



Higher ed opportunities available

Forums slated Oct. 27, Nov. 2 are just the beginning of regular offerings

Special to the APG News

APG Higher Education Advancement Day will be hosted at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Oct. 27. The HEAT Center will also host an Open House at their facility in Aberdeen 4:30 – 7 p.m. on Nov. 2.

Both events are designed to give community members interested in higher education details on new offerings in the area

and highlight changes brought about by APG and local leaders working to meet the needs of the post's high-tech organizations and workforce.

AHEAD will be an open house-like event that will give APG military, civilian, and contract personnel a chance to talk to representatives from Maryland colleges and universities about training opportunities they will host on post, including:

- Master of Business Administra-

tion from University of Maryland, College Park

- Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Morgan State University
- Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from University of Maryland, College Park
- Master of Science in Operations Research from Morgan State University

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Proving Ground celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

It wasn't a military lifestyle that caused Jose Hernandez to move from city to city every few months. It was his hardscrabble life as the child of migrant workers.

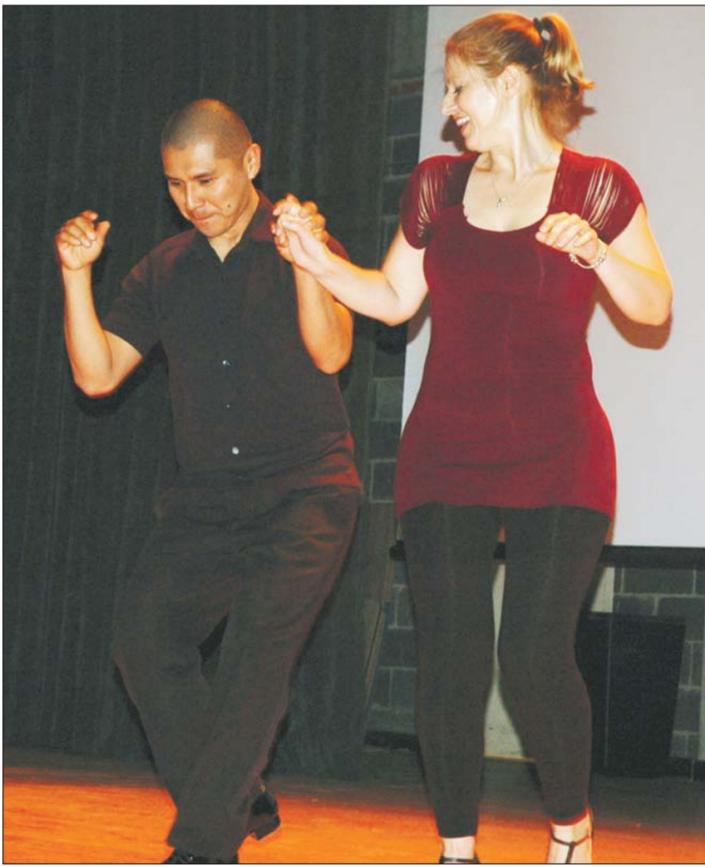
During an Oct. 13 Hispanic American Heritage Month observance at the post theater, Hernandez recalled, with hindsight's laughter, the harsh realities of life in and out of schools as he helped his parents and siblings earn a meager living in farms and fields up and down the West Coast.

A rapt audience listened as the former NASA astronaut and first generation Mexican-American told the story about the day that he was hoeing a row of sugar beets in a field near Stockton, Calif. and heard on his transistor radio that Franklin Chang-Diaz had been selected for the Astronaut Corps.

Chang-Diaz was the first Hispanic-American that had been chosen to travel into space. This inspired Hernandez, a senior in high school at the time, to dream of flying in space.

Hernandez said despite his

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(Right) Jesus Obregon, who owns the Baltimore dance studio Maryland Salsa, danced the merengue and bachata at the Oct. 13 event.

Retirees gather for information on Appreciation Day

Story and photo by **YVONNE JOHNSON**
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From health care choices and post services to pending bills in the state legislature, area military retirees received updates on a variety of topics during the Aberdeen Proving Ground Retiree Appreciation Day Program Oct. 15.

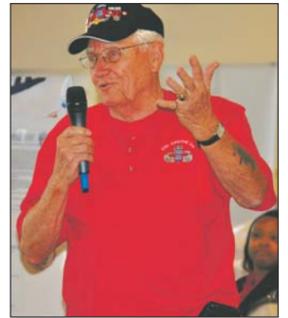
Representatives from more than 30 post, local, state and federal organizations were on hand to answer questions and share information about their services.

The event was held at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. A pay-as-you-go lunch at the installation dining facility followed. It was the last lunch at the facility, which is slated to close for good in December.

The APG Retiree Council, led by retired Lt. Col. Nelson Laughon, chairman; retired Sgt. Maj. Frank Yoakum, co-chairman and retired Sgt. Maj. Drew Nobles, APG retirement services officer, hosted the event.

Col. Orlando. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, welcomed the audience and introduced guest speaker Mike Plumer, deputy legislative director for the National Association for Uniformed Services.

Ortiz noted the presence of several returnees as well as



Retired Col. Douglas Dillard, a representative of the 82nd Airborne Division Association from Bowie, Md., asks a question during the panel discussion Oct. 15.

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STEM Merit Badge Day draws more than 600 Scouts

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

More than 600 Boy Scouts from surrounding counties to include Delaware and Virginia gathered at Aberdeen Proving Ground Oct. 15 for the first ever STEM Merit Badge Day hosted by Team APG.

Volunteers from APG organizations helped the scouts earn merit badges in one of 16 STEM-related fields.

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics and is considered to be the foundation for academic and professional fields

of an advanced society. To engage youth members in STEM, the BSA has created a new emphasis that incorporates elements of STEM in its current advancement programs.

During the opening ceremonies Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, senior installation commander and an Eagle Scout himself, led the reciting of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Matt Myers, who oversees the BSA's National STEM initiative, thanked Justice, the many STEM volunteers who guided the Scouts on their educa-

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Sgt. 1st Class Jim Fuller of CERDEC (right) shows a group of Boy Scouts an Electronic Snap Circuits display during the Oct. 15 event at APG.

APG brings hooah spirit to Army Ten-Miler

By **JASON DOMINGUEZ**
FMWR Community Recreation

Aberdeen Proving Ground community members turned out en masse to participate in the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 9 in Washington D.C.

Approximately 30,000 military and civilian runners competed in America's

largest ten-miler event. The start and finish lines of this year's event were held in the northern and southern parking lots of the Pentagon.

Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades took part in the race alongside

other troops and senior leaders stationed at APG.

As part of the festivities, Army garrisons and organizations hosted a Hooah Tents where they displayed memorabilia and photographs to show off their teams' history and esprit de corps. Members of APG's Family, Morale, Welfare and Rec-

reation joined participants and Family members to show their support.

APG Soldiers and civilians gathered after the race at the installation's tent to congratulate one another and talk about their experiences at the Army Ten-Miler.

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OPINION

A military ode to Steve Jobs

My friend and I were walking through the parking garage yesterday en route to the mall when she saw me fiddling with my iPhone.

"Let's have a moment of silence for Steve Jobs," she said, referring to the Apple co-founder and CEO. I wholeheartedly agreed.

Jobs lost his battle with pancreatic cancer Oct. 5, and the world lost a technological genius and visionary who revolutionized the way we use computers and phones, listen to music and, with the introduction of the iPad, browse the Web. The resultant App Store and its vast array of often-addictive games even changed the way we spend (or to some, kill) our time.

Whether a diehard Apple fan or not, it's undeniable that Jobs changed the face of technology forever. Year after year, he unveiled one cutting-edge product after another – the iMac, iPod, iPhone and the iPad – making technology as accessible and useful for a military spouse juggling schedules and kids during a deployment as for a high-powered executive balancing budgets and businesses.

Recognizing the astounding potential for a military application, officials continue to explore the use of smartphones and tablet devices in the field for everything from translation to mapping to fil-



ing reports. And, as a side note, I read a CNN blog post the other day that says Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, uses an iPad each day to access the latest information.

We can also credit Jobs and other visionaries like him for their impact on our military families. In the past decade, our troops have deployed frequently to locations thousands of miles from home. In the past, they would rely on spotty phone service and "snail mail" to maintain connections at home. But now-staple devices, such as the personal computer (which Jobs helped to make wildly popular), the Internet, smartphones — and the resultant social networking they allow — have and are bridging the physical divide.

Thanks to this technology, kids can

Thanks to this technology, kids can video call their dad in Afghanistan to share a recent achievement, a proud mom can text pictures to a military loved one overseas and a Soldier-dad can watch the birth of his child from thousands of miles away.

video call their dad in Afghanistan to share a recent achievement, a proud mom can text pictures to a military loved one overseas and a soldier dad can watch the birth of his child from thousands of miles away.

As this technology continues to evolve, I look forward to a future where gaping chasms of distance will become mere cracks in the sidewalk for our military families.

So, for the second time this week, I'd like to take a moment to remember Jobs' contributions, not just on the technological side, but also on the human side.

Perhaps President Barack Obama summed it up best in his Oct. 5 statement on the passing of Steve Jobs. "The world has lost a visionary," he said. "And there may be no greater tribute to

Steve's success than the fact that much of the world learned of his passing on a device he invented."

Elaine Sanchez
Family Matters Blog

About Elaine

Elaine Sanchez, editor and writer for American Forces Press Services, launched the Family Matters blog to provide resources and support to military families, as well as to encourage a dialogue on topics ranging from deployments and separations to the challenges of everyday life. Visit <http://afps.dodlive.mil/> or follow Family Matters on Facebook or Twitter.

Job program for military spouses a start

At the end of every month, at least one young mom pictured with a dumpling sweet baby puts a plaintive post on a military spouse website: "Does anyone know how to make a little extra money from home? My daughter is eight months old but I'm not really ready to leave her yet. My husband is deployed. We have bills to pay. Do you know of anything???"



Internet silence.

With a 26 percent unemployment rate among military spouses, this isn't a surprise.

Of course, we spouses are quick to offer solidarity: I'm so sorry this is happening to you :(Can you try cutting back your expenses? Have you tried Mary Kay? Etsy? Answering surveys online?

I usually sit at my keyboard frozen, not a good job idea in my idea-hamster head. Who knows how a military spouse can get a real job? One that she can work from home? One that doesn't require selling anything to your friends or intense magical thinking???

Well, uh, I do. This month I am going to be the one responding to that

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post telling her to go to www.msep-jobs.com.

The Military Spouse Employment Partnership is the new Department of Defense job program for military spouses. In the first three months of the program, the DoD has already vetted 96 corporate partners like SAIC, Amazon, AT&T, 3M and George Mason University with more to come.

So far 5,600 military spouses have been hired for a mix of different jobs, from entry-level stuff and barista/cashier positions to careers in technology that require a masters degree. In fact, an outside auditor found that more than 40 percent of the job listings in the program require a college degree, which reflects the rising level of education found among military spouses.

"This really is about establishing careers, not just jobs," said Robert Gordon, assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy in a telephone conference last week.

Gordon said that portability and telecommuting are essential, although

not exclusive, features of the kinds of jobs MSEP is looking for from their partners.

So I went online to check out the job offerings available. What did I find? Like on all job hunting sites, I found out that I was not qualified for most of the jobs offered.

After all, I'm not a Chinese linguist. I do not currently live in Stuttgart, Germany. I did not major in accounting - shoot, I couldn't even make myself attend an accounting class any time the sun was shining.

But I did find a few jobs for which I was qualified. I even found a couple of jobs that interested me to which I could telecommute.

What didn't I find? I didn't find anyone with a handout for military spouses. In my brief search, I didn't find anyone advertising for young moms with absolutely no skills who could seal envelopes at home for big money.

But I did find opportunity. I did find jobs where a military spouse could get

her foot in the door and maybe get a follow-on telecommuting job later. I did find a pattern of jobs that might be reason enough to go back to school seeking a particular major using GI Bill money.

Military spouse employment is a complicated issue, I know. It isn't going to be solved by a simple jobs board. It isn't supposed to be.

But this new pattern of negotiating with employers, championing military spouses in the job search, discovering quality jobs that can offer military spouses portability and/or telecommutability, that is a big step forward, I hope. For all of us.

Jacey Eckhart
CinCHouse.com

About Jacey

As an Air Force brat, Jacey Eckhart grew up swearing she would never enter the military or marry anyone who did. Of course, she married the first Navy guy she ever met. Eighteen years later, she and her husband Brad have moved 13 times. Tackled five deployments. Raised three kids. And Jacey has written over 400 columns that encourage, empower and entertain military families everywhere. To read more, visit cinchouse.com, where military wives and women in uniform are commanders in chief.

Send newspaper submissions to new email address

Due to ongoing issues with the recent DISA migration, community members are asked to send all submissions for the APG News to adriane.foss@us.army.mil, and CC the editor-apg@conus.army.mil address. Type APG NEWS SUBMISSION in the Subject Line. You should receive a response within three business days letting you know that the submission has been received. If you do not receive a response, please call 410-278-1150 to inquire.

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Postal Service sets holiday mail deadlines

By **MARK EDWARDS**

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The United States Postal Service and Military Postal Service Agency have released deadlines to ensure packages arrive to Military and State Department post offices overseas by Dec. 25.

Deadlines to ensure arrival by Dec. 25 are Nov. 12 for parcel post mail; Nov. 26 for space-available mail; Dec. 3 for parcel airlift mail; Dec. 10 for priority mail and first-class mail, letters and cards; and Dec. 17 for express mail military service.

The Military Postal Service Agency highly encourages customers to mail packages on or before the dates for the specific mail category in order to avoid unplanned transportation delays. Not all Military or State Department post offices are eligible for Express Mail Military

Service therefore, customers should plan accordingly.

“Express Mail Military Service is not available for holiday packages and mail going to Iraq and Afghanistan,” said Faye Slater, the deputy director of the Military Postal Service Agency.

The Military Postal Service provides mail service around the world to Department of Defense and most Department of State locations.

Mail is moved on commercial and military aircraft and commercial sealift vessels to nearly 2,000 military post offices in over 85 countries.

The Adjutant General of the Army, at Fort Knox, Ky., is the Executive Director of the Military Postal Service Agency.

For information on mailing deadlines and restrictions, email the Military Postal Service at: MPSA-TR@conus.army.mil.

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Boy Scout STEM event largest of its kind

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tional quest, and the parents and troop leaders who transported the scouts to APG. Myers explained to the Scouts that this event was the biggest of its kind in the nation thus far.

The registered Scouts chose the top 16 of the 38 STEM-oriented merit badges offered. These included Architecture, Automotive Maintenance, Aviation, Chemistry, Composite Materials, Computers, Electronics, Engineering, Environmental Science, Metalwork, Nuclear Science, Radio, Robotics, Space Exploration, Veterinary Medicine and Weather.

Along with the training stations, APG organizations displayed technologies and innovations currently in use by government civilians and Soldiers to show how STEM education applies to career fields currently in use by Team APG's research, engineering test and evaluation organizations as well as in other Department of Defense careers.

At one display, Sgt. 1st Class Jim Fuller showed scouts various uses for electronic snap circuitry which uses building blocks with snaps to build different elec-

trical and electronic circuits for gadgets, projects, games and experiments.

Fuller said the display was part of the STEM summer program hosted by the U.S. Army Communication-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center.

"This is designed to give kids the opportunity to experience science in a relaxed setting," he said.

"It's a matter of getting kids to think in terms of science and engineering," said Erica Bertoli, CERDEC lead education outreach specialist. "We've put a lot of emphasis on improving [STEM] visibility in the local community."

A group of Scouts looked on eagerly as U.S. Army Research Laboratory engineer Steve Taulbee and computer scientist Ralph Brewer demonstrated advancements in armor materials. They displayed a prototype of the Enhanced Combat Helmet (ECH) which will replace the Kevlar helmet.

"It offers 30 to 35 percent more protection with the same weight," Taulbee told the Scouts, adding that the same material will go on armored windows to

reduce the weight while increasing ballistic protection.

Scouts and their leaders expressed their appreciation for the day's events.

James Hunt, Scout leader for Troop 721 out of Odenton, Md., said his group was one of several members of the Baltimore Area Council in attendance.

"Some required tasks are difficult to get to so to have an event like this makes it easier for the Scouts and their parents," he said. "I really like the way it was organized and all of the displays were pretty cool too."

Twelve-year-old James Martin and fellow Scout Ryan Tickman, 15, from Troop 973 in Abingdon, agreed.

"I liked how everything was set up, especially all the military stuff," Martin said.

Tickman said that they not only got a lot done, but had fun doing it.

"I enjoyed the whole day," he said.

Jill Black, a parent volunteer, attended the event with her 11-year-old son Andrew and 17 other scouts from Troop 1111 out of Elkridge, Md.

She called the STEM Merit Badge

Day a great experience.

"I even got to watch them launch a rocket today," she said. "This was just so well put together and organized. And it was wonderful the Army would open up the post to us this way. It's been a great experience for all of us."

BSA STEM initiative

The BSA's STEM initiative gives Scouts an opportunity to explore relevant skills and experiences and for their achievements to be recognized.

The aim is to expose youth to opportunities and help them develop skills critical for the competitive world market. Starting in early 2012, Scouts of all ages can earn the BSA's trailblazing NOVA Award, based on the STEM program.

The NOVA program consists of individual activity elements in various STEM topics structured for either Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts/Venturers.

The topics are designed to encourage participation and to increase interest in STEM by making it relevant and fun. For more information, visit www.scouting.org/STEM.

Area reps brief at Retiree Appreciation Day

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many newcomers and asked all to get the word out to even more retirees who may be new to the area.

“We are here for you,” he said.

Plumer extended thanks to Ortiz, APG senior leader Maj. Gen. Nick Justice and the Retiree Council for their support of the event.

He explained that NAUS represents more than 180,000 members in looking out for the benefits of all uniformed services retirees, veterans, current members and their Families or survivors.

Its main interest is preserving a strong defense, he said.

“NAUS works with all military organizations. We like to get face-to-face with you and learn your concerns. We always voice strong opposition to cutting our benefits.”

He said a big concern right now is pending budget cuts and encouraged listeners to voice their concerns to their representatives.

“We work to meet the challenge to avoid

cuts that chip away at our national defense,” he said.

He spoke of the “need for the fighting military not to shoulder the burden of the reduction” and invited listeners to pick up the NAUS newsletter (www.naus.org) at his display to view the list of more than 30 pending House and Senate bills of interest to the military.

“We think all of these are important bills for veterans and for our armed forces.”

An MWR film and PowerPoint presentation began with the history of the Proving Ground from the 1770s to today’s award-winning architecture, environmentally friendly buildings and environmental stewardship.

It detailed MWR privileges available to retirees that included Outdoor Recreation’s hunting, boating and equipment rental; use of the child development and youth centers, Army Community Service, recreation, gym and fitness centers, pools, golf courses, auto craft shop, recreation centers, libraries,

eating establishments, bowling center and Civilian Welfare Fund excursions.

Ortiz called APG “a diamond in the rough,” and said, “this is a small example of what APG provides you.”

He talked about the visual changes at APG brought on by BRAC organization moves to APG and the Enhanced Use Lease business park that will bring in even more jobs and businesses.

He briefed listeners on the ongoing construction of the Route 40/715 interchange that is slated for completion in 2013 and the Residential Communities Initiative that allows civilians and retirees into on-post housing.

Applicants must apply through Picerne Military Housing at 410-305-1076 or visit the website at <http://aberdeenpicerne.com>.

Other quality of life enhancements include the reopening of Top of the Bay slated for late November. Ortiz encouraged retirees and their Families to keep up with

the latest APG happenings through strategic communications channels that include the APG News and the following online websites:

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apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/
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A panel discussion followed with representatives from selected organizations taking questions from the audience.

Laughton thanked the vendors, Garrison support units, and ChalleNGe Academy cadets who served as ushers and greeters, for their support of the event. Look for **detailed updates and more information at**

<http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/HumanResources/Retirement/index.html> or www.apgretiree.com.

View more Retiree Appreciation Day photos at [flickr.com/photos/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/)

NASA astronaut talks about his early struggles

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humble beginnings, his parents encouraged him to follow his dreams. He said even with a third-grade education, his parents had high expectations for their children. They told him that achievements come through hard work.

“My mom would challenge us; she would see a man and a suit and say ‘some day that will be you,’” he said, directing his attention to the Freestate Challenge Academy students who attended the event. “She did not want us to work in a field for the rest of our lives. We had a responsibility to get an education and to make something of ourselves, and that was a very powerful lesson for us.”

Hernandez said he struggled to learn English, but excelled in math and science.

“One plus one equals two in any language,” he said.

In his quest to achieve his dream of becoming an astronaut, Hernandez applied to NASA 11 times before being accepted as a candidate in 2004.

“During those 11 years I built my skills to make myself more valuable and gained more experience,” he said. “I would study who would get selected and what their background was.” And the payoff was worth it.

“Blast off was an experience second to none,” he said.

Hernandez was assigned to the STS-128 Discovery from Aug. 28 to Sept. 11, 2009. While at the orbital outpost, the STS-128 crew rotated an expedition crewmember, attached the Leonardo Multi-Purpose Logis-

tics Module, and transferred over 18,000 pounds of supplies and equipment to the station.

The mission was accomplished in 217 orbits of the earth, traveling 5.7 million miles in 332 hours and 53 minutes, and returned safely to land at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

After Hernandez’s speech, members of the Maryland Salsa Jam performed traditional Latin dances, including the cha-cha-

cha, merengue and bachata.

“The Hispanic Heritage Month Observance is probably the best way for us to show and display our culture in different aspects,” said Jesus Obregon, a Hispanic-American and owner of Maryland Salsa Jam, a dance studio in Baltimore. “We tell people about our culture through song, food, dance and inspirational stories.”

After the program attendees were treated to samplings of traditional Hispanic food

and displays that highlighted the clothing, art and history of Hispanic cultures.

Also participating in the program was Bobbi Ahearn of the Army Developmental Test Command, who opened the program by singing the national anthem. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jimmy Davis from the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) gave the invocation.

Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, gave opening remarks.

Community participates in D.C. Ten-Miler

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Chief Warrant Officer 2 William Sharpe said he participated in a ten-miler run while deployed to Afghanistan in 2009. Sharpe said he had not run as much as he would have liked over the last six months and wanted to make up for it by running in the event.

“My goal was to get a good, long run because I haven’t been running as much,” Sharpe said. “I feel great. I want to go do another one right now.”

Army Sgt. Makinetti Castro is stationed at APG and has served in the military for the last five years. This was her first time participating in the event and she said it was no simple feat.

“It was more than I expected,” Castro said. “The run was not as easy as I thought it was going to be. I thought we were going to run on a flat surface, so I wasn’t prepared

for all the hills.”

She said she plans to participate in next year’s ten miler because she enjoyed the camaraderie and has a goal she would like to meet. “I felt so relieved when I finished,” Castro said. “It was really great to see all of the other soldiers running alongside me. I want to do it again next year, and hopefully, place in the top 50 or even top 100.”

Although most of the runners from APG participated in the event for the first time, some were seasoned veterans.

Army Maj. Lee Lefkowitz has been running in the event for the last five years.

“This is my fifth Army Ten-Miler,” Lefkowitz said. “I [recently] trained to do the 100-Miler Civil War Century, which is a 100-mile bike ride out in Thurmont that visits Antietam, Gettysburg and South Mountain battlefields. [So] I only had about a month to train up for the ten miler. Although

I had a slow start, I’m happy to be here.”

Lefkowitz has served in the Army for the last 12 years and said he enjoyed seeing other people from the APG community participate in the event.

“It’s really great to see friends and colleagues from around the Army and APG.”

Byron Reasin, APG FMWR Athletic Center facility lead, attended the event to support Team APG.

“It was an invigorating experience to meet people from across the APG community,” Reasin said. “It was great that we had the support of the garrison and support organizations. They provided the banner stands that explained what the Army does at APG.”

“Everyone working together definitely made a difference. Hopefully, the relationships that we built today are going to be lasting ones.”

Globetrotting? Don't forget your security briefing

BY KEVIN MELCHIOR

Intelligence and Security Division

Travel abroad brings with it many challenges to include those posed by foreign intelligence services, terrorists and criminals.

APG's Intelligence and Security Division provides foreign travel briefings to individuals traveling outside of the U.S. to prepare them for these challenges.

"Whether you travel for official or personnel reasons, if you are employed by the Army you must receive a country-specific briefing before any foreign travel," said Joe Kaffl, chief of the installation's Intelligence and Security Division. He said all DoD personnel must also take annually online Level 1 training, accessed at <https://atlevel1.dtic.mil/at/>. "In addition to the Level 1 online training and country-spe-

cific briefing, if you hold a security clearance you must report your foreign travel in advance to your security manager."

If you have a clearance at the TS SCI level, however, you must notify your foreign service office, and each trip needs to be reported. APG's Intelligence and Security Division also offers briefings to spouses and dependents 14 years or older.

"Country-specific briefings are good if traveling to the same location within three months," said Kaffl.

To schedule services, call 410-278-3187 at least two weeks prior to travel.

"Although we can accommodate last-minute requests, these should be due to short fuse suspenses and not a failure on the individual's part to plan ahead," said Kaffl. "To achieve economy of scale we try to schedule groups, not individuals, and we can only do this with adequate notice."

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Rabies — a rare but fatal disease

Officials urge Army personnel to report bites after recent Soldier death

CHANEL S. WEAVER

U.S. Army Public Health Command

Officials at the U.S. Army Public Health Command have been working aggressively to prevent additional cases of rabies in Army personnel following the Aug. 31 death of a Fort Drum Soldier.

The Soldier is believed to have contracted the disease from a feral dog while deployed to Afghanistan. His death was the first documented case of rabies in the Department of Defense since 1967.

“The death of this Soldier is very tragic, and we are taking actions to ensure something like this does not happen again,” said Lt. Col. Steven Cersovsky, director of epidemiology and disease surveillance at the USAPHC.

“Any Soldier, civilian or contractor who has been deployed to an area of the world where rabies is common could be at risk for developing rabies if exposed to a rabid animal,” he emphasized. “It is critical that those with animal exposures, especially bites, receive immediate medical evaluation.”

The USAPHC, in partnership with the U.S. Army Medical Command, the Department of Defense, oth-

er uniformed services and the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is working to expeditiously identify, evaluate and treat any service members, DOD civilians, retirees and contractors who may have been exposed to rabies while deployed.

Individuals who meet the following criteria are advised to report for a medical evaluation as soon as possible:

- Those who had a possible animal exposure that occurred after March 1, 2010. A possible animal exposure is a bite or contact with the saliva of warm-blooded animals such as dogs, cats, bats, foxes, skunks, raccoons and jackals.

- Those who had no medical evaluation or incomplete/undocumented evaluation or an incomplete series of rabies shots following an exposure incident. Individuals who are not 100 percent confident they received appropriate and completely documented care should be evaluated.

Although rabies is a fatal disease, it is preventable. It is also very rare in the United States, due to an active vaccination program for pets. The vast majority of rabies

cases in the United States each year occur in wild animals like raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes. In developing countries, however, the vast majority of human rabies cases are the result of bites from rabid dogs.

“The rabies virus infects the central nervous system, ultimately causing disease in the brain and death,” said Cersovsky.

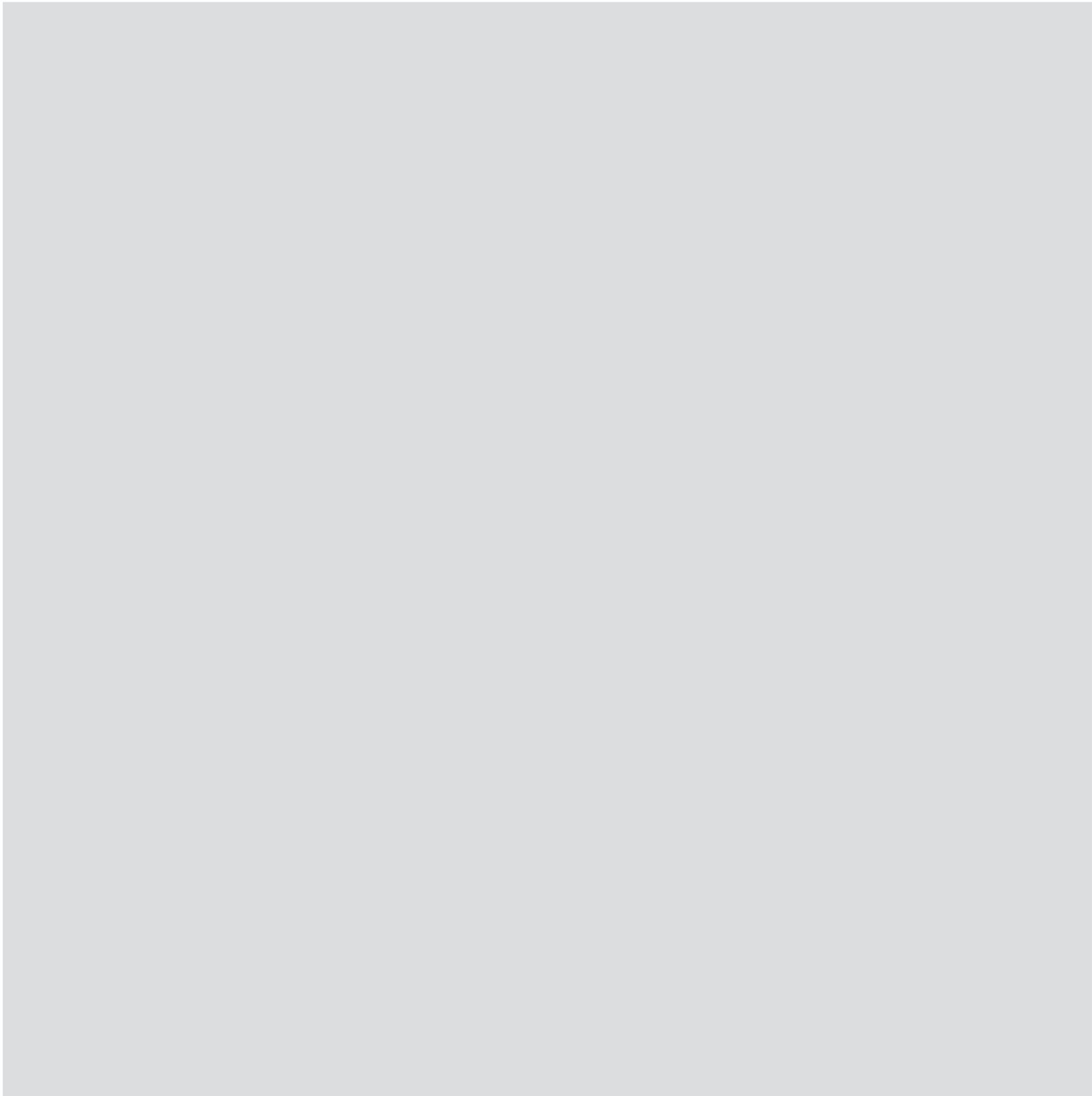
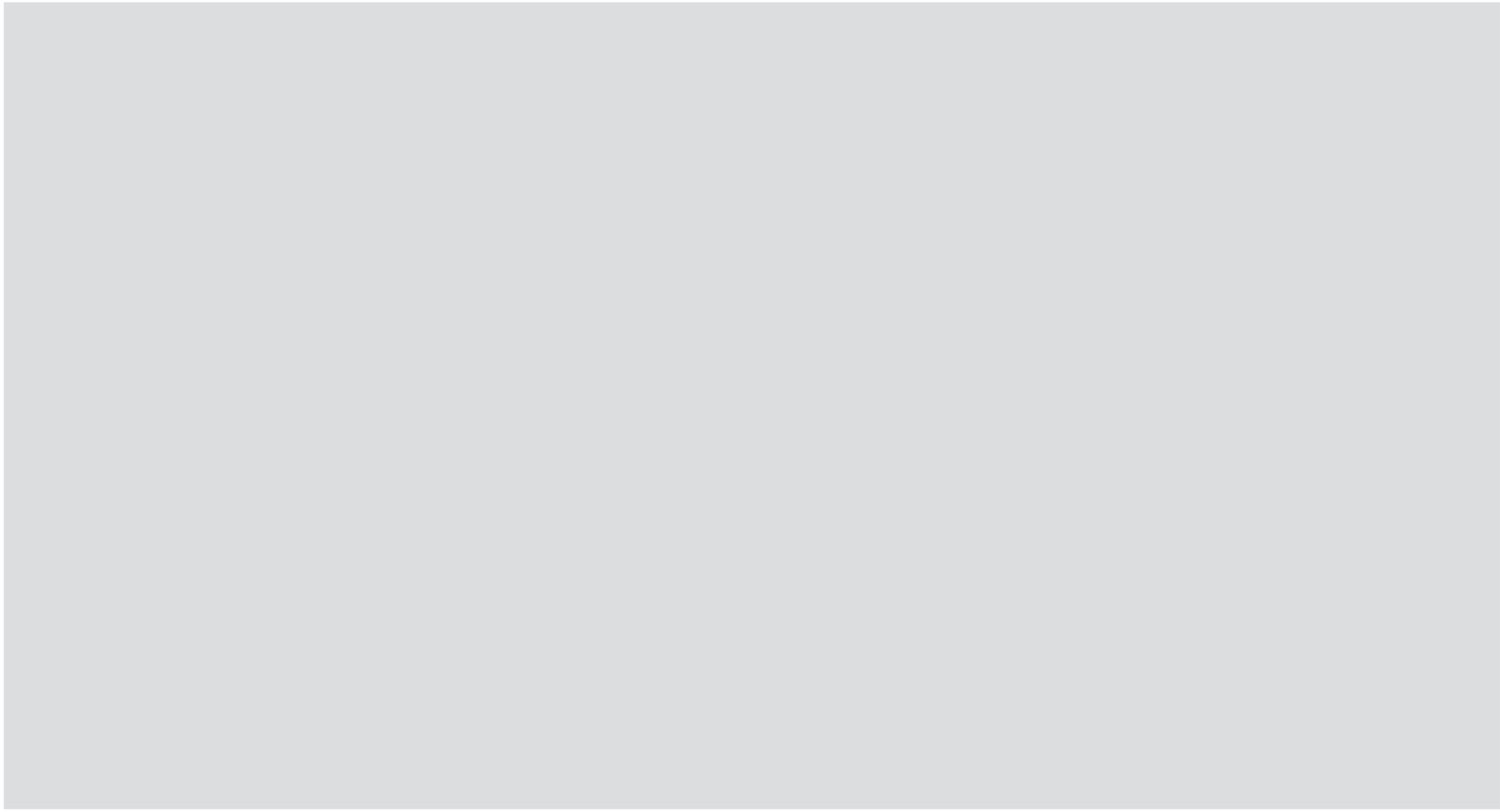
But death from rabies is not inevitable if a person receives proper medical care promptly after being bitten by a wild or stray animal.

“If medical treatment is obtained promptly following a rabies exposure, nearly all cases of rabies will be prevented,” said Cersovsky.

“But the best way to prevent rabies is to avoid contact with stray and wild animals.”

Soldiers who deploy are educated about how to prevent the disease during routine pre-deployment medical threat briefings.

For more information on rabies and how to prevent the disease, visit <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/discond/aid/Pages/Rabies.aspx> or www.cdc.gov/rabies, or call 1-800-984-8523.



AROUND THE FORCE

Army must prepare to 'do less with less'

By **C. TODD LOPEZ**
Army News Service

Looming budget cuts across the Department of Defense mean the Army must be prepared to conduct business with less funding, and the service's senior officer said this may also mean doing less.

"In the past during periods of austerity, we've said we'll have to do more with less," Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno. "As we move ahead under significant budget restrictions, we'll have to do less with less. We'll have to accept higher levels of risk than we have in the past. Determining where it's best to do so is the primary task before us."

Odierno addressed attendees at the Eisenhower Lunch, Oct. 11, at the 2011 Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C.

A major concern for the general is the potential of a trillion dollars being cut from the Department of Defense budget over the next 10 years -- something that could happen if the "super committee" tasked to trim \$1.2 trillion from America's federal budget fails to come to a consensus.

If they fail, it's estimated that \$500-600 billion could be automatically cut from defense, in addition to the \$450 billion the department is already tasked to cut. The Army would bear a significant portion of those cuts.

"A cut of this magnitude would be devastating, this would threaten every aspect of the joint force, and especially the Army -- it's force structure, modernization efforts and ability to sustain an all-volunteer force, as well as our defense industrial base," Odierno said.

The general said cuts must come carefully to avoid risking the readiness of the Army.

"All of us have to realize and understand that we will get smaller, that is fiscal reality," Odierno said. "But it's the how that is critical. If we go too fast,

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Gen. Raymond T. Odierno
Chief of Staff of the Army

we risk the current future readiness of the force and lose the flexibility to react to the uncertain security environment we find ourselves in. We also threaten the trust that is the foundation of everything we do."

From talking to Soldiers and veterans, Odierno said he's learned that a primary concern about looming budget cuts involves compensation and entitlement programs.

"Everybody needs to know decisions have not yet been made," he said. "The president recently announced a committee to study military compensation. Department of Defense will provide input.

"Rest assured, we are dedicated to a system that cares for Soldiers and families now and well into the future."

Odierno said he has been involved in discussions on how to address the "fundamental tension" between the fiscal situation and an "increasingly complicated and unpredictable world."

While he said the Army should and will be part of any solutions to the financial situation, the nation must be told the truth about the risks involved in using the Army budget to help solve the fiscal crisis.

Terrorism, failed states, man-made disasters, weapons of mass destruction, drug trafficking and cyber threats are now part of "a strategic environment that is increasingly complex and unpredictable," he said. Those issues are compounded by scarcity of and competition for energy, food and water.

The general said he remains commit-

ted to a "successful resolution" in both Iraq and Afghanistan, and that after that, the Army will be free to pursue other areas of concern, such as continued stability in Asia.

He said there is consensus that future economic and security interests are great in Asia, including developing a "peaceful and constructive" relationship in China.

"We cannot ignore China's military modernization, but it need not lead us to confrontation," he said.

He said how America interacts with China's neighbors, for instance, is a key part of ensuring a good relationship with that country. He said he looks forward to the Army contributing to stability in the Pacific region. There, he said, the United States has developed a wealth of partnership and diplomatic options that can be used.

Odierno also laid out some priorities for the Army.

Included in those priorities are winning the current fight, which means continuing to provide trained and ready forces to ongoing contingency operations such as in Iraq and Afghanistan; developing a more versatile "mix of capabilities" to enable the Army to be a more flexible provider to the joint force; continuing the commitment to "the Army profession"; and continuing to adapt leader development programs.

The general also said preserving the all-volunteer force is a priority.

"We have the best all-volunteer force we've ever had," he said. "We cannot waiver on this commitment."

Military retiree pay dates change

DFAS news release

Paydays for military retirees and those who receive portions of retired pay will change for December as the Defense Finance and Accounting Service changes its pay schedule to comply with the 2011 National Defense Authorization Act.

The 2011 NDAA requires military retiree pay to be processed on the first day of the month. When that day falls on a weekend or national holiday, the pay date is moved to the previous business day.

This year payments normally scheduled for Oct. 3 were issued Sept. 30 and payments normally scheduled for Jan. 3, 2012, will be issued Dec. 30, 2011. For the calendar year 2011, this means military retirees will receive 13 rather than the normal 12 payments.

The 13th payday on Dec. 30 falls within the 2011 tax year, which could affect the tax liability of some retirees and those who receive portions of their retired pay. Customers should speak with a tax advisor, the Internal Revenue Service or their state tax authority to determine if their tax withholding will satisfy federal and state income taxes when they file returns next year. DFAS cannot provide tax advice.

For tax year 2012 and beyond, retirees will receive their normal 12 payments.

This change affects regular retired pay, Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay and Combat Related Special Compensation. The new rule also applies to retiree allotments, garnishments and court-ordered former spouse and child support payments. It does not affect annuity payments.

If retirees need to make changes to their federal or state tax withholding, the quickest and most secure way to do so is through myPay. Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, myPay enables eligible users around the world to make routine changes to their pay information, including tax withholding, that become effective within days.

Customers who cannot access myPay can change federal withholding amounts by completing a new IRS Form W-4 or W-4P, or change state withholding amounts using a DD 2866. These forms can be found on the DFAS website (www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/forms.html) and should be mailed or faxed to the below address once completed:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

U.S. Military Retired Pay
P.O. Box 7130
London, KY 40742-7130
Fax: 800-469-6559

It may take up to 30 days for changes to be made when mailing in a paper form.

More companies to help military spouses find portable employment

By **C. TODD LOPEZ**
Army News Service

Two dozen new companies have put their hat in the ring to make it easier for spouses of service members to find and keep meaningful, career-oriented, portable employment.

During the opening hours of the 2011 Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C., Oct. 10, the 24 companies signed on to be part of the Military Spouse Employment Partnership. MSEP is a group of companies, with the addition of the new partners, which is now 96 strong.

"They support military spouses in their employment and career efforts by

offering jobs that are portable," said Robert L. Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of Defense for military community and family policy. "That means the companies provide support and commitment that when a military spouse has to move, their employment opportunities will continue with that company."

While most of the partners are U.S.-based, Gordon said some have "global reach."

"We do look for companies also that have a global footprint, since our military community members live overseas," Gordon said.

On the MSEP website, there are now 54,000 jobs available, but Gordon said there are even more available through

the human resources departments of the partner companies.

"We are leveling the playing field for our spouses, since our spouses have a 26-percent unemployment rate and a 25-percent wage gap," Gordon said. "As we all know, with deployment and moves overseas, often times our spouses have difficulty finding and keeping jobs and careers. This levels the playing field by matching companies to the skill sets of our spouses."

The MSEP program only began serving spouses of all military service members in June. Since then, it has provided employment to some 5,600 military spouses.

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MRICD welcomes first GEMS students

By **CINDY KRONMAN**
MRICD

This summer the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense broadened its tradition of encouraging the scientific endeavors of students by welcoming children from the Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP) GEMS, or Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science. GEMS provides students in the fifth through eighth grades with one to four weeks of hands-on experience in Army laboratories while paying the students a small stipend.

MRICD hosted two groups of students: 42 students participated in the institute's program from July 18-22, and 32 students conducted the same experiments from July 25-29.

MRICD's parent organization, the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command at Fort Detrick, Md., and its sister lab, the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Bethesda, Md., have held GEMS internships for several years. MRMC expanded its program this year to other subordinate laboratories and provided the funding and guidance for MRICD's participation.

Like MRMC, the institute hopes GEMS will become a feeder program for other internship opportunities available to students, such as the Science and Engineering Apprentice Program (SEAP) for high school students and the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) internship program for college students and those who have recently graduated from college. By bringing students into the lab throughout their education, the institute hopes they'll one day join the workforce on a permanent basis.

The responsibility for getting the GEMS program up and running at the institute fell to Christina Weber, MRICD's marketing manager. Weber worked tirelessly to publicize the institute's participation, to coordinate with the necessary administrative offices, and to plan a fun, educational experience for the mostly local students. Most importantly, she persuaded several MRICD principal investigators (PIs) to donate laboratory space in which to conduct the GEMS experiments, and she secured the assistance of Linda McDonough, an advanced science, research and technology teacher/advisor at the Science and Mathematics Academy (SMA) at Aberdeen High School, to serve as the program's lead resource teacher.



Photo by Darrell Jensonis
Near-peer mentor Olivia Webster assists Mathew Varghese of Forest Hill as he practices loading samples in an agarose gel for gel electrophoresis in the DNA fingerprinting experiment.

McDonough explored options for the experiments, looking for age-appropriate, stimulating activities.

She also selected the SMA students that served as near-peer mentors to the GEMS interns. The mentors were responsible for guiding the students through the week-long group of experiments and activities, helping them to prepare presentations, and conducting the graduation ceremonies.

Getting these high school students to give up three weeks of their summer vacation to mentor younger children was not difficult. (The near-peers had a week of training prior to their two weeks of teaching.)

"I love science," said Olivia Webster of Abingdon. "I thought it would be really fun helping other kids to love science, too."

McDonough selected five kit experiments for the GEMS students to conduct

and planned several other activities and challenges to round out the week. Her primary objective was to have the students experience what conducting scientific research was all about.

"Linda really wanted to focus on the scientific method and to teach the students that there is a process to follow, from planning the experiments to presenting the data and your conclusions," said Weber.

Toward that end, students documented their experiments in laboratory notebooks, which they reviewed at the beginning of each day. At the end of the week, the students gathered in groups to prepare poster presentations of the week's experiments. The posters illustrated with text and graphics the experimental objectives, materials and methods, results, and conclusions, and were on display for viewing by the GEMS parents during the graduation ceremonies.

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Olivia Webster
Near-peer mentor

Higher education opportunities available

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- Master of Science in Software Engineering from Towson University
- Master of Science in Supply Chain Management from Towson University
- Master of Science in Systems Engineering from Johns Hopkins University
- Principles of Management Course from Cecil College
- Principles of Organizational Behavior Course from Notre Dame of Maryland University.

The team that put together AHEAD included not only post personnel, but the Maryland Higher Education Commission and six Maryland colleges and universities. The intent is to increase educational opportunities available on APG, said Christopher Hoppel, who participated as part of another training initiative—the APG leadership cohort program.

"(U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Executive Deputy to the Commanding General) Gary Martin was a big proponent of making this happen on the APG side," said Hoppel.

"We were looking for four-year educational opportunities right at APG, rather than people having to trav-

el to Baltimore or further to enhance their education," he said. "Within that the Maryland Higher Education Commission identified six colleges or universities that offer the exact training opportunities the Aberdeen workforce needs."

That workforce will have a say in what it needs beginning with this event, Hoppel said.

"What we're looking for is anyone interested in furthering their education at APG to come out and support this event. Part of what we're going to do is survey the attendees to find out what hours they'd like programs offered, what programs and what institutions they'd like to see – including in that might not be present – so we can further reach out to these schools to encourage them to offer different classes here," Hoppel said.

Catering to the workforce's educational desires is only half of the reason behind the event, however.

"The APG workforce is a world-class, highly skilled group of military, civilian, and contractor employees providing invaluable contributions to our nation's Warfighters," said Hoppel, who is also the chief of the high rate mechanics and failure branch at the Army Research Lab.

"We not only need to continue that, but with nearly 40 percent of APG's civilians eligible to retire in the next

The experiments McDonough selected tracked closely with the biomedical sciences and chemistry disciplines used in the research conducted at MRICD. Over the course of the week, in small groups of five or six, the GEMS students performed experiments in DNA extraction and isolation from fruits and vegetables, DNA fingerprinting analysis, such as is used in crime scene investigations, genetics, studying daphnia (tiny, transparent freshwater crustaceans used in biological research), blood typing, and colors of pH indicators. When supplies didn't arrive in time for a proteomics lab, Dr. Heidi Hoard-Fruchey, one of MRICD's principal investigators, stepped in with a hands-on lab to teach the students about vertical gel electrophoresis and how it is used to separate and compare proteins.

While the kits took students step-by-step through the experiments, a light-in-the-bag study allowed them to vary the experimental methods and to hypothesize about the results. By varying the amount and the temperature of the water they added to chemiluminescence crystals, the students could vary the brightness and duration of the glow the water/crystal mixture produced. Prizes were awarded to the groups who figured out how to get their light to glow brightest and longest.

Bringing the experiments into an actual research laboratory and having the institute's Ph.D. scientists available to occasionally answer questions or to interact with the students clearly enhanced the students' experiences.

Lauren Impallaria, 13, from Bel Air, was "really excited to work in a real lab and do real experiments." Biology, genetics, and chemistry particularly interest Impallaria, whose favorite experiment was the genetics lab.

"I enjoyed the labs and experiments," said Justin Knoll, an eighth grader from Bel Air. "It gave me a better idea of what it's really like to be in a lab."

Karl Cauley heard about MRICD's GEMS internship from his science teacher at Aberdeen Middle School. This future ichthyologist of course found the experiment with daphnia to be the most interesting, but being "really into science," Cauley also enjoyed learning about an area new to him, proteomics.

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five years, it is important now more than ever to educate the workforce to be prepared for tomorrow's challenges," he said.

"So this is the start of regular offerings of advanced education to develop the workforce the Army needs at APG," said Hoppel. "We need to grow our highly technical workforce to continue and enhance the things we've traditionally been doing at APG and Fort Monmouth."

In contrast to the on-post event, the Nov. 2 HEAT Center open house will highlight programs long available in Aberdeen.

"For years, the HEAT Center in Aberdeen has provided local residents a convenient location to take coursework from colleges and universities from across Maryland," Hoppel said. "With the influx of people as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure process, many employees new to Maryland and APG are unaware of the higher education opportunities available to them locally."

"This will be an opportunity for APG personnel and local residents to discover the HEAT Center and the degree programs offered there," he added.

For more information and a listing of current HEAT Center course offerings, prospective students can visit their website at www.heatcentermaryland.com.

POST SHORTS

Flu vaccine now available

Flu vaccines are available for all Tri-care beneficiaries. Obtain vaccines at the APG North Immunization Clinic Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3:30 p.m., on a walk-in basis. Or at the General Medicine Clinic during routine appointments (if patient has no flu symptoms). Call 410-278-1746.

Disability Awareness today

A Disability Awareness observance is slated Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. at the post theater. Call 443-861-9246/9259.

Military engineers meeting

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post meeting will be at the Wetlands Golf Club in Aberdeen at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 20. The speaker is Col. Andrew Nelson, deputy garrison commander for Transformation. Nelson will present an "Update on BRAC Activities & What's Next at APG." Register at <http://www.same-chesapeake.org> or call 410-638-9699.

Plant a garden to honor female scientists Oct. 22

Join Garrison Environmental staff

Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to plant native flowers and shrubs in a garden that will honor the achievements of military and civilian women scientists. The garden will be planted beside garrison headquarters at the intersection of Longs Corner Road and Exchange Road. Bring gardening gloves and a spade. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. For information, contact Deidre DeRoia at deidre.m.deroia@mail.mil or 410-278-0536.

NFFE Info Week

NFFE Local 178 will be conducting a membership info week Oct. 31 to Nov. 4 at various locations on APG. Open to employees of RDECOM, ECBC, MRICD, CARA, 20th Support, Public Health Command, ATC, and the Robert Morris Acquisition Center. All non-supervisory employees are welcome. Meet NFFE Local 178 and national officers from D.C. Get your questions answered. Meetings are scheduled:

APG North (Aberdeen) Nov. 1 at recreation center 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

APG South (Edgewood) Nov. 2 at conference center, Bldg. E4810, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 410-436-3942 / 0623.

Chapel happenings

The APG North (Aberdeen) main post

chapel holds contemporary worship services Fridays from noon to 12:30 p.m., except four-day weekends. The themes are built on spiritual fitness and followed by a 30-minute cookout. The chapel also offers AA meetings every Wednesday at 7 a.m.

Hallelujah Harvest offers fun Halloween alternative

Community members can enjoy a fun and safe alternative to Halloween during the Hallelujah Harvest at the APG North's main post chapel Oct. 31 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. To volunteer or for information, contact Caroline Merkel at 410-278-2516.

Trick-or-treat slated

Trick-or-treat will be celebrated at APG Oct. 31 from 6 – 10 p.m. only.

FY 11 Annual Hydrant Flushing

The annual hydrant flushing at APG is Oct. 24 to Nov. 28, Monday to Friday weekly, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The schedule is tentative Call APG's Dennis Overbay at 443-206-8910 or City of Aberdeen rep Curtis Ball at 410-278-2335.

Week 1 : 24 to 28 Oct 2000,3000 and 4000 Block

Week 2: 31 Oct to 4 Nov 4000,5000 and 6000 block

Week 3: 7 Nov to 11 Nov 4000,5000 and 6000 Block

Week 4: 14 Nov to 18 Nov Plumb Point Loop

Week 5: 21 Nov to 25 Nov ARL Compound and Restricted Area

Week 6: 28 Nov to 2 Dec Spesutie Island and Restricted Area

Thanksgiving meal

The installation's annual Thanksgiving meal will not be offered in the APG dining facility year. Call 410-306-1607.

Education Center news

Fall semester classes are being offered by on-post SOC College's: UMUC, Harford Community College, Florida Institute of Technology and Central Michigan University. Classes are conveniently located APG North, Bldg. 3147, on Raritan Avenue for all military personnel, Family members, DA civilians, retirees and contractors.



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

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 21 FAMILY OUTREACH DINNER AND AUCTION

Extreme Family Outreach will host its 2nd annual dinner and auction 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Mountain/Christian Church New Life Center, 1824 Mountain Road in Joppa.

Tickets cost \$20 and benefit community-based after school programs for at-risk children in Harford County communities.

Live, Silent and Chinese auction items include, Ravens tickets and parking pass; Toby's Dinner Theater tickets; bowling at Forest Hill Lanes; Walt Disney World tickets; Orlando, Fla. vaca-

tion; designer watches and more.

For reservations or more information, visit Extreme Family Outreach, 801C Philadelphia Rd., Joppa, MD 21085; call 410-676-1212 or visit www.extremefamilyoutreach.org.

MONDAY

OCTOBER 24 HOME SCHOOL PROGRAM

This 3-week homeschool session is offered Mondays for ages 6 to 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$24 for members/\$20 for siblings or \$30 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. Call 410-836-3050, email edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com, or visit www.edenmill.org

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 27 NATURE STORY TIME

All are welcome to come enjoy children's literature and a craft project related to a theme about nature during "Nature Story Time," 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 410-836-3050 or email edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 28 PRESCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Eden Mill Nature Center will host a

Preschool Halloween Party 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wear your favorite costume, meet critters from the nature center, listen to a story, enjoy a snack, make a craft, and have fun. The fee is \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members. Adults must attend with their children. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 410-836-3050, email edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com, or visit www.edenmill.org.



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

FAMILY AND MWR

Activities/Events

BJ's Discount Membership Registration Days

■ The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring BJ's discount sign ups Nov. 15 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) Stark Recreation Center, Bldg. E4140 (South Side Grill) and Nov. 16 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the APG Bowling Center, Bldg. 2342. New and renewal memberships will be accepted. Membership is \$40 for 15 months. This is the last sign up for 2011. Contact Patricia Harkins at 410-436-4467 or patricia.e.harkins.naf@mail.mil.

Learn to hand paint custom shirts

■ The Army Child, Youth & School Services will be teaching children ages 6 to 8 to hand paint custom shirts during the month of November. Classes will be held at the Aberdeen Area Youth Services building on Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30 beginning at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. In these classes, children will learn the basics of hand painting artwork on to shirts, use a projector, paint fabric and learn about other materials to hand paint their own shirts. The classes are open to all DoD ID cardholders. To register, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-7571/7479 or Stacie.e.umbarger.naf@mail.mil.

Laugh Out Loud Comedy Tour: It's a Laughing Matter Nov. 9

■ Army Entertainment presents the

Laugh Out Loud Comedy Tour: It's a Laughing Matter. The show will be held at the APG Post Theater Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m. The doors open at 4:30 p.m. The show will feature Danny Cho from "Mad TV" and Emmy Award winners A Pair of Nuts. Cerrone from BET's "Hell Date" will host the event. Admission is \$10 for the public and \$5 for all active duty military. Guests must be 18 or older to attend. Concession will be available in the theater lobby.

Contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or earlene.allen.naf@mail.mil.

Day Trip to New York City

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to New York City Nov. 26 departing at 6 a.m. The charter bus will depart from Aberdeen and arrive in New York City where guests can catch a Broadway show, shop or just sight see.

The return time is approximately 10 p.m. Round-trip tickets are \$45 per person. The seats fill up fast, so reserve seats early. Call Patti Harkins at 410-436-4467. Universal Studios discount tickets

Universal Orlando Resort

Universal Orlando Resort is proud to offer a discount ticket program to all active duty, retired military and Department of Defense personnel. All Universal Studio tickets must be purchased at least 3 weeks before the trip. Universal Studios includes two theme parks, non-stop nightlife and more all

in one convenient location. At Universal CityWalk® enjoy the best in restaurants, nightclubs, shopping and movies.

For more information, call 410-278-4011 for price breakdown.

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.

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FAMILY AND MWR

Activities/Events

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Learn to hand paint custom shirts

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Contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or earlene.allen.naf@mail.mil.

Day Trip to New York City

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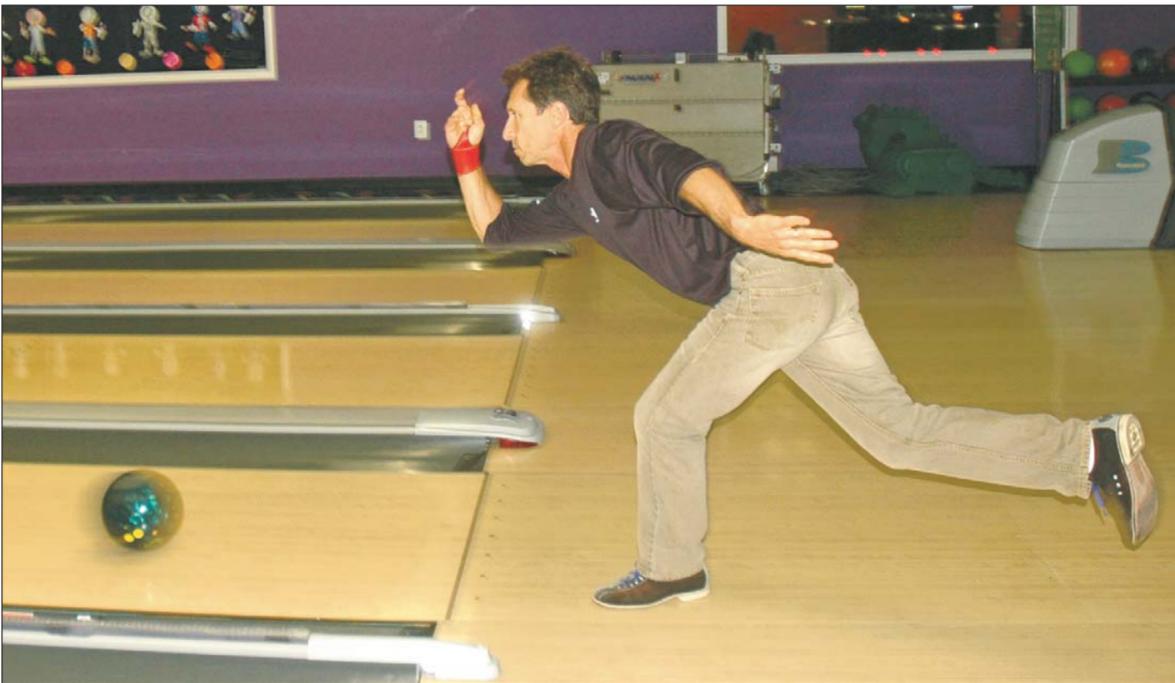
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APG SNAPSHOT

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BOWLING FOR THE FUN OF IT

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Photo by Rachel Ponder

FALL FUN

Six-year-old Angeliz and Emily, 4, daughters of Maj. Angel Rosado, get help from mother Ivelisse as they stuff a scarecrow Oct. 15 during the Picerne Military Housing's annual Pumpkin Patch event. About 240 residents turned out to enjoy the day's activities, which included picking pumpkins, scarecrow making, a jump house, face painting, gift bags and food and drinks. Picerne's next resident-appreciation event, Holiday by the Bay, will be held Dec. 2 at the Neighborhood Office and will feature food, crafts, giveaways and a visit from Santa Claus.

Photo by Adriane Foss



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MATING DEER INCREASE VEHICLE COLLISIONS

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Photo by Yvonne Johnson

FITNESS IS THE GOAL

(From left) Master Sgt. Charles Nuce, JPEO-CBD, D.G. Parekh of ECBC and Frank Wright, a retired Maryland National Guardsman, work out on elliptical machines at Hoyle Gym on APG South (Edgewood). The three use the facility's equipment and services regularly to stay in shape. To learn more about sports and fitness options available through Morale, Welfare and Recreation, visit www.apgmwr.com or call the 410-278-7934 at APG North (Aberdeen) or 410-436-3375 at APG South.

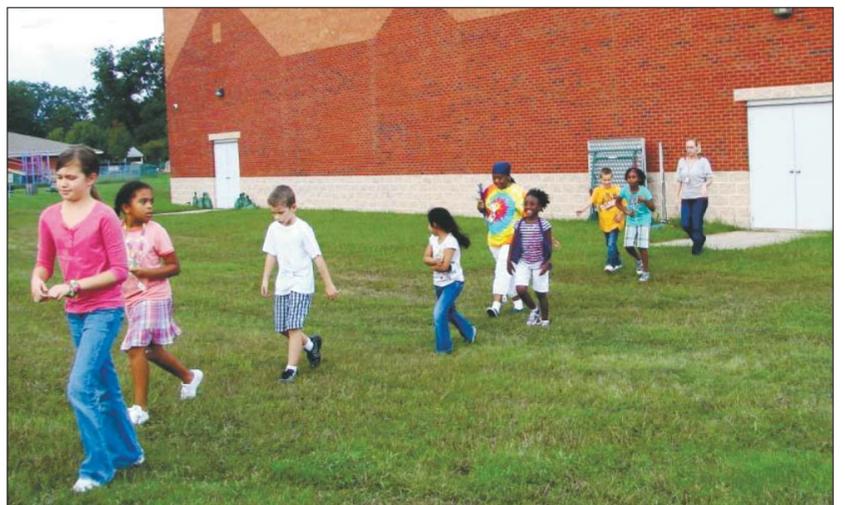


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