



## Blue Star program offers free tickets

By **RACHEL PONDER**  
APG News

Military personnel and their families will receive free admission to more than 1,300 Blue Star Museums across America from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The Blue Star Museum program, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, offers families a chance to visit a wide range of museums including children's museums, fine art museums, history and science museums and nature centers.

John Ziemann, the deputy director of Baltimore's Sports Legend Museum said it's an honor to give back to the military.

"Going to museums gives families a chance to spend quality time together, relax and learn more about our world," he said. "Also Soldiers often travel, so this program gives them a chance to learn more about other parts of the country."

Pete Hilsee, director of communications for the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore said that supporting the military for a second year through the Blue Star Museum program was a "no brainer" for him.

"It doesn't matter where you fall on the political spectrum, it is important to support our service men and women," said Hilsee. "This year we are featuring an exhibit called 'What Makes Us Smile.' With everything going on in the world, everyone is craving some light hearted humor. This is a great respite for everyone, perhaps especially for our Blue Star colleagues."

Visit <http://www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index2011.php>.

## Military Munitions Response Program to begin operations in residential areas

APG Public Affairs Office

The ongoing survey to determine the nature and extent of unexploded ordnance in the installation's Edgewood Area is scheduled to begin a new phase on June 6—in several residential areas. The sweep and survey activity, part of the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) will require some residents to stay away from their homes for at least several hours.

**We want to know what and how much unexploded ordnance and discarded military munitions is out there and be able to plan how to deal with it in the long term.**

- Rurik Loder, Program project manager

"Our intention is to ensure maximum safety while causing the minimal amount of family disruption," said Rurik Loder, program project manager. "We've scheduled the survey to begin each day soon

after people leave for school or work and have planned for the work in each area to be finished before children return from school."

According to Loder, the operations will begin in the

Everette Road area and will continue in portions of the Austin-Parrish Roads area.

The MMRP is a Congressionally-mandated Department

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Courtesy photo

Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, adjutant general of Maryland, hosted a deployment ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground May 22 for 78 members of the Maryland Army National Guard's 1297th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. The unit, based in Havre de Grace, will deploy to Fort Hood, Texas, for training prior to deploying to Afghanistan for approximately one year in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## Post SOLDIER, NCO HONORED

### Harford Chamber salutes APG troops

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News



In its 34th year of honoring the nation's military, the Harford County Chamber of Commerce recognized the Aberdeen Proving Ground Noncommissioned Officer, Soldier and Family of the Year during a Military Appreciation Luncheon at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood May 19.

The 2011 APG Soldier of the Year is Sgt. Rusty L. Farias, a laboratory technician with the U.S. Army Public Health Command.

The 2011 APG NCO of the Year is Staff Sgt. Sean M. McBride, a healthcare sergeant with Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic who serves at the APG

South (Edgewood) Troop Medical Clinic.

Both Soldiers were awarded Army Commendation Medals and received gifts commemorating their selection from various organizations.

The 2011 APG Family of the Year is the Family of Lt. Col. Chadwick Bauld, commander of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort). Bauld and his wife Sabrina accepted the award with their daughter Sophia, the youngest of five siblings.

Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, commander of the CECOM Life

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**Sgt. Rusty L. Farias**  
2011 APG Soldier of the Year



**Staff Sgt. Sean M. McBride**  
2011 APG NCO of the Year

### Post names NCO, Soldier of Year

By **JOE FERRARE**  
Garrison APG Public Affairs

Leadership and preparation drove the success of Soldier and Non-Commissioned Officer recently named Team APG's best, said the Soldiers after being honored by during a Military Appreciation Luncheon in Edgewood May 19.

Staff Sgt. Sean M. McBride, a healthcare sergeant with Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, won the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year honors, and Sgt. Rusty L. Farias, a laboratory technician with the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional), earned the title of Soldier of the Year. The pair were among those honored by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce Armed Forces Day

event at the Richlin Ballroom. Both Soldiers were awarded Army Commendation Medals and received gifts commemorating their selection from various organizations.

APG Garrison Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades said both Soldiers earned that recognition by topping a strong field.

"The competition was very tight this year. The titles of NCO and Soldier of the Year are highly coveted, so you draw your very best Soldiers to these competitions."

"And not only is the competition tough, the boards are too. Imagine facing down a panel of the top people in your field, remaining calm and then answering a battery of hard

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### NOT TOO LATE

If you missed the May Community Action Council, view the slides at [www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/index.cfm/](http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/index.cfm/)

# OPINION

## Alcohol leading factor in deaths

**A**PG Army Substance Abuse Program reminds you to use a designated driver. If you drink don't drive, if you drive don't drink.

Last Memorial Day weekend, almost 40 percent of the traffic deaths involved alcohol or drug impaired driver. Drunk driving is no accident, nor is it a victimless crime.

Every year we continue to see far too many people suffer debilitating injuries or the loss of their loved ones as a result of impaired driving. There must

be an urgency to remove impaired drivers from our nation's roads. But the human toll is only half the picture.

Crashes cost the nation billions of dollars each year. Drunk driving is not only dangerous, but also a serious, costly crime at best. Driving impaired is just not worth the risk. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for impaired driving can be significant. Violators can face jail time, loss of

their driver's license, higher insurance rates, attorney fees, time away from work, and dozens of other expenses.

Despite these high costs, driving impaired remains one of the most frequent crimes in America, killing someone every 39 minutes.

For more information contact Cindy Scott, APG ASAP prevention coordinator at (410)278-4013 or Cynthia. M.Scott4.civ@mail.mil.

**APG ASAP Office**

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## Mass shooting reinforces need for better political manners

**T**he Jan. 8 mass shooting that wounded 13 people and killed six others during a political event for U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords in Tucson, Ariz., has led to a national debate on the current state of political discourse and the appropriate level of civility between people of differing viewpoints and beliefs.

Giffords, who is recovering after surgery to fix damage suffered from a gunshot wound to her head, is a member of the Democratic Party.

The alleged gunman, 22-year-old Jared Lee Loughner, has been reported as being partly motivated to carry out the shooting due to his holding political beliefs that run different to those of Giffords and her party.

As the country subsequently attempts to make sense of the tragedy, each of us has had to ask ourselves: "Have we forgotten what it is to be civil?"

There is no doubt that the nation has been dealing with a host of divisive cultural, economic, racial and religious issues.

Newspaper and television headlines proclaim new hot-button issues with each news cycle; we are exposed to barrages of hostile imagery daily.

From comprehensive national healthcare to the regulation of the financial industry, or the removal of birth-right citizenship to gays and lesbians being able to marry, it seems as if there is no end to the amount of passionate topics over which we can carve out a position and argue.

However, as easy as it may be to allow our passions and anger to lead us down the path of bitterness and intolerance, events like the Tucson shooting remind us just how easily it can be for heated rhetoric to manifest as physical violence.

America is a democracy, and as such, there will always be disagreement between different groups.

Indeed, all of us work, socialize or are even related to people who we don't fully agree with on a variety of issues.

Sometimes, we think they're partly wrong; other times, we think they're completely wrong.

In our more heated moments, we might even want to give them some "helpful" advice on where to stick their opinions.

Even in these moments, however, we must - and should - always remember to be civil and to be humane in our interactions.

To do otherwise not only lessens us as individuals, it devalues us as a country. President Barack Obama, giving a speech at a memorial service Jan. 12 for victims of the shooting, said, "The loss of these wonderful people should make every one of us strive to be better - to be better in our private lives, to be better friends and neighbors, co-workers and parents. And if,

as has been discussed in recent days, their deaths help usher in more civility in our public discourse, let us remember that it is not because a simple lack of civility caused this tragedy, it did not, but rather because only a more civil and honest public discourse can help us face up to the challenges of our nation in a way that would make them proud."

It would be naive to say or think that we can live in a society where no one ever loses their temper or says something they may later regret.

We are human; we make mistakes. However, what we can do is to commit to trying to be more respectful with each other.

We can commit to taking a moment to think before we speak. We can commit to finding areas of commonality instead of searching for ways to disagree.

If and when we disagree, we can commit to keeping those disagreements in perspective.

Frankly, we can commit to acting like reasonable adults who set a positive example to those around us.

The families and friends of the victims of Tucson have suffered terrible losses. The six victims who died will live as symbols of inspiration to be better human beings. They are:

- Nine-year-old Christina Taylor Green, who had just been elected to the student council at her elementary school

- Dorothy Morris, whose husband, George, remains hospitalized after being shot trying to protect her

- U.S. District Judge John Roll, who was named Arizona's chief federal judge in 2006 and is survived by his wife, three sons and five grandchildren

- Phyllis Schneck, a retired homemaker who had three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild

- Dorwan Stoddard, who died while trying to protect his wife, Mavy, who suffered three gunshot wounds to her leg, and

- Gabe Zimmerman, Giffords' director of community outreach, who was engaged to be married.

During his memorial speech, Obama stated, "Bad things happen, and we have to guard against simple explanations in the aftermath. But what we can't do is use this tragedy as one more occasion to turn on each other. If this tragedy prompts reflection and debate, as it should, let's make sure it's worthy of those we have lost. We may not be able to stop all evil in the world, but I know that how we treat one another, that's entirely up to us."

I agree with the president's statement. It is, and always has been, up to us. So let's do the right thing. Let's be civil.

**James-Denton Wyllie**

USAG Fort McPherson

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## Oral hygiene important during pregnancy

**B**acteria from a mother's mouth can be transmitted through the blood and amniotic fluid in the womb to her unborn child.

This can contribute to the risk of premature delivery, low birth weight and the premature onset of contractions or infection of a newborn child.

Additionally, gums can become sore, swollen and sensitive, and may bleed during pregnancy.

The higher the levels of progesterone and estrogen, the greater the incidence of gingival inflammation. Gum problems usually start in the second month of pregnancy and are at their worst in the eighth month, when the level of estrogen and progesterone is highest.

When hormone levels drop in the ninth month of pregnancy, gum problems should start to diminish.

Bacterial levels increase in the gums with hormonal change and lead to more plaque being formed, which is the primary cause of gingivitis and tooth decay.

Heartburn and vomiting are some of the expected side effects of pregnancy.

This can result in acids being brought up into the mouth. This acid can also damage the teeth by causing erosion of the enamel.

Expecting mothers should take the following precautions during pregnancy:

- Schedule more frequent visits to their dentist and hygienist.

- Reduce snacking on food with high sugar content which bacteria in plaque converts to acid.

- Maintain a strict routine of oral hygiene at home.

- In addition to brushing and flossing, rinse with salt water or mouthwash after each meal.

A mother's diet during pregnancy affects the development of a baby, including teeth and bones. Calcium, protein, phosphorus and vitamins A, C and D are very important for the healthy development of a baby.

A lack of vitamin D in breast milk can cause problems with the formation of tooth enamel of a baby.

However, it is accepted that a mother with a well-balanced diet will not have to worry about her baby's development.

Dietary guidelines which are recommended by dentists and hygienists serve a dual purpose when pregnant.

Not only will avoiding sugary snacks and eating a healthy and balanced diet help with a healthy mouth and strong teeth, it will also help to make sure the baby is getting the proper nutrition to help it grow and flourish throughout pregnancy. Remember, overall health starts in the mouth.

**Lorraine Lobos**

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# APG displays 'Power for Peace' during Armed Forces Day celebration

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Despite intermittent rain showers the spirit of a fun learning event was not dampened for hundreds of students, Soldiers, civilians and visitors who attended the Armed Forces Day celebration on the Aberdeen Proving Ground Museum grounds May 18.

The celebration highlighted five days of activities honoring America's military in the installation's first Armed Forces Week observance.

The day-long festivities started with opening ceremonies hosted by Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. Prior to the ceremony Justice and APG Garrison commander Col. Orlando Ortiz hosted a breakfast for Gold Star Family members.

Along with dozens of students from area schools, guests included state and local officials and cadets from the Maryland National Guard's Freestate Challenge Academy.

"We like to show the entire world that our nation has the 'Power for Peace,'" said narrator Janet Dettwiler, alluding to the Armed Forces Week theme.

Entertainment included music by the Edgewood High School band and "A Song of Peace" by the Chapel Hill Elementary School chorus.

Turning to the youth in the audience, Justice said APG has been changing and transforming since it was first established.



**As we continue to transform, bringing in more science, technical and engineering jobs, that means you need to study your math, the language of science and engineering. You are our future and how you learn about the future is by remembering the past and honoring it.**

**Maj. Gen. Nick Justice**

APG and RDECOM commander  
in a speech to area youth

"As we continue to transform, bringing in more science, technical and engineering jobs, that means you need to study your math, the language of science and engineering," he said. "You are our future and how you learn about the future is by remembering the past and honoring it."

Commenting on the week's festivities that included a golf tournament, veterans' breakfast and Military Appreciation Week luncheon, as well as the Gold Star breakfast, Justice said the final event would be the relighting of the Poole's Island Lighthouse.

"It is a light that shines toward the future," he said. "And it's a reminder that we are chiefly here to honor our armed forces."

A Howitzer salute battery fired a salute as the band played the national anthem and a joint color guard of Soldiers, Airmen and Marines and one Challenge Academy cadet, who stood on the field throughout the ceremony, retired the colors.

Military demonstrations ended the ceremony. Soldiers modeled the latest innovations in battle gear and the Maryland National Guard flew in a UH-60 Blackhawk to demonstrate an air extraction with Soldiers from the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort).

Visitors spent the remainder of the day viewing displays and demonstrations set up by APG and guest organizations.

# Area vets saluted during Armed Forces luncheon

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



Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, Commanding General of APG and THE U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, spoke to area veterans about the post's transformation to a civilian workforce specializing in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, subjects May 17.

The transformation talk took place during a luncheon celebrating U.S. veterans at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Dining Facility as part of the installation's Armed Forces Week activities.

"We need you to serve as ambassadors, telling others in your community about what is going on here," he said. We need you to talk to kids about getting interested in science and math; we have some tremendous opportunities here."

Music was provided by the Forest Lakes Elementary School jazz band. Students from the Maryland Freestate ChalleNge Academy also assisted with the program.

"Kids, you have the tremendous

opportunity to break bread with America's heroes," Justice said. "These are people who have served their country and sacrificed. This is something you should emulate."

The event also featured Spc. Joseph Calhoun reciting the poem "Old Glory" and remarks by Michael G. Comeau, chair of the Harford County Veterans Affairs Commission.

During Comeau's remarks he told the audience that veterans have answered the call of President John F. Kennedy, who said, "ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

"Express your gratitude not just on Memorial Day or Veteran's Day, but in your everyday life," Comeau said. "Show compassion when interacting with veterans. In this current conflict that we are dealing with, a lot of the wounds are ones that you don't see."



(From left) Candi Henderson, Freestate ChalleNge Academy student; Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin, RDECOM; and Michael G. Comeau, chair of the Harford County Veterans Affairs Commission cut the cake during a luncheon honoring veterans May 17.



Photo by Conrad Johnson

(Far left) Research, Development and Engineering Command and Installation Commander Maj. Gen. Nick Justice and U.S. Army Garrison APG Commander Col. Orlando W. Ortiz (far right) prepare to fire the flares that signaled the beginning of the relighting of the Pooles Island Lighthouse after 72 years.

# APG illuminates historic lighthouse

By **JOE FERRARE**  
Garrison APG Public Affairs



Seventy-two years of darkness was overthrown with the flick of a switch as Aberdeen Proving Ground relit the Pooles Island Lighthouse, the oldest standing lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay at about 9 p.m. May 21.

More than 300 spectators watched the show from the Spirit of Baltimore as part of a cruise sponsored by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce, Office of Economic Development, and the Army Alliance in cooperation with Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Among those watching the historic event were APG and Research, Development and Engineering Command Commander Maj. Gen. Nick Justice and APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz. A representative of Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley was also present to read a proclamation commemorating the occasion. A number of leaders from the civilian communities around Aberdeen Proving Ground also attended.

## The night sky

Justice and Ortiz led a ceremony from the open top deck of the ship to mark the event from within sight of the lighthouse, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As darkness settled on the historic island the two Army leaders joined the leaders of the Chamber and the Alliance who fired a flare into the night sky.

That signaled a team ashore to fire eight cannon shots, the last of which was followed by the lighthouse's beacon piercing the night for the first time in decades. The beacon began blinking in a four-three pattern to alert mariners they are passing the home of Team APG.

That signal brought on a great sense of accomplishment for Terri Kaltenbacher, the project officer for the restoration.

"Back in the 90s, there was some talk of relighting the lighthouse, but nothing ever came to fruition until current senior leadership expressed interest. Fifteen years later, it was almost surreal to see it light up again," Kaltenbacher said. "All the hard work by APG and our community partners has paid off handsomely--we now have a historic landmark to be proud of, whose flash will be a constant reminder of this celebration."

She said the fact people got to see it from the water as mariners will added a layer of meaning to the event.

## The experience

"Sharing that experience with 325 people on the Bay, on a gorgeous Saturday evening, was magnificent. This was the first cruise celebration that APG has ever participated in, and it went smoothly with everyone having a fabulous time," she said.

Ortiz put the importance of the event in context by sharing some of the history of APG with those aboard during his opening remarks. He oriented the guests to APG as seen from the Bay and recounted the post's history of accomplishments and support to the Army and the nation since it was established during World War I.

"For example, ENIAC, the first electronic digital computer, was developed for the Ordnance Corps and operated here," he said. "The installation developed and tested machine guns, armored vehicles, rockets, anti-aircraft guns and

bombsights. Some of the more notable technologies developed or tested here include the JEEP, flamethrowers used during the Korean War, the M-1 Tank and the NASA lunar rover."

"That focus on research, development and testing has sharpened during the installation's current transformation with the loss of the Ordnance Center and School and the addition of units such as the Army Test and Evaluation Command and the Army team that develops and fields equipment for the service's critical Command, Control, Communications and Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance missions," Ortiz said.

This change led O'Malley to note in his proclamation that, "by illuminating the lighthouse, the installation is lighting a path to the Army's future in research, development, engineering, and contingency response efforts."

The installation's focus on the future is matched by its care for the past, Ortiz said.

"Our support to our nation goes well beyond the contributions we make to national defense," he said. "As you can see with tonight's event, we're dedicated to preserving our history. We are also dedicated to protecting our nation's environmental resources."

Ortiz noted that the installation's most prominent success story is its Bald Eagle Management Program, which has helped increase the number of bald eagle nests from one in 1965 to 112 today.

## The big picture

But the land around the lighthouse is a microcosm of the larger success of turning thousands of acres back into forests teeming with perhaps the most diverse and thriving wildlife population on the Bay.

"Prior to the Army's 1917 purchase of the property, the land that is now APG was open fields with very little wildlife remaining. Although the bay itself remained bountiful as far as aquatic wildlife and ducks were concerned. The trees had been used to build houses and the land primarily used to support the farming effort. Much of the wetlands were drained to support farming.

"Mother nature has a way of returning the flora and fauna, however, and Soldiers helped by bringing back the deer, introducing the beaver and raising pheasant and quail for release. Other wildlife began to arrive on their own, and today the installation is one of the best locations on the east coast for all types of hunting and fishing and home to an impressive population of wildlife," Ortiz said.

## Family reunion

A living link to that time was a group more than 30 descendents of the last longtime lighthouse keeper Capt. Stephen Andrew Cohee, who used the occasion to gather for a family reunion.

Justice summed up the swell of emotion by thanking the group during his brief remarks right after the relighting.

"Thank you for joining us here tonight I can only imagine what witnessing this event must mean to you, because I get goose bumps just to be able to bring this piece of history back to Maryland," Justice said.

# COMMUNITY NOTES

## FRIDAY MAY 27 EARTH, WIND AND FIRE: A TRIBUTE

Jazz at the Manor: A Summer Series of Jazz presents a tribute to Earth, Wind and Fire, 8 to 11 p.m. at Rockfield Manor, 501 Churchville Road, Bel Air. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. Cost includes pit beef, fried fish and chicken wings, cotton candy, popcorn, snowballs and unlimited moon bounce play for children. To purchase tickets, visit <http://jazzsummerseries.eventbrite.com/>. For more information, call 410-688-0232 or email [Info@EventsbyLorraine.net](mailto:Info@EventsbyLorraine.net).

## SATURDAY MAY 28 CHILDREN'S GARDENING - "LET US" GARDEN

Have fun growing food and flowers here and at home. Enjoy crafts, games, and science disguised as fun, while learning about seeds, life cycles, and cooking the food grown. This program will be held 11 a.m. to noon for ages 5 to 10. The cost is \$5 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 29 HERITAGE TRAIL HIKE

Summer is coming on the MA&PA Heritage Trail. Meet a naturalist at the Edgeley Grove trail head in Fallston for a brisk hike to welcome summer on a stroller-friendly trail, bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the playground afterwards. This free program will be held noon to 2 p.m. for all ages. 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.

## UNDERYOUR FEET

Learn about what is happening underfoot and create a miniature of that to take home and observe. This program will be held 2 to 3:30 p.m. for all ages; ages 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$4 per project. 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.

## MCVET HOSTS 16TH ANNUAL 5K/10K RACE

The Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, Inc. will host the 16th Annual 5K/10K Race

May 29 at the War Memorial Plaza in Baltimore. Starting time for the 5K is 7:30 a.m. The 10K begins 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration cost \$20, registration the day of the race is \$25. Register through Charm City Run at [www.charmcityrun.com](http://www.charmcityrun.com) or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Proceeds benefit MCVET which provides homeless veterans with services that enable them to rejoin their communities as productive citizens. Visit [www.mcvet.org](http://www.mcvet.org), call 410-576-9626 EXT. 225 or e-mail [info@mcvet.org](mailto:info@mcvet.org).

## MONDAY MAY 30 HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLOSED

Harford Community College will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday.

## TUESDAY MAY 31 SUMMER SESSION

Summer session credit courses begin.

## THURSDAY JUNE 2 KELLY-MILLER CIRCUS SHOW

The Level Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., located at 3633 Level Village Road, Havre de Grace, will hold a fundraiser with two shows by the

Kelly-Miller Circus. Show times are 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. There will be Family fun for everyone with tigers, elephants, camels, clowns, dogs, ponies, aerialists, acrobats and more. At 9 a.m., the public is invited to witness the elephant-powered raising of the Big Top.

There is no charge for this event. On May 18, Carlee and Charlie, two Circus clowns, will offer a free 30 minute presentation to local churches, clubs, schools and daycares. Advance tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 12 and under.

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

For more information or to have Carlee and Charlie visit groups or organizations, call Assistant Chief Rhonda Polk at [lifesaver911@comcast.net](mailto:lifesaver911@comcast.net).



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

# Post SHORTS

## Holiday gate hours

There will be reduced gate operations at Aberdeen Proving Ground in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

The Harford Gate (Route 22) will close at 7 p.m., May 27 and the Wise Road Gate (Route 755) will close at 6 p.m., May 27. Both gates will reopen for normal traffic at 5 a.m., May 31 (Tuesday).

The Maryland Gate in Aberdeen and the Route 24 Gate in Edgewood will be open throughout the holiday period.

## 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 Edgewood Areas.

## Kirk clinic closings

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed May 27 for a training day and May 30 for Memorial Day. On May 31, the clinic will be open in the morning only as the staff welcomes incoming commander, Lt. Col. Ellen S. Daly during an afternoon ceremony.

No pharmacy services will be provided during this period. Patients are encouraged to refill medications at Kirk before 5 pm May 26. The pharma-

cy refill line is 1-800-248-6337. Visit [www.tricare.mil/pharmacy](http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy) for pharmacy options.

For medical services needed after hours, weekends or federal holidays, call staff duty at 443-807-0725. The staff duty officer will coordinate your care with the referral management office.

To avoid point-of-service copayment charges, a referral is required to go to any urgent care clinic.

In a medical emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. Emergency rooms do not require a referral.

For more information on Urgent and Emergency Care, visit [http://www.tricare.mil/tricaresmartfiles/Prod\\_570/BN\\_bulletin\\_08\\_i2\\_L.pdf](http://www.tricare.mil/tricaresmartfiles/Prod_570/BN_bulletin_08_i2_L.pdf), page 3, or <https://www.hnfs.net/common/referentialsAuths/Emergency+and+Urgent+Bene.htm>.

## Community invited to Memorial Day celebration

The APG community is invited to the installation Memorial Day observance May 30 at 9:30 a.m. at the Edgewood Cemetery at APG South (Edgewood) area. Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz and Lt. Col. Tom Surdu of CERDEC will give remarks prior to a wreath laying by area veterans service organizations. Prior to the ceremony, a rededication will take

place at the World War II Civilian Memorial near the Edgewood shoppette. Prospective Eagle Scout Thommy Surdu, son of Lt. Col. Tom Surdu, has led a beautification project of the site which includes the installation of park benches and a historical record display. The rededication begins at 8:30 a.m. Signs will be posted with directions to both areas.

## MCSC awards scholarships

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

## AER Campaign extended to May 31

It's not too late. Contributions to the annual AER Campaign will be accepted through May 31 by allotment, cash, or check. Contributions remain important to allow AER to fulfill its mission of helping Soldiers in time of distress and misfortune. Call AER Campaign Coordinator Capt. Malikh McCormick at 410-278-3000. For information on AER, call Installation AER Officer Marge Fissel at 410-278-2508.

## L-3 MPRI awarded multi-billion dollar contract

L-3 MPRI, a global provider of integrated training solutions, announced May 23 that it has been awarded the Operations, Planning, Training and Resource Support Service II (OPTARSS II) contract from the U.S. Army. The contract will support worldwide U.S. Army and Department of Defense operations, training and support requirements. The multiple award, indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract has a potential value of \$2.5 billion over five years, if all options are exercised.

## VA Summer Youth Volunteer Program

The VA Maryland Health Care System has announced that the 2011 Summer Youth Volunteer Program will begin in June at each facility. Orientation classes will be held for new participants and is mandatory to be accepted in the program.

Youth volunteers must be between the ages of 14 and 17; must be able to show proof of age with a birth certificate; and must commit at least 75 hours of service throughout the summer. Youth volunteers will work only three days per week; they will NOT be permitted to work an assignment area with parent or guardian in tow.

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

## Clinic change of command

Kirk U. S. Army Health Clinic will welcome incoming commander Lt. Col. Ellen Daly and pay tribute to departing commander Lt. Col. Mark Ireland during a change of command ceremony at Fanshaw Field on APG at 1 p.m. May 31. The inclement weather site is the recreation center, Bldg. 3326.

Following the change of command, there will be a re-signing of the Army Medicine Healthcare Covenant. The covenant demonstrates a clear commitment to sustain a high level of care for Soldiers and the Army community. There will be a reception immediately following the ceremony in the recreation center.

## 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](mailto: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

## Activities/Events

### Lynyrd Skynyrd/Doobie Brothers tickets go on sale June 6

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

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

### Single father books available

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

### Medieval Times discount tickets available through Leisure Travel

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

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

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

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Office,

Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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 23

Special #1: Two hot dogs with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.55.

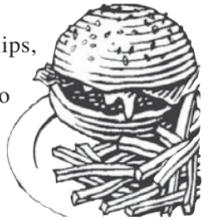
Special #2: Grilled ham and cheese with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

### Week of May 30

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

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

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



## Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at [www.apgmwr.com](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.



# Senior Service College Fellowship graduates second APG class

Special to the APG News

Seven graduating fellows crossed the stage at the Mission Training Facility, C4ISR Campus May 18 to receive their SSCF Program diplomas, marking the completion of ten months of intense and demanding leadership and acquisition study.

The commencement ceremony celebrates the graduation of the second class of fellows at Aberdeen Proving Ground, under the direction of Jim Oman, director of the Senior Service College Fellowship Program at APG.

The event was attended by more than 70 friends, family, and distinguished guests including nine members of the Senior Executive Service. Participating in the ceremony were guest speaker retired Navy Rear Adm. Lenn Vincent, DAU Industry Chair; Bob Daugherty, dean of the Capital and Northeast Region, DAU; and Barbara Downs, the coordinator for DAU programs, Webster University.

Welcoming the ceremony's attendees, Daugherty described the strategic importance of the program and its placement at APG.

"SSCF is not an easy program to go through," he said. "But the quality of the APG workforce is second to none and we are pleased to be part of this community and the system of education that helps to develop the leadership on post."

Diploma recipients included Steven Cooper, Raymond Fontaine, Stephanie Halcisak, Raj Malhotra, Daniel Shearer, Dennis Teefy, and Randy Young. Notably, three of the seven fellows—Cooper, Teefy, and Young—completed an additional five core courses to earn a master of arts degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University.

During his keynote address, Vincent explained to the fellows his "baker's dozen of leadership thoughts" and reminded the fellows that "doing your job is not enough. It's not just working hard, but finding how you can work better."

Over the course of the program, fellows completed the Program Managers Course (PMT 401), Leading in the Acquisition Environment (ACQ 450), Integrated Acquisition for Decision Makers (ACQ 451), Forging Stakeholder



Courtesy photo

Senior Service College Fellowship members visited Germany, Belgium and France during the SSCF's annual international leadership tour April 24 to May 3.

Relationships (ACQ 452) and a National Security Module taught by Dr. Jim Helis, Chairman, Department of National Security and Strategy, U.S.

Army War College (USAWC); conducted numerous industry and governmental organization visits including Army Research Laboratory, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, BAE Systems, Aberdeen Test Center, and the Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center, heard from multiple senior leaders that included innumerable general/flag officers and Senior Executive Service level speakers; and went on numerous on "war fighter focused" visits including the National Training Center, Joint Readiness Training Center, U.S. Cen-

tral Command, and U.S. Special Operations Command to name a few of the program's activities.

This year's program expanded upon the past international trip component of the program by traveling to Germany, Belgium, and France where APG fellows, accompanied by fellows from the Mid West Region, conducted visits to strategic military command centers that included the geographical combatant commands, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and

the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe where they heard from multiple senior leaders. The international trip concluded with a battlefield staff ride of the Allied invasion in Normandy, France

led by the USAWCs senior historian, Professor Len Fullenkamp.

"I expected that I would broaden my knowledge and experience to be better prepared for positions of increased responsibility," said class president Halcisak. "While I did not know where this would lead me, I feel that I have grown into a more confident, decisive, understanding individual prepared for any position that the government sees fit to place me."

With the completion of the SSCF Program, the fellows are returning to more challenging positions in their sponsoring organizations or have accepted positions of greater responsibility in new units.

The third SSCF class at APG will begin the program July 25 and includes eight fellows from the Army Contracting Command, PEO-Integration, Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Army Test and Evaluation Center, PEO-Command, Control, Communications – Tactical, and the Army Material Systems Analysis Activity.

For more information about the program, visit [www.dau.mil/sscf](http://www.dau.mil/sscf)

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**Stephanie Halcisak**  
Class President

## In the know

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades briefs attendees during the May Community Action Council meeting. Visit [www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/index.cfm/](http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/index.cfm/) to view the slides from the next meeting. The next CAC meeting will be held June 16 at the APG South (Edgewood) chapel at 9:30 a.m.

Photo by Rachel Ponder



# Top troops honored

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questions,” Rhoades said. “It’s like public speaking, defending a technical paper to a group of skeptical professors and passing a strict uniform inspection all at once. You can only get the confidence you need to do that by being at the top of your game professionally and being completely prepared.”

Both Soldiers cited the help of their leaders and a strong support group to as they prepared for the grueling board process.

“I can attribute my preparation to my leadership, in particular, Sgt. 1st Class Caroline Brown. Her willingness to sit down with me to review board-related material and constant uniform inspections ultimately prepared me to compete at such a high level,” said McBride.

Farias said he faced the board alone, but felt the support of his whole squad behind him.

“My preparation started with the support from my squad. They were instrumental in getting me prepared for the Soldier of the Quarter board. I went through countless mock boards and I was relentlessly questioned. The preparation for the boards was truly a group effort from my entire squad,” he said.

Both Soldiers said they found the experience worthwhile, not despite the difficulty, but because of it.

“Going to boards to compete is something every Soldier should do,” McBride said. “Not only does it build confidence, but also puts one in a position to learn aspects of the Army that are not related to their MOS (military occupational specialty).”

Farias said he was motivated by his leaders linking success with board appearances.

“From the moment I arrived at USAPHC I was told that boards were a necessary part of my advancement in the laboratory technician in the Army. Boards are designed to test a Soldier’s knowledge and military bearing. To me,

they help bring out individuals’ potential to become great leaders,” he said.

Such leaders, both said, lead by example. That factored into the motivations of each.

“I am constantly trying to better myself so that I may set the example for others to follow. The reasons why I started attending and competing in the competitions were to prove myself and to show the command that I am an outstanding Soldier,” Farias said.

McBride was spurred on by the ambition of his own Soldiers.

“My Soldiers recently competed for the NCO and Soldier of the Month at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. I want to lead from the front and inspire my troops to demand more of themselves. When someone is removed from their comfort zone, they can truly see what they are made of, and as leaders, we must continuously do this to develop ourselves as confident and resilient leaders,” he said.

That kind of drive makes McBride and Farias excellent representatives of APG, Rhoades said.

“I know these Soldiers are proud to represent APG as our best this year, and we are very proud to have them representing us. That’s important because a lot of people will meet them as representatives of Team APG’s best.”

“Eric McLauchlin, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce made a very telling statement when he talked about why they were honoring our people,” Rhoades said. “He said ‘We work together, play, praise and raise our families together.’ That’s so true. And in those day-to-day interactions we all represent Team APG, whether we realize it or not. These two Soldiers set out to do that, to represent not only Team APG, but every Soldier on this installation. That’s an awesome responsibility, I can tell you, and they truly earned it.”

# MMRP work underway

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of Defense program intended to identify and define the nature and extent of unexploded ordnance and discarded military munitions (DMM) at military installations world-wide.

“The program has several goals,”

Loder said. “We want to know what and how much UXO and DMM is out there and be able to plan how to deal with it in the long term. The other main goal is to better ensure the safety and well-being of all our residents, workers and visitors. In that context, the MMRP is part of our long-term activities to clean up hazards from past activities and prevent future environmental and safety problems.

“We’ve been conducting MMRP operations since October 2010,” Loder said, “but now we have to extend operations into residential neighborhoods.” MMRP activity will also involve some worksites as well, Loder said.

The primary effort in the residential areas involves 2,500-square foot grids that are established in randomly selected locations and then teams of experts use electromagnetic survey equipment to find metallic objects underground. When objects are located the site is marked and the teams dig to uncover the item to determine if it is related to munitions. If a munitions item is uncovered, explosives disposal experts are called in to remove the object and dispose of it properly.

According to Loder, the bottom line is ensuring the safety of all concerned. “We set up an exclusion zone around

each grid while we’re working there,” he said. “The only persons permitted to enter those exclusion zones will be the people doing the work. We’ve set up a schedule to minimize disruption, but we’re also arranging for alternate locations for people to go to if the specific activity extends beyond what we’ve planned for. We don’t expect problems, but we have to plan for them. Anyone who has followed APG’s environmental restoration projects over the last twenty-five years knows we want to take every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety of our people.”

Loder added that he and his team are working to have person-to-person interactions with families who will have to stay away from their homes during these operations. “We want to know any special requirements or concerns. We know families may have sick members or pets to take care of. We want to get that all worked out before we start.”

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The Project is being directed under the garrison’s Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, but according to Loder has numerous partners.

“We’re working very closely with DPW’s Housing Division, Picerne Military Housing, the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the Directorate of Emergency Services, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, and APG’s 20th Support Command, to ensure that we’ve crossed all the T’s and dotted all the I’s,” Loder said.

# Community fetes military

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Cycle Management Command, was the guest speaker for the program that included welcoming remarks from Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.

“Today we honor our military because of the richness they bring to our community,” said Eric McLauchlin, chairman of the Board of Directors. “We work together, play, praise and raise our families together. We, as a business community, will continue to lend support to the people of Aberdeen Proving Ground.”

Strong thanked listeners for the appreciation they show “every single day, not just on Armed Forces Day.”

He said that while he spent the first 16 years of his career participating in various exercises and then spending down time with his family, today’s young officers spend their first 10 years rotating in and out of the war zone.

“Today is a much different environment,” he said. “I have a great appreciation for these young officers, Soldiers,

Sailors and Marines,” he said.

The 2011 theme for Armed Forces Week, “Power for Peace” can be seen in today’s Soldiers, civilians and contractors, he said, adding that civilian losses both in the war zone and in accidents on the installation serve as a reminder that freedom isn’t free. He expressed gratitude to all who supported his organization’s BRAC move, noting there remains “a lot to do” before Sept. 15, 2011.

He said the help of multiple counties in Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania helped ease the transition of his workforce from Fort Monmouth, N.J., and encouraged listeners to attend the organization’s dedication ceremony, slated for the same day.

“On [Sept. 15] you will see the fruits of your efforts,” he said.

Strong said the relighting of the Poole’s Island lighthouse is a fitting a symbol to culminate the Armed Forces Week celebrations.

“As we relight, we transform its purpose just as we are transforming the purpose of APG,” he said. “Together we will light the way to a new future.”

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Harford County Chamber of Commerce



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## Finishing touch

Tori Tischa, a Harford Technical High School senior in the food preparation and management program, puts the finishing touches on a lighthouse cake that was served during the Spirit of Baltimore dinner cruise that celebrated the relighting of the Pooles Island Lighthouse May 21.