill

D.A.R.E. goes beyond drug and alcohol abuse prevention, explained D.A.R.E. officers Kim Long and Mike “Big Mike” Farlow, of Directorate of Emergency Services. They said it teaches children about peer pressure, bullying, stranger danger and what to do in an emergency.

D.A.R.E. graduates received a graduation certificate and a governor’s citation, signed by Governor Martin O’Malley, for completing the nine-week program.

During the ceremony, parent Tamika Cruz told the audience how her 4-year-old son Jayden knew what to do when their house caught on fire last fall.

“No one had remembered to get Jayden out; Jayden got himself out,” she said. “The whole reason Jayden got out is because he remembered what Big Mike taught him about what to do and where to go during the fire. Because of the D.A.R.E. program my Family made it out alive.”

Farlow told the audience about another D.A.R.E. graduate—6-year-old John Kilby Jr. who called 911 when his mother, Mollie Kilby, fell down the steps.

“I was very surprised that he would call 911 himself and know how to give directions to our house,” said Mollie. “He learned a lot from the D.A.R.E. program and

uses what he learned at home.”

Farlow presented Kilby and Cruz a Hero Award for putting to use the skills learned in the program. Other recognition included: Savannah Cash, 10, for Best Essay; Tyler Long, 9, for Best Poster; and James Webb, 10, and Noah Ruark, 11, won Spirit Awards.

Following a video essay of the program’s graduates, D.A.R.E. icon and motivational speaker Retro Bill gave the keynote speech. Retro Bill, known as the 21st century Mr. Rogers, has an upbeat and energetic delivery and uses props to get his point across. Retro Bill talked to the children about maintaining a positive attitude, resisting peer pressure, and confiding in trusted adults.

Retro Bill asked the adults in the room to stand in support of the graduates.

“Always remember this, you are not alone,” he said. “You have strength in numbers on your side. This is what the D.A.R.E. program is all about.”

Retro Bill ended his speech by thanking military Families.

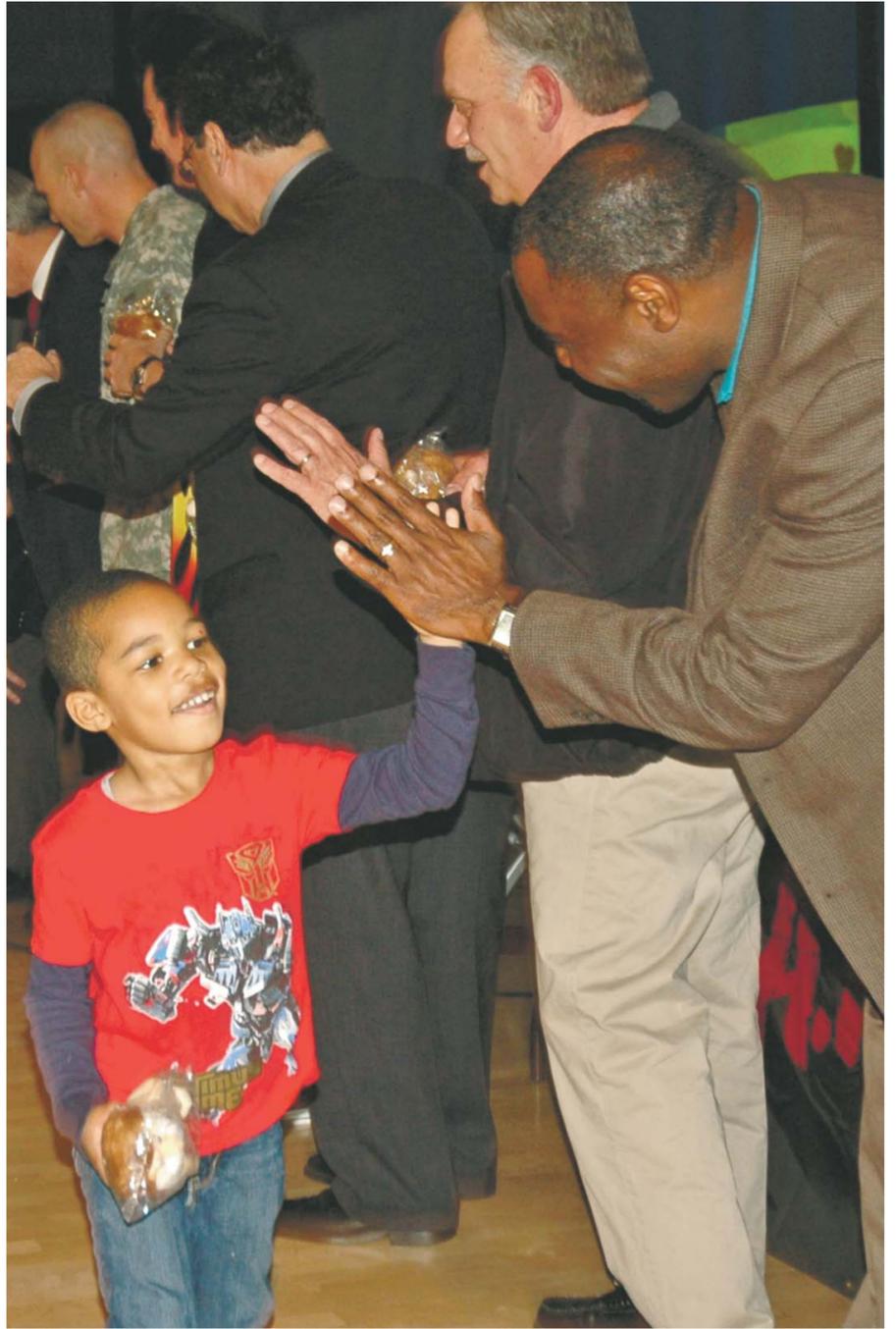
“You are serving your country by being a military Family and it is an honor to speak to all of you,” he said.

Retro Bill also spoke at the APG South graduation ceremony held earlier that day.

Special guests in attendance included APG Garrison and Deputy Installation Commander Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, Director of Emergency Services’ Robert Krauer, City of Aberdeen Mayor Michael E. Bennett, Harford County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Robert M. Tomback, Maryland State D.A.R.E. Coordinator Ann Thacker and D.A.R.E. mascot Daren the Lion.

The installation’s DES and Army Substance Abuse Program co-sponsored the event.

For more photos visit, <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>.



Four-year-old Nicholas McDuffie receives congratulations from community leaders after graduating the D.A.R.E. program at the APG North youth center April 13.

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Senator visits APG, talks education

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installation need a long-term plan to overcome associated obstacles.

"We really are a center for science, technology and engineering. It reaches globally," Justice said, referencing the work of his fellow general officers at the meeting from the Army Test and Evaluation Command, 20th Support Command (CBRNE) and Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense. "[Harford] County is just starting to awaken to the magnitude of this."

Col. Andrew Nelson, APG deputy commander for transformation, said BRAC moves must be complete by Sept. 15. The Army is spending more than \$1 billion to add about 3 million square feet of office, laboratory and testing space.

All projects are on schedule for commands to relocate, Nelson said.

However, Nelson said APG has identified seven local intersections that need upgrades, with costs to do so totaling more than \$100 million.

Mikulski said competition is fierce for funding from the Defense Access Roads program, which provides infrastructure money for areas around growing military installations. National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., was recently awarded DAR funding, she said.



RDECOM photo

Army leaders met with Sen. Barbara Mikulski April 19 to discuss education and transportation challenges at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

"We need strategic public investments tied to the state and military. [Road construction near APG] is going to take longer than we thought," Mikulski said.

Mikulski and APG leaders also agreed that Maryland and Harford County need to emphasize a robust local education system.

Deputy APG Garrison Commander Tim McNamara said he has met with Harford County Public Schools Superintendent Robert Tomback to focus on three initiatives: improve curriculum by gearing students toward APG's needs; bringing teachers into APG facilities for professional development; and broadening science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, outreach.

"We see physical infrastructure and human infrastructure, meaning educational opportunities, as our job by working with the state," Mikulski said. "Harness this intellectual superpower [at APG] to the civilian world so we have both a safer country and a stronger economy."

Mikulski encouraged APG to partner with local educators to help develop the future workforce.

"When [teachers] see the magnitude [of APG transformation], they are going to be energized because they have kids too," she said. "Everybody is wondering where their kids are going to work in the 21st century."

"There's going to be a sense of excitement. They are going to be excited to work with you because our entire future will be tied together."

Fallen eagle chick rescued at APG

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Ondek gathered gear he knew would come in handy in case the tree was downed and headed out. Sure enough, when he reached the area, the top one-third of the tree was gone and the nest was nowhere in sight.

Ondek said he didn't have to look far, however. Two adult eagles circling overhead pointed him in the right direction and he found the chick in the water nearby.

He approached the chick, speaking softly to calm it and picked it up, taking care to avoid its sharp talons, wrapped it in dry towels and placed it in a cooler-like container with a lid on it.

"Being in the dark and warmth calms them down," said Ondek.

After securing the chick Ondek contacted Lynda Hartzell, of the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division, Eagle Compliance Branch; Directorate of Emergency Services game wardens; garrison wildlife biologist John Paul and the garrison environmentalists Amy Burgess and Jessica Baylor.

"I told them we got a bird blown out of its nest and they all came running," Ondek said.

The chick was judged to be about

5 and a half weeks old and about four weeks away from taking its first flight.

Since it could not be returned to its original home, Craig Koppie, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service raptor biologist with the Chesapeake Bay Field Office, suggested placing it in a surrogate home with a similarly aged chick in hopes that the adults would accept it. He and Baylor went on a hastily-arranged aerial search for an appropriate nest and narrowed it down to two.

It was Koppie who scaled the tree to place the bird in the surrogate nest. Using climbing gear similar to that used by linemen to climb telephone poles, Koppie reached the perch. At about 70 feet in the air, he was able to climb over the side and sit on the edge of the nest which measured about 6 feet in width and 4 feet in depth.

The nest contained one female chick; the adults were in sight, circling overhead. Koppie said the chick in the nest watched him warily but didn't seem too disturbed. Nor was the fallen chick once he was hauled up from the ground in a duffle bag and placed in the nest.

"It was kind of comical," Koppie said. "This bird was actually quite calm,

but then he had been handled by humans for the past 24 hours. He looked over my shoulder at the female chick and then looked at me as if to say, 'Who's that?' They were both very timid but they got along fine."

He said he judged the male to be about 10 days older than his new "sibling." Both were tagged with aluminum FWS migratory bird bands for subsequent monitoring. Daily observations have found that the adult pair accepted the chick and are feeding it regularly.

"Human intervention was successful," he said. "It was a very happy ending."

Koppie has been climbing eagle nest trees since 1977 and has coordinated eagle monitoring and safety efforts with APG environmentalists since 2000. He said he is "very impressed" with the priority garrison commanders have placed on the installation's eagle population.

"All the garrison commanders have understood how important this is," he said. "They realize that while they have men and women to train, they also have eagles to manage. I can't speak highly enough about the APG environmentalists and their operations."

Ondek said he considered Koppie a hero along with the rest of the installation environmental managers.

"We don't always just allow nature to take its course. Human intervention is sometimes necessary," he said, noting that when he came to APG in 1965 there was only one nest on post. "Every time this happens I choke up knowing that this is another one of ours we are taking care of."

Hartzell said the Eagle Compliance Branch has about 80 nests it tracks each year. She credited DPW, DES, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center with providing the level of human intervention needed to aid the fallen chick. The entire incident lasted 29 hours.

She also credited the Tri-State Bird Rescue which X-rayed the chick, took blood samples, and "gave it a little quiet time," while keeping it overnight.

"They really are top notch," Hartzell said. "This is an example of how environmental stewardship is an integral part of APG's military mission and shows that it is possible for a protected species and an active military mission to coexist."

Racquetball winners

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the doubles win. "I had a very good partner."

Mathers has been at APG a year but has been playing racquetball for 30 years. He said the competition was "pretty stiff," noting that they had to come out of the losing bracket to win the last match.

"Teams were pretty evenly matched; it could have gone either way," he said. "I've played in lots of tournaments and this one was pretty well run and a lot of fun."

A former employee with the Ordnance Center and Schools, Hinterlong is a logistician for PM Crew. He said he entered the tournament to help a fellow

player in need of a partner.

"This was the best organized tournament; it went fast, they gave you food and water, and kept things moving. It makes you want to play in the next one," he said. "The facilities might have decreased, he added in regard to the loss of one racquetball court to exercise equipment, "but play has improved and more and more players are interested."

The next racquetball tournaments will be held May 7 and 8 for singles and May 14 and 15 for doubles. For more information, contact Jason Foley at 410-278-7934 or jason.s.foley@us.army.mil, or visit www.apgmwr.com.



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

(From left) Andrew Kosc, Charles Mathers and Mark Hinterlong pose with one of the championship trophies from the MWR racquetball tournament held in March. Kosc was the singles winner; he and Mathers won doubles. Hinterlong and partner Kevyn Glover (not pictured) came in second in doubles; Al Figueroa (not pictured) was the second place singles winner.

Take-Back day set

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pounds was collected at APG alone last year.

Cindy Scott, ASAP prevention coordinator, said having expired, unused prescription and OTC drugs around the house or office can be dangerous.

Scott explained that expired drugs may be less effective and cause some people to overdose by taking more than they should to get the same effect.

Another reason unused or expired drugs are dangerous, explained Scott, is its potential for abuse, a problem that is on the rise among youth in America.

Studies show that a majority of abused medications are obtained from family and friends, according to the Office of Diversion Control.

In addition to preventing overdose and abuse, Timothy Knox, the installation's alcohol drug control officer, Take-Back Day is an environmentally friendly effort. Knox said turning in the drugs prevents people from flushing them down the toilet and entering the ground water supply.

"We really want people to think about safeguarding their medicine," said Scott. "I would advise that people go through their medicine cabinet and get rid of any expired, unused and medicines at least twice a year."

Drop off locations

Medications can be dropped off at the APG South (Edgewood) Police Station, Bldg. E4420, and the APG North (Aberdeen) Police Station, Bldg. 2200, anytime between now and April 29.

The prescription drugs and OTC medicines collected at both sites will be delivered to the Havre de Grace Police Station for disposal April 30 by

APG community police and ASAP staff.

County participation

Harford County will participate in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Harford County will

have two drop-off locations: the County Office parking lot, 220 S. Main Street in Bel Air; and the Havre de Grace Police Station, 715 Pennington Avenue in Havre de Grace. The service is free and anonymous.

For more information call 410-278-4013 or contact Cynthia.Scott1@us.army.mil, or email Crime Prevention and Community Policing Officer Mike Farlow at 410-278-3609 or Micheal.Farlow@us.army.mil.

The APG event corresponds with the April 30 National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

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Cindy Scott

ASAP prevention coordinator

APG SNAPSHOT

A peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/> or <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rdecom>.



Photo by Claudette Murray

RIDE SAFE!

(From right) Sgt. 1st Class Wendy Zupan, Maj. Bryan Potts and Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Pierce participate in the Experienced Rider class April 15 at the motorcycle training course on APG North (Aberdeen). The class was administered by CapeFox contractor Dave Backert and APG's safety and occupational health specialist Mike Allen. To register or for more information, call Allen at 410-306-1081 or visit <https://airs.lmi.org>.



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A PATRIOTIC ASSEMBLY

Col. Terry Hodges, special assistant to the commander general of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) (second from left) looks on as Dr. Pat Baker of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory's Weapons and Materials Research Directorate presents a Patriot Program medal to a Churchville Elementary School student April 14. The ARL regularly supports school programs through ongoing partnerships between Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations and Harford County Public Schools.



ARL photos

ARL's Human Research and Engineering Directorate world-class Environment for Auditory Research facility at APG helps research determine the limits of human hearing and the effects of Soldier equipment on sounds on the battlefield -- vital information needed for situational awareness.

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With a potent combination of a highly skilled workforce and first-rate facilities, ARL provides the underpinning of the science needed for the military's research and development efforts, making it the largest source of world-class integrated research and analysis in the Army.

Although ARL is headquartered in Adelphi, Md., near Washington, D.C., it has a large part of its 2,041 scientists, engineers and administrative staff located on APG. Members are also spread across ARL elements at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., Orlando, Fla., and Research Triangle Park, N.C.

The laboratory is organized by six directorates and the Army Research Office, which focus on technology areas critical to the Army's strategic dominance across all military operations.

The Weapons and Materials Research Directorate is primarily located at APG with a mission of researching weapons, protection and materials to enhance the lethality and survivability of the nation's ground warfighters. These are the scientists who help make armor stronger and weapons more lethal.

The Computational and Information Sciences Directorate has people at both APG and Adelphi working toward scientific breakthroughs in information processing, network and communication sciences, information assurance and advanced computing, among other areas.

The Human Research and Engineering Directorate is headquartered at APG and is charged with optimizing Soldier performance and Soldier-machine interactions to maximize battlefield effectiveness along with ensuring Soldiers' performance is considered in technology development and system design.

SPOTLIGHT ON APG



Spotlight on APG

The APG News will run biweekly features on organizations at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The feature will include a brief profile and feature article, and is intended to give readers a better understanding of the organization.

If you'd like to see your unit highlighted, e-mail editor-agg@conus.army.mil.

HRED is also responsible for guiding neuroscience research.

The Survivability/Lethality Analysis Directorate analyzes Army systems and technologies of battlefield threats and environments as well as analysis tools, techniques and methodologies. The analysis SLAD provides helps solve critical survivability issues that help save Soldiers' lives.

The Vehicle and Technology Directorate is in the process of moving to APG under the Base Realignment and Closure

to continue its work in researching propulsion, transmission, aeromechanics, engineering and robotics technologies for both air and ground vehicles. VTD spearheads ARL's robotics research and is pushing the known boundaries on autonomous intelligence.

The Sensors and Electron Devices Directorate headquartered at Adelphi is on the forefront of electronic smart sensors, multifunction radio frequency, autonomous sensing, power and energy, advanced RF technologies, fire control, guidance, fuzing, survivability, mobility and lethality.

Even with the incredible brain power of about 1,000 researchers with advanced degrees and its world-class labs, ARL's scientific research isn't bound within its own walls. By combining in-house technical expertise with

those from academic and industry partners, ARL is able to maximize tax dollars to provide the best technologies for Soldiers. ARL scientists are actively engaged in funding research with more than 250 universities and colleges located in all 50 states.

The Army Research Office scientists are managing programs that initiate far reaching technological discoveries in those educational institutions along with nonprofit organizations and private industry. Invisibility research that may lead to cloaking is just one of the far-reaching scientific goals ARO scientists are trying to achieve.

STEM Outreach—ARL's future

The important mission of protecting Soldiers' lives and making them lethal on the battlefield couldn't be done with-

out a dedicated and highly educated workforce, which is why ARL is committed to fostering science, technology, engineering and math education in the nation's youth. Both the laboratory and individuals give time and energy to help excite students into taking the often challenging but highly valuable math and science education routes.

Examples include the Gains in the Advancement of Mathematics and Science, or GEMS, program brings middle and high school students into the lab every summer to do experiments in a fun but professional environment. ARL also employees make expert volunteers for the FIRST Robotics competition with the lab sponsoring five high school teams. Because of its expertise the lab was selected to manage a \$17.2 million cooperative agreement with Virginia Tech to provide STEM opportunities to students from kindergarten through college.

These and the many other efforts ARL employees are doing will help ensure the laboratory continues to have many minds, with many capabilities with a single focus on the Soldier.

ARL profile

Unit: U.S. Army Research Laboratory, known commonly as ARL

Mission: Provide the underpinning science, technology and analysis that enable full-spectrum operations

Organizational Elements: Six directorates and the Army Research Office all dedicated to research that protects and empowers the warfighter

Why we're unique: We're the Army's powerhouse for basic and applied science. We're driving the future direction of research that will keep America's fighting force the most technologically advanced in the world.

What most people don't know: Much of ARL's research ends up aiding many other organizations' research and development

Contributes to national security: ARL provides the science and analysis that keeps our Soldiers a lethal fighting force

Notable History: The Ballistics Research Laboratory, ARL's predecessor organization funded and housed the ENIAC, the world's first electronic computer. The building the ENIAC was in is still home to ARL's supercomputing center.

For more information: Visit the ARL website at www.arl.army.mil



The ARL Weapons and Materials Research Directorate's Rodman Materials Research Laboratory houses superior labs that help scientists develop strong materials, like armor, that keep Soldiers safe, among many other projects.



ARL scientists are on the forefront of neuroscience.