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Attendance high for first installation town hall meeting

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

The first installation town hall meeting at the Post Theater on April 18 drew more than 600 Soldiers, civilians, contractors and Family members interested in receiving updates from post leaders.

Hosted by Aberdeen Proving Ground Commander Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, the event was designed to replace the quarterly Community Action

Council meetings.

Ferrell commended the garrison staff and shared "hot topics" challenging the Army's senior leaders today. These include maintaining quality of life for Soldiers, civilians and their Families while standing up a smaller Army in a "constrained fiscal environment" amid manpower and budget reductions.

Col. Orlando Ortiz, Garrison APG commander, introduced members of his staff to pro-

vide updates regarding installation operations. Those briefings began with plans for Armed Forces Week May 14-19 activities (see article below for details).

The Directorate of Public Works discussed what the community should expect as major construction and demolition projects continue to change APG's landscape. Those changes include modifications to intersections, part of ongoing efforts to improve traffic flow.

MORE ONLINE



The presentation from the event is available at <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/commander/wellbeing.cfm>. For more information about the next Installation Town Hall in August, call the APG Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147.

Transportation continued with Karen Holt of the Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor briefing attendees on traffic changes related to the Route 715 construction project which will

affect Aberdeen Area commuters for the next year.

Topics also included on-post housing options for both mili-

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Photo by Rachel Ponder

Young Patriots honored

Braeden Bushyager, fifth grade, converses with APG's acting garrison command sergeant major, Master Sgt. John Cavaliere, after the Churchville Elementary School Patriot Assembly April 24. Forty-six fifth grade students received Young Patriot medals, awarded to students who studied American and military history lessons and completed patriot-themed projects. Soldiers from the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) and Army Research Laboratory also attended the event.

Retired SMA visits APG with message of hope, call to action for disabled

By **BOB DIMICHELE**
CECOM Public Affairs

Service to Soldiers was always a passion for Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston.

Now retired, Preston displayed that passion at Aberdeen Proving Ground

April 20 when he spoke at Aberdeen chapter's monthly Association of the U.S. Army luncheon.

Preston joked with the audience that he had begun to enjoy a leisurely retirement—getting up at 10 o'clock in morning and watching television. But

that lifestyle didn't last long, and by his second day of retirement, he had decided to get up and get involved.

That involvement includes helping severely disabled warriors build specially adapted homes to accommodate

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APG News staff nets newspaper wins

Staff report

APG News graphic designer Nick Pentz and reporter Rachel Ponder recently took top honors in this year's Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association editorial competition.

Pentz won first place in front page design for his Native American Heritage Month layout in the Nov. 23, 2011, issue of the APG News. Ponder won first place in the Environmental Reporting category for a Jan. 23, 2011, article, "Bluegills Monitor Treated Groundwater."



Pentz



Ponder

Both entries won in the non-daily division with less than 10,000 circulation, and were among 1,623 submissions

from 61 competing newspapers. All of the daily and most of the non-daily newspapers in Maryland, Delaware and D.C. are active members of the MDDC, originally founded in 1908 for weekly papers.

On Pentz's win, the judges noted that the layout was "very eye-catching," and they "loved the use of white space around the photo." The judges called Ponder's article "interesting, informative and pleasing."

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Military Appreciation

Live fire demo to close Armed Forces Week

By **LYNN WITKOWSKI**
APG Public Affairs

Armed Forces Week is just around the corner, and Aberdeen Proving Ground plans to end it with a bang.

That bang will be APG's live fire demonstration, which decades ago was one of the community's favorite Armed Forces Week displays.

Always a crowd pleaser, the live-fire will take place Saturday, May 19, and will be the first time it has been included in APG's Armed Forces Week celebrations since the early 1990s.

The live fire begins at 3:15 p.m. at the installation's main front firing range, but the public can begin taking in the sights at 1 p.m. with interactive static vehicle displays and military equipment exhibits. A parade of vehicles, including the M1, Stryker, MRAP, Bradley, and Humvee, is scheduled at 2:45 p.m.

Heather Gryp of U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, which is sponsoring the event, said entry to the live fire demonstration requires tickets, which can be picked up starting at 1 p.m. on May 2 at the APG North recreation center.

"Each person can pick up five tickets,"

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Armed Forces 10K race set May 19

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Community members are invited to participate in this year's annual Armed Forces Day 10K Saturday, May 19, at 8 a.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center.

Same-day registration starts at 6 a.m. The timed race is open to the public and culminates the installation's weeklong Armed Forces Day celebrations.

Byron Reasin, APG's athletic center facility manager, said the 10K is used as a qualifying time for APG active duty runners vying for a spot on the APG

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Thurs.



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STREET TALK

April is Month of the Military Child. What do YOU enjoy most about military life?

I've been to Texas and Alaska and now Maryland. I missed my old friends but I made new friends. The best part is you get to experience people from different backgrounds.



Ryene Sanders, 12

We've lived in different states and I made friends wherever we've gone. I even went to a German school when I was real young. The best part is the youth center and all the activities we do.



Kayla Williams, 12

The best part is you get to travel and meet people of different nationalities and religions. That helps you learn how to get along with people in general. I love the youth center. It's my favorite place to be.



Jehlani Baynes, 11

I like being on post. It's a safe place to walk around. The sports and activities at the youth center are great and getting military discounts is the best part. The only bad part is adjusting to climate changes. I lived in Texas, then Germany and now here.



Carim Williams, 13

My mom is in the Air Force and when she was serving away from home, it was just me, my younger brother, sister and my dad. We moved here from New Jersey and I was mad about moving. But I got to meet new people, visit interesting places. Now I feel like all of my friends are here.



Tierra Ward, 13

OPINION

ACAP: Preparing for success after the Army

Soldiers deliver for the Army and for the nation—I've seen it throughout my career, never more so than during my time in Iraq. So when you decide it's time to move on to the next stage of your life, it's only right that we should have a plan, prepare together, and then execute with energy to ensure success.

That's why we have the Army Career and Alumni Program. Whether your next stage includes a job, school, continued service with the Guard or Reserves, or all three, ACAP will help you and your Family prepare for a successful transition.

Today there is unprecedented support for transitioning Soldiers and veterans at federal, state and local levels. Hiring our Heroes, a U.S. Chamber of Commerce initiative, is a great example.

Their job fairs bring together a whole range of organizations—including private industry, the Department of Labor, the Veterans Administration, the Small Business Administration and state workforce commissions—all focused on connecting transitioning Soldiers and vets with employment opportunities.

The same idea is behind Hero 2 Hired (https://h2h.jobs/sign_in). This Army website helps transitioning Soldiers and vets connect with 50,000 employers who have vowed to employ them.

ACAP is there to help you learn about and make the most of these and other opportunities.

The key is to get to ACAP early--at



For transitioning Soldiers looking to enter the civilian job market, it's good news to hear about employers lining up to participate in job fairs on our installations.

least 12 months out for separating Soldiers or two years out for retiring Soldiers. Talk with an ACAP counselor about your goals--continuing military service, getting a job, going back to school or starting a business--and lay out a plan to get there.

For transitioning Soldiers looking to enter the civilian job market, it's good news to hear about employers lining up to participate in job fairs on our installations--92 employers at a Fort Polk job fair in January, 75 at Fort Jackson March 6, and 122 at Fort Campbell March 21-22, to name recent examples.

It's even better news--it's great news!--to hear the success stories that come out of these events. For example, employers made at least 300 job offers during Fort Campbell's job fairs in September, and the ACAP office is still hearing from Soldiers who received a job offer then. ACAP offices regularly support these events on our installations and success stories come out of every one.

Of course, this great news is predictable. You have an incredible skill set--leadership, adaptability, ingenuity and dedication, before we even get to the technical skills. Employers rec-

ognize that you bring something extra to the table--we know that when they meet you, they will want you.

Thank you to the great teams--the folks at ACAP and our Department of Labor and Veterans Administration partners--who are helping transitioning Soldiers reach their goals. What you do--polishing resumes and interview skills, researching opportunities, and building connections--is invaluable to helping Soldiers translate their Army experiences into success after the Army.

Thank you, also, to all the leaders doing right by our transitioning Soldiers. We're looking for concrete outcomes for all transitioning Soldiers--a solid resume and measurable progress towards their goal, whether it's a job offer, a business plan, or an acceptance letter from a school. With your involvement and support, we all win. Thank you for setting Soldiers up for success. That's a real example of taking care of Soldiers.

Thank you for your service.
SUPPORT AND DEFEND!

Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter
Commander, Installation Management Command

Help contribute clean, safe storm water

Spring is in the air. Flowers are blooming and birds are singing as the season for gardening and lawn care begins.

It probably comes as no surprise that weekend afternoons are filled with the humming of lawn mowers and buzzing of weed-eaters.

For many, a lush lawn is a crowning achievement and a prize worth showing off. For others, the goal may be a colorful garden of exotic plants or ripe produce. Unfortunately, these are achieved with the heavy use of fertilizers and pesticides that can be harmful to your Family, pets and environment.

These issues are nothing new. Media coverage of the farming industry's harmful use of fertilizers and pesticides and its effects on the Chesapeake Bay has persisted for years. Often overlooked, however, is the use of these substances by residential communities.

Currently, there are approximately 1.3 million acres of Maryland land planted with turf grass, and that number is expected to increase as development of agricultural land into residential communities continues.

Fertilizers and pesticides which are applied to our lawns and gardens, but which are not fully absorbed into the

ground or plants, due to over-application or untimely application, are often washed away and enter our surface waterways.

Once they enter the storm water drainage system, they easily migrate into neighboring waterways and ultimately to the Bay. Pesticides kill aquatic organisms or impair their health and ability to reproduce.

According to the Environment Maryland Research and Policy Center, urban and suburban areas account for 30 percent of the total phosphorus load and 10 percent of the total nitrogen load received by the Bay each year. While this is nowhere near the impact created by farming, if individuals in a neighborhood can collectively reduce fertilizer and pesticide use, it can make a significant positive impact in storm- water quality.

Aside from damaging the environment, the over- or inappropriate use of fertilizers and pesticides can have a negative horticultural impact. Over-fertilization of soils can lead to nutrient burn and ultimately to a plant's demise. A blanket application of a broad spectrum pesticide will remove unwanted pests, but it can also kill off helpful insects in the process. For example, ladybugs consume aphids, which can destroy plants, while the

praying mantis preys upon moths, crickets, grasshoppers, and flies.

While fertilizers and pest control may be needed to achieve healthy plants, some environmentally safe alternatives include using natural pesticides and encouraging helpful insects to thrive. Simple insect repellants can be made using household items like vinegar, garlic and cooking oil.

Knowing the nutrient requirements of the plants in your yard and soil testing can prevent over-fertilizing. Pesticides and fertilizers should be used as directed on the packaging, and should not be applied prior to a rain.

Using compost to fertilize lawns and gardens is not only a natural way of fertilizing, but it is a great way to recycle wastes. Using these alternatives leads to healthy plants, cleaner stormwater, a safer environment and a healthier you.

More information is available from local, county, and state governments and is widely available on the internet. Visit www.epa.gov/epawaste/conservation for info on composting, or www.chesapeakebay.net for how-to tips from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

APG Directorate of Public Works

APG SEVEN DAY FORECAST

Thurs



73°|46°

Fri



63°|48°

Sat



52°|42°

Sun



47°|41°

Mon



57°|43°

Tue



64°|52°

Wed



67°|58°

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The first Program Executive Officer (PEO) of the U.S. Army Element, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives Conrad F. Whyne, left and Assistant Secretary of Defense (Nuclear, Chemical and Biological) the Honorable Andrew C. Weber greet guests at a reception following the PEO Presentation of Charter Ceremony April 12. Whyne permanently assumed the PEO position in February 2012.

Whyne formally accepts charter for PEO-ACWA

By **KRISTEN SZYDLOSKI**
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Conrad F. Whyne, the first program executive officer (PEO) of the U.S. Army Element, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA), formally accepted his management charter in an April 12 ceremony hosted by the Honorable Andrew C. Weber, assistant secretary of defense (Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs). Whyne permanently assumed the PEO position in February.

With the remaining 10 percent of the U.S. chemical weapons stockpile slated for destruction at Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colo., and Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky., Whyne, former director of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA), will continue to play a key role in the national chemical demilitarization program which is monitored under the Chemical Weapons Convention, an international treaty which prohibits the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons.

“The ACWA program is unique and requires a tremendous amount of technical, engineering and acquisition experience, and diplomacy. Conrad Whyne is one of those rare individuals who possess that wide range of skills and experiences,” Weber said.

During the ceremony, Weber and

Dr. Arthur T. Hopkins, deputy assistant secretary of defense (Threat Reduction and Arms Control), officially presented Whyne the charter. A member of the Senior Executive Service, Whyne reports directly to the Department of Defense, as mandated by public law.

Weber said he was proud to transfer the ACWA charter to someone with a proven record of accomplishing and completing chemical demilitarization missions, noting that Whyne had “put himself out of a job” by successfully destroying the portion of the chemical weapons stockpile assigned to CMA.

He added that the new PEO is ready to fulfill the obligation to American taxpayers to bring the chemical weapons destruction projects to completion ahead of schedule and under budget.

“Every dollar you save can be redirected to equipping our warfighters,” Weber said.

“I happily accept my charter as ACWA’s program executive officer,” said Whyne, a native of Northumberland, Pa., who holds a bachelor’s degree in biology and a master’s degree in biomedical engineering. “With the professionalism and continued support of the ACWA team, I am confident we will advance daily toward our mutual goal of safe, environmentally sound and expeditious destruction of the remaining U.S. chemical weapons stockpile.”

PEO IEW&S comes under new leadership

By **BRANDON POLLACHEK**
PEO IEW&S PAO

The Program Executive Office for Intelligence Electronic Warfare & Sensors (PEO IEW&S) came under new leadership on April 11 following a change of charter ceremony hosted by Lt.

Gen. William Phillips, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition Logistics and Technology).

During the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Harold Greene relinquished command to Stephen Kreider who will serve as the acting PEO.

As the ceremony host, Phillips reflected on the numerous accomplishments that PEO IEW&S had during the brief 10 months Greene spent as the PEO prior to his nomination and confirmation for promotion to major general and assignment as deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management, ASA (ALT).

“In providing Soldiers with a decisive edge and making sure they have the advantage against a determined enemy that is prepared to adjust fires and adapt to our systems, no one has done it better than this PEO,” said Phillips. “You made sure that our Soldiers have the ability to defeat IEDs, to detect the enemy wherever they are with intell sensors and to make sure our Soldiers have the information they need so that they act quickly and decisively to ensure they can come home safely.”

With Greene at the helm, the PEO fielded approximately 45,000 systems many of which were quick reac-

tion capabilities developed to meet the immediate needs of the men and women serving in theater. He led a team of military, civilian and contractor personnel under seven varied but inter-connected Project Manager Offices to include more than 2,000 forward deployed personnel supporting 51 separate military exercises, assistance missions and combat operations across 34 countries.

Over the course of the past year PEO IEW&S pushed forward numerous long-term programs that will ensure technologically superior capabilities for Soldiers for years to come. Under Greene’s leadership the Enhanced Medium Altitude Reconnaissance Surveillance System, which will serve within the Army’s aerial layer, was able to begin work by resolving problems that had held up the program and will ultimately provide Soldiers with an adaptable system for aerial surveillance.

Additionally, the Common Infrared Countermeasure program moved into Technical Development phase and will ultimately provide aircrew and their passengers an unprecedented level of protection from man-portable air-defense systems.

He also oversaw the contract award for the AN/TPQ-53, which will bolster the level of protection for Soldiers in the field, by expanding basic counter-fire radar capabilities in both 90 and 360 degree mode.

During his time as PEO, Greene set a path for the organization to operate

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Lt. Gen. William Phillips
Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition Logistics and Technology)

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Army Emergency Relief provides support

Special to the APG News

AER is a private nonprofit organization incorporated in 1942 by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff. AER's mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers and their Families.

Who is Eligible?

- Active duty Soldiers, single or married, and Family members.
- Army National Guard and Reserve Soldiers on active duty orders for more than 30 consecutive days, and eligible Family members.
- Soldiers retired from active duty for longevity or physical disability, and Family members,
- Army National Guard and Reserve Soldiers who retire at age 60, and Family members.
- Surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.

What AER Can Do?

- AER can help with emergency financial needs for:
- Food, rent or utilities
 - Emergency transportation and vehicle repairs
 - Funeral expenses

- Medical/dental expenses
- Provide college scholarships to children, spouses, and surviving spouses of Soldiers

Additional Benefits:

- Support for surviving Families of Soldiers who die on active duty
- Grants for wounded Soldiers medically evacuated from a theater of combat
- Personal financial management training for Soldiers in AIT

What AER Cannot Do?

- Help pay for nonessentials
- Finance ordinary leave or vacation
- Pay civilian court fees, fines, judgments, liens, bail, legal fees, and income taxes
- Help liquidate or consolidate debt
- Assist with house purchase
- Cover bad checks or pay credit card bills
- Business ventures or any similar investment

Applying for AER Assistance:

Active duty Soldiers assigned to APG can request an application for AER assistance (AER Form 700 or Commanders Referral Program AER Form 600) through the unit or the AER office, Bldg. 2503, Highpoint Road, Room 107. Or download the form at www.aerhq.org. Sol-

diers must provide required information.

Soldiers in the rank of master sergeant and above, chief warrant officer 3 and above, and captains and above are not required to submit an application for assistance through their commander. These applications are to be submitted directly to the AER officer.

For all other ranks, a Soldier's first sergeant or commander must review, approve and sign the form.

A Soldier then brings the form, latest end of month LES, military ID, and documentation supporting the request for assistance (emergency leave form, rental agreement, car repair estimate, utility bill, etc.) to the AER office.

No appointment is necessary and 98 percent of all requests are completed the same day. Each request is personal and considered on its own merit.

Army retirees needing assistance should bring supporting documentation for assistance and their military ID to the AER office to fill out the application.

What is the Command Referral Program?

- Company commander or first sergeant can approve AER loans up to \$1,500
- Provides company/battery chain of

command ability to assist Soldier with financial issues

What Kind of Assistance:

■ The majority of AER assistance is provided in the form of an interest free loan with repayment of these loans helping to fund future assistance.

■ Under extreme circumstances, assistance may be given as a grant.

(Grants are not given for routine expenses that suddenly become a problem or provided simply because a Soldier has a monthly deficit and cannot repay a loan. Grants are never given for expenses that will be reimbursed by other sources such as insurance companies or the government).

AER's Record of Assistance:

Since it was established in 1942, AER has helped more than 3.2 million Soldiers and Family members with more than \$1 billion. In 2010 AER provided \$77 million in assistance to more than 66,000 Soldiers and their Families.

For more information on AER assistance, call the installation AER Officer at 410-278-2508 or visit www.aerhq.org. For campaign information, contact the Campaign Coordinator Capt. Malikah McCormick at 410-278-3000.

Wrestlers set to battle it out Saturday

By **JASON DOMINGUEZ**

Family & MWR

Army Entertainment and APG's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation invite the community to a fun night of professional wrestling with International Championship Wrestling (ICW) stars Saturday, April 28 at the APG North (Aberdeen) athletic center.

Doors open 5 p.m. with the show starting 6 p.m. Admission is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door and free for active duty military with DoD ID card. Every adult ticket holder can bring two children ages 14 and under.

The event's match card consists of five bouts, including two men's and one women's singles matches, a tag-team round and the main event with Shawn Daivari wrestling Doink the Clown.

Earlene Allen, FMWR special events coordinator, said the event will be family-oriented and she encourages parents

to bring their children.

"If you have kids who are interested in wrestling or sports, make sure you bring them out to watch the live action and enjoy the show," Allen said.

Guests will get to meet, greet and take photos with the wrestlers. Refreshments will be sold. Purchase tickets at the APG North recreation center, Bldg. 3326, or at the APG South recreation center, Bldg. E4140. For information, call at 410-278-4011/4907 or 410-436-2713.

Main event wrestlers bring years of experience to the ring

Shawn Daivari

Daivari is a Minneapolis native with a wrestling career that spans more than 13 years. He began training for his professional wrestling career at the age of 15 and competed in independent shows in front of small- to mid-size crowds.

In 2004, Daivari signed on with World

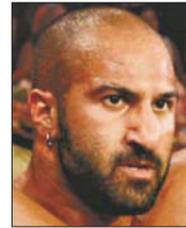
Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) and became a regular contender on television shows such as Monday Night Raw and Friday Night Smackdown. In 2008, while signed with TNA Wrestling, Daivari briefly changed his wrestling name to Sheik Abdul Bashir and toured around the world.

Some of his most famous opponents include, John Cena, Shawn Michaels, The Undertaker, Stone Cold Steve Austin, Rowdy Roddy Piper, Hulk Hogan and others.

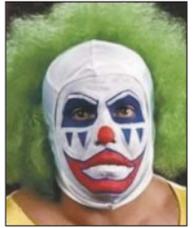
For more information, visit www.shawndaivari.com.

Doink the Clown

Weighing in at 243 pounds and at 5'10" tall, Doink the Clown was first



Daivari



Doink the Clown

introduced to wrestling fans on the WWE network and has competed in some of wrestling's championship competitions such as Wrestlemania X-Seven, IX and X and Survivor Series 1994.

The Clown's signature techniques include The Stump Puller and The Whoopie Cushion. Some of his most famous opponents include Randy Savage, Bret Hart and Crush.

Doink eventually teamed up with Dink, a smaller version of his character, and competed against teams that included wrestlers such as Bam Bam Bigelow, Luna Vachon, Umaga Viscera, and Kevin Thorn. For more information, visit www.wwe.com/superstars/doink.

Healthy Living

Immunizations not just for kids

By **BETHANN CAMERON**
U.S. Army Public Health Command

Children are not the only people who need immunizations—young adults to senior citizens can benefit from immunizations, too. Many adults become ill, disabled or die each year from diseases that could easily have been prevented by being immunized.

Immunizations also benefit people in the community where immunized persons live or work, putting fewer numbers of people at risk by preventing the spread of diseases. Diseases like influenza (flu), tetanus and measles can cost Soldiers, Families and civilian personnel time and money because of doctor visits, lost duty and work time, and hospitalizations.

Some adults assume that the immunizations they received as children will protect them for the rest of their lives. Usually this is true, except that

- Some adults were never immunized as children,
- Newer vaccines were not available when some adults were children,
- Immunity can begin to fade over time, and
- As we age, we become more susceptible to serious diseases caused by common infections (for example, flu and pneumococcus).

These circumstances require that adults make sure their immunizations are up to date. The recommended ones are: influenza, pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV), Td/Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), varicella (chickenpox) and hepatitis B. People who travel overseas, college students and young women may require additional immunizations. Healthcare providers also recommend immunizations for adults who have chronic illness such as heart disease, lung disease and liver disease, or other risk factors such as alcoholism or cigarette smoking.

How do immunizations work? They prevent disease in the people who receive them. A weakened form of dis-

ease is injected into the body. The body makes antibodies to fight the invader. If the actual disease ever attacks the body in the future, the antibodies will still be there to destroy it.

Immunizations protect the personal health of military personnel, help maintain mission readiness and are required. An immunized Soldier is less likely to become seriously ill from a disease that threatens his or her unit's mission.

By staying healthy, the immunized Soldier helps other Soldiers accomplish their mission. Even though immunizations have reduced diseases to low levels in the United States, many diseases are still common in other parts of the world.

Soldiers, civilians and contractors getting ready to deploy may require specific, additional immunizations depending on the health risks where they are deploying.

Military personnel, their Family members, and civilian personnel should work closely with their healthcare providers to schedule immunizations and make sure that immunizations are up to date.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has the Adult Immunization Schedule recommended for anyone over age 18. It is available in English and Spanish and may be downloaded.

To see the complete list of immunizations recommended by the CDC for adults (as well as recommendations and schedules for adolescents and children), visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules>.

The Military Vaccine Agency has immunization charts for U.S. military personnel in any of the Department of Defense services. MilVax also provides lists of vaccines by type of military population—trainees, active-duty and reservists, as well as for deployments.

Recommended guidelines and charts are on the web at <http://www.vaccines.mil/default.aspx?cnt=resource/servicesHome>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY

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.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Steve Fitzhugh, former Denver Bronco and one of the top youth speakers in the country, will present one of his Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) school assemblies from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Patterson Mill High School, 85 Patterson Mill Road in Bel Air. His message will be geared to middle and high-school students, but everyone is encouraged to attend. The event includes a night of humor and music, along with a great message. Attendees can win prizes, including a grand prize \$150 Best Buy Gift Card.

For information, visit www.nmdfca.org or call 410-638-3333

OPEN MIC & KARAOKE

Invite your friends and coworkers and display your talent during Open Mic Thursday at Ruggles Golf Course. Event hosted by Lou Melo of Melo Time Karaoke from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the golf course clubhouse. Free admission. Complimentary bar foods, limited snack bar operations and beer and wine cash bar. Participants must be 18 or older. For information, call 410-278-3854.

IN BLOOM-STUDENT ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION

Harford Community College will host its In Bloom-Student Art & Design Exhibition and Reception 5:30-7 p.m. in the Student Center, Chesapeake Gallery. The exhibition runs through May 18. In Bloom features painting, drawing, graphic design, photography, sculpture, ceramics and other selections. The curator of the exhibit is Jeffrey Cudlin, professor of Curatorial Studies & Practice, Maryland Institute of Art. For more information, e-mail Susan Fletcher, HCC marketing and public relations, at SFletche@Harford.edu.

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 \$10 in advance, \$15 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.

ARCHERY OPEN HOUSE

APG MWR's Outdoor Recreation and the Aberdeen Archery Club will host a free open house from 2-4 p.m. at the APG archery range next to the APG North hunting management facility, Bldg. 550B1. Guests will learn the basics of the sport, safety, shooting techniques and have a free lunch. For info, call 410-278-4838.

NYC DAY TRIP

Don't miss out on this eight-hour do-it-yourself trip to experience one of the most famous cities in the world, New York City. Tickets available now. Transportation leaves from Mountain Road's Park and Ride in Joppatowne at 7:55 a.m., drops passengers off at Times Square, and returns to Joppatowne at approximately 11 p.m. Tickets are \$48. Visit Bldg. 3326 or call 410-278-4011/4907 for information or to reserve a seat, or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil. For information on NYC, visit www.nyc-tour.com.

MONDAY

APRIL 30 DENIM DAY

Army Community Service is asking the community to show its support for rape victims by wearing jeans to work. Wearing jeans has become an international symbol of protest against rape because of a 1992 case in which a rapist was released from prison because a judge ruled the victim's tight jeans could not have been removed by the

inmate. Wearing jeans on Honor Denim shows support for rape victims, a commitment to education and breaking the silence surrounding sexual violence. The community is invited to view "The Invisible War Documentary" at 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. in the APG post theater. For info, call 410-278-2180.

TUESDAY

MAY 1 ARMY ARTS CONTEST

The submission period for the 2012 Army Arts and Crafts Contest runs through June 30. Contestants can enter their original works of art in ceramics, drawings, fibers and textiles, glass, metals and jewelry, paintings, mixed media, wood and digital art. Submissions must have been completed between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. All authorized Family and MWR patrons are eligible to submit up to three works per category at garrison level. Entries submitted as official duty illustrations, training aids, or similar assignments are not eligible. Visit <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/APTRAC>, (must have an AKO email account to access web-based program) for details and entry forms. Visit www.army.mwr.com or contact Emily Myers at 410-278-3868 or emily.n.myers.naf@mail.mil for rules.

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.

CINCO DE MAYO

The ACS Hearts Apart Support Group will host its Cinco de Mayo Celebration from 6-7 p.m. at ACS Bldg. 2503 on High Point Road. ACS Hearts Apart Support Group helps you stay connected in the community and learn what ACS offers you and your Family. Light refreshments and gifts for all who participate. Hearts Apart empowers military and DoD civilian Families to prepare for separation during deployments and TDYs.. For info, call Wilhelmina Cromartie at 410-278-2464.

THURSDAY

MAY 3 PICERNE OPEN HOUSE

Picerne Military Housing will host an open house from 3-7 p.m. for military Families, retirees and DoD civilians at the Leasing and Relocation Center, 2727 Chesapeake Boulevard. Join us for food, fun and prizes. Picerne has immediate availability in several home types and looks forward to showing you homes and neighborhoods. On-post family housing is open to retirees, federal employees and unaccompanied service members. APG is a conveniently located gated community that offers affordable homes, professional management, great amenities, walking trails, parks, play areas and more. For information, call 877-276-6659 or visit picerneaberdeem.com.

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 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.

FRIDAY

MAY 4 PICERNE OPEN HOUSE

Picerne Military Housing will host an open house for military families, retirees and DoD civilians. Join us for food, fun and prizes. Picerne has immediate availability in various home types. Check the APG News and PicerneAberdeen.com website for additional details and reserve your home today.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day set April 28

By **CHANEL S. WEAVER**
U.S. Army Public Health Command

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day will be observed locally and nationwide April 28. The day is set aside to allow an opportunity to safely dispose of unused, unwanted or expired medications at authorized locations in local communities.

In the Harford County area, the Harford County Sheriff's Office will accept unwanted or expired prescription medications from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at:

- Harford County Administration Building, 220 South Main Street, Bel Air, Md.

- Havre de Grace Police Station, 715 Pennington Ave., Havre de Grace, Md.

For personnel unable to visit an authorized collection site, the FDA recommends disposing of medication by taking it out of its original container and mixing with kitty litter or used coffee grounds before throwing in the trash. Medications should only be flushed down the toilet if their label specifically instructs you to do so.

Past Prescription Drug Take-Back Days have been very successful, according to the DEA. On Oct. 29, 2011, more than 377,000 pounds of unwanted or expired medication was collected at 5,327 take-back sites.

For more information on National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day or to locate a collection center near you, visit http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html or <http://1.usa.gov/VEfYD>

MADEA TICKETS

Tyler Perry's "Madea Gets a Job" is onstage at Baltimore's 1st Mariner Arena at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$83 for seats in Section 113. Tickets are limited. To purchase, visit the APG North recreation center, Bldg. 3326. Call 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil for info.

27TH FALLEN HEROES DAY SET

The annual Maryland state ceremony honoring police officers and firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty during the past year, takes place 1 p.m. at the Fallen Heroes Memorial in Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens, 200 East Padonia Road in Timonium, Md. For more information, contact Mary Auld at 410-666-0490 or e-mail mpadvmg@hotmail.org.

SATURDAY

MAY 5 UNIVERSITY CAMPUS TOUR

A Towson University campus tour for ages 15-18 is set from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Transportation departs from APG's Youth Services Bldg. 2522 at 9 a.m. and returns at 2 p.m. Space is limited to 10 seats on a first-come basis. Teens must bring money for lunch. For info, email jay.a.mckinney.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-3250.

DEBUSSY FESTIVAL

Pianist Brian Ganz will join Maestro Piotr Gajewski and clarinetist Richard Stoltzman in an all-Debussy concert at 8 p.m. with the National Philharmonic at the Music Center at Strathmore. The concert is offered by the National Philharmonic honoring the 150th anniversary of the birth of Claude Debussy. For more information or to purchase tickets visit nationalphilharmonic.org or call 301-581-5100

GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Aberdeen Alumni Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. & Millennium Corporation will host its annual charity golf scramble at Ruggles Golf Course. Registration starts at 11 a.m. Shotgun start begins at 12:45 p.m. (Scramble Format). Proceeds will benefit both college bound high school seniors and a Wounded Warrior Program. For information, call 410-278-9452

SUNDAY

MAY 6 STRONG, MARIN FAREWELL

The APG Community Women's Club is hosting a farewell for Lori Borgna-Strong and Uschi Marin from 2 - 4 p.m. at Top of the Bay. Join us in wishing these ladies well as they transition from the active-military community to civilian life. Strong is the wife of recently retired CECOM Commander Maj. Gen. Randolph Strong. Marin is married to retired Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin, who most recently was RDECOM's senior non-commissioned officer. Cost is \$15, payable at the door. RSVP by April 27 to Deanna Hoppe, dnhoppe87@gmail.com, or Maria Montgomery, maritsa.montgomery@us.army.mil.

MONDAY

MAY 7 BUDGETING TEENS

A Money Matters: Budgeting Teens class for students ages 14-18 is set from 5-6 p.m. at CYSS Bldg. 2503, Room 214. Teens will learn to develop

a personal budget. Register at Bldg. 2503. Walk-in registration is 7:30-10:30 a.m., or call for an appointment at 410-278-7479/7571.

TUESDAY

MAY 8 SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

Everyone is invited to the APG Community Women's Club 2012 Scholarship Reception, 5 p.m. at Ruggles Golf Course Clubhouse. Applicants from the APG community will be awarded scholarships for secondary and continuing education. To attend, email doris.m.pickerd.ctr@mail.mil by May 1.

SATURDAY

JUNE 23 COCKTAIL GALA

The community is invited to the 2012 Support Our Heroes Gala from 6-10 p.m. at the Bulle Rock Residents Center, 1200 Bulle Rock Parkway, Havre De Grace, MD 21078. Tickets are \$100 per person. This cocktail gala is to honor and demonstrate our support for our military heroes. Enjoy food, entertainment, dancing and traditional silent and art auctions with proceeds donated to the Fisher House Foundation. For information on tickets, RSVPs or sponsorship, visit www.support-our-heroes.com. The corporate sponsorship reception is set 4:30-6p.m., by invitation only.

ONGOING 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.

FY12 ANNUAL HYDRANT FLUSHING

The annual hydrant flushing at APG is set through May 25. Flushing will take place Monday through Friday weekly between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., and will follow the schedule below. For more information, contact government representative Dennis Overbay at 443-206-8910 or City of Aberdeen representative Curtis Ball at 410-278-2335.

- Through April 27, blocks 4000, 5000 and 6000

- April 30 through May 4, blocks 4000, 5000 and 6000

- May 7 through 11, Plumb Point and restricted areas

- May 14 through 18, ARL and restricted areas

- May 21 through 25, ARL and restricted areas

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.



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

APG community recognizes its volunteers

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

APG Army Community Service held its annual volunteer recognition ceremony at Top of the Bay April 18. While the military, civilian, retiree and youth categories carried a combined 27 nominees, the Family member category had a record 38 volunteers nominated for the top honor.

Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command and APG, and Col. Orlando Ortiz, Garrison APG and deputy installation commander, presented certificates and awards.

While recognizing the ACS staff, Ferrell noted that during 2011, APG's volunteers served more than 13,000 hours, saving the installation more than \$282,000.

"When you have individuals who give their own time to help others, that's a big deal," he said. "It's very special that we take time to celebrate their selfless service."

"I want to thank each and every one of you. What you do matters," he said to the nominees. "This was a good year and we're hoping to raise the bar for next year. If you didn't volunteer, there are still plenty of opportunities."

APG's Volunteers of the Year are Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jennifer Collins (military); Kimberly Hoyle (civilian); Larry Alejo (retiree); Erica Troxler (youth) and Sandy Nook (Family member).

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jennifer Collins

Military Volunteer of the Year

Collins is assigned to the 20th Support Command (CBRNE). She volunteers throughout the year as a team mom/manager with Child, Youth & School Services for basketball, football, soccer and cheerleading and she said she was honored to be recognized as the APG Military Volunteer of the Year.

"Although the military is very demanding, it is important for me to show my children how much they mean to me and to give back to our community. This award is for my



Collins

kids," she said. "I feel there are some things the coaches should not have to worry about. They volunteer countless hours to prepare for practice and games, making sure the kids learn fundamentals and sportsmanship through recreational sports. The least I can do is manage the external requirements, such as snacks, team parties, sharing photos and making sure our coaches have something to remember the season at the end. I love to help, and I love taking photos. The recognition is just a formality; not needed, but much appreciated."

Kimberly Hoyle

Civilian Volunteer of the Year

A business operations and human resources specialist with the CECOM SEC, Hoyle has single-handedly mentored Edgewood Middle School students for the past three years. She said she is "passionate about outreach" and thanked her command for its support and noted that while she appreciates the award, the positive feedback she gets from the students, "is all the thanks I need."

"I originally wanted to become a teacher, it's something I've always had a longing to be involved with," she said. "I do it because of my 11-year-old daughter who is showing an interest in the sciences. My interest is in fanning that flame."

Sandy Nook

Family Member Volunteer of the Year

Nook is a retired APG civilian and the wife of Jerry Nook, who was selected Retiree Volunteer of the Year in 2005. Both have been members of the Main Post Chapel's Protestant service "longer than I can remember," Sandy Nook said. A member of Protestant Women of the Chapel and the Protestant Choir, she said she volunteers her time and energy on numer-



Hoyle



Nook

ous chapel programs and events throughout the year. "I like staying involved so I help out whenever and wherever I'm needed and Jerry does too."

"It's nice to be recognized by my church and my family," she said. "I just about fell out of my seat when I heard my name called. There were so many other nominees. To me it means that someone thought that what we do really makes a difference."

Larry Alejo

Retiree Volunteer of the Year

Alejo is a retired Command sergeant major and civilian with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools. A volunteer range master on Morale, Welfare and Recreation's skeet and trap range since 1990, he said he was "humbled" to be recognized.

"However, the recognition really is for all the participants who use the facility. I tend to think a lot of folks who work on the installation don't realize what they have here and if they'd just take in what's available, they'd



Alejo

enjoy [APG] a lot more."

He thanked MWR leaders and Outdoor Recreation's Ralph Cuomo for his nomination.

"I especially want to thank the corps of volunteer range safety officers who are onsite every day," he added. "The MWR staff and I couldn't do it without them. This is not a one-person operation. It's very much a joint activity."

Erica Troxler

Youth Volunteer of the Year

Troxler is a 14-year-old volunteer with the Main Post Chapel Catholic service. The daughter of Master Sgt. Eric Troxler, 20th Support Command (CBRNE), Erica has been teaching confirmation to youth classes for the past two years.

"I love volunteering," she said. "The children like being around me. They see me as a sister passing on her knowledge."

"I would encourage anyone to volunteer," she added. "Everyone has something to offer. Just try it. It's better to try and fail than not to try at all."



Troxler

Nominees for Volunteer of the Year

MILITARY

Lt. Col. James Coffin
Maj. Luis Perez
1st Sgt. Rebecca Franco
Sgt. 1st Class Michael Williams
Sgt. Joshua Boudreaux
Cpl. Jennifer Zukas

CIVILIAN

Patricia Devine
Andrew Eiler
Jason Hayes
Terri Jenkins
Edward Katrinic
Danielle Kays
Carmen Kifer
Michael Layman
Krista Long
Johnny Morrison
Michael Padovani
Mary Jo Span
Dianne Swauger

RETIREE

Raymond Blevins
Diane Frankenfield
Charles Truck

YOUTH

Chris Midkiff

FAMILY MEMBER

Sandra Bazemore
Heidi Blackwell
Jane Blohm
Lori Borgna-Strong
Annie Brock
Pat Carden
Terie Carrick
Angela Foye
Cheryl France-Huff
Deanna Hoppe
Dawn Hart
Jessica
Compton-Henderson
Jackie Kattner
Erica Lee

Amy Lueders
Uschi Marin
Dr. Marilyn Mitchell-McCluskey
Renee Midkiff
Maria Montgomery
Sue Myers
Sue Nappi
Leslie Newhouse
Virginia Perez
Doris Pickerd
Marina Pierce
Gerry Reno
Ingrid Riseley
Jo Smith
Shantel Smith
Kathy Sukiennik
Cathy Towne
Lisa Nicole Turner
Terri Wallace
Miranda Warrick
Melissa Wilson
Margaret Yohe

Golf tourney, vet lunch set for AFW

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Gryp said, "and seating will be first-come, first-served."

Spectators cannot bring their own seating, and photography and videotaping are not permitted.

Children under age 4 are prohibited from attending the live fire demonstration due to safety concerns. Foam ear plugs will be distributed before the event begins, but young children may not be able to keep the hearing protection lodged in their ears. Extremely high (noise) decibels and percussion from the large caliber weapon systems can be hazardous to hearing, according to the ATC Safety Office.

For more information about the live fire, call 410-278-4715.

Armed Forces Week officially begins May 14. This year's theme "Heroes on the Home Front," recognizes local heroes, both military and civilian.

Those heroes will be recognized at

each Armed Forces Week event, including the May 14 Armed Forces Day golf tournament at Ruggles Golf Course, where a continental breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. and the tournament begins with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Rik Bond, APG Golf Program manager and PGA professional, said he expects 144 golfers to participate. Seventy have signed up already. For more information, call 410-278-4794.

Veterans will be honored at a luncheon at Top of the Bay May 15. Any veteran with past or current military service is welcome to attend. To register, call 410-278-3000.

May 16 begins with a Gold Star Family Breakfast (by 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 hosted by APG organizations.

"The Volunteers," the U.S. Army's premier touring show band, will provide entertainment. "Leftstronger," a Baltimore-area band, is also scheduled to perform.

Freestate ChalleNGe cadets will entertain the audience with a drill competition, and randomly picked audience members can serve as judges.

Other demonstrations will include explosive ordnance disposal, decontamination examples and helicopter and canine demonstrations.

A variety of foods will be offered by ISG BBQ, Tim's Treats and Big Boy's. Activities for children include a live wildlife exhibit, Kiddie Corner, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, D.A.R.E. activities and fire-fighting displays.

For information about the activities, call 410-278-4500.

On May 17, the Harford County Chamber of Commerce will host the Military Appreciation Luncheon at Rich-

lin Ballroom. For more information on the luncheon, call 410-838-2020.

On the morning of May 19 a 10K run begins at 8 a.m. and a two-mile fun run kicks off at 8:30 a.m., starting at the APG Athletic Center.

Byron Reasin, APG North's athletic center facility manager, said 63 runners/walkers have registered so far. He said 182 people participated in last year's event. To register for the 10K or two-mile fun run, call 410-278-7933.

To attend Armed Forces Day, visitors without a government ID must enter the installation through the Maryland Boulevard (Route 715) gate off Route 40. Visitors age 16 and older must have a photo ID, and drivers must present a valid driver's license and vehicle registration.

For more information, call the APG Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1151/1147.

Local Marine honored during visit

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their disabilities. Preston is now the president and director of Homes for Our Troops, a national nonprofit organization committed to helping service members who have serious disabilities and injuries since September 11, 2001.

"It is our duty and our honor to assist severely injured veterans and their immediate Families by raising donations of money, building materials and professional labor, and to coordinate the process of building a home that provides maximum freedom of movement and the ability to live more independently," he said.

Preston said there have been 50,000 veterans wounded since 9-11 and 1,600 of them are considered "severely disabled."

He introduced Marine corporal Jeff Kessler, a bilateral amputee, and his wife Morgan, and their children Gavin and Bentley who were attending the lunch. Kessler is a Cecil County native who is line for a home.

Preston said the project is a great opportunity to give back to "those who have sacrificed so much." The lunch also served as a fundraising event for the family.

Another focus of Preston's presentation was the manpower and fiscal reductions facing the Army.

"The new challenge today is fiscal; it's money," he explained.

According to Preston, the country has a deficit issue that has become a national security issue. The challenge is finding the right balance.

"Historically, after every conflict, we have a drawdown," he said.

In fact, Preston said he joined the Army in 1975 after the drawdown that followed the Vietnam War. He explained that the Army loses a lot of talent during drawdowns and that it is always a challenge to gain that talent level back.

He assured the audience that no matter what size the force becomes, he was confident that Army leadership would ensure that it will be the best trained, best equipped, and best manned Army in the world.

"We will take flags (of units) down rather than keep them at a level where they can't accomplish their missions," said Preston.



Photo by Bob DiMichele

CECOM and APG commander Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell, with Marine Corporal Jeff Kessler, during the event. Kessler, a bilateral amputee, is a Cecil County native and in line to receive a home through Homes for Our Troops.

In closing, he reminded the audience that it has been the noncommissioned officer corps that has been the glue that has held units together through multiple rotations in combat. Preston said it will be the NCOs who are the glue that will help the Army overcome these newest manpower and fiscal challenges.

Preston retired March 1, 2011, as the 13th sergeant major of the Army. Throughout his 35-year career, he served in every enlisted leadership position from cavalry scout and tank commander to his culminating position as sergeant major of the Army. Immediately prior to his appointment as sergeant major of the Army, he was the command sergeant major of Combined Joint Task Force 7 serving in Baghdad, Iraq.

Visit www.homesforourtroops.org for more information on Homes for Our Troops.

PEO IEW&S

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within current and future budget constraints while delivering systems to Soldiers that they want as was evidenced by his leadership of the Operations-Intelligence Convergence construct.

Soldiers are now able to operate critical mission command and intelligence platforms via one system. This new approach reaches across multiple PEOs and greatly increases productivity while ultimately saving on cost and time.

As operations came to a close in Operation New Dawn, Greene led the execution of a rapid drawdown and transfer of \$442M worth of equipment in Iraq over 30 days along with the safe withdrawal of 281 personnel from theater to meet the Presidential directive for a zero footprint by the end of 2011.

In his final remarks to the PEO workforce Greene left the team with one final charge. "You have two customers, the taxpayer that gives their hard earned money so that you can provide for the common defense and that Soldier, Sailor, Airmen and Marine that uses our kit on the battlefield, so keep doing what you doing. You are on the right track and I couldn't be more proud to say that I served with you all."

Kreider who has served as the Deputy for PEO IEW&S since September is a member of the Senior Executive Service and a retired colonel. Prior to coming to PEO IEW&S he was the Acting Deputy PEO for Program Executive Office Integration.



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Armed Forces 10K

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Army 10 miler, which will take place Oct. 21 in Washington D.C.

Reasin said training for an organized run like the Armed Forces Day 10K race often motivates people to adopt a healthier lifestyle. Running burns a substantial amount of calories, increases heart rate and promotes muscle and bone strength.

To help participants prepare, Reasin suggested joining the APG Running Club, which meets Tuesdays at 5 p.m. at APG North and Thursdays at 5 p.m. at APG South.

"Most people enjoy physical activity more when they participate in a group," Reasin said.

Armed Forces Day Fun Run and Walk

Due to a large number of requests from the community, the event will also feature a two-mile fun run and walk at 8:30 a.m. at the APG North athletic center, Reasin said.

"Fun runs, which are very popular on APG, are for all fitness levels," he explained. "And this is the first time we are offering a fun run to coincide with the Armed Forces Day 10K."

Reasin said MWR fun runs/walks occur throughout the year and average about 100 participants per event. Visit www.apgmwr.com for a complete listing of upcoming FMWR activities.

To register for the 10K, visit the Charm City Run website at www.charmcity-run.com. Entry fees are \$25 before April 30, \$30 from May 1-15 and \$35 the day of the race. There is a \$5 discount for military personnel. T-shirts will be provided to all 10K participants.

Fun run participants can buy T-shirts on the Charm City website. Cost is \$15 dollars before the event and \$20 the day of the event.

For more information about the events or the running club, call Reasin at 410-278-7933.



Expo showcases new technology

Photo by Rachel Ponder

Hugh Mac Donald, a territory manager from Touchboards demonstrates an interactive whiteboard at the Spring Technology Expo at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center April 18. The event, hosted by Edgewood Chemical Biological Center Corporate Information Office and presented by Federal Direct Access Expositions, gave tech companies an opportunity to network with APG personnel. The next tech expo is slated Oct. 24. For information, call 301-854-3210. To download or view more photos, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg>.

Maryland National Guard introduces new state-of-art Lakota helicopter

Story and photo by
2ND LT. JESSICA DONNELLY
MDNG Public Affairs

The Maryland Army National Guard introduced their new helicopter during an orientation event conducted at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation near Reisterstown, Md., April 18.

The event gave service members and the media the opportunity to learn about the capabilities of the new UH-72A 'Lakota' helicopter and what benefits it brings to the Maryland Army National Guard Aviation Security and Support Battalion.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Renonzo Belcher, instructor pilot, explained that the new aircraft is an upgrade from the OH-58A 'Kiowa' aircraft that it will be replacing. He said that the Lakota is capable of carrying more personnel and equipment than the older aircraft, has a longer flying time, can fly in more adverse weather conditions, and has a twin engine compared to the single engine of the Kiowa. The new aircraft is also more cost effective to fly and maintain than the UH-60 Blackhawk.

"This one has a lot more capabilities than the Kiowa. ... The technology is much better," added Belcher.

The Lakota will be used for multiple missions in Maryland to include assisting law enforcement agencies with drug interdiction through the Maryland National Guard Counterdrug Program;



The OH-58A 'Kiowa' flies overhead as the UH-72A 'Lakota' prepares for takeoff.

transportation and general aviation support; and assistance during state emergencies and natural disasters.

Belcher explained that once the aircraft is fully outfitted with the Mission Equipment Package, it will include an external hoist that will be able to hold up to 600 pounds; a 30 million candlepower spotlight that will be used to assist in nighttime searches; a Forward Looking Infrared camera that uses the detection of infrared radi-

ation generated by a heat source to create a picture; an advanced map system; and an enhanced intercommunication system.

The Maryland Army National Guard received the first Lakota helicopter April 6, and is scheduled to receive three more throughout April and May. Two of these aircraft will include the MEP and two will remain 'slick,' without the package.

Two of the assigned aircraft will also participate in a deployment to Texas,

June 1 through Dec. 31, along with members of the Maryland Army National Guard, providing assistance to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency with surveillance support along the Southwest Border.

"This is the first time in many years that we've received new aircraft in Maryland," said Maj. Gen. James Adkins, adjutant general of Maryland. "It's a state of the art aircraft for ... state of the art pilots."

Housing, child care costs topics at town hall

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tary and civilian personnel; health information from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic; the many upcoming spring and summer activities from the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, including the Army Birthday celebration and the summer concert featuring Kansas and Boston.

The post chapel provided ways to

strengthen marriages; and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service discussed two new dining locations opening soon with healthy options.

The end of the meeting was reserved for questions from the audience, which included on-post housing topics, comments about Edgewood Area activities available for youth, and child care costs. Staff members

remained at the event for more than an hour to resolve issues, provide more information, and arrange meetings.

"The bottom line," Ortiz said, "is that on a quarterly basis we will bring service providers to the table to review where they are as far as serving you."

Since so many questions were received at the event, those submit-

ted in advance could not be addressed at the event. Responses will be provided via email. The presentation from the event is available at <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/commander/wellbeing.cfm>.

For more information about the next Installation Town Hall in August, call the APG Public Affairs Office, 410-278-1147.

Designer, reporter honored by MDDC Press Association

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Pentz and Ponder are contractors and employed by Homestead Publishing Company of Baltimore, Md. His latest win is his fifth first place and sixth MDDC award for design. Ponder's latest win is her second MDDC award.

Ponder said it's always pleasing to win, but to receive an award for highlighting such a unique aspect of the installation's environmental program was a bonus.

"And personally, I though the story was fascinating," she said. "A perk of being a journalist is that you are con-

stantly meeting people with interesting stories to tell. Every day I learn something new."

Pentz said, "it's always great to be recognized for your work. What makes this win even better is that it was judged by my peers. These are the people who know exactly what it takes to put a paper together and to be recognized by them is a real compliment."

"Nick's layout was really a stellar design. We actually received a lot of positive feedback from community members on that layout," said APG News

Editor Adriane Foss. "That issue also placed third in the IMCOM-level Keith L. Ware competition. It's just one of those designs that pop off the page, and people will remember."

Foss called Ponder's article a classic example of a well written short story.

"It was short and to the point, but still very interesting," Foss said. "Certain topics can be very tedious for readers. Environmental falls into that category sometimes. Unless a reader has a specific interest in the subject matter, capturing their interest can be difficult.

"Rachel not only conveyed to a busy readership with extremely short attention spans, how fish monitor treated groundwater, but she made it interesting."

The APG News staff also took second place in the Special Section for the Military Appreciation Week Guide, May 16-21, 2011.

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