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## Contractor saves a life

### Coworker uses CPR on cardiac arrest victim

By **ADRIANE FOSS**  
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One Aberdeen Proving Ground contractor is alive and looking forward to bass fishing again on the Susquehanna River thanks to a fellow contractor's ability to perform CPR. Patrick Meehan, a contractor with Ben-

field Electric, was installing conduits in an empty building on post the morning of Feb. 14 when friend and coworker Danny Miller, without warning, slumped to the floor.

Meehan shot into action, stretching out Miller's unconscious body, and began the

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### FOR YOUR INFO:

In 2010, the APG Fire and Emergency Services gave 106 classes to 1,493 students.

So far in 2011, the APG Fire and Emergency Services have given 34 classes to 505 students.



Brig. Gen. Harold J. Greene

## Commuter options discussed at CAC

### Grass mowing, cooling start-up set to begin

By **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

As spring heats up, cooling start-up will begin, according to the Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Public Works.

During the March 17 Community Action Council meeting, DPW's Todd Henricks said his organization is preparing to turn off the heat on most buildings on post.

He said there is typically a 30-45 day period between heat turn-off and cooling start-up for most buildings on post, excluding residential homes and other facilities on the exemptions list.

Cooling start-up goes into effect when APG has three consecutive days at 81 degrees or higher after 3 p.m.

Another sign that spring has sprung was Henricks announcement that grass mowing will begin on or about April 1.

Henricks was one of several directorate representatives who briefed a small audience of community members during the monthly CAC meeting, held at the APG North (Aberdeen) post chapel.

Syreeta Gross of the Garrison Transformation Office told attendees that recent changes to

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## AMERICA HONORS BUCKLES



Photo by Rachel Ponder

Spc. Aaron Gant, from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and Pvt. Tyler Weatherford, from the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, prepare to raise the flag to full mast after the retreat ceremony honoring Army Cpl. Frank W. Buckles at the installation flagpole March 15. Buckles was the last surviving American veteran of World War I at his death Feb. 27. SEE PAGE 15 FOR FULL STORY.

## RDECOM set to transition DCGs

### BG Greene assigned to PEO IEW&S

RDECOM news release

The Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army announced new general officer assignments March 9.

Brig. Gen. Harold J. Greene, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Senior Commander for Natick Soldier Systems Center will be assigned as the Program Executive Officer, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors.

According to the PEO IEW&S web site, the organization has the mission to "develop, acquire, field, and provide for life cycle support of intelligence, electronic warfare, and target acquisition capabilities: integrated in the layers of the network, operationally relevant to understanding the battlefield, and enabling persistent surveillance."

Elements of the PEO IEW&S are transitioning from Fort Monmouth, N.J. to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. as part of the Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005.

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## Hall named APG Officer of Year



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

Kandy Hall always had an interest in law enforcement.

After cutting her teeth on road patrols and other situational training within the police services division, Hall, who has a criminal

justice degree interviewed for and was selected to fill a vacancy and assumed administrative and clerical responsibilities. With a foothold on the administrative side of the house, Hall said she's unsure of where she wants to go from here, but that hasn't stopped her from excelling.

She was recently selected the Aberdeen Proving Ground Police Officer of the Year following a rigorous selection process.

Joseph Darabasz, deputy DES director, said a three-judge panel selected Hall over 12 other candidates during the annual competition which is in its fifteenth year.

"In fifteen years, it's the first time I've

see division chiefs select someone outside of their division," Darabasz said. "But Officer Hall is a police officer who sets the standard and focuses on what she can do for other people."

The selection panel consisted of APG garrison force protection specialists Joseph Kaffl, Richard De Oliveira, and DES's Darrell Wimberly.

Robert Krauer, director of emergency services, led the ceremony formally recognizing Hall's selection at DES headquarters March 17. He was joined by Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG garrison and deputy installation commander,

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### THIS WEEK IN WOMEN'S HISTORY

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# OPINION

## AFAP committee resolves several quality-of-life issues

Often say you can read about history or make history. This year, the voices of Soldiers, civilians and Families that have contributed to the AFAP process were heard and history was made at the recent AFAP General Officer Steering Committee held the first week of February.



Senior Army leaders and program representatives from across the Army resolved 17 of 40 quality-of-life issues making great strides in support of our Wounded Warriors and Families. These issues originally identified by AFAP representatives at the unit or installation level will make life better for Soldiers, their Families and Civilians for years to come.

Qualified Wounded Warrior job applicants now receive greater visibility in the federal government hiring process. Major accomplishments include the integration of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Resume Inventory ([Vet-Success.gov](http://Vet-Success.gov)) into the Army recruitment process and the designation of human resource specialists as veteran employment coordinators.

To learn more about this issue, visit the Army OneSource website at <https://www.myarmyonesource.com/familyprogramsandservices/> and search for issue number 617.

Through issue number 610 we have expanded treatment for Traumatic Brain Injury patients. Traumatic Brain Injury screening, identification, treatment, and rehabilitation services are now in place at each Army Medical Treatment Facility. To date, TBI programs at 40 facilities have achieved full validation, 10 have achieved initial validation and the remaining programs will receive full validation by this month.

Wounded Warriors will benefit from the availability of standardized respite care for their caregivers through TRICARE and VA (issue number 630) and through the establishment of the Army Wounded Warrior Support Network (issue number 632). The AWWSN is a support program that connects severely wounded, injured and ill Soldiers and their Families to a network of resources in the local community.

Three initiatives were completed in

the Family Support category. These initiatives provide for more affordable child care to those who need it the most (issue number 566), TRICARE coverage for children up to age 26 (issue number 632), and a policy revision that requires Initial Military Training Soldiers with exceptional Family members to receive new assignment instructions if the OCONUS travel approval authority has not notified the Soldier of the availability of EFM services 30 days prior to the Soldier's graduation (issue number 639).

Ten of the 17 issues resolved were designated as unattainable due to resource or legislative constraints. Although the AFAP recommendations were unattainable, progress was made on many of the issues. An example of this is the increase in administrative and PCS weight allowances for grades E1 to E4 and E7 to E9, establishment of a hardship-based increase to PCS weight allowance, and 500 pounds of spouse professional weight allowance.

To learn more, visit our website and search for issue 457.

The Army will continue to work the issues, but the Army Family Action Plan is your program. I encourage you to learn more about the AFAP process by visiting the Army OneSource website at <https://www.myarmyonesource.com/familyprogramsandservices/familyprograms/armyfamilyactionplan>.

From here you can follow the progress on issues that are currently being worked by selecting "Active Issue Search" at the bottom of the page and then search by issue number or by keyword.

The website also allows you to submit a new issue directly to your garrison or command's AFAP process and provides AFAP brochures, articles and videos to download. You can also download the "HQDA AFAP Issue Search" application for free on your iPad®, iPhone® and iPod Touch®.

My next article in this series will review the 16 new quality-of-life issues AFAP delegates identified as being the most critical and our need as an Army community to identify inefficient, redundant, or obsolete Family programs so we can redirect those resources to where we truly need them.

Support and Defend,

**Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch**

*IMCOM Commanding General*

## Next gen technology providing premier gear

As markets worried about unrest in Libya and other parts of the Middle East, crude oil prices hit a 2 1/2 year high last week, with prices surging to more than \$100 per barrel.

Those rising global fuel prices have wide-reaching effects across the U.S. economy, including implications for the Department of Defense.

In fact, a \$1 increase in the price of a barrel of oil sustained over the course of a year can increase DoD fuel costs by \$130 million given that the DoD purchases approximately 130 million barrels of petroleum products per year.

While these fuel price increases wreak havoc on our budgets, especially because Congress hasn't passed one for 2011, I am confident our uniformed men and women in Afghanistan and Iraq will receive the fuel and energy they need to accomplish their missions.

At the same time, we are improving the Department's resilience to price shocks and our military capabilities through technologies to reduce energy use in the battlefield. I saw some of those technologies last week when I visited the director and staff of the Natick Soldier Research, Development, and Engineering Center in Massachusetts.

Natick Labs is the Army's one-stop Soldier support organization, and is responsible for research on everything from a Soldier's food, clothing, and shelter, to his support.

As part of their work, the team is developing the next generation of tent shades and insulated tents, which use less fuel to heat and cool. On the battlefield, where shelters are a major consumer of fuel, moving that fuel has become a major problem, putting lives and missions at risk and diverting combat troops and dollars to force protection.

Researchers at Natick are also looking at the batteries an individual Soldier carries. Today's handheld technology can plug a Soldier on patrol into the network, but it can also tether him to a huge number of batteries. In some cases, a Soldier may carry 10-20 pounds of batteries for a three day mission. To tackle this challenge, scientists at Natick are looking at both better batteries and lower power devices.

And I learned about tomorrow's innovations for Soldier power. From combat boots that recharge batteries to deployable waste-to-energy systems that will cut logistics and create on-site energy, the staff at Natick is helping provide America's Soldiers with the best equipment in the world. That work, to give Soldiers better energy options, helps DoD execute its core mission - to defend the Nation.

*Editors Note: This comes from a blog post from the Honorable Sharon Burke.*

**Sharon E. Burke**

*Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy*



Photo by David Kamm

Senior Engineer Steve Tucker (right) discusses solar battery recharging technology with Assistant Secretary Sharon Burke and Natick Soldier Research, Development, and Engineering Center Director Dr. Jack Obusek.

## APG SEVEN DAY FORECAST



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# Discuss issues with PX manager April 16

AAFES

Customer feedback plays an instrumental role in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Exchange's ability to provide great service while improving the overall shopping experience. Military patrons can play a part in this process by meeting Aberdeen Proving Ground Exchange managers to discuss daily operations and areas of improvement.

"Meet the Manager" is a program in which store and general managers are available to discuss Aberdeen Proving Ground Exchange operations with shoppers. The program seeks to gather information on products, services and any problems experienced.

One of the program's goals is to reduce the time and effort spent on processes while setting reasonable expectations. In order to meet the continuing demand for the best products and services, Aberdeen Proving Ground Exchange managers are eager to engage in one-on-one communication with those they serve.

"By placing a greater emphasis on customer feedback, we can work with shoppers to deliver a stronger benefit for all. We want the best for Soldiers at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and that starts with knowing their wants and need."

fit for all," said the Exchange's Debbie Armendariz, Store Manager. "We want the best for Soldiers at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and that starts with knowing their wants and need. The only way to do that is to proactively reach out and listen to community concerns."

All feedback and information gathered during "Meet the Manager" discussions is sent back to Exchange headquarters in Dallas and evaluated for possible future programs and execution.

A booth or area for discussion is designated at the front of all Exchange locations periodically in order for customers to easily recognize where to go to meet with various managers. Prior to the event, signs are posted in-store to alert shoppers when their next session will occur. The next event is scheduled for April 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Exchange located at Bldg 2401 Chesapeake/Raritan Ave.

Authorized patrons can contact the Aberdeen Proving Ground Exchange for more information and additional details about the "Meet the Manager Program" by calling 410-272-6828.

**Debbie Armendariz**  
Exchange Store Manager

**By placing a greater emphasis on customer feedback, we can work with shoppers to deliver a stronger benefit for all. We want the best for Soldiers at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and that starts with knowing their wants and need.**



**MORE ONLINE**



To view more photos of events going on at and around the U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground, visit the garrison Flickr site <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/> or scan the QR code.

# The return of the stink bug:

## Entomologists predict booming bug population this spring

By **CHANEL S. WEAVER**

*U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional)*

As warmer weather approaches, scientists are gearing up for the resurgence of the stink bug.

Native to China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan, the brown marmorated stink bug is rumored to have arrived in the United States via packing materials used for shipping. The bugs are often transported by vehicle as people go from place to place.

"They are great hitchhikers," said Tom Harkins, an entomologist at the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

The first brown marmorated stink bug surfaced in the United States in Allentown, Pa. in 2001. Today, the stink bug inhabits more than 30 states.

The stink bug gets its name from the strong, unpleasant odor it produces from the abdomen when threatened. It emerges from its winter hiding places in late



Photo by Graham Snodgrass

**The brown marmorated stink bug is becoming a major agricultural and household pest in more than 30 states. Entomologists predict the bugs will re-surface in large numbers this spring.**

April to mid-May.

Stink bugs have a unique appearance.

"They are brown on the upper and lower body and have a shield-like appearance," Harkins said. "They also have black and white striped antennae

and are approximately three-fourths of an inch long."

Farmers dread the stink bug because it wreaks havoc on crops. The bugs are known to feed on anything from apples, oranges, peaches, tomatoes, peppers, raspberries, grapes, soybeans and other plants. They leave puncture-like marks on their prey.

"Whenever these marks appear on crops, they become unmarketable," Harkins said. "Farmers can lose profits from these bugs."

The stink bug has also been spotted on military installations. Because of its love for ornamental plants, the bug has been reported outside of offices and even post residences including barracks and officer housing.

"It does not distinguish between a private and a general officer," Harkins said.

The stink bugs often seek shelter in homes once the weather becomes cooler each fall. Although the bugs are a nuisance pest, Harkins said they pose no threat to humans.

"They do not bite or sting," he said. "Research shows they do not transmit diseases or pathogens that affect humans."

Harkins works around bugs all the time, but he understands that he is in the minority. He said stink bugs can affect the morale of Soldiers and Civilians.

"Most people don't want to work, sleep or live with bugs," he said.

The use of pesticides to control stink bugs around homes is usually not recommended because the chemicals are often ineffective, and may pose a health risk

to people and pets when applied indoors. Simply squishing the bugs or vacuuming them up is also not recommended because of the awful odor they produce.

Harkins said preventing the bugs from entering your home is the best way to protect against them. Here are some ways to prevent stink bugs from entering your home:

1. Seal up all cracks in doorways and windows with caulk.
2. Use weather stripping around doors and windows.
3. Remove window air conditioners in the fall.
4. Repair holes in screens.

If a stink bug does enter your home, Harkins recommend these steps to rid your home of it:

1. Use a broom or scoop stink bugs up with a paper towel and release them outside or flush them down the toilet.
2. For heavy infestations, consult a pest control professional.

### For more information on stink bugs:

■ Delaware News Journal, [www.delawareonline.com/article/20110304/NEWS02/103040371/Stink-bugs-meet-their-nemesis](http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20110304/NEWS02/103040371/Stink-bugs-meet-their-nemesis)

■ Penn State University, <http://ento.psu.edu/extension/factsheets/brown-marmorated-stink-bug>

■ Home and Garden Information Center, [www.hgic.umd.edu/content/brown-stinkbug.cfm](http://www.hgic.umd.edu/content/brown-stinkbug.cfm)

■ Cornell University, [www.news.cornell.edu/chronicle/01/11.1.01/stink-bugs.html](http://www.news.cornell.edu/chronicle/01/11.1.01/stink-bugs.html)

*The U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) focuses on promoting health and preventing disease, injury and disability in Soldiers and military retirees, their families, and Army civilian employees. As well, when it reaches full operational capability in October 2011, the USAPHC will oversee effective execution of full-spectrum veterinary services throughout the DOD. The USAPHC (Prov) was created from the merger of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the U.S. Army Veterinary Command.*





Photo by Adriane Foss

During a March 11 recognition ceremony, Danny Miller (left) shakes the hand of coworker Patrick Meehan, who helped save Miller's life by using CPR.

# CPR classes offered

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cardiopulmonary resuscitation that Aberdeen Proving Ground fire and rescue workers credit with helping save Miller's life.

"I was struggling; I was scared and questioning myself," said Meehan, who had casually taken a CPR class offered by his company two years prior. "I never dreamed I would have to use CPR, never practiced it, so I wasn't sure if I was doing it right."

At one point, Meehan stopped performing the chest compressions and rescue breathing that he felt were clumsy and useless.

"And then I saw his face turn blue, and I knew that what I had been doing was working, so I started up again, and I saw his color come back," he said.

Meehan said he continued CPR until APG's fire and emergency services personnel arrived. Once the emergency medical professionals took over, he said he walked away, exhausted and discouraged.

"I was upset. I was crying. I was sure he was dead," said Meehan.

APG Assistant Fire Chief David Smith continued CPR while paramedic's shocked Miller's heart with an AED, or automated external defibrillator. A heartbeat was detected and Miller was stabilized before being transported to an area hospital where he would recover for two weeks.

Miller visited the APG Fire Department March 11 to thank Meehan, Smith and the APG emergency responders who

gave him a second chance at life. Garrison and emergency personnel officials were also present to present Meehan with a certificate of recognition for his life-saving efforts.

Miller said he expects a clean bill of health from his doctor and hopes to return to work soon.

He said he knows how fortunate he is to be alive and is looking forward to finally going on the fishing trip that he and Meehan never took time out for.

According to APG Fire and Emergency Services Assistant Chief Michael Slayman, "only about 7 percent of people survive cardiac arrest in the field. Irreversible brain damage or death are the norms for most of these victims, so this was a very rare occasion."

Slayman said APG emergency responders spend a lot of time training the civilian workforce in CPR and utilization of an AED.

"We have trained over 10,000 personnel here at APG over time," he said, "so there's a pretty good chance that if you're on APG and something happens, a sudden cardiac event, somebody's going to know CPR."

"There's also a pretty good chance that there is going to be an AED on the wall somewhere nearby because we have 346 fielded throughout APG," he said.

CPR/AED classes are offered the third Wednesday of every month and can be scheduled by calling APG Fire Departments EMS Division at 410-306-0572.

# Post Shorts

## Fire hydrant flushing event

Aberdeen Proving Ground's DPW Waterworks Branch will be conducting its semiannual fire hydrant flushing event to maintain water quality in our system. Activities started this month and will continue through the month of April. Brown water issues are possible during this time. If residents or personnel have any questions or concerns including extended periods of brown water, call Ron Gentry at 436-2196.

## Transition assistance available

To assist Soldiers in the transition from active duty to civilian life, APG offers Transition Assistance Program classes, which are facilitated by state employment services personnel. Guest speakers offer information about on finance, transportation, VA benefits, education and more.

Learn about job searches, career decision-making, resume writing and interviewing. Classes are held on APG North (Aberdeen) in Bldg. 4305 (Janet M. Barr Soldier Support Center) on Susquehanna Avenue monthly except in December. Participants must be within one year of separation date and two years from retirement date. Spouses are welcome. Register to attend at [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil). Or contact Debbie Edmonds at 410-306-2354 or [dedmonds@dllr.state.md.us](mailto:dedmonds@dllr.state.md.us), or Jack Charles at 410-836-4635 or [jcharles@dllr.state.md.us](mailto:jcharles@dllr.state.md.us).

## Change, cash awards could be just a suggestion away

The Army Suggestion Program encourages Soldiers and civilians to submit ideas that increase the efficiency and productivity of the Army. The ASP seeks suggestions that improve work methods, materials, processes, equipment, logistics, utilities or tools that will benefit the Army. Suggestions that save money can be eligible for a cash award up to \$25,000. The more money saved, the larger the potential award. Visit <https://armysuggestions.army.mil> for info, or contact Marjorie Sexton, Installation ASP coordinator, at 410-278-0944 or [marjorie.sexton1@us.army.mil](mailto:marjorie.sexton1@us.army.mil).

## Motown's Mary Wilson visits APG March 31

Don't miss a chance to hear from Mary Wilson a founding member of the "Supremes," Motown's premier act during the 1960's, when she comes to Aberdeen Proving Ground March 31, courtesy of the Army Test and Evaluation Command and APG.

This Women's History Month event takes place at 1 p.m. in the C4ISR-Myer Auditorium, 6002 Combat Drive. Wilson will lead a workshop on women's historical contributions. The workshop will be followed by a surprise singing group that you won't want to miss.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Cynthia Pearson at 703-681-2743 or 443-315-8786.

## RAB meeting March 31

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m. March 31 at the Aberdeen Senior Center, 7 Franklin Street in Aberdeen.

The topic includes the O-Field Study Area. Board meetings are open to the public. All APG employees and citizens are invited.

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

## Wholesale discounts

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor BJ's discount membership registration, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., April 6 at the APG North (Aberdeen) Bowling Center in Bldg. 2342; and from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 13 at the APG South (Edgewood) Stark Recreation Center in Bldg. E4140; and from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 20 at the Newcomer's Orientation, APG North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center in Bldg. 3326.

BJ's Wholesale Club offers 14-month membership for \$40 for civilian and military personnel, retirees and contractors. Renewal membership holders should bring their current card with them. Call 410-436-4467 or e-mail [patti.harkins@us.army.mil](mailto:patti.harkins@us.army.mil).

Visit [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil) under **Shorts** to view more shorts.

# Community Notes

## THURSDAY

### MARCH 24

#### THIRSTY THURSDAYS

Every Thursday is Thirsty Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight at VFW Charlton-Miller Post 6054, located on 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen. Includes the best R&B and old school music. Food will be available until 11 p.m.

For more information, call 410-272-3444.

## FRIDAYS

### MARCH 25 - JUNE 3

#### SMALL BUSINESS CLASS

Maintaining a profitable business can be just as challenging as starting a new one. The Cecil and Harford County Offices of Economic Development are sponsoring a series of small business group sessions that offer valuable business advice from three international coaching firms packaged into one free program.

Classes are offered through April 15 on Fridays from 9 a.m.-noon at the Cecil County Office of Economic Development or April 22-June 3 on Fridays from 9 a.m.-noon at the Harford Community College, Edgewood Hall.

Visit for brochure and registration.

## FRIDAY

### APRIL 1

#### APRIL FOOL'S COMEDY EXTRAVAGANZA

VFW Charlton-Miller Post 6054 located on 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen will hold an April Fool's Comedy Extravaganza 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Doors open 8 p.m. The show will feature BET Def Comedy Jam "Funny Man" Timmy Hall with special guests Lonnie Davis, Comedy Queen Stiletto and Althea Beasley. Tickets cost \$15 per person or \$20 at the door. Cost includes food, an after party with DJ Carolinaz Finest and photos by Big Warner.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-272-3444 or 443-226-2479.

## FRIDAY

### APRIL 15

#### KARAOKE

It's back! VFW Charlton-Miller Post 6054 located on 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen will have karaoke with TC and company, 8 p.m. on the second Friday of each month.

For more information, call 410-272-3444.

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

# APG Newswatch

The March 2011 edition of the APG Newswatch video news program is available for viewing online through the Army's media player: <http://go.usa.gov/gW0>

The lineup for this month's program includes:

- National Guard Troops deploy from APG to Iraq.
- The Undersecretary of Defense visited APG to discuss efficiencies
- ATEC Commander discusses BRAC move to APG
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Science (STEM) Summit held on APG



- COHORT holds graduation ceremony
- APG celebrates Black History month

The proponent for APG Newswatch is the RDECOM Public Affairs Office.

# 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>.



## SOLDIER TOOTH

Pvt. Tracy Glover (left) as "Soldier Tooth" and Allison Schmider a dental hygienist, demonstrate for the children at the Aberdeen Child Development Center what to expect when they visit the dentist. APG Dental Command staff visited the CDC to discuss basic dental care March 8 in honor of Children's Dental Health Month.

Photo by Alexis Cole



## TREATS FOR TROOPS

One hundred deployed service members will soon receive packages filled with goodies collected through the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center's (ECBC) "Treats for Troops" initiative. Local Treats for Troops volunteers collected more than 1,200 pounds of toiletries, healthy snacks, candy, drink mixes, coffee, gum, magazines, pens, paper and games. A U.S. Postal Service truck carried 124 care packages from ECBC earlier this month to Soldiers downrange.

Courtesy photo



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## BRIGHT IDEAS

Daniel Liss (right), a Charles E. Smith Day School junior, explains his project to Greg Neate, a judge from APG's Directorate of Public Works during the Maryland Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in Baltimore March 18. High school students from 20 schools in six Maryland counties gave oral and poster presentations, and 10 Aberdeen Proving Ground scientists and engineers served as judges during the symposium. Visit <http://apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/> for the full story. Visit the garrison's and RDECOM's Flickr websites for more photos.



Photo by Claudette Murray

## GIFT OF LIFE

Sam Easterling, an information systems engineer for Project Manager Battle Command, donates blood at the APG North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center March 14. Easterling said he was pleased to be able to give blood again after a 12-month deferment, due to being employed as a DoD civilian in Afghanistan. The blood drive was sponsored by the Armed Services Blood Program, which provides donated blood products to Soldiers and the Families at home and deployed, in peacetime and war, anywhere in the world. The next blood drive is scheduled for April 4 at the APG North Recreation Center.



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

## ST PADDY'S DAY FUN

Nearly 150 runners and walkers head out from the APG North Athletic Center during the 2011 St. Paddy's Day 5K Run March 17. Unusually warm and sunny weather greeted participants who cooled off with refreshments on the APG North recreation center patio after the run. Josh Ecker, a West Point cadet home on spring break, came in first for the men followed by Rodney Timpson of Baltimore, and Luis Navarro, a Maryland National Guardsman from Havre de Grace. The first female in was Tanya Peel, a contracting officer with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Contracting Center.

## From the Garrison

# Consistent, fair leadership is a supervisor's first duty

It seems odd to think we even need to talk about the meaning of duty on an Army installation in a time of war, but we do. Just when you would think that the concept of duty, as well as our individual duties, would be clearer than ever, things can get muddy.

It's not something that's unique to APG or the people on it. History tells us that times of stress or change are when this happens. We're asked to do more, and the things we're asked to do are often more important, more urgent or more difficult. That's when we have more conflict between what we want to do and what it is our duty to do. And now, as we look ahead to the 10-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the U.S., we can find ourselves in the unusual position of being at war, but kind of having gotten used to being at war, and maybe even be tired of hearing about the war, all at the same time. The war can also begin to feel distant because of the nature of the war we are waging and the professional military fighting it.

### Checking the block?

Duty is a simple concept, but a broad one. A short definition is to simply fulfill your obligations, but there is fulfilling as in checking the block, and then there is fulfilling as in covering all aspects of the job – and we're not even talking about going the extra mile. The most obvious problem that occurs when people don't do their duty is when they just don't perform the tasks they are supposed to perform. Perhaps more common is when people don't perform their tasks as well or as fully as they should.

As leaders, the first thing we have to ask ourselves is, are they aware of their duties and all aspects of those duties? Leaders often have a lot more information and experience, so it's easy to take a certain level of understanding and insight for granted. Communications problems often make this worse because it's easy to think you've told somebody something, and told them fully, when they heard something very different. This can be even worse when we are asking people to do new things or we don't have time to answer all



Every duty is great; great, because it tries our principle; great, because for the time being it tries our loyalty to conscience, and our energy and will. - E. H. CHAPIN, Living Words

their questions.

So we have to make people know their tasks and fully understand what they entail. The Army has a simple but effective system for this: task, conditions and standards. You tell the person what the task is, the conditions in which they will have to work, and the standard they are going to be held to. It may sound beyond simple and just plain simple-minded, but think about how often people misunderstand seemingly clear instructions, operate on assumptions nobody else is operating on or just plain make mistakes because they don't have enough information. A couple of minutes spent working through that simple checklist can save a lot of time and trouble.

A situation that is a misunderstanding or the result of unclear directions is, of course, an easy problem to fix. People who know their tasks and still won't do them or do well is a tougher nut to crack. This is when real leadership is called for. As I talked about in the article about loyalty, a good leader has to make sure his or her people understand the importance of what they're doing. Some people see quite a difference between work and duty. It is the leader's responsibility to help that person connect what they do to the larger Army effort, and how we are all obliged to do our part supporting Soldiers, the Army and the nation. The person may not feel like part of the team, and thus not obliged to do his or her part. They may not have the same understanding about making a promise – which is what we do when we sign our work contracts – and living up to that promise. The leader has to find out what the problem is, and figure out how to fix it.

### A narrow firing lane

A common example is people who like to keep their firing lane as narrow as possible. As you may know, a firing lane is a piece of territory marked out for a Soldier. It has a left limit and a right limit, and Soldiers are trained to stay in their lanes so they don't end up

shooting at the wrong side. Some people take that concept and whittle away at their responsibilities until their firing lane is 5.56 millimeters wide – exactly the width of one bullet. So if a specific task pops up exactly and fully within their 5.56 millimeter-wide firing lane, they will do their jobs. If it is the wrong kind of task, or if it is not fully in their lane, they feel justified – even righteous – about not doing that task.

### Ignoring duty

Soldiers in combat do not have that luxury. If a bad guy is in a fellow Soldier's lane and that other Soldier can't shoot that bad guy for some reason, that bad guy will become everybody's very immediate and very deadly problem. The key is that Soldiers in combat know they cannot avoid the consequences of ignoring their duty to back up a fellow Soldier. In a support role in garrison environment, especially one as complex as APG, it can be all too easy to avoid those consequences. If the garrison staff does not get a Garrison-Supported Organization employee access to something quickly enough, it's not the garrison that loses that person's productive time. And if a GSO doesn't get a report back to the garrison on time it's not their person who has to work overtime to make sure the larger report gets done so the garrison can be funded for all it needs to do. If you follow these examples to the end, there are consequences, of course. They're just not immediate or deadly enough to capture our attention the way a bad guy can.

So, leaders have to make sure there are consequences within their organizations. This is a fundamental duty of leadership, but often a difficult one. Some leaders don't like being perceived as hard or mean. It can be uncomfortable personally, and many simply don't know how to go about it. But it is a leader's duty to know, and to execute that duty. If we don't, we are the same as that non-performing employee, except that we are letting down more

people in a more significant way.

And it's not just our bosses we're letting down. We are letting down that employee, because it's our duty to provide them leadership. More importantly, we are letting down the other members of the team, because no matter how they feel about what that other person is doing, they look to us to create and maintain a fair and rewarding work environment. Letting one person get away with not doing their duty is corrosive even if nobody else has to perform that duty. Every time it happens we set a new and lower standard of what is acceptable, and people's perception of the professionalism of the organization they work in goes down. The more that happens, they less motivated they are to do their duty or be loyal to their organizations. It's even worse if other team members have to pick up the non-performer's slack. Either way, it starts a downward spiral that results in the worst crime of all, not supporting our Soldiers who are fighting a war away from home for our safety.

Fixing this is simple, if not easy. Leaders at all levels should take out the duty descriptions for their people and make sure they are written to fully convey that person's duty. Many job descriptions get passed from year to year and person to person without a critical review.

### Talk to your people

Next, leaders have to talk to their people. Counsel them to make sure there is no misunderstanding. Disabuse them of the notion that their job is a little sliver of the overall organization's job, or that there are no consequences for failure. Once people know their duties the leader's next job is for the long haul: making sure they all live up to those standards and do their duty. Leaders have to be consistent and persistent to be fair.

This may be hard for some. It's a lot more fun to be everybody's friend and concentrate on the technical aspects of the jobs we did before we became leaders. But for supervisors, leadership is our first duty, and we must do it fully if we are to have any hope to have the people we lead do their jobs fully as well.

### Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades

Cmd. Sgt. Maj., U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground

## MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

# Bilingual Hello Girls of WWI were Army's 'first' female vets

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While many people know that the United States sent women nurses to Europe with the Soldiers during World War I, most people are unaware of a unique all-female unit that was formed within the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

These specially trained women became known as the "Hello Girls."

In 1917, Gen. "Black Jack" Pershing sent out an urgent call for bilingual telephone operators to work the switches on the front lines in battle weary France. Allied Forces were in dire need of reliable communication between the front line troops and command units in the rear.

The language barrier between the French forces and English-speaking British and American forces also greatly impeded the effective combat communication.

Women were needed to fill the positions because not many of the few men spoke French and men were needed to fight on the front lines and install telephone wires.

This was the first time telephone operators had been used during wartime to connect Sol-

diers fighting units directly to their commanders headquarters and command centers.

The call for bilingual volunteers went out nationwide. Although the Army received between 7,000 and 8,000 from women throughout the country, only about 500 women were hired.

This overwhelming response reflects the American woman's desire to participate in the war effort despite being left at home.

Those hired received specialized military training at Fort Franklin in Maryland (today's Fort Meade) before being trained by the AT&T phone company to operate the battlefield switchboards.

By March 1918, the first wave of women in uniform had been shipped to France after having taken the same oath of allegiance to the U.S. military as their male counterparts; and the women were subject to the same types of military orders, rules of discipline and methods for taking leave as any American Soldier.

Six of the Hello Girls—Esther Fresnel, Helen Hill, Berthe Hunt, Marie Large and Suzanne Prevot—landed just in time to operate eight lines, day and night, for the critical Sept. 12, 1918, Battle of Saint Mihiel.

Sharing many of the same dangers as the fighting troops, including frequent bombardment from the artillery barrages, the women carried on with their mission. In one instance, a building where the "Hello Girls" were working was hit and caught fire. They were ordered to leave the burning building but decided not to abandon their post and continued operating the lines. They finally left when they were threatened with court martial. The operators returned to the building an hour later, resuming the critical task of enabling communications between the troops on the raging battlefield.

In some instances, the requirement that women be over 25 years old was waived due to the pressing need for French and English speaking operators.

Sisters Louise and Raymonde LeBreton of France were allowed to join at 18 and 20 years of age. Nineteen-year-old Oleda Joureen was also allowed to join, having been trained by the Bell Telephone company to instruct women to operate the complicated switches.

Many of the Hello Girls stayed abroad for about a year after the armistice was signed to aid in troop redeployment

when the "war to end all wars" was finally over. When they were officially discharged and came home as well, many of the women returned to civilian life either as domestic operators or as wives and mothers to take care of the home.

The Hello Girls were not honored with the WWI victory medals, veterans' status and honorable discharges that American Soldiers received.

According to military bureaucrats, that the women had never been sworn into the Army, as it was only possible for males to be sworn in, per precise wording in the Army regulations. By many, the women were considered to be civilian volunteers.

Women yeomanettes who served in the U.S. Navy, however, were given veteran status because Navy regulations specified "persons" rather than "males."

The Army's Hello Girls were denied the recognition of their wartime sacrifice, based on a choice of words in the regulation.

Dissatisfied with the legal-ese brush-off by the U.S. Army, the women, led by Merle Egan Anderson, fought for their veteran status. It would take 60 years of persistent campaigning and the involvement of lawyer Mark Hough before they were

granted veteran status in 1977, when President Jimmy Carter finally signed the bill. By this time, about 50 of the Hello Girls were still alive, most of them in their late seventies and eighties and only the survivors were awarded honorable discharges and victory medals; no posthumous commendations were awarded.

The bilingual Hello Girls of World War I may well be considered the first women veterans of the U.S. Army.

Despite their unequal treatment, based on their language skills, they willingly went to war. Their heroic, valiant, wartime efforts and subsequent fight for equal rights initiated the process of integrating women into the military and set an important precedent for women's future roll roles in the American armed forces.

For more information about the U.S. Army's Hello Girls of World War I, visit:

- [www.jungssoul.com/Hello-Girls.html](http://www.jungssoul.com/Hello-Girls.html)
- [http://ieeeghn.com/wiki/index.php/Hello\\_Girls](http://ieeeghn.com/wiki/index.php/Hello_Girls)
- [www.malmstrom.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123043247](http://www.malmstrom.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123043247)
- [www.womensmemorial.org/H&C/History/wwi\(war\).html](http://www.womensmemorial.org/H&C/History/wwi(war).html)
- [www.worldwar1.com/dbc/hello.htm](http://www.worldwar1.com/dbc/hello.htm)

# FAMILY AND MWR

## Activities/Events

### Spring Bazaar March 24

Enjoy the final day of the APG spring bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 24 at the APG North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center Ballroom, Bldg. 3326. Enjoy live entertainment by David Young, flutist, and get a chance at winning door prizes that include a Kindle, tickets to the APG Summer Concert and more. More than 30 vendors will be available selling baked goods, clothing items, jewelry and more. Lunch is available in the North Side Grill.

For more information, call 410-278-4011.

### Open Mic slated March 31

Open Mic Thursday will take place at the APG North Side Grill/AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, March 31.

Doors open 4:30 p.m. Event begins at 5:30 p.m. and lasts through 8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Performance categories are spoken word, vocals, instrumentals and comedy. Complimentary bar foods will be offered. Limited snack bar operation and cash bar for beer and wine will be available. Sign up online by March 30

at [www.APGMWR.com](http://www.APGMWR.com) to participate. Latecomers are welcome. Must be 18 years or older to participate.

### Experience the Cherry Blossom Festival April 9

MWR Leisure Travel Office will offer a trip to Washington, D.C. for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival April 9. Cost of the trip is \$30 per person and includes roundtrip transportation. The bus will depart the Aberdeen Area 7:30 a.m. Reserve seats now, space is limited.

For more information or to register, call 410-278-4011/4907, email [APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil) or visit MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3316.

### Spring Celebrations

MWR is hosting Spring Celebration activities for the whole Family as follows:

■ At the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center, Bldg. E4140 April 5 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

■ At the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326 April 12 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Activities include an egg hunt with secret prizes at 5:30 p.m. in four age groups-- 0-3, 4-7, 8-12 and 13 and up.

A spring hat contest will also take place. Prizes will be awarded for the silliest, most creative, most team spirit and most patriotic in three age groups—9 and under, 10-17 and 18 and up. Judging is at 6 p.m.

Get your photo with the Easter Bunny. Children's fun includes live entertainment, face painting, balloon animals, refreshments and more.

Call 410-278-4011 for information.

### Scrapbooking crop April 16

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a Scrapbooking crop for seasonal scrapbookers or anyone who has always wanted to try it. "Crop Till You Drop" 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326. The cost to attend is \$25 per person and includes lunch, door prizes and giveaways. Vendors will have items for sale and optional classes will be offered. Call now to reserve a spot or table of friends.

Contact Patti Harkins at 410-436-4467 or [patti.harkins@us.army.mil](mailto:patti.harkins@us.army.mil).

### New York City day trip

Leisure Travel will offer eight hours

of shopping in New York City March 26. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost is \$45 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart from Mountain Road Park and Ride at 7:55 a.m. For information on New York City, visit [www.nyc-tour.com](http://www.nyc-tour.com).

For more information or to reserve a seat, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail

[APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil).

### Coed Volleyball

APG Coed Volleyball League will open at APG. Signup deadline is April 5. Rules meeting is April 7 at 5 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center.

The regular season will begin the week of April 11 and is open to all eligible MWR patrons. If there are enough teams, there will be separate divisions for the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas.

If we do not have enough teams, there will be one league and all teams will be required to travel. There is a fee of \$150 per team due before the season starts.

## Upcoming golf events

### Establish your Handicap March 26

Start your 2011 season off right. Establish your MSGA & USGA Handicap March 26.

Schedule your own tee time, 7 to 11 a.m. Form your own group. Price includes 2011 season Maryland State Golf Association handicap. Net pricing; carts not included in registration fee.

Pricing varies as follows: annual members pay \$30; authorized patrons pay \$50 (Ruggles) and \$43 (Exton); guests pay \$60 -- \$55 (Ruggles) and \$50 (Exton).

To register, call Ruggles at 410-278-4794 or Exton Golf Course at 410-436-2213.

### Qualifying tourney March 27

Represent the courses at APG during the state team matches. Participate in the qualifying tourney March 27 at Ruggles Golf Course. The top 15 players (includes five alternates) will represent APG at MSGA matches.

Entry fee is \$20. Additional fees will apply to each qualifier for purchase of team apparel. All participants must have USGA handicap and be regular players at Ruggles Golf Course.

Play will be from the professional tees (black) and 18 hole Gross Stable ford scoring. Schedule your tee time between 7 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Participate and see if you have what it takes to represent the courses at APG!!

Call Ruggles at 410-278-4794 or Exton at 410-436-2213

## SKIES Unlimited

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, Bldg. 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID cardholders. For an appointment, e-mail [stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil](mailto:stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil).

### Ice skating lessons at Ice World

SKIES Unlimited offers ice skating lessons for ages 4 to 18 at Ice World, located at 1300 Governor Court in Abingdon. Lessons cost \$74 per person after using the \$25 coupon. Participants must register with CYSS to receive the \$25 coupon.

Lessons will be held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, April 5 to May 17; and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays, April 9 to May 21.

Lessons are open to all DoD ID cardholding Family members.

LEARN TO SKATE is based on the fundamentals of the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA), and is necessary for those wishing to proceed on to ice hockey or freestyle.

The six weekly sessions offer professional instruction with a half-hour of instruction time and half-hour of practice each week. Limited free skate rentals.

Classes will be grouped by age and ability. Three free passes to public sessions will be provided.

## Looking for a job?

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

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

There will be no make-up classes or refunds. For more information or to register, call Central Registration at 410-278-7571/7479, Bldg. 2503.

### Martial Arts present Tiny Tigers

Children ages 4 to 6 can join the Tiny Tigers Unity TaeKwonDo School of Martial Arts at APG.

Parent participation is required. Cost to register is \$40 per person and classes are open to all DoD ID cardholders and Family members.

Instructor Sabunim Sean A. Williams will teach the program. Classes will be held 5:30 to 6 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays March 28 to April 18.

The Tiny Tiger program is an age-appropriate version of taekwondo that will help direct energy into confidence and character building skills. Students learn traditional taekwondo techniques such as blocking, punching and kicking including "Stranger Danger" and "Fire Safety" skills.

Students will test every three to six classes. Class size is limited to 12 parent and child parings, so register early.

The Tiny Tigers program will be held at the Aberdeen North Youth Center, Bldg. 2522.

### Private piano lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 4 to 18 will be held 3 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays through April 8; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through April 9; and 3 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays through April 12 at the APG North Youth Center, Bldg. 2522. Cost of the lessons is \$102 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week for six weeks. Parents choose which time frame session they want when registering. Students are responsible for buying instructor-recommended books for the course. Open to all DoD ID cardholders.

## March bowling specials

• Early Bird Special: From 7 to 9 a.m., receive one hour of bowling for \$12. Shoe rental costs \$2.

• Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl one game for \$1.00 and pay \$1 for shoe rental.

• 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.

### New 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 March 21

Special #1: Double bacon cheeseburger with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.45.

Special #2: Grilled ham and cheese with the soup of the day, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

### Week of March 28

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

Special #2: Two hot dogs with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.55.

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.



# Flag ceremonies honor passing of last American World War I veteran

By  
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APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground joined U.S. military bases, vessels and diplomatic outposts worldwide March 15 as they flew their flags at half staff in honor of Cpl. Frank W. Buckles.

Buckles, the last surviving American veteran of World War I, died at age 110 Feb. 27. President Barack Obama ordered the nation's flags to be flown at half staff March 15—the day Buckles was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery—as a sign of respect normally reserved for heads of state, members of Congress and to mark national tragedies.

The reveille and retreat ceremonies that took place at the flagpole in front of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command headquarters also served as a tribute to all American veterans of World War I, according to the president's proclamation.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades noted that the event should remind everyone of their duty to today's Soldiers.

"It was right and fitting that the president, the country and APG honored Buckles the way we did, because he was the last representative of a generation of men and women who served our country in World War I," said Rhoades.

"Even though Buckles fought in what was called the war to end all wars, we are again a country at war," he said. "That makes these ceremonies even more important because another generation is fighting far from home, just as Buckles and his fellow Soldiers did."

"Soldiers and Families today are making the same kinds of sacrifices made by Soldiers and Families during that war. That's because, despite the passage of time and how the world has changed, sending our young men and women off to fight and maybe die far from home has not changed."

Rhoades said that taking care of veterans continues long after the fighting stops.

"This ceremony helped us reflect on that, by honoring a man who was a Soldier in war more than 90 years ago,"

Rhoades said. "In fact, he became a Soldier less than six months before the Army formally took over what is now APG. By the time we executed our first mission here in January 1918, he was already serving in the war zone."

"So while he was becoming a Soldier and deploying, the Army was founding APG," said Rhoades, putting the timeline in perspective. "That tie should be a powerful reminder that we are here for Soldiers. It's hard to find equipment on the modern battlefield that wasn't in some way touched by APG while it was being conceived, designed and tested. So all those present-day Soldiers and future veterans have a tie to APG. They may not know about that connection, but it should be what keeps us going every day."

The meaning of the event was not lost on the color guard that performed the ceremonies here.

"The passing of this veteran was significant to all of the Soldiers involved," said Fred Posadas, a retired command sergeant major and civilian employee with the Directorate of Plans, Train-

ing, Mobilization and Security. Posadas trained the Soldiers who participated in the color guard on proper procedures the previous day. The color guard was composed of three Soldiers, two Marines and one civilian, all of whom volunteered.

"It was an emotional occasion," said Posadas. "Mr. Buckles sacrificed for his country; he [also] was a prisoner of war during World War II."

Sgt. Billy Falla, from the garrison's Headquarters and Headquarters Company served as the color guard leader and said he was grateful to pay tribute to an American hero.

"This is a way to remember the last Soldier to serve in World War I," said Falla. "To participate in an occasion like this is a great honor."

After the retreat ceremony, the color guard raised another flag to full staff. Due to the decreased military population at APG, the installation does not have daily reveille and retreat ceremonies.

For more photos, visit [www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/).

# APG officer first female winner

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Tim McNamara, deputy to the Garrison commander, Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades, and a host of Hall's fellow officers and friends.

Krauer called Hall "incredibly talented" because of her work within the organization and in the surrounding community.

"When I look at people who were selected over the past years, I see people who have gone on to bigger and better things and we certainly expect the same of Officer Hall," Krauer said.

Hall has been with DES since 2008. After graduating from the academy, she worked road patrols until December 2009 and then went into administration. A part of the Operations Division, Hall's responsibilities include process-

ing police reports, tickets, background checks, report requests and other forms.

Hall thanked her supervisor, Lt. Elizabeth Wooten and Bill Marion, chief of the Investigative Services Division and, her husband Brian, daughter Kirsten, 14, son Dean, 12, and everyone who have supported and mentored her throughout her time in DES.

"I do what I do not for recognition; just because that's who I am," Hall said. "When I get recognized for just doing my job I get embarrassed."

"I like it because it's the next step in the process," Hall said of her position. "Working the road is the beginning of the process; here, you get to see what happens when the paperwork is done."

"Each one of the law enforcement

officers here has their own perspectives and experiences and that has helped me," she added.

"Right now, I feel I'm still in the learning phase. For me, it's a daily goal: going home knowing I've done the best job I can do every day."

She said she was surprised and proud to be selected the first female DES Police Officer of the Year.

"There are a lot of good officers in this department who do great things," she said. "I'm proud to be the first female. I think it says something about women on the force and I'm proud to be in that position."

The youngest of three sisters, Hall hails from York, Penn. Her husband is retired Army and Hall said much of her training for law enforcement she gained

as an Army wife.

"When he was deployed to Iraq, holding it together for my Family and keeping my emotions in check was a tough lesson to learn," she said.

"It's what officers have to do every day. I learned early not to base my decisions on emotions; to keep them in check, especially with disagreeable people. Focus on the violation. I took that to heart and I use it."

Hall received a commemorative plaque, directorate and garrison coins, a reserved parking space, a one-day-off award and a dinner gift certificate for two at a local restaurant.

In addition, she will be called on to represent the DES and installation at various community functions throughout the year.

# Social media eases CAC participation

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the Maryland Area Regional Commuter train schedule will offer personnel more commuting options. Gross also announced a post shuttle that will offer employees transportation from area train stations to the installation.

Anyone who is interested in taking the train and would need transportation from the Aberdeen and Edgewood train stations must complete a data form. Information provided will be used to establish routes and service needs. E-mail [APGTransformationOfc@conus.army.mil](mailto:APGTransformationOfc@conus.army.mil) or call 410-278-0915 to obtain a form. To view the MARC train schedule, visit <http://mta.maryland.gov/services/marc/>.

In response to last month's inquiry regarding window insulation in historic homes, Picerne Military Housing's Corinne Williams reported that residents can call the Neighborhood to have their windows assessed. The windows will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Williams said all of the neighborhood path and playground lights are currently functioning, and seven building lights need to be installed in Bayside with a target completion date of March 25.

Williams encouraged the community to attend the Family Services' event which will focus on National Inhalants and Poison Awareness Week March 24 at 6 p.m. at the McGruff House.

Chaplain (Col.) Orman W. Boyd, installation and garrison chaplain, briefed attendees on the Comprehensive Fitness Training, an online assessment tool for Soldiers, Family members and Army civilians. The program is based on 30-plus years of scientific study and results and uses individual assessments, tailored virtual training and classroom instruction.

"This program trains Soldiers in more areas than just physical fitness, which we have traditionally done," he said. "This training is completely free, completely confidential, it is an excellent tool."

For more information, visit <http://csf.army.mil/>

Linda Edwards, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation business manager, announced that the age at which children can use the post pools without parent supervision has been lowered to 12, provided that children pass a swim

test, take a safety test and submit a pool rules agreement form signed by parent and child.

Edwards reminded attendees that pool rates are the same—active duty Soldiers and Family members are admitted free of charge.

CAC meetings give attendees an opportunity to voice their concerns about issues, offer solutions and get updates on happenings that affect the APG community.

"These meetings are important for improving our community," said military spouse Arlene Baptiste. "Lots of good information is provided; I try to go back and share this information with Family and friends who are unable to attend."

For those who are unable to attend but wish to provide feedback or comment, questions can be submitted via Twitter or phoned in to 410-278-8588. The CAC slides can be viewed online at <http://www.slideshare.net/USAGAPG/march-apg-community-action-council>. To view a recording, Comcast subscribers can tune into Channel 97 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. this week.

Attendees were also encouraged to make use of the garrison's social media sites, like Flickr where event photos can be viewed or downloaded, Facebook where community members can link up and share information and opinions and chat or Twitter, which provides timely information to the community.

Joe Ferrare, representing the garrison public affairs office, urged community members to get up-to-the-minute information and interact on the APG Live blog, <http://apg.armylive.dod-live.mil/>.

The next Community Action Council meeting is set for April 21 at the APG South (Edgewood) Chapel at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 97 and open for community members who would like to submit questions or comments via Twitter: <http://twitter.com/USAGAPG>.

For more information about upcoming events, visit [www.apgmwr.com/](http://www.apgmwr.com/) and [www.facebook.com/APGMd](http://www.facebook.com/APGMd), view Channel 97 and 21, read the APG News and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's In-Demand newsletter.

# McGuinness to join RDECOM command

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The move is projected to be complete by September 2011.

Greene is a native of upstate New York. He received his commission as an engineer officer following his graduation from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1980.

He holds a Ph. D. from the University of Southern California in Materials Science as well as masters degrees in engineering from both Rensselaer and Southern California. He also holds a masters of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College and is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Army also announced the incoming RDECOM Deputy Commanding General: Brig. Gen. John J. McGuinness. He will assume duties as senior



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commander for Natick Soldier Systems Center, as well as RDECOM deputy

commanding general.

McGuinness is no stranger to research and development community. He is a veteran of the Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. where he served as an assistant product manager (mortars). He has also worked at Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology as a staff officer and executive officer over two assignments. He also is a former product manager for the Bradley Fire Support Vehicle in the Program Executive Office, Ground Combat Systems.

Most recently, McGuinness comes from his assignment as Deputy Commander for Programs, Combined Security Transition Command, Afghanistan.

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