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Soldiers, ROTC cadets, police officers and members of the military intelligence community stand in front of a 2S3 Russian tank while listening to Staff Sgt. Larry Evans explain the importance of enemy vehicle recognition during TECHINT (Technical-Intelligence) Day activities hosted by the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion Sept. 16.

Battalion showcases TECHINT

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APG News

More than 150 observers from federal and state intelligence, law enforcement and active, Reserve and ROTC military organizations got up close and personal with equipment and weapons of the 203rd Military Intelligence Bat-

talion during TECHINT Day festivities Sept. 16.

The daylong event, hosted by the Army's only Technical-Intelligence battalion, and led by commander, Lt. Col. Irene M. Zoppi consisted of attendees moving through unit displays in the morning and firing on the foreign weapons range in the afternoon.

As visitors moved through the stations, battalion Soldiers showed them a variety of foreign weapons, enemy interrogation, identification and evacuation procedures; decontamination of equipment and personnel; sensitive site exploitation/fingerprinting and forensics; aircraft and vehicle identification; IED identification and more.

Guests included Brig. Gen. William F. "Duff" Duffy, commander of the U.S. Army Reserve's Military Intelligence Readiness Command; Maryland State Senator Ed Reilly from Anne Arundel County; and police tactical unit members from Anne Arundel County as well

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ATEC ribbon cutting one more BRAC goal achieved

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
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The raising of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command and Evaluation Center flags in front of the new ATEC headquarters building symbolized the accomplishment of yet another Base Realignment and Closure goal for an Aberdeen Proving Ground organization.

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Photo by Sean Kief
Maj. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command addresses the crowd at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the organization's new headquarters building Sept. 22.



APG employee gets Bronze Star earned 40 years ago

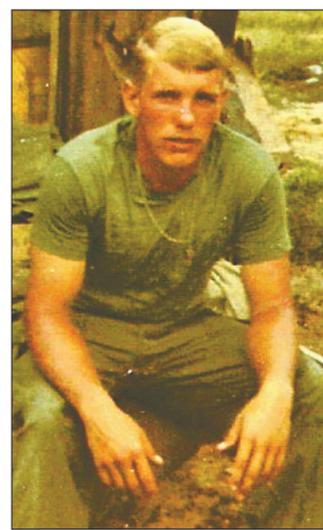
By **JANE GERVASONI**
U.S. Army Public Health Command

More than 40 years ago, 1st Lt. Robert C. Berkshire earned a Bronze Star for valor in Vietnam. On his way home in 1971, Berkshire's duffel bag was stolen—in the duffel bag was his Bronze Star. He never saw his medal again.

After his honorable discharge from the Army in 1971, Berkshire never said anything to his family or friends about the loss of his award. However,

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Courtesy photo
1st Lt. Robert C. Berkshire takes a break while deployed to Vietnam in 1970.



New inductee to Audie Murphy Club

By **MAJ. CAROL MCCLELLAND**
CJTF-E Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Edith Canada, the property book noncommissioned officer in charge, assigned to the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), was inducted into the Audie Murphy Club Sept. 23 at Aberdeen Proving Ground.



Canada

In order to become a part of this time-honored military organization, which is for enlisted NCOs only, she studied the

club's namesake, exhibited leadership skills and used a Soldier's common sense.

"I studied Audie Murphy, what he did, why he's considered the greatest combat Soldier," said the staff sergeant and Los Angeles native when pressed to talk about her accomplishment.

During a three-step process Canada met prerequisites that her higher headquarters, Forces Command, cited as, "exemplify leadership characterized by personal concern for the needs, training, development, and welfare of Soldiers and concern for Families of Soldiers."

She was then recommended by her NCO to

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Marinas offer affordable storage, friendly service

By **RACHEL PONDER**
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One of the perks for those working and living on Aberdeen Proving Ground is that it is located along the upper Chesapeake Bay shoreline. And for

boating enthusiasts, APG marinas offer convenient boat storage for eligible patrons at Spesuite Island on APG North (Aberdeen) and Gunpowder Neck on APG South (Edgewood).

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Smokers need their own reasons to quit

By **MAJ. DAVID J. REYNOLDS, PHD**
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What's the most important reason you should stop using tobacco products today, or within the next few weeks? I can't tell you.

It's not because I don't like you. It's because you have to decide what your #1 reason to quit is. I could take a guess, but I might be wrong, and that wouldn't work. And even if I was right - that it'll add years to your life - you might not believe me.

You're more likely to quit and be successful at it if you come up with the most important reasons for yourself. We all know nagging doesn't work. Just ask any parent or spouse. So you have to decide for yourself.

If you smoke or dip, then you've probably tried to quit several times. No matter what got you started, your first attempt at stopping was probably related to something important. You made a decision that tipped the scale in the direction of a healthier you.

If you went back to using, or relapsed as we call it, then there were probably more reasons to use than to quit. This is the typical picture of the back-and-forth, see-saw effect many people go through. It's the same phenomenon that goes on with many healthy behaviors such as eating right (low fat), exercising (five times a week), and getting enough sleep (eight hours for most).

So, if you've read this far, perhaps you'd be willing to go through an exercise that might help explain why you haven't been successful at quitting.

HELPFUL EXERCISE

First, find a blank piece of paper and create four panes - like in a window - by drawing a line down the center and another across the middle.

In the upper-left pane, answer the question: How will I benefit by quitting tobacco? Write down whatever you come up with, whether it's to save money, avoid a heart attack or cancer, or be a better role model to your kids or co-workers. Come up with as many as possible. Be creative. Perhaps even brainstorm with others.

Now, in the upper-right pane, answer the question: How do I benefit by continuing to smoke or dip? Again, be honest. Nobody's looking. Is tobacco making you faster? Stronger? Do you think it makes you look cool? Do others enjoy your second-hand smoke?

In the lower-right pane, answer the question: What would I lose by quitting? Would you lose money? Friends? Status? Or just that rebellious attitude you love about yourself? Keep going until you've exhausted all the ways you think quitting tobacco will hurt you.

Finally, in the lower left-hand pane, answer, What are the costs of not quitting? Are your kids likely to pick up the habit? Is your health likely to deteriorate? Imagine your medical provider



“If you've tried quitting smoking or dipping, but maintained your old social contacts, you've probably experienced their teasing and ridicule. What they are really saying when they do this is, 'I wish I wasn't afraid to quit. Please come back to using so I can feel better about myself.'”

telling you that you have lung cancer. Now, stand back and take a look at the left side of the page as compared to the right. Chances are that if you use tobacco, you have more items on the right side than the left. Thus, your decision scale is tipped towards continuing to use.

What can you do about that? You can start to come up with other ways of dealing with the items on the right in an attempt to draw them over to the left side, giving weight to that side of the scale which might result in a decision to quit and the motivation to remain quit.

For example, imagine someone responded that the costs of quitting include: increased stress due to not taking smoke breaks, weight gain, getting mocked by friends who do smoke, and increased social awkwardness because now they don't know how to meet others.

Perhaps we could address increased stress by asking them to continue taking breaks from work (everyone should), to continue to take deep breaths (like when they take a drag), and to talk with others (like when on a smoke break) when stressed. You can do all those things without taking in tobacco.

WEIGHT GAIN & FRIENDS

As for weight gain, what about increasing the intensity, frequency or duration of one's exercise. Or just becoming more active. Perhaps they could consume fewer calories to com-

pensate for the slightly slowed metabolism that results from quitting tobacco, which itself is due to the body not having to digest the toxin that is nicotine.

If you've tried quitting smoking or dipping, but maintained your old social contacts, you've probably experienced their teasing and ridicule. What they are really saying when they do this is, 'I wish I wasn't afraid to quit. Please come back to using so I can feel better about myself.'

I'd also ask you to consider whether a friend who mocks you as you try and improve yourself is really a friend at all.

And finally, as for what to do with your hands or how to deal with social awkwardness, just keep asking others about themselves; it's likely to be their favorite subject.

In short, I look at tobacco use as a tool we use to cope with the good times, the bad times and the boring times. But as everyone who doesn't use tobacco knows, there are other healthier, more effective tools to use in each of those situations.

Learn more about quitting tobacco by contacting your medical provider or your local Health and Wellness Center. Online resources include the American Lung Association's 'Freedom From Smoking' at <http://www.ffsonline.org/>. Once you register for free you will have access to seven modules leading to breaking the grip of tobacco.

Obama: Americans no longer have to lie to serve

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, 2011 – President Barack Obama today issued a statement on the repeal of the “Don't Ask, Don't Tell” law that had barred gay men and lesbians from serving openly in the military.

The repeal took effect at midnight. Here is the president's statement: Today, the discriminatory law known as 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' is finally and formally repealed.

As of today, patriotic Americans in uniform will no longer have to lie about who they are in order to serve the country they love. As of today, our armed forces will no longer lose the extraordinary skills and combat experience of so many gay and lesbian service members. And today, as Commander in Chief, I want those who were discharged under this law to know that your country deeply values your service.

I was proud to sign the Repeal Act into law last December because I knew that it would enhance our national security, increase our military readiness, and bring us closer to the principles of equality and fairness that define us as Americans.

Today's achievement is a tribute to all the patriots who fought and marched for change; to Members of Congress, from both parties, who voted for repeal; to our civilian and military leaders who ensured a smooth transition; and to the professionalism of our men and women in uniform who showed that they were ready to move forward together, as one team, to meet the missions we ask of them.

For more than two centuries, we have worked to extend America's promise to all our citizens. Our armed forces have been both a mirror and a catalyst of that progress, and our troops, including gays and lesbians, have given their lives to defend the freedoms and liberties that we cherish as Americans.

Today, every American can be proud that we have taken another great step toward keeping our military the finest in the world and toward fulfilling our nation's founding ideals.

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Giant Voice a life saver

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The Giant Voice, used by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Emergency Operations Center, is an important mass communication tool that just might save your life.

This outdoor notification system, created by American Signal Corporation, is used to immediately inform the APG population of emergency situations.

Pedro Rodriguez, the Giant Voice System program manager who works for APG's Emergency Operations Center, said this year the system was used to tell people to seek shelter when a tornado warning was issued for Harford County.

Aside from being tested monthly, the GVS is used during emergencies to alert people that are outside to seek shelter.

"It is meant for people who are outdoors," said Rodriguez. "It cannot be heard inside, and we don't want people going outside to try and hear the message."

The EOC started using GVS four years ago. Originally APG was issued four towers under the Department of Defense's Guardian, a program that was created in 2003 to enhance anti-terrorism force protection and security on DoD installations.

APG later purchased 12 additional towers that are strategically placed throughout APG North and South. Currently 10 towers are installed and the two remaining towers are scheduled for installation in the next couple of months.

"This year GVS will receive upgrades that will allow us to zone specific areas," Rodriguez said. "This will be helpful if an incident is just happening in the Aberdeen or Edgewood areas."

The GVS currently has five

preprogrammed "hot key" messages: Seek Shelter, Severe Weather, Tornado Warning, Force Protection Condition Delta (which warns the public of elevated security concerns) and All Clear.

The encoder also has a "Live Voice" key and attached handset microphone for tailored, unprogrammed addresses.

Rodriguez said the GVS is just one more way to keep the APG community informed during an emergency. In addition to the GVS, he said the public stays informed via email notifications, DIALOGIC telephonic notification, WEBEOC, ALERTUS

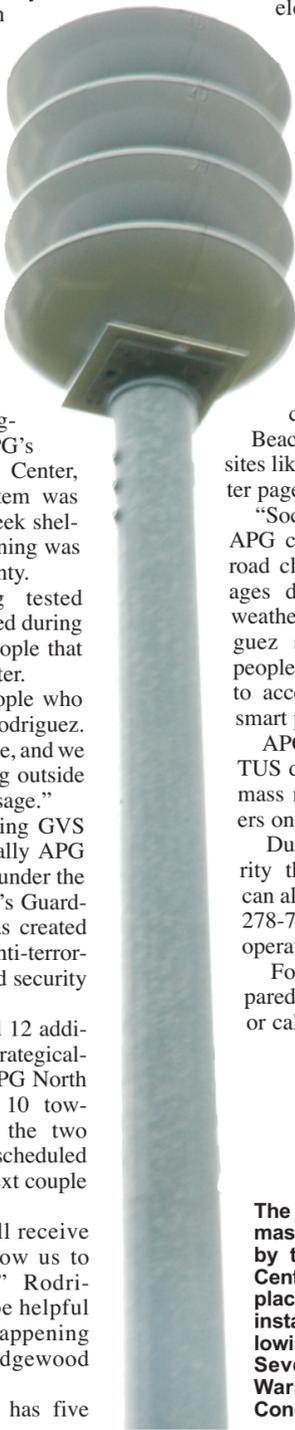
Beacons, and social networking sites like APG's Facebook and Twitter pages and its Channel 21.

"Social networking helped the APG community stay informed of road closures and traffic light outages during the Hurricane Irene weather event last month," Rodriguez said. "Even though many people lost power, they were able to access this information with a smart phone."

APG plans to employ ARLERTUS desk top alerts, which allows mass notification thru all computers on the network.

During a weather event or security threat, the APG community can also call the weather line, 410-278-7669 (SNOW), to find out the operating status of APG.

For tips on emergency preparedness, visit www.ready.gov, or call 1-800-BE-READY.



The Giant Voice System is a mass communication tool used by the Emergency Operations Center. There are several towers placed strategically around the installation; they issue the following messages: Seek Shelter, Severe Weather, Tornado Warning, Force Protection Condition Delta and All Clear.

DAU move completed next month

DAU news release

The long awaited relocation of the Defense Acquisition University, Capital & Northeast Region, APG training facility is in process, with all relocation activities to be completed by mid October.

“The opening of the new facility marks an important milestone in the establishment of a permanent location for DAU on APG,” said SSCF Program and APG Site Director Jim Oman.

“The new site provides a significantly enhanced, first-rate capability to support the delivery of the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act courses and operations associated with the Senior Service College Fellowship program.”

The approximately 12,000 square foot facility will consist of three DAWIA course classrooms, six student break-out rooms, a student lounge, a telepresence video conferencing suite, one conference room, four faculty/staff offices, and a SSCF student room.

In addition to Jim Oman and Parker Bennett, the SSCF Program Coordinator, the APG team will be joined

The approximately 12,000 square foot facility will consist of three DAWIA course classrooms, six student break-out rooms, a student lounge, a telepresence video conferencing suite, one conference room, four faculty/staff offices, and a SSCF student room.

by one resident DAU faculty member. DAWIA courses are scheduled to start in full swing in the November to December timeframe.

The location of the new DAU facility is within the new Government and Technology Enterprise (The GATE) Business Park, developed and constructed by St. John Properties, Inc. The GATE is located immediately to the left after entering the installation’s 715 Gate. The previous DAU site at E5027 Blackhawk Road will close permanently and all DAU operations there will cease by the end of

the month.

DAWIA courses will, however, continue to take place at the Mission Training Facility, operated by the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command. The MTF is located approximately one mile from the new DAU operated facility on APG North.

“Students should note when taking classes at APG that the School Code 501F indicates a course taking place at the DAU site at 6175 Guardian Gateway,” said Oman, “and School Code 501” denotes a course occurring at the

MTF which is located at 6008 Jayhawk Road.”

Oman said that with the enhanced capability of conducting three concurrent courses at the new site, DAU can look forward to better meeting the DAWIA course needs of the APG community and providing superior senior level leadership training to the future leaders of the APG community and acquisition workforce.

An official ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled to take place on a date to be determined later this fall.



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APG South health fair takes holistic approach

Story and photo by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

More than 200 people attended the first health fair hosted by the Community Health Promotion Council and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center Sept. 21.

The event featured demonstrations from 28 organizations. Highlights included free flu shots for Soldiers and DoD civilians, mini messages, health screenings, presentations from motivational speakers and giveaways.

Sunaina Singh, a Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Community Health nurse who helped plan the fair, said the event emphasized holistic health. This approach emphasizes that the mind body and spirit are connected. Keynote speaker Izzy Gesell addressed the holistic approach in his lecture "The DNA of Resiliency: Managing Stress & Change through Humor."

Guests discussed and learned more about topics like asthma, depression, tobacco cessation, physical fitness and osteoporosis and took advantage of available health screenings for bone density, vision, body fat analysis and skin cancer.

In addition, representatives from the Army Substance Abuse Program and Morale, Welfare and Recreation were on hand to provide more information about available health and fitness programs and services offered at APG.

Attendees said that they appreciated the diversity of health topics presented at the event.

"I am a new government employee and I am impressed that I could get health screenings and so much information on post during my lunch break," said Hennifer Cole, an Edgewood Chemical Biological Center employee. "It makes me feel like APG cares about the wellness of their employees."

Wendy LaRouche, a U.S. Army Public Health Command Health Promotions Outcomes Researcher, said one of the goals of the event was to encourage attendees to take a proactive approach with their health. One way was to pro-



(From left) Carmen Kifer, an Army Chemical Materials Agency employee, receives nutritional information from Karen Polite-Lamma, a registered nurse education specialist from Franklin Square Hospital Center, during the first health fair hosted by the Community Health Promotion Council and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center Sept. 21.

vide health screenings on post so that they are more accessible to those that live and work on APG.

"We want to encourage early detection," LaRouche said. "People shouldn't wait until they are sick to focus on their health."

Singh said that she felt that visual and hands-on demonstrations provided by vendors made a big impact.

"A health fair should inspire people to make positive changes," Singh said. "For instance, during the health fair I spent some time talking to a nutrition consultant who used plastic food to show correct portion sizes. That was eye-opening because it showed me that my

portion sizes are too big. That demonstration made me think about modifying my diet so that I am eating the right amount of food."

The next health fair will be held at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center in the spring.

The fair is free, confidential and open to all," LaRoche said. Tenant organizations interested in participating in the Community Health Promotion Council health fair should contact LaRoche at 410-417-2312.

Read more about the health fair in the online edition of the APG News, <http://www.apgnews.com>.

For more photos, visit www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/.

Hennifer Cole
Edgewood Chemical Biological Center

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USAPHC staff ride motivational

By **CHANEL S. WEAVER**

U.S. Army Public Health Command

More than 30 military and civilian members of the U.S. Army Public Health Command exchanged life in the cubicle for a day out in the field Aug. 12.

The personnel visited the Gettysburg battlefield as part of a command-sponsored staff ride.

George Wunderlich, executive director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, Md., served as the group's tour guide during the three-hour visit to the Gettysburg battlefield. Wunderlich tailored the tour to the group, and addressed public health and medical challenges that occurred during the Civil War, noting how Army Medicine has advanced since then.

Wunderlich said many Soldiers perished after the Gettysburg battle from typhoid fever. Today's preventive medicine requirements for Soldiers to be immunized have greatly reduced — if not eliminated — deaths from this cause.

Animal and human health have always been dependent on one another; therefore, Army public health and veterinary services are aligned today as part of public health. The Gettysburg Battle and Civil War took its toll on animals. More than 5,000 horses and mules died at Gettysburg because of battle wounds, lack of provision or extensive labor, Wunderlich said. Today, the Army's veterinarians ensure proper care of military working dogs and other animals, providing world-class preventive and clinical care.

Finally, Wunderlich discussed the contributions of Dr. Jonathan Letterman, who is credited with making advancements in health care during the Civil War.

During the Peninsular Campaign of 1862, the Army was losing many of its Soldiers to scurvy — a disease that is caused by a deficiency of vitamin C. Letterman ordered a fresh supply of potatoes, onions, cabbage, tomatoes, squash, beets and fresh bread be delivered to the troops to prevent these deaths. Today USAPHC's Army veterinarians make special provisions to ensure that troops receive a steady supply of safe, fresh food through approved food establishments and military dining facilities. Their public health mission also includes protecting troops from food borne illnesses.

Letterman is also credited with the invention of the ambulance, triage sys-

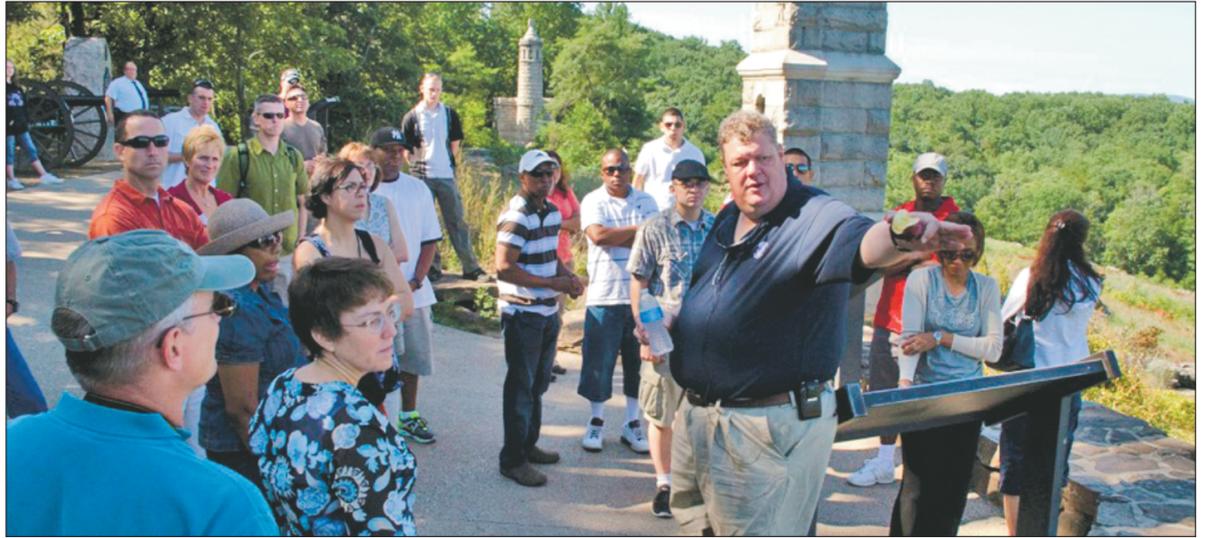


Photo by Christina Graber
George Wunderlich (center), executive director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, gives a tour of the Gettysburg battlefield during a USAPHC-sponsored staff ride Aug. 12. Wunderlich tailored the tour to the group, and addressed public health challenges that occurred during the Civil War, noting how the Army has advanced since then.

tem and emergency room.

"Letterman was a visionary, who still impacts military and civilian medical care today," said Wunderlich.

USAPHC personnel said the tour was quite enlightening.

"As we visited the various sites of the Battle of Gettysburg, I felt like I was there at the war scene," said Col. Miriam Rosa, public health nurse at the USAPHC. "What I have seen here will not stay here. It is important to pass the torch of public health nursing through the eyes of history lessons learned from past. Wars give us a true understanding of how we built on the tenets of preventive medicine."

After visiting the Gettysburg battlefield, the team members boarded a bus and visited the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. There, they viewed various displays depicting events and people of the Civil War.

Maj. Jeffery Blackwell, deputy commander for administration at APG's Kirk Army Clinic also participated in the staff ride. He said the displays at the museum served as an important teaching tool.

"The more we understand and know our history, the better we can progress forward," said Blackwell. "It's important to learn from history so that we do not repeat the mistakes of the past."

USAPHC Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald

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Public health nurse, USAPHC

C. Ecker said the staff ride was rewarding for the personnel who participated.

"I think today's staff ride served as an opportunity for enrichment and better understanding of our history as Soldiers and public health operators," said Ecker. "The Soldiers that fought on this hallowed ground sacrificed greatly — what an inspiration (and education) to our future endeavors as public health operators."

These staff rides have historically served as a method of professional development and a mentoring opportunity. The ride is linked to a historical event and attendees participate by studying the event, and gaining new insights into how to perform their jobs better.

Just as the Army officials enjoyed the staff ride, Wunderlich said the tour was rewarding for him. He said he gives about 15-20 tours of the Gettysburg battlefield

each month, but the tours he gives for Army personnel are always special.

"I have great respect for these Army personnel who dedicate their lives each day to save lives and promote the health and welfare of our armed forces," said Wunderlich. "I hope that the tour they received causes them to feel more motivated, and effective at doing their jobs."

Sgt. Rasheed Walker, the non-commissioned officer in charge at the Entomology Dept. of the USAPHC, said the staff ride was more than just a day out of the office.

"The Army has come a long way in preventing injuries and disease among its personnel," said Walker. "I thoroughly enjoyed the staff ride, because it gave me a better understanding of why public health is so critical, and I will take the lessons learned here and use them in my job."

U.S. Soldiers and Korean Service Corps members reunite unexpectedly

By **MAJ. CAROL MCCLELLAND**
CJTF-E Public Affairs

“Moong Chi Ja” means “two joined as one.” It’s the motto of a specialized unit whose past will one day become its future.

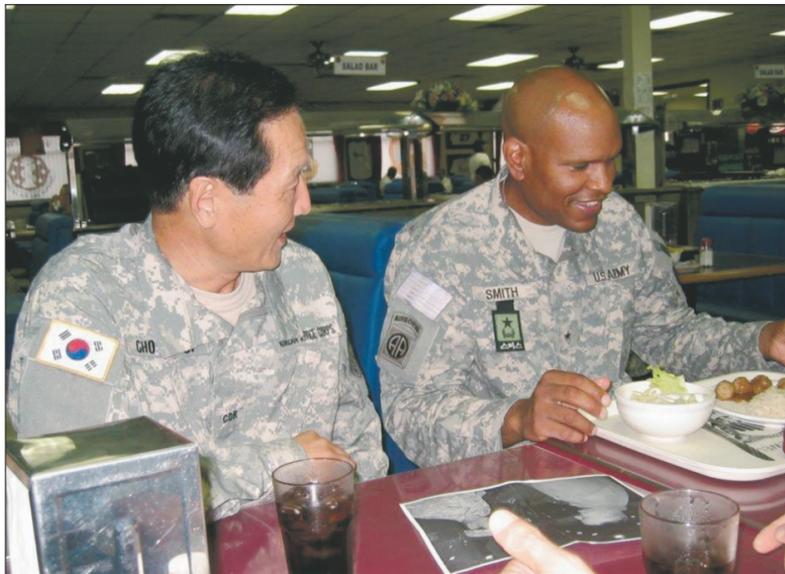
The 23rd Chemical Battalion, whose mission is to counter chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosive threats, is currently based at Fort Lewis, Wash. and has been since 2005. But before then, the battalion was assigned to Korea. And that’s where its leadership met members of the Korean Service Corps that still serve there today.

About a dozen of those KSC’s unexpectedly reunited with Soldiers they served with years ago. Brig. Gen. Leslie Smith, Col. William King and Sgt. Maj. Merika Barnes all now assigned to the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) at Aberdeen Proving Ground, are three of the Soldiers that reminisced. They’re currently deployed to Camp Carroll, near Daegu, participating in a large combined joint exercise staged throughout Korea called Ulchi Freedom Guardian.

“The first day I got here I went to the gym and saw Mr. O. We recognized each other immediately,” said Smith, who was the battalion operations officer and executive officer between 1997 and 1999. He worked in the unit when it stood up four companies with the primary mission to man, train and equip both U.S. and KATUSA soldiers—Korean Augmentees to the U.S. Army.

“The unique thing was the unit was made up of half U.S. and half KATUSA soldiers,” Smith said, the Combined Task Force for Elimination commander for UFG-11. “We’d build units, train them at Camp Carroll, then move the units to other camps. The KSC’s were an integral part of the unit. They were dedicated and focused on accomplishing the mission, and being good teammates to their U.S. counterparts,” he added.

The dedicated KSC that Smith met his first day in country was Mr. Pong Ku O. Back then Mr. O was the commander’s driver. Now, he’s the KSC Mobile Labor Force Team Leader who works with U.S. Army units to support their requirements



Mr. Hyong Uk Cho and Brig. Gen. Leslie Smith meet at lunchtime to reminisce. Mr. Cho and Brig. Gen. Smith worked in the same battalion in the late 1990’s that now falls under the headquarters Smith commands.

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Brig. Gen. Leslie Smith
20th Support Command (CBRNE)

during exercises at Camp Carroll.

“It’s been a long time. I was happy to see the commander as a general now,” O said of Smith.

Mr. O, 58, has worked at Camp Carroll for 31 years in the KSC. He likes to reminisce and does so on occasion with his colleague, Young Hon Kim. Mr. O spreads out photographs and certificates of appreciation from 1999 and 2004, in pristine condition, still in their green, Army award binders. Framed photos and certificates from his time with the 23rd line the walls of his office and his Order of the Dragon induction certificate from the Army’s Chemical Corps is proudly displayed.

Mr. Kim, now a logistics management specialist in the KSC, worked in personnel in the 23rd Chemical Battalion for seven years, then as a nuclear, biological, chemical trainer for eight years. He remembers the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) Soldiers and when the 23rd left Camp Carroll.

“It was unhappy for us because we had worked there almost 15 years. We had to find other jobs,” Mr. Kim said. He said some KSCs went elsewhere in Korea but most stayed at Camp Carroll, explaining that the Korean culture is to stay close to home.

Col. William King, now the operations lead for the 20th, remembers the

exact day the unit closed down in Korea. It was Dec. 18, 2004 and he was the battalion commander leading the move to Ft. Lewis.

“They made us successful,” King said of the KSAs. He was pleased to learn of all the successes the KSAs who worked as mechanics, drivers, supply, builders etc. in the unit, have had since. “It was a renewing of friendship of old comrades,” he said.

When Mr. Kim heard from Mr. O that Soldiers from their former unit were back at the camp participating in the exercise, he quickly sent out an e-mail to the 20 KSC members still at Camp Carroll to attend an impromptu dinner. About 11 were able to attend.

“It was really good, especially for the history of our group. Everyone wanted to talk at the same time,” Kim said.

Sgt. Maj. Merika Barnes didn’t attend the dinner but she too ran into Mr. O working out on the gym treadmill. “He remembered me right away and said, ‘You were our first sergeant.’ He asked me if I was still a first sergeant and I said, ‘No, I’m a sergeant major.’ Then he gave me a big high-five,” Barnes said.

Sgt. Maj. Barnes has fond memories of Mr. O and the other KSCs she worked with daily while in the 23rd. And Mr. O said he stays in contact via email with some of the American Soldiers he’s worked with through the years.

The 23rd is scheduled to come back to Korea from Ft. Lewis in the not too distant future, which makes the KSCs happy. They hope to be invited to the ceremony when the unit returns.

“Korea is one of the U.S. government’s highest priorities and the return of the unit to Korea is proof of that,” Brig. Gen. Smith said.

Until the unit can exercise it’s “Moong Chi Ja” motto again and new memories are made of the 23rd Chemical Battalion in Korea, Mr. O, Mr. Kim and the other KSCs and American Soldiers keep their memories of their time together.

“I’m happy anytime someone wants to talk about the 23rd,” Mr. O said. “I have good memories of the battalion commanders and the Soldiers. And memories are forever.”

Local teens recognized for HIRED

By **ADRIANNE FOSS**
APG News

Twenty-seven Aberdeen Proving Ground teens were recognized for their participation in the installation's HIRED apprenticeship program Sept. 24 at the installation bowling alley.

Family and friends gathered to honor the students, each of whom gained more than 180 hours of real-world work experience at various APG facilities.

During the ceremony, HIRED program coordinator Jay McKinney highlighted each student's contributions and awarded them with certificates and Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG garrison commander and parent of a HIRED teen, was the guest speaker.

The program accepts students ages 15 to 18 and runs year-round in 12-week cycles. The most recent group was a relatively young group, said McKinney.

"A large number of the kids were 15 and I was at first very concerned about their maturity level," he explained. "But as I placed these students, they surprised me. They turned out to be very commit-

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Jay McKinney
HIRED program coordinator

ted, very mature and dedicated.”

Feedback from participants is positive, across the board, said McKinney.

"It's very difficult for these students who have no work experience whatsoever to apply for a job and get hired on the outside," he said. "So they really appreciate being able to get work experience that they would not be able to get anywhere else. One of our young ladies recently worked through HIRED with our Visual

Information department, and because of it was able to go out and get employment at a local photography shop."

But teens aren't the only ones who give the program high marks. McKinney said parents are the biggest promoters.

"I think most of the students who participate are here because their parents found out about the program from other parents," he said. "It's mostly word-of-mouth because the parents are so pleased

with the program.

Despite how much APG teens enjoy the program, McKinney said it's not all fun and games. It's a valuable tool for learning.

"We're dealing with young people who have no work experience, and suddenly they have to show up for work on time, they have a schedule and responsibility," he said. "But they also have a mentor who helps them navigate the work, and over time you can see their competence and confidence levels increase as they get comfortable (where they're working)."

But hard work and responsibility doesn't keep the teens away. McKinney said as many as 35 percent come back for a second or third cycle. So far, about 109 APG students have participated in the Department of the Army program.

Teens between ages 15 and 18 and whose parents are active duty military or a DoD civilian at APG are eligible to participate. To find out more, visit http://apgmwr.com/family/youth_hired.html or call 410-278-3250.

Spring and Summer Hired Apprentices 2011 are:

- **Daylin Armstead,** John Carrol High School
- **Javon Averett,** Perryville High School
- **Alex Blanco,** Harford Tech. School
- **Kelli Brown,** Middletown High School
- **Tyler Burgess,** Edgewood High School
- **Mia Coston-Dykes,** Fort Wainwright High School
- **Aubrey Cross,** Aberdeen High School
- **Zaya Davis,** Edgewood High School
- **Abrey Devins,** Perryville High School
- **Jonai Dyer,** Edgewood High School
- **Madelline Feustel,** Harford Christian School
- **Frederique Golden,** Patterson Mill High School
- **Whitney Hynson,** Perryville High School
- **Aminah Jones,** Aberdeen High School
- **Julien Kirnes,** C. Milton Wright High School
- **Germanie Lewis,** Aberdeen High School
- **Christopher Martinez,** Havre de Grace High School
- **Megan McSwain,** Joppatowne High School
- **Cassandra Miller,** Aberdeen High School
- **Aninra O'Bannon,** Bel Air High School
- **Sarah Richardson,** Home Schooled
- **Benjamin Struve,** Harford Tech. High School
- **Celia Taylor,** Elkton High School
- **David Yip,** Bel Air High School
- **Dalia Young,** Aberdeen High School
- **Shanel Williams,** C. Milton Wright High School
- **Chantelle Williams,** C. Milton Wright High School

FAMILY AND MWR

Activities/Events

Lights On Oct. 3

Lights on Against Domestic Violence Event is set Oct. 3. The Army Community Service and Family Advocacy Program is encouraging community members to drive with their lights on Oct. 3rd to demonstrate their support in bringing awareness to domestic violence. If you or anyone you know is seeking information on domestic violence, call Kimberly Williams, Victim Advocacy, at 410-278-2435/7572

TAPS golf outing Sept. 30

The 4th Annual Viacore FSD Charity Golf Outing benefiting the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors will be held Sept. 30 at the APG Ruggles Golf Course with tee time of 9 a.m.

TAPS is the 24/7 tragedy assistance resource for ANYONE who has suffered the loss of a military loved one, regardless of the relationship to the deceased or the circumstance of the death.

Individual golfers, foursomes and corporate sponsors are welcome to support this cause. To register or for information visit www.taps.org/viacore or call 732-759-6327.

Team APG preps for Army 10-Miler

The annual Army 10-Miler event in Washington D.C. is right around the corner, and Team APG is gearing up to show its esprit de corps by participating in the time-honored tradition.

APG community members who plan to attend the event are encouraged to support the team by visiting the Team APG Hooah Tent Oct. 9 from 6 a.m. to noon. The tent will be located in the Hooah Tent Zone of the 2011 ATM North Lot in section B35 and B36.

For more information about the Team APG Hooah Tent, contact Marni Allison at 410-278-5567 or Marni.K.Allison.naf@mail.mil.

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. Byron Reasin, Morale,

Welfare and Recreation, Aberdeen Athletic Center, oversees the club. For more information, contact Byron at 410-278-7933/7934 or e-mail, Byron.a.reasin@us.army.mil.

Frame Shop closed

The Frame Shop is closed until further notice. Patrons that may have any projects that are still in the building may call 410-278-4056/4124 to retrieve these items.

Sports Happenings

■ NFL Youth Punt, Pass & Kick Competition is set for 7 p.m., at the Youth Flag Football/Soccer Field Bldg. 2522 on Bayside Drive. Boys and girls ages 6-15 can participate. Age cut-off date is Dec. 31, 2011. Register at www.nflppk.com and type in zip code 21005.

■ Youth basketball and cheerleading registration opens to boys and girls Oct. 17 to Nov. 9. The clinic is for ages 4-6. Cost is \$20. League ages: 7-8,9-10,11-12 and 13-14. Cheerleading ages: 5-14.

Walk-in registration from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Appointments from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 410-278-7571. Coaches needed. Call Bill Kegley at 410-306-2297.

SKIES Programs

Hip Hop Dance

A hip hop dance class is set at the APG North youth center, Bldg. 2522 on Fridays from Sept. 23 to Dec. 2.

Cost is \$45 per student. Times are 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. for ages 6-8; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for ages 9-11; and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 12-14. Hip hop is an explosive, funky dance style that combines memory, coordination, rhythm games, and loads of energetic fun.

Come learn the latest dance moves from all of your favorite video stars with APG's own Mr. Jeo. By combining fast paced rhythms and movement exercises, kids will get an excellent workout without realizing they are breaking a sweat!

Driving Lessons

Worldwide Driving Academy

423 Edgewood Rd in Edgewood or 49 Kingston Parkway in Abingdon. Classes are conducted Monday to Friday.

Edgewood Location:

- 6 - 9:15 p.m., Oct. 3-14, Oct. 31 - Nov. 11
- 2:30-5:45 p.m., Oct. 10-21

Abingdon Location:

- 6 - 9:15 p.m., Sept. 26 - Oct. 7, Oct. 10-21, Oct. 24 - Nov. 4
- Weekends (Only at Abingdon), Saturday and Sunday only, 11 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., Oct. 1-30

\$314 per student (prices subject to change without notice). Class includes 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours behind-the-wheel instruction. Parents must attend first and last day. Register for the class one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9 to 18 yrs old.

The Ultimate Driving School, LLC

13 N. Parke St. in Aberdeen.

Classes are conducted Monday to Thursday 5 - 8:15 p.m., Oct. 17 - Nov. 02, Nov. 07 - 23, Dec. 05-19

\$335 per student (prices subject to change without notice) Class includes 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours behind-the-wheel instruction.

Last day to register for the class is one week prior to the first class.

Students must be between the ages of 15.9-18 yrs old. Parents must attend first and last day of classes with students.

Open to all DoD ID cardholding family members. To register, call 410-278-7571/7479. For an appointment or info, email stacie.umbarger1@us.army.mil or call 410-278-4589.

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

Week of September 26

Special #1: Gyro with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.25.

Special #2: Pork BBQ 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.



Post Shorts

WACVA meeting Oct. 1

The Aberdeen Freestate Chapter 70 of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association meets 11 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Center on Franklin Street, near the library.

Membership is open to women who are serving or have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reserve.

Upcoming civic projects including the Christmas party for hospitalized women at Perry Point Hospital will be discussed. After the meeting, all are welcome to attend a pay-as-you-go lunch at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace.

For information, call June Adcock at 410-939-1429.

Still time to RSVP for MOAA dinner

The Susquehanna Chapter, Military Officer Association of America invites all military officers of the APG community, all services and status, and their spouses to dinner Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at The Bayou restaurant in Havre de Grace. Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger will be the guest speaker. Contact Lt. Col. Jeff Brock, USAF (ret), at brockja01@gmail.com or call (410) 836-9373 for information.

RAB Meeting Sept. 29

The next RAB meeting will be held

Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Center. Topics will be project update, RAO treatment plants and Graces Quarters.

Marine Corps foundation accepting annual award submissions

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is accepting submissions for its annual awards program. Each year, the foundation recognizes innovative work in advancing and preserving Marine Corps history, traditions, and culture.

Marines and civilians may submit their own entries or the distinguished work of others for consideration. Awards will be presented at the foundation's annual ceremony April 21. Submissions deadline is Dec. 31.

For a list of the awards and submission requirements, visit <http://www.marineheritage.org/Awards.asp>.

Domestic Violence Awareness

The staff of the Family Advocacy Program invites members of the APG community to attend the official proclamation signing in recognition of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The signing will take place Oct. 3 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the main conference room of Bldg. 305. It is FAP's desire that citizens would become more aware of the negative

effects of spouse and intimate partner violence abuse and its prevention within their communities, and become involved in breaking the cycle of violence and ending the abuse.

Military Engineers meeting

The Society of American Military Engineers Chesapeake Post October 2011 meeting will be at the Wetland Golf Club in Aberdeen at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 20. The featured speaker is Col. Andrew Nelson, deputy garrison commander for Transformation, APG. Nelson will present an "Update on BRAC Activities & What's Next at Aberdeen Proving Ground." Register at <http://www.same-chesapeake.org> or call 410-638-9699.

Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 15

The APG Retiree Council will host the annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 15 at the APG North recreation center, Bldg. 3326.

The event includes exhibitors who provide goods and services to the retiree population and panel discussion with APG organizations.

The guest speaker is Mike Plummer, deputy legislative director for the National Association for Uniformed Services.

Attendees are invited to dine in the

garrison dining facility at a cost of \$4.25 per person following the event. For more information, contact Drew Nobles or Richard Zalusky with the Retirement Service Officer/Retiree Council at 410-306-2320 / drew.a.nobles.ctr@mail.mil or 410-278-5036 / Richard.n.zalusky.civ@mail.mil.

Serve as STEM volunteer Oct. 15 Scouting event

Installation STEM professionals are needed for an Oct. 15 Boy Scouts Merit Badge Day that will see more than 600 local Boy Scouts descend on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The Team APG-hosted event will take place on the grounds of the APG museum where volunteers serving as counselors will help Scouts earn merit badges in one of 16 STEM-related fields that include Chemistry and Computers, Engineering, Weather and more.

To volunteer as a merit badge counselor, call John Kearney or Bill Babauta at (410) 652-0878.



MORE ONLINE

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

COMMUNITY NOTES

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 29 MOAA DINNER

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Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger will be the guest speaker. Contact Lt. Col. Jeff Brock, USAF (ret), at brockja01@gmail.com or (410) 836-9373 for information and reservations.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 1 LULAC HISPANIC CULTURAL EVENT

The League of United Latin American Citizens Maryland Councils will host a National Hispanic Heritage Cultural Event 7 p.m. to midnight at La Tolteca Restaurant in the La Quinta Inn, 793 W. Bel Air Avenue in Aberdeen.

Donation is \$35 per person.

The evening includes a buffet dinner, cash bar, door prizes, silent auction, Zumba dancing, a deejay, a live

band and more. Attire is business casual; no jeans.

Proceeds benefit the LULAC Scholarship Fund.

For ticket information, contact Lucero Reyes, 410-272-1672; Rose Satz, 732-580-0766; or e-mail lulacmaryland@gmail.com.

23RD CHILDREN'S ARTS FESTIVAL RESCHEDULED

The 23rd Children's Arts Festival has been rescheduled and will take place Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Millard E. Tydings Park in Havre de Grace.

Entertainment for children under 12 includes hands-on crafts, children's art contest displays, food vendors and scarecrow making.

Bring child-size clothes and old pantyhose for scarecrows. Admission is free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Open to the public. Call 410-939-0023

COMPOSTING 101

Master Gardeners teach some types of composting: how to get started composting, and finding the right mix to make black gold.

Class includes time for questions and sharing experiences. Registration required. Classes will take place as follows:

Oct. 1 from 1- 4 p.m. at Harford County Extension Office, \$5 charge

Oct. 8 from 1- 4 p.m. at Eden Mill Nature Center, \$5 charge

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2 RUSSIAN NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS

Moscow Ballet and The Moving Company Dance Center announce open auditions for 7 to 16 year old dancers to perform side-by-side with 40 Russian pros in the Great Russian Nutcracker.

Auditions are Sunday, Oct. 2 at noon at The Moving Company Dance Center, 9954 York Road Church Lane Shopping Center, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

The Moving Company Dance Center goal is to foster a lifelong love and appreciation of dance and to train well prepared, technically proficient dancers in a warm and nurturing atmosphere.

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 14 AIR FORCE BRASS ENSEMBLE

Air Force brass ensemble performs Oct. 14 in Havre de Grace

The Heritage Brass Ensemble, five members of the USAF Heritage of America Band, will perform Friday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Havre de Grace United Methodist Church, 101 South Union Avenue in Havre de Grace, MD 21078.

The event is free and open to the public.

The ensemble is well known for its brilliant brass sound and precision applied to all music genres. The program includes a wide variety of jazz, familiar classical, popular tunes and patriotic music.

For information, visit www.HeritageofAmericaBand.AF.mil or call or 410-939-2100.



MORE ONLINE

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

ATEC transformation, relocation complete

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The youngest ATEC employees were chosen to hoist the flags, indicating the newness and perceived longevity of the command.

Maj. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco hosted the official opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the new headquarters building Sept. 22.

Guests included Lt. Gen. William Troy, director of the Army Staff; Walt Hollis, former Deputy Under-secretary of the Army for Operations Research; retired Maj. Gen. Roger Nadeau, former ATEC commander; Brig. Gen. Dean Ertwine, former commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command and Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District Commander Col. Dave Anderson. The Baltimore District of USACE managed the design and construction of the building.

Civilian guests included a representative of Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley who presented a state proclamation, as well as staffers from the offices of Senator Ben Cardin and Congressman C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger.

Maryland delegate Glen Glass, Harford County Council member Chad Shrodes, City of Aberdeen Mayor Michael Bennett, Bryant Foulger and Brent Pratt of Foulger-Pratt Construction, and Bernard Michel, president of the Army Alliance, were also in attendance.

Dellarocco called the event "a very proud moment in ATEC history" and a "significant step in the ATEC Transfor-

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Lt. Gen. William Troy
Director of the Army Staff

mation" due to the increased fidelity in technical oversight and integrated capabilities that resulted from the combining of three headquarters elements in one building.

"We weathered difficult challenges ... but ATEC leaders made it happen thanks to the workforce," he said. "Today we begin writing a new chapter."

Calling the building "the most beautiful on APG," Dellarocco thanked APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz; Deputy Garrison Commander for Transformation Col. Andrew Nelson, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades, calling their support "phenomenal." He said it was now time to continue supporting America's most prized asset—the Soldier.

"We're glad that ATEC headquarters has joined the proud APG history and we're happy to call this home," he said.

Troy said the beauty of the building should indicate to the people who work there how important they are to the Army.

"Not a lot of organizations hold the integrity of the Army in its hands but you do," he told ATEC employees. "You make sure the tools we put in the hands of Soldiers are exactly what they are supposed to be. The result is you have a better organization now than when [BRAC] started."

Dellarocco presented awards to 15 ATEC employees for their performance as members of the BRAC Team from June 2005 to September 2011. They included Cheryl Renee Bitner, Patricia Hooker, Theresa Humphries, Eric Kauffman, Mary Kirk, Rachel Lewis, William Nelson, Katherine Newman, Cleon Raynor, Satish Sharma, Judith Tredway, Michael Vogt, Maria Welsh and Gregory Wood.

The 380th Army Band, an Army Reserve unit from the 99th Regional Support Command in Richmond, Va., provided the program's music and the Aberdeen High School choir sang the national anthem. ATEC Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harry Rauch presented the invocation.

ATEC Transformation

As a result of BRAC 2005, ATEC headquarters and the U.S. Army Evaluation Center located in Alexandria, Va., were directed to relocate to APG and to consolidate with elements of the command already stationed there by Sept. 15, 2011.

When Maj. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco assumed command of ATEC in October 2010, he accelerated the process, establishing a headquarters presence at APG and changing the headquarters employee reporting date to April 2011. Dellarocco accelerated the transformation with a goal of delivering capabilities to the Warfighter cheaper, better and faster.

ATEC, DTC and AEC headquarters staff have been consolidated within the new headquarters building to allow for the elimination of redundant positions. Test managers were reassigned from DTC to AEC to strengthen the test expertise of the command's evaluators and improve integration and coordination between developmental testing and operational testing.

The AEC flag level leadership now includes a general officer as well as a member of the Senior Executive Service.

ATEC has played a major role in Army Transformation since its formation and plays an increasingly important role in the Army's Network Integration Evaluations and support of the Warfighter.

Apply for boat storage online

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The Gunpowder Neck Marina, located on 20th Street, offers outdoor storage space for 90 boats, indoor storage, wet slips for 107 boats up to 40 foot, a launch ramp for small boats, 20-ton travel lift, pavilion and marine fuel. Patrons can do minor work to their boats on site and use the clubhouse and playground.

The Spesuite Island Marina, located on Spesuite Island Road, Bldg. 36, received renovations this year, adding two new piers and 35 new slips. The marina also offers outdoor lot storage for 60 boats, indoor storage in two different locations, moorings for 18 boats up to 30 foot and a launch ramp for small boats.

The marinas' Bill Wolfeaff called the operations family-oriented and said APG employees and residents can feel secure storing their boat at the marina—a secure location monitored by MWR Marina staff and volunteers.

"They do a great job of keeping an eye on every boat," he said. "The staff is available for questions and assistance Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m."

How to apply

Patrons pay for boat storage a year at a time, which includes the summer and winter season Outdoor Recreation is accepting applications for fiscal year 2012.

Eligible patrons can fill out an application for boat storage at www.apgmwr.com/recreation/odr/boating.html. Patrons can also fill out an application and receive assistance by going to Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 2184 on APG North, Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Eligible patrons using APG waters must complete the Boaters Orientation Course online at <http://apgmwr.com/recreation/odr/boating.html>. The orientation increases awareness of navigating APG waters and provides courtesy boating tips.

The certificate of completion must be signed, dated and turned into Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 2184.

For more information, call 410-278-4124/5789.

FY 12 Storage Fees

- Boat Slips (Wet Storage) - \$15 per foot/ per season
- Moorings (Wet Storage) - \$12 per foot/ per season
- Outdoor Storage - \$10 per foot/ per season
- Indoor Storage - \$14 per foot/ per season

Service Fees

- Travel Lift-\$1 per foot

Vietnam veteran

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about a year ago, the subject of his military career came up while he was talking with David Kurk, a friend and fellow employee in the laboratory at the U.S. Army Public Health Command. Berkshire told his friend about the loss of his Bronze Star and showed him the certificate from the award.



Berkshire

Berkshire explained that in June 1970 he and his platoon flanked and destroyed an enemy position, and under heavy fire he had also directed a medical evacuation of two platoon members. Kurk was determined to see if he could help his friend be recognized for his heroic actions during the operation in Vietnam and replace his stolen medal.

Working with Berkshire's daughter, Alyson Berkshire, Kurk took action to have his friend recognized before Robert Berkshire retired from civilian service.

"No one in the family had heard about Dad's Bronze Star," explained Alyson Berkshire. "My parents have always been my heroes, and I wanted to make sure Dad could be honored as one."

Working with USAPHC Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald C. Ecker, Alyson Berkshire and Kurk provided the supporting paperwork necessary to secure a replacement Bronze Star. Lovetta Britton, command protocol officer, assisted by arranging a surprise award ceremony.

On Aug. 17, Brig. Gen. Timothy K. Adams, USAPHC commander, hosted the award ceremony to honor Berkshire's heroism. Robert Berkshire was told his daughter was receiving an award and was invited to participate in recognizing her.

Addressing Robert Berkshire, Adams said, "I understand you were in the Army and served in Vietnam, and I heard that you also lost something."

Robert Berkshire, still unaware of the surprise presentation, thought Adams was referring to his recent hip surgery and replied, "Yes, I lost a piece of my hip."

Adams then explained that Robert Berkshire would receive a Bronze Star to replace the one stolen from him more than 40 years before.

"Your service to our country should be remembered and celebrated," said Adams. "It is my privilege to give you this award for your service."

Berkshire was visibly stunned by the commander's words and the standing ovation from friends, family and coworkers who attended the award presentation.

"For you (Adams) and everyone else to work so hard in replacing the medal that was so precious to me and that I thought I would never see again, I was basically speechless," Robert Berkshire said. "Please accept my deepest gratitude for your gracious act."

Ecker summed up the event by saying, "When an act of selfless service to our nation has been fulfilled, it is never too late to render honors and gratitude for the service."

203rd displays capabilities

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as ROTC cadets and instructors from Johns Hopkins and George Mason universities.

"This type of training is a great way to display our expertise and capabilities," Duffy said. "I saw the 203rd in action in Afghanistan and I can say that they have tremendous aptitude and knowledge."

Regarding the cadets on hand, he said that because they've already decided to be in the Army, exercises like these "whets their appetite" for the future.

Reilly said it was his first visit to APG and his first TECHINT demonstration.

"I'm very impressed to see how America defends our country, how Soldiers have to drill constantly to be prepared, and the role civilians play in our defense," he said.

Lt. Harry Peterson led the group of police officers from the Anne Arundel County tactical unit.

"You can't underestimate this type of training," he said. "Especially from a weapons apprehension aspect. Some of the techniques are very similar."

About 203rd MI

TECHINT is intelligence derived from the collection and analysis of threat and foreign military equipment and associated materiel for the purposes of preventing technological surprise, assessing foreign Scientific and Technical (S&T) capabilities and developing countermeasures designed to neutralize an adversary's technological advantages.

On order, the 203rd MI (TECHINT), or when designated as the Captured

Materiel Exploitation Center, or CEMC, deploys and conducts operations in support of combatant commanders or other government agencies in order to collect and exploit captured enemy weapons, equipment and other materiel.

A reserve component unit with more than 45 different military occupational skills that provides intelligence derived from reconnaissance, collection and tactical exploitation of weapons, equipment and other materiel found, captured or acquired worldwide; established the CEMC or the Combined or Joint CEMC; conducts training on foreign weapons, vehicles and other equipment and conducts emergency technical intelligence missions in support of contingency operations.

Canada inducted into club

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participate in a rigorous board examination process at battalion, brigade and division levels.

The 20th Support Command (CBRNE) top enlisted leader was a member of one of the several boards Canada faced.

"The board was geared toward situation scenarios rather than what regulation it's in," Command Sgt. Maj. Sean Burke said.

As an example, he said rather than ask what regulation haircut standards came from, board members would ask a leadership question about how the NCO would handle a Soldier who continuously did not meet standards.

"That board was the most difficult

one," Canada remembered. "Questions were coming from left and right. I didn't even have time to answer one question and they fired another one at me."

But Canada's first sergeant knew she could handle the pressure and her military bearing would not be hampered. She spoke on behalf of the candidate to the board regarding her character.

"She's the best NCO I have in my formation," said Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st Sgt. Rebeca Franco of 37 year old Canada. "She's extremely competitive in everything she does - physical fitness, winning the NCO Board, volunteering, anything. She sets herself apart from her peers and she's very hungry

for more responsibility. The level is immense. I can't really say it any other way than she's hungry."

The audience at the induction ceremony included Canada's peers and supervisors, former mentors in her life and fellow Audie Murphy Club members, all distinguished by wearing a silver medallion on a light blue ribbon around their necks.

At age 46 Audie Murphy died in a plane crash in 1971. He's recognized as the most decorated soldier in U.S. history. In addition to his Army accomplishments fighting on battlefields in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany, he was also a movie actor, country music composer and poet.