



The HHC, 29th Combat Aviation Brigade stands at attention during a ceremony for the unit's upcoming deployment Sept. 1 at McBride Parade Field. During their one-year deployment to Iraq, HHC will provide aviation assistance in support of Operation New Dawn, formerly Operation Iraqi Freedom.

HHC 29th deploys to Iraq in support of New Dawn

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APG News

Military leaders, politicians, Family and friends honored more than 120 Soldiers of the Maryland National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Company 29th Combat Aviation Brigade during a deployment ceremony at McBride Parade Field Sept. 1.

The HHC 29th CAB will deploy to Iraq for one year to provide full-spectrum

This is my fifth deployment since the 9-11 attacks. I have two children, and leaving is never easy.

Master Sgt. Amahls Foster

aviation assistance in support of Operation New Dawn, formerly Operation Iraqi Freedom. The name was changed to reflect the reduced role U.S. troops will play in securing the country as troop levels fall.

The unit will serve as the headquarters element for the 29th CAB, which will consist of more than 2,000 Soldiers from multiple aviation units spanning more than a dozen states.

During the ceremony, Maryland Governor Martin O' Malley and Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, Maryland adjutant general, thanked the Soldiers and wished them a safe return.

Adkins told the audience that the HHC 29th CAB is well trained and that he has full confidence in their abilities.

"You carry on a proud tradition of service, not only to the nation, but to this state," Adkins said.

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Photo by Win Boyer

Sign of the (new) times

Workers place the dedication to Signal Corps Soldiers who lost their lives in World War II on the Myer Auditorium at the C4ISR Center of Excellence campus. **SEE PAGE 7 FOR FULL STORY.**

Operation Purple excites campers, provides insight for garrison leader

By **ROGER TEEL**
RDECOM Public Affairs

Addressing the theme "Kids Serve Too," APG Garrison's senior enlisted advisor focused on the importance of Family as he talked to 150 sons and daughters of American service members taking part in a summer camp sponsored by the National Military Family Association at Maryland's Elk Neck State Park Aug. 25.

As Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades stood center stage in the camp theater, "Jody Calls" and the sounds of marching feet greeted the campers -- aged 7 to 17 -- as they entered. The mood shifted as Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American" struck a patriotic chord.

This was "military day" at the camp.

"I'm excited to be here," Rhoades said as the campers settled into a tight semi-circle in front of him.

"My first day in the Army I was put in a 'cattle car,' Rhoades began. "I was squished between men and women I

had never met. That's how the Army gets you to know your buddies real quick."

Rhoades quickly taught the group to respond to general questions with the common Army expression "Hooah!"

"What does it mean?" he asked, drawing puzzled looks

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CFC in full swing at APG

Chair eyeing Gen X employees for donations

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Forty local charitable organizations were represented during Aberdeen Proving Ground's 2011 Combined Federal Campaign kickoff and training session at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Aug. 30.

In recognition of its 50th year supporting those in need of assistance, this year's CFC theme is "50 Years of Caring."

According to its website, CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 200 national and international CFC campaigns that raise millions of dollars each year.

Pledges made by federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season—Sept. 1 to Dec. 15, support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

Currently Chesapeake Bay Area donors can choose from over 4,000 local, national and international CFC charities.

Richard Newcity, CFC chairperson, said that donors can

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ECBC attracts talented STEM professionals, MUSIP students

ECBC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC), also known as the premier national resource for chemical and biological defense, recently celebrated the successful completion of research projects conducted by ten students during this year's ten-week MUSIP initiative.

For the third consecutive year, ECBC's Workforce Management Office and Diversity Advisory Committee have collaborated with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Minority College Relations Program to select highly skilled engineering, biology and chemistry students to participate in the program.

"MUSIP has proven to be a valuable opportunity for both participating students and the Center," said the ECBC's MUSIP Coordinator Diane Bratton. "For the first time in 2011, we hired students as temporary government employees through the Student Temporary Employment Program, also known as STEP. And, some of our mentors at ECBC plan to bring MUSIP alumni back as STEP students this fall and during the holiday break."

Supported by the Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education, ECBC established MUSIP in 2009, aiming to provide underrepresented minority undergraduates with the opportunity to enhance their education with relevant experiences in the science and engineering field.

Working with world-class subject matter experts on challenging research projects allowed sophomores and juniors from colleges across Maryland to develop cutting-edge solutions that help keep the warfighter and our nation safe.

"The project that the MUSIP students conducted in support of our team this summer has been beneficial to all involved," said ECBC Chemist John Schwarz. "While gaining valuable hands-on and analytical experience in the laboratory, they produced real-world data to help improve our quality processes."

Looking to save the Center time and reduce costs, MUSIP students collected and evaluated data identifying ways to improve processes and technologies that help counter potential biological and chemical threats.

One of this year's MUSIP students from UMBC and former Joppatowne High School graduate, Samantha Bahre, partnered with Jenny Rendon, sophomore at Old Dominion University, to support the Center's Environmental Monitoring Laboratory (EML) team.

In an effort to determine an acceptable



Photo by Jennifer Carroll

Samantha Bahre, MUSIP student and former Joppatowne High School graduate, conducted real-world analysis of samples in the Center's Environmental Monitoring Laboratory.

expiration date for quality process (QP) samples, they analyzed the performance recovery rates of chemical warfare materials in three sets of aspirated and non-aspirated air monitoring samples.

"With holding periods ranging from one to ten days, samples that were spiked with warfare agents did not reveal a noticeable decrease in analyte recovery," Bahre explained. "Therefore, we concluded that it would definitely be worthwhile to collect further data in support of extending the expiration date of air monitoring samples from 3 to at least 5 days."

Bahre and Rendon have consolidated their data, methods and results in a technical report to facilitate ongoing research in this field. Based on their findings, quality processes could potentially be improved in the EML by

extending the expiration date of quality process samples. They would be able to (1) spike and sample QPs over holiday weekends, (2) spike and send QPs

to remote monitoring sites without compromising integrity of QPs and (3) send samples with a lower urgency.

"The hands-on experience in the lab was extremely valuable and enabled me to learn so much more than only in the classroom," Bahre added. "I am very glad about the opportunity I was given to work with the EML team at ECBC."

As part of the MUSIP program, the group of aspiring scientists and engineers presented their project results to senior leaders at ECBC and showcased their accomplishments to the Center's workforce members during a poster session.

MUSIP students gain valuable hands-on and analytical experience in the laboratory, they produced real-world data to help improve our quality processes.

John Schwarz
ECBC Chemist

"I was truly impressed with the problem-solving skills that MUSIP students have demonstrated during their time at ECBC over the course of the past ten weeks," said the Center's Technical Director Joseph Wienand. "The depth and breadth of their projects clearly reflected their ability to think innovatively, a skill inherent in our workforce."

"I can speak on behalf of my colleagues when saying that we are very fortunate to have such talented and ambitious students support us in achieving our mission," he added.

This year's MUSIP students conducted the following research and development projects, in support of the Nation's defense:

- 'Characterization of a Confidence Checker Device' -- Nishit Patel from UMBC, mentored by Jerold Bottiger, Ph.D., Robert Doherty and Jana Kesavan, Ph.D.

- 'Continuous Loop UV Mutagenesis Chemostat Reactor for the Selection of C-F Degrading Bacteria' -- Jennifer Mohr from UMBC, mentored by Melissa Dixon, Steve Harvey, Ph.D. and Vipin Rastogi, Ph.D.

- 'Identification of Shiga-like Toxin Production by Escherichia coli Using ELISAs' -- Jessica Dittillo from St. Mary's College of Maryland, mentored by Isaac Fruchey.

- 'MIST Chamber Remodeling' -- Amon Dow III from Morgan State University, mentored by Do Nguyen and Kenneth Eng.

- 'Protecting the Warfighter' -- Michael Bennett, Jr. from Morgan State University, mentored by Chika Nzelibe.

- 'Q97A1 Filter Airflow Unit Tester' -- Brandon Au from the University of Maryland, mentored by Do Nguyen and Myat Win.

- 'QP Performance Rates for the of Chemical Warfare Materials from Air Monitoring Samples' -- Samantha Bahre from UMBC mentored by John Schwarz and Jenny Rendon from Old Dominion University mentored by Wendy Smith.

- 'The Microwave Drying of Molecular Sieve for Joint Chemical Agent Detector: Phase 1 Regeneration' -- Richard A. Negri from Morgan State University, mentored by Michael Benham.

- 'Vibration and Mechanical Shock Testing' -- Michele Stamm from the University of Maryland, mentored by Michael Palko.

For more photos of this year's MUSIP highlights, please click here: <http://bit.ly/qZbFJF>

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

Healthy Living Health Promotion Activities

■ **Sept. 8,15,22:** Tobacco Cessation Classes, Kirk Health Clinic, 3rd Floor conference room, noon-1 p.m. Call 410-278-1771.

■ **Sept. 20:** Blood Pressure Screening: Health Topic of the Month, Behavioral Health and Suicide Prevention APG North recreation center: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ **Over the Counter Medication Card**
Tricare Beneficiaries, Walk in appointments: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ **Sept. 21:** Edgewood Area Health Fair, APG South recreation center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m Health screening: bone density, dental, vision, spinal scans, body fat analysis, skin cancer.

For more information, contact Ann Laughton at ann.laughton@us.army.mil or 410-278-1774.



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OPINION

Kudos to local team for Army award win, saving APG \$2M utility savings annually

As part of the garrison's energy strategy, Aberdeen Proving Ground maintains an internal Energy Action Team (EAT) that provides APG focused tactical and strategic direction to help comply with Executive Order 13423 and Executive Order 13514, as well as the Army's energy reduction goals.

The installation's Energy Action Team, supported by Johnson Controls Energy team and other APG staff, coauthored Energy Savings Performance Contract #3 (ESPC 3) through detail field analysis and interim project development workshops covering each aspect of the project.

This approach fostered a unique and interactive process ensuring the project addressed key APG goals.

The ESPC has provided the installation with many benefits including decreased steam waste, which increases available plant capacity; energy-efficient lighting retrofits and upgrades provided in 81 buildings; decreased wasted space by consolidation storage buildings; improved system reliability and mission readiness and improved installation work environments.

This ESPC represents the third of five projects APG and JCI have partnered on. Each contract has increased in scope and complexity. This particular energy contract had 12 energy cost savings measures that affected 151 buildings with a total of over 4.2 million square feet.

Many of these energy cost savings measures were continuations of effective projects from previous ESPC contracts: boiler plant improvements, steam line rehabilitation, lighting/ballast upgrades, and occupancy sensors.

Other ECSM's were creative and new to the installation, such as: infrared heaters and space consolidation. Though this innovative program, APG has renewed or improved critical facility assets and taken another significant step toward reducing energy consumption and energy cost.

In addition to the equipment investments and capital improvements, a service agreement with JCI was also included. This ensures preventive maintenance is conducted, monitors warranty equipment, and relieves strain on

an overstretched Directorate of Public Works.

The project presented in the final proposal has a total implementation price of \$14,715,337. It will achieve estimated annual utility savings of \$2,003,696 for an aggregate simple payback of 7.3 years.

A great deal of work was required in both the planning and execution stages of the main boiler plant improvements. The roof of Bldg. E5126 was partially removed, equipment required post-installation fine-tuning, and all the boiler plant operators received training on the new controls and alarms. This resulted in Keith Pomraning being nominated for recognition. His contributions to the ECSM development and his efforts during its implementation resulted in its successful completion.

The size and scope of this contract required an extraordinary effort from Jeffery Presgraves, the contracting officers representative. The level of coordination and communication required to accomplish this contract illustrated Presgraves' commitment to the APG Energy Program. He worked long hours, weekends, and synchronized complicated schedules in order to make the ECSMs a success. His dedication to the ESPC contracts and the energy program have been instrumental in APG's success.

All energy projects are the result of a team effort. Other members of the Energy Action Team who deserve credit for the overall success include:

Anh Dang, Installation Energy Manager
Daniela Caughron, Waste-to-Energy Program Manager

Tom Vincenti, Consultant with MCFA
Jim Branscome, Consultant with MCFA
Devon Rust, Energy Program Coordinator (MCFA contractor during ESPC 3)

The efforts to develop and execute these projects require diligence, communication, and flexibility. The Energy Team is happy to recognize the work of Presgraves and Pomraning, but would also like to extend their hearty thanks to all members of the installation working to make the APG Energy Program so effective.

Devon A. Rust

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Army is larger Family for military youth

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and a few seconds of silence. "It means, 'I absolutely agree with you, Sergeant Major.'"

For the next 20 minutes, Rhoades led the campers on a tour of the Army's roots, tested their knowledge of American history and led a question and answer session about the dynamics of deployment where no subject was off limits.

Rhoades wanted to hear what the campers had to say.

"How many of you are proud to be an American?" he asked.

"Hooah!" the campers yelled in unison.

"There's no job in this country that I could be more proud to have," Rhoades said, developing a warm bond with his audience. He closely identified with them when he discussed his own family.

"I have a son serving in Iraq," he said. "He finished three years of college and said, 'Dad, I want to be in the Army.' I said, 'Fine. Finish college.' Then he said, 'No, Dad. I want to join the Army. I want to do something different."

"From the time he was three years old, my son was destined to be a Soldier," Rhoades explained. "When he stepped into my boots and his mom took his picture while I was deployed overseas, he became a Soldier. He was part of our Army. He was part of the larger Army Family.

"How many of you feel like you're part of a larger family?" Rhoades asked the campers.

"Hooah!" came their reply.

"You know, hugs with your mother and father are a special moment. How many of you miss that hug when one of your parents is deployed? How many of you believe that your parents actually miss that hug, too?"

"They do. More than you will ever realize," he said.

"When I deployed to Operation Desert Storm, I went through a stage when I couldn't call my family for about three months. I found that very challenging because I missed my son and my wife, just like you miss your parents. So, the anxieties and the challenges of your par-

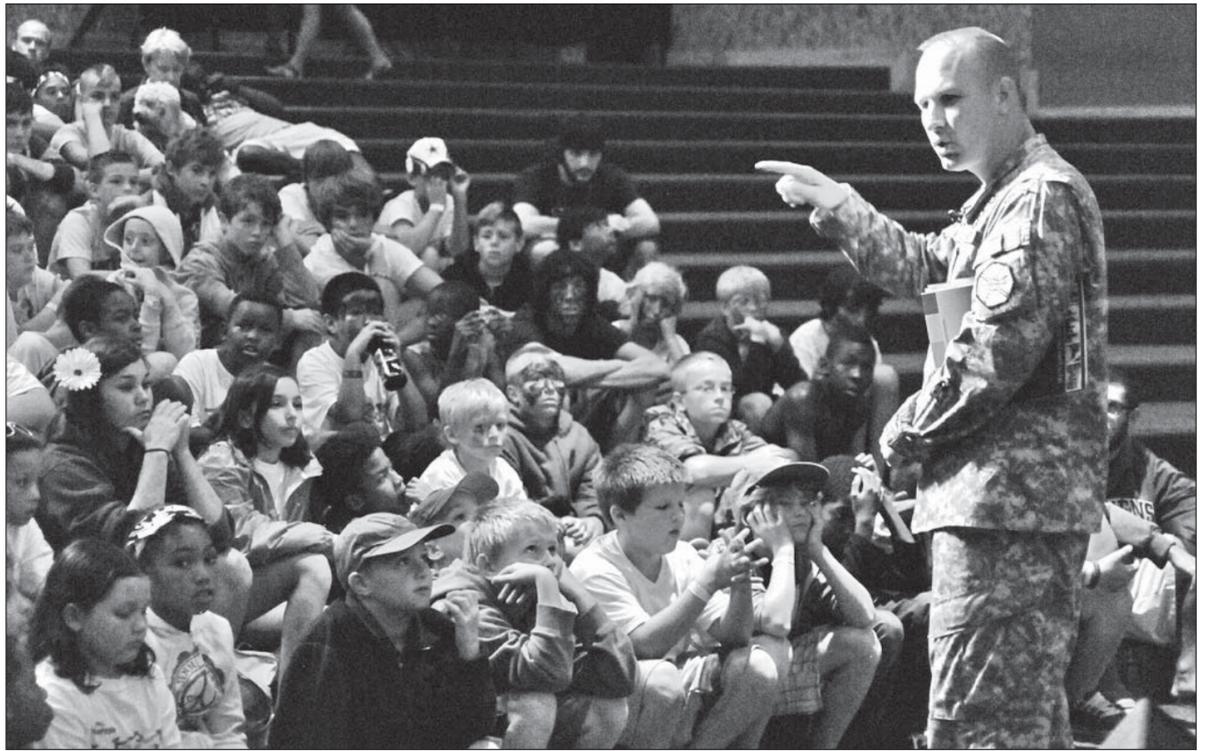


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Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades, APG Garrison senior enlisted advisor, addresses 150 military family members during Military Day at the Operation Purple camp at Elk Neck State Park Aug. 25.

ents are very much the same as yours.

"Where do you think your parents get their strength?" he asked. "From you - absolutely.

"Every time I've deployed, my strength has truly come from my son and my wife. So you are serving your nation with pride.

"Being a military child, you have to be stronger than the average child. I truly think so," Rhoades said.

"And that means you have to find a way to vent, to communicate, open up and talk to people whenever you need to. It's important that you realize you are surrounded by a larger family and that there are those you can talk to," Rhoades said, reinforcing an Operation Purple message

consistently delivered during the camp.

The NMFA's Operation Purple Program empowers military children and their families to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships. The free summer camp program was developed to support military children dealing with the stress of war.

This year is the eighth summer of Operation Purple camps that host children for 40 weeks of camp in 25 states as well as in Japan. The program was created in 2004 in response to parent's calls to "help us help our kids."

Operation Purple camps are a time to have fun, make friends, and remind military kids that they are the Nation's youngest heroes.

The program is joint or "purple"—and open to children and families of active duty, National Guard or Reserve service members from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and NOAA.

Members of the Maryland National Guard joined the camp on military day, displaying a Buffalo vehicle and lending their support to counselors during recreational activities. A warm rain limited most of these activities to the open-air gymnasium at the North Park camp complex.

Members of AmeriCorps, young men and women aged 18 to 24, augmented Operation Purple camp counselors during the week.

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.

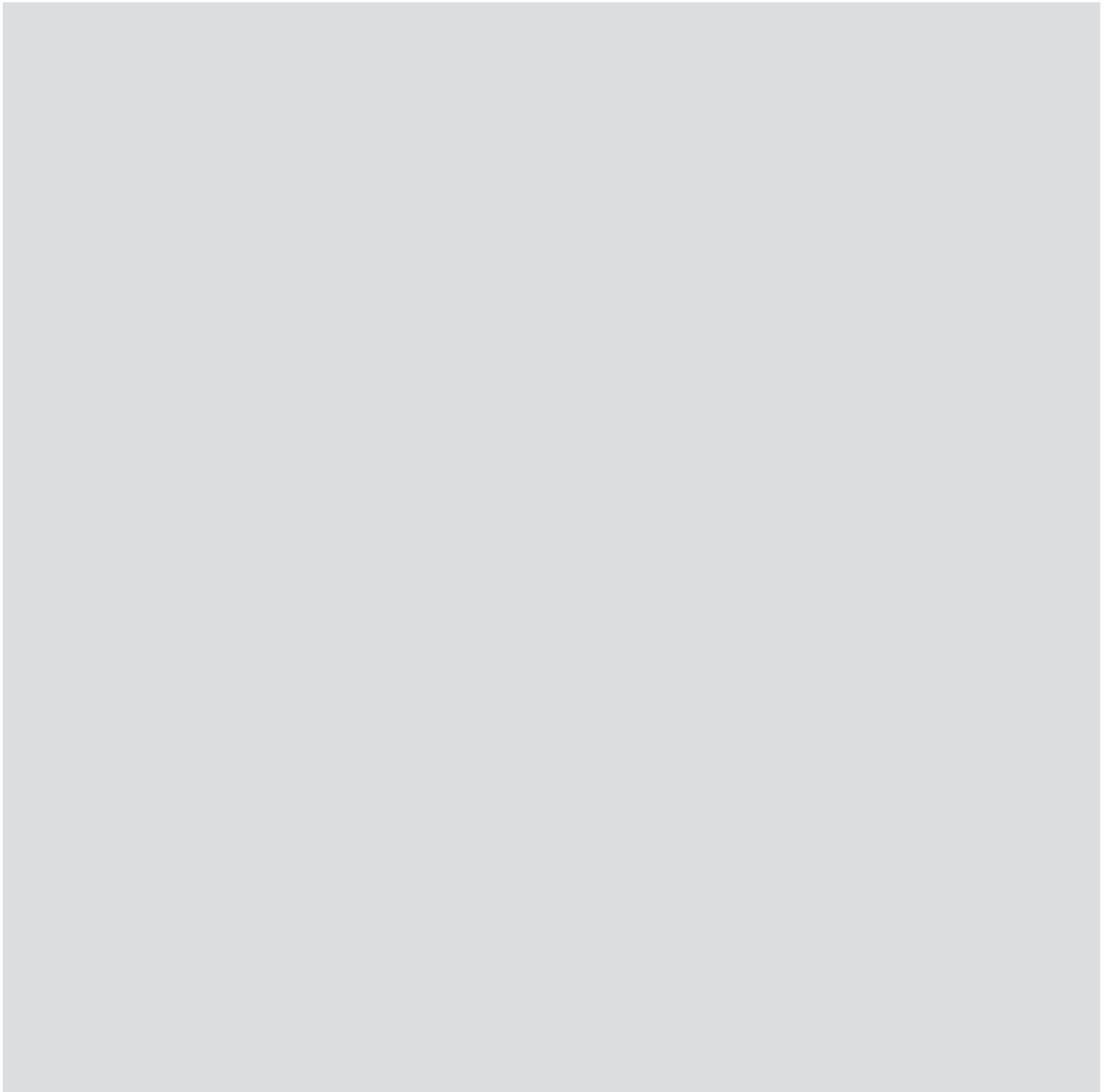




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Serving the nation

APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz (right) and Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades (middle) visit the installation's Civilian Human Resources Agency Sept. 1 to acknowledge employees for collecting donations during the annual Feds Feed Families campaign. CHRA donated the second largest amount of food of any post organization, after the commissary. Feds Feed Families is part of a nationwide program in which federal employees help supply food banks nationwide with millions of pounds of non-perishable food items.

Annual CFC begins

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feel comfortable and confident giving to CFC, because the charities go through a stringent screening process before they can be listed as a CFC charity.

"Every charity has been screened with the Patriot Act, so you will not be giving to any organization, for example, that supports terrorism," he said. "CFC is really the best and the safest way to give. Any charity you choose will be a good one."

During the kickoff ceremony and training session, Newcity said \$528,572 was raised last year, setting an all-time record at APG, despite the fact that the actual number of donors fell.

This year's goal is set at \$650,000, an increase that reflects APG's growing population as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure.

Newcity said most of APG's large donors are Baby Boomers, and he's hoping this year the younger (Generation X) employees will step up as many of the Baby Boomers reach retirement age.

"We plan to reach our younger workforce via a refined marketing strategy to more effectively target them," he said. "Our goal is to increase our participation by creating more awareness of the CFC and what it is all about, and every donation we receive, large or small, is so important and goes such a long way to help those less fortunate, including our animal friends."

Last summer the Chesapeake Bay Area CFC conducted focus groups to enhance its marketing strategy throughout the region. During the kickoff ceremony, Trina Taliaferro was introduced as APG's first CFC marketing coordinator.

Taliaferro said the CFC board of directors and her marketing team are brainstorming ideas and information obtained from the focus groups to energize the younger population.

Taliaferro encouraged key workers and coordinators to host CFC events, like bake sales or basketball games to

bring awareness of the campaign.

Another way the CFC team hopes to increase the number of donors this year is with incentive gifts. Everyone who contributes \$50 or more can receive a \$25 gift certificate redeemable at www.restaurant.com.

"I believe this promotion will be a tremendous success, and I am confident that the generous employees of APG will once again come through and help us set yet another CFC pledge record," Newcity said.

About CFC

Federal employees can make donations to CFC by check, cash, or payroll deduction. The Chesapeake Bay Area CFC Online Pledge System will be open 24 hours a day, 7-days-a-week to civilian and military personnel. Temporary personnel, retirees, reserves, and contractors are permitted to donate to CFC by cash or check only. Although key workers cannot solicit contractor employees working at APG, contractors are permitted to contribute to CFC by cash or check. Individuals outside the installation may also contribute. Visit www.cbacfc.org for the 2011 Contributor's Guide. For CFC info, visit the APG CFC office, Bldg. 4313, or call 410-278-9913/9915/9916.

CFC action

From Sept. 12 through Nov. 11, the CFC office will be accepting donations of items to be sold on the CFC's online auction, www.apg.army.mil/apghome, effective Sept. 19. The CFC office will only accept items in good to excellent condition. Visit the website to find out what will and will not be accepted.

"With all the Baby Boomers nearing retirement and looking to downsize, we are hoping they will donate some household items to auction off for charity," Newcity said.

‘Meet you at the market!’

Locals love Lancaster’s Central Market, oldest market in the land

Story and photos by
ROGER TEEL

Special to the APG News

If you’ve never heard of Lancaster’s Central Market, or if you have but never visited, you need to hitch up your wagon Saturday morning and drive an hour north of APG to the heart of Amish land – Lancaster, Pa. – and check out the oldest farmers market in America.

You won’t be disappointed, even in this age of farmers markets at seemingly every corner.

Lancaster’s Central Market is contained in a 120-year-old red brick, Federalist-style building in downtown Lancaster. The character of the city and the market place consumes you as soon as you step inside. Row upon row of vendors present their wares as they have in this same location since 1730 – that’s right, 281 years of farmers market in the same general location.

And Lancaster’s Central Market stands uniquely alone in what is now a sea of farmers markets. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that 1,043 farmers markets were established this year, bringing the national total to 7,175 markets in August 2011, up from 4,093 in 2005.

While people are becoming savvy about buying good locally grown produce, Central Market has a corner – actually a whole city block – up on the competition.

Regional food specialties abound at the market, with items such as: scrapple (a breakfast meat of pork scraps and cornmeal), headcheese (an acquired taste), and Pennsylvania Dutch sausage.

The Amish influence is ever present.

At the German Deli you can practice your German phrases and select from imported German specialty items that are simply not available anywhere else. Since 1984, Henner and Heidi Steinle have come to market with every sort of wurst, imported German cheeses, and other unique items. The German Deli features: Schaller and Weber cold cuts and sausages, Karl Ehmer and Illg’s smoked hams. Pickles, sauerkraut, vinegars, dumplings, mustards, spaetzels, coffee and teas, cheeses, Bismarck herring, fried herring, soups, sauces and mixes, chocolates and candies, and wholesome breads from Dimpfelmayer



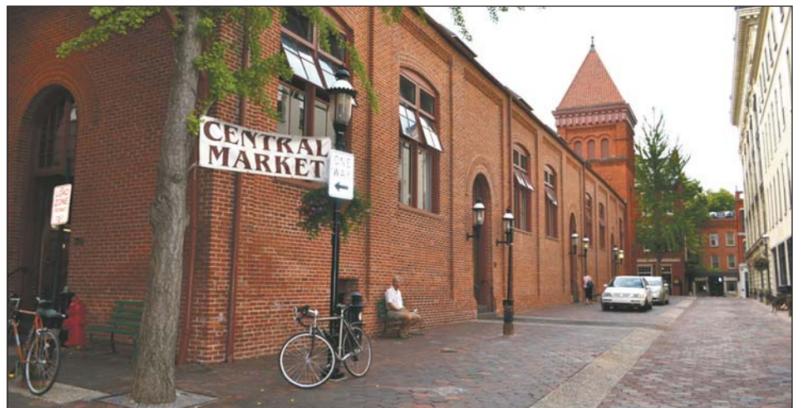
Market Street Produce stretches over two stands to accommodate the vast selection of fruits and veggies brought fresh to market every market day. Regional specialties such as scrapple and headcheese abound at America’s oldest farmer’s market.

and Silverbell Bakery.

One Central Market mainstay is The Herb Shop, where owner Jim Zink uses antique scales to precisely measure your requested herb, spice or seasoning. A charming stand with an array of glass canisters on rustic shelving, customers are often overwhelmed by the vast selection of herbs and teas, and the general basic charm of both Jim and his stand. Jim sells every imaginable spice, herb, seasoning, and rub you can imagine or have ever read about in a recipe.

Jim is on a first-name basis with a lot of regulars, some city residents who live a few blocks away, or someone visiting family in Lancaster once a year. The Herb Shop is a memorable experience -- literally the “spice of life” at Central Market.

Market Street Produce stretches over two stands to accommodate the vast selection of fruits and veggies brought fresh to market every market day. Offering one of the largest selections of produce to choose from, visitors can be awed just looking down the stand early in the morning as piles of cabbages, broccoli, bananas, oranges, kiwis,



The market is contained in a 120-year-old red brick, Federalist-style building in downtown Lancaster, Penn.

cucumbers, lettuce and much more await their selection.

So don’t be late. Lancaster’s Central Market opens early, and the wise shopper will plan to arrive early as well. The drive to Lancaster, through the rolling hills of Amish land, is a beautiful ride everyone will enjoy.

See you at the market!

Lancaster Central Market

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Tues. & Fri.: 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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C4ISR honors past, preps for future with memorials

By **CHRISIE REILLY**

CECOM History Office

The C4ISR Center of Excellence will hold a campus dedication ceremony Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. in the campus courtyard in front of the Myer Auditorium to recognize the success of the Base Closure and Realignment process and highlight the traditions of C4ISR excellence.

The event will bridge Fort Monmouth closure on Sept. 13 to the new future of C4ISR at APG.

“We want to reinforce the heritage of signal and communications-electronics lineage now at APG as BRAC comes to a close,” said Susan Thompson, historian for the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command. Throughout APG and other military installations, named buildings, as well as landmarks and memorials are a way to acknowledge the history of an organization.

Therefore, the C4ISR Center of Excellence campus recently installed memorials linking the new site on Aberdeen Proving Ground with the organizational heritage of its Signal Corps past at Fort Monmouth.

For the C4ISR Center of Excellence, the majority of this history can be traced back to Fort Monmouth, N.J., the former headquarters of the organizations which comprise the Center of Excellence.

“Fort Monmouth was the home of communications-electronics heroes and

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Susan Thompson

Historian, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command

scientists, the birthplace of innovation and technological revolution since the time of its inception as a temporary training post in 1917,” said Thompson. “The post commemorated this near century of support to the Soldier at almost every turn, in memorials and monuments honoring those who served.”

Now that Team C4ISR is headquartered at APG, senior leaders decided to highlight the continuity of mission between the new and former homes through memorialization efforts.

This spring, approved buildings throughout the campus were named for acquisition pioneers, scientists, inventors, and leaders. In a second step, the campus has added memorials which are recreated memorials which honored the sacrifice of Soldiers killed in battle during World War II and the Vietnam War.

Affixed to either side of Myer Auditorium are the “Avenue of Memories” and the “Defense of Freedom” memorial recreations.

“Since C4ISR history can be traced back to U.S. Army Signal Corps founder Brigadier General Albert J. Myer, it is especially fitting that the recreated memorials flank the building named after him,” Thompson said.

The Avenue of Memories was the main thoroughfare at Fort Monmouth, and paid homage to the Signal Corps Soldiers who gave their lives during World War II. Trees lined either side of the street, and a small plaque for each fallen soldier was in front of a tree. The Army dedicated the avenue April 6, 1949, with General Order 22, when the first marker was placed in memory of Maj. Edmund P. Karr. Karr’s name bears an asterisk marking his as the first name to be memorialized.

Originally designated as “Memorial Drive,” during the dedication ceremony, the commanding officer at the time misspoke and called it the “Avenue of Memories.” A subsequent General Order was drafted and it formally

became the Avenue of Memories with General Order 31, December 7, 1949. Each plaque contained the name, rank, and both the date and location the Soldier deceased. This information has been recreated on the side of Myer Hall closest to the parking lot.

The other side of the Myer Auditorium features the Defense of Freedom Memorial recreation. It lists the names of Signal Corps Soldiers killed in Vietnam and was dedicated sometime during that war.

At Fort Monmouth, this memorial stood in front of the former CECOM headquarters building. However, at the time the memorial was erected, the building was called Myer Hall and housed both the U.S. Army Signal School and Signal Corps museum.

“Small walkways on either side of Myer Auditorium’s exterior walls have also been installed to enable people to get close up to the plaques and read the names of those memorialized,” Thompson said.

The Sept. 15 dedication ceremony will consist of a ribbon cutting, acknowledgments of organizations that made the creation of the Center of Excellence a success, and a substantial amount of C4ISR equipment exhibits. Employees are invited to attend the ceremony and view the memorials and exhibits.

FAMILY AND MWR

Gym temporary closure

The APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center closed Sept. 17 and 18. Patrons can use Hoyle Gym.

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.

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.

Starting a small business

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will sponsor two sessions of How to Start Your Small Business, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 2 at Child, Youth and School Services, Bldg. 2503.

The free 90-minute program provides an overview of starting a business, successful entrepreneurship and how to write a strategic business plan.

The sessions are open to DoD cardholders, including contractors and retirees, and Family members and guests. Space is limited.

For information or to RSVP, call Marilyn Howard at 410/278-9669/7572.

Universal Studios discount tickets

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.

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 ses-

sions is \$200; blocks of six sessions for the cost of five sessions is \$275

Contact the athletic center or Hoyle Gym for details.

APG Running Club

The APG Sports and Fitness Branch has begun a Running Club for organized weekly runs. Club members meet at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center and 5 p.m. every Thursday at Hoyle Gym in the Edgewood Area. Dan Dolce, Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness coordinator, oversees the club. For more information, contact Dolce at 410-278-7933/7934 or e-mail, dan.dolce@us.army.mil.

Walt Disney World salutes the Armed Forces with discount

Now through Sept. 28, active duty military and retirees may purchase four-day Walt Disney World Armed Forces Salute tickets for themselves and up to five Family members and/or friends for \$138.

There are three different ticket options available for those wanting to visit Walt Disney World:

- Walt Disney World 4 Day Military Salute Tickets with Park Hopper Option, \$138 each

- Walt Disney World 4 Day Military Salute Tickets with Water Park Fun and More Option, \$138 each

- Walt Disney World 4 Day Military Salute Tickets with Park Hopper and Water Park Fun and More Options, \$165 each

Tickets can be upgraded to add either option, or both for an additional \$27 per option.

All tickets must be purchased at least three weeks prior to departure dates.

The active duty/retiree must be present at Disney to activate the tickets.

Call MWR Leisure Travel Services, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 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 www.luray-caverns.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.

Discount Aquarium tickets

The Leisure Travel Office offers discount tickets to the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Adult tickets cost \$23.25 per person; tickets for children ages 3 to 11 cost \$17.50; active duty tickets cost \$19

each and are issued one per active duty ID card only. Tickets do not include the dolphin show or the 4D Theater, but are upgradeable at the aquarium. Take an unforgettable journey into the mysteries of water and the beauty of the natural world.

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

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the MWR Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/4907, visit the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Board horses at APG Stables

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

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

Monthly stall fees include:

- Four turn-out pastures

- Lighted riding arena

- Water troughs in each pasture

- Run-in sheds

- Barn with water and electricity

- Tack rooms, grain room and hay storage provided

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

Single father books available

Army Community Service cares about the single fathers in the community and recognizes the unique challenges that many single fathers, including those whose wives are deployed, encounter. 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.

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs available at www.apgmwr.com.

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



September bowling specials

- Early Bird Special: \$1.50 off per game from 7 to 10 a.m.

- Each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 2 to 4 p.m., bowl one game and get the second game free.

- Each Saturday rent a lane for \$18.00 an hour. Rental includes up to 6 people and shoe rental.

- One hour of bowling (up to 6 people/shoes included), 1 whole cheese pizza (toppings extra), a pitcher of soda for \$32.00.

Bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Mon-

day 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.

Winter leagues forming

Monday & Tuesday start time 5:20.

Wednesday start time 6:50

Thursday & Friday start time 6:30

Saturday Youth League start time 9:00 am for ages 4 thru 11 and 10:30am start time for ages 12 thru 20.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

Lunch delivery is available for orders of \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of September 6

Special #1: Cheese Steak Wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.25.

Special #2: Chicken Cheese Steak Wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$7.25.

Week of September 12

Special #1: Grilled Ham and Cheese with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

Special #2: Two hotdogs with french fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.75.

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



HHC 29th CAB deploys, provides aviation support for New Dawn

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"This country is great only because individuals like you are willing to step up during times of trial and challenges," O'Malley said during his speech.

O'Malley and Adkins also thanked the Family members who play an important role by giving emotional support to their Soldiers and taking care of the home while they are away.

"Know that the larger Guard Family is here for you; if you need our help don't hesitate to call on us," Adkins said. "We recognize that tremendous level of sacrifice."

After the ceremony, Family and friends spent time with their Soldiers before departure.

"This is my fifth deployment since the 9-11 attacks, said Master Sgt. Amahls

Foster of Baltimore. "I have two children, and leaving is never easy. When I am away I can't wait to get home to my wife and children. I have a Family that fully supports me, which is the most important thing. Also, I feel that I am well trained and I am confident in my abilities."

Foster's mother, Helen Harris, who proudly wore an "Army Mom" t-shirt for the occasion, said it is hard to say goodbye to her only son.

"I have to be strong for him," she said. "I have to hold back the tears and assure him that everything will be okay. He has many people that support him, including his whole church family, who gave him a great sendoff."

Sgt. John Bednarcik from Delaware said that he was excited because he has

been looking forward to deployment since he joined the National Guard four years ago.

"He is going to make our country proud," said Bednarcik's girlfriend, Patricia Miller.

29th CAB Mission & History

The 29th CAB has a proud and distinguished history, with units having deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and now Operation New Dawn, as well as to Kosovo and Bosnia. Units have also performed in the United States within a variety of missions, including border patrol, humanitarian relief and other high-profile events. This will be the first deployment for HHC in support of the Global War on Terror.

Post Shorts

2011 Patriot Day at APG

A remembrance ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at RDECOM Headquarters, Bldg. 3071, on Aberdeen Blvd. to mark the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks. The ceremony will honor the military, police, firefighters and civilians who lost their lives answering the call to duty on Sept. 11, 2001, to the present. Anthony Cruz, a survivor of the World Trade Center attacks, will be the guest speaker.

Don't miss the fair Sept. 11

The post chapel invites you to the annual Back to School Fair Sept. 11 at Shore Park on APG North (Aberdeen) from 1-5 p.m. There will be games and activities, including a dunk tank, for all ages. Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz and APG Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades will be available for dunking! Other activities include the Moon Bounce, Duck Pond, sack race, volleyball, bingo, and karaoke. Grilled food will be served, and cotton candy and other snacks will be available.

Financial Peace University

The Dave Ramsey FPU class registration and orientation will take place Monday, Sept. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the main post chapel. Nursery will be available at the chapel. Free kits will be available for active duty and spouses and for active members of the APG Chapel community. Cost for others will be \$100. For information, contact Gerri Merkel at 410-278-2516 or caroline.j.merkel.civ@mail.mil

Munitions Assessment and Processing System (MAPS)

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Public Works and the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center are hosting a pre-application public meeting to discuss the addition of the Munitions Assessment and Processing System to permits issued by the Maryland Department of the Environment Land Management Administration and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3. The meeting will be held 6 p.m., Sept. 14 at the Edgewood Branch

of the Harford County Public Library. The full announcement is available for review on the APG DPW page at <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/directorates/dpw/index.cfm>

Questions concerning the meeting can be addressed to the USAGAPG, ATTN: IMNE-APG-PWE (Andrew Murphy), E5771 Magnolia Road, APG MD 21010.

CPR classes offered

APG Fire and Emergency Services is offering free Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Classes with Automated External Defibrillator (AED) certification. Two classes will be offered on each date. The dates and locations of remaining 2011 classes are as follows. All classes are at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.:

- Sept. 21 APG North post chapel
- Oct. 19 APG South conference center E-4810
- Nov. 16 APG North post chapel
- Dec. 14 APG South conference center E-4810

Pre-register by contacting Michael Davis at 306-0572 or Michael.Ray.Davis@us.army.mil

Jewish New Year & Day of Atonement Sept. 28

The APG Chapel invites the community to join them for the Jewish New Year and Day of Atonement during the following events: Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 28 at 8 p.m., the Sabbath on Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Yom Kippur on Oct. 7 at 8 p.m.

Events will take place at the Temple Adas Shalom Harford Jewish Center at 8 North Earlton Road Ext. in Havre de Grace. Call 410-939-3170/-273-6457 or email hjcmd@comcast.net.

Events are free for military members and their Families. RSVP and tickets are required. There is a nominal charge for civilians.

To RSVP or for information, contact Jonas Vogelhut at 95-2318, 443-619-2304 or jonas-vogelhut@us.army.mil

Blood drive dates

APG will host blood drives on the following dates:

27-Sep-2011 TUE	1000-1400
Recreation Center	
31-Oct-2011 MON	1000-1400

Recreation Center
29-Nov-2011 TUE 1000-1400
Recreation Center
5-Dec-2011 MON 1000-1400
Recreation Center

2011 Maryland Women's Conference

The 2011 Maryland Women Veterans Conference will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 16 on the campus of Morgan State University at the University Student Center, 1700 East Coldspring Lane, Baltimore, MD 21251. Workshops, displays and vendor information will focus on Health Care/Screenings, Job Opportunities/Networking; Education Opportunities/College; relaxation and much more.

Registration costs \$25. Women veterans, active-duty service members, Family members and agencies that service veterans should attend. For more information visit www.nchbc.org or call 410-383-4119.

New Hours of Operation

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division will offer extended afternoon hours of operation.

The new client/claimant service hours will be Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. The office will be open each Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about services, call 410.278.1583 or visit www.apg.army.mil, Services Directory, Legal.

Rate your community's health

Aberdeen Proving Ground has established the Community Health Promotion Council to look at the services currently provided, identify areas of opportunity for improvements, and work collaboratively with community partners to enhance our community health.

The council will provide a comprehensive approach to health promotion for all members of the APG community -- individuals and organizations -- and will work toward identifying and meeting the physical, emotional, spiritual, social and environmental needs of our APG community.

APG's active duty troops, Family members, retirees, DoD civilians, and contract employees are encouraged

to participate in the community needs assessment survey, which will be distributed via email and accessible online at www.apg.army.mil.

MCSC Membership Kickoff

The Military, Civilian and Spouses' Club invites the APG community to attend its membership kickoff Sept. 16 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Broom's Bloom Dairy on MD 534 in Bel Air. The evening will be informal and informative with door prizes and a quilt raffle. Each MCSC member will receive a free small ice cream that evening. There will be musical entertainment and Families are welcome. Reservations are not required. For information about joining, contact Gerry Reno at 410-642-3080 or membership@apgmcs.org

CAC goes quarterly

Effective immediately, Community Action Council meetings will be held quarterly instead of monthly. No meetings are scheduled in August or September. The next CAC is in October on a date to be announced. Check the APG News or the APGLive blog site at apg.armylive.dodlive.mil/ or facebook.com/APGMd for more information.

Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 15

The APG Retiree Council will host the annual Retiree Appreciation Day 8 a.m. to noon, Oct. 15 at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326. The event will include exhibitors who provide goods and services to the retiree population and a panel discussion with APG organizations. For more information, contact Drew Nobles, Retirement Service Officer/Retiree Council, at 410-306-2320 or drew.a.nobles.ctr@mail.mil or contact Richard Zalusky, Retiree Council, 410-278-5036 or richard.n.zalusky.civ@mail.mil.



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

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 10 MARGARITAVILLE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Margaritaville Cruise, 6:30 to 8 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older). Set sail with island tunes, soda, beer and margaritas. Reservations are required. Credit cards will be accepted.

For more information or for reservations, call 410-939-4078.

FALL VEGETABLE GARDENING

Master Gardeners teach important fall activities: how to extend the season, and how to prepare for spring now. Includes time for questions and sharing experiences. Registration required. Classes will take place as follows:

Sept. 10 from 1- 4 p.m. at Eden Mill Nature Center, \$5 charge

Sept. 17 from 1- 4 p.m. at Bel Air Library

Sept. 24 from 1- 4 p.m. at Fallston Library

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 11 LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a narrated lighthouse cruise, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis in Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$30 for adults and \$15 for children ages 10 and under. Reservations are required. Cost includes a three-hour cruise enjoying water views of three area lighthouses: Concord Point, Turkey Point and Fishing Battery Island. Passengers need to bring their own lunch.

For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 15 DAY ON THE BAY

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Day on the Bay, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis.

Enjoy the day sailing to Charlestown, bird watching, sightseeing, two area lighthouses, then lunch at the Wellwood Club and return. Tickets cost \$55 for adults, \$27 for children ages 10 and under. Credit cards will be accepted. Reservations are required.

For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 17 MARYLAND WINE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Maryland Wine Cruise, 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older). The ship will take a cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area as passengers enjoy fine wines.

The wine cruise will have a representative from the featured winery onboard telling passengers about their wines and vineyards and to answer any questions. Cheese and a fruit tray will be served. Reservations are required. Credit cards will be accepted.

For more information or for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 18 CREATURES OF THE BAY

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will hold a Creatures of the

Bay Cruise, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., for children ages 6 to 14, on the Skipjack Martha Lewis.

See first hand some of the animals living in the bay. Find and identify the tiniest creature, terrapins, oysters and crabs, oh my! Tickets cost \$15 per person. Reservations are required.

For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

SUNSET CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Sunset Cruise, 6 to 7:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 10 and under. The ship will cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area for a relaxing sail and sunset. Reservations are required.

For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.



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

APG SNAPSHOT

A peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/> or <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rdecom>.



Photo by Terri Kaltenebacher

STILL STANDING, STILL SHINING

On a recent trip to Pooles Island, Baltimore Sun reporter Mary Gail Hare listens intently as RDECOM and APG Installation Commander Maj. Gen. Nick Justice explains how the lighthouse was constructed. During the trip, APG Garrison community relations specialist Terri Kaltenebacher examined the structure after a 5.8 magnitude earthquake rumbled through Maryland and along the East Coast Aug. 23. "There seems to be no apparent damage sustained from the recent quake," said Kaltenebacher. To read the full story on the visit, "Pooles Island Lighthouse Shines Again and Symbolizes Growth at APG," visit <http://bsun.md/rge8ZF>.



COURT RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

The newly renovated full basketball court at Hoyle Gym on APG South (Edgewood) is open for use. Renovations, which were completed last week, include a new sprinkler system and painted ceiling. Renovations are ongoing in the small weight room, stretch room and locker room. The facility's fitness area is fully operational with additional locker rooms. For more information about APG fitness centers, visit www.apgmwr.com/recreation/gyms.html.

Photo by Rachel Ponder

ROUTE 715 WORK CONTINUES

Construction workers relocate a gas pipe as part of an ongoing project to widen Route 715 to three lanes inbound and outbound. The projected completion date for APG is Nov. 11. The overall project, including work on Route 40, will be complete by summer 2013.

Photo by Rachel Ponder



LEAGUE OF DREAMS

The 20th Support Command (CBRNE) color guard, League of Dreams players and parents get ready to march onto Cal Ripken Sr. Field during opening ceremonies of the 2011 Cal Ripken World Series in Aberdeen Aug. 12. The local League of Dreams chapter debuted on Aberdeen Proving Ground in 2010, supported by the APG Garrison and MWR's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

Photo by Nancy Goucher