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Drama of Easter



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

The good news

An angel in front of the tomb of Christ delivers the resurrection news during the Drama of Easter presentation held at sunrise behind Top of the Bay April 8. The community event had a large turnout and included selections by the Protestant choir and a continental breakfast. Post Commander Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, who with wife Monique and son Spc. Michael Ferrell, observed his first Easter service at APG, offered heartfelt thanks to participants for "bringing the full meaning of Easter to all of us." To view or download more photos, visit flickr.com/photos/usagapg.

April 18 town hall planned for everyone

Staff report

Aberdeen Proving Ground will host an installation-wide town hall meeting Wednesday, April 18, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the post theater, with APG Commander Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell and APG Deputy Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz addressing attendees.

The meeting replaces the former Community Action Council meetings and will focus on topics of interest to the installation's civilian and military personnel and Family members. Like the CAC, the town halls will be scheduled on a quarterly basis.

Topics will cover a variety of updates and events taking place at APG. Directorate representatives will be present to brief topics and answer questions. An update on housing for military Family members and options for civilians will be provided.

Participants can ask questions either in person during the meeting, or by writing them on cards. Questions can be submitted in advance by posting to APG's Facebook page or by emailing claudette.e.murray.civ@mail.mil.

For more information, call the APG Garrison Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147.

SOS provides long-term support to survivors

By **RACHEL PONDER**

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Loved ones of Fallen Soldiers have a place to go for support. APG's Survivor Outreach Services connects survivors with professionals who can provide guidance, information and assistance.

SOS is a holistic and multi-agency approach to delivering

services by providing access at communities closest to where Families live. SOS came to APG in 2009 and serves Families in Harford, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot and Dorchester counties. The program links survivors with grief counselors, financial counselors, benefit coordinators and more.

"The program is very hands-on," said SOS coordinator

Annette Sanders. "Counselors will even make home visits, at the request of the survivor."

Sanders, who has a bachelor's degree in social work, works closely with Casualty Assistance Officers, who initially notify the immediate Family of their Soldier's death, help with funeral arrangements and answer questions about entitlements and benefits.

Sanders said SOS provides expanded support and care after casualty assistance ends. The program offers assistance to survivors as far back as World War II, and does not limit how long services are rendered.

"Everyone grieves on their own time schedule and in their own way," said Sanders "A loss is still a loss, no matter when a Soldier dies."

Services are provided to all survivors. Spouses, children, parents, siblings and friends who are grieving the loss of a Soldier are eligible to receive services, regardless of how the Soldier died. All Army active duty, National Guard, Reserve component and other military branch survivors are eligible for

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Home Front Heroes APG preparing for week-long celebration in May

By **LYNN WITKOWSKI**

APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground will continue a longstanding tradition with Harford County, as the entire community joins forces to salute America's armed services.

May 14 begins the "Heroes on the Home Front" week of events that offer something for anyone who wants to give thanks to our nation's military service members.

Events include an open house that displays the diverse military missions reflected at APG, a live fire demonstration, luncheons, athletic events and most of all, appreciation.

"This is our way of stopping for a moment, and gathering with our local communities to salute our troops," said Capt. Malukah McCormick, commander, APG Garrison HHC and coordinator for the Armed Forces Week events. "It's really a great opportunity to combine our shared admiration of America's men and women in uniform, and at the same time, have a lot of fun."

In previous years, the one-day event was so well attended that Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz expanded it once again to a weeklong celebration beginning in 2011.

"There are people outside our gates who look forward to this

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Photo by Tom Faulkner

Staff Sgt. Markus Whisman won the 2012 RDECOM Noncommissioned Officer of the Year competition.

RDECOM honors NCO, Soldier of Year

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**

RDECOM

After five days of competition that pushed four Soldiers' physical abilities and technical expertise, Staff Sgt. Markus Whisman and Pfc. Joshua Inerra earned honors March 30 as the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year, respectively.

RDECOM's enlisted corps serves an important role by acting as Soldier representatives with the Army's scientists and engineers, Command Sgt. Maj. Lebert Beharie said.

RDECOM Director Dale Ormond and Beharie presented the winners Army Commendation Medals; gift certificates from AAFES and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; and an RDECOM backpack filled with T-shirts.

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OPINION

Top 10 reasons I admire military kids

In honor of April's Month of the Military Child, I created a Top 10 list of the qualities I most appreciate about children from military Families.

Their amazing service and sacrifice deserve a much longer list, but I figured this would at least be a start.

What I most appreciate about children from military Families:

10. Their sense of humor.

Navy wife Vivian Greentree's sons pasted pictures of their deployed dad on a stick, dubbed it a "dad on a stick" and took it everywhere with them. Her son, MJ, even asked if "dad on a stick" could help make macaroni and cheese. He carefully placed the following message to his dad under the picture of this mac and cheese preparation: We'll eat mac and cheese when you get home. You can use my Spider-man bowl."

9. They selflessly serve their community.

Military children possess a strong sense of service — perhaps modeled after their military dads and moms who serve and sacrifice daily. But whatever its origin, they don't hesitate to step up at school, at home and in their communities.

James Nathaniel Richards, the fifth of six children in his military Family, took on a host of deployment-related challenges when his Navy father and three of his brothers deployed at the same time. But rather than focus on the separation, the 9-year-old start-

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Barbara Thompson

Director of military community and Family policy, children and youth.

ed a blog to help other military kids deal with deployments and separations. He also heads up the anti-bullying committee at his school, and has clocked more than 200 hours as a USO volunteer.

8. They stand by their military parent through thick and thin.

I met a high school senior who told me his father would miss his graduation and his departure to college. But this teen wasn't upset in the least. "He loves to be a soldier, and if it makes him happy, it makes me happy," he said. "How can I possibly complain that he's not watching me graduate when he's out there sacrificing for our nation."

7. Their sense of patriotism.

Zachary Laychak was 9 years old when his father was killed Sept. 11, 2001, when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. Laychak struggled over the years with anger and confusion over the incident. But as time passed, his initial anger evolved into a deep sense of patriotism — born of resentment against

those who dared to attack his nation and his Family. "As terrible as this whole situation was, I know he was a very patriotic person," he said of his father, and that he died serving his country. That's a way he would have been proud to go."

6. They support each other.

Two California teenagers, Moranda Hern and Kaylei Deakin, were inspired to create the Sisterhood of the Traveling BDUs after they dealt with their National Guard dads' deployments. They didn't want other military daughters to feel what they did: alone. Their organization is intended to unite, inspire and lead girls with parents in the military.

5. Their adaptability.

I attended a high school graduation at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., last year. The class included nine students from Defense Department high schools in Japan who had left with their Families in the wake of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in March 2011. Although they had entered a new school and a new senior class just a few months shy of graduation, they were all smiles that day as they talked to me in their caps and gowns.

A transition that would have thrown the best of us for a loop didn't seem to phase these teens, who had already been through more changes in their 18 years than most people see in a lifetime. The students in that class had moved, on average, more than six times with one student tallying up a total of 18 moves in the same number of years.

4. Their compassion.

A number of kids have military parents who return home wounded, some with visible wounds and others with less-evident injuries, such as post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury. These kids immediately step up to help out at home — taking on additional chores, pitching in to babysit — during their parent's recovery.

Taylor Dahl-Sims' Marine Corps stepfather returned home from his fifth deployment with a traumatic brain injury and she stepped in to help during his recovery. She already was helping her mother with her baby brother's medical care. Many wounded warriors have told me their children don't look at them any differently, even if their wounds are

severe. They are simply grateful their mom or dad made it back alive.

3. Their global knowledge.

Many military kids have traveled across the nation and around the world. They have an innate appreciation for cultural diversity and knowledge of world events that most kids who never crossed state lines would be hard-pressed to match. This will serve them well in the future as modern technology and the rise of a global economy increase the likelihood they'll be exposed to a people of different cultures and backgrounds in their careers.

"These children come to us with broadened perspectives and a broad range of experiences," said Marilee Fitzgerald, director of the Department of Defense Education Activity. "They're the closest to being a global citizen that this world will have."

2. Their strength.

They've dealt with a decade of war and multiple deployments, with the associated worry and fear. But these challenges also have equipped them with a resilience that will prepare them for life's setbacks and hardships. The first lady summed it up well at an event in June. "A bad grade on a test, a bad day at work, that's not going to knock you off your game," she said, "because from a very young age, you all have been dealing with the big stuff, and that's given you perspective."

1. They serve too.

Their military parent signed on the dotted line; their children did not. Yet, they must deal with deployments, frequent moves and school transitions, and they do so with courage and grace. As a nation, we owe them a debt of gratitude.

This month, and year round, we should take time to let military children know how grateful we are for their service, said Barbara Thompson, director of military community and Family policy, children and youth.

"One of the things that's disconcerting is we know that 1 percent of our population is in uniform and is serving, and the other 99 percent of the country takes full benefit of that," she said. "We owe it to our children to honor them and to protect them."

Elaine Sanchez

Family Matters Blog

BLOG RESPONSES:

Ms Sanchez has certainly captured the essence of life as a military "brat." This article filled my eyes with joyful tears, and my heart with pride & gratitude that I grew up as the daughter of a fighter pilot and a mom who could make just about anything into a home and an adventure. My heart is with the brats of today as they deal with multiple deployments and the effects of ten plus years in war.

Judi



Military children adapt easily to new surroundings. They are generally easy to get along with and know what is expected of them in any given situation. They are accepting of most people and always make the new kid on the block feel welcome. They like their parents make me proud.

Shirley



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Tax assistance program ends April 13

CLIENT SERVICES DIVISION

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This year's tax assistance program, directed by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate's Client Services Division (CSD), will conclude April 13.

CSD staff will continue to answer simple tax questions and assist service members returning from combat zones and contingency operations or amend returns previously prepared by CSD staff.

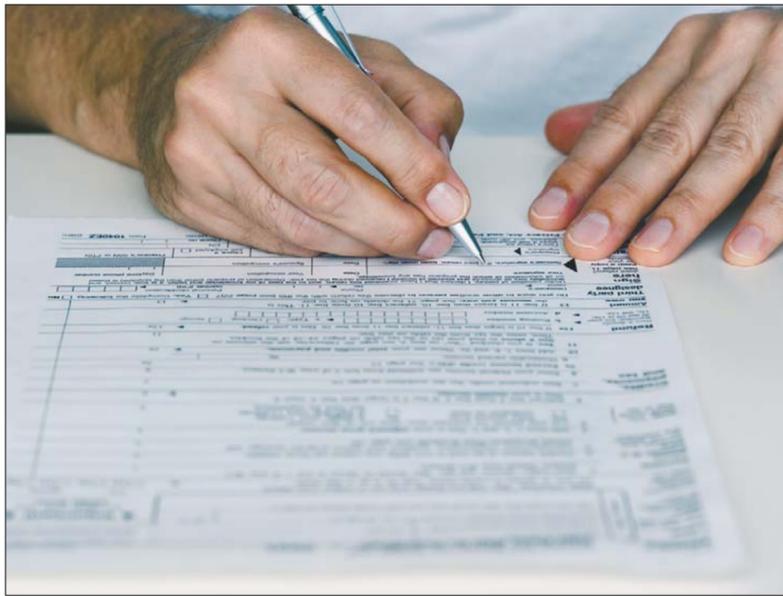
Returning service members with income tax concerns should call CSD at 410-278-1583 or visit Bldg. 4305, Room 317, on the third floor.

At the conclusion of each tax season, questions often remain about filing deadlines, extensions, amending previous returns, and withholdings. The following information addresses these issues:

Filing deadline

The normal deadline for filing federal income tax returns is midnight April 15. Since April 15 is a Sunday and April 16 is the Emancipation Day holiday in the District of Columbia, this year's deadline is April 17. All taxpayers required to file state income tax returns should consult the appropriate state representative to determine filing deadlines. Returns are considered filed on time if the envelope is properly addressed and postmarked on the last day of the filing season.

The April 17 deadline will apply to any of the following: 2011 federal individual income tax returns, whether filed electronically or by paper; requests for an automatic six-month tax-filing extension, whether submitted electronically or on Form 4868; individual estimated tax payments for the first quarter of 2012, whether made electronically or by check; and individual refund claims for tax year 2008 where the regular three-year statute of limitations is expiring.



Courtesy photo

U.S. citizens or residents, whose home and main place of business or post of duty is outside the United States and Puerto Rico on the due date of their return, receive an automatic extension until June 15 to file and pay any tax due. This extension also applies to service members on active duty outside the United States and Puerto Rico. Service members serving in a combat zone or in a contingency operation (or are hospitalized as a result of an injury received while serving in such an area or operation), have at least 180 days after leaving the zone or operation to file and pay.

An extension

Taxpayers who cannot meet the applicable filing deadline should request an extension. An extension of time to file is not an extension of time to pay. Tax-

payers will owe interest on any past due tax and may be subject to a late payment penalty if payment is not made on time.

Taxpayers who want an automatic six-month extension should file IRS Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Tax Return, by the due date of the return. Taxpayers who want an extension to file state income tax returns should consult the appropriate state representative to determine extension requirements. One deadline taxpayers cannot extend is the date to claim a refund for Tax Year 2008 in cases where they have not filed a 2008 tax return. Taxpayer must mail such late returns by the last day of the 2011 tax filing season.

Amending a return

Taxpayers who receive a corrected Form W-2 with Block 1 "wages" or Block

2 "tax withheld" information changed, or who discover other information that would require a change to a previously filed tax return, must file an amended return on IRS Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

IRS Form 1040X and instructions, as well as IRS Form 4868 and instructions, are available at www.irs.gov, or call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Taxpayers should consult their original 2011 tax return before attempting to amend it. Misplaced or lost tax returns can be obtained by calling 1-800-829-1040 or by completing and mailing Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return.

Taxpayers can file an amended return within three years of the original filing date. This includes any filing extensions. To get this three-year grace period, however, taxpayers must have paid all their tax due with the return in question. If they did not pay in full, then they only have two years.

IRS Form W-4

Wage-earning taxpayers who receive substantial refunds, or who pay an income tax penalty for failure to withhold the appropriate amount of income tax should consider amending their IRS Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate. All employees must complete the W-4, so an employer will know how much income tax to withhold from an employee's wages.

The IRS has developed an application that assists employees trying to complete IRS Form W-4. Using the online calculator on the IRS website www.irs.gov ensures employees do not have too much or too little income tax withheld from their paychecks. Taxpayers with complicated tax situations should not use the IRS calculator. Instead, employees should read IRS Publication 919, How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding.



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(From left) Dion Hill of EA Heat goes up for a layup over Jerry Robinson, #10, of EA South as teammate Dave Greaves moves in during game one of the intramural basketball finals April 4. The South prevailed over the Heat, sweeping both games out of the loser's bracket to win the post championship.

EA South nabs tight post championship

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The odds were with the Edgewood Area Heat winning its second consecutive intramural basketball championship. All the team had to do was defeat its toughest rival – Edgewood Area South.

The two met in the post championship April 4 with the heavily favored Heat in the winner's bracket. The South, in the loser's bracket, needed to win two games for the championship.

And, that's just what they did.

With an overpowering defense, timely steals and rebounds and a flat-out stingy offense, South players seemed to think they were meant to score on every possession. Relentless play gained them bragging rights in APG South for the next year after sweeping the EA Heat 59-53 and 61-41.

The first game was closer than the second. The Heat pulled out to a slim lead but lost it early to South players who just seemed to have more fuel. Up 27-15 with less than eight minutes left in the first half, South's Michael Bennett – who was unstoppable all night – after being fouled, sinking one of two at the line and then seconds later, after a steal and pass back to Bennett by teammate Charles Sabino, added two more, driving in untouched for an easy layup.

Game balls, if there were any, should have gone to Bennett and the Heat's Jeff Pettig Jr. who tried his best to carry the team on his back.

Lee McLean, EA South coach and a police officer with the Directorate of Emergency Services, expressed pride in his team's resilience.

"When we play together as a unit, we're very hard to beat," he said during halftime of game one. "We've got another game to go. It's ours if we keep the same intensity."

Jeff Pettigway, manager of APG South's Hoyle Gym, coached the defending champion Heat; last year the team was named EA Elite.

Pettigway said the team was in a slumber during the first half.

"Then defense and rebounding woke up," he said. "We'll approach the second half no differently. We continue to attack, get the defensive boards, continue to hustle and push the ball up the court."

In game two, a confident EA South jumped out to a 13-2 lead within the first two minutes and never looked back. The fiercely competitive Heat players, reluctant to relinquish their crown, delivered a scrappy performance but succumbed in the end to some heroic ball handling by the South, which pulled out a 20-point win, 61-41.

After the game, Bennett noted the team lost to the Heat a few days earlier by 30 points.

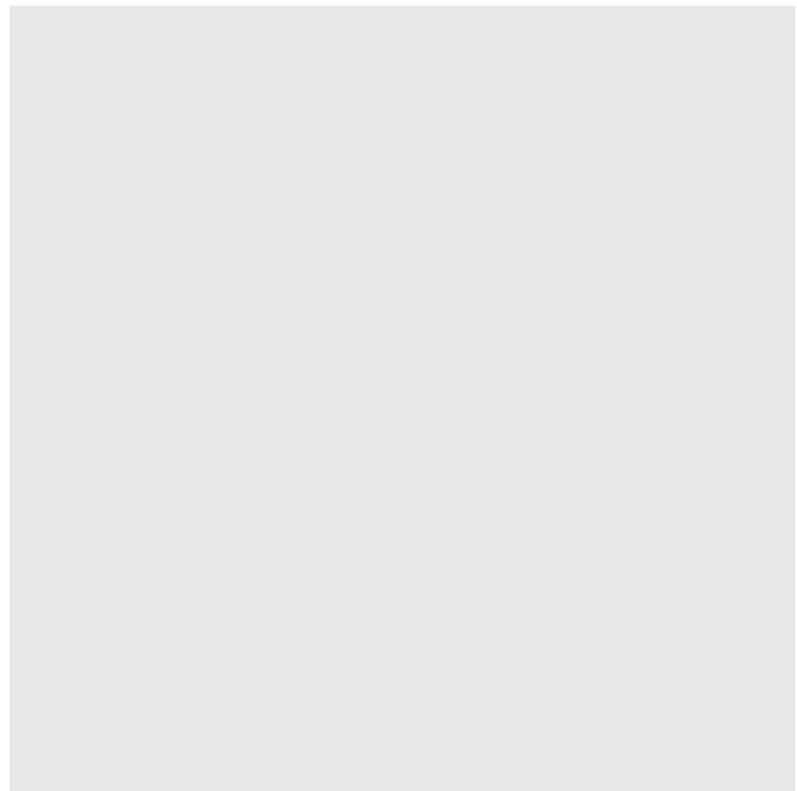
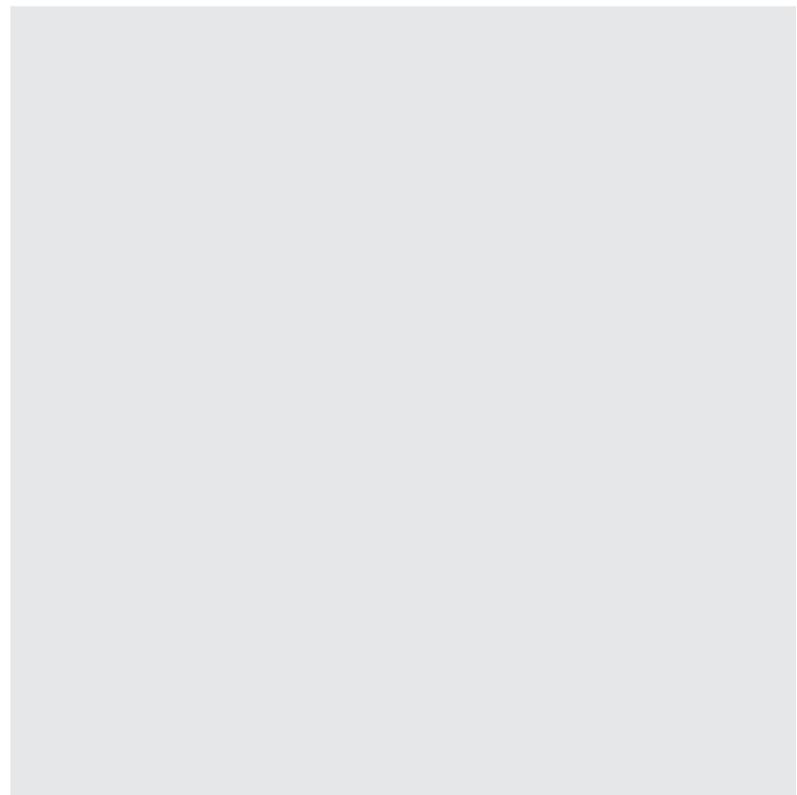
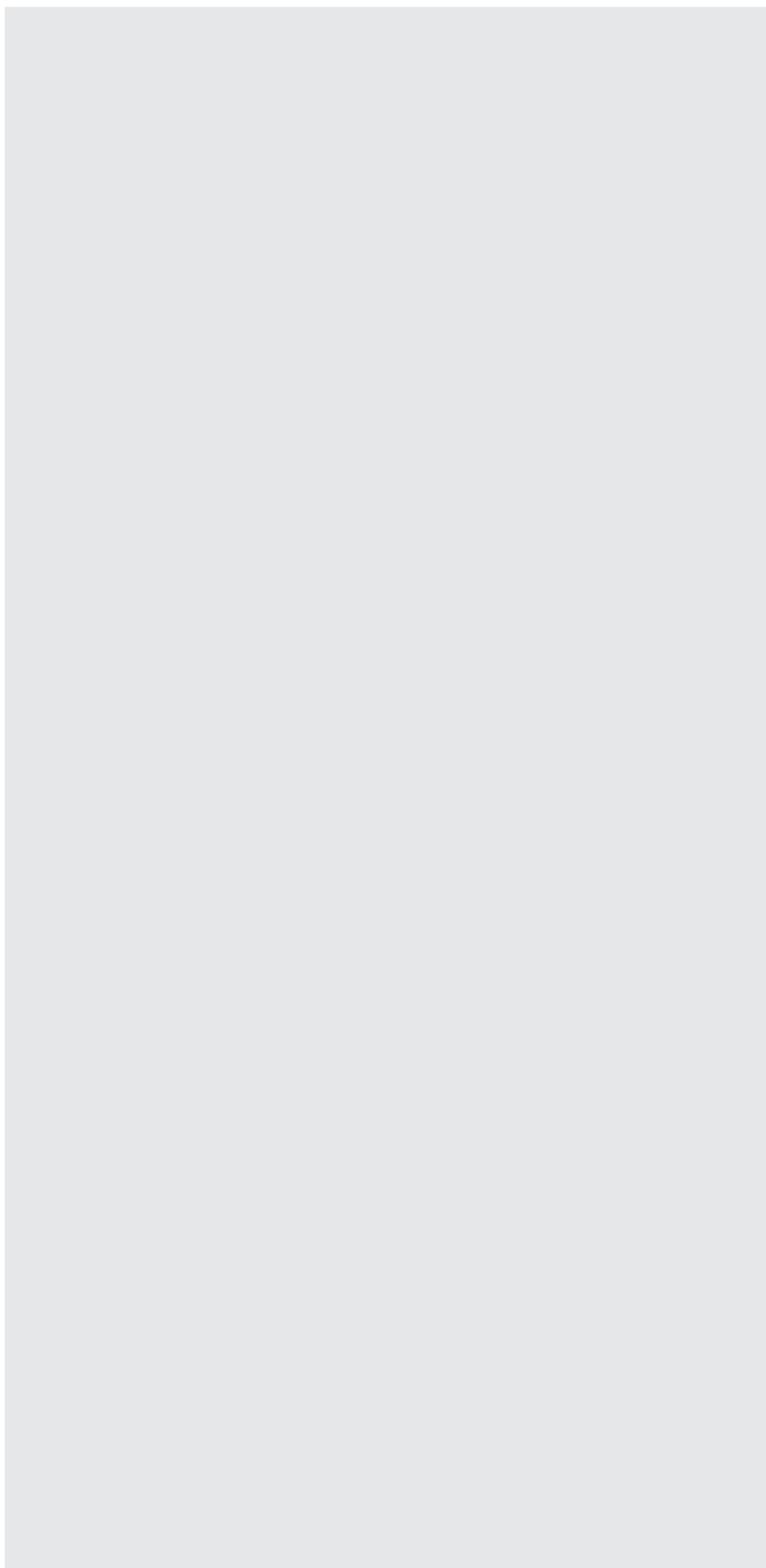
"We knew we'd have to come out with heart and passion," he said. "We lost to them by a good margin and we came out and played the best we could."

An industrial engineering major at Morgan State University, Bennett is the son of APG civilian and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bennett. He plans to become an Air Force officer.

"It was a great game," McLean said after closing out his first coaching season. "The biggest challenge was getting them to believe they could win. At the half I told them not to worry about the score, just keep playing your game. Hold the board."

And that's what they did.

View more intramural basketball championship photos at www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg.



ITEA awards APG employees

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

The Francis Scott Key Chapter of the International Test and Evaluation Association awarded three Aberdeen Proving Ground employees during a luncheon at the Aberdeen Clarion Hotel April 4. ITEA is dedicated to advancing the exchange of technical, programmatic, and acquisition information throughout the test and evaluation community.

The commander of U.S. Test and Evaluation Command, Maj. Gen. Genaro J. Dellarocco, was the key note speaker for the event.

Dellarocco said the awardees have honorably served their country by supporting the Warfighters.

“We are recognizing some real talent today,” he said.

General Powers Award

Harry Cunningham, a retired employee from the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, received the General Powers Award, recognizing a lifetime of outstanding achievements by government and industry professionals working in the field of test and evaluation, also referred to as T&E.



Cunningham

Cunningham began his career as a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps. As a captain, Cunningham was assigned to ATC and after resigning from active duty, became a Department of the Army civilian for the Instrumentation Development Division. He held a variety of positions at ATC, including chief of the Ballistics Division, director of the Technology Directorate, and the director of the C4 and Test Technology Directorate. He was also assigned as the technical director at the Electronic Proving Ground in Fort Huachuca, Ariz. As a part-time annuitant, Cunningham currently supports the Office of the Commander.

His career has been punctuated with many noteworthy achievements like his involvement in the creation of the first fiber optically linked vulnerability test range.

Cunningham, who served as a supervisor for 25 years, credits his career success to his employees.

“I was surprised to receive this award. As a supervisor your performance is a reflection of the people that work for you,” Cunningham said. “If you succeeded as a supervisor, it is, in large part, a testament to what your people are doing.”

Cunningham was also involved in the recruitment, development and mentorship of young T&E professionals within ATC and the APG community.

“The ability to bring new blood into the organization is critical, because you get new perspectives in what you are doing, new solutions to challenges,” Cunningham said.

T&E Professional of the Year

Robert McCown received the T&E Professional of the Year Award, which recognizes outstanding achievements by government and industry professionals working in the field of T&E.



McCown

McCown is lead evaluator for the Stryker Double-V Hull Family of Combat Vehicles at the U.S. Army Evaluation Center. McCown’s efforts on behalf of the Stryker program have allowed the program manager to field a designed vehicle that affords increased protection to the Warfighter. He led the ATEC System Team through multiple developmental testing and operational testing events and provided capabilities and limitations of the Stryker Double-V Hull configuration to support a demanding fielding deadline. Working within a rapid, focused T&E program, he was able to provide the vice chief of staff of the Army and the office of the director, Operational Test and Evaluation, the necessary information to support fielding in the Infantry Carrier Vehicle.

McCown said he was surprised to receive the award. He credits the dedication and support he received from his

coworkers.

“I work with a team that made this award possible and I am very grateful to them,” he said. “The people that I am working with are dedicated to providing better equipment to the Soldier.”

McCown, a Navy veteran, added that although his job is fast paced, he has immense career satisfaction knowing that he can support the troops in direct way. He said he decided to pursue a career as a DoD civilian after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Young T&E Professional of the Year Award

Chris Voinier, an employee of the Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate, received the Young T&E Professional of the



Voinier

Year Award. Voinier works for I2WD an electronics engineer, serving in a supervisory role as a lab manager.

He was responsible for the development of load sets and techniques implemented into state-of-the-art technology advancement to defeat remote-controlled IEDs.

He interfaced with Army, Navy, and Joint organizations in efforts to test, evaluate, and field counter remote control improvised explosive device Electronic Warfare (CREW) systems and worked the day-to-day operations of supporting a fielded system in the face of changing threats.

“I am surprised to receive this award,” Voinier said. “It feels good to be nominated by coworkers.”

Voinier added that this is his first professional award and that he is dedicated to his job and finds satisfaction knowing that he is supporting Warfighters.

“I can make a direct difference in the fight against IEDs,” he said.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY NFFE SEMINAR

The President of the National Federation of Federal Employees will be at the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, Bldg. E-4516, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a brown bag lunch seminar to discuss federal employee issues or concerns. The meeting is open to all federal employees. For more information, contact Jan Kolakowski, vice president, NFFE Local 178, at 410-436-2755 or e-mail jan.e.kolakowski.civ@mail.mil.

RACQUETBALL TOURNNEY DEADLINE

Register by today for FMWR's Racquetball Singles Tournament April 14 - 15 in the APG North athletic center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$10 entry fee. Four entrants are needed to form a bracket. Double elimination format. Payments can be made at the APG North Leisure Travel Office (Bldg. 3326) / 410-278-4011/4907, APG South recreation center (Bldg. E4140) / 410-436-2713 or visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/events.html>. For information, call 410-278-7933/7934.

TUESDAY APRIL 17 BASIC BUDGETING CLASS

Make plans to attend the free Basic Budgeting class, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in ACS Bldg. 2503 on Highpoint Rd. If your 2012 resolution was to balance your budget, this class is for you. To reserve a seat or for information, call 410-278-9669/7572.

WAYS TO HANDLE THE STRESS OF PARENTING

Who said parenting was easy? ACS is offering a seminar that will offer tools to overcome struggles faced by every parent, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at ACS Bldg. 2503. For information, call 410-278-2435.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 18 INSTALLATION TOWN HALL

Don't miss the first Installation Town Hall, hosted by APG Commander Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell and Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz 10-11:30 a.m. at the post theater. Personnel, residents and Family members are encouraged to attend to discuss topics that will include construction updates, budget cuts and calendar events. For more information, call 410-278-1147.

BJ MEMBERSHIP

The upcoming registration dates for new and renewal BJ memberships are: April 18 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the APG South's Stark Recreation Center; April 19 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the APG bowling center; April 25 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Aberdeen North recreation center during Newcomer's Orientation. New and renewal members will save \$10 off the \$50 fee and include three months free. Call 410-436-4467.

RESILIENCE TRAINING:

Module Two, Unit Three in the Resilience Training series will be April 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the Aberdeen main post chapel. In this self-awareness training, participants will learn to "detect icebergs." This skill will allow one to determine the usefulness of self-identified deep beliefs and/or values, which may be the cause of emotions or reactions that are contrary to one's normal behaviors. Registration required. To RSVP, call 410-278-2180.

SPRING TECHNOLOGY EXPO

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center/CIO will host the 25th Anniversary of the APG Spring Technology Expo, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the APG North recreation center, Bldg. 3326. Last year, more than 600 people took in 70 exhibits by more than 90 companies displaying the latest innovations in communications, information sharing, and other technologies relevant to APG missions. This event is free and open to DOD, government and contract personnel with access to APG. Sign up online at <http://www.fdaexpo.com/register.pho?id=99>. For more information, contact Mary McCully, ECBC/CIO acquisition team, at 410-436-2625 or Donna Flemister, Federal Direct Access, at 410-531-8559.

THURSDAY APRIL 19 AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP CLASS

Army Community Service's Relocation Readiness Program is offering a free class at 5 p.m. in ACS Bldg. 2503 for military personnel and Fam-



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RUGGLES GRAND REOPENING WEEKEND

Tee off with golf mates and enjoy the new driving range, tee boxes and greens during the Ruggles Grand Reopening Weekend, April 13 - 14. The fun begins Friday at 2 p.m. Festivities will include national golf vendors, Callaway Club fittings, Foot Joy custom shoe fittings, Nike Golf Ball giveaway, Rockstar Energy Drink giveaway, all-you-can-eat Fish & Chips dinner, live evening entertainment and a new breakfast menu as well as other contests and prizes. For more information, call 410-278-9452.

ily members preparing to take the test for American citizenship given by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Baltimore District Office. The class will cover eligibility, procedures, and how to fill out the application for citizenship. A community relations officer will be present to answer questions. Call 410-278-2464 for info.

ARMED SERVICES BLOOD DRIVE

Give the gift of life during the Spring Blood Drive hosted by ECBC, MRICD and USAPHC, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility (CDTF), Bldg. E4516. Register in advance on the Armed Services Blood Program website at <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/>. Walk-ins are welcome.

SPEED DATING

Invite your single friends to the first speed dating event at the Sutherland Grille at Ruggles Golf Course, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Cover charge is \$5. RSVP by April 11. This event is recommended for ages 21 and older. For information or to RSVP, call 410-278-9452 or email richard.j.bond10.naf@mail.mil.

CHESAPEAKE SAME

The Chesapeake Post Society of American Military Engineers meeting will be held at the Wetlands Golf Club. Sign-in and networking begins at 11:30 a.m. The lunch program starts at noon. Topics include a discussion on the Regional Disaster Resilience Guide and the strategy of developing a level of preparation for managing disasters. Register at http://www.same-chesapeake.org/Reservations/Reservations_09.htm

FRIDAY APRIL 20 AUSA LUNCHEON

Former Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth Preston will be the guest speaker during the Membership Luncheon of the Aberdeen Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, 11:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay. Preston, who was a good friend of former APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, visited APG twice during his seven years in office. He is now president and director of Homes for our Troops, a nonprofit organization that solicits donations for no-cost homes for veterans and their Family members.

This event is open to everyone in the APG community. Cost is \$21 in advance, \$25 at the door. Register online at <http://www.ausa-aberdeen.org/NewsEvents/events.html#event1>.

For more information, contact Aberdeen AUSA president Scott Cheseldine at 909-489-2958 or e-mail scheldine@rsc2inc.com.

SATURDAY APRIL 21 12TH ANNUAL RIVER SWEEP

Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway's 12th annual River Sweep, a volunteer shoreline and roadside clean-up in honor of Earth Day, will take place in Havre de Grace, Perryville, Port Deposit and on Garrett Island. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the clean-up 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. Volunteers, including those interested in being a team captain for an area, can sign up in advance by visiting www.hitourtrails.com or calling 410-457-2482. Participants are urged to wear old clothes and bring work gloves. Volunteers who sign up in advance will receive a T-shirt and lunch.

NATURE SERIES - WHO LIVES WHERE?

Eden Mill Nature Center will offer Saturday Nature Series. Learn about the habitats and animals around Eden Mill from 11 a.m. to noon. You may even find an animal living in one of the nearby habitats. Pre-register by calling 410-836-3050 or emailing edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com.

TUESDAY APRIL 24 BEE HIVE MAINTENANCE

Eden Mill Nature Center presents Honeybee Hive Maintenance at 4 p.m. Join our head beekeeper, Cybil Preston, as she demonstrates hive maintenance and answers questions you may have concerning honeybees, crop management, pests and disease, as well as the importance of honeybees. No registration or fee required. Meet on the paved pathway next to the honeybee hives by the red barn

THURSDAY APRIL 26 DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

Community members are invited to attend this year's Holocaust Days of Remembrance at the post theater at 10 a.m. Guest speaker will be Holocaust survivor Edith M. Cord. For more information, call Linda Patrick at 410-436-1023 or Sheryl Coleman at 410-278-5964.

SATURDAY APRIL 28 CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

International Championship Wrestling competitors will take it to the mat at the APG North athletic center. Doors open 5 p.m.; show starts 6 p.m. There will be five matches consisting of a tag team and women's match and the main event. Bring the Family out for a night of fun and excitement. Refreshments will be sold. Wrestlers will meet guests for autographs and pictures. Admission is \$15 in advance, \$10 at the door and free for active duty military with ID card. Adult ticket holders can bring two children ages 14 and under. For information, call 410-278-4011.

WEDNESDAY MAY 2 UMUC SUMMER STARTUP

Get a jumpstart on your education by starting classes this summer. University of Maryland University College is sponsoring a startup event from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at UMUC'S APG office, Room 210 in the Janet M. Barr Soldier Support Center on Susquehanna Avenue. Advisors will be available to help you put together a degree. As an added incentive, students who make application at this event will have their \$50 application fee waived (not available for doctor of management applicants). Call 410-272-8269 for info.

THURSDAY MAY 3 FAMILY CANOE TRIPS

Reservations are now being taken for Eden Mill Nature Center's family canoe trips. These trips help acquaint paddlers with the natural surroundings on Deer Creek. During these excursions, environmental education and interpretation are provided by the naturalist accompanying the group. Basic

paddling instruction is provided before the trip. Canoes, paddles, and personal floatation devices are provided. Season begins May 3 and runs through Sept. 29. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Pre-registration required by calling 410-836-3050 or emailing edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com. Visit www.edenmill.org.

ONGOING AUDITION FOR DRACULA

The APG Theater Group will perform Dracula in October. To audition or to join the theater group, visit the recreation center Mondays at 6 p.m., or call 410-278-4011/4907.

MSU OFFERS MASTERS IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Morgan State University announces its master's degree in electrical engineering program, designed for those interested in pursuing an advanced degree with concentrations in communications, signals intelligence and RADAR. The program will be offered at APG and Baltimore City, and includes a thesis or course-only option. An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and B.S. in electrical engineering from an ABET accredited program are required. Other STEM degrees may be considered. Submit applications by July 1 (June 1 for international students) for the fall semester at: http://www.morgan.edu/School_of_Graduate_Studies.html. Call 443-885-1456 or email Jumoke.Ladeji-Osias@Morgan.Edu for info.

CHAPEL POSITION

The APG main post chapel is seeking someone who can serve as choir director, organist and soloist. It is a paid position, part-time, required for two services on Sunday, special services and rehearsal. If interested, contact Chaplain (Maj.) Jonathan Morse at 410-278-4333.

T-SHIRTS NEEDED FOR ARBOR DAY EVENT

In honor of the installation's Arbor/Earth Day celebration, the event's organizers are seeking old T-shirts (lots of them) to make dog pull toys or tote bags. If you have T-shirts you can donate, call Kathy Thisse at 410-436-8789 or email kathleen.s.thisse.civ@mail.mil, or Deidre Deroia at 410-278-0536 or deidre.m.deroia.civ@mail.mil.

DIY WHEEL BALANCE

The APG Auto Craft Center announces the arrival of a new top-of-the-line wheel balancing machine for 10" to 24" wheels, to include low profile tires. Reduce expensive car repair costs and do it yourself with the assistance of Auto Craft staff members. Stop by the APG Auto Craft Center and see how you can save some money. For information, call 410-278-5178 or visit www.apgmwr.com/recreation/auto.html.

SATURDAY CRITTER FEEDING

Eden Mill Nature Center offers these feedings on Saturdays through June, at 1 p.m. for Families. Join the staff in the nature center as they feed the critters. Take a turn feeding one of the turtles or a snake. Space is limited to 10 participants, so pre-register early by calling 410-836-3050 or email edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com. Visit www.edenmill.org for information.

UPCOMING APPLY NOW FOR EDUCATION GRANTS

Applications for the 2012 Educational Grant for spouses of active-duty service members are available at www.ourfamilyfoundation.org.

Applications must be submitted by May 17. Each year, 20 educational grants are given in amounts up to \$5,000 for the spouses of active-duty service members at Forts Meade, Bragg, Polk, Rucker, Riley, Sill, and Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Applicants may be in any stage of the educational process and awards are to be used for the 2012-13 academic year. Recipients of a grant will be notified by July 2.

Visit the website for more information about the application process, or call 401-228-2836.



**MORE
ONLINE**
More events
can be seen at
www.apgnews.apg.army.mil/calendar.

Register now for required motorcycle courses

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

Motorcycle safety courses for active duty, Guard and Reserve Soldiers begin this month at APG.

The courses are mandatory for Soldiers and optional for civilians wishing to sharpen their skills, according to H. Mike Allen of the Garrison Safety Office.

“Openings for civilians are standby only, and that’s only in the event that a vacancy is not filled by a Soldier,” Allen said.

He said that for the BRC course, three motorcycles are available for loan to military drivers on a first-come, first-serve basis. Department of Defense civilians must ride their own bikes. No retirees or Family members are permitted to participate in the courses.

Though the course is not required for civilians, all riders must meet the standards for proper personal protective equipment (PPE) to enter the installation, said Safety specialist Terry Guest.

“For example, riders might remove their footgear once they are on post and not put them back on for a

short trip to the post office or recreation center. All riders must understand that PPE is required at all times,” he said.

Details are being worked out for the next Iron Horse Bike Rally, slated May 24.

“The event will be similar to last year’s with safety checks and briefings prior to departure,” he said. “The route is still being worked out. It’s on a work day (Thursday) but we’re hoping for a large turnout. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves last year.”

Whether taking a safety course or not, all motorcyclists –drivers and passengers – should think safety at all times, Allen cautioned.

“We can’t emphasize enough the importance of high visibility apparel. The first thing said by motorists after an accident is, ‘I didn’t see it.’ Be seen and be safe.”

To obtain schedules for the basic rider course, experienced rider course and motorcycle refresher training, call Allen at 410-306-1081. Or register and view the schedules online at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/airs/>.



File photo

Local motorcyclists take to the road during a scheduled gathering. To sign up for motorcycle classes, call 410-306-1081.

Home Front Heroes celebrated during Armed Forces Week

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event all year long,” he said.

He added that in his travels to many military installations worldwide, he knows firsthand how eagerly the communities anticipate the celebration.

“APG is one of our nation’s leading research, development, testing and evaluation centers, so this is also an opportunity for the community to see what we do here,” he said. “This event also serves as a reminder that we don’t do this alone. APG and Harford County are partners, and we appreciate that partnership.”

The week’s festivities begin with the Armed Forces Day Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course on May 14, at with a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m., and a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

“This event is one of the premiere events hosted at Ruggles each year,” said Rik Bond, APG Golf Program manager and PGA professional. “It’s a great event, a real jewel.”

The tournament will be followed by lunch and award ceremony at 1 p.m. Foursomes can sign up for the tournament; for more information or to register, call 410-278-4794.

Veterans honored

Local veterans will be honored at a luncheon at Top of the Bay on May 15, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Any veteran from past or current military service is welcome to attend; to register, contact 1st Sgt. Sonya Jackson of APG Garrison’s Headquarters and Headquarters Company starting May 1, 410-278-3000. The luncheon is free for the first 50 veterans.

“This will give our local veterans a chance to meet other veterans, and find out the many organizations they may find helpful,” Jackson said. “There also will be organizations that provide assistance to veterans, such as job assistance and housing.”

The guest speaker will be Wood Parker, a 20-year Navy veteran, who is on the board of advisors for TASC, a contractor, one of the sponsors of the luncheon, along with Freedom Federal Credit Union.

APG in action

May 16 marks a full day of activities that the entire community can enjoy. The day begins with a Gold Star Family Breakfast (invitation only) at 8 a.m. Armed Forces Day activities start at 9 a.m. on the APG museum grounds. The

public is welcome to watch demonstrations and view static displays from APG’s many organizations.

The official opening ceremony starts at 10 a.m., with a concert, courtesy of the Army Field Band “The Volunteers,” at 11:30 a.m.

The displays, demonstration and concert all are free and open to the public. For information about the activities planned, call 410-278-4500.

Showing appreciation

On May 17, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Harford County Chamber of Commerce will mark the 35th year it has hosted the Military Appreciation Luncheon, “in honor of the sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform,” according to Vanessa Milio, chief executive officer for the Harford County Chamber of Commerce.

“The Harford County Chamber of Commerce wants to pay respect to our men and women in uniform,” Milio said. “APG has been a huge economic impactor for this region. As a business community, we recognize that impact, and the ripple effect it has on our businesses. It’s important for us to maintain that relationship, and support APG. The

stronger the installation, the stronger our community.”

Registration is required for the luncheon, which costs \$20; go to the chamber’s website at <http://www.harfordchamber.org/Calendarofevents/calendarofevents.html>, or call 410-838-2020 to register.

Run, walk and watch

The weeklong celebration concludes on May 19, which is Armed Forces Day, with a Fun Run/Walk sponsored by APG Garrison’s Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, starting at the APG Athletic Center. A 10K Run starts at 8 a.m., followed by a 2 Mile Fun Run at 8:30 a.m.

To register for the events or for more information, contact Byron Reasin, 410-278-7933/2621.

A Live Fire and Military Equipment Display begins at 1 p.m. on APG’s Main Front with interactive Static Vehicle Displays and displays of other military equipment. At 2:45 p.m. a Parade of Vehicles is scheduled, followed by a Live Fire Demonstration at 3:15 p.m.

The point of contact for the live fire demonstration is Heather Gryp, 410-278-4715.

Deployments boost troop knowledge

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Ormond recognized all the participants for their important role in RDECOM's mission of empowering, unburdening and protecting American Soldiers.

"Thank you for your service. Thank you for your enthusiasm, motivation, leadership and commitment to excellence," Ormond said.

Whisman, a research and development adviser assigned to the U.S. Army Research Laboratory at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., and Inserra, a signal support systems maintainer assigned to the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center at APG, now advance to the Army Materiel Command NCO and Soldier of the Year competitions.

Also vying for the honors were Staff Sgt. Sharalis Canales, a behavioral health NCO assigned to Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center at Natick, Mass., and Staff Sgt. Christopher Duff, an explosive ordnance disposal team leader assigned to the EOD Technology Directorate at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.

Gaining leadership, education, skills

The Soldiers discussed their backgrounds, family lives, personal goals and combat tours during the competition week. They agreed they have benefited tremendously from their decision to enlist.

Inserra, the junior Soldier among the competitors with 22 months of service, said he enlisted because of his Family's positive experiences in the military. His brother served in the Army, and a cousin served in the Marine Corps.

"They had that feeling of knowledge, training and confidence. I wanted that," he said.

Inserra is planning to use the Army's educational benefits to complete his degree in electrical engineering. He praised his NCOs for their leadership



Photo by Tom Faulkner

Pfc. Joshua Inserra won the 2012 RDECOM Soldier of the Year competition.

and said he hopes to emulate them as he progresses during his Army career.

"I have a great bunch of NCOs in front of me. I want to be like them. I want to have the leadership that they have," he said. "I've gained so much more confidence in myself than I could have ever imagined. I'm enjoying that confidence. I'm more confident in my writing. I'm more confident in the way I speak to people."

Canales said she has changed her life dramatically since enlisting six years ago.

"I was homeless. I was living in a shelter in Times Square for six months. I needed a sense of direction. I went to the recruiting station and I joined," she said. "The Army has been my Family, and it's been everything to me."

Canales completed her associate's degree three weeks ago. She is now

studying for a bachelor's degree in psychology and then plans to pursue a master's degree in social work. After retiring from active duty, she hopes to return as an Army civilian employee.

"[I want] to continue serving in the mental-health field to help Soldiers, families and retirees," she said.

"It's weird how I went from being homeless and before that living in a foster home with counselors.

"When I joined the Army, the roles reversed. Now I am a counselor, so I'm able to give back. I think it's wonderful that I can do that. My experience before I joined helped shape what I've learned."

Countering misconceptions

The Soldiers said [they think] the American public holds misconceptions

about the Army that are reinforced by incidents such as when Staff Sgt. Robert Bales was accused of killing 17 Afghan civilians.

"One of the misconceptions is that we all go to Iraq, run around, shooting guns at whoever we see, and killing everyone," Duff said. "That's not what we're there for at all. It's not what it's all about.

"There is a mission over there. We are all over there for a small piece of that mission and to come home safely."

Canales echoed Duff's comments. She said her military experience differs greatly from the images seen on TV news of infantrymen on patrol in Iraq or Afghanistan.

"I think a lot of civilians who don't know much about the Army believe that all we do is go to war, fight, and kill people," Canales said. "Even my brothers believe I carry a gun at all times. I wish they could come and see what we do in the Army. I'm a counselor, and I've been in the hospital setting for the last six years."

Combat brings a new perspective

Whisman and Duff have served in the Middle East, and they said they gained a better understanding of the military's objectives in the area.

"When you deploy, you get to see a little bit of the bigger picture," Duff said. "You see why we do what we do and what we're there to do. For a Family, it reassured my wife that she can get through a deployment and keep the house under control."

Whisman said he has a new appreciation for life as an American.

"I saw some things that definitely put my life here in perspective. They have so little. I'll never again take for granted what I have at home," Whisman said. "It could be so much worse. As bad as you think you might have it, it could always be a lot worse."

Survivors remain part of Army Family

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SOS services. The Army is the only military branch with a dedicated program for survivors.

Sanders said one of missions of SOS is to reassure survivors that they remain part of the Army Family for as long as they desire.

"For some survivors, Army life is all they know," she said. "They feel at home on Army installations. This is their comfort zone and they want to continue to participate in Army events."

Through the Directorate of Emergency Services, SOS helps drivers obtain SOS vehicle identification decals and SOS identification cards for non-Department of Defense cardholders.

Support Groups

Another facet of SOS is its support groups. It facilitates a gathering for survivors once a month. The group discusses issues that affect them, like changes in government initiatives for Families of the Fallen.

"I call it a meet-up because it's not just a grief session, although we do talk about grief, if we need to," Sanders said. "The group exists so survivors can find a network of friends that are going through the same thing. We also do fun activities together."

APG will host a breakfast for Families of Fallen Soldiers prior to the annual Armed Forces Day festivities in May. Attendees can RSVP to Sanders at 410-278-2861. SOS is also planning a trip to Washington, D.C., to view the Fourth of July fireworks.

The next SOS meeting is April 19 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Attendees will plan activities for summer. Light refreshments will be served. Child care is provided by Child Youth and School Services with two week's notice.

"I hope to continue to see more Family members of Fallen Soldiers," Sanders said. "This is a way for them to keep their loved one's memories alive, and meet others going through like experiences" she said.

Survivors speak out

Danielle Charles, who lost her husband Jan. 14, 2011, one month after the birth of their second child, said the SOS program saved her life. With no local support from extended family, Charles said she was on the edge of a nervous breakdown.

"I was always taught that the military was a Family that took care of its own but as a surviving spouse, I felt like

our Family became instant outcasts," Charles said. "I actually became so withdrawn that any document pertaining to my husband or the military went into a pile that I did not touch for months."

Charles said her turning point was linking up with SOS' Sanders, who guided her and her Family to counseling and provided assistance with the documents.

"Ms. Sanders has helped me come around people again at a time when I had secluded myself and my children from everyone," she said. "I am so happy that this program is here for me and spouses like myself who are experiencing a loss. It is such a blessing, knowing that a program like this is here to ensure that for me, a military wife whose husband died while serving, is not an outcast."

Charles said SOS has renewed her belief in the military, and "showed me that the Charles Family has a country and a military that still cares."

Tonya Armstead, who lost her husband in 2005 while he was serving in Afghanistan, said she wished she had a program like SOS after her husband's death. Like Charles, Armstead had young children that depended on her and had no local Family support.

"After I lost my husband, I wasn't

sure who I could trust," Armstead said. "Some people tried to take advantage of my situation, and some people gave me false information. The SOS program is a place that survivors can go to get information they can trust."

Armstead added that like Charles, after her husband died she felt too grief stricken to deal with many tasks.

"Unfortunately, I also lost out on some benefits," she said. "But when you lose a spouse, you are grieving. You do not want to spend time researching what benefits are available. Filling out paper work can be so overwhelming and stressful."

Today she says tries to attend all SOS meetings to offer support to other survivors, most of whom have lost spouses within the past year.

"Hopefully they can learn from my experiences," she said.

APG's SOS is in the process of standing up a Gold Star Wives chapter, which will be a part of a national association of Gold Star Wives. The APG SOS, which is offered through Army Community Services, also partners with Gold Star Mothers.

To find out more about SOS, contact Sanders at 410-278-2861 or candra.a.sanders-nash.civ@mail.mil.

DRINKING WATER NOTICE APG – EDGEWOOD AREA

Tests show presence of coliform bacteria in water

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Four of thirteen samples collected in March 2012 showed the presence of Total Coliform bacteria. Only one may do so per month. Buildings affected include E6810, E6811, E6812, E6814, E6830, E6832, E6833, E6836, E6881, and E6882.

What This Means

This is not an emergency. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves.

Coliforms are bacteria, which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution systems.

You may drink the water. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

Steps We Are Taking

The contamination problem was corrected by:

1. The main where the total coliform violation occurs is being flushed continuously until an automatic flusher can be installed.
2. Bottled water is being provided to affected buildings in the distribution system.
3. Resampling at the affected buildings will be accomplished Apr 4, 2012. Results should be available by Friday Apr 6, 2012. ** Resampling results were all Non-Detect.

For more information,

Contact Ruth Golding of DPW-ED at 410-278-2495 or ruth.a.golding.civ@mail.mil.

Coliform sample not conducted in a timely manner

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. One of ten samples collected on March 14, 2012 showed the presence of Total Coliform bacteria. Required same-month repeat samples were not collected until March 22, 2012. These samples should have been collected within 24 hours of being notified of the initial coliform-positive. Building affected include E6810, E6811, E6812, E6814, E6830, E6832, E6833, E6836, E6881, and E6882.

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Steps We Are Taking

The contamination problem was corrected by:

1. Contractor will collect required same-month samples (following a samples showing presence of Total Coliform bacteria) within 24 hours of receiving notification of an initial coliform-positive.
2. Contractor will indicate on laboratory chain of custody and other submitted paperwork to laboratory that these are compliance samples.

For more information,

Contact Ruth Golding of DPW-ED at 410-278-2495 or ruth.a.golding.civ@mail.mil.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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/>



SAVE A LIFE TOUR HELD AT APG SOUTH

Maj. Gen. Jimmie O. Keenan, commander of the U.S. Army Public Health Command, operates a simulator as part of the Save A Life Tour, which made a stop at APG South April 10. "Driving the simulator was a challenging experience," said Keenan. "It gives you a perspective on the effects of driving while intoxicated. It is really important that all of us—military and civilian—understand that there are consequences to using drugs and alcohol." The event was co-sponsored by the USAPHC, 22d Chemical Battalion and APG Army Substance Abuse Program.

Photo by Graham Snodgrass

SPRING FLING AND RUN

The community turned out in force for MWR's Spring Festival activities at the APG South recreation center April 4. Events included a Bunny Hop Fun Run prior to the festival. The first spring festival of the season was held a week prior at the APG North recreation center. View more photos at www.apgmwr.com or www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson



Photo by Rachel Ponder

SPRING FUN

Hiram Hendri Jr., 4, of the APG South (Edgewood) Child Development Center, shows off his Batman face painting during an April 5 spring celebration at the youth center. Older students who attend the APG South youth center assisted with face paintings and other crafts and activities during the event.



Photo by Rachel Ponder

OH, THE CHOICES

Lorali Hudson, 11 months, daughter of Spc. Michael Hudson of the 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), decides which duck to pick during the Defender's Spring Fling at McBride Field April 7. The event, hosted by the battalion's A Company, featured food, giveaways and entertainment.

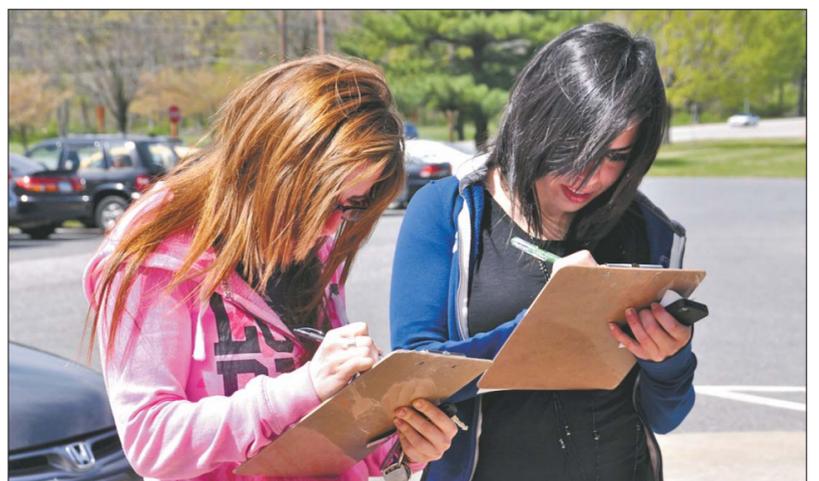


Photo by Yvonne Johnson

ALCOHOL SCREENING

(From left) Sisters Sarah and Elka Cahn of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command fill out alcohol awareness screening forms as part of the National Alcohol Screening Day events sponsored by the APG Army Substance Abuse Program. Screeners gathered surveys at various locations throughout APG North and South April 5.