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Major construction to reroute APG motorists

By **ROGER TEEL**
RDECOM Public Affairs

The second phase of an extensive construction project outside of APG North's Maryland Gate on MD 715 at Route 40 may require installation employees, residents and visitors to change their usual commutes.

In an attempt to better manage the post-BRAC traffic, the project will widen and improve several roads and relocate a ramp directly off post. The \$18 million project is set to begin in the spring and is expected to cause large-scale detours and delays. Community mem-

bers are encouraged to begin planning alternate drive routes, consider commuting options and look into flexible work schedules.

Dave Phillips, design/build project manager for the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), said SHA looked at other plans and alternative construction phases. The chosen plan offered the best solution, but he noted that drivers will have to plan for detours and delays.

"We anticipate there will be impacts due to the detours, and we encourage people to give themselves

FIND OUT MORE

During a public meeting/open house Feb. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Aberdeen Middle School. The meeting will acquaint the public with the construction project in an open house format. Display areas will show final design, stages of construction, and project schedule, and State Highway Administration reps will be available to answer questions. No formal presentation will be given. Arrive at any time and walk through at your own pace. Snow date set Feb. 27.

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APG celebrates first residents of new neighborhood

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

A ceremonial first lease signing and plaque dedication ceremony at Picerne Military Housing's Neighborhood Office commemorated the first official tenants of Bayside Village community housing Feb. 7.

Sgt. Stacey Swayze, of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense, and husband Cadet Wesley Swayze, with the University of Maryland Reserve Officer Training Corps program, signed the lease in the presence of APG leaders, Harford County Executive David Craig, Aberdeen Mayor Michael Bennett, and Picerne officials. The early-morning event identified the Swayzes as APG's first military Family scheduled to move into the new homes.

Construction on all of Bayside's 210 new homes will be completed by December.

The program opened with remarks from APG Garrison Commander Col.

Orlando Ortiz, Installation and RDECOM Commander Maj. Gen. Nick Justice and Michael Steiner, executive vice president for Picerne Military Housing.

Ortiz explained the relationship between the installation and the housing company, noting that Picerne was selected under the Residential Communities Initiative as APG's partner in May 2008, at which time they accepted responsibility for the day-to-day management and development of Family housing at APG for the next 50 years.

He called Picerne a great partner which has provided quality, affordable housing and services to military Families.

"It is important that we cherish and take care of those who serve our country very well," Ortiz said. "We are a great nation because people have sacrificed. They have put forward great effort to support our national cause."

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Photo by Meagan Murray

(From left) ROTC Cadet Wesley Swayze with son Cameron Swayze, 5 months, and wife Sgt. Stacey Swayze of MRICD stand in front of their new home with APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz. The Swayzes will be the first military Family to move into Bayside Village community.

Improved fitness center reopens with new classes, equipment

Story and photo by **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

APG community members toured the newly renovated Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness center during a Feb. 6 open house.

Under extensive renovation since June 2011, the center offers significantly more floor space.

"The old floor plan before was not conducive to the population's needs," said Byron Reasin, facility manager.

He said in addition to removing two walls to add space, the \$500,000 project included locker room updates, electrical and water piping upgrades; the addition of a handicapped



APG employee Bengu Isguder uses a new Precor Adaptive Motion Trainer during the open house Feb. 6.

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Ceremony hails troops after yearlong deployment

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

More than 80 members of the Maryland Army National Guard Headquarters Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit assembled at Aberdeen Proving Ground Feb. 4 for a Freedom Salute Ceremony.

The event officially welcomed the unit home after its yearlong deployment to Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn from October 2010 to October 2011.

While deployed, the group worked closely with members from Missouri, California and Connecticut National Guard units, conducting depot-level maintenance on Blackhawk helicopters.

ADMRU Commander Col. Paul Cisar said he was proud to have served with the group, which he said was so "professional and dedicated" that he felt like the coach of a championship team. Mission accomplishments included the completion of more than 12,000 work orders and 131,000 man hours for equipment repair while supporting 248 Army helicopters from eight combat aviation brigades, but the most important number was zero.

"That's the number of casualties this task force didn't have," said Cisar.

He commended Family members for holding down the homefront.

"They faced everything

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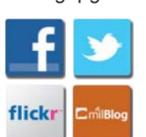
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Maj. Gen. Randy Strong retires after 34 years of Army service, said he "wouldn't change a thing."

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CECOM commander retires after 34 years of Army service

By **ANDRICKA THOMAS**
and **BOB DIMICHELE**
CECOM Public Affairs

After 34 years of service, Maj. Gen. 'Randy' Strong's career has run the gamut of success, achieving every major goal of a Signal Officer.

He commanded signal units at both the battalion and brigade levels, eventually reaching the position of the Army's 33rd Chief of Signal. Strong served as the Chief Information Officer/J6 for the Pacific Command, the largest regional combatant command in the Department of Defense. He also commanded two installations, Ft. Gordon, Ga., and Ft. Monmouth, N.J.

Strong served as the G-6's Director of Architecture, Operations, Networks and Space in the Pentagon and, as a culmination to his career, he became the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.

But, according to Strong, that success didn't necessarily come from specific career plan.

"I never, ever, thought I would be here someday. I have thoroughly enjoyed the Army, but I wasn't one of those guys in high school going, 'I'm going to be an Army officer.' I came from a small, rural town in Northern California, and I didn't really know the difference between an officer and an enlisted Soldier. "I was clueless," he said laughing. It was a real culture shock for me."

"I always thought I would stay in the Army until I reached the next milestone."

Entering West Point in 1974, he said that his initial plan was to leave the academy after his second year and go on to a different college. It was an experience during the summer after his second year as a cadet that launched his Army career, and Strong credits then-Lt. Rick Zapka, his sponsor when he arrived in Ansbach, Germany, in 1976 for his summer orientation program.

"I had a great Army experience that summer, and the ride hasn't stopped yet."

Strong was commissioned two years later in 1978. Then, two years turned into five years...and five years turned into an Army career he would never regret.

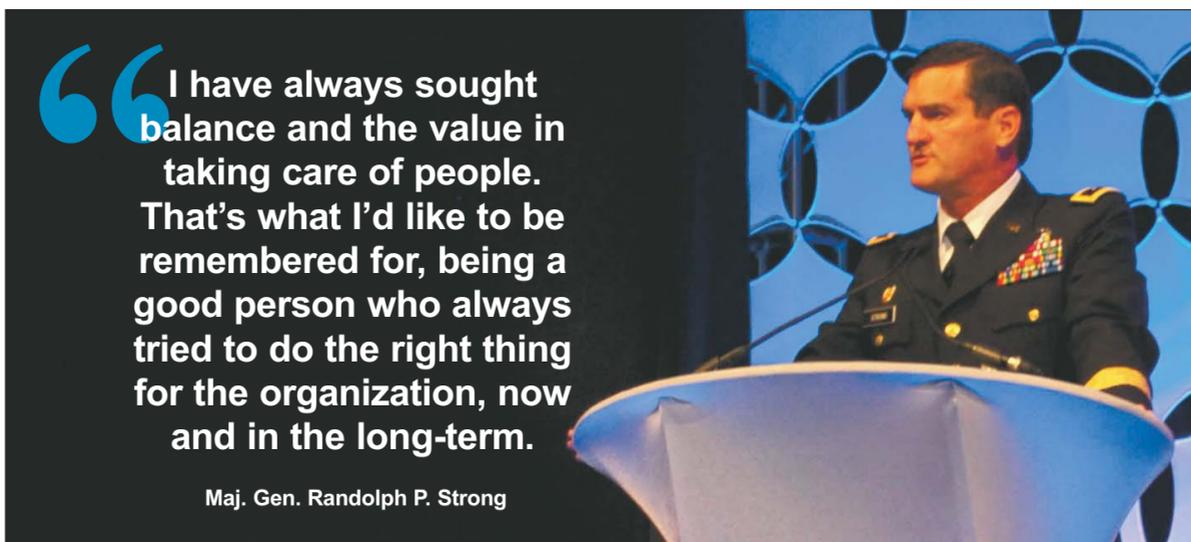
"My hope was to have a battalion command and then make colonel. I did, and I got selected for brigade command. So I said, I'll do brigade command and retire as a colonel. But then, I was told, 'hey, we want to make you a general officer, and send you back to Hawaii again.' And I was like, wow, you know, twist my arm!"

In looking back on his career, Strong remarked, "My experience has exceeded all my expectations."

Career highlights

He clearly considers CECOM one of his top three career opportunities.

"In terms of scope and size, it will be the highlight of my career and accomplishments. But, there was a couple of other neat little things I did. As the 33rd Chief of Signal, I was the commanding general of the Signal School and the Signal branch chief. To be the chief of your branch is always something that's really special, and to have commanded the Signal Center, and been the Chief of Signal



Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong

Photo by Andricka Thomas

Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, welcomes participants to the 2011 MILCOM, military communications, Conference at the Baltimore Convention Center Nov. 7.

is something that I'll always remember as a significant career accomplishment."

He also cited a little known role the U.S. Army played in a peace-keeping mission in the Pacific Theater back in 1999 to 2000. "One other (highlight) was a little operation I commanded in East Timor when I was the commander of U.S. Forces there," he said. "You know, just a unique thing that I got to do...as a Signal guy to command a task force in a peace enforcement operation in a little country called East Timor."

U.S. forces were part of a multinational peace-keeping effort that restored order in East Timor following a referendum on independence from Indonesia in 1999.

To his current workforce and the APG community, however, Strong is best known for his role in successfully moving the former Fort Monmouth workforce to APG following the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure decision.

"I've got to say that I'm immensely proud of CECOM for the way we executed this BRAC transition. If you're among the community of folks in the Department of the Army that were responsible for BRAC, they will tell you that CECOM really led the way whether it was in the databases we had that kept track of our people, the way we did the transfer of function letters, or the way we did the logistics move contract with the 800 plus vans," Strong explained.

However, it wasn't the success of the BRAC move that Strong considers to be his greatest accomplishment as commander of CECOM.

"I would say the most significant accomplishment under my command was the undisrupted support to the Warfighter even though we were BRAC-ing," he said. "So, moving the headquarters wasn't the most significant accomplishment. The most significant accomplishment was supporting the Warfighter without a hiccup, without missing a blink, while we were making that move. And you've got to realize that was during a time of not only the surge in Iraq, and drawdown, but also the surge in Afghanistan. So these were very pressing, demanding times, for the Warfighter. And I think we really, really did that well."

He attributes that success to his focus

in moving four key elements of his global two-star command: its people, equipment, processes and procedures, and heritage. He said many people forget to take care of the workforce and moving an organizational culture and heritage is part of the glue that holds the organization together.

The right decision

He said that while BRAC was painful for the workforce in the short term it was the right thing for the long-term future of the command. CECOM's relocation to APG created a collaborative environment called the C4ISR Center of Excellence, comprised of C4ISR and Army testing community members in one place designed to create efficiencies and synergy to further the network modernization effort.

"CECOM really gained by this decision," said Strong. "This is a world-class facility that we did not have at Fort Monmouth. This relocation really postures the command well for the future in order to be responsive to the Army's needs and to be relevant to the Army of tomorrow."

Strong sees a positive future for the command and its expertise even in resource-constrained environment.

"We can't do less with less; we will have to do better with less," said Strong in reference to making the necessary adjustments to create a leaner and cost-efficient organization.

He explained that the Army is doing more than modernizing the network. It's expanding the network, providing more capability via the network.

"CECOM will have a larger sustainment mission which means more work for the LRC (Logistics and Readiness Center), more work for Tobyhanna (Army Depot) he said. It also means though that there's more applications and software development, because the network is not just the communications pipe, the network includes the applications you use on the computers to do the mission, the databases. That's work for the Software Engineering Center. So, what I see for CECOM is continued growth for its mission."

He predicts the Army will move in a direction of executing smaller counterterrorism operations, which he expects

to tremendously increase the demand for C4ISR systems and sustainment support. To meet the Army's future C4ISR requirements, he advises the CECOM workforce to look toward the future and take advantage of professional development opportunities to remain trained, ready, relevant and competitive in the workforce.

As Strong prepares for the next phase in life, he remembers the lessons he learned during his career as a Soldier.

"While in command, I made my decisions based on my own personal values of integrity, honesty, fairness, loyalty, many of which are part of the Army's values. I have always sought balance and the value in taking care of people," said Strong. "That's what I'd like to be remembered for, being a good person who always tried to do the right thing for the organization, now and in the long-term."

His only regret...that it went too fast.

"Every assignment was wonderful, but there was so much more I wanted to do," Strong said. "Whether it's working in the White House Communications Agency; working at National Security Agency; or being part of the 82nd Airborne, there are lots of things I wish I had been able to do."

As he retires, Strong plans to take a few months off to travel with his wife and daughter in search of her future college.

"My daughter is a senior in high school and I want to spend some time at home before she heads off to college," said Strong. "We're going to visit colleges for the next three months."

Strong hasn't announced his future career goals, but retirement will only last a few months.

"I'd go crazy if I retired for good," he said with a smile. "I'll probably get a job in industry, I'm not sure yet, but we will see."

As Strong retires, he is confident that CECOM will be in great hands.

"This is a truly a world-class organization and the CECOM workforce is comprised of very dedicated people, and I saw that everywhere I went. I'm in awe of the tremendous workforce," Strong said.

To summarize a long career of integrity, accomplishment, and dedication to the nation, he simply stated: "I wouldn't change a thing."

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AER expands categories

Army Emergency Relief

Four new categories of assistance were approved during an Army Emergency Relief board meeting in November.

As of Jan. 2, AER sections are authorized to begin providing AER assistance in the following categories:

Dental for active duty and retiree dependents

Limited and reasonable AER assistance up to \$4,000 may be provided when a Soldier does not have sufficient funds to cover upfront dependent dental care payments required for treatment or patient's share of charges that are not covered by dental insurance.

Payment arrangements can then be made with dentist for the remainder of treatment. Assistance may also be provided for upfront costs when long-term treatment is needed to correct serious dental problems.

The following listing identifies authorized procedures:

- Diagnosis, X-ray, examination, and cleaning
- Emergency care to alleviate pain
- Filling of cavities
- Crowns to include post and core or composite/resin build-ups
- Treatment of acute periodontal disorders, including necessary periodontal surgery for pain and infection control
- Root canal therapy
- Extractions
- Orthodontia to prevent handicaps or disfigurement
- Sealants

Each request will be considered on an individual basis with emphasis on dental needs necessary for individual health.

Furniture

AER assistance up to \$4,000 may be provided to obtain essential and eco-

nomical furniture, such as bedding, sofa, kitchen table, and crib. Assistance is for Soldiers establishing an initial household upon PCS or when newly married.

Replacement of essential furniture also is authorized when request is based upon loss of furniture resulting from a natural disaster such as a flood or fire. AER assistance is not to be used for non-essential pieces of furniture such as entertainment centers and TV stands, or to assist with obtaining additional furniture in an established residence.

Replacement vehicle

AER does not finance the purchase or lease of a new or used privately owned vehicle. However, for some Soldiers it may be more financially sound to provide AER assistance for a down payment to obtain a more reliable vehicle than repairing an existing vehicle when the cost of repairs is higher than verified value of current vehicle.

In determining the value of a vehicle it is recommended to use the National Automobile Dealers Association or Kelley Blue Book website. AER assistance for up to \$4,000 for a replacement vehicle will be made directly to the Soldier and not a vendor.

Rental vehicles

Soldiers on emergency leave or awaiting major repairs of a primary vehicle may obtain AER assistance up to \$4,000 for a rental vehicle. While need for a specific length of time may vary, their assistance should be of a temporary nature (7-10 days).

AER caseworkers will ensure Soldiers understand the requirement for appropriate rental insurance should their individual insurance not cover such rentals. Soldiers requesting AER assistance to obtain a rental vehicle may include funds for rental insurance in their application.

For more information, call APG AER Officer Marge Fissel at 410-278-2508.

FOR YOUR INFO

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APG eagle count reaches 196

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

A total of 157 bald eagles was counted on Aberdeen Proving Ground during the annual mid-winter survey Jan. 8.

An additional 39 bald eagles were counted along the Susquehanna River. The total, 196, was slightly above the average count for the last five annual surveys.

Garrison eagle compliance manager Lynda Hartzell said the slightly above average number reflects the increasing population of eagles at APG, including a record high number of 85 chicks produced last year.

"It's not surprising that eagles are attracted to APG because there's such a large food source from the bay and rivers," she said.

This year, Directorate of Public Works environmental personnel were joined by security personnel from the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security; Aberdeen Test Center and a film crew from CBS/WJZ-TV News. The Maryland Army National Guard provided a Blackhawk helicopter, pilots and crew.

The survey is conducted in accordance with the APG Bald Eagle Management Plan and as a cooperative effort with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The data collected helps to identify long-term population trends and distribution of eagles at APG.

Hartzell said eagle counts are conducted by volunteers nationwide during a two-week window. Planning is critical for a successful count.

"Because of restrictions, we need to ensure the test ranges are closed and that we have decent weather she said. We count the eagles we see and submit the results to MDNR."

"The weather this year is very mild and some eagles up north may not have come south," added environmental protection specialist Jessica Baylor.



Photo by Terri Kaltenbacher

CBS Baltimore (WJZ-TV Channel 13) joined APG's environmental team for the installation's annual mid-winter eagle survey at sunrise Jan. 8. The team was piloted in a Blackhawk helicopter by members of Maryland National Guard's Co. C, 1/169th Aviation Regiment. WJZ-TV plans to air a special segment profiling APG's bald eagle success story in February. Check wjz-tv.com for updates.

"The population is not decreasing; if anything, it's increasing," Hartzell said. "This [count] is just a snapshot. It's useful because we do it the same time every year, but it's just one tool to eagle management."

She said media guests seemed to enjoy the flight.

"It's a rare and unique experience. You get to see how large APG is with its marshes and rivers and the Bay. I think they were very impressed."

The survey route includes the shoreline and tributaries of APG and the Susquehanna River north to the Exelon Peach Bottom power plant. APG pro-

vides the data to MDNR which compiles all data within the state to estimate the region-wide bald eagle population.

The annual survey is critical to implementing the garrison's bald eagle management and compliance program. APG also conducts several aerial surveys each year to track activity at each nest. The

aerial observations are necessary to identify new nests and count the number of eggs and chicks per nest.

The garrison conducted the first nest survey for the 2012 eagle nesting season Jan. 29. Four new eagle nests were identified, in addition to the 81 nests already being tracked.

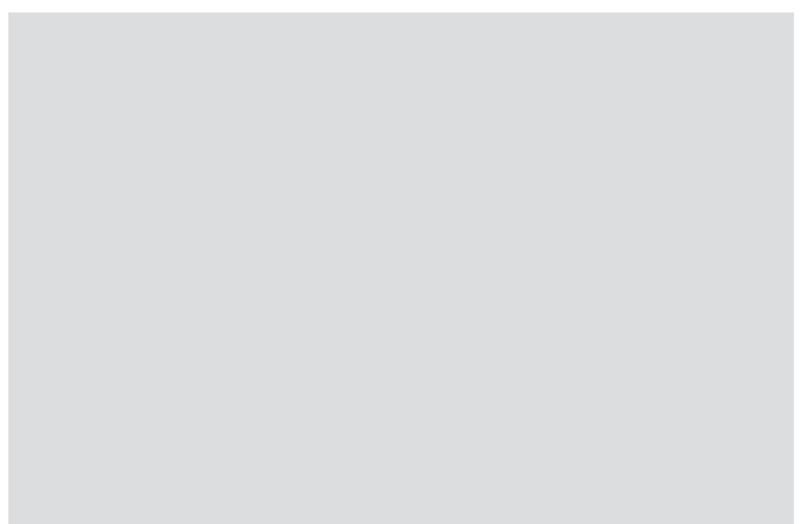
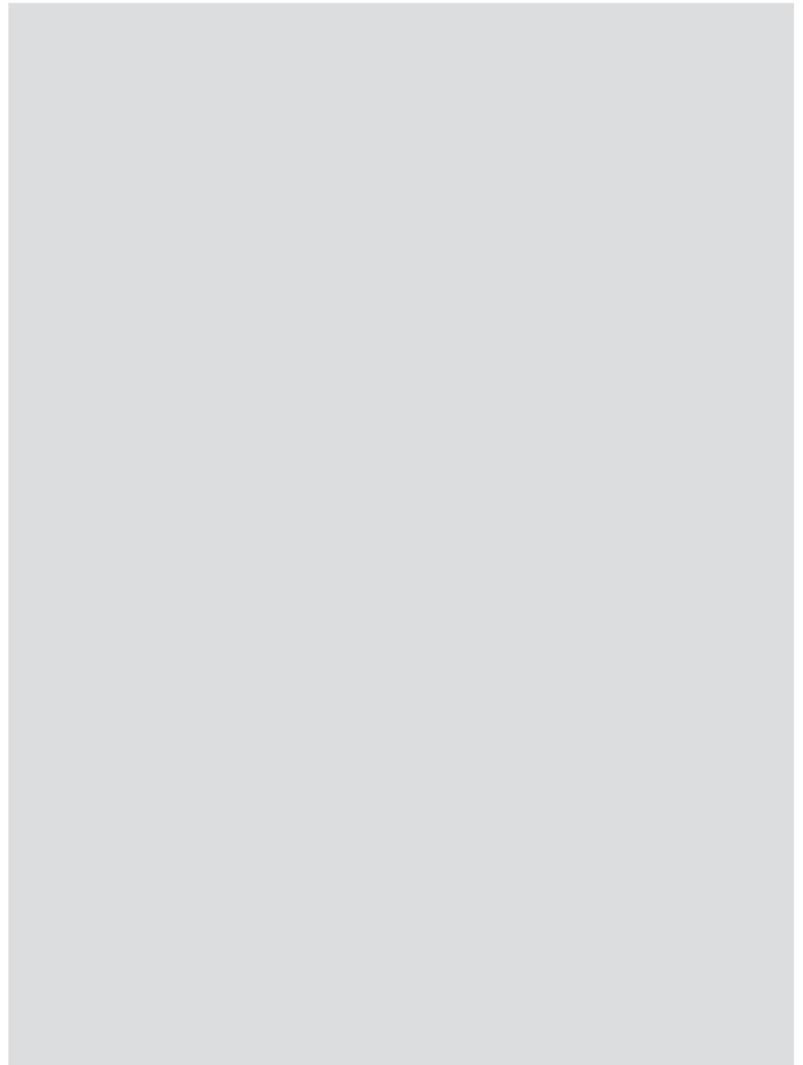
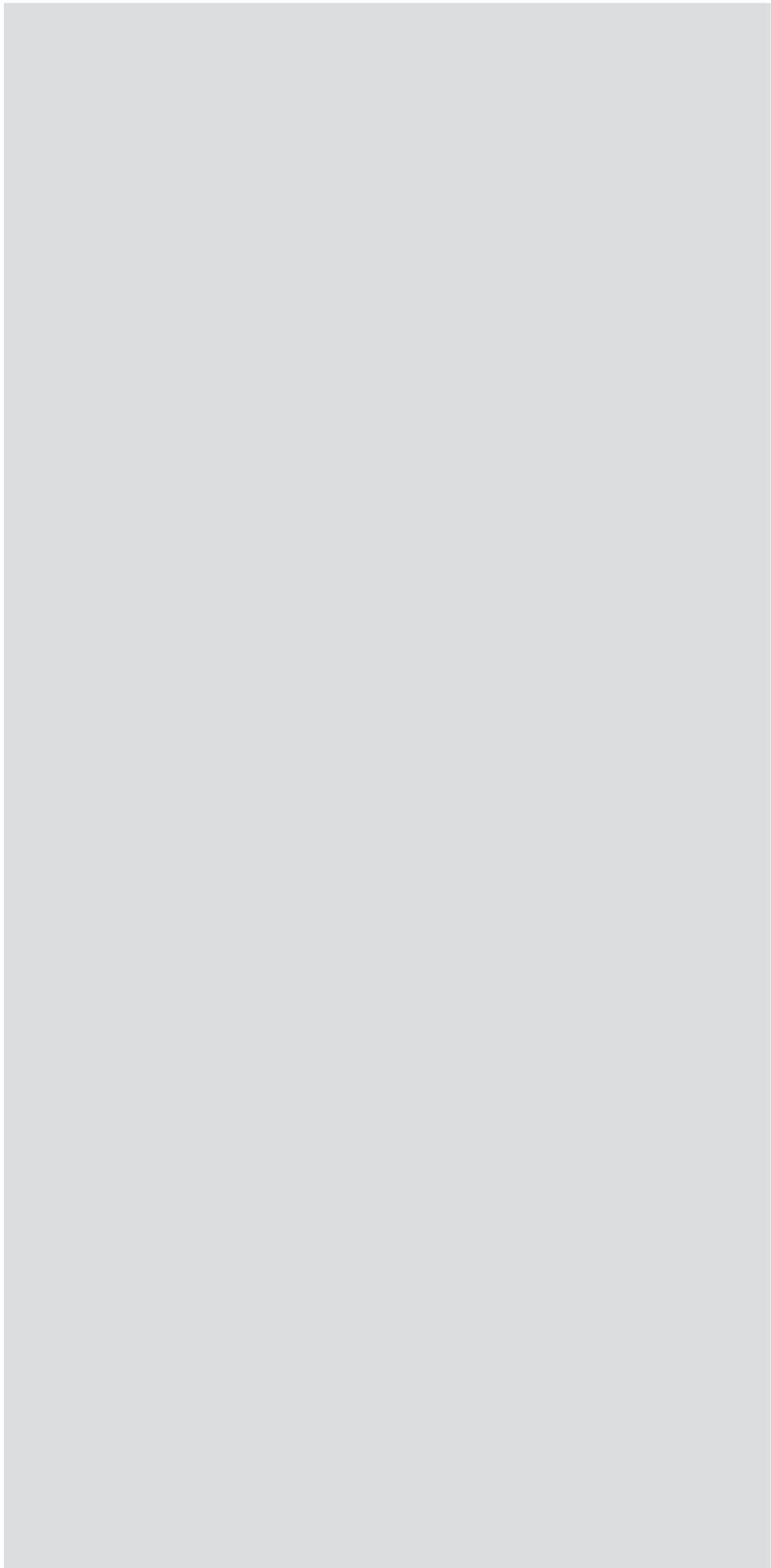
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USAPHC Ergonomics Program focuses on worker safety, comfort

By **CHANEL S. WEAVER**

U.S. Army Public Health Command

Whether it's staying in a marriage, living in the same community, or raising a child, when people stick with something year after year, they demonstrate they are in it for the long haul. They learn to take the good with the bad.

That's why David Alberth, a radiation safety expert at the U.S. Army Public Health Command, kept working for the Army for nearly 40 years. Although his office chair was uncomfortable, his computer screen was getting harder to see, and the space in his office was getting increasingly narrower, he hung in there because that's what he felt devoted employees do.

"I knew the work I was doing to keep our military safe from the harmful effects of radiation was important," said Alberth, a senior health physicist. "I enjoy using my institutional memory and knowledge of historical examples to solve current problems."

Alberth kept files in his office that covered more than 20 years of history. He was so efficient at what he does that employees at the USAPHC as well as Army and DOD scientists often consult him on radiation issues. He was recognized as a master consultant on radiation issues a few years ago.

But recently, his coworkers and supervisor began to notice a problem.

"David had a huge collection of files, and his office space was so constrained that he could barely move around," said Lt. Col. Constance Rosser, a program manager in the USAPHC health physics program.

Mobility was getting more difficult for Alberth, who suffers with arthritis and other orthopedic problems from his activities as a long-distance runner in earlier years.

With a few phone calls, even more paperwork and a lot of heavy lifting, Alberth's coworkers voluntarily reconfigured his office. The office's reconfiguration and design was completed under the professional direction of USAPHC's Ergonomics Program members.

Today, Alberth's new workspace boasts state-of-the-art amenities including an adjustable keyboard, an oversized monitor, a workstation that allows him to stand at intervals, and of course, plenty of space for him to maneuver around effortlessly.

John Pentikis, an ergonomist, said the program is in high demand for office reconfigurations from customers throughout the federal workforce, completing an average of two a month.

"The teams identify risk factors in an office and come up with solutions to mitigate those factors," said Pentikis.

The make-up of these office reconfiguration teams varies, but they often include ergonomists, physical therapists, occupa-



Photo by Christina Graber

John Pentikis, an ergonomist at the U.S. Army Public Health Command, conducts an ergonomics office assessment for a Soldier at the USAPHC. Personnel in the USAPHC's Ergonomics Program frequently perform studies on offices, warehouses, hospitals and other places where federal employees work to minimize the risk of injuries.

tional therapists and engineers. A key goal of the program is injury reduction.

"We want to prevent injuries to our workforce," said Pentikis. "Research shows that virtually all musculoskeletal injuries can be prevented."

The goal is also to ensure employees can perform their jobs safely and comfortably, according to Col. Myrna Callison, Ergonomics Program manager.

The ergonomics team frequently travels both stateside and abroad to assess employee working conditions and offer interventions to decrease injury risk.

"We frequently perform ergonomic studies on offices, warehouses, hospitals and other places where federal employees work," said Callison. Recently, the Ergonomics Program was instrumental in the development of a safe-patient handling program that uses ergonomically-sound equipment to help hospital staff lift patients in ways that do not cause injuries. The program is being tested in the Madigan (Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.) healthcare system, with an ultimate goal of being implemented in various Army medical treatment facilities.

Alberth said he is grateful that the

USAPHC ergonomics team and his coworkers took actions to preserve his safety and health.

"The renovation made me realize that there are many USAPHC personnel who care about my welfare," said Alberth.

Pentikis said it was a pleasure to serve.

"I like what I do because I have an opportunity to interact with other people ... and help them work in an environment that suits them," said Pentikis. "It doesn't benefit an agency to have an employee who is uncomfortable and at risk of injury."

Rosser agreed.

"Mr. Alberth has spent the majority of his career assessing and mitigating the health risks of radiation to secure the safety of our military personnel in both deployed and garrison locations," said Rosser. "The steps we took to ensure he could perform his job easier were just a token of our gratitude for his service. It is our duty to ensure that all employees have reasonable accommodations."

For more information on the program, visit <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/workplacehealth/ergo/Pages/default.aspx>

Healthy Living

Healthy Living is a regular section in the *APG News*. It features health and fitness articles and publicizes events and activities that promote a healthy lifestyle. It is published in support of the installation's Community Health Promotion Council. For more information, visit www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/ and click on "Well Being."

■ **Slim Down Challenge** Learn how to organize a slim down challenge in your department. This fun and healthy challenge has been catching on at APG. APG South's Stark recreation center, Feb. 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. POC: Wendy LaRoche at 410-417-2312

■ **Health Fair** Free health screenings, prizes and more. APG North recreation center, March 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. POC: Sue Singh at 410-278-1771

■ **Healthy Heart**, part of the APG Lunch and Learn series. Know your numbers. Get information on cholesterol and triglycerides. APG North, 2202 Aberdeen Blvd, Room 301, ATEC Headquarters, noon to 1 p.m. Free DVD to the first 15 participants POC: Gale Sauer at 443-861-9260

Construction starts soon

APG Transportation Options

By **ADRIANE FOSS**
APG News

A longer commute to work could be the norm for Aberdeen Proving Ground motorists after the spring kickoff of a construction project that will widen and improve area roads.

To lessen the impact of the year-long project, APG officials are urging motorists to begin planning immediately.

"Now is the time for people to familiarize themselves with other routes, and other gates," said Charlie Eckert, acting chief of Engineering Services Division, Directorate of Public Works. "Just taking a few extra moments before or after work to drive the surrounding roads and discover where they link to the installation is going to be very useful when construction begins."

Other options to minimize gridlock include using mass transportation and carpools. Sandy Schiller is the garrison's Mass Transit Benefit Program manager and provides vouchers up to \$125 monthly to employees who get to work by bus, train or vanpool. Beginning in March, vanpool and train commuters will receive debit cards in the place of the vouchers/checks.

Schiller said more than 350 employees at APG are taking advantage of the federal government reimbursement for a total cost of \$150,000 per quarter, about \$600,000 annually.

APG employees can contact Schiller's office, where they will begin the application process before they are referred to Harford County's Alan Doran, who coordinates the county's Commuter Assistance/Ride Share program within Harford County's Department of Community Services.

Ride Share links employees with their ideal modes of transportation. While employees are reimbursed for traveling by vanpool, bus or train, carpooling may be the ideal option for smaller groups who live close to one another and have similar work schedules.

Educating Harford County commuters about alternative modes of transportation is one of Doran's many responsibilities, but one that he takes seriously.

Doran said approximately 108,323 Harford County citizens, 16 years of age and older, travel to their place of work. Of this total, 104,768 travel to work by car, van or truck, with 89 percent traveling alone.

According to the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, a federally recognized metropolitan planning council, motor vehicles contribute nearly a third of the emissions that dirty our air.

Employees who choose not to take advantage of subsidized commuting often cite flexibility as a reason. Studies show that motorists nationwide often choose not to use mass transportation for fear of not having

a vehicle at their disposal in case of an emergency or change of plans.

Doran said in the case of unexpected events, Ride Share participants can enroll in the Guaranteed Ride Home Program, which provides registered mass transit users, car poolers, vanpoolers, bikers and walking commuters a free ride home up to four times per year. This, he said, allows commuters with unscheduled overtime or emergencies peace of mind.

Ride Share is one of many programs and services the garrison promotes to assist personnel.

Installation Transportation Officer Nick D. Curcio manages the MARC train shuttle service that transports employees from the Aberdeen train station to select locations on post.

Curcio said the distance between the train station and APG work locations, and the fact that there are no sidewalks, made establishing a shuttle service the most practical option.

A shuttle departs the Aberdeen train station at 7:42 a.m. and delivers the last of the APG commuters to their work locations by 8:14 a.m. Two shuttles rotate in the evening, transporting employees to the Aberdeen train station at 5:08 and 6:18 p.m.

"The garrison has been working with Harford County, the Maryland Transit Authority, Military Surface Deployment & Distribution Command, Federal Highway Administration and State Highway Administration for years to accommodate installation and community motorists," said Carroll Sparwasser, the coordinator for the garrison's Transportation Demand Working Group.

"And we will continue to look at ways to help employees commute to work, decrease the number of single occupancy vehicles and reduce our environmental footprint," said Sparwasser, who is also APG's Environmental Management System management representative.

Environmental benefits are another reason Sparwasser encourages motorists to consider mass transportation. "There are 23 vanpools currently commuting to APG," he said. "Multiply that times the approximate nine people in each pool and you get an idea of how many cars we're helping to take off the road. That is a significant reduction in traffic volume, air and noise pollution."

"Pooling reduces the use of fossil fuels and contamination going into the air; it promotes traffic safety and provides much needed parking spaces. And once the US 40/ MD 715 construction begins, the benefits will continue to multiply as motorists find themselves on the road longer."

Sparwasser said the Transportation Demand Working Group was created to help the post deal with

the mounting vehicular traffic during BRAC. As commuter numbers continue to swell over the next decade, the group will continue to suggest alternatives and options.

The working group will hold its next quarterly meeting at 10 a.m. April 4, in Bldg. 4304 in the 3rd Floor conference room. Organizations are encouraged to send a representative.

"Come to the meeting for the latest information on the US 40/ MD715 construction project," said Sparwasser. Reps can also offer suggestions on how to help reduce traffic."



Pictured is the US 40 Eastbound Ramp to Southbound MD 715 (Short Lane) detour route.

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Alan Doran
Harford County Commuter Assistance/Ride Share Program coordinator

Consider this!

1. Allow an additional 15--20 minutes travel time, once construction begins.
2. Before construction begins, drive area roads for alternate routes and become familiar with all APG gates.
3. Take the bus, train or vanpool and receive a \$125 subsidy to cover commuting costs. Call the Mass Transit Benefit Program Office at 410-436-0230 for details.
4. Unable to take the bus, train or vanpool? Carpool. Harford County's Ride Share program links employees with carpoolers in your area. For more information, call Alan Doran at 410-638-3389.
5. Find out what your organizations policies are on compressed work schedule, telecommuting and flexible work schedules.
6. Taking the train? Call the Garrison DOL Transportation Office at 410-278-2697 for information on the train shuttle.
7. Stay informed! Attend the public meeting/ open house for an update on construction activities Feb. 15, 6-8 p.m., at Aberdeen Middle School.

Project Overview & Purpose:

The project will improve safety, capacity, and flow at the US 40 at MD 715 interchange for increased traffic volumes generated by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) initiative at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Work extends along:

- US 40 from the Cranberry Run bridge east to the Walmart access road, including the MD 715 intersection. This portion of US 40 is a four-lane divided highway. MD 715 from the US 40 eastbound ramp to the APG gate. MD 715 is an undivided urban roadway.
- Old Philadelphia Road from approximately 950 feet west of MD 715 to approximately 1,000 feet east of MD 715.

Traffic volumes are expected to increase by 42,500 vehicles per day on US 40; 32,100 vehicles per day on MD 715; and 13,500 vehicles per day on Old Philadelphia Road by 2032. Truck traffic along these roadways makes up a significant portion of this volume. The project improvements will allow the roadway and intersection to handle increased volumes in a safe and efficient manner.

Project Description:

The US 40 at MD 715 Interchange Improvement project is divided into two phases:

Phase I—from APG Gate to bridge over AMTRAK/MARC - Construction of the following improvements is nearly complete, and includes:

- Widening MD 715 by one lane in each direction
- Relocating the Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Visitors' Center Entrance
- Constructing new stormwater management facilities
- Upgrading highway signage, pavement markings, and lighting
- Upgrading landscaping along the project corridor

Phase II— Bridge over AMTRAK/MARC to US 40 Interchange - SHA has finalized design of the following improvements, which will be discussed at the upcoming public meeting:

- Widening the MD 715 bridge over US 40 to provide additional traffic capacity

■ Widening MD 715 to provide four lanes in each direction from the US 40 interchange to Old Philadelphia Road, and three lanes in each direction from Old Philadelphia Road to north of the APG gate

■ Re-striping pavement on the MD 715 bridge over AMTRAK to create three lanes in each direction

■ Relocating and widening the ramp from eastbound US 40 to southbound MD 715 to provide three lanes on the ramp and a new spur ramp to northbound MD 715

■ Improving the MD 715/Old Philadelphia Road intersection and upgrading the traffic signal

■ Installing new traffic signals at the following locations:

- Southbound MD 715 to eastbound US 40
- Spur ramp from eastbound US 40 to northbound MD 715
- MD 715 intersection at Cirelli Court

Project Schedule:

- Complete Final Design Winter/ Spring 2012
- Begin Phase II Construction Winter/Spring 2012
- Open to Traffic Summer 2013

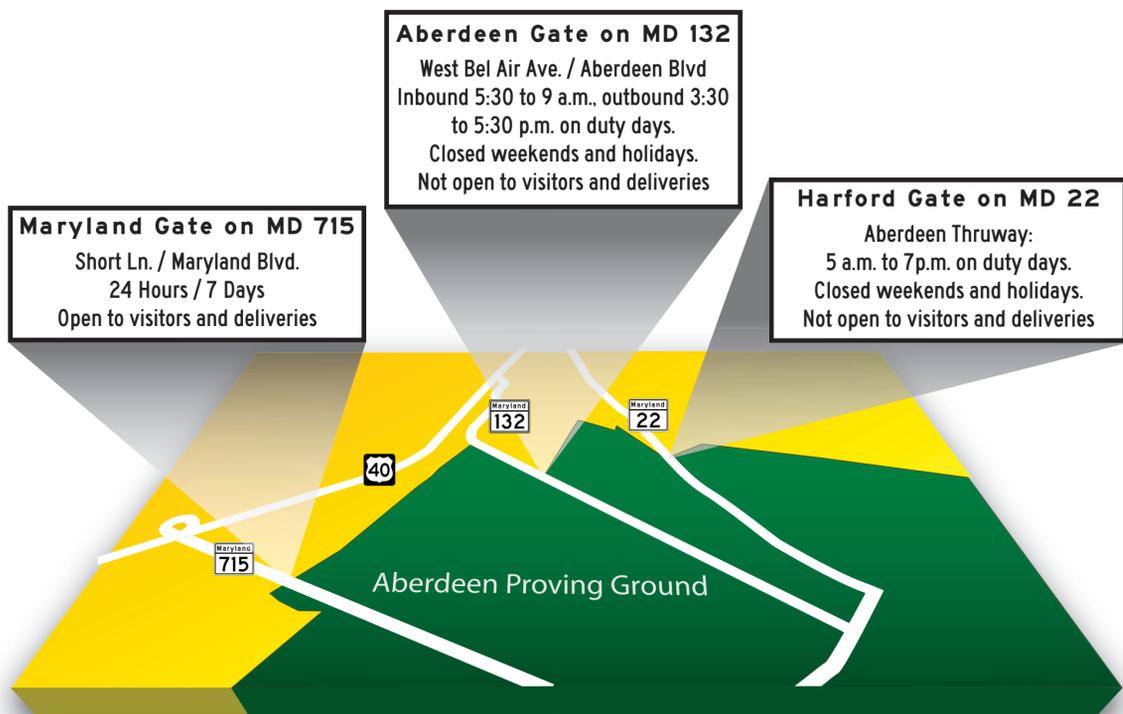
Attend the public meeting:

Feb. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Aberdeen Middle School. The meeting will acquaint the public with the construction project in an open house format. Display areas will show final design, stages of construction, and project schedule, and State Highway Administration reps will be available to answer questions. No formal presentation will be given. Arrive at any time and walk through at your own pace. Snow date set Feb. 27.

Websites

www.roads.maryland.gov
www.md511.org

Motorists urged to know gate hours, locations



Yearlong project preps roads for growing traffic

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enough time to get to work, and be safe on the roads," he said, adding that drivers will see a major improvement when the project is complete.

The plan

Plans call for widening the MD 715 bridge over US 40 to two lanes in each direction, and widening the road to provide four lanes in each direction from the US 40 interchange to Old Philadelphia Road.

Crews will relocate and widen the ramp from eastbound US 40 to southbound MD 715 to provide three lanes on the ramp and a new spur ramp to northbound MD 715.

Extensive earthwork is required to reconstruct and widen the ramp for additional lanes and will necessitate eastbound traffic being re-routed.

"It's a battle plan," Phillips said of the SHA's design. Project details are viewable on the SHA web site: www.roads.maryland.gov. To access the project page, click "Projects & Studies" then "SHA Projects Page," select "Harford County," then "US 40 Pulaski Highway, US 40 at MD715 Interchange."

Traffic to double

Currently, about 36,500 vehicles enter the installation each day. The SHA estimates that number will rise to 75,000 by 2030 due to anticipated growth of the



Courtesy photo

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installation.

The plan calls for a traffic light to be installed on eastbound US 40, where vehicles headed for APG will make a left-hand turn for access to southbound MD 715 while the ramp is closed. During non-peak hours, traffic may be re-routed for road work and equipment movement.

The target start date for the year-long detour is March 2012. Phillips acknowl-

edged that the detour will slow traffic coming through one of the major arteries to the installation.

"We're working hard, trying to alleviate the pains this will cause in the beginning," Phillips said. "We have more tools in the tool box if we need to use them."

APG Gates

Army officials have been apprised of

the SHA's plans and are examining measures that may help alleviate the flow of traffic through APG gates, Phillips said.

The MD 715 gate is the installation's only entry point for visitors and deliveries. The Harford Gate on MD 22 is open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. on duty days only and does not allow entry for deliveries and visitors.

The Aberdeen Gate on MD 132 (West Bel Air Avenue to Aberdeen Boulevard) will accept inbound vehicles from 5:30 to 9 a.m. once ramp is closedand currently is open for outbound vehicles from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on duty days. This gate does not accept deliveries or visitors.

According to Phillips, lane closures may also be necessary during the workday and evenings to accommodate construction. Eastbound and westbound US 40 lane closures may take place Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. the next day.

MD 715 northbound (outbound from APG) lane closures may take place Sunday to Thursday nights between 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. the next day. Southbound lanes (inbound to APG) lanes may be closed Sunday to Thursday between 9 a.m. and 5 a.m. the next day.

The contract for the project was awarded to American Infrastructure of Fallston, Md., and JMT Engineering of Sparks, Md.

Post Shorts

UFood Grill to open in PX

Anthony's Pizza is scheduled to close operations Feb. 12. The following week, food and maintenance personnel will remove equipment and supplies in preparation for the build-out of the UFood Grill operation. Demolition work will begin the week of Feb. 27 and the interior construction work will last through the end of April.

Resiliency Training

Resilience Training Module Two is set for Feb. 22 and 29 at APG North's Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 2485, Classroom 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

During the Feb. 22 session, participants will master the "ATC" model identifying the Activating (A) event, in-the-moment thoughts (T), and the consequences (C) those thoughts generate.

The Feb. 29 session will cover Thinking Traps (TTs), common patterns in thinking that prevent a person from seeing a situation accurately.

Learn skills to identify and correct counterproductive thinking. For more information and to reserve your seat, call 410-278-2180/278-7572

Theater Group auditions

The APG Theater Group is auditioning and casting for its upcoming season, which will include, the dinner theater show "I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning," "Dracula," "Miracle on 34th Street" and "A Christmas Carol."

Stop by the APG North recreation center, Bldg. 3326, Mondays at 6 p.m. or Saturdays at 9 a.m. to register. Call 410-278-4011/4907 for information.

Top of the Bay Valentine

Celebrate Valentine's Day at Top of the Bay Feb. 14 with the APG Community Women's Club. Bring your sweetheart and enjoy dinner followed by bingo. Non-members are welcome.

There will be an optional wedding vow renewal ceremony at 5:45 p.m. conducted by Chaplain Simpson.

Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. Adult choices are chicken Kiev \$27, beef roulade \$32, or vegetarian five-cheese ravioli with portabella mushrooms and seasonal vegetables, \$27.

Price includes iced tea, coffee, gratuity, dessert and bingo. A children's

menu is also available offering chicken fingers and fries, \$11, or spaghetti and meatballs, \$11. RSVP to Doris Pickerd at reservations@apgwc.org or 908-601-8609 by Feb. 9 with menu selection and if attending renewal. Cancellations after Feb. 9 will incur a cost.

EPP program continued

Internal Enterprise Placement Program, the IMCOM program designed to place over-hires from one installation in vacancies at another installation, has been continued.

APG garrison employees can apply for positions that they qualify for at the same or lower grades. Vacancies are posted at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/662838>.

Permanent change of station costs are paid by the losing garrison. Employees who are interested in relocating to another IMCOM location should contact their supervisors for a detailed package about the program or call CPAC's Carolyn Russell at 306-0173. Or call 410-278-9669 for Marilyn Howard (ACS) for assistance with resumes.

New clinic hours won't affect appointments

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic hours of operation will change beginning March 1. The Kirk staff is dedicated to providing quality care and Thursday afternoons have been set aside for them to receive specialized training. Consolidating training and meetings on Thursday afternoons will allow the staff to free up additional patient-care time during the week.

Regular hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. On Thursdays, the clinic will open from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Kirk Occupational Health Clinic, the Edgewood Occupational Health and Surety Operations will remain open during this time in case of acute work-related injuries. Call the Occupational Clinic at Kirk t 410-278-1913 or at Edgewood at 410-436-3001. TricareOnline.com provides information and the ability to schedule appointments 24-7.

Medications can be picked up during the week or on Fridays. Kirk has an automated medication dispensing machine located in the lobby in front of the elevators. Sign up for REX in the pharmacy. For after-hours medical care, contact the staff duty by calling 443-807-0725. Patients will receive a prompt return call.

For more information, contact Patient Advocate Deborah Dodsworth at 410-278-1724 or Deborah.Dodsworth@amedd.army.mil.



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

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 11 HANDMADE PAPER VALENTINE

Learn to recycle paper and other fibers to create unique handmade paper for crafting a special valentine. This program will be held 12:30 to 2 p.m. for all ages, under 12 with adult. The cost is \$7 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.

WINTER ADAPTATIONS

Ever wonder how living organisms survive in the cold months? Come learn about the adaptations plants and animals make in order to survive through winter. Hike the Discovery Trail to look for evidence of these adaptations. This program will be held

2 to 4 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. The program is free, but 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

FEBRUARY 12 FANTASTIC FOTO FIELD TRIP

Bring a camera and wear long johns and wander some cool local hotspots in search of winter photo opportunities. Start at the Estuary Center and convoy to Swan Harbor Farm for a check of the impoundments and the bay. Blue and green-winged teals and American coots have already been spotted there. Next, head over to Concord Point to photograph the lighthouse and search for more migratory ducks.

This area often harbors scaup, buffleheads, canvasbacks and ruddy ducks. This program will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 14 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.

MOMMY AND ME VALENTINE TEA

Dress up and come to the Center for a lovely story time and tea in celebration of Valentine's Day. This program will be held 2 to 4 p.m. for parents and children ages 5 and up. The cost is \$10 per parent and child, \$5 per additional child, 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.

BACKYARD CONSERVATION - BUILD YOUR OWN RAIN BARREL

Rain barrels are a cheap and easy way to conserve water and help protect the estuary. Our workshop will help participants build a rain barrel and learn about the many benefits they provide. This program will be held noon to 1:30 p.m. for adults. The cost is \$30 per barrel and online registration is required at www.otterpointcreek.org.

For information call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.



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

FAMILY AND MWR

2012 APG Spring Bazaar

The 2012 APG Spring Bazaar is right around the corner. Get ready for two days of door prizes, arts and crafts and tons of fresh-baked goods, March 20 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

Items for sale include arts and crafts; home décor; hand bags and purses; jewelry; gift items; fresh-baked goods and more.

With the North Side Grill housed in the same building, stop in and enjoy lunch and live entertainment. Don't forget to enter the giveaway for your chance to win an Amazon Kindle Fire. Call 410-278-4011.

Recharging Your Marriage

Just in time for Valentine's Day, this four-part series is designed to help married couples rekindle the spark in their

marriages. Whether married for 20 years or 20 days, this seminar will help married couples rediscover each other in a forum-style setting. Rather than spend a lot of money taking your spouse out for Valentine's Day, give each other a gift that will last for years to come and plan to attend this seminar. Each seminar will be in ACS Bldg. 2503. The seminar times and dates are 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9, March 8, April 5 and May 3.

Child care will be provided. Refreshments will also be served. For information or to schedule child care, call 410-278-2435.

2012 APG MWR Travel Fair

Are you planning a vacation? Let MWR help with this year's travel plans during the 2012 APG MWR Travel Fair, set for March 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the APG North Recreation Center ballroom. The fair is open to all DoD cardhold-

ers and their Families. Representatives from local attractions will be present to answer questions.

Don't forget to enter to win some of the fabulous door prizes including hotel stays, bus trips, theme park tickets, gift certificates and more.

Complimentary light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907.

CYSS Parent Participation Points

Are you a parent who has a child enrolled in a full or part-time Child, Youth & School Services Program? If so, you may be eligible to receive a reduction in your child care fee by earning Parent Participation Points. One way of doing this is by attending classes or meetings that offer Parent Participation Points. Once a parent earns 10 points, they are eligible to receive a 10 percent reduction off one month's fee for one child. Participation Points may be accumulated from month to month until the parent reaches 10 points. For more information, call 410-278-7571/7479.

Fun Time Ceramics

Learn to paint and create your own ceramic projects. The class will be held at the Stark recreation center at APG South (Edgewood) Feb. 20, 1 to 5 p.m. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. There is a \$5 fee per project. Pieces must dry for 30 minutes before being taken home.

To register, visit the recreation center before Feb 17. Call 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR Leisure-travel@conus.army.mil for info.

Ways to Handle the Stress of Parenting

Who said parenting was easy? While it is the most rewarding job, parenting also comes with its struggles. Army Community Service will hold a seminar to equip individuals with tools to overcome struggles faced by every parent. The seminar is April 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in ACS Bldg. 2503. The program is designed to help parents develop new coping skills when feeling stressed.

For information, call 410-278-2435.

Armed Forces Vacation Club

Planning a vacation? The Armed Forces Vacation Club has tons of incredible discounts on spacious accommodations all over the world. Seven-night stays at select locations start as low as \$349. All active military service members and their direct dependants, retired military and their direct dependants, DoD civilian employees and their direct dependants and 100 percent disabled American veterans are authorized to take advantage of these deals. Discounts are valid for space-available inventory only. Remember to enter base code 105 at the time of the booking. If you have questions, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

Week of February 6

Special #1: Crabcake sub with french fries, cookie and regular soda for \$11.95.
Special #2: Egg salad sandwich with chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.50.

Week of February 13

Special #1: Chicken tender sup with french fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.75.
Special #2: Grilled ham and cheese with soup of the day, cookie and regular soda for \$5.95.

The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041.



MORE ONLINE
For a listing of FMWR activities and events, or to read the weekly MWR newsletter, scan the code.



KUSAHC pharmacy gets makeover

Pharmacist Vikas Dane, waits on retiree John Dietrich, at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic pharmacy. The pharmacy is in the process of a \$343,000 renovation project that includes the installation of state-of-the-art equipment, new furniture, and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act-compliant windows. The pharmacy will remain open during renovations, which are scheduled for completion in April. Deborah Dodsworth, KUSAHC patient advocate said KUSAHC patients enjoy short wait times at the pharmacy. "The average wait at our pharmacy is under five minutes, which is well below the national average," she said.

Photo by Rachel Ponder

National Guard gets warm welcome

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from earthquakes to hurricanes to snowstorms," he said.

The unit and its Soldiers received several awards and recognition for their service.

The Maryland Council of Chapters, an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America, awarded the unit its Outstanding Unit of the Year Award. MOAA members Ken McCreedy and Norm Taylor presented the award.

The ADMRU also received the National Guard Bureau's Army Award for Maintenance Excellence and the MDNG Outstanding Unit Ribbon for Fiscal Year 2011.

Soldiers completing their first deployment were awarded Freedom Salute kits complete with an encased American flag, a numbered coin, lapel pins and certificate commemorating their service in the Global War on Terror.

More than 40 Soldiers received Freedom Salute rings for completing their second deployment and six received framed Multiple Deployment awards and challenge coins from Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley.

The U.S. Army Aviation Center recognized Family Readiness Group lead-

ers Cheryl Mascevicous and Allyson Hash with the Maryland Meritorious Civilian Service Medal and the Order of Our Lady of Loreto for "outstanding support to the Army aviation Family and community.

The Freedom Salute Campaign is one of the largest Army National Guard welcome home endeavors in history. The event is designed to publicly recognize the sacrifices of Guard Soldiers, their Families and organizations that support them during their deployment.

The official party for Saturday's event included Maj. Gen. James Adkins, Maryland Adjutant General; Brig. Gen. Peter Hinz, commander, MDNG; ADMRU Commander Col. Paul Cisar and Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Brown.

Staff Sgt. Bijyon Foster Maryland National Guards' Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit (ADMURU) is all smiles after receiving his Freedom Salute kit commemorating his service in the Global War on Terror during the unit's official welcome home ceremony at Top of the Bay at Feb. 4.

Photo by Matt Button



Fitness Center offers spinning classes

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entrance and eight flat screen TVs; new floors, paint and doors, and 13 pieces of aerobic equipment.

Nineteen bikes were also added to accommodate the morning, lunchtime, and afternoon spin classes.

"There was a large demand to bring spin classes to APG," Reasin said. "Other classes have been added to the fitness schedule and are offered at some of our other MWR facilities during peak times.

The fitness center boasts a small library of exercise DVDs that customers can use onsite.

APG resident Young McKenna said the reopening of the fitness center has inspired her to start exercising again.

"It is difficult to get back on track,

but I think that the spinning classes will motivate me," she said.

The fitness center, located in Bldg. 320 on Tower Road, is open Monday to Thursday, from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Use of the center is free and open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders. For more information, call 410-278-9725.

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Byron Reasin
Facility manager

Spinning Classes

Spin classes are limited to 18 participants per class, and are first-come, first-served.

Participants must sign the class roster at the center's front counter to participate.

■ Monday: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

■ Tuesday: 6 to 7 a.m. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

■ Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

■ Thursday: 6 to 7 a.m. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Homes open soon

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He noted Harford County's support of a critical bond issue restored the full financial funding for the project.

"Without this support from Harford County, we would have had to reduce the scope of the project," he said. "The county shares our vision of providing the best support, the best housing, to our military Families."

Justice, who is preparing to retire, said seeing this project through completion was at the top of his "bucket list" of projects to complete at APG.

"I want to lock up this project and this

installation into the path we've set it on," Justice said.

Calling the APG project "the jewel" of the six installations Picerne supports, Steiner said he was happy to report that the new homes project is ahead of schedule, and under budget. He credited Justice and Ortiz, along with support from Harford County, for the project's success, and added that the new homes are just the start of the plan to improve military homes on the installation. Picerne is also in the process of renovating historic homes and multi-family units.

CORRECTION

In the Feb. 9 issue of the APG News, a story on the garrison's Parent Advisory Committee contained erroneous information. The story should have noted that minutes (not records) will be kept and distributed to parents. Only CYSS parents who have children enrolled in either part-time or full-time programs receive parent participation points. Parents only receive a maximum of two points, not two points per child. CYSS also offers parent participation points for attend-

ees at designated CYSS and ACS classes and meetings. The class or meeting must be approved and state that parent participation points are offered. Ten points must be earned and approved before a discount is effective. Once parents accrue a total of 10 parent participation points, they can turn those in and receive a 10 percent discount on one month's fee for one child. For more information on this program, call 410-278-7571/7479.