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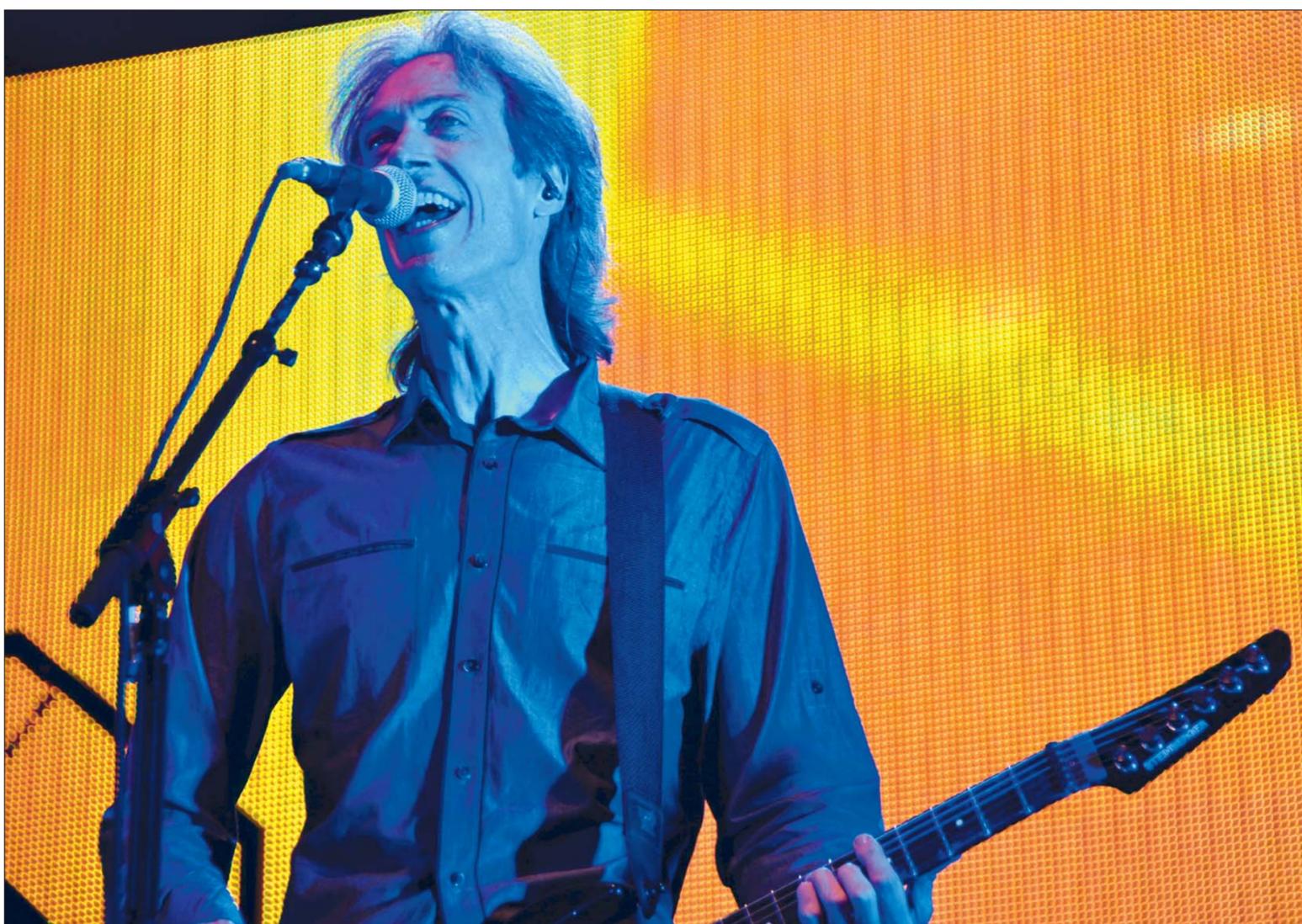


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More Than A Feeling

Boston lead guitarist Gary Pihl adds his powerful vocals to classic hits like "More Than a Feeling," "Don't Look Back" and "Amanda" during the Army Concert Tour at APG's Shine Sports Field Aug. 11. Special guests Kansas and Grand Funk Railroad rounded out the night of Classic Rock. **SEE PAGE 11.**



DES police officer Matthew Stewart answers questions at the Marine and Wildlife display during the Installation National Night Out festivities in Patriot Village Aug. 7.

DES National Night Out event draws hundreds

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

About 400 members of the APG community turned out for the 29th Annual National Night Out celebration in Patriot Village Aug. 7. Hosted by Directorate of Emergency Services police

and firefighters, the event, held in communities nationwide, celebrates police and community partnerships. This year's event included displays of emergency vehicles, weapons and equipment; marine and wildlife exhibits; a tactical bus assault/hostage rescue by Special Reaction Team

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McHugh: Army's success depends on Civilian workforce

By **LT. COL. ANNE EDGECOMB**
Secretary of the Army Public Affairs

The last 11 years of conflict have once again given our nation reason to be proud of American Soldiers' incredible achievements: the sacrifices they've made, the flexibility and skill they've shown, and the strategic capabilities they've brought during a challenging time.

"This Army has not just succeeded, but it has excelled,

and has done so magnificently," said Secretary of the Army John McHugh, addressing a group of the most senior career civilians during a recent professional education program. Acknowledging the critical role Army civilians have played, McHugh continued, "All of us, as part of this team, had a very important piece in that effort."

Through opportunities for professional development and education, the Army will shape

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ATC change of command



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Col. Gordon Graham, incoming commander of ATEC's Aberdeen Test Center, addresses the audience during the organization change of command ceremony at the post theater Aug. 14. ATEC Commander Maj. Gen. Genaro J. Dellarocco presided over the ceremony, passing the guidon from Outgoing Commander Col. Jeffrey P. Holt, who is retiring, to Graham. **Pick up the Aug. 23 APG News for full coverage of the change of command.**

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STREET TALK

Who do you think has the best crabs in this area (Harford, Cecil, Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties)?

Richard's in Churchville (at Route 22 and Shucks Road). They're always full and reasonably priced. Jumbo Jimmy's Crab Shack (in Port Deposit) is good too!



Janice Roddam
Spouse of ATC contractor

G&M [Restaurant & Lounge] off of I-295 near the airport [in Linthicum, Md.] Their crab cakes are excellent!



Stacey Gaddis
Army Contracting Command

Winter's Run on Route 7 in Joppa. We got them to go. Their steamed crabs were excellent and they even threw in some steamed corn.



Syreeta Gross
Directorate of Logistics

As far as crab cakes, I heard the Laurrapin Grille in Havre de Grace has nice ones but Lexington Market [in Baltimore] has the best ones around. Cantler's [Riverside Inn in Annapolis] has the best steamed crabs along with a really pretty view [of the Chesapeake Bay].



Nate Owens
RDECOM

Women's Equality Day

Each year, APG pauses to recognize the vital contributions of the many outstanding women in our workforce.

This year, I encourage everyone to join me and our installation's leadership at the APG Women's Equality Day Ceremony on Aug. 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Ball Conference Center.

We will present awards to APG's Outstanding Woman of the Year, Outstanding Supervisor/Manager of the Year and the Most Supportive Organization of the Year.

While we celebrate their accomplishments, it is important to note that APG has a rich history of women pioneers in our workforce, dating all the way back to our installation's beginning in 1917.

Because of their gender, in many cases our early female trailblazers were not recognized for their hard work and valuable achievements.

Many are familiar with the iconic image of "Rosie the Riveter, an enduring symbol of the women who stepped up to work in factories during World War II while our troops were fighting overseas.

APG was also home to some "Top Secret Rosies," women who worked around the clock and behind the scenes on secret programs, calculating complex mathematical ballistic firing tables on the ENIAC. These women played a crucial role in winning the war by helping provide accurate weapons for our troops.

In March during Women's History Month, a memorial stone was dedicated



to the intellectual contributions of these and other APG women. This stone, the first of its kind in the Army, is a lasting testament to their role in our nation's defense. I encourage you to take time out and visit the monument located on the east side of Garrison Headquarters.

Our Top Secret Rosies opened the door to new opportunities for a highly-skilled and competent female workforce. They also helped usher in the modern computer age and paved the way for a younger generation of women to reach their fullest potential in research, science and technology.

Today, as you look around our installation, you will see many women—military and civilian—contributing in unprecedented ways to APG's military's mission. The breadth of their contributions and accomplishments is truly amazing.

A few examples of those who are currently leading major organizations as community leaders among our general officer and Senior Executive Service corps include: Maj. Gen. Jimmie Keenan, commander of the Public Health Command; Maj. Gen. N. Lee S. Price, the Program Executive Officer, Command, Control, Communications-Tactical; Dr. Laurel Allender, director of the Army's Human Research and Engineering Directorate of Army Research Labs at the Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM); Suzanne Milchling, director of Program and Integration, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, RDECOM; Barbara Panther, director of Civilian Human Resources Agency; Jill Smith, Director of Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, RDECOM; Barbara Machack, acting deputy RDECOM, and Maria Esparraguera, the chief legal

counsel at the Communications Electronics Command.

All of these women serve as role models not only to the younger female generation, but to all of us who aspire toward excellence.

While our nation has made considerable progress in advancing career opportunities for women, there is still great potential ahead. It is important that we take time during these special days of recognition to reflect on our past in order to initiate positive change for the future.

Our APG's Women's Equality Day speaker will be Brig. Gen. (retired) Clara Adams-Ender. Adams-Ender is a great leader whose career began as a staff nurse in the Army Nurse Corps. She eventually rose to the rank of general officer and became the chief executive officer for 22,000 nurses and director of personnel for the Army Surgeon General. She was the first woman in the Army to earn the Expert Field Medical Badge and the first Army nurse to command a major Army base. Her historic list of "firsts," is long and dotted with extraordinary accomplishments.

Today, she contributes to the foreign policy debate by making recommendations to the presidential administration as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She is among our nation's greatest female leaders, and she will visit APG to share her reflections on a life full of challenges, and the opportunities she took to overcome those challenges and succeed. Her story is one from which we all can learn.

I hope to see you there.
Army Strong!

Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell
Commander, U.S. Army
Communications-Electronics Command
& Aberdeen Proving Ground

Heroes program helps Families travel

Families of Wounded Warriors already are benefitting from a program that started last month to make it easier for them to travel with their loved ones for medical treatment.

The Defense Department and Fisher House Foundation have teamed up to oversee the Hotels for Heroes program, which allows the American public to donate their unused hotel reward points to families of Wounded Warriors so that they might stay for free in hotels around the country while their family member receives medical treatment.

"The family members of our wounded heroes should never have to stress about the financial burden of travel," David Coker, president of the Fisher House Foundation, said at a July 16 ceremony. "We are honored to help facilitate the process and are confident that the American public will help make this new program a success."

Cindy Campbell, the foundation's vice president for community relations and media affairs, said that the program already has provided 60 nights of lodging for military families.

"We're very fortunate in that many of the hotel chains banked a lot of points for us," she said. "That has

allowed us to go ahead and get started. And a lot of people already have donated points, but we are going to go through these quickly."

Sadly, Campbell said, "there is a huge demand" from families who must travel to locations without one of the 57 Fisher Houses, or where they are full. The houses near large military medical centers fill up quickly.

The program's sponsors are optimistic, given the success of its sister program, Hero Miles, that has allowed them to give away more than 30,000 plane tickets since it was created in 2003, Campbell said.

The annual need for hotel rooms "is a very substantial six-figure number," she said, "so this is really going to help us out."

Jessica Allen, whose husband, Army Staff Sgt. Charles Allen, is recovering from a roadside bomb, used Hero Miles to fly herself and her two daughters back and forth to her husband's hospital bed during his recovery and rehabilitation.

"Hero Miles saved our family from a crushing expense – and gave our daughters the chance to be with their dad when he was in the hospital and learning to walk again," Allen said at the program's launch ceremony. "Hotels

for Heroes will do something similar, and I am thankful to all the people who have and will donate their unused hotel points to benefit our military families."

Six major hotel companies – Marriott, Wyndham, Best Western, Starwood, AmericInn and Choice Privileges Hotels – are participating in the program.

The program fills a void, Campbell said, in allowing the American public to give back. "It's a very simple way for business travelers while they are racking up so many hotel points, to give back," she said.

People can donate points by going to their hotel rewards club website, which has a tab for Fisher House donations.

Fisher House Foundation is best known for the network of comfort homes built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. The Fisher Houses are donated to the military and Department of Veterans Affairs, and families can stay in the houses while a loved one is receiving treatment. Additionally, the foundation ensures that families of service men and women wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan are not burdened with unnecessary expense during a time of crisis.

Posted by Idaniel in Family Matters on August 9, 2012

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Feds feed Families

By **PAT BEAUCHAMP**
APG News

Food banks across the country are facing severe shortages of non-perishable items. Aberdeen Proving Ground's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate is leading the drive to help bring those shortages back up to more manageable levels.

Feds Feed Families is a government-wide effort to support local food banks led by the Chief Human Capital Officers Council, in partnership with the Office of Personnel Management, the Department of Defense and the Department of Agriculture.

Last year, APG participated for the first time in the Feds Feed Families program and collected 8,405 pounds of food which was distributed to local food pantries.

"In today's economy there are too many Families where either one or both parents are unable to find work," said Glenn Wait, deputy to the garrison commander, APG. As a result, Families have had difficulty providing food for their loved ones. No Family member should ever have to worry about where the food is going to come from. It is our responsibility as community members to take care of our Families. The Feds Feed Families program affords us the opportunity to give back to the community that has welcomed us with open arms."

"I'm amazed at the organizations doing their own drives here on post," said Mike Lupacchino, director of Family and MWR. "Several organizations on post have been collecting non-perishable items since the beginning of August. We at garrison level are now collecting in several locations."

Those collection points are the APG Commissary, the child development centers at APG North (Aberdeen) and South (Edgewood), the APG North Athletic Center, Exton and Ruggles golf courses and Hoyle Gym.

This year, APG continues to support food pantries within the community by collecting and supplying the following items:

- Canned fruits in light syrup or its own juice
- Canned vegetables – low sodium or no salt added
- Multigrain cereal

- Grains – brown and white rice, oatmeal, bulgur, quinoa, couscous, macaroni and cheese

- Canned proteins – tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter, beans

- Soups – beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey and rice

- 100% Juice – all sizes including juice boxes

- Condiments - tomato-based sauces, light soy sauce, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, oils

- Snacks – individually packed snacks, crackers, trail mix, dried fruit, granola/cereal bars, pretzels, sandwich crackers

- Baking goods – flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, spices, boxed mixes

- Hygiene items – diapers, deodorants for men and women, feminine products, toilet paper, tissues, soap, toothpaste, shampoo

- Paper products and household items – paper towels, napkins, cleaning supplies

At the conclusion of the drive, all of the donated items will be consolidated and stored at the Commissary until the local agencies come to collect what they need. It's important to remember that all donations will go to local organizations.

"Last year's drive was a great success," Lupacchino said. "The amount of food we collected far exceeded our expectations. I am sure we'll have a great response this year, too."

This year's drive is scheduled to run through the month of August.

If your group would like to donate, but can't get to the collection points, or for more information, contact Alan Hickox at 410-306-4515.



ECBC brings innovative 'math summer camps' to Cecil County Public Schools

By **JENNIFER CARROLL**
ECBC

Looking to enrich science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education in its local community, the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) infused three week-long math summer camps, July 23-27, with action and real-world relevance for students and teachers at Cecil County Public Schools.

The focus of these three initiatives was to engage 35 teachers and 13 students in hands-on STEM experiences to help reinforce math concepts in a meaningful way.

"With the implementation of the Common Core State Standards in Maryland in the school year of 2013-2014, it is becoming even more important to help students yield better results in math," said Community and Educational Outreach Program Manager Mary Doak. "Sponsored by the National Defense Education Program, ECBC's ongoing STEM educational outreach efforts aim to relay the importance and application of math skills in the context of emerging STEM career fields."

Subject matter experts (SMEs) at ECBC—a critical national asset in the chemical biological defense community—are dedicated to sharing how they apply math and science in their every day jobs. In support of the Center's 'Adopt-a-SME' initiative, four of its engineers partnered with Cecil County Public Schools teachers in two professional development workshops 'DimensionM' and 'Math Sports.'

"We truly rely on our nation's educators to succeed in shaping our future workforce," said ECBC Chemical Engineer Steven Yurechko. "It is a very rewarding experience to train with such committed teachers that are willing to go the extra mile to make their math lessons more relevant for their students."

The 'DimensionM' module is a digital math intervention tool that enables teachers to excite their students about solving math problems through video gaming an innovative, appealing approach in today's classroom. Educators who participated in the 'Math Sports' module



Photo by Jennifer Carroll

A teacher at Cecil County Public Schools, who was previously trained on DimensionM, assists local students in learning to solve algebra problems with immersive video gaming technology.

applied math and physics to real-world projects such as the development of balls used in different sport disciplines.

In addition to learning new techniques that help make math more fun and real for students, they established relationships with participating U.S. Army engineers who will support their classroom lessons next school year with STEM-related activities, demonstrations and lectures.

The DimensionM math summer boot camp offered local middle school students an innovative way to practice their algebraic math problem-solving skills

in preparation for the following school year. Every morning of the week, they used the 3D video game DimensionM and expressed their enthusiasm about this method of reinforcing basic math concepts.

"Before this math boot camp, I didn't like math at all," said Sunshyne Acosta, who was a fifth-grade student at Thomson Estates Elementary School and will be going into sixth-grade. "But when we started playing, I started doing the math without even realizing that I was doing the math."

"I am really starting to like math," she said, "and I am determined to improve my grades."

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

About ECBC

ECBC is the Army's principal research and development center for chemical and biological defense technology, engineering and field operations. ECBC has achieved major technological advances for the warfighter and for our national defense, with a long and distinguished history of providing the armed forces with quality systems and outstanding customer service. ECBC is a U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command laboratory located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. For more information about the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, visit our website at <http://www.ecbc.army.mil/> or call 410-436-7118.

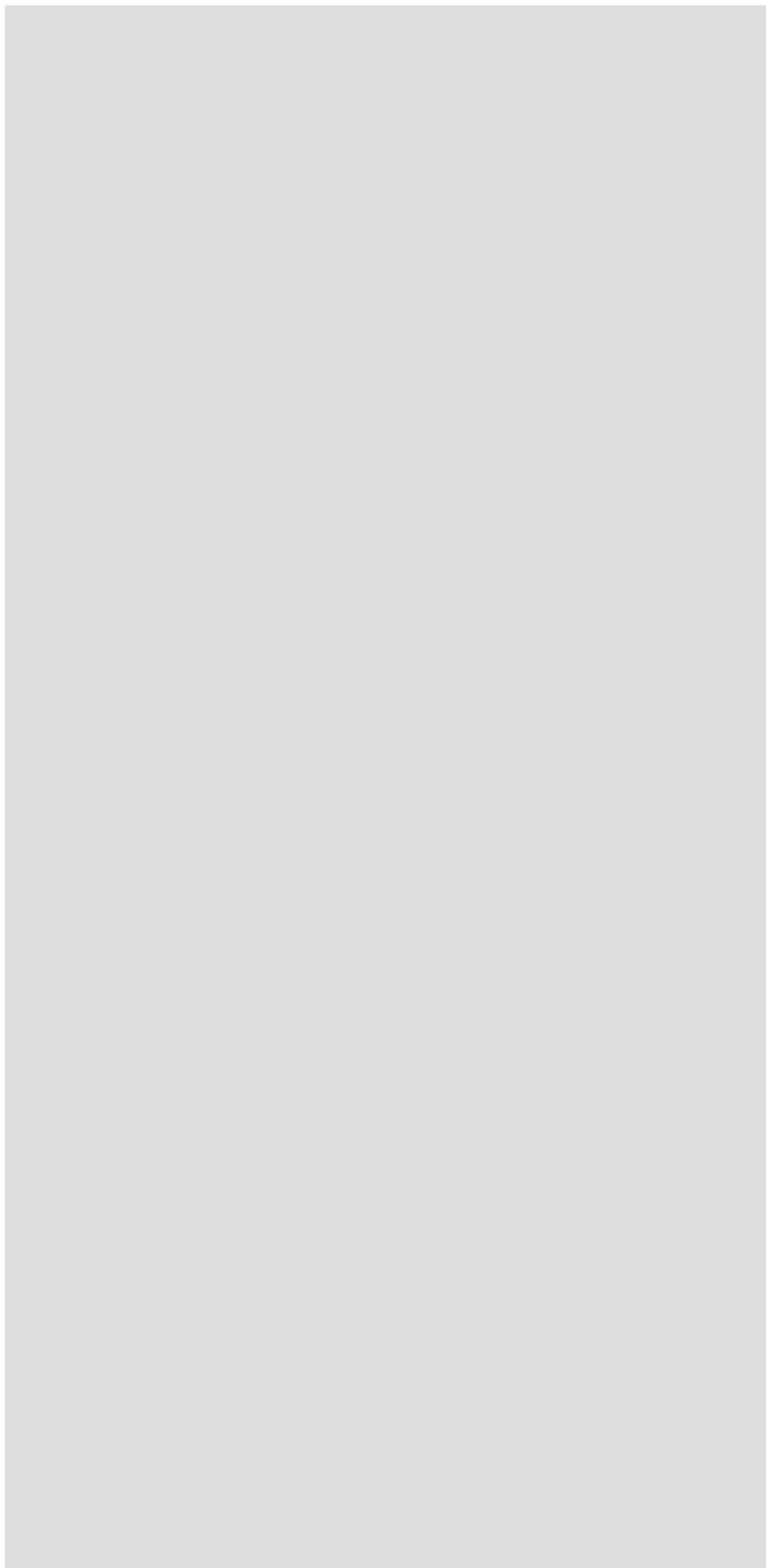
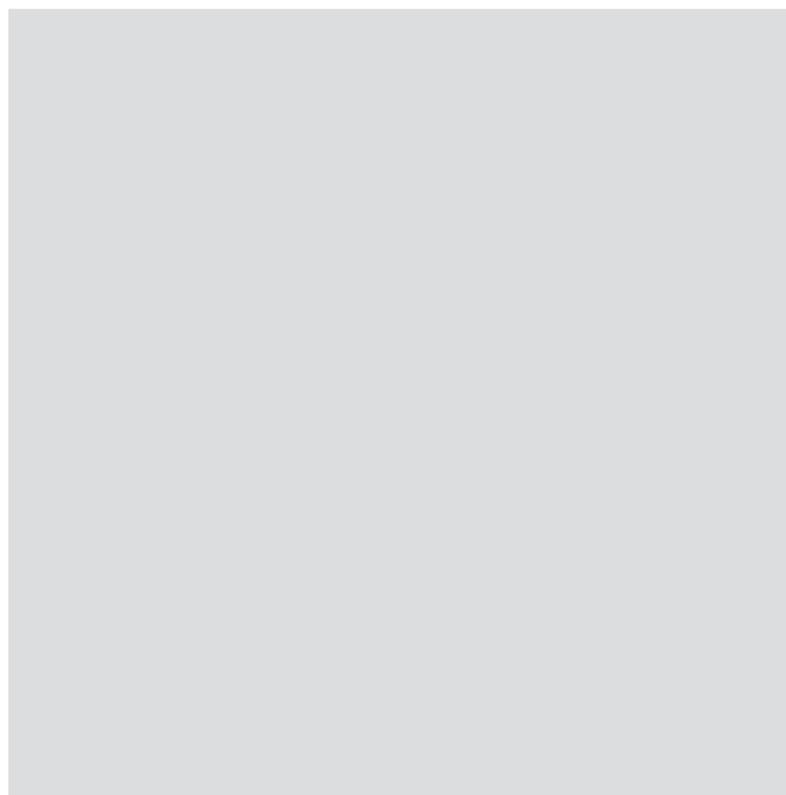


Photo by Mary Doak

ECBC Chemical Engineer Christy Hoppe (right) helps Cecil County Public Schools teachers apply math and physics concepts to the design of a golf ball.



Edgewood CYSS youth win big at 2012 Farm Fair

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The youth of the APG South (Edgewood) Youth Center brought home their largest haul of awards yet after competing in the 4-H Arts & Crafts competition during the 25th Annual Harford County Farm Fair in Bel Air in July.

Eighteen youth brought home individual awards in photography, flower arrangement, artwork, mixed media and gardening. In addition, the 4-H Banner they submitted won Grand Champion and the Family Challenge Banner won first place.

Renee Main, program lead, said the school-age children thought up the design for the 4-H Banner, a collage of photos detailing the construction of the center's greenhouse construction project last winter. "It was so good, they had to create a category for it," Main said.

The banner won first place and Grand Champion in the Science-Education display category.

Samantha Devorak took the photos used in the display.

"I thought it was exciting to win first place for my photo series. I had a good time taking pictures of the green house project," Devorak said.

A huge supporter of the greenhouse and garden where the center youths grow spices like thyme, sage and oregano and vegetables like tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelon, cabbage, and celery, Hannah Lee said she was surprised to learn that she won first place for her dried oregano.

"It takes a lot more work than I thought to prepare the herbs to dry them. It was fun to help grow them before I [prepared] them for the fair."

The following youth received awards for their projects:

- Samantha Devorak, 1st place, photo series of greenhouse project
- Samantha Devorak, 1st place, Robotics Display
- Briannah Lloyd, 1st place, Flower Arrangement
- Hannah Lee, 1st place, Dried Oregano
- Lyania Story-Cruz 1st place, parsley; 2nd place, egg plant
- Katheryn Rambo, 2nd place, Dried Sage
- Rodney Williams, 2nd place, 3-D picture of Spider
- Cristina German, 2nd place, 4-H gone wild (diorama)
- Cristina German, 2nd place, Dried Rosemary
- Susan Gallentine, 2nd place, Leaf Pastel,
- Anton Tumaliuan, 3rd place, Photo of a bull
- Samantha Devorak, 3rd place, Dried mint
- Katheryn Rambo, 4th place, Mixed Media Picture of flag
- Lauryn Carr, Clover Participation, Photo of dock at sunset
- Samantha Ways, Clover Participation, Photo of ducks
- Julissa Story-Cruz, Clover Participation ribbon, Photo of a Squirrel
- Cassandra Rivera, Participation, Drawing
- Shyann Stolo, Participation, Photo of a Hawk



This 4-H Banner submitted by the APG South youth center won Grand Champion in the newly-created Science-Education Display category during the 2012 Farm Fair.



One garden patch outside the APG South (Edgewood) youth center consists of celery, cabbage and Bok Choy, a type of Chinese cabbage, and a sign thanking Brad's Nursery for its assistance.



A small green tomato ripens on a vine in the APG South (Edgewood) youth center's 4-H garden.

Meet Dr. Carol Bossone of the APG Veterinary Treatment Facility, located in Bldg. 2479 on Oakington Road, across from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.



Dr. Carol Bossone
APG Veterinary Treatment Facility

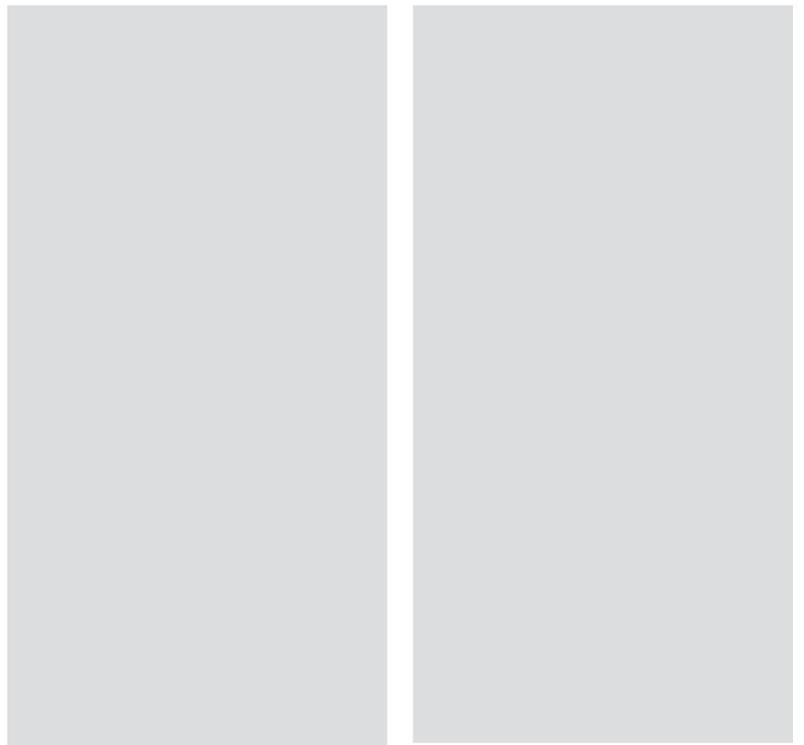
The VTF provides services for pets of active duty and retired military. A retired lieutenant colonel who formerly served with the U.S. Army's Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense and Public Health Command, Bossone leads a staff of three — a receptionist/pet care assistant; a military technician and a noncommissioned officer in charge/food inspector. Clinic hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

VTF services include micro-chipping and rabies immunization — both of which are mandatory for on-post pets — as well as various vaccinations and annual check-ups.

The clinic also has heartworm and flea and tick preventive medicines for sale to customers only.

Bossone said it is the owner's responsibility to keep their pets shot records up to date. While the clinic currently does not offer surgical procedures, a new veterinarian, Capt. Amy Campbell from Dover Air Force Base, Del., will join the staff soon and possibly add to the services.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 410-278-4604 or visit the VTF website at <http://www.apgmwr.com/community/vetclinic.html>.



The Road Toward a White House Fellowship

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Mark Griep, a Bowhead Science and Technology contractor at the Weapons and Materials Research Directorate was a nominee for the White House Presidential Fellowship program. Founded in 1964, the White House Fellows program is one of America's most prestigious programs for leadership and public service. White House Fellowships offer exceptional young men and women first-hand experience working at the highest levels of the federal government, spending a year working as a full-time, paid Fellow to senior White House staff, cabinet secretaries and other top-ranking government officials. Although Griep didn't get the fellowship, he went through a long, arduous process that stretched across months of considerations, and it was quite an honor to even be considered.

"The White House Fellowship selection process was definitely an enlightening experience," said Griep. "I made it to the final/third round of cuts; which consisted of 30 applicants from the initial pool of about 1,500. A lot of self evaluation and delving into how engineers/scientists can really make a difference at the executive level, in conjunction with over a dozen interviews, was a great learning experience."

Griep currently leads the Bio-Nano program team who work to develop break-through technology capabilities for the U.S. Soldier; including integrated alternative energy sources, real-time bio-threat detection platforms and the development of 2-D nanomaterials. In addition to his responsibilities at ARL, he also develops BioNanomaterials youth/STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) teacher outreach programs and serves as a mentor for high school, college and graduate interns.

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Mark Griep

Weapons and Materials Research Directorate, Bowhead Science and Technology contractor

Prior to working at ARL, Griep was a Fulbright Fellow and completed tenure in Taiwan – one of the reasons he was contacted by the U.S. State Department to apply for the White House Fellowship program. The initial White House Fellowship application package required about 30 hours of work to include written essays, reference letters and designing a specific policy memo that would be written to the president.

Griep said the letter to the President really required him to "think outside the box." His memorandum for the President discussed an alternative energy generation at public schools proposed as the 'One Student – One Panel Initiative,' which aimed to simultaneously address key issues including energy security, job creation, advancement in clean energy implementation, and increasing STEM awareness across the U.S.

Griep proposed that alternative energy generation at a public school could be achieved through a variety of proven technologies including PV, wind turbine, biomass fuel, and/or geothermal energy, with PV being the ideal candidate. He proposed that achieving 25 percent energy independence at public schools across the U.S. would require the manufacture and installation of more than 10 gigawatts of solar panels with a domestic content requirement at roughly one

200 watt solar panel for every K-12 student. He went into the estimated costs and savings the initiative would generate and the short-term impacts.

"On the local level, students, teachers and the entire community would become familiar with alternative technologies as the community would gain energy security," said Griep. "This initiative would also provide an opportunity for focused discussion and education on the subject and promote STEM activities with the next generation."

Griep said implementing the One Student – One Panel would have substantial and immediate and long-term benefits for the American public.

The final round of interviews was conducted over a four-day 'selection weekend' process in D.C. where the 27 members of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships interviewed each of the final applicants and were the individuals responsible for recommending a group of up to 15 people to the President for selection as White House Fellows. The individuals on the commission represented a broad range of backgrounds, interests and professions ranging from senators and congressman to the founder of eBay.

One of the President's commission members and first person to interview Griep was Tom Brokaw who is a special

correspondent for NBC News. During 2008, Brokaw was the interim moderator on Meet the Press and from 1982 to 2004 he served as the former White House correspondent, the chief correspondent for Today and the NBC Nightly News anchor.

"The first thing Tom Brokaw said to me was – 'so, you're the nano guy,'" said Griep. "He said they don't get too many applicants from the scientific community."

During the interview process, Griep had questions on topics ranging from quantum physics and scientific ethics to East Asia policy and how to fund a multi-billion dollar initiative with major themes evolving how scientists can play a role at the executive level.

Griep said that one primary lesson he's learned through life thus far is that putting himself into unfamiliar and challenging environments results in rapid personal growth and transformation. He said this has held true for his fellowship experiences overseas, initiating outreach programs, becoming a successful engineer, mentoring young scientists and his current position leading an advanced scientific laboratory at ARL.

Although he wasn't selected for a White House Fellowship position, Griep said the entire process required him to really think through what he's done in his life so far and where he wants to go in the future. He said the opportunity to be interviewed by some of the nation's foremost leaders was invaluable.

Dr. Shashi Karna, WMRD, mentor for Griep, couldn't be more proud.

"Mark making it to the finals of the White House Fellowship has meant a great deal for us all – and, it's one of the proudest moments in my career mentoring young scientists and engineers," said Karna.

National Night Out

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members; a bouncy slide for kids and an appearance by McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog. In addition, DES personnel provided grilled burgers, hot dogs and refreshments for attendees.

Participating organizations included Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Picerne Military Housing; Army Community Service; the Army Substance Abuse Program; Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic; and the Office of Emergency Management.

Activities were held outside in the field near the McGruff House on Flag Court. APG Community Policing Officer, Mike "Big Mike" Farlow, said the police depart-

ment did an excellent job representing the positive side of law enforcement.

"This event could not have been done without the help and support of so many people," Farlow said. "Our thanks go out to everyone that took part in the planning, preparation and execution of the APG National Night Out. We are already looking forward to next year's event." View more photos at flickr.com/photos/usagapg.

Mike "Big Mike" Farlow and McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog greet neighborhood kids near the McGruff House during Installation National Night Out festivities.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson



Civilians earn support of Secretary of the Army

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the future civilian workforce, ensuring adaptive leaders with diverse experiences, who are able to solve complex problems -- an effort comparable to the development of Soldiers throughout their careers. Retaining and managing talent is a top priority for Army leaders, particularly during downsizing.

Citing the tough situation civilians have endured - pay and hiring freezes and the threat of shutdowns -- McHugh said he's committed to providing civilian employees the means by which to grow, evolve and develop professional capabilities despite diminishing resources.

Speaking to senior civilians attending the Army Senior Executive Educa-

tion Program at the University of Notre Dame, McHugh said that while the Army needs to remain robust on the military side to execute missions, it must also provide for a sufficiently robust civilian workforce with money for training and modernization. "If you don't do that, you get out of balance," he said.

Civilians make up roughly one quarter of the 1.4 million-person Army, providing a full range of skills that complement military occupational specialties. From acquisition specialists and human resource managers to medical professionals and engineers, civilians are integral to helping the Army meet its missions around the world.

In an era of declining budgets and a reduction in active duty end strength, it's likely the civilian workforce also will be smaller, decreasing even beyond last year's reduction of 8,700 employees. And although the Army hasn't determined specific numbers for the future, budget realities indicate these cuts aren't the end.

Generally, during every post-conflict period, budgets decrease. The Army's challenge, according to McHugh, is to manage it. "We have to get this right," he said.

In 2009, then-Secretary of Defense Robert Gates gave the services a mission to increase efficiency. McHugh said the Army has met this challenge. "Every day for the last three years, we've been look-

ing for ways to do things more smartly, in a way that can help us go forward as intelligently as possible," he said. "We can manage it and shape it ourselves, or we can have it done to us."

McHugh said he knows the "irreplaceable contributions" civilians have made to the Army. "Our Soldiers forward deployed should know they couldn't have done the things they have been able to do without the kind of leadership and support [civilians] have provided."

"We are committed not to try to balance our budget requirements on the backs of anyone, and that includes the civilian workforce," McHugh said. "Without our people, we don't have an Army."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY PREPARING TEENS FOR THE WORKPLACE WORKSHOP

Is your teen about to enter the job market? This free workshop Aug. 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at CYSS Administration, building 2503, in room 214 will teach teens about resumes, interview attire and skills, College 101 and financial management.

Register at CYSS Central Registration offices in building 2503, rooms 210 or 211. Walk-in registration is 7:30-10:30 a.m., or call for an appointment at 410-278-7479/7571. For more information, contact jay.a.mckinney.naf@mail.mil, or call 410-278-3250.

FREE ARCHERY LESSONS FOR AGES 14-18

Learn archery skills and shooting techniques Aug. 16 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) hunting management facility, building 550B1, located on Combat Dr. Participants will learn about archery safety and shooting skills, practice shooting at targets, and compete against other archers.

Register at CYSS Central Registration offices in building 2503, rooms 210 or 211. Walk-in registration is 7:30-10:30 a.m., or call for an appointment at 410-278-7479/7571. For more information, contact connor.j.joyce.naf@mail.mil, or call 410-278-1399.

SATURDAY AUG. 18 NEWYORK CITY TICKETS

The APG MWR Leisure Travel Office has tickets to New York City Aug 18, Sept. 22 and Oct. 13 for only \$48 per person. Don't miss out on these eight-hour do-it-yourself trips to experience one of the most famous cities in the world. Transportation departs from Mountain Rd Park and Ride in Joppa at 7:55 a.m., drops off passengers in Times Square and returns at approximately 11 p.m.

To purchase tickets, visit the MWR Leisure Travel Services at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, building 3326. For questions about purchasing tickets, call 410-278-4011, or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil. For more information about NYC, visit www.nyc-tour.com.

BOWLING LEAGUE SIGN UP AND PICNIC

Register your bowling league for the upcoming fall season Saturday, Aug. 18 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) Bowling Center. This event is free and open to the APG Community. There will be free hot dogs, chips, sodas, games, a dunking booth, free limited bowling, free shoe rentals and more. For more information, call 410-278-4041.

MONDAY, AUG. 20 FREE - INCOME TAX COURSE FOR MILITARY SPOUSES

FREE! H&R Block Income Tax Course for Military Spouses. For the registration phase of this course you must attend the H&R Block briefing at the ACS Employment office, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Army Community Service, Bldg. 2503 Highpoint Rd. Registration is required.

Full scholarships are now available to Military Spouses for the H&R Block Income Tax Course at no charge! Learn how to prepare taxes now. Upon successful completion of the course, you could potentially become a tax professional, and earn extra income. Flexible course times and convenient locations fit your schedule. Bilingual courses are available. Contact your Local ACS Employment Readiness Program Manager for eligibility and Scholarship Information. Partnership ACS Employment program and H&R Block.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, Army Community Service Employment manager, 410-278-9669/7572.

TUESDAY AUG. 21 FWP HOSTS WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY PROGRAM

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women's Program (FWP) is hosting its annual Women's Equality Day Program, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Ball Conference Center, Building 3074. Woman of the Year, Supervisor/Manager of the Year, and the Most Supportive Organization of the Year awards will be presented during the ceremony.

The APG Installation Voting Assistance Office also will be present to register voters and answer any voting-

related questions.

For additional information, contact Teresa Rudd, Teresa.d.rudd.civ@mail.mil, 410-436-5501 or Carmela R. Wilson-Styles, Carmela.r.wilson-styles.civ@mail.mil, 443-395-4771.

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

This free workshop for 15- to 18-year-olds will be Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the CYSS Administration, building 2503, computer lab. Teens will learn basic life skills, to live independently and to be self-reliant.

Register at CYSS Central Registration offices in building 2503, rooms 210 or 211. Walk-in registration is 7:30-10:30 a.m., or call for an appointment at 410-278-7479/7571. For more information, contact jay.a.mckinney.naf@mail.mil, or call 410-278-3250.

WEDNESDAY AUG. 22 APG'S SENIOR MANAGERS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

The Senior Managers Association is a newly created association established as a networking forum for GS 14/15s (and other pay system equivalents.)

Guest speaker will be Monique Ferrell, (SES) Deputy Auditor General, U.S. Army Audit Agency, speaking on the topic "Can you hear me now?"

R.S.V.P. by August 20 to POC: Eugene L. Vickers, 410-436-0807. Alt POC: Cecilia Magee, 443-395-8165

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP: MEET AND GREET

The upcoming meeting is Aug. 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in APG North (Aberdeen) post chapel courtyard. Individuals with feeding challenges or medical disabilities are invited to attend. This support group offers Families and individuals a chance to get together; work through their experiences; and find support while raising children, supporting spouses or dealing with medical issues. For more information, call 410-278-2420.

VETERANS JOB FAIR & EXPO

APB will host a Veterans Job Fair & Expo 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326. The Job Fair is open to all active duty, retired, veterans, National Guard and Reserve of all branches and military spouses. This event is being conducted in partnership with the Maryland Directorate of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Veterans Unit and the APG Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program.

For more information, contact Marilyn Howard, ACS ERP manager at 410-278-9659, marilyn.e.howard.civ@mail.mil.

THURSDAY AUG. 23 ARMED SERVICES BLOOD DRIVE

Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility/E4516

Aug. 23, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Please register at: <https://www.militarydonor.com/>

WEDNESDAYS AUG. 22 - SEP. 26 TOBACCO CESSATION CLASSES

Learn how to quit and stay quit, noon to 1:00 p.m. at the APG-North Recreation Center, Room 102. Each week a different topic will be discussed, to include: Tobacco cessation strategies, medication support options, life-style change management, diet & nutrition, stress management, and staying quit. Free to all APG DoD employees, contractors, active duty, dependents, and retirees. For additional information, contact Ann Laughton, ann.laughton@us.army.mil, 410-278-1774. Sponsored by Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic/Public Health Nursing and the APG Community Health Promotion Council.

THURSDAY AUG. 23 FALLING BRANCH HIKE

APG's EDGE program is hosting a trip for high school students to Falling Branch, near Rocks State Park, Aug. 23. The trip will include an afternoon of light trail walking, sun bathing and swimming. Participants are encouraged to bring a swim suit, towel, sunscreen and at least two friends. Transportation will depart at 12 p.m. from the APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center and return at 5 p.m. Teens will also be picked up from the APG North (Aberdeen) archery range. Cost is \$5 per per-

Museum Day Live! (9/29) free admission to museums in maryland, tickets now available

The best free ticket in town is just a click away - starting today, museum-goers can head to smithsonian.com/museumdaylive to download tickets for Smithsonian Magazine's Museum Day Live! Tickets grant free admission for two people per household to participating museums on Saturday, September 29, 2012.

Museum Day Live! will be the eighth annual event celebrating education through the nation's wide array of museums and cultural institutions. For one day only, participating locations across the country will emulate the free admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, D.C.-based facilities. The program encourages learning and the dissemination of knowledge nationwide. Last year's event drew over 350,000 museum-goers to over 1,400 museums.

"With September right around the corner, people can start to plan their



Museum Day Live! experience now," said Jennifer Hicks, Group Publisher, Smithsonian Media. "Our free online ticketing makes accessing museums and cultural institutions easy for anyone that is interested. Over 1,400 museums are expected to participate, making this year's event even larger than last year."

For more information, please visit smithsonian.com/museumdaylive

son. Registration deadline is Aug. 16 at 4 p.m. Register at CYSS Central Registration offices in building 2503, rooms 210 or 211. Walk-in registration is 7:30-10:30 a.m., or call for an appointment at 410-278-7479/7571. For more information, contact connor.j.joyce.naf@mail.mil, or call 410-278-1399.

FRIDAY AUG. 24 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW

The Army has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Privatization of Army Lodging at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The EA identifies, evaluates, and documents the effects of obtaining private-sector funding for maintenance, management, renovation, replacement, rehabilitation, and development of transient lodging facilities. That is the Army's Preferred Alternative. A No Action Alternative is also evaluated. Implementing the Preferred Alternative would not be expected to result in significant environmental impacts. The draft EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) are available for review at <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/directorates/dpw/> until August 24, 2012.

Comments can be addressed to USAGAPG, ATTN:IMAP-PWE (Carol Young); 4304 Susquehanna Avenue; 3rd Floor, Wing B; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. 21005-5001.

WOMEN VETERANS MEETING

The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) and the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will host a Women Veterans Town Hall Meeting from 10 a.m. - noon at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel, 202 East Pratt Street in Baltimore.

The Women Veterans Town Hall Meeting is being held to give women Veterans in Maryland, and those who serve them, an opportunity to address concerns on women's issues. Invitees will include women veterans as well as representatives from Veteran Service Organizations. The meeting will include a Q&A session, with subject matter experts available for response.

For more information contact the Center for Women Veterans at 202-461-6193 or e-mail VAMHCSPublicRelations@va.gov.

SATURDAY AUGUST 25 A BIRD'S LIFE

Explore the birds of the estuary. Learn about the life of a bird and its natural habitat. Help make nature-friendly bird treats to take home. The program will be held 10 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 5 to adult, 5 to 10 with adult. The cost is \$5 and online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY AUG. 26 CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S DRALION

APG MWR's Leisure Travel Office has discounted tickets for sale to Cirque du Soleil's newest acrobatic show Dralion Sunday, Aug. 26 at 1 p.m. at the 1st Mariner Arena in Baltimore. Tickets in section 223 are \$55 each.

To purchase tickets, visit the MWR Leisure Travel Services at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center,

building 3326. For questions about purchasing tickets, call 410-278-4011, or email APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil. For more information about the show, visit <http://www.cirquedusoleil.com/En/shows/dralion/default.aspx>.

MONDAY AUG. 27 MWR SOCCER AND FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Registration for the APG MWR soccer and flag football leagues is open now through Aug. 27 for the upcoming season, Sept. 10 through Nov. 7. Registrations fees are \$250 per team, \$20 per individual on military teams and free for all active-duty military.

For more information, contact the Leisure Travel Office in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center at 410-278-4011/4907, the APG North Athletic Center at 410-278-7933/7934, the APG South (Edgewood) Gym at 410-436-3375/7134, or email usarmy.APG.imcom-fmwr.list.usag-mwr-sports@mail.mil.

FRIDAY AUGUST 31 FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS SUNSET PADDLE SERIES

Beat the heat by paddling in the evening on the warm waters of the estuary. Enjoy the sunset with a summer paddle under the stars. This program will be held at 6:30 to 9 p.m. for ages 12 to adult. The cost is \$10 and online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 5 THRIFT SHOP HOLDING \$.25 SALE

Starting Sept. 5, get select items for just \$.25 each in the APG Thrift Shop clearance room. The sale runs through the entire month of September. Thrift Shop hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; consignments 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; consignments 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The store is no longer open first Saturdays.

For more information, or to volunteer, call the Thrift Shop during business hours at 410-272-8572.

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 12 SEMINAR TO HONOR MILITARY/LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS

ASIS International will host a special Military/Law Enforcement Appreciation Day during its Annual Seminar and Exhibits (ASIS 2012) at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pa. More than 20,000 security, business and government professionals are expected to attend the conference which takes place Sept. 10-13.



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

Middle School Back to School Night Dates and Time

School	Orientation	Dates	Times
Aberdeen	Jump Start #2 - Aug. 16, 9:00 a.m. Open House - Aug. 23, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	August 30	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Bel Air	Open House - Aug. 23, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Sept. 12, Grades 7 and 8 Sept. 13, Grade 6	6:45 p.m.
Edgewood	Open House for New Students - Aug. 23, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Sept. 13 (all students)	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Fallston	Open House - Aug. 24, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Aug. 28, Grade 6 Aug. 29 Grades 7 and 8	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Havre de Grace	Jump Start - Aug. 20, 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. Students and Parents	Sept. 6, 2012	6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Magnolia	Open House - Aug. 24, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Sept. 12, Grade 6 Sept. 13, Grades 7 and 8	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
North Harford	Open House - Aug. 24, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Aug. 28 - 6th grade Sept. 5th - Grades 7 and 8	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Patterson Mill	Open House - Aug. 14, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Pup Camp - Incoming 6th graders Aug. 8, 2:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Sept. 5, Grades 6, 7, and 8	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Southampton	6th Grade Welcome Program - Aug. 21, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Sept. 11 - 6th Grade Sept. 12 - 7th Grade Sept. 13 - 8th Grade	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

High School Back to School Night Dates and Time

School	Open House Orientation	Back to School Night Date and Time
Aberdeen	Freshman Orientation Aug. 23, 5:00-6:30 p.m.	Aug. 30 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Bel Air	Freshman Orientation Aug. 24, 9:00- 11:00 a.m.	Aug. 28 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
C. Milton Wright	Freshman Fest Aug. 24, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Sept. 5 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Edgewood	Open House Aug. 23, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Aug. 30, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
	IB Orientation Aug. 20, 2012 10:00 - 3:00 p.m. Students please RSVP	
Fallston	Freshman Orientation Aug. 24, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Aug. 30, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Harford Technical	Freshman Orientation Aug. 23, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Sept. 5 6:00 p.m - 8:30 p.m.
Havre de Grace	Open House Aug. 24, 12:30 - 3:30	Sept. 4 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Joppa-towne	Freshman Fest Aug. 24, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Sept. 6 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
North Harford	Freshman Orientation Aug. 23, 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Sept. 6 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Patterson Mill High	Freshman Orientation Aug. 15th, 7-8:30 p.m. Husky Fest Aug. 24th, Grades 9-12 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Sept. 6 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
CEO	Aug. 23	3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Elementary School Back to School Night Dates and Time

School	Open House/Sneak-A-Peek	Back-To-School
Abingdon	Aug. 24, 4 - 6 p.m.	K, 2, 4 - Sept. 5, 5 - 7 p.m. 1, 3, 5 - Sept. 6, 5 - 7 p.m.
Bakerfield	Aug. 24, 4 - 6 p.m.	Sept. 6, 6:30 - 8 pm.
Bel Air	Aug. 23, PTA Social - 5 - 6:30 p.m., Back to School Night 6:30 - 8 p.m.	
Church Creek	Aug. 24, 4 - 6 p.m.	Sept. 13, 7 - 9 p.m.
Churchville	Aug. 23 - Open House 5 p.m.; Back to School 6:30 p.m.	
Darlington	Sept. 10, 7 p.m.	
Deerfield	Open House - Aug. 23, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., PTA Meeting 5:30 p.m., Back to School begins at 6 p.m.	
Dublin	Open House - Aug. 30, 6:30 p.m.	
Edgewood	New Family Welcome Night - Aug. 21, 6:30 p.m., Sneak-A-Peek - Aug. 23, 5:15 p.m. Light Refreshments, Aug. 23, 6 - 8 p.m.	
Emmorton	Aug. 24, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	
Forest Hill	Aug. 23, 4:30 - 6 p.m.	K - 2 - Sept. 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m., 3 - 5 - Sept. 13; 6:30 - 8 p.m. Instrumental Music Mtg Sept. 6, 5:30 p.m., Sept. 6 - 6:30 p.m.
Forest Lakes	Aug. 23, 5 - 6 p.m. Open House, 6 - 8:30 p.m. Back to School	
Fountain Green	Aug. 23, 4 - 6 p.m.	Sept. 6, 7 p.m.
G. Lisby/Hillsdale	Aug. 23, 4 - 6 p.m.	Sept. 11, 6 p.m.
Hall's Cross Roads	New Parent Orientation Aug. 24, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Aug. 30, 6 - 8 p.m.
Havre de Grace	Aug. 24, 6:30 - 8 p.m.	
Hickory	Aug. 24, 2 - 4 p.m.	Sept. 5, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Homestead/Wakefield	Kindergarten Play Date - Aug. 17, 2 - 4 p.m., Find Your Classroom - Aug. 17, 4 - 6 p.m. Back to School Night Gr 3, 4, 5 - Aug. 29, 7 p.m. Homestead Bldg., Back to School Night Gr 1, 2 - Aug. 30, 7 p.m. Wakefield Bldg.	
Jarrettsville	Aug. 23, 4:30 - 6 p.m.	Aug. 29, 7 p.m.
John Archer	Sept. 11	
Joppatowne	Aug. 30, 6 p.m.	
Magnolia	Aug. 23, 5 p.m.	
Meadowvale	Aug. 23, 4 - 6 p.m.	Aug. 30, 6:30 p.m.
Norrisville	New Family Visit - Aug. 23, 6 - 7 p.m., Kindergarten Open House - Aug. 24, 4 - 5 p.m. Back to School Night - Sept. 4, 7 p.m.	
North Bend	Aug. 23, 5 - 8 p.m.	
Prospect Mill	New Family Visit - Aug. 21, 9:30 a.m. OR 2:30 p.m. Aug. 24, 4:30 - 6 p.m.	Grades 1 - 5 - Aug. 24, 6:30 - 8 p.m., PreK & K - Sept. 25, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Red Pump	Aug. 23, 4 - 6 p.m.	Sept. 6, 6:30 p.m.
Ring Factory	Aug. 24, 4 - 6 p.m.	Aug. 29, 6 - 9 p.m.
Riverside	Aug. 23, 4 - 6 p.m.	Sept. 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Roye-Williams	Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m.	
Wm. Paca/OPR	Aug. 23, 4 - 5:30 p.m.	Sept. 5 (OPR) & 6 (WP), 5:30 - 7:05 p.m.
Wm. S. James	Aug. 23, 4 - 6 p.m.	Aug. 30, 6:30 p.m.
Youth's Benefit	Sneak-A-Peek - Aug. 23; 4:30 - 5:30 for Last Names A - M Sneak-A-Peek - 5:45 - 6:45 for Last Names N - Z	Grades K, 2, 4 - Sept. 5 Grades 1, 3, 5 - Sept. 6



Jeff Neal and Gary Pihl of Boston tune up during the Army Entertainment Concert at Shine Sports Field Aug. 11. Along with special guests Kansas and Grand Funk Railroad they drew more than 8,000 fans to APG on a slightly soggy but warm Saturday night.

Boston leads night of classic rock on APG

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON

APG News

More than 8,000 fans braved threatening skies and a short rainfall to go back in time with yester-year's leaders of popular rock - Boston, Kansas and Grand Funk Railroad - during the Army Entertainment Concert at Shine Sports Field Aug. 11.

Guests included APG and CECOM commander Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell; CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent; Garrison Commander Col. Gregory McClinton and their wives and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin.

Fans clapped, danced and screamed throughout the performances as each group took over the stage. Grand Funk Railroad's timeless classic "I'm Your Captain (Closer to Home)" got noise to a fever pitch but Kansas might have drawn the loudest roar when they closed with "Carry On My Wayward Son." Boston followed with a string of hits, highlighted by "More than a Feeling," "Don't Look Back," and "Amanda."

Fans said they couldn't get enough.

"It's wonderful, all I want is an autograph," said Martha Poole, a retired APG civilian who waved a Boston album and a miniature American flag throughout each performance. "I've had it for 30 years!" she said.

Chris Spencer from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic said he's been a fan of Kansas since he saw them in Knoxville, Tenn.

"I loved the show but especially Kansas because they're old school," he said.

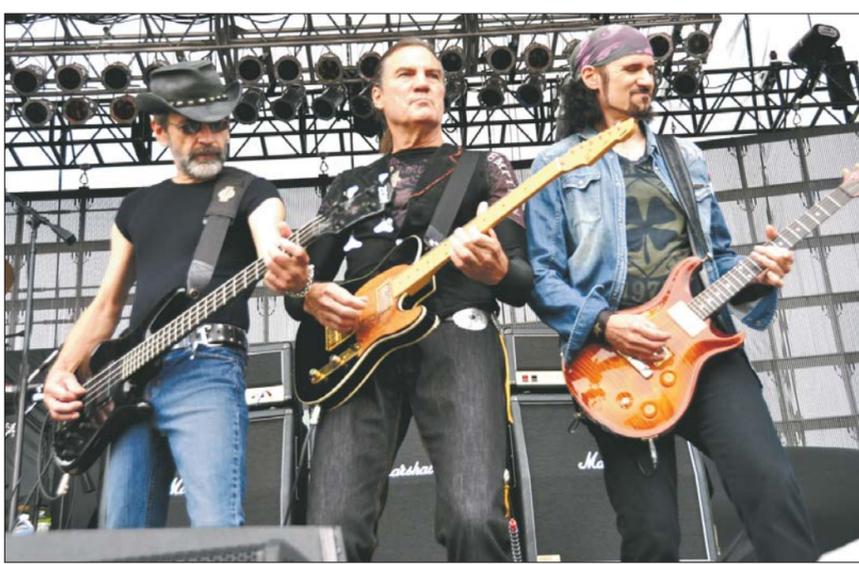
"It rocked," said Mike Kozak, an ECBC civilian adding that he's attended every APG concert since 2000. "I liked them all but my favorite was Kansas. They really rocked," he said.

Hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the show's supporters included the Army I.AM.Strong campaign; Navy Federal Credit Union; Bud Light and the U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

Lead vocalist David Victor, who joined the group for the 2012 tour, belts out a Boston ballad.



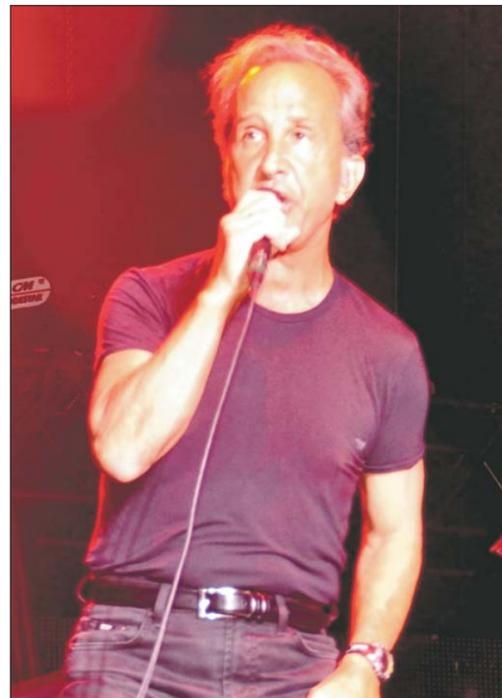
Violinist David Ragsdale gets lead guitarist Billy Greer of Kansas going during the group's opening song.



(From left) Grand Funk Railroad's Mel Schacher, Max Carl and Bruce Kulick form a dynamic trio.



Karen and Larry Brinegar of Aberdeen enjoy the festivities on Shine Sports Field prior to the show.



Steve Walsh of Kansas left his keyboard to shakes things up as the group pounded out hit after hit.