



APG's 'Big Mike' wins state award

DES

The Directorate of Emergency Services has announced that APG Police Detective Michael Farlow was awarded the prestigious Sam Walker Lifetime Achievement Award, which is equivalent to the State of Maryland's D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year Award, during an April 20 presentation at the Holiday Inn in Ocean City, Md.

Also known by the APG community

as "Big Mike," Farlow is a DES detective who also serves as the Community Policing Officer.

Joseph J. Darabasz, DES deputy director said the award is the first for the Army and possibly for the Department of Defense and that Farlow will



Farlow

represent the state of Maryland in competition for the national title.

"Through his duties as APG's Community Policing and D.A.R.E. Officer, [Farlow] has developed a rapport with the local and surrounding community unsurpassed by any other officer within the department," Darabasz said. "Big Mike spends countless hours building these relationships, often during his off-duty hours. Most people go home from work and leave their job at the office.

Countless times Big Mike has come into work on a Monday morning with a unique and very distinctive twist to a D.A.R.E. presentation that he worked on over the weekend."

Darabasz said that Farlow's commitment to the program started in 2005 when APG was not yet a D.A.R.E. affiliated agency. Farlow volunteered to attend the state D.A.R.E. Academy,

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End of AER 2011 Campaign nears

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The 2011 Army Emergency Relief (AER) Annual Campaign concludes May 15. Each year the campaign is held from March 1 to May 15 to increase Soldier awareness of this valuable benefit as well as to offer Soldiers the opportunity to help fellow Soldiers by making a donation to AER.

In 2010, the Army and AER disbursed more than \$77 million in financial assistance to more than 66,000 active and retired Soldiers and Family members.

AER is a private nonprofit organization incorporated in 1942 to relieve financial distress of Soldiers and their Families. Today, AER provides financial assistance to Soldiers and their Families in the form of interest-free loans and grants in support of a variety of needs to include:

- Emergency assistance such as rent, food, travel, car repair, funeral, medical and dental expenses.

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APG Armed Forces Week starts Monday

Garrison PAO

Aberdeen Proving Ground will celebrate Armed Forces Week May 16 through May 21. The annual salute to America's armed services was extended from a one-day to a five day celebration due to the success of last year and to incorporate members of the community in all aspects. The 2011 theme is Power for Peace.

Monday, May 16

The festivities kicks off with an 18-hole Captain's Choice Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course at 8:30 a.m. Participants

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Photo by Yvonne Johnson

D.A.R.E - ing to make a difference

APG Community Policing and D.A.R.E. Officer Mike "Big Mike" Farlow, right, leads a question and answer session with children at the APG South (Edgewood) Child Development Center as D.A.R.E. Officer Kim Long looks on during a bicycle rodeo and safety class in celebration of the Month of the Military Child in April. Farlow was named the D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year in April and will represent the state of Maryland in competition for the national title.

BOSS program wins FEB Gold

Story and photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Team took home a Gold Federal Executive Board award in the Volunteer Service-Group Award category during the 44th Annual Excellence in Federal Career Awards Luncheon and Ceremony at Martins' West in Woodlawn, Md., May 6.

The program awards federal employees for excellence in performance on and off the job during the previous year.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldiers, led by BOSS president, Spc. Carlos Rios, were lauded for serving on community service projects with the Harford Habitat for Humanity; organizing holiday coat and toy drives for Baltimore's Eastside Family Resources



The APG BOSS program also won a national award in April during the BOSS Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Posing with that award in the Garrison headquarters building from left, are Sgts. Rebekah Lloyd, Matthew Beach, Tina Kendall and BOSS president Spc. Carlos Rios.

Shelter-home to more than 90 battered women and children; and for implementing the first League of Dreams – an adaptive baseball/softball program for special needs children – on a mili-

tary installation.

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades oversee the BOSS program.

Volunteer program saves APG half-a-million

By YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

For selfless service to something greater than themselves over the past year, 44 Aberdeen Proving Ground volunteers were honored for their service to the installation and the surrounding community during the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the Aberdeen North (Aberdeen) recreation center May 5.

MORE ONLINE

To view or download photos from the May 5 ceremony, visit www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/

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MAIL CENTER, POST OFFICE TO MOVE

The Garrison Administrative Mail Distribution Services and the U.S. Post Office will relocate May 20. SEE PAGE 6

CECOM senior leaders step into the past at the Battle of Gettysburg Staff Ride

By **CHRISSE REILLY**
CECOM Historian

By stepping back in time, more than 40 senior staff from the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command learned new lessons in leadership during a trip to the Gettysburg, Pa., battlefield in April.

Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, CECOM commander, hosted a staff ride at the Gettysburg National Military Park for a lesson in "Leading through Change." Leaders from Headquarters CECOM, the Software Engineering Center, and the Logistics Readiness Center, all from APG, participated as well as personnel from Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.; the Central Technical Support Facility at Fort Hood, Texas; and the Information Systems Engineering Command at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

"Staff rides enable military leaders to retrace the course of a battle on the ground, deepening their understanding of the recurring fundamentals of military operations, as well as using the location as a source of inspiration.

We use examples from the past so that today's leadership can apply those lessons learned in the future," said Susan Thompson, CECOM command historian.

Staff rides were originally used by the German Army in the late 1800s to train their general staff officers by studying the Napoleonic Wars.

Now, using historic military encounters from all eras is a regular part of leadership training in the U.S. Army. Staff rides not only provide leaders professional development and education, they also foster cohesion in organizations, according to Strong.

He stressed that in a worldwide organization such as CECOM, where business is often conducted via video teleconference, it is still important to make time for face-to-face communications.

This is especially important as CECOM conducts split-based operations due to the pending closure of Fort Monmouth, N.J. and movement of the command to Aberdeen Proving Ground, he stated.

As one of the Army's major teaching devices, staff rides are particularly dependent on careful knowledge of military history.

Dr. Stephen Carney, from the U.S. Army Center of Military History, led CECOM's staff ride. Carney is the Army's leading expert on the battle of Gettysburg and has led some 165 staff rides for military, Congressional and international officials.

"In fact," Thompson said, "Dr. Carney literally wrote the book on the Gettysburg staff ride. He just completed work on a Battle of Gettysburg Staff Ride Guide for the Center of Military History."

Carney recommended the battle of Gettysburg for both its understandability and its relevance. He explained that historians know more about the logistics of both armies during that campaign and battle than just about any other Civil War battle.

"In addition, the battle of Gettysburg is extremely relevant for an



Photo by Susan Thompson

Dr. Stephen Carney, left, from the U.S. Army Center of Military History, discusses historical perspectives on leadership during the battle of Gettysburg with Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, CECOM commander, second from left; Stephen Usry, director of business and operations for the Information Systems Engineering Command, third from left; and Kent Woods, CECOM deputy commander for operations, plans and BRAC, far right.

organization like CECOM that is facing the challenges of moving and reorganizing as a result of BRAC. Just as the Army of the Potomac realized the benefits of a major reorganization under the previous leadership of Major General Joseph Hooker, CECOM leaders learned about the potential pitfalls and successes that arise when leading through change," Thompson said.

Fought over the first three days of July 1863, the battle of Gettysburg was one of the most critical battles of the Civil War, occurring at a time when the fate of the nation hung in the balance, according to Thompson.

Often referred to as the "High Water Mark of the Rebellion," it was the culmination of the second and most ambitious invasion of the North by Gen. Robert E. Lee and his Army of Northern Virginia. The Union's Army of the Potomac, now under the command of Gen. George Meade for just a few days, met the Confederate invasion at the Pennsylvania cross-

roads town of Gettysburg.

Despite initial Confederate success, on July 3, 1863, the battle turned against Lee. Decisively beaten on the battlefield for the first time, Lee ordered his army to retreat back to Virginia, ending the hopes of a major victory for the Confederacy in the North that would lead to Southern independence. Roughly 51,000 Union and Confederate Soldiers died during these three days of intense fighting.

"Lessons of leadership during transformations in force structure, the need for effective communication, the value of reconnaissance, and the importance of logistics are as applicable today as they were at Gettysburg in 1863," Thompson said.

For example, at the Eternal Light Peace Memorial, Carney discussed foreign military sales of cannon by the British, who sold them to both the Confederates and the Union.

Foreign military sales are a major function of CECOM's Logistics Read-

iness Center. Stops at Little Round Top and Pickett's Charge helped participants envision the events of the second and third days of the battle, and provided additional opportunities to discuss the effects of having the right leader in the right place at the right time, as well as the need for clear leader intent and communication.

CECOM leaders each took on the roles of key figures from the battle. They researched their roles in the battle and at each stop on the battlefield related that key figure's experiences to current CECOM issues.

"It is easy to get caught up in the day to day issues of the command and lose sight of strategic leadership concerns but a staff ride like this allows us to look at leadership from a different perspective and from a historical context that allows us to apply those lessons learned in a broader way," said CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Tyrone Johnson.

An after action review was held at the Soldiers' National Cemetery. The cemetery was dedicated in November 1863; when Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address and reminded the nation why it was fighting the Civil War.

Thompson said the somber setting of Soldiers' graves helped to remind the CECOM team that its one vision and one mission is the Warfighter.

"This staff ride was more than just a history lesson. It was a team-building exercise and learning experience designed to highlight the enduring principles of war that apply to CECOM today," she said.

One participant added, "I learned a great deal about the Civil War, leading through change, and effective CECOM leadership during the BRAC transition. The importance of the commander's intent along with clear and concise communications is timeless."

“The battle of Gettysburg is extremely relevant for an organization like CECOM that is facing the challenges of moving and reorganizing as a result of BRAC. Just as the Army of the Potomac realized the benefits of a major reorganization under the previous leadership of Major General Joseph Hooker, CECOM leaders learned about the potential pitfalls and successes that arise when leading through change.”

Susan Thompson
CECOM command historian

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Installations face 'fundamentally different' environment

U.S. Army IMCOM

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch brought a message of confidence in the face of a new fiscal reality as he addressed Soldiers, Army Civilians, Family members and contractors assembled for the Association of the United States Army Institute of Land Warfare Army Installations Symposium and Exhibition in San Antonio, Texas April 19.

"We are in a fundamentally different fiscal environment, but the mission remains," said Lynch, commanding general of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management.

IMCOM provides the facilities, programs and services required to support Army readiness, sustain the All-Volunteer Force, and provide the infrastructure for current and future mission requirements.

"I've had the opportunity to do many jobs in the Army ... but they all pale in importance compared to what we do as the Installation Management Command," Lynch said. The command, like the rest of the Army, must live with new realities, according to Lynch. "I believe we have a 'spend' culture. We need to have a cost culture," he said.

Just as a family would manage its budget, "we need to ask three questions: 'Do we really need it?' 'Is it worth the cost?' 'What are we willing to do without?'" Lynch described how he called for similar creativity as the co-chair of the Services and Infrastructure Core Enterprise. SICE integrates six direct reporting units, including IMCOM, providing essential services, infrastructure and operational support to the Army.

The key stakeholders of SICE need to approach issues in collaboration as the Army takes an enterprise approach to running installations, he said.

In many areas, the new reality shows a healthy future for the Army. The service exceeded its recruitment goals, and a strong majority of spouses react positively to the idea of their Soldiers making a career of the military.

"As the IMCOM commander I am surrounded by Civilians," Lynch said. "I don't think they are sufficiently recognized for how important and dedicated they are. [To Civilians in the audience:] You are nothing short of amazing."

Lynch reiterated his message about the urgency of IMCOM's mission: "The Army won't break because of the strain on its Soldiers fighting and winning wars. But it might break because of the stress and strain on the Family after a decade at war."

As ACSIM, Lynch says he spends most of his time focused on the 2005 round of Base Realignment and Closure. Fort Bliss, Texas, is the Army base facing the greatest growth in the number of Soldiers under this transformation. "It really is an amazing feat that only the Army could accomplish," he said. "There are a lot of moving parts, but we're able to stay focused on the mission."

It is a focus the Army needs to bring to bear on changing the way it does business, according to Lynch. The era of fiscal restraint is not going to go away, he saidm adding, "What are you going to do about it within your sphere of influence?"

“Just as a family would manage its budget, we need to ask three questions: ‘Do we really need it?’ ‘Is it worth the cost?’ ‘What are we willing to do without?’”

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

Commanding general, U.S. Army Installation Management Command and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management

Summit seeks to influence STEM development in APG region

By **ROGER TEEL**
RDECOM Public Affairs

About 120 area educators, industry leaders and government employees convened at Cecil College April 28 for STEM Summit II, the second in a series of meetings that is striving to develop a regional culture attune to science, technology, engineering and mathematics career development.

"It's an azimuth check," said Gary Martin, executive deputy to the commanding general, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. "At the first STEM Summit we identified four working groups and this is the next step."

Hosted by the Northeast Maryland Technology Council, attendees were welcomed by John Casner, executive director of the NMTC. After a gracious welcome by Cecil College President Dr. W. Stephen Pannil, Casner set the focus for the day's event.

"We're here to stimulate the program and expand the pipeline," Casner said. "We must be ever mindful of STEM enrichment activities and support the process. Not only do we need community participation, but we must also work to strategically communicate it to others."

Casner then introduced Joan Michel of Profile Partners who served as facilitator for the summit.

"Our 'Technopolis' needs a tech workforce," Michel said, addressing the many STEM initiatives currently taking place in the region.

"This summit seeks to organize government and industry efforts in supporting entries responsible for delivering STEM education," Michel said. She then outlined the efforts of the four working groups.

"Each of the four committees focused on an area we felt was vital to fully address STEM development," she said.

I was impressed with the depth and work done by the committees in only two months. I thought the committees were thorough, well organized and purposeful. All of the elements that are needed to go forward were there.

John Casner

Executive director of the Northeastern Maryland Technology Council

The four areas are: Students, Teachers, STEM Content, and Strategic Communications.

"STEM is this enormous elephant in the room," Michel continued. "The only way forward was to break it down into themes that we connect with student age."

Theme for students pre-Kindergarten to grade five is to "Excite" them by exposing them to STEM. For grades 6-8, the theme is to "Expand" their interest in STEM fields. In grades 9-12, the theme is to "Focus" on STEM careers. In their college years, students "Finish" their education. Beyond college, the theme is to "Employ" successful STEM students.

"It's best to reach students early, before grade five," Michel said. "And we do that with math, math, math, and math. In grades six to eight, soft skills are needed because teachers have difficult needs due to the extraordinary range of students in the room."

Michel then introduced each committee chair, who explained what their group worked on and presented their findings. After each presentation, attendees were separated into three groups and asked to respond to one question relative to the presentation they had just heard.

Diane Lane, Cecil College, began by discussing the efforts of the first working

group which focused on Students.

"Students are at the heart of all this," Lane said, acknowledging that every group was tackling what they thought was the most important issue.

"The richness in our group was amazing," she added.

The group's purpose was to "Stimulate student participation in STEM disciplines." They developed a course of action that includes: identifying programming and resources to attract students, to support students as they pursue STEM paths, to thread STEM awareness into each phase of a student's education, to develop strategies to implement programming, and to target underrepresented groups.

Lane addressed some of her group's concerns.

"Where do we go? How do we get high school kids to help K-5 kids? We all know to master something you have to teach it, and that's why a mentorship program is so important," she said.

"And we really have to expand STEM for students in grades six through eight," Lane continued, "hands-on events, and career information and cohort opportunities. Kids hit a wall in middle school so we need to drill down to fundamentals. And math - that's the wall for most of them."

"We need a challenging program, but compromises are needed," she said. "Part of the resources we have are each other. And none of the students should feel isolated. Cohorts move it forward."

The Teacher committee report was filed by Sandy Young, a scientist with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. The STEM Content committee was chaired by Tamera Rush, from SRC, and Bob Carullo of Sabre Systems chaired the Strategic Communications committee. Lively discussions followed each presentation.

Jason Parks, a fifth-grade teacher from Harford County Public Schools, raised an important teacher issue as he told the group his presence was due to his personal interest, and that he had to ask permission to attend.

"Job development is assigned to teachers," Parks said. "Our choice comes in summer. What's needed is to allow teachers to choose to use their time for professional development. And we need to make sure this is an ongoing process. All too often it's a one-shot professional development program then it's left to the teacher."

"Like most in attendance, I was impressed with the depth and work done by the committees in only two months," Casner, the event host, said. "I thought the committees were thorough, well organized and purposeful. All of the elements that are needed to go forward were there."

"We all think this is significant or we wouldn't be here," Martin said during one of the discussion periods. "But let's not re-invent the wheel. We need to seek out programs that are out there, similar mechanisms that already exist, and start there."

The next STEM Summit is scheduled for July 28. Casner said the goal at that event will be to implement an action plan, turning the findings of the committees into a plan that will effect change in the future.

How are we doing? E-mail comments and suggestions for the APG News to editor-APG@conus.army.mil

Former Army Chief of Staff to speak at Asian Pacific gathering

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Retired Army Gen. Erick K. Shinseki will be the guest speaker at the Asian Pacific American Heritage Observance presented by Team APG at the APG North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center May 13. The program starts 10:30 a.m. and features entertainment by the Fairfax Chinese Dance Troupe, displays, exhibits and food sampling. The theme for the program is "Leadership, Diversity & Beyond."

Shinseki was the 28th Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and the 34th Chief of Staff of the Army, serving under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush from 1998 until his retirement in 2003. He currently serves in President Barack Obama's administration as the 7th United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Shinseki was born in Hawaii to an

American family of Japanese ancestry. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a Vietnam veteran. He was the creator and designer of Stryker Interim-Force Brigade Combat Teams and Future Combat Systems strategic plans as well as the initiator of the Army change over to the black beret as standard headgear.

Shinseki is the only Asian American to be promoted to the Army's top position and is the first four-star general of Asian descent in U.S. military history.

For more information about the Asian Pacific American Heritage Observance, contact Master Sgt. Michelle Davis, 20th Support Command, 443-643-8266; Sgt. 1st Class Cynthia Pearson, ATEC, 443-315-8766; or Sgt. 1st Class LaQuita Wimbley, RDECOM, 410-652-2464.

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graduating at the top of his class. Afterwards, he gained the confidence of the installation and command, establishing the D.A.R.E. program on APG, initially teaching at the APG Youth Services Center. During the past seven years, Farlow has been instrumental in the continued growth of the D.A.R.E. program on APG and in Harford County. He expanded his instructional program by agreeing to instruct at schools attended by the children of the military and civilian employees of APG; in the process touching the lives of nearly 800 children. In addition, Farlow has received numerous accolades from teachers, parents and the state D.A.R.E. representatives for his innovative methods of teaching and instruction.

"The children and parents who reside on the installation know him as "Big Mike," and that name has become synonymous with APG," Darabasz said. "During his tenure, he has been recognized by many in the community for his enthusiasm, ingenuity and progressive thinking, during the presentation of the D.A.R.E. curriculum and related D.A.R.E. initiatives."

Those initiatives included the D.A.R.E. OTC/RX Awareness Program in 2010. Darabasz said that Big Mike was the only D.A.R.E. officer in the state who participated in the event; collecting 18 pounds of prescription and over the counter medications at two separate sites.

Committed to clean living, Big Mike has never smoked or consumed alcohol, dedicated to the principles he teaches in D.A.R.E., Darabasz added. Realizing kids and teens need other alternatives to avoid these pitfalls, Big Mike established a D.A.R.E. Dance Program on APG, collaborating with the State D.A.R.E. representatives for this endeavor. One of the highlights of this

program was the graduation, where Big Mike danced to the song "Soldier Boy" with the graduating class. The children participating in the D.A.R.E. dance program also were recognized during the Maryland D.A.R.E. Officer Conference in April 2007.

Farlow also secured the funding to purchase D.A.R.E. shirts for the APG graduates of the program, a "DAREN the Lion" D.A.R.E. mascot costume, and brought D.A.R.E. icon, "Retiro Bill," to APG for several events and D.A.R.E. graduations.

"With children of his own, Big Mike is a very committed family man," Darabasz said. "His wife Karen and his two children, Nate and Micaela have helped build props, critiqued rehearsals of his of his D.A.R.E. presentations, and helped out during the annual Night Out Against Crime events at the McGruff House in Patriot Village.

"The APG Community is proud to have him as our own"

Farlow said he feels blessed to have won the award.

"Without the support of my Family, friends and coworkers, this would not have been possible," he said. "I think the award is a perfect example of what can happen when you surround yourself with positive people. Even though my name is on the award, I know that it would not have been possible without that support and I'm very thankful for that."

He said that the D.A.R.E. program will continue to grow and serve the children and youth of APG. Upcoming D.A.R.E. events over the summer include a basketball game featuring the "Harlem Rockets" versus APG police officers, he added.

"They'll also learn about making healthy life choices."

Through his duties as APG's Community Policing and D.A.R.E. Officer, [Farlow] has developed a rapport with the local and surrounding community unsurpassed by any other officer within the department.

Joseph J. Darabasz
DES Deputy Director

Army Emergency Relief campaign ends May 15

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■ Children and spouse scholarships
■ Grants to Soldiers medically evacuated from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom

■ Support to Families of fallen Soldiers

AER assistance is available to Soldiers and their families wherever they are located and the amount of assistance is only limited by the amount of the valid need. Soldiers and their Family members requiring AER assistance should contact their chain of command or local AER office. Under the AER Command Referral Program, company commanders and first sergeants have the authority to approve AER loans to their Soldiers up to \$1,000. Based on reciprocal agreements, Soldiers and Family members not located near an AER office can seek assistance from the Air Force Aid Society, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance on their respective bases or seek assistance from the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

What the Army has done

In 2010, the Army and AER disbursed more than \$77 million in financial assistance to more than 66,000 active and retired Soldiers and Family members to meet emergency financial and educational assistance needs.

The AER Office on Aberdeen Proving Ground is located in Bldg. 2503 Highpoint Road, Room 107. For information on AER, or to request assistance, contact the Installation AER Officer, Marge Fissel at 410-278-2508. For information on the AER campaign, contact the AER Campaign Coordinator, Capt. Malukah McCormick at 410-278-3000.

AER Questions and Answers

What portion of my contribution helps Soldiers?

Of every dollar contributed, 89 cents goes to help Soldiers; AER

administrative and fundraising expenses cost only 11 cents.

From where does AER get its funds?

Voluntary contributions are made to AER from active and retired Soldiers and Army civilians. Funds also are received through repayment of AER interest-free loans, investment income and unsolicited contributions.

Why does AER have a fund raising campaign?

AER fundraising campaigns provide an opportunity for Soldiers to help their fellow Soldiers; create greater awareness and understanding of AER programs and benefits; and retains tax exempt status for the organization by raising at least 1/3 of its funds through donations.

Do I have to contribute to AER to get help?

No. AER will help anyone who is eligible for AER assistance and who has a valid emergency need.

Is there a dollar limit on AER help?

No. AER assistance will meet the emergency need.

Can an Army spouse get AER assistance if the Soldier is away?

Yes. Spouses should bring the following documents to the AER representative:

- Power of Attorney
- Military ID card
- Substantiating documents

How do I find AER when I need help?

First, see your unit commander. Then, go to the AER Office on your installation.

If there is no AER Office nearby, assistance can be obtained through:

- The American Red Cross (local chapter, or 24 hour emergency service).
- Air Force base (Air Force Aid Society)
- Navy/Marine Corps base (Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society)
- Coast Guard station (Coast Guard Mutual Assistance)

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can register as teams or as individuals who can be paired with others. For more information contact Dave Correll, golf pro, at Ruggles Pro Shop, 410-278-4794.

Tuesday, May 17

A Veteran's Luncheon commemorating Armed Forces Week will be held 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Garrison Dining Facility, building 4503, May 17. This event is open to all veterans and free for the first 50 veterans who RSVP. For more information or to RSVP, call 1st Sgt. Sonya Jackson, 410-278-3000 or e-mail sonya.n.jackson@us.army.mil.

Wednesday, May 18

The Armed Forces Day observance ceremony starts at 10:00 a.m., on the grounds of the APG Museum followed by live demonstrations; aircraft flyovers; Explosive Ordnance Disposal demonstrations; historical re-enactors; technology displays; children's activities; live entertainment and food vendors. The festivities will continue until 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Thursday, May 19

The Harford County Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Military Appreciation Luncheon at the Richlin

Ballroom May 19. The event also honors the Aberdeen Proving Ground Noncommissioned Officer, Soldier and Family of the Year.

Friday, May 20

No planned events.

Saturday, May 21

The 3rd Annual Armed Forces Day 10K Race starts at 8 a.m. at the Aberdeen North Athletic Center. Same-day registration starts at 6 a.m. The event is open to the public. Entry fees are \$30 through May 15 and \$35 May 16 through the day of the race. There is a \$5 discount for active duty military. There is no fee for E-1 through E-3; register through your unit. AFD 10K t-shirts will be provided to all runners. Participants can register at the Charm City Run Web site, www.charmcityrun.com.

Pooles Island Lighthouse lighting ceremony

In the evening, a relighting of the Poole's Island Lighthouse will take place during a lighthouse cruise on the Spirit of Baltimore, 6 to 11 p.m. Boarding will take place 5:30 p.m. For additional information, call 410-838-2020. Note: The event is sold out but people can request standby status in case of cancellations.



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COMMUNITY NOTES

THURSDAY THRU SATURDAY- MAY 12 THRU 14 38TH ANNUAL EAST COAST RALLY

The 38th Annual East Coast Rally Military Vehicle Show, Swap Meet and Flea Market will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 12 thru 14 rain or shine at Ripken Stadium, Route 22 at Exit 85 in Aberdeen.

This event will feature vehicles, tents, militaria, insignia, collectibles, knives, bayonets, gun parts, electronics, surplus, uniforms, BDUs, models, parts, books and more.

There will be a large vehicle display area, a Friday night auction and tours of the world famous APG Museum grounds. Proceeds will benefit several military museums, war memorials, non-profit charitable and civic organizations.

For more information, call Anja Taylor, 1-800-730-6621 or email ecr-info@militaryvehicleshows.com.

FRIDAY MAY 13 RSVP FOR LULAC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

On May 16, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Maryland Councils, and Education

Based Latino Outreach (EBLO) will host a Wine and Dine Fundraiser, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Associated Catholic Charities building, 320 Cathedral St # 1, in Baltimore, across from the Basilica of the Assumption.

The event will feature an array of fine wines, gourmet food, specialty coffees and desserts from several Baltimore dining establishments.

Donation is \$40 per person. RSVP to this event at LULACMARYLAND@GMAIL.COM by Friday, May 13 and mail check payable to LULAC Maryland, P.O. BOX 623 APG, MD 21005-0623.

For more information, contact Rose Satz at 732-580-0766.

Contributions or sponsorships for this event are welcome. All proceeds go to LULAC and EBLO scholarship funds.

THE FINTON FORMULA FUN VITING SCIENTIST SERIES

Come for exciting hands-on chemistry and environmental science fun, guided by guest scientists from the local community.

This program will be held 4:30 to 6 p.m. for ages 10 to 13 or grades 5 through 8. The cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight

Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SATURDAY MAY 14 EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM

Be up with the sun and on the water with the early birds to see who's catching the worms.

This program will be held 6 to 8:30 a.m. for ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

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

SUNDAY MAY 15 TRAIL TREK

Enjoy a wildflower hike along the banks of the Susquehanna. Bring snack and water. Registrants will meet at Rock Run Mill.

This free program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 10 to adult. Registration is required.

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

MONDAY MAY 16 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL MEETING

The Harford Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) will hold its monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m., at the Harford Community College Chesapeake Center Dining Room, 401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air.

All administrative professionals, managers, business education instructors and future administrative professionals are invited to attend.

Cheryl Harvey, former HC IAAP President and Executive Assistant with Harford Community College will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$13 per person and includes dinner, program and meeting.

For more information or to RSVP by May 12, e-mail Andrea Jenkins or Publicist Chair at IAAP.HC@gmail.com.



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

Post Shorts

Community Flea Market

Picern Military Housing invites the community to its 2nd Annual APG Community Flea Market, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Shore Park Picnic Area, Saturday, May 14. For more information, call 410-672-4073.

Survivor Coffee Break

APG's Survivor Outreach Service (SOS) program will host a Survivor Coffee Break for Families of fallen Soldiers May 14 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Ruggles Golf Course.

During the event, survivors will learn about services that are available to them. Application can be picked up or completed at the coffee for Survivor decals and APG Survivor ID cards for anyone having difficulty gaining access to the installation.

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

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

Get fit with Wii

A Wii tournament will be held May 18 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

The event will be sponsored by the Community Health Promotion Council, in partnership with ATEC, and is being offered due to its popularity during last year's event and to celebrate National Employee Health and Fitness Day.

This year's events include bowling, fencing, boxing and tennis. Visitors can participate in as few or as many events as they like but space is limited. E-mail Staff Sgt. Marc Barrett at marc.w.barrett@us.army.mil to pre-register, and stop by on the day of the event to see if slots are available.

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SSCF graduation ceremony May 18

The Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF), Defense Acquisition University will graduate its 2010-2011 class during a ceremony at the Mission Training Facility, Bldg 6008, at 10 a.m., May 18. The ceremony marks the culmination of 10 months of full-time, rigorous study focused on developing acquisition and leadership aptitudes. Three graduates also will receive degrees in Management and Leadership from Webster University which were completed in concert with the SSCF requirements. A short reception will follow the ceremony.

SAME meets May 19

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post will meet 11:30 a.m. May 19 at the Wetlands Golf Club, 740 Gilbert Road, Aberdeen. Guest speaker will be Gary Martin, executive deputy to the Commander, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. Martin's presentation is titled "APG and RDECOM – Where Are We Going?" Walk-ins are welcome. Space is limited and registration is required.

For more information or to register, call 410-638-9699 or register online at <http://www.same-chesapeake.org>.

PEO IEW&S Change of Charter

The Program Executive Office-Intelligence, Electronic Warfare & Sensors (PEO IEW&S) will hold a Change of Charter ceremony, 10 a.m., May 26, in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6002. Douglas Wiltsie will relinquish leadership to Brig. Gen.

Mail Center, Post Office to move May 20

The Garrison Administrative Mail Distribution Services and the U.S. Post Office will relocate to Bldg. 4510, at the corner of Boothby Hill Avenue and Darlington Street, beginning May 20. Mail Distribution Services will close at noon May 20 and reopen at noon May 23 at the new location.

The U.S. Post Office will close at noon May 20 and reopen at 9 a.m. May 23 at the new location. The hours of operation for the Mail Distribution Services and the U.S. Post Office will remain the same.

Harold Greene, Lt. Gen. William Phillips, Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics & Technology), will officiate the ceremony. Guests attending the ceremony should be in place by 9:45 a.m. For more information, call 443-861-7820

RAB meeting set May 26

The next RAB meeting will be held May 26, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Center. The topic will be Other Edge-wood Areas.

ABC's Extreme Makeover seeking military Families

The producers of ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" announced April 19 that they are seeking people involved in the military whose home deserves an extreme makeover.

According to the press release, the producers are looking for people with "amazing strength of character who put their own needs aside to help others. Whether it's a Soldier, a mom, a teacher or a fireman, we think deserving Families are Families who inspire those around them."

Additionally, the show's producers are seeking Families whose homes need major alterations or repair – homes that present serious problems for the Family and affect the family's quality of life.

To be eligible, Families must own their single-family home and be able to demonstrate how a makeover will make a difference in their lives.

Interested military Families or people who wish to nominate a military Family should e-mail a short description of the family's story to emheusa@gmail.com. The e-mail should include the names and ages of household members, a description of the family's challenges, an explanation of why the Family is deserving of a makeover or is a positive role model in the community, photos of the Family and their

home, and contact numbers.

The deadline for nominations is May 30, but people should send submissions early, the release said. Only up to 25 families are selected each season.

For more information on the application process, visit <http://abc.go.com/primetime/xtremehome/index?pn=apply>

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.



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FAMILY AND MWR



File Photo

Runners head out on the 2010 Armed Forces Day 10K Race at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The 3rd annual event will be held 8 a.m. Saturday, May 21. Race day registration begins 6 a.m. For more information, or to register, visit www.charmcityrun.com or www.apgmwr.com, or contact Morale, Welfare and Recreation sports programmer Donna Coyne at 410-278-7934 or e-mail donna.j.coyne@us.army.mil.

Get those running shoes ready

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The third annual Armed Forces Day 10K Race will be held 8 a.m. at the Aberdeen North (Aberdeen) Athletic Center, building 3300 May 21. Race day registration is 6 a.m. The event is open to the public.

Charm City Run of Bel Air organizes the event which is hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Registration and entry forms can be accessed through the Charm City Run Web site at www.charmcityrun.com. Entry fees are \$30 through May 15 and \$35 May 16 through the day of the race. There is a \$5 discount for active duty military. There is no fee for E-1 through E-3; register through your unit. AFD 10K t-shirts will be provided to all runners.

Directions to APG can be found at

www.apgmwr.com/resources/useful_resources.html. This event is open to the public.

Army Ten-Miler

MWR sports programmer, Donna Coyne said MWR is looking for active duty Soldiers to join its 2011 Army Ten-Miler Team. The Army Ten-Miler will be held Oct. 9, 2011 in Washington, D.C.

"Runners can use their Armed Forces Day race stats to qualify for the team," Coyne said.

Runners should contact Coyne at 410-278-7934 or e-mail donna.j.coyne@us.army.mil and provide the following information: name; phone number; address; gender; date of birth; e-mail; rank; unit; previous Army 10 Miler time or 1 mile time; and t-shirt size.

Activities/Events

Luray Caverns discount

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

Personal Training

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

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

Contact the athletic center or Hoyle Gym for details.

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.

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.

Board horses at APG Stables

The APG stables are a self-care boarding facility located in the Edgewood Area, Bldg. E5286, for privately owned horses of military and civilian employees, retirees and Family members.

All patrons must have a valid military or installation ID card.

Monthly stall fees include:

Four turn-out pastures

Lighted riding arena

Water troughs in each pasture

Run-in sheds

Barn with water and electricity

Tack rooms, grain room and hay storage provided

For more information or to sign up, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or visit www.apgmwr.com/recreation/odr/stables.html.

Daily bus trips to Atlantic City now cost \$29 per person

The cost of the daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino has increased to \$29 per person.

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

For more information, contact MWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGRUSAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Group seeking talent for community theater

The APG Community Theater Group needs actors, singers, dancers, comedians, musicians, choral, stage crew (sound, lighting, photography and more).

For more information, call or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

May bowling specials

- Bowl from 2 to 4 p.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Early Bird Special: Bowl from 7 to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl 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). Shoe rental costs \$2.

- Memorial Day special: Up to six people can bowl for one hour for \$15 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. 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 9

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

Special #2: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.50.

Week of May 16

Special #1: Chicken tender sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.25.

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

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.



Volunteers give back to APG, community

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Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades led the presentation of awards to the honorees. The winners by category were Spc. Carlos Rios, Military; Terri Jenkins, Civilian; Erika Owens, Family Member; David Correll III, Youth; and Joe Ferraro, Retiree.

Michael Lupacchino, director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, emceed the ceremony which was organized by Tina Helmick, Army Community Service Volunteer program manager.

On behalf of the installation, Lupacchino expressed gratitude to all volunteers and said each would receive a Certificate of Appreciation. The winners of each category also received Garrison commander's coins.

Tina said the installation has 693 volunteers.

"From youth to senior, all serve unselfishly and are deserving of award," she said.

Ortiz compared the volunteers to the Minute Men Soldiers of the American Revolution, noting, "Volunteer Soldiers came into the ranks to secure our independence."

"Our nation was made great due to volunteer service and this installation is made great by what you do for us," he said. "Our youth are watching, observing and participating. We thank you for your service and I am proud to serve as your Garrison commander."

Ortiz, Rhoades and the winners posed with a giant "check" for \$502,797.75, indicating the dollars volunteers saved the installation over the past year, and then performed a joint cake cutting of the Volunteer Recognition cake.

"When it comes to volunteers, it's a win-win situation," Ortiz said in closing. "We appreciate and respect your dedication to something other than yourselves and we are truly grateful."

Lupacchino thanked Tina, the ACS staff, the Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization and all others who assisted in organizing the recognition ceremony.

"Thanks especially to all volunteers for everything you've done for APG," he said.

In addition to the volunteers, Ortiz and Rhoades presented Certificates of Appreciations to organizations that serve APG and the surrounding community;

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." - Kahlil Gibran

some of which are made up of all volunteers. They included the Freestate Chal-leNGe Academy, the Gunpowder Neck and Spesutie Island Marinas, the Skeet and Trap Range, the Bowman's Club, Directorate of Emergency Services, the Thrift Shop, the Military and Civilian Souses' Club and Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers.

Capt. Jonathan Morse, Garrison Chaplain, presented the invocation and Michael Cashman of the Office of the Staff Judge

Advocate, sang the national anthem.

The winners were all surprised by their selection.

"It was very surprising," said Erika Owens, a Family member who serves 40 hours a week at the Bowling Center. "It's not about getting rewarded, the best part is giving back to others," she said.

Terri Jenkins, a logistics management specialist with the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command and winner of the civilian employee category, volun-

teers as a youth sports coach with Child, Youth and School services. She said she has volunteered more than 20 years and noted that this is her second award.

"Seeing how the kids grow and progress is the most rewarding part of all this," she said. "I want to thank my command for their support in everything I do."

Spc. Carlos Rios, who won the Military category for his leadership of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program, thanked his fellow Soldiers and the Garrison for their "tireless energy in building BOSS into the program it has become."

"All BOSS programs [in the Army] have the same values," Rios said, "but not all use the same avenue of approach. Ours is more focused on the community. The best part is the feeling you have knowing you've helped improved someone's life."

He noted that the BOSS Soldiers begin their second season volunteering with the League of Dreams baseball program for special needs children with the first practice this Saturday, May 14, at Churchville Elementary School.

"When you care and give to those in need, the impact is a lot greater," he said.

Youth category winner David Correll III, the son of Ruggles Golf Course golf pro David Correll said winning "felt good."

"The best part is parking the carts," he said, "and I've made friends out there too."

"It's a good environment for young people," the senior Correll added. "He's surrounded by older people that he can learn from while he's learning the value of giving."

Col. Richard "Thunder" Young, commandant of the Chal-leNGe Academy commended Sgt. Sandy Lewis who coordinated the cadet volunteer program.

"She's done a great job keeping our youth involved and focused on giving back to the community," Young said. "A bright future starts with our youth."

Nominees for Volunteer of the Year

Military

Capt. Jerry Starr
Sgt. 1st Class Jacqueline Del Rosario
Sgt. Erin Bouligny
Sgt. Tina Kendall
Sgt. Rebekah Lloyd

Civilian Employee

Jeff Averett Jr.
Angela Diamond
Andrew Eiler
Jason Hayes
Kikana Hayes
Dalys Talley
Sandra Young

Family Member

Teresa Baker
Sabrina Bauld
Arlene Baptiste
Susan Bokser
Natasha Caruso
Sandra Davis
Barbara Davies

Natascha Duvall
Angela Foye
Tanya Ireland
Hillary Manigault
Shirley McCrary-Simmons
Maria Nethery
Sandy Nook
Benjamin Sepulveda
Carla Studebaker-Cartledge
Cheryl Todd
Miranda Warrick
Judi Wurm

Youth

Erica Baker
Jonathan Drewen
Jennifer Duvall

Retiree

Wayne Doyel
Diane Frankenfield
Charles Trunk
James Weir

Organizations

Freestate Chal-leNGe Academy
Gunpowder Neck Marina
Spesutie Island Marina
Skeet and Trap Range
Bowman's Club
Directorate of Emergency Services
Thrift Shop
Military, Civilian Spouses' Club
Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

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>.



TEA FOR A FEW

Aberdeen Proving Ground spouses enjoy tea, pastries and finger sandwiches during the Military Spouse Appreciation Tea at the Aberdeen North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center May 3. Army Community Service hosted the event in celebration of Military Spouse Appreciation Day, traditionally held the day before Mother's Day. More than 40 spouses attended the event. Guests received holistic stress management lotions and aromatherapy-type fragrances from Bed, Bath & Beyond and were served hors d'oeuvres, chicken tenders, cream of asparagus soup and chocolate-covered strawberries by Top of the Bay and ACS staff members. Each spouse received a potted plant. See more information and photos at <http://apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/> and at <http://flickr.com/photos/usagapg>

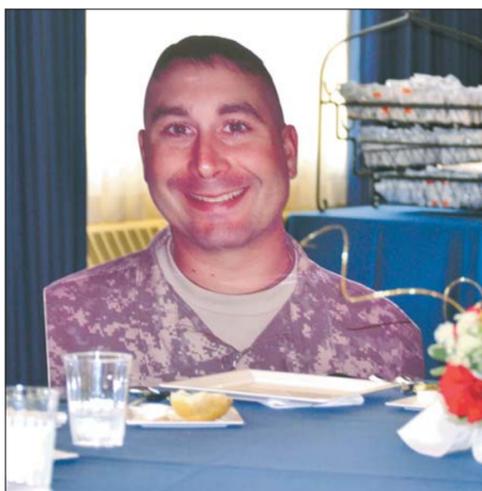
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Photo by Yvonne Johnson

I GOT IT!

Jerry Knoll, #55, of the OG's (Original Gangsters) waits to see how Eric White, #42, of the APG Falcons intercepts a volley during the team's April 27 volleyball game. The Intramural Volleyball League season continues through the end of May with playoffs for the post championship starting in June. For more information or game schedules, contact Brittany Wallace at 410-278-7934. See more information and photos at <http://apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/> and at <http://flickr.com/photos/usagapg>.



WISH YOU WERE HERE

Army spouse Allyson Hash brought a life-size cutout of her husband, Staff Sgt. Scott Hash of the Maryland National Guard, to the Spouse Appreciation Dinner hosted by Army Community Service at the Aberdeen North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center May 6. Hash said she ordered the cutout, called a "flat daddy" through the Wyoming National Guard. Her husband currently is serving in Afghanistan with the Headquarters, Aviation Maintenance Roundout Unit based at the Weide Airfield in Aberdeen South (Edgewood). See more information and photos at <http://apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/> and at <http://flickr.com/photos/usagapg>

Photo by Claudette Murray



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

PATRIOTIC FEELING

Family Child Care provider Barbara Chandler, left, helps Samia Sherrod, 3, with a flag project during a FCC gathering to celebrate Month of the Military Child at the home of Jennifer Amos in Edgewood. More than 20 toddlers in attendance completed patriotic-themed arts and crafts projects and enjoyed lunch together. The gathering is a tradition among FCC providers on and off post, according to Aphrodite Corsi, FCC director. See more information and photos at <http://apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/> and at <http://flickr.com/photos/usagapg>.



A SONG FOR YOU

Dean Crawford, lead singer of Baltimore's Dean Crawford and the Dunn's River Band, left, and guitarist Kenny Wise, right, perform for hospitalized veterans of the Perry Point Veterans Hospital and members of the Star Touring and Riding Motorcycle Club during an ice cream social in the hospital gym in Perryville May 7. Crawford appeared at the invitation of club directors Denny and Sue Colliton, who said the club members traditionally support veteran hospitals and service organizations. Crawford led several sing-along songs with patients, staff and bikers. "We are never too busy to support our hero veterans," he said. See more information and photos at <http://apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/> and at <http://flickr.com/photos/usagapg>.

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