



(From left), Maj. George Troncoso, Capt. Ladson Mills and Army spouses Kendra Coile and Courtney Thompson listen closely during a May 25 town hall meeting at the APG South (Edgewood) chapel during which garrison representatives detailed the MMRP.

June MMRP surveys will cause minor disruptions

Story and photo by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

During a May 25 town hall meeting, residents of APG South (Edgewood) housing areas learned how upcoming surveys under the Military Munitions Response Program will cause minor disruptions to their lives during the month of June.

APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz led the briefing supported by representatives from the Directorate of Public Works, the housing division, Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation and

a 20th Support Command explosive ordnance disposal expert.

Attendees learned that they will have to leave their homes for one to three hours, between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. or longer on designated days to allow for safe surveys of the area.

The first survey, scheduled June 6 to 10, will focus on the Scully and Everett Road areas. Surveys on the Austin and Parrish Road areas will be conducted June 10 to 17. Residents will receive advance notification before operations are conducted in their area.

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NEVER FORGOTTEN

Community remembers those who gave all on Memorial Day

Story and photos by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground leaders, post and local residents, veterans and scout troops gathered to remember those lost in the defense of the nations during the Memorial Day Tribute at the former Edgewood Arsenal Cemetery on APG South (Edgewood) May 30.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5337 and American Legion Post 17 co-hosted the program with the Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council 6188.

Soldiers from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion fired a salute after the placing of wreaths by members of the VFW, American Legion and Corpus Christi Council ladies auxiliaries. Timothy Baird, Knights of Columbus, hosted the program which included the invocation by Chaplain (Capt.) Jonathan Morse, Garrison Catholic priest, the benediction from Dick Miller, chaplain, Post 5337, and a reading of the cemetery history by Olivia Webster, Girl Scout Troop 4230.

Guests included Maj. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command.

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Tiffany Costagliola is overcome by emotion during the playing of "Taps" at the end of the Memorial Day Tribute May 30 at APG South.

Four retirees honored during ceremony

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Two Soldiers and two civilians with 112 years of combined service formally retired before Family and friends during the Aberdeen Proving Ground retirement ceremony at the Ball Conference Center May 26.

The honorees included Maj. William G. Fitzhugh and Master Sgt. Robert F. Carter from the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) and Karen E. Lopes and Christine D. Blubaugh from the U.S. Army Ordnance School.

Major William Fitzhugh

Fitzhugh was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal; the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama; the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement signed by Army Chief of Staff, Gen. George W. Casey Jr.; and a U.S. Flag.

His wife, Maj. Dawn Fitzhugh, received a DA Certificate of Appreciation, also signed by Casey.

Fitzhugh enlisted in the Army in July 1988. He served two years in the National Guard from 1990-1992. In August of 1992 he reenlisted on active duty status and was selected to attend the Officer Candidate School.

He has served several state-side assignments culminating in his assignment as Force Management Officer with the 20th Support Command (CBRNE).

During his career he led a Tiger Team directed by the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army to investigate and mitigate accidental deaths and suicides within the Warrior Transition Units.

He also implemented mitigation measures which decreased the number of accidental deaths and suicides by fifty percent within a year.

Fitzhugh also was instrumental in leading a team of experts, mandated by the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, to analyze and develop a plan to address the rising number of medically non-available Soldiers with-

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Kim Jordan of the Corpus Christi Council ladies auxiliary places a wreath in front of the cemetery during the Memorial Day Tribute at APG South (Edgewood) May 30.



Honor guards and members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5337 and Boy Scout Troop 810 stand at attention as the national anthem plays during the Memorial Day Tribute at the former Edgewood Arsenal Cemetery in APG South (Edgewood) May 30.

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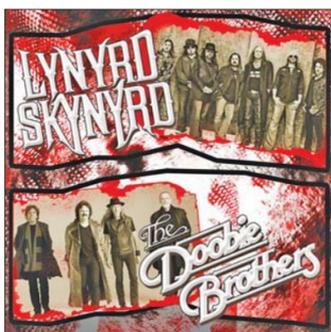
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OPINION

Chew tobacco rates high in Army

By MAUREEN ROSE

The Turret, Fort Knox, Ky.

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series.

Spit. It's not very attractive, but our culture is full of spit references.

He's the spitting image of his father. I was spitting mad. He was scared spitless. Old Soldiers know the best way to spit-shine their boots. Stuck on a word? Just spit it out. Many country boys seal a deal with a spit and a handshake. Really mad? You might spit in someone's eye. Many folks express their displeasure without a word, just a healthy, guttural spit at an offender's feet. Describing somewhere nearby? It's within spitting distance. Got a tough job? Spit on each hand, then roll up your sleeves.

When the spit is stained with chewing tobacco, it's even more unattractive. It's also downright unsafe, both for those who might step in the offending material as well as for the spitter.

Many Soldiers—young ones, especially—have switched from smoking to smokeless tobacco, which comes in different forms like chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, or chaw. Yet they're all the same product: tobacco. Somehow Soldiers have been persuaded that ST was safer than smoking cigarettes or cigars.

That notion is completely wrong, according to Herb Severson, the senior research scientist at the non-profit organization Oregon Research Institute.

Chewing tobacco contains nicotine, just like cigarettes, and the average "chew" will deliver as much nicotine to the user as three or four cigarettes. The addiction may be stronger because the chewer normally keeps the tobacco plug in his mouth 30 minutes or more, extending his exposure time to the 28 deadly carcinogens found in tobacco and snuff.

Because the nicotine is absorbed through the user's oral mucosa rather than inhaled, the nicotine levels remain constant, avoiding the quick high associated with cigarette smoking.

In other words, "nicotine addiction is every bit as dangerous—and perhaps even higher—in smokeless tobacco users compared to cigarette smokers," Severson said.

Some users even progress in their addiction to keeping tobacco in their mouths all night while they sleep, Severson explained. Others may reach a point where they no longer spit out the offending juices, but swallow them.



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Tobacco use cost DoD \$1.6 billion last year, and the Veterans Administration shelled out \$5 billion in 2008. The costs included tobacco-related medical care, hospitalizations, and lost days of work.

Unfortunately, the statistics collected by the Department of Defense indicate that ST use is rising among Soldiers 18-24 years old, and the Army is leading the pack.

Compared to civilians, who use ST at the rate of approximately 10 percent of the general population, the Army's usage was almost 20 percent in a 2005 DoD study—twice the rate of the comparable civilian population. But the Institute of Medicine reported in its 2009 study that the usage rate in the Army now

is closer to 30 percent. And the trend among deployed Soldiers is even higher; some authorities suggest that those military personnel returning from Iraq and Afghanistan may be using tobacco at a rate 50 percent higher than nondeployed Soldiers.

That rate of tobacco use presents more than a few problems for Uncle Sam. Tobacco use—even the smokeless variety—cost DoD \$1.6 billion last year, and the Veterans Administration shelled out \$5 billion in 2008. The costs includ-

ed tobacco-related medical care, hospitalizations, and lost days of work.

Even if Soldiers aren't worried about the government's pocketbook, they should be concerned about their health.

ST users are 50 times more likely than non-users to develop cancers of the cheek, gums, and inner surface of the lips. Some oral cancers have developed in ST users who have been dipping for just five years. ST users have a higher risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, heart attacks, high cholesterol, tooth decay, and gum disease.

The list doesn't stop there—users also have higher rates of cancers of the tongue, esophagus, larynx, stomach, pancreas, and prostate, according to DoD's Web site www.ucanquit2.org.

There are more negative health effects from nicotine, regardless if you smoke it or chew it. Tobacco users have more stained and rotting teeth, decreased senses of smell and taste, smoker's cough, asthma, lung diseases, strokes, acid reflux and heartburn, peptic ulcers, urinary and kidney cancers, impotence, and lowered fertility.

Soldiers who can't or won't quit tobacco use for themselves should also be aware of the effects nicotine has on their battle buddies. Nicotine users have reduced physical performance capacity, impaired hand-eye coordination, faster pulses, elevated blood pressure, reduced night vision, and reduced visual acuity.

That's right. Nicotine use speeds up the degeneration of eyes because it interferes with the body's production of rhodopsin—the ingredient essential to night vision. Because it also reduces healthy circulation, nicotine is a risk factor in macular degeneration, which is the leading cause of blindness in adults.

Smoking has also been related to hearing loss, increased risk of motor vehicle collisions, physical injuries, and hospitalizations.

Nicotine may also affect the ability to recover from deployment injuries. According to the Institute of Medicine's research titled "Combating Wounds in Military and Veteran Populations (2009)," wounds heal slower in smokers and their bones are thinner. Nicotine's effects on blood circulation make Soldiers more subject to hemorrhage. Even mental health appears to suffer in nicotine users; smokers returning from deployments in southwest Asia report more PTSD symptoms and depression.

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Your pre-internet brain is gone. Now unplug!

By **JOE FERRARE**

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It's official: the Internet is messing with your mind.

It's the stuff of paranoid science fiction: somebody is remapping your brain and slowly wiping out your ability to concentrate. If this were a movie you'd set out on a quest to hunt them down and stop them. In real life you would at least sue them for something or report them to the police.

But we're doing it to ourselves and apparently enjoying every minute of it, so there's no one else to hunt down and no one to blame. On the other hand, it's easy to find the person who can fix it.

But first we have to understand it. Understanding it leads us to a guy named Marshall McLuhan. As is appropriate in this forwarded-email, headlines-only world, most people have heard one of the phrases he's famous for without knowing who said it or what it really means. Two popular ones are "global village" and "the medium is the message."

The way the mind works

That second one is what people are rediscovering now. The medium McLuhan was originally talking about was the television. People were in an uproar about what kind of things you could see on TV – the content – and what seeing it would do to children. McLuhan said the content was like a juicy piece of meat the burglar carried to distract the watchdog of the mind. The real action was going on in the dark while your mind was focused on the meat.

What happened was that, while people were worried about kids seeing cleavage and decapitations TV changed the way their minds worked. It didn't just create a generation of couch potatoes, their brains rearranged themselves to deal with the new way of taking in and processing information.

For example, TV made it possible to mix sight, sound and language to create an experience that brought forth an emotion that created a connection to a prod-

It's a new kind of identity theft to worry about while you're online: the Internet is stealing our contemplative selves and turning us into twitching information speed freaks. Luckily, the fix is as easy to find as it might be hard to carry out: unplug.

uct. You heard the engine, you saw the breeze blowing through hair, you saw the smile on the pretty girl's face as you pulled up in that new car. Even the best advertising copywriters couldn't match that, because print didn't have access to the right parts of the brain. A good TV commercial can do it in 30 seconds. Our brains changed to deal with this new ways of getting information.

We are changed

We can hardly even think about this clearly anymore, because by and large we are the changed people. It's like watching a mind-blowing movie: you can watch it again, but you can't have that same feeling of watching it for the first time. We can see print ads and TV ads, but we can't know what our brains were like before they ever saw TV. That brain is gone.

The Internet is doing it to us again, and it's a little easier to see because it's still going on. Experts say the Internet encourages quick changes in attention and discourages long sessions of concentrating on something.

After all, how long does it take to read a status update, and how much do you have to concentrate to watch cat videos? Even journalists are told to write shorter for the Internet.

Stay in this environment long enough, and your brain adapts. It switches things around to optimize itself for this new method of taking in and processing information.

That would be peaches if the old law about equal and opposite reactions didn't

still hold true. But as the brain optimizes itself for surfing (a great name, it turns out: as you surf along the top of the information and rarely do any deep diving), it de-optimizes itself for things like reading for an hour or two without interruption.

And it wouldn't be any fun if it weren't getting worse. But it is. Smart phones and tablets are allowing us to bring that computer fun time with us everywhere.

Early in the computer era you were tied to a desktop. Later, laptops made it easy to carry the Internet with you – but only so far. You didn't see people with laptops open writing email while driving. Texting while driving, however, is now a recognized problem. So now, many smart phone owners never get away from communication of some kind.

Always plugged in

According to McLuhan, we shouldn't be worried about what's said in the texting or sexting, but the fact that those growing up in this environment can't sit through a movie, or a TV show, or – it seems – even a commercial without needing to text, check Facebook or something. People can't sit through meetings without checking their email on their phones. Children can't pull their eyes from the screen long enough to get yelled at by their parents.

Even burglars are getting caught checking their social media from inside a house they're robbing. It's not that their bored or disrespectful or stupid,



but that they have trained their minds to jump from thing to thing to thing in rapid succession. It makes them restless and starved of information and there is no apparent reason to stop.

Missing the meaning

But there is, of course. Scientists are learning that some things just can't be understood without a deep dive into the information. If you dip into and out of information for moments at a time you can pick up facts – actually more like factoids – but you don't see underlying connections without some deep thought.

Without the connections you miss the deeper meanings. Without those, your understanding of the subject is shallow, incomplete and much more likely to be flat-out wrong. You also need a deeper understanding of things to innovate.

It's a new kind of identity theft to worry about while you're online: the Internet is stealing our contemplative selves and turning us into twitching information speed freaks.

Luckily, the fix is as easy to find as it might be hard to carry out: unplug. Back away from the screen. Take a walk. Leave the phone behind and think deeply about something while you're walking. Set up a time to read without interruption to offset what the Internet is doing to your brain. It's advice that goes back a long way, but it's still good:

"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance." - Confucius



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Reserve MI Bn. conducts joint training

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MIRC Public Affairs Officer

The 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Military Intelligence Readiness Command, recently conducted a Combined Joint Captured Materiel Exploitation Center training exercise to bring intelligence personnel together to learn skills necessary for the exploitation...gathering and analysis...of foreign materiel from a battlefield.

Intelligence personnel from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Defense Intelligence Agency as well as Canadian forces, the British Army, and South Korea participated in the 5-day exercise.

Training opportunities included a foreign weapons familiarization range, foreign weapons and vehicle exploitation, Improvised Explosive Device familiarization and then a culminating event to bring all the tasks together.

Although the DIA-mandated CJCMEC has been conducted annually, this year's event is the first time the exercise has been conducted solely by US Army Reserve (USAR) Soldiers.

"It is heartening because this mission was previously mainly run by our Active components and we just participated, so I'm happy that our Reserve [Troop Program Unit] Soldiers can step into what used to be just an active component mission," said Lt. Col. Troy Heskett, 203rd MI Bn. commander.

One of the main training events for the intelligence personnel was a series four Technical Intelligence lanes where teams were given a scenario of searching a vehicle or a designated area. The teams were graded on a variety of tasks, including securing the scene, searching the premises, documenting the site, and collecting evidence.

Pfc. Kira Anderson, a multi-



Pfc. Kira Anderson, a multi-media illustrator with Delta Company, 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Military Intelligence Readiness Command, conducts a search of an 'enemy' vehicle during the Combined Joint Captured Materiel Exploitation Center exercise conducted by the 203rd at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. As her team's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear technician, Anderson's job was to ensure that her teammates could proceed safely with intelligence exploitation.

media illustrator with Delta Company, was the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear specialist on her team when it went through the lane. Her tasks included taking photos of the vehicle and drawing a scene sketch.

"My job is also to check for any chemicals or gasses that might be unsafe for my team," she said.

For Pfc. Brent Sessions, an Intelligence Analyst with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, the exercise was a chance

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Intelligence Analyst, Headquarters and Headquarters Company

to better understand working conditions he might face in theater.

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role would be, and how to act in an environment under enemy conditions," he said.

Learning exploitation techniques was the purpose of the exercise, but it also gave Soldiers with the 203rd the experience of working alongside military personnel from oth-

er U.S. military branches and nations.

"It's very different...I've never done anything like this before," said Anderson.

"I like getting to see what other cultures are like and see how they associate with each other," she said.

The exercise wasn't all hard work, especially for the participants from other nations.

The visiting personnel were given a chance to eat at some local restaurants and also attend a Baltimore Orioles baseball game.

CECOM commander talks STEM value at awards dinner

CECOM news release

The need for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education was the theme of the first awards program held by the Aberdeen Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications-Electronics Association in May.

Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong spoke about the value of STEM to the Army and the nation to an audience of 150 people including two local students who earned college scholarships



Strong

and two local teachers who earned science tool kit grants from AFCEA Aberdeen.

Strong has had a life-long interest in math and science.

"My dad was a math teacher and it became a passion of mine as a child," he explained. "And, as teenager I was focused on going to a science and engineering university."

As a result, Strong accepted an appointment to West Point. He also has had a long relationship with AFCEA.

"Twenty-five years ago, I was recognized as one of the 'distinguished young AFCEANs' and that recognition really, truly, helped my career."

The "Young AFCEANs" program, for organizational members under age 40, enhances leadership skills and provides an environment conducive to mentoring and networking.

Citing the recent raid that killed Osama bin Laden, Strong said that it was C4ISR (command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) systems that got the success started.

"The need for defense technology was highlighted in spectacular fashion," he said about the assault.

But, he asked, "Who will invent the next generation of technology that will protect us from those who would stamp out our way of life? Perhaps, it will be the students whom we will recognize tonight."

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Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong
CECOM commander

Perhaps, it will be someone that one of our teachers inspires in our community that will create the technology or develop the innovation so vital that it will advance the cause of freedom and justice."

The AFCEA chapter provided \$4,000 scholarships to Amanda Mancuso, a senior at Fallston High School, and Molleshree Karna, a senior from Aberdeen High School's Science and Mathematics Academy, to pursue their college degrees in a STEM field.

"We're rewarding these students and teachers tonight for their hard work, determination, and dedication. It's not easy to succeed in STEM, either as a student or teacher; but success in STEM is one of the country's greatest needs," Strong said.

Peter Glackin, a veteran Earth Science, Chemistry and Physics teacher at Harford Technical School won one of the two AFCEA Science Teaching Tools Awards worth \$1,000. He will use the money to outfit a laboratory to enhance the study of physics phenomena.

Linda Chermock, an educator from Patterson Mill High School, earned the Science Teaching Tools Award for her sponsorship of the Maryland Engineering Challenge Club at the high school. She plans to use the award to purchase ten robot kits, allowing her students to participate in the Johns Hopkins Robotics Competition next year and in succeeding years.

"The value and accomplishments of these STEM teachers here tonight cannot be overstated, and I thank them for their

service," Strong said. He also congratulated the AFCEA Aberdeen Chapter for instituting these awards. "Your scholarships and programs help make a difference in encouraging science and technology. We've got to start preparing that next generation of scientists and engineers."

The CECOM commander said that one of his top priorities is human capital development. That means he sees developing a workforce of the future as a key priority for the success of CECOM and for the sustainment of all the missions on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"STEM education is a key to a successful regional economy and, most important, the key to success in meeting our Warfighters' needs," he emphasized.

In closing, Strong likened the symbolic re-lighting of the installation's historic lighthouse on Poole's Island to the post's current transformation. "The symbolism reflects a reality," he said. "APG can serve as that beacon of safety again. Except now, that beacon of safety lights the way not across the Chesapeake Bay, but across the country. With your help, it will lead to a more secure nation and an Army whose combat edge is second to none."

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COMMUNITY NOTES

THURSDAY

JUNE 2

KELLY-MILLER CIRCUS SHOW

The Level Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., located at 3633 Level Village Road, Havre de Grace, will hold a fundraiser with two shows by the Kelly-Miller Circus. Show times are 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. At 9 a.m., the public is invited to witness the elephant-powered raising of the Big Top.

On circus day, tickets will cost \$15 for adults and \$7 for children ages 12 and under. Tickets are available at Aldino Sod Farm, 3603 Aldino Road; J & T Snowballs, 2427 Baldwin Mill Road; Back to the Racks Consignment Shop, 2210 Old Emmorton Road; and the Havre de Grace Visitors Center, 450 Pennington Ave.

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NEW JERSEY RENAISSANCE FAIRE

The 2nd Annual New Jersey Renaissance Faire is coming again to Liberty Lake, 1195 Florence-Columbus Road, Bordentown, N.J. The event will be held 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 4-5 and 11-12. The Renaissance Faire is set in the 16th-century English Shire of Crossford, and will feature jousts, mounted knights battling to knock opponents from the saddle, wandering minstrels and more. The Faire will feature a King Arthur theme, with the noble Knights of the Round Table battling to overcome a curse placed by the wicked Morgana la Fey. Visit www.njrenfaire.com.

FRIDAY

JUNE 10

LIX CONCERT AT TYDINGS PARK

The Lix Band will perform a free concert, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Millard E. Tydings Park, Havre de Grace. Enjoy classic rock music played by this five piece group, sponsored by the Havre de Grace Arts Commission. Bring chairs or blankets and picnics. In the event of rain, the concert will be held at the Havre de Grace Activity Center on Lewis Lane. The band plays Motown to 70's funk and rock to contemporary country.

For more information, call 410-939-2100 or visit <http://lixband.com/>.

SATURDAY

JUNE 11

HCC ASTRONOMY OPEN HOUSE

There will be an Astronomy Open House at 8 p.m. Telescopes will be set up in the parking lot of Harford Technical High School (across from entrance 2 of Harford Community College). Disabled parking is available. In the event of rain or clouds, an indoor presentation will be available in Edgewood Hall, Room 132 (first building on the right when using entrance 3 of the college). Scouting and educational programs are available before the open house; registration is required for those events.

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SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

JUNE 11 AND 12

AUDITIONS FOR BYE BYE BIRDIE

Phoenix Festival Theater, a community theater at Harford Community College, will hold auditions for

the musical *Bye Bye Birdie*, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 11 and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 12 Edgewood Hall. Auditions are on a first-come, first-served basis; no appointment is needed. No previous experience is necessary, and all roles are open. Bring sheet music and be prepared to sing 16-32 measures; accompanist will be provided. Comfortable clothing and footwear should be worn for music/dance auditions. *Bye Bye Birdie* will be performed Sept. 9 to 11 and 17 and 18. Call Jessica Brockmeyer, 443-412-2217 or email jbrockmeyer@harford.edu.

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JUNE 18 AND 19

ANNUAL CIVIL WAR WEEKEND

The Friends of Jerusalem Mill, located at Jerusalem Mill Village, 2813 Jerusalem Road, Kingsville, Md., will hold their 8th Annual Civil War Weekend Reenactment, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 18, and 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 19. The event is open to the public. Tickets cost \$7 for ages 16 and up; \$5 for ages 6 to 16, over-60 seniors active duty troops with I.D.; ages 5 and under are free. Scouts in uniform with adult or Family member are \$3. Special Family price of \$25 includes two adults and three or more kids. Call 410-877-3560 or 410-877-0080.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

JUNE 22 AND 23

APG SHOWCASE AT HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Harford Community College will host a two-day showcase of APG technology at the Amoss Center, on the grounds of Harford Technical High School, 200 Thomas Run Road in Bel Air. Learn about the capabilities and technologies

at and coming to APG. Also includes a garrison update with presentations on housing, Harford Business Innovation Center, and EUL/St. John Properties. Participating APG organizations include C4ISR; PEO IEW&S; CERDEC; LRC; PEO C3T; ECBC; JPEO CBD; Contracts Business Manager; RPO; MRICD; AMSAA; and ATEC. Visit www.harford.edu/apgshowcase and click on the appropriate link.

THURSDAY

JUNE 23

RECRUITMILITARY OPPORTUNITY EXPO

RecruitMilitary in cooperation with The American Legion, will present a RecruitMilitary Opportunity Expo, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the FedEx Field (Washington Redskins stadium), 1600 FedEx Way, Landover, Md. (Greater D.C. area). RecruitMilitary Opportunity Expo is a free civilian employment, entrepreneurship and education Opportunity Expo for job seekers who have military backgrounds. More than 30 veteran-friendly organizations will be on site with employment, franchise, and educational opportunities.

Veterans with civilian work experience, veterans who are transitioning from active duty to civilian life, Guard and Reserve, spouses, and other military Family members are invited. Visit <http://www.prlog.org/11505772.html> or <https://recruitmilitary.com/expos/370-Landover-Greater-DC-area/candidates/> information.



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

Post Shorts

APG Army Birthday Picnic

Celebrate 236 years of proud military tradition at the APG Army Birthday Picnic Celebration, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center, APG-North, Bldg. 3326. Cost is \$12 per person through June 8; after June 8, tickets cost \$15 per person while supplies last. Commemorative Coins will be given to those attending. Visit www.apgmwr.com or call MWR Leisure Travel at 410-278-4011.

VA Summer Youth Volunteer Program

The VA Maryland Health Care System has announced that the 2011 Summer Youth Volunteer Program will begin in June at each facility. Orientation classes will be held for new participants and is mandatory to be accepted in the program. Youth volunteers must be between the ages of 14 and 17; must be able to show

proof of age with a birth certificate; and must commit at least 75 hours of service throughout the summer. Youth volunteers will work only three days per week; they will NOT be permitted to work an assignment area with parent or guardian in tow.

Sign up now to volunteer and to begin the June Orientation classes. Interested youths must complete a volunteer application, available online at <http://www.volunteer.va.gov/apps/volunteernow/>.

Sign up at APG for Satellite communications

The Satellite Communications: Systems, Technology, and Applications course will present a comprehensive description of the technology and applications of satellite communications that is interesting and understandable to engineers and non-engineers.

The course will be held at Aberdeen Proving Ground July 11 through 15 from 8:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will benefit engineers, technicians, managers, planners, as well as marketing, contracts and procurement specialists. Cost is \$1,350 per student.

For more information, including an outline of the course and registration form, visit <http://www.tdicourses.com>. Download and e-mail your registration form by July 1 to tdi98@sbcglobal.net and send check or money order for \$1,350.00 to: TDI, 140 North Vista Street; Los Angeles, CA 90036 or provide credit card information on registration form.

The course instructor, Dr. Arthur Einhorn, has more than 25 years hands-on experience in system development and engineering in the aerospace industry.

Direct questions to 323-935-4649 or 323-496-0397.

Blood drive dates

APG will host blood drives on the following dates:

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		

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>.

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.

- 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.

Jefferson Proving Ground

The JPG Heritage Partnership produced a book on Reminiscences and Reflections of former Army base U.S. Army Jefferson Proving Ground. There will be a book signing and sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 4 at the JPG Permanent Exhibit of the Jefferson County Historical Society, located on 615 West First Street 47250, next to the Red Caboose, one street up from the Ohio River. The book tells of the creation, support and history of Jefferson Proving Ground, established in 1940 and closed in 1995. Visit www.jpgheritage.org.

MCSC awards scholarships

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Military and Civilian Spouses' Club sponsored education scholarship which were awarded by Maj. Gen. Randolph Strong during a reception at the Abingdon Public Library May 16 to two high school seniors and two continuing education students. Applications were evaluated by a panel of educators and professionals from the APG MCSC. An essay, grade point average, test scores, community service, employment, athletics and school involvement were all factors weighed into the scoring. This year's recipients were Amanda Brock, Kristen Brock, Olivia Carretti and Kristen Leppert. Funds for these monetary awards were raised primarily through cookbook sales. The MCSC Cookbook contains over 120 pages of recipes compiled and presented by the APG MCSC. To purchase a cookbook or for more information, visit www.apgmcsc.org



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

CORRECTION

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley's name was omitted in a front page outline in the May 26 issue of the *APG News*. O'Malley spoke during a May 22 deployment ceremony at APG for the 1297th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

FAMILY AND MWR

Activities/Events

Pools open, amusement park closed

The Olympic Pool on APG North (Aberdeen), Bldg. 3325, and the Bay-side Pool APG South (Edgewood) Bldg. E4656 will open Memorial Day weekend. Hours of operations are 11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. The Shore Pool on APG North, Bldg. 2031, will open in June.

The Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park will not open this summer as earlier promoted due to maintenance and the effects of severe weather. Some areas of the park will be assessed over the summer to determine if it is cost effective to open in 2012.

Call 410-278-4124 for information.

Lynyrd Skynyrd/Doobie Brothers tickets go on sale June 6

Pre-sale tickets for the Aug. 20 Lynyrd Skynyrd concert featuring the Doobie Brothers at Aberdeen Proving Ground go on sale June 6 for government ID cardholders only. Tickets are \$25 June 6 to 10. Presale opens to the public June 10 to 12. Prices increase to \$30 June 13.

Sales are over-the-counter only at APG North's Bldg. 3326 or APG South's Bldg. E4140, recreation centers. Present a military ID or CAC card at time of purchase. Also appearing will be rock songstress Dilana, who may be best known for her participation on the hit CBS reality-show "Rock Star: Supernova." Call 410-278-4621 for information.

Medieval Times discount tickets available through Leisure Travel

The Leisure Travel Office has discount tickets for Medieval Times Dinner and Tournaments located at Arundel Mills Mall, 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, Md.

Tickets cost \$39.25 per adult and \$32 per child (ages 3 to 12). Reservations must be made at the time of purchase; other locations available upon request. All prices and savings are based on the final cost to include all taxes and fees. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Visit the MWR Leisure Travel Office, Bldg. 3326, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

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

Single father books available

Army Community Services cares about the single fathers in the community and recognizes the unique challenges that many single fathers, including those whose wives are deployed, encounter. With Father's Day around the corner, ACS has purchased "The Complete Single Father." It includes chapters on communicating effectively with kids, making your house a home and parenting styles. Stop by ACS 2503 High Point Rd, Room 123, to pick up your copy. Supplies are limited.

Discount Aquarium tickets

The Leisure Travel Office offers discount tickets to the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Adult tickets cost \$23.25 per person; tickets for children ages 3 to 11 cost \$17.50; active duty tickets cost \$19 each and are issued one per active duty ID card only.

Tickets do not include the dolphin show or the 4D Theater, but are upgradeable at the aquarium.

Take an unforgettable journey into the mysteries of water and the beauty of the natural world.

Watch brilliantly colored triggerfish explore a coral reef. Marvel as sharks glide through the shadowy depths just an arm's length away.

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.



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.

May bowling specials

• Flag Day special: June 14, wear red, white and blue and bowl for \$1.50 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.

• Father's Day special: All fathers bowl for free when accompanied by a child.

• Early Bird Special: Bowl for one hour for \$12 from 7 to 9 a.m. Includes shoe rental.

• Each Friday, 3 to 10 p.m., bowl one game for \$3.50 and receive one game free. Shoe rental costs \$2.

• Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza (toppings extra) and one pitcher of soda for \$34 (Up to six people). Includes shoe rental.

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 May 30

Special #1: Cheese steak wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.95

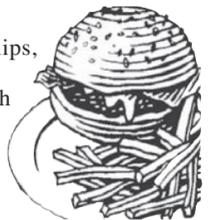
Special #2: Chicken cheese steak wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.25.

Week of June 6

Special #1: Chicken salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.75.

Special #2: Roast beef sandwich on Kaiser roll with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.75

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.



Survey says APG gas station drives for value at pump despite poor economy

AAFES

A recent Chicago Sun Times article quoted oil industry experts predicting that gas prices could hit \$5 a gallon, possibly in the next few months.

This potentially large spike in gas prices has Exchange officials reaching to ensure drivers are aware of the procedures in place to determine pump prices at APG as well as the benefits available to authorized patrons.

While overall energy prices are beyond the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's control, the MILITARY STAR® Card, for example, can help curb added expenses and, in turn, save Service members money when filling up.

"Anytime a customer uses a bank issued debit or credit card, the retailer pays a portion of the transaction to a third-party financial institution," said General Manager Chris Holifield. "Because the MILITARY STAR® Card is administered by the Exchange Credit Program, our Gas Station is not subject to the additional fees incurred through

“Because market-based pricing is not contingent on cost, we survey and change prices as frequently as necessary to remain competitive.”

Chris Holifield

Post Exchange General Manager

other 'pay at the pump' options. As a result, we're able to pass savings on to authorized shoppers by taking a nickel off each gallon dispensed."

In addition to the five cents a gallon savings MILITARY STAR® Card holders enjoy every day, APG Gas Stations periodically offer steeper discounts during certain holidays.

Beyond exclusive discounts, Exchange Gas Stations rely on a survey process to ensure prices are fair and competitive with the local community.

Specifically, the Express conducts daily surveys of at least five locations

selling motor fuel, deemed by the local GM to be the competition. Pump prices are then set equal to the lowest price surveyed for each grade of fuel available.

"Because market-based pricing is not contingent on cost, we survey and change prices as frequently as necessary to remain competitive," said Holifield. "In fact, even though the gas station charges sales tax on gasoline, the surveys can result in prices that are actually even below cost."

While it is true that the Exchange, as a U.S. government instrumentality, is immune from state and local tax-

es, the immunity specific to fuel has been waived by Congress (Hayden Cartwright Act, 4 U.S.C. 104). Charging sales tax can be like pulling the emergency brake on shoppers used to the tax-free benefit that the Exchange provides on almost everything, except gas. But the Exchange, and by extension its customers, is required to pay federal tax pursuant the U.S. code that covers Federal Tax on gasoline (26 U.S.C. § 4081(a)).

Accordingly, the Exchange pump prices include state, federal and local motor fuel taxes, as well as underground storage fees, etc. The federal and state taxes, as well as, other applicable fees are included in the price and paid to the appropriate taxing authority.

"Gas pricing is a very complex issue, impacted by world markets, political and economic factors," said Holifield. "With that said, we remain focused on delivering the best value possible to drivers."

Win \$50 gift card in AAFES contest

AAFES news release

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Mars/Wrigley are partnering to offer "house money" to an authorized CONUS shopper.

The "Mars/Wrigley Power of 1 Sweepstakes" gives shoppers at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Exchange the opportunity to win a \$50 gift card.

Entering the giveaway automatically also registers patrons into a national sweepstakes for a chance to win a \$10,000 check towards rent or mortgage.

"The living will definitely be easier for one lucky service member," said Exchange General Manager Chris Holifield. "In addition to someone winning the \$50 gift card here at Aberdeen Proving Ground, a national winner will bring the sweepstakes 'home' and forego making a rent or mortgage payment for basically the entire year."

The sweepstakes runs June 1 to 30 and the in-store drawing for a \$50 gift card will take place at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Exchange on or about June 23. Contestants must be 18-years-old and older and no purchase is necessary to enter.

Family careers a top mission for Exchange

AAFES news release

Understanding that serving the military today means caring about the community's tomorrow, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service focuses on active-duty, veteran, retired, National Guard and Reserve families' career aspirations.

More than 31 percent of approximately 43,000 associates identify themselves as military Family members and veterans account for another 12 percent of the workforce.

"Their values of loyalty, professionalism and commitment are exactly what we look for when hiring," said the Exchange's senior vice president of Human Resources Jim Moore. "We know it's difficult to start over with each transfer, which is why we developed special programs with

spouses in mind."

The Exchange's spouse continuity and employment preference programs allow wives and husbands to build a career alongside their sponsor with each re-location. In 2010, almost 900 military spouses received promotions through this effort.

Military spouses are one of the many groups the Exchange helps to find or keep employment. The Exchange has partnerships with several organizations dedicated to offering career assistance and creating opportunities for those who have served, including the Army Spouse Employment Partnership, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and Army Wounded Warrior Program.

"Hiring our military, their Families and veterans is one small way

we can support those who have sacrificed for us," said Moore.

The Exchange's commitment to hiring current and former military personnel, and their Families, has been recognized by a variety of organizations including Military Spouse Magazine's "Top 10 Military Spouse Friendly Employers", G.I. Jobs magazine's "Top 100 Military Friendly Employers" and CivilianJobs.com's "Most Valuable Employers for the Military."

Complete details on how to apply for a career with the Exchange, along with a listing of current available opportunities, are available at www.applymyexchange.com.

For more information about the military spouse or hiring partnership programs, email the Exchange's Human Resources Support Center at HRSC@aafes.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

Tidy Baptiste	Megan Farley	Shantiea Mack	Paul Shelley
Sarah Blevins	Sabrina Faulkner	Sheila Martin	Lena Shelton
Debra Bonsall	Thomas Garrett	Andrea Miller	Diane Simmons
Diane Bratton	Holly Geppi	Carolyn Moore	Philip Sibley
Georgia Braun	Charles Giles	Margaret Nahrgang	Danielle Smith
Mikale Gerdes	Arya Golriz	Ulrike Neyens	Sonya Taylor
Brutus	Jessica Green	Marie D. Nowak	William Taylor
Holly Cacciapaglia	Lynae Green	Stephanie Parrett	Joya Tucker
(Vets Administration)	Walter Holland	Ella Patrick	Ashley Unaegbu
Jeanie Calles	LaTasha Hines	Richard Pecoraro	Luis Villafane
Clark Capers	Debra Ingram	Christi Peterson	Ann West
Mary Cheek	Kari Jackson	Donna Pierce	Emily Whaley
Lori Clark	Maia Kaiser	Michele Reamey	Fletcher "Chip" Williams
Hennither Cole	Subria Kelly	Melissa Rickey	Taryn Wilson
Glenda Cosenza	Dawn Kowalewski	Russell	Tammy Woodard
Vikas Dane	Jessica Knight	Pedro Rodriguez	BruceWoodmansee
Meg Downey	Teresa Lawson	Maria Santiago	
Chris Edwards	Cindy Learn	Gloria Scott	

ECBC wins Governor's Service Award for excellence in community May 12

ECBC

The U.S. Army Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) was presented with the Governor's Service Award in recognition of its outstanding dedication in supporting local schools and educators to promote science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) May 12.

During the 28th Annual Governor's Service Awards ceremony at the Greenbelt Marriott in Prince Georges County, the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism recognized Marylanders for their exceptional volunteer service in the community over the past year. Award categories included the adult group, adult individual, faith based, lifetime achievement, national service, nonprofit, for profit, older adult, youth individual, youth group and special honorees.

"For 28 years, the Governor's Service Awards has recognized outstanding service from individuals and groups," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "I'd like to commend each of this year's recipients for their

We are very fortunate to have a close relationship with our local school administrators and educators. Collectively, we will continue to focus on offering local students educational opportunities that inspire them to engage in STEM discovery and innovation.

Michelle Shaivitz

Coordinator of Partnerships for Special Programs and Student Achievement, HCPS

hard work, dedication, and commitment to Maryland's communities. Together, we can continue to move our State towards that better future that we all prefer."

Harford County Public Schools Coordinator of Partnerships for Special Programs and Student Achievement Michelle Shaivitz nominated the Center as Special Honoree for its significant contributions to the life and education of citizens in Maryland.

"On behalf of the staff and students of

Harford County's public school system, it is our privilege to nominate ECBC for the Governor's Service Award for Excellence in the Community," she said. "We are very grateful for the continuum of educational experiences ECBC has provided our schools and programs to advance students' interest and performance in STEM."

The Center's Technical Director Joseph Wienand accepted the award on behalf of the employees at ECBC that generously volunteered their time and expertise to

address community needs. In 2010, they engaged nearly 6000 students and more than 650 local teachers in nearly 80 educational outreach events.

"First and foremost, I would like to thank our neighbor and close partner Harford County Public Schools for acknowledging ECBC's efforts in making a difference in the community," Wienand said. "It is with a great sense of honor and pride that we accept this prestigious award."

Mary Doak, ECBC community and educational outreach program manager, afterwards spoke about the value of the partnership between the center and Harford County Public Schools.

"We are very fortunate to have a close relationship with our local school administrators and educators," she said. "Collectively, we will continue to focus on offering local students educational opportunities that inspire them to engage in STEM discovery and innovation."

For more information about ECBC, visit <http://www.ecbc.army.mil/>.

Deadline set for employer survey measuring Guard and Reserve impact

Special to the APG News

The Department of Defense is asking employers to submit their responses to its national survey by the July 6 deadline.

The Department of Defense National Survey of Employers was provided to 80,000 employers of every size and industry, across America. The DoD is using the survey to gain insight into how the service of Guard and Reserve members has affected America's employers, who provide remarkable support to their military employees.

The July 6 deadline affords employers the opportunity to provide comprehensive replies. Officials are encouraging all survey recipients who have not yet submitted their responses to do so today

to ensure the study captures reliable results.

"The Department of Defense wants to learn how we can help sustain the incredible support America's employers have shown our Guard and Reserve members through nearly 10 years of ongoing military operations, and employer participation in this survey is critical," said Dennis McCarthy, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. "With a little more than a month remaining to provide responses, it is vitally important for employers to make their voices heard."

Because Guard and Reserve members comprise almost 50 percent of the military's total strength, the support of employers is important. The nation has

relied heavily on Guard and Reserve service members since September 11, 2001, frequently calling them away from their civilian jobs for military operations and humanitarian efforts around the world, including the 2010 Haiti earthquake, the Japan tsunami and ongoing tornado recovery and relief efforts in Alabama and Missouri.

At the time of the survey's release, Adm. Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, addressed America's employers, remarking, "As we look to the future, I ask for your input to help us shape policies concerning the relationship between our service members and their civilian employers. I encourage employers across the nation to take part in The

Department of Defense National Survey of Employers. Your feedback will allow us to build on the success of the past and chart a mutually beneficial course for the future."

The survey's randomly selected participants received a letter in the mail with instructions for filling out the survey online. Participants should visit ESGR.mil and click on the survey link to provide their feedback on employing members of the Guard and Reserve. Those electing to submit the hard copy version of the survey must post-mark responses by June 30. Employers who believe they received the survey, but need assistance should visit www.ESGR.mil to learn how they can still participate.

Motorists cautioned to stay alert as roadwork continues

By **NICOLE CAWTHERN**
Garrison Transformation Office

As spring showers subside and warm temperatures prevail, on post construction, particularly roadwork, will continue to increase.

Col. Andrew Nelson, the deputy garrison commander for Transformation urges drivers to take caution when traveling on post.

“We will continue to inform the public of the work occurring on post, keeping everyone up-to-date on schedule changes, lane closures and impact to traffic patterns,” said Nelson. “We ask motorists to pay close attention to signage indicating changes in road conditions.”

Nelson said while the work will sometimes be less than accommodating to drivers, the advantages gained from the upgrades will be of great benefit to the increasing population.

“When possible, work will be scheduled during off-peak hours in order to lessen any inconvenience to our drivers.”

Important updates that motorists should be aware of include:

- Aberdeen Boulevard from the intersections of Frankford Street to Bel Air Street will experience lane closures beginning May 31 and lasting approx-



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Road updates will be posted in the APG News, as well as on the APG Facebook, APG Twitter and APG Live sites.

imately one week while the contractor installs a curb and gutter.

- Work will occur at the Aberdeen Boulevard and Bel Air Street intersection. The contractor will have flaggers out to direct traffic.

- The shoulder of Frankford Street will be closed. Lanes should remain

open but there may be some traffic stoppages for short intervals. Parking for the athletic center will not be affected.

- Boothby Hill Avenue and Darlington Street repaving work will be ongoing with intermittent lane closures until approximately June 3. Drivers from the C4ISR Phase 1 campus are asked to con-

sider using Combat Drive as an alternate route. Occupants in the C2/CNT East facility may want to consider using Bel Air Street.

- On or about June 2, a series of intermittent lane closures will commence along Boothby Hill Avenue from the Combat Drive intersection to the intersection with Frankford Street.

Project engineers have stated that the second week of June will mark the beginning of road striping for Maryland Boulevard, Darlington Street and Boothby Hill Avenue. There will be intermittent lane closures as this work is executed.

On or around June 10, construction barrels will be removed at the intersection of Darlington Street and Boothby Hill Avenue, resulting in full usage of all lanes.

Road updates will be posted in the APG News, as well as on the APG Facebook, APG Twitter and APG Live sites. The public will also be notified through the installation-wide e-messages.

Inclement weather may impact the current work schedule. For more information, contact the Garrison Transformation Office at 410-278-0915 or transformationofc@conus.army.mil.

Share the road; it belongs to everyone

By **LT. JOSEPH DAVIS**
APG Police Traffic Section

An operator of a motor vehicle must have their vehicle under control at all times.

Safety is the responsibility of everyone—vehicles and pedestrians alike.

Maryland law states that bicycles are also considered vehicles. Bicyclists are authorized users of the roadway and have the same right-of way and duty to obey all traffic signals as motorists. Bicycles are most of the time less visible, quieter and don't have the same protective barrier as a motor vehicle.

When sharing the road with a bicycle, the motorist should remember that the bicyclist is more vulnerable to serious injury due to this shared environment.

Traffic Laws for Motorists are as

follows:

- The driver of a vehicle passing another vehicle, including a bicycle, must pass at a safe distance and leave plenty of space. The driver should be able to see the passed vehicle in the rear view mirror before returning to the original lane. After passing you must make sure you are clear of the bicyclist before making any turns.

- Drivers shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any bicycle, Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device (EPAMD), or motor scooter being ridden by a person.

- The driver of a vehicle must not pass any closer than three (3) feet to a bicycle or motor scooter if the bicycle is operated in a lawful manner. It is not lawful to ride against traffic.

- The bicycle has the right of way when the motor vehicle is making a turn, and you must yield to bicycle.

- Motorists must yield the right-of-way to bicyclists riding in bike lanes and shoulders when these vehicle operators are entering or crossing occupied bike lanes and shoulders.

- When riding on a sidewalk, where such riding is permitted, or a bike path, a bicyclist may ride in a crosswalk to continue on their route. Motorists are required to yield right of way to a bicyclist operating lawfully in a crosswalk. Always, look for bicycles coming from both directions. (TR §21-101, §21-202, & §21-1103)

- A person may not throw any object at or in the direction of any person riding a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter.

- A person may not open the door of any motor vehicle with intent to strike, injure, or interfere with any person riding a bicycle, and EPAMD, or a motor scooter.

- Failing to yield right of way to a bicyclist, resulting in a crash in which the bicyclist is seriously injured can result in a \$1,000 fine and three points on your driving record.

Summer is here and bicyclists are increasing daily on APG. Everyone within the APG community has an obligation to ensure the safety of their coworkers. Don't become a statistic; share the road, it belongs to everyone.

Information taken from the Maryland MVA and Maryland Transportation Article

America's Army: 'Strength of the Nation'

By **ERIN STATTEL**
Army News Service

War fighting and humanitarian assistance are just a few of the roles some 1 million members of the U.S. Army perform today, and have been for more than 200 years.

The Army celebrates its 236th birthday on June 14, 2011, and the milestone brings a full lineup of events to commemorate the many roles the Army fulfills.

“From the first battles at Lexington and Concord to the streets of Mosul and Kandahar, Soldiers have always defended freedom and epitomized what is best about America,” said Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, referring to the past and present role of the U.S. Army.

Dempsey said that as the Army moves forward, it will continue to be the strength of the nation.

“We will remain the nation's decisive force, the clearest symbol of America's commitment to freedom and the country's preeminent leadership experience,” he said. “We will remain America's Army, the strength of the nation.”

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler reminded everyone that while the Army celebrates, there are Soldiers still engaged in theater.

“As we celebrate our Army's birthday, remember that we still have more than 120,000 Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq,” said Chandler. “Happy birthday to those who make the Army what it is today, the premier fighting force in the free world. You are America's Army and you are Army strong.”

New this year is the Army Birthday Baseball Bash, a nationwide celebration of game-day events that will give local baseball teams and their fans an opportunity to celebrate the Army's birthday, as well as recognize the service and sacrifice made by Soldiers and their families.

Teams such as the Chicago White Sox, the Chicago Cubs, the Seattle Mariners, and the Cleveland Indians are slated to feature events highlighting the Army's 236th birthday.



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Former Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, Army Secretary John M. McHugh and Former Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston pass the sword after they collectively cut the cake for the Army's 235th Birthday celebration in the Pentagon's courtyard June 1.

In the nation's capital, the celebration kicks off with a formal black-tie ball June 11, and will highlight the Army's most important role, the Strength of the Nation. The ball will feature entertainment from the Army Field Band and country music recording artist Phil Vassar.

The events continue with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, Va.

What would a birthday be without birthday cake? The U.S. Army will have several cakes capping off the celebration - one presented at the Army Birthday Ball, a cake-cutting ceremony in the Pentagon and another one on Capitol Hill. In fact, the cake-cutting ceremonies will continue all around the world from U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, South Korea, to West Point, N.Y., throughout

the week.

Back in the capital, the celebration will also feature precision and tradition with a Twilight Tattoo and performances from the 3rd Infantry Regiment, “The Old Guard,” at Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall's Whipple Field, June 15. Finally, in true Army spirit, Soldiers can participate in the Army Birthday Run June 17. The route will make its way through Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall, Va.

In the meantime, Army garrisons worldwide will be celebrating 236 years of strong service to the nation. At U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern, Germany, the garrison commander and command sergeant major will read, “Happy Birthday U.S. Army,” to school children, and Fort Rucker, Ala., is scheduled to host a series of concerts in Alabama to

highlight the Army Birthday.

Congress created the Army June 14, 1775, and \$2 million was allocated to support forces positioned around New York and Boston. Congress also voted to bring forth a uniform set of rules and regulations to the newly formed Army, and authorized the formation of 10 companies of expert riflemen from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, who would later become known as the 1st Continental Regiment.

Soldiers, family members and Army civilians all over the United States and overseas will mark the Army's 236th Birthday with celebrations of their own.

To share your own Army Birthday story, visit the Army social media sites, Facebook or Twitter. Visit www.army.mil/birthday/236 for more information.)

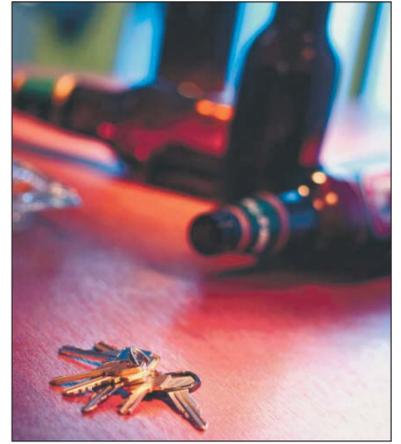
ASAP answers the question: Why don't alcohol and driving mix?

APG ASAP news release

- The three most critical skills necessary for a good, safe driver are judgment, vision and reaction.
- Alcohol is a depressant, which impairs a driver's judgment, vision and reaction.
- An individual's critical driving skills can become impaired at blood alcohol levels well below the legal limit.
- Alcohol may have a different effect

- each time a driver drinks depending on what (if anything) the individual has eaten, as well as their mood, metabolism, the level of fatigue and other factors.
- A 12-oz. can of beer, a 5-oz. glass of wine and a 1 1/2-oz. shot of 80-proof liquor all have about the same amount of alcohol.
- The body eliminates alcohol at a rate of about one drink per hour.
- Alcohol and driving can be a deadly

mix — you might kill or injure someone in a crash; you might be arrested for and convicted of drunk driving, which can result in court costs, legal fees, higher automobile insurance rates, fines, loss of license and even imprisonment. Your ASAP office reminds you to please make responsible choices. For more information, contact Cindy Scott at 410-278-4013/DRUG or Cynthia.Scott1@us.army.mil.



Community honors APG retirees

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in the Army.

Fitzhugh plans to continue to serve his country as a Department of Defense civilian employee.

He said that he has many good Army memories that will last him a lifetime.

"During the ceremony while we sang the National Anthem and Army Song I thought about my career and who I served with and I got a little chocked up," he said.

"I feel like I made a positive impact while I was in the Army and now it is my time to retire."

Master Sergeant Robert Carter

Carter was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal; the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama; the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement signed by Army Chief of Staff, Gen. George W. Casey Jr.; and a U.S. flag. His wife, Mary, received a DA Certificate of Appreciation, also signed by Casey.

Carter enlisted in the Army on June 30, 1988, and has served six overseas tours and several stateside assignments culminating in his assignment as a non-commissioned officer in charge, Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinating Element-Four with the 20th Support Command (CBRNE). Carter served as a NCO in his first assignment as a pri-



Fitzhugh



Carter



Lopes



Blubaugh

Christine Blubaugh

Blubaugh received the Commander's Award Civilian Service and the DA certificates of Appreciation and Retirement signed by Col. Pharissee Berry.

Her husband Carl received the United States Army Combined Arms Support Command Certificate of Appreciation signed by Maj. Gen. James L. Hodge.

Blubaugh began her Federal career in 1978 at the Combat Equipment Group Europe, in Mannheim, Germany.

In 1986 she became employed at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and held several positions at APG, including secretary training technician at the Ordnance Missile Munitions School, training specialist at the School of Military Packaging Technology, and finally as the Ordnance Missile Munitions School's Army training requirement and resources system manager. During her civilian career she received numerous performance awards and exceptional performance ratings.

Blubaugh said that she enjoyed working with the students at the Ordnance School and developing friendships with her co-worker.

"It was a good job, I got to teach and travel all over the world," she said. "In the future I would like to teach computer software applications at Harford Community College."

vate and took on the responsibilities of a sergeant very early in his career. He served as a recruiter in Fredericksburg, Va., earning the Recruiter's Gold Badge and graduated from the Battle Staff NCO course as the honor graduate.

Carter's retirement plans include completing his bachelor's degree in political science and attending law school.

"I originally joined the Army so that I would have money for school," he said. I decided to stay because I feel in love with the camaraderie of the Army."

Karen Lopes

Lopes received the Commander's Award Civilian Service and the DA certificates of Appreciation and Retirement signed by Col. Pharissee Berry.

Her husband John received the United States Army Combined Arms Support Command Certificate of Appreciation signed by Maj. Gen. James L. Hodge.

Lopes retired on April 1 with over 36

years of dedicated government service with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and school. She held various positions during her tenure at APG to include, clerk, word processing machine operator, editorial assistant, secretary, administrative officer, and management service specialist.

She has received numerous performance awards which coincided with all the years of her exceptional performance ratings. In 1999 Lopes was presented the Ordnance School's first Gold Award at the Baltimore Federal Executive Board Award Ceremony for Community Service. In 2009 Lopes was inducted into the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe for 35 years of dedicated service.

"I enjoyed my career here working with the students," she said.

In the future Lopes hopes to continue as a volunteer at the Level Volunteer Fire Company and traveling to warm places like Mexico during the winter.

Attendees moved by solemn ceremony

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The Fort George G. Meade Army Field Band quintet provided music.

The program began with the traditional procession of members of supporting organizations walking from Wise Road onto the main path leading to the cemetery which cannot be seen from the main road. Along with the VFW and American Legion members and ladies auxiliaries, these groups included the Harford District Eagle Scout honor guard; Girl Scout Troop 4230, Abingdon; Boy Scout Troop 810, Abingdon; Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Xavier Assembly; and the Edgewood American Legion Riders motorcycle club.

Guest speaker Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, thanked those who took the time to attend the observance.

"Many do not come, many do not remember," he said. "I feel certain that those we honor would not begrudge them this day of rest. It is part of what they fought for; the freedom to be at liberty to enjoy the day. It is a very

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Col. Orlando Ortiz

APG garrison and deputy installation commander

American right."

He said that while traditional means of remembrance include placing flowers and flags at grave sites, flying the U.S. flag at half-staff until noon and pausing to reflect at 3 p.m., during the National Moment of Remembrance, it is most important to renew the pledge of aid to widows, widowers and orphans of the fallen and to aid disabled veterans.

"We also do our part at APG by hosting Gold Star Families from throughout the region during our Armed Forces

Week and by taking advantage of one of the Army's newer programs — Survivor Outreach Services — to open our arms wider to embrace more of those affected by the loss of our Warriors," Ortiz said.

"We face more somber moments as we place the wreaths, salute and bless the dead and bow our heads to the sound of Taps once more," he said, "but I think our fallen comrades would want us to go on with our day. Pull out the grill, watch a game — whatever makes you happy until we pick up our burdens again tomorrow."

The unusually hot morning saw several attendees overcome by the heat but one attendee, in particular, was overcome by the moment as the familiar notes of "Taps" drifted over the listeners.

Tiffany Costagliola wiped tears from her eyes as the song played and she stood with her daughters, Sofia, 9; Nadia, 6; and Maia, 4, all dressed in red, white and blue, and carrying American flags like their mother.

"That songs brings a lot of emotion," Costagliola said, after praying with the girls at the cemetery gate. "Thankfully, I haven't lost someone, but I was reminded of a friend and remembering his daughters."

"This is their first real patriotic experience," she added about her daughters. "I think it's important for them to know that we should take the time to honor those who gave up everything for us."

Costagliola is the daughter of Clint Zaengle, Chief of APG's Plans and Operations, DPTMS.

Impact on spouses with kids a key concern

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Along with residents, vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the affected areas will be prohibited during these times. Walkers, joggers and bicyclists should look for and obey all restrictions. Some organization work sites will be affected as well.

"This operation has been going on a couple of months in other areas," Kuchar assured attendees, "and we'll have the [Emergency Operations Center] in operation at that time to coordinate the handling of any incidents."

Most attendees seemed more concerned with the impact on spouses with small children.

"My biggest concern is my 2-year-old," said Courtney Thompson, the wife of Capt. Aaron Thompson of the 20th Support Command. "She can be a little terror."

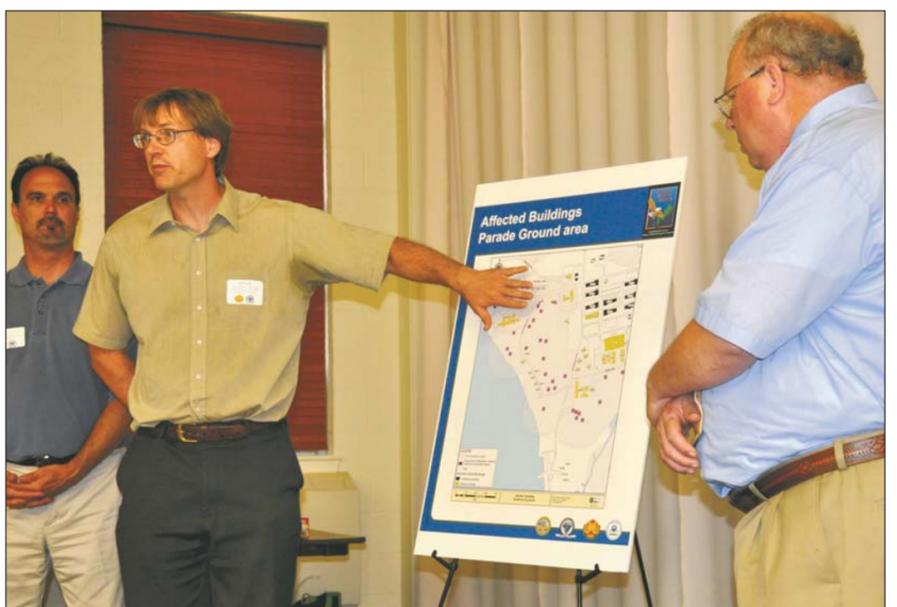
Families are welcome to visit the APG South (Edgewood) youth or recreation centers or the APG North (Aberdeen) facilities dur-

ing these times, Lupacchino said. Any Families with special needs or concerns that could prevent them from leaving the home during the required hours should bring it to the attention of the DPW Housing Division as soon as possible.

For more information call Rurik Loder at 410-436-7313 or e-mail rurik.a.loder.civ@mail.mil or Pat Hector, housing director, 410-306-2010 or e-mail patricia.a.hector2.civ@mail.mil.

Military Munitions Response Program

Throughout the history of environmental restoration at APG, numerous unexploded ordnance/UXO sweeps, environmental sampling, geophysical mapping of items under the ground, and munitions removal actions have taken place in the areas now identified as munitions response sites under the Military Munitions Response Program.



DPW's Rurik Loder, a program project manager for the Military Munitions Response Program (center) briefs APG South (Edgewood) residents about the Military Munitions Response Program's exploded ordnance identification and removal surveys in on post housing areas during a town hall meeting at the APG South chapel May 25.

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>.



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RALLY RIDERS RUMBLE THROUGH APG

Team APG kicked off the 2011 motorcycle riding season with the 3rd Annual Iron Horse Bike Rally May 26. The rally drew more than 60 riders and passengers, including active duty service members, military and civilian retirees, government civilians, local veterans and Family members. Riders met for registration, safety checks and a send-off from Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, APG and RDECOM senior mission commander and APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades. Police officers from the Directorate of Emergency Services provided traffic control for the riders. See more photos at www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg



RESTORATION

Tommy Surdu, 14, (right), makes a point with Maj. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Center, prior to the rededication of the civilian monument (above) in APG South (Edgewood) May 30. A member of Boy Scout Troop 810, St. Francis de Sales in Abingdon, Surdu, the son of Col. John Surdu of CERDEC, led a restoration of the site for his Eagle Scout project. See story in next week's paper.

Photos by Yvonne Johnson



Photo by Rachel Ponder

OFFICE EAGLE APPRECIATION

Ed Lozzi (left) regional store manager, tries a CD/DVD shredder as Karl Lotvedt of Security Engineered Machinery looks on during the annual APG North Office Eagle Customer Appreciation Day May 24. Customers were invited to see new equipment, talk to vendors and enjoy a free barbeque meal. All suppliers to Office Eagle stores offer AbilityOne approved products and provide employment opportunities for the blind and developmentally disabled. Currently, eight blind associates work at the APG North Office Eagle and two blind associates work at the APG South Office Eagle.



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FAMILY MATTERS

Sabrina Bauld, the wife of Lt. Col. Chadwick Bauld, commander of the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) holds the flowers she was presented after being named APG Family of the Year. Maj. Gen. Randolph Strong, CECOM Life Cycle Management commander, made the presentation during the 34th Military Appreciation Luncheon at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood May 19.